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# ***THE '94 FOLLIES !!!***

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General Meeting: May 9, 1994





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## Head of the Liftline

by Ed Cain

### WOW !!!

Hard to believe, 93-94 is over and here comes 94-95. On behalf of all the members of SCSC, I want to thank last year's officers and board members for a lot of hard work. Thank u'aaaalllll! The new officers are looking forward to working with last year's O's as board members.

As part of my monthly fireside chat (*Ha, maybe in December*), I would like to say I hate politics, but I love Volunteers. The officers volunteer their time to help your club be as great as it has been for the past thirty years.

Your new officers are already hard at work developing goodies for you.

NANCY SARFF (461-9665), VP-PROGRAMS, is bringing her enthusiasm to all of our activities. If you have any ideas for fun group stuff to do, call Nancy and volunteer, before she comes looking for you.

### SELF DIAGNOSTIC TEST - Are you a couch potato or a slug?

The results are positive if you don't attend two of the 13 SCSC activities planned for May and June. If you don't attend at least one activity, your condition is terminal!

JIM EDWARDS (955-6675), VP-TRIPS, is hard at work digging through surveys and destination options. Jim took a trip survey at the March meeting, but someone carefully filed the results before Jim saw them, so he did it again in April. I hope you made your wishes known. He will be asking you to do it again in May. April 16 & 17 the Texas Ski Council trips were decided at the bid meeting in San Antonio, were: Fall Roundup - Keystone, Traditional - Vail, Shootout - Whistler British Columbia, Showdown - Mt. Bachelor, Oregon, International - Interlaken, Switzerland. Jim is trying to keep the cost of trips for the coming year from going out of sight but he is getting little cooperation from the airlines. Also, Jim needs a few good men and women for TCs and ATCs, give him a call.

At the bid meeting JERRY MONTGOMERY was elected President of the Texas Ski Council. Congratulations! Jerry, you have done a great job for the TSC in previous positions.

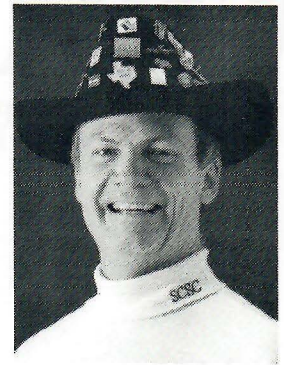
MEL TAWNEY (784-9163), VP-MEMBERSHIP, in his exuberant way is planning how to get new ski members for the coming year. Right now he is sweating getting all the new info into the computer data base. PS, if you would like to have some fun and meet new friends, give Mel a call and help him.

CRAIG CAMPBELL (453-5798), VP-PUBLICATIONS, as you can see he has already been hard at work learning PageMaker (*that's the program they use to do this repository of words*). Craig can always use proof readers (*only 2 of the 3R's required*).

SHARON SMITH (583-9627), SECRETARY, is getting forms (*ugh!*) ready for this year. Her busiest time is later in the year when she is putting the directory together and selling ads for it. I guess if she was a great secretary she would read my mind and do this article and I would take the credit for her good expression.

GARY BUTLER (583-7515), TREASURER, is limbering up all the numbers in the computer to get ready for the onslaught of requests for checks. Seriously, Gary has one of the hardest and least appreciated jobs. The next time you see him, express your thanks, appreciation, sympathy or just check to see if he is sick.

Well I guess it's time to put another log on the fire. Let's talk next month.



Call for Summer Activity's Information  
668-SCSC



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## General Meeting

May 9, 1994

at

**HOLIDAY INN**

(Crowne Plaza)

2222 West Loop South

## Meeting Agenda

6:00 Activity Table Sign up  
Open-

7:30 Announcements and  
**FOLLIES**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

| MAY |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S   | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
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| 29  | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |    |

| JUNE |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 11   | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18   | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25   | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |

## COMING EVENTS

### MAY

- 3 Wok Cooking Class
- 7 Luau Party
- 9 General Meeting  
Follies
- 13-15 Guadalupe River  
Adventure
- 15 Brazos Bend Bike Ride  
and Fajita Party
- 19 Happy Hour -  
Cadillac Bar
- 21 Spring Golf Tournament
- 22 Voluneer Appreciation  
Party

### JUNE

- 4 The Hunt for Redfish  
Sail
- 11-18 Bonaire Dive Trip
- 16 Happy Hour
- 24-26 TSC Summer Meltdown  
Mustang Island



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## From The Ski Desk . . .

by Jim Edwards, VP-Trips



Some time ago, a ski club member asked me "Would you like to eat greasy ribs?" I said "Absolutely!" This seemed to make her happy and she went on her way without

further comment. It was about a month later when I found out that the member was on the Nominating Committee and the question had really been "Would you like to be VP-Trips?" I was too embarrassed to admit I hadn't understood the question. So, here I am on an April morning, struggling to put together a ski trip schedule and rustle up volunteers to run the trips. I really need to listen better!

I will be listening closely two weeks from now, when I participate in the Texas Ski Council bid meeting in San Antonio (April 15-17). By the time you read this,

representatives of the 18 clubs in the TSC will have met, analyzed bids submitted by the various resorts, and voted on destinations for the four annual TSC trips and the TSC (*overseas*) Expedition. I'll announce the selections at the May meeting so you can start mulling over which of these great trips to prepare for.

Speaking of preparing, prepare yourself—for sticker shock. As of this date, airline fares are being quoted at \$50 to \$150 above this past year's fares. I am exploring every avenue I can to reduce these costs and keep our trip prices reasonable *without* reducing trip "quality". I guarantee that SCSC trips this year will still be the most fun and one of your best ski values. Just prepare yourself. . .

Thanks to those of you who filled out the new trip surveys. The info on favorite and not-so-favorite resorts, preferred destinations, and other skiing preferences should help us put a great slate of trips together for you. Also, the

insightful comments and suggestions some of you made about the club and its trips will provide much needed input for budgeting future trips and training trip leaders. I'll be addressing some of the issues raised in this summer's Sitzmarke. The door is still open—if you have additional comments, let me know.

