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**A CURRY DINNER, VINTAGE SKI PARTY AND HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING:  
LOCALS' WEEKEND AT THE LITTLE NELL – DECEMBER 11 – 13, 2015**



**Aspen, Colo. (October 28, 2015)** – Ushering in the 2015/2016 ski season with a spin on the expected, The Little Nell presents three consecutive evenings of events, each designed with locals top of mind.

On Friday, Dec. 11, for the first installment of our Guest Chef Dinner Series, [Biju's Little Curry Shop](#), based in Denver's RiNo neighborhood, will take over element 47 for a special, one-night only dinner. Chef Biju Thomas, founder and owner, will prepare a custom 3-course menu for **The Little Curry Shop Pop-Up at element 47**, featuring authentic Indian food made from recipes inspired by his childhood upbringing in Kerala, India. His culinary inspiration stems from his love for Indian food and his passion for competitive cycling. When he noticed that many cyclists and other endurance athletes relied on packaged foods for energy, and weren't receiving enough nutrition, he dedicated himself to cooking fresh meals for professional athletes, using only local ingredients. Biju wanted to share his energizing cuisine with his community, which led to the conception of The Little Curry Shop. He co-authored the FeedZone cookbooks along with Dr. Allen Lim, and is a co-founder of the Boulder-based hydration and nutrition company SkratchLabs. The Little Curry Shop pop-up dinner is offered for an approachable 3 for \$47 prix fixe menu. Master Sommelier Carlton McCoy will be available to suggest wine pairings, recommending Riesling and dry wines to tame the spice of Indian cuisine. For additional details and reservations, please contact element 47 at 970.920.6330 or [element47@thelittlenell.com](mailto:element47@thelittlenell.com).

On Saturday, Dec. 12, after a day on the slopes, ski into [Chair 9](#) at the base of Ajax Mountain sporting your most stylish vintage skiwear for the **official Chair 9 opening party – Aspen Extreme**, from 2 – 8 p.m. Get your complimentary Chair 9 koozie, which gains access to \$3 beer all season, and enjoy specials from Veuve Clicquot, our new winter cocktails and other libations, as well as our winter bar menu. Dance to the beats of DJ Mayfly as ski movies play on the plasma screens. Vie for prizes from Veuve Clicquot in a Vintage

Costume Contest, judged by our bartenders. We will unveil our new chalkboard artwork at the event, created anew for this ski season. Chair 9 will be open through the season daily from 2 – 8 p.m. with live music from 4-7 p.m., Tuesday–Thursday, DJs on weekends and football on Mondays.

On Sunday, Dec. 13, gather together for a festive evening at the **3<sup>rd</sup> annual Tree Lighting Celebration** at The Little Nell. This family-friendly event is open to all guests and community members. Enjoy complimentary refreshments, carolers and quality time with Santa Claus as we light two trees that tower over the pool and private courtyard. A full cookie buffet from the pastry kitchen will be offered along with The Nell's famous hot cocoa (which can be “supercharged” with your choice of liqueurs from our cash bar). The Little Nell Holiday Clothing Drive will accept new and gently worn winter clothing for donations to [LIFT-UP](#), the Roaring Fork Valley's non-profit that serves those in need of financial assistance.

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**Images for this Weekend:**

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**About The Little Nell**

*Cosmopolitan yet intimate, contemporary yet timeless, The Little Nell invites guests to experience Aspen's only Forbes Five Star, AAA Five Diamond, ski-in/ski-out hotel – a Relais & Châteaux resort. For more information and for reservations, please call 888.The.Nell (888.843.6355) or visit [www.thelittlenell.com](http://www.thelittlenell.com).*

**Awards, Accolades and Talent**

*The Little Nell's culinary team is led by Executive Chef Matt Zubrod with Curtis Cameron as Executive Pastry Chef and Matt Padilla as Chef de Cuisine for element 47. Master Sommelier Carlton McCoy oversees the wine program. Element 47 has been acknowledged with [numerous awards](#) including The Grand Award from Wine Spectator since 1995, recognition as one of America's 100 Best Wine Restaurants from Wine Spectator and a Forbes Five Star rating in 2015.*

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