One last thing: SCSC's agenda for this year includes an active campaign to recruit new skiers. You love skiing (*why else would you be reading my ramblings in this column*), so talk up the sport and SCSC with your friends, acquaintances, co-workers, business contacts, park-n-ride seat-mates, etc. I wouldn't be here if B. J. Scott (*now Turner*) hadn't mentioned the club to me at work.

Now, go out and get started on a great summer, but think about me once in a while sitting amidst the trip surveys, airline schedules and phones, with not a greasy rib in sight.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

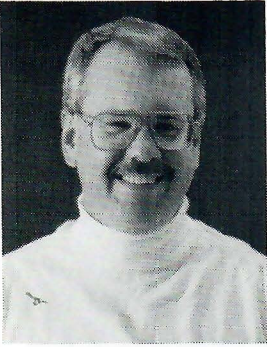
The deadline for renewing your current SCSC membership at a \$5 discount is soon approaching. All application forms must be postmarked by May 31st to receive a discount. After that date, the normal membership fees of \$25 for a single and \$35 for a married couple will apply. If your form is postmarked June 1st or later, it will be returned for an additional \$5 before you can continue to receive all the benefits of club membership, including the *Sitzmarke* and eligibility for ski trips.

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

In preparation for the next SCSC membership directory, we are providing an option of deleting some membership information. If you do not want a phone number to be listed in the directory (*it will remain in the data base for club officials use only in contacting new members when there are changes in trips / activities*); please either indicate such on your membership application form, or contact Mel Tawney at 784-9163. We have removed demographic information from the form to eliminate any privacy issue. However, please provide all remaining information requested on the membership form as it is used extensively in club planning.



## Editor's Page



P e r h a p s  
President Ed  
summed up the  
experience of  
taking an officer's  
job in SCSC in a  
single word.  
WOW! As he  
said, I am  
learning our  
PageMaker

system so I can continue the high standards of this repository of words. Please note this is a REpository of words, not a SUPpository of words.

And, to the uncouth of the slopes, please keep this straight. When a skier says your editor is going to his storehouse of literary knowledge, the first two consonants are ST, not WH.

All downhill humor aside, the *Sitzmarke* at this point looks like a giant mogul field on a double diamond run. I certainly will need help from a lot of good powderhounds to keep from being done in by a lot of verbal snowsnakes lying in wait for me this year.

Our gold medal president was right when he said I can always use good proofreaders. Particularly when I'm drinking straight from the bottle.

We also need people who can read script and text as well as they can read bourbon labels. It's almost as much fun (*I hope you haven't read Tom Sawyer*) and you don't wake up with a hangover and a big bar bill.

As President Ed said, you only need to know 2 of the 3R's. I would hope you know which two they are; however, we do not expect perfection on the *Sitzmarke* staff. Very good will do.

Contributions from readers will always be welcome. We can use articles, letters to the editor or just plain ole general comments. When writing (*you knew it really didn't start with an R*), please remember this is a REpository of words.

Artists and cartoonists are wanted desperately. We would like to have original art in future issues. If you are so inclined or know someone who is, please call your editor at 453-5798 or cut

off your ear and send it in.

Nolan Badeaux, Jim Edwards, Peggy Montgomery, Quenton Nolte and Terry McGuinness were of invaluable assistance in preparing this edition. We would also like to thank Don Crabtree for taking the new officer's photos for this years *Sitzmarke*. Professional courtesy would normally require us to put "photo by Don Crabtree" under each picture. Since Don isn't normal, this "thank you" will have to do. Thanks Don!

### ■ GOALS FOR 1994-95

Our two ultimate goals for the coming year are to write about SCSC winning the TSC Cup, again and to be the best ski club publication in America.

Yes, there is such a thing. Your help is needed to be it. We will need many well written, timely articles, quality photos and artwork. We must also run the high quality trips and programs which will be described in the *Sitz*.

Please call Jim Edwards to see how you can help with the trips and Nancy Sarff to see how you can help with the programs. As a team, we can get the gold. As individuals going our separate ways, we'll just make a big face plant.

We plan to run editorials on skiing related issues to stimulate discussion about issues relating to our sport and where it is heading. Let's get off of skiing's mental bunny hill. Your opinion is important so keep those cards and letters coming folks.

We also hope to run informative articles on training, fitness, safety and other topics which can make you a better skier. Let us know what you want to read.

For those lacking a sense of humor, I was just kidding about the ear and Don Crabtree not being normal. (*I just hope he doesn't have a shaving mishap between now and the Follies.*)

### ■ DEDICATION

As you know from my campaign article, your new editor comes from a long lifeline of literary downhillers. This month's edition is dedicated to my great-great uncle, Samuel Longhorn Campbell. Great-great uncle Sam was

by Craig Campbell, VP-Publications

born in the rivertown of Spartacus, TX in the early 1800's. Originally a riverboat pilot, Sam was bitten by the literary bug as a young man. (*Or was it a big mosquito?*) From then on, his life steadily drifted downstream.

While working on his classic "Life on the San Jacinto River" Sam decided to take a pen name which reflected river life. Unfortunately, the name Ran A. Ground never had the same cachet as the more famous ex-riverboat pilot from Hannibal, MO.

Sam never made a lot of money writing, but was always ahead of his time. His novel about a young Irish-American boy and his run-away slave companion is a case in point. People of color were rarely given equal billing in those days. "*The Adventures of Raspberry O'Brien and Afro-American James*" was never a best seller, but darn was it politically correct.

Great-great Uncle Sam had another problem which kept him from being listed as one of the great pensmen of the 19th century. He was not a very prolific writer. Reputation has it that his middle name was also anatomically correct and female readers of his day would not let him keep enough lead in his pencil.

### ■ LIFE AND SKIING

Editorial apologies to anyone offended by anything in this issue. If you are, you're probably taking life too seriously. You know they shut the chairlift down after the last run. (*If you find a way to keep it open, let me know.*)

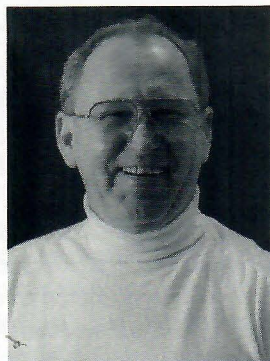
Have you ever stopped to think how life is a lot like a SCSC ski trip. First, you start out in a nice warm damp place. Then you're shoved into a long, narrow, cramped tube only to be shoved out a short time later into a strange, cold place. It makes you want to cry.

Next, you get bused to a place you had no say in choosing. From there, things only seem to go downhill with lots of bumps and falls along the way. Then, before you know it, it's all over.

Perhaps the best you can hope for is to gain a few friends and memories along the way. This year, I would like to write about a few of yours.



## Membership



Spring always brings a rebirth of sorts to most of us and it also signifies the start of a new year for SCSC. We hope all of our present members will plan to be

among us again in the new year of fun and skiing. The best way to be sure you don't forget about snow through a few months of heat and humidity is to pull that 1994-95 Application for Membership out of the April or May issue of the *Sitzmarke*, fill it out and send it in with your check before May 31. This will assure you of continuing to receive the *Sitzmarke*, through the next few months of heat and humidity, keep you informed of SCSC activities and have you better prepared to plan your trips for the next ski season.

The renewal of your membership in SCSC prior to May 31 will also enable you to become an early bird and honorary participant in the latest "*Mattress Mac*

by Mel Tawney, VP-Membership

**Event That Will Save You Money\$\$\$\$**. Membership dues for renewals are \$20.00 for single members and \$20.00 for married couples, until May 31. After that date, dues for renewals are \$25.00 for single people and \$35.00 for married couples at all times throughout the year and require signatures of two sponsoring members. Renewals for present members will also require the two sponsoring signatures after June 1, 1994.

While we will not have our General Membership Meetings during the summer months, the Happy Hours will be Happy with locations to be announced in the *Sitzmarke*.

I am looking for volunteers to assist us in several membership functions throughout the next year and would like to hear from anyone with an interest in this and having a good time while we do it. I would like to extend a special invitation to new members to volunteer in membership activities as it is the quickest route to becoming acquainted with both present and new members of SCSC.

## THANK YOU!

The following members were volunteers for our April meeting and happy hour. Thanks a million!!!

### AMBASSDORS

Joe Daleo  
Dan Stoltzfus  
Jeff Sarff

### MEMBERSHIP & SIGN-IN MEETING

Jill Allen  
Cheryl Ashorn  
Gary Ashorn  
Joan Dial  
Marlene Dietrich  
Debra Edwards  
Rich Henderson  
Bruce Kilgore  
Linda Lyon  
Jim Murrhee  
Bill Risinger  
PatVan Tassel  
Marvin Volz  
Jeff Walne

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY

**MAY 22, 1994 • 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

If your name wasn't on the volunteer list in the April Sitz, or on the additional list below contact the officer for who you volunteered. If you have any questions call one of the coordinators listed below.

RSVP by MAY 10, 1994

to

**Loureds Coyle - 498-1468 or Pete Thorpe - 890-4880**  
or **Linda Henry - 681-4456 after 6:00PM**

CAROLYN BABB  
EDDIE BAYERSDORFER  
BILL BROOKS  
TOM DANOWSKI  
TOM FITZPATRICK  
NILS FYKSE  
GARY HALEY  
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SUE SEDWICK  
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MANOLO VALLE  
JUDY VAUGHAN  
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- ACTORS WORKSHOP

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All door prizes are DONATED !

You too can also say thanks for the door prizes is by using the goods and / or services of the sponsors.



# RACEY NEWS

By: Dale Allbritton Club Race Director

JACKSON HOLE, WYOMING. The verdict is in... it's a wrap... a done deal... WE WIN!!!! THE CUP IS OURS!!!! Well, almost anyway. We still receive cup in San Antonio on April 15. The following are the Division I Club Race results for the 1993-94 season:

|              | <u>Space City</u> | <u>Los Amigos</u> | <u>Lone Star</u> |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Breckenridge | 1st = 5 pts       | 3rd = 3 pts       | 2nd = 4 pts      |
| Snowmass     | 2nd = 4 pts       | 1st = 5 pts       | 3rd = 3 pts      |
| Banff        | 1st = 5 pts       | 2nd = 4 pts       | 3rd = 3 pts      |
| Jackson Hole | 2nd = 4pts        | 3rd = 3 pts       | 1st = 5 pts      |
| RESULTS      | 1st 18pts         | tie 15 pts        | tie 15 pts       |

The tie breaker for 2nd and 3rd place is now determined by total racer points... .5465 for 2nd place for Los Amigos and 4355 for 3rd place for Lone Star. With adverse snow conditions and warm weather, festivities were plagued by serious injuries... 3 for Lone Star... 1 minor for us... a thumb sprain for **MARTY MATRAS**. Club results were as follows:

40 entered, 29 started, 26 finished, 3 DQed, 0 fell, 11 no shows.

0 gold, 1 silver, 4 bronze, 9 black, 2 blue, 4 green, 6 novice.

490 points adjusted from 490 points with 0% handicap.

## FASTEST SKIERS

### CLUB RACE

#### NASTAR DIVISION

|                |                   |        |
|----------------|-------------------|--------|
| Fastest Man:   | <b>Tom Mercer</b> | Silver |
| Fastest Woman: | None              |        |

#### CHALLENGER DIVISION

|                |                    |       |
|----------------|--------------------|-------|
| Fastest Man:   | <b>Joe Daleo</b>   | Black |
| Fastest Woman: | <b>Alana Glass</b> | Black |

### INDIVIDUAL RACE

#### NASTAR DIVISION ONLY

|                       |                        |        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|--------|
| Fastest Man:          | <b>Tom Mercer</b>      | Silver |
| Fastest Woman:        | <b>Maria Tramontin</b> | Bronze |
| Fastest Senior Man:   | None                   |        |
| Fastest Senior Woman: | None                   |        |

In the Club Race the Nastar Division contributed 193 points or 39% while the Challenger Division carried the day with 297 points or 61%!!!! A special thanks to Challenger Division and First Timers!!!! Obviously, you made the difference... and clinched the Cup!!!! Finally a big hand for Race Director **BILL KIRK** and TC **MERREL SMITH** for a perfect grand finale!!!!

VAIL, COLORADO. Led by Race Director **JOHN BRODIE** this non-TSC trip of 44 put together 25 for a go at NASTAR. Out of the 6 female and 19 male racers many were first timers. The medal count was 6 silver and 12 bronze... a 72% take out of 25!!!!

## NOTABLE RESULTS WERE:

### BEST MALE PERFORMERS

|                       |        |        |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|
| <b>John Brodie</b>    | HCP 28 | Silver |
| <b>Larry Christie</b> | HCP 33 | Silver |
| <b>Mike Moldofsky</b> | HCP 39 | Silver |

### BEST FEMALE PERFORMERS

|                        |        |        |
|------------------------|--------|--------|
| <b>Annette Johnson</b> | HCP 42 | Silver |
| <b>Arlis Brodie</b>    | HCP 46 | Silver |
| <b>Suzanne Potter</b>  | HCP 47 | Silver |

Of special note... **ARLIS BRODIE** received 3 silver medals for the week!!!! Way to go... stay the course... improve those handicaps and take them to a Ski for the Cup race next year guys!!!!



CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO. With superb snow and weather conditions, 15 hardy souls blitzed the NASTAR course with the following results:

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| GOLD .....   | 0 |
| SILVER ..... | 7 |
| BRONZE ..... | 4 |

With 11 of 16 scoring medals... that's a 69%!!!! Incredible as it may seem, rumor is... **SUE SALVAGE** got bronzed for the first time!!!! **NORMAN RUND** introduced everyone to the dreaded, not-so-glorious Face Plant Start... use skis next time Norm. Fastest man was **CARY "Slick" FADEN**... Norm must have been pace setter... GOTCHA!!!! But hark! What Fantastically fast fair female flash did but appear but **LEONA "Shred Betty" SCHROEDER** with fastest time 21.4 seconds... probably another defective clock. First time racers **NANCY POLAN** and **MARJO THOMAN** got Bronzed. Other Silver winners were **JIM MCALISTER, HARRY MELNICK, KEN KNEJICK, DON WIEDERMAN, STUTRAVER** and **JOHN GINTER. DARREL "No" WAY** claimed a bronze... bribery works. It was a good show for **DAVID MIRDADIAN** and **CHARLES LUSCHEN**... a couple of real racey guys!!!! Party on Dudes.

HOUSTON, TEXAS. As this is my final article for the season I want to express my appreciation for all those who chose to support our club by racing. You have earned the prestigious claim to being proud recipients of the coveted Division I Texas Cup Award!!!! This was done with a 0 handicap against no small odds. Win two more years and keep the Cup permanently... a lot of work, but can do. Our new Challenger Award System has met with great enthusiastic success... thanks **TED BERGERON** (and **DEBBIE**) for the lead and letting me have the honor of putting it in place. Thanks EX Com and Board for funding it. Although Challenger was piloted exclusively via this year's 4 TSC trips, an interest has been expressed in extending this to non-TSC trips... look for it next season... better yet, race for it!!!! In particular, I want to thank personally and extend club thanks to Race Directors **DON CRABTREE, REMY SALINAS, JOHN JACOB, JOHN WEBER, JOHN BRODIE, FRANK MANGUM, MARK** and **DEE RUSSEK**, and **BILL KIRK**. There was literally a cast of hundreds!!!! Have a safe summer... stay in shape and keep having fun!!!!





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## SCSC 30TH ANNIVERSARY BASH! 1994 FALL

The Anniversary Committee would like to use various door prizes contributed by members for this event and a couple of committee members have already started the contributions by donating a "MOONLIGHT SAILING CRUISE" and a "COMPLIMENTARY MAKE OVER". Please join us and let COMMITTEE PERSON DENISE LOOS (#896-4265) know what service or gift item you would be willing to contribute to your fellow SCSC'ers!!!

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## ANNUAL FOLLIES MAY 9, 1994 GENERAL MEETING



Volunteers are needed for the 1994 edition of "The Follies". If you sing, dance, play an instrument or like to "ham it up", this is for you! If you don't fit into the above categories, don't worry - we can use your talent backstage, helping to coordinate activities. SO volunteer now!!!  
Contact: **Lorna Jones** #575-9057 (home) or  
**Fred Arbuckle** #351-0802 (home).

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## SCSC at the Opera

by Manolo Valle



**Space City Ski Club goes to the Opera!**  
Our members and guests gathered for cocktails and dinner at the Lancaster before going to see *LaTraviata* by Guiseppe Verdi at the Wortham.

Greeted by valet parking attendants, **Frank and Susan Stanley**, followed by **Michael and Dawn Forsmith**, went into the hotel to find **Shirley Lang, Linda Licarion, Sharon Inman and Dana Wardell** having cocktails in the Stratford Room. Everyone was elegantly dressed with some men in tuxedos, especially **Gene Turboff** and **Bill**

**Risinger** who were surrounded by attentive ladies. **Richard Hall** also in a tux, looked dapper and was accompanied by **Lucile Landis** wearing a beautiful and colorful sequin jacket.

During dinner, our guest speaker, **Ann Thompson**, prepared us to enjoy the opera. Ann told us of Verdi's elegant tale of *Violetta*, a courtesan (*a cultivated and influential prostitute*) who discovers true love and must reject it at the request of her lover's father. Our members were delighted with Ann's presentation. Listening attentively were **Dr. Dennis and Martha Deavenport**, as well as **Joe Giammarco** and his lady. Among those seated at dinner were **Ed Kanyuck, Ann Clinton, Beverly Oberlin and LaDonna Porter**.

After dinner, **Michael and Dawn Forsmith** were seen rushing to make curtain call at the Wortham, followed by **E. J. Boudreaux and Kathy Young**. **Lotty Gautschi** was waiting at the entrance for her ticket as everyone rushed to their seats. **Myron and Rebecca Wolfe** found their seats as the curtain rose.

**Marianne Pearce and Carmen Baez** were seen enjoying Verdi's story of a proper young man becoming passionately devoted to a sensuous older woman. *Violetta's* lover is transfixed by her glamour, she is charmed by his innocence. What a spicy opera!

**Chip and Llona Doubet** were also enjoying the opera, with no one nodding or going to sleep.



Milling around during intermission were **Janet Pickell, Valerie Vaughn, Robbie Adams, and Julie Hurlbut**. Adding to our elegantly beautiful group were **Patricia Gow** and her friend from Albuquerque, New Mexico.

After the opera, **Hank and Vicki Faulkner, Dick and Sue Shirley Howard** among others returned to the Lancaster for drinks.

Our group thoroughly enjoyed the opera. "Let's do it again" was heard often.

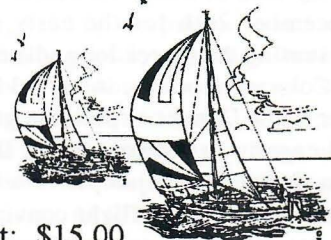


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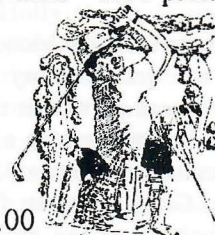
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# The Sunlight Adventure

by Fred Wright and Bill Vasen

Yes, Virginia, there is a 5 a.m. and everyone on the Sunlight ski trip had to get up by then to make the trek to IAH on December 26th for the early a.m. flight, starting their week long adventure to the Colorado Rockies. After a 3 hour layover in the Denver airport, the group rushed eagerly to the connecting flight only to find a "puddlejumper" waiting. The turbulence on the flight convinced **Angie Stoeltje** (and maybe others) that we would never make our final destination and be lost in the mountains. Arriving safely, the group met our bus loaded with lunch and drinks (*sodas only, darn!*) and headed off to Glenwood Springs.

That evening, the group took coolers in hand, filled with wine and cheese, and headed to the ski shop to get an early start on the equipment rentals. Although we were there to get ski equipment, **Jan Heiman** kept putting off being fitted so she could look at the ski clothes.

The group was up by the crack of eight to meet the private bus taking them to the mountain. Was that really half the luggage **Julian** and **Judith Campbell** brought that they carted down to the bus that morning?? (and every morning thereafter). I guess that's what you have to do when you take two little ones skiing.

The group returned Monday night to celebrate the first of many "Phantom" wine and cheese parties at the hot tub. Seems the hot tub was in a health spa and no alcohol was allowed!! But that didn't stop **Greg Heitman** from bringing his "cokes" to the hot tub. Greg claimed it was the only way he could cope with the teenagers he brought on the trip.

Tuesday dawned bright and clear with 4" of new powder and **Fred Wright**, **Peter Coulter**, **Kristin Horak**, **Greg Heitman Jr.** and others headed off for their free group ski lesson. There was a small delay while T.C. **Bill Vasen** tried to figure out why his boots hurt. He was grateful for the instructor pointing out that he had them on the wrong feet. Riding up the lifts, the group wondered who those girls were that they saw **Ward Jones** following in his lesson (*they were HOW old, Ward?*).

Wednesday the group went different ways before meeting up that afternoon

at the NASTAR race course. Congratulations to the seven Bronze medal winners: **Ken Oldroyd**, **Don Stoeltje**, **Don Weideman**, **Lynne Hester**, **Julian Campbell**, **Peter Coulter** and **Jan Heiman**. Congratulations also to the first time racers including **Jacqueline Teoh**, who earlier in the day used one of the "SLOW" ski signs as a speed brake!

That night, the group was joined by SCSC member **Lynn Borker** and son **Ryan**, who were in town at the same time, for an unforgettable experience at the Glenwood Springs natural hot springs. But why did **Don Weideman** and **Eileen Miller** leave the party so early? Thursday most of the group ventured to Snowmass for the day. The first run convinced Snowmass "first timers" **Lynne** and **Walter Hester** and **Don** and **Kaaren Stoeltje** that this was definitely a place to come back to. It was heard that **Charles** and **Vera Tashima** spent the day playing chase thru the trees. **Jacqueline Teoh** gave father **Steven Teoh** and the "Big Burn" ski gang quite a scare disappearing into the trees and earning a toboggan ride down the mountain. But all turned out well; she was her effervescent self by the time the bus left for the trip back to Glenwood Springs. Earlier in the day, **Sam Stoeltje**, **Don's** brother from Austin, led **Dianne Horak** and **Eileen Miller** off to, where, again, Sam?? And the rest of the group spent how long trying to find them?

Friday brought the final day of skiing, the on-mountain BBQ and a New Year's Eve party not to be forgotten (*but, what more would you expect from an SCSC group?*). After a week in Toddler's Ski School, three year old **Jessica Campbell**, cheered on by brother **Jonathan** (18 months old) and parents, skied the bottom slopes by herself!

**Justin Heiman** was seen shredding up the mountain on his snowboard, much improved from his first day's experiences. **Peter Smith** was seen trying to keep up with sons **Nathen** and **Justin**, who were catching air on every bump down the mountain (*that was on purpose, wasn't it guys?*).

Speaking of New Year's, how many time zones did we celebrate in? And WHO brought the silly string?

Other notes of interest: Congradu-

lations to **Don** and **Kaaren Stoeltje** who celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary on the trip. **Melinda Coulter** was always seen skiing slowly and carefully, and in good form, trying not to let on that baby number two was under construction. **Beth Lemon** insisted on special early return tickets so she could make it to the Sugar Bowl to see her college alma mater play (*and how did West Virginia do, Beth?*).

A tired and happy group returned New Year's day, eager to gather again in three weeks for a post trip lasagna dinner and relive the excitement of Sunlight.

The TC and ATC would like to thank all the group for helping to make this a GREAT trip.

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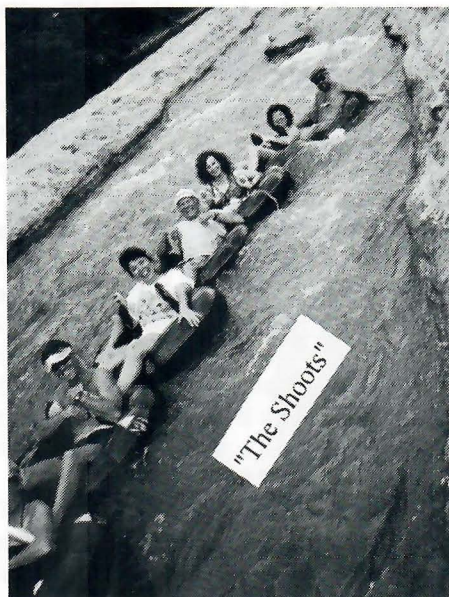


# The '93 Guadalupe River Rafting Trip

by Jim Schrock

Back in September the SCSC once again took a charter bus load of rowdies over to New Braunfels for a weekend of rafting, tubing, and just a good time. We hadn't even gotten out of the parking lot yet and **Meredith Gunn** (*I don't do good with heat*) was trying to get the bus driver **Sly** to let her load up her attic fan and a thousand feet of extension cord. On the other side of the bus **Pat King** is trying to sneak a three-ton air conditioner on board. Soon as we got out of the parking lot **Kevin Bishop** and **Susan Wicker** wasted no time in filling their margarita machine gun and giving everyone a good shot in the mouth, that is when they could shoot straight. (*Is there a eye doctor on the bus?*) **Valerie Vaughn** complained all the way to the river she didn't win a door prize because the drawings were rigged. Newcomer **Ted Hamlen** had to be consoled because he had never been that far out of Conroe before (*we think in his life*). **Sue Salvage** (*tattoo lady*) put a very unique tattoo on **Jim Schrock's** cheek (*which cheek?*) in memory of his ex. **Mel Tawney** took care of all the women, their tattoos that is! **Nery Ballinger's** twin peaks got their second annual tattoos.

As the bus passed the Flatonia exit, **Debra Rogers** and **Georgette Taylor** got excited about the hot time they had the year before (*the only thing that got hot was the bus engine and the commode seat*). Got to the river, **Brenda Lyle** "*I need a Holiday Inn*", **Kit Cassidy** "*no air-conditioned cabins*", **Civille Brown** "*the bathroom is where?*" **Pat King**, founder of the first river geek (*not Greek*) sorority. Blabba, Blabba, Blabba was made up of **Nery Ballinger**, **Meredith Gunn**, **Judith Swnard**, **Francis Smith**, and **Linda Albright**. **Curt Frisby** tried to join but got black-balled by the whole sorority.



**Howard Schoenike** enjoyed the night's "*raise the temperature and lower the volume*." **Bruce Kilgore** without a place to sleep found shelter somewhere?!?! Did **Jim Rinke** volunteer to handle bed check on all the women campers? Thanks Jim! It was said when **Richard Kuranoff** got on the bus he said "*I think I've died and gone to heaven*." There was talk around the campground that **John Burk** has brought his famous chocolate chip cookies but no one could find them (*Kit ate them all weekend*). **Georgette Taylor** and **Debra Rogers** enjoyed helping **Frank Andrews** get it up Friday night, (*his tent, his tent*).

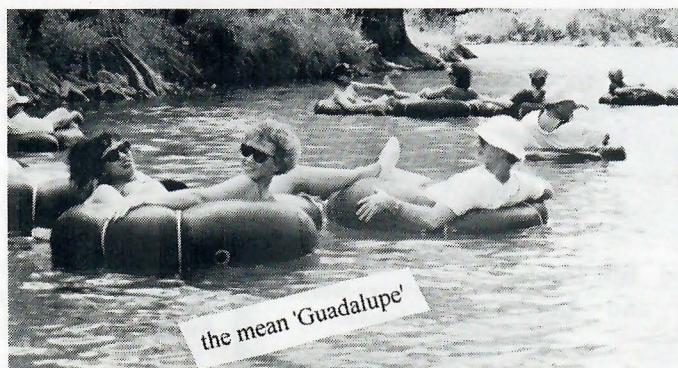
**Deanna Barousse**, **Sue Kirkpatrick** and **Civille Brown**, "*now is this trip down the river mandatory or can we stay in the camp and do our nails?*" Was the water cold? A quote from **Judith Swnard**, "*the chill bumps on my legs are bigger than my boobs*." **Sylvia Peters** lost one of her swim shoes in the river so **Schrock** got to go barefooted the rest of the day. **Ron Brandow** and **Brenda Lyle** were in

charge of the smoking section on the river. Still trying to find out why **Mel's** tube went flat? Who did **Baa-Baa** (*camp sheep*) end up sleeping with and who did she belong to anyway? **Ray Davis** never understood why the women got 3 tokens to shower with and he only got one (*to get three - shave your legs*). Who was that female rafter that stayed in the shower the whole trip (*J.O. ???*) Then there was **John Moran** who had his own catering service for the weekend (**Ellen Manhard**).

Who did we have to drag out of Gruene Hall at midnight, **Sue Salvage!** **Sara Green**, were your jeans really painted on? When we went to Gruene Hall, did **Valerie Vaughn** go with us or some pack of Hell's Angels? Spotted at Gruene Hall were **Carol Tapal**, **Marsha Davis**, **Denise Loos**, **Tom Juidiiti**, **Gil Ransonet**, and **Sharon Broughton**.

Sunday morning in an attempt to conquer the Great Mt. Guadalupe, **Lorna Jones**, **Gil Ransonet**, **Ron Brandow**, **Ted Hamlen**, **Sue Salvage**, and **Valerie Vaughn** climbed to the summit and they all harmonized in universal spirit, whatever that means!!! Glad **Pat Wood** encouraged **Mary Windham** to join us on the trip - she needed a break!

And a "*atta-boy*" to **John Burk** for recruiting **Holly** (*boom-boom*) **Hughes**, yet!!! This year's "*fearsome 44*" we think set a new trip record for beer consumption, 486 cans or 20+ cases. The level of fun we had could only be measured by a comment by someone after the trip that said, "*I felt like I got to make up for missing my high school reunion*." **John Burk** is running the trip this year (MAY 13-15), so if you want to harmonize in universal spirit all weekend and drink some spirits too, then get your sleeping bag out and go with us, you won't forget this trip!!!!





# AS THE SKI TRIP TURNS - - CRESTED BUTTE

by *Leona Schroeder  
and Dick Anderson*



*Li. to Rt.: Don Wiedeman, Linda Burgess, Julie Polson, Cary Faden, Stu Traver, Harry Melnick, Andy Thomas & Bill Donley*

Thirty two enthusiastic SCSC skiers took off for Spring Skiing on Wednesday afternoon, March 2, 1994. Both flights were overloaded with luggage for a 4 day trip. Continental took care of that by sending Leona Schroeder's bag to Salt Lake City. It was the only one lost. Better the T. C.'s bag than other SCSC Skiers. On arrival you could not ask for sunnier, prettier weather at 40° to 60°. An award should go to Carol Battaglia for the brightest red face burn we had ever seen! Andy Thomas was so excited to go skiing that he got to the lifts without his lift ticket and had to turn back. He skied so hard that first day, that we hear he snored so loud that night, that his roommate, Stu Traver had to throw pillows at him most of the night. Dick Anderson got Beverly Johnson off to a good start that first day at Keystone Lift by tripping her with his ski pole. After sustaining a bruised, strained knee, she missed a couple of days of skiing.

Texaco was well represented on the trip by Andy Thomas, Beverly Johnson, Bill Donley, and Dick Anderson. Shell was also represented by Bob Knupp, Sarah Bernier, Darrell Way, and John Ginter. The legal profession was represented by Cary Faden, Bill Donley, John Hanratty and brother Jim McAlister, along with legal secretary, Linda Burgess. Engineers included Stu Traver, David Mirdadian, C.C. Luschen, Don

Wiedeman and Rodolfo Galban. The medical profession was represented by Carrie Niemeyer, RN, Nurse anetheist, pharmacists, Harry Melnick and Marijo Cathey, physical therapists, Leona Schroeder and Carol Battaglia.

As luck would have it, CC Luschen lost his money clip with \$60.00 cash. An honest employee at the Twister Warming House returned it to him the next day. C.C. was heard to try and steal a few gallons of Colorado water in his travel bag in the bathroom. The water overflowed right into his bag. The infamous "Hall Crawl" was held after the Pizza Party and Sarah Bernier left some knee skin and shoe leather on the carpet along with Andy Thomas. Sue Salvage left some foot skin on the carpet also. Andy Thomas bought 2 pairs of silver earrings to soften the explanation to his wife about his knee burns.

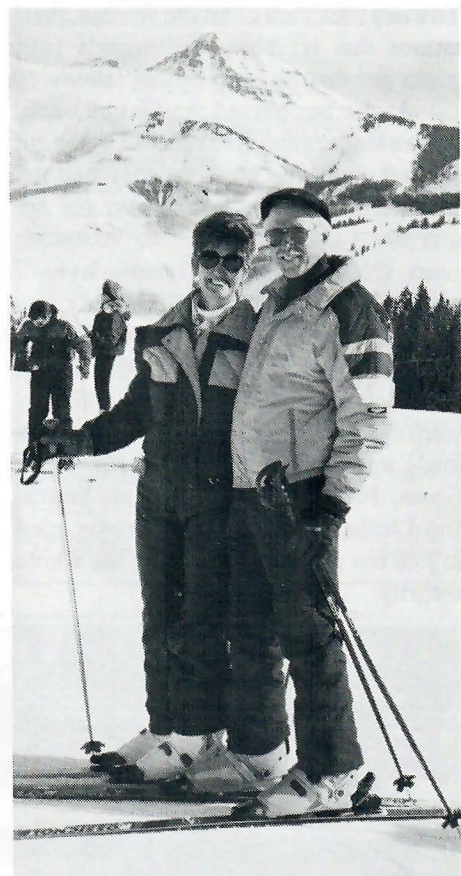
Adventures to the Northface were lead by Bob Knupp with followers, Harry Melnick, Sue Salvage, and Darrell Way, up the steep poma lift. Double black diamonds are now part of their ski adventures and the big challenge."

CC Luschen taught the waitresses some new breakfast lingo when he ordered "sky juice and basted eggs." Harry Melnick and Andy Thomas had carbohydrate loading breakfasts with the platter size pancakes.

Marijo Cathey and Bill Donley taught Julie Polson and Linda

Burgess how to make a concert with straws at the Roxx. Boy, were the locals glad when they left! We are still wondering about David Mirdadian and Stu Traver and the ladies in mink. Please tell us! Harry Melnick's replacement as Don Wiedeman's roommate made quite an impression on Don. He came home to Houston and made a permanent commitment to Nancy Boelsen. They plan to get married this summer, sell their homes, and live permanently on a sailboat and sail the seven seas. We wish the best to such a wonderful twosome.

Cary Faden took time out from his social commitment (Marcia Faden) to win a silver medal in the NASTAR Race as the fastest male on the trip. Leona Schroeder won a silver medal also as the fastest female. Other silver medal winners included Stu Traver, Race Director, Harry Melnick, Ken Knuzic, Jim McAlister and Don Wiedeman. Bronze medals went to Darrell Way, and first time medal winners, Sue



*Marriage in the Air: Nancy Boelsen and Don Wiedeman.*

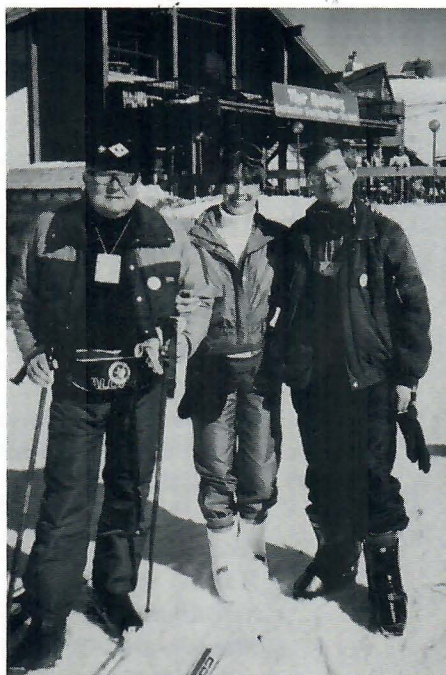


Salvage, Andy Thomas, and John Ginter. Special awards were given as follows: *Best Face Plant*-- CC Luschen, *Best Yard Sale*--David Mirdadian, *Miss Congeniality*--Julie Polson, *Best Gate Crasher*--Norm Rund, and *Rookie of the Year*--Marijo Cathey.

Two never ever skiers were Rodolfo Galban and Marcia Engladd. Best Looking Couples include: Ken Knezick, and Susan Sides, Don Wiedeman & Nancy Boelsen, Bill Donley and Marijo Cathey, Cary Faden and Marcia England, Rodolfo Galban and Carol Battaglia.

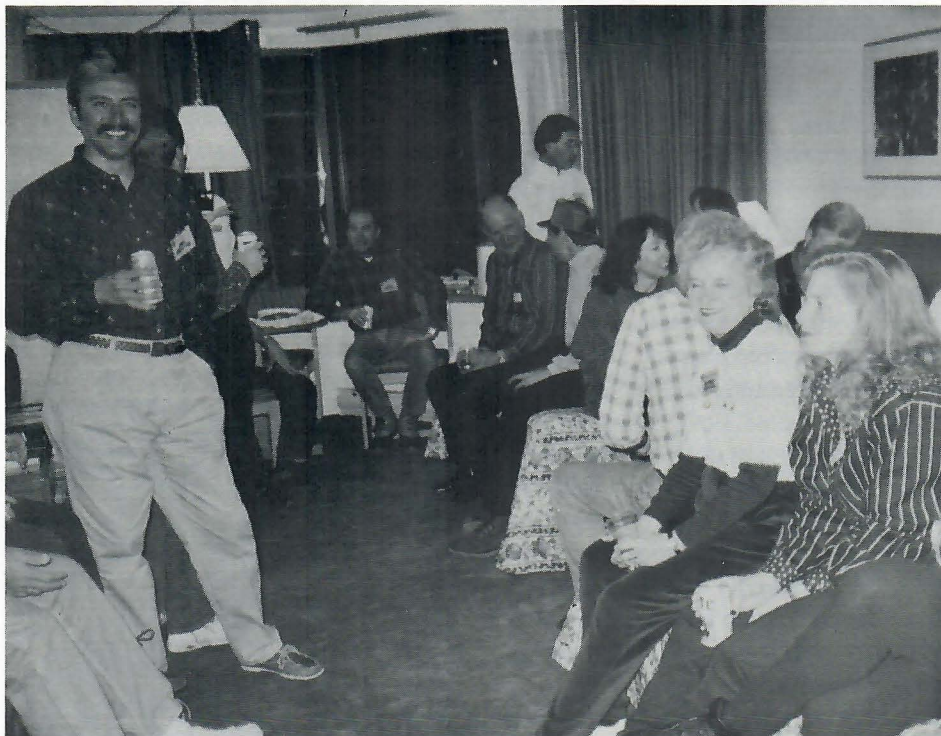
Accolades to Andy Thomas and Norm Rund on their Beer Drinking Skills and Andy Thomas for his Cajun "Boudreaux" jokes witnessed at Idle Spur Brew House. Wanda Jones and Bob DeLeon got alot of business done on the mountain as did Mary Christ and her hour long calls to Compaq. We were sorry about Carrie Niemeyer's father taking ill at the latter part of the trip.

Be sure to ask Mary Christ, Nancy Boelsen, and Linda Burgess about those big blue hip markers. Sue Salvage tried to get evidence on film but failed. Mary was overheard saying "mines longer" and Nancy retorting with "mines wider."



*Lt. to Rt.: Norman Rund, Sue Salvage, and Andy Thomas.*

Andy Thomas and David Mirdadian are still licking their wounds after losing 3-0 to Stu Traver and Mary Christ in a pool challenge at the Gunnison Airport. Sounds like a rematch is in order. In closing, I have to thank Dick Anderson, ATC, and Sue Salvage for all their help that made this trip a big success!



*Pizza Party at Crested Butte: Clockwise: John Ginter, Charles Luschen, Cary Faden, Ken Kenezick, Susan Sides, Beverly Johnson, Marijo Cathey. Standing, David Mirdadian.*

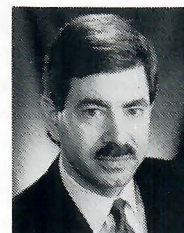
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# Chamonix - Bon Jour Mont Blanc

by Barbara Yovanovic and Bob Olsen



*Aguille de Midi from Vallee Blanche*

The French have a way with words that apply to a great travel experience: *bon voyage* (good journey), *apre ski* ... well, you get the idea. They also have Mont Blanc, the tallest Alp, and a typical alpine town named Chamonix at its base. A half dozen major ski areas and all the apres ski activities one could possibly want have been drawing people to this area since before they hosted the first Winter Olympics in 1924.

One hundred twenty Texas Ski Council travelers ascended the beautiful route up from Geneva on a clear, cold, crisp late January Saturday morning ... it was market day and the shopping sprees began before the bags were unpacked! **Bruce Kilgore** found a wine bargain and a sales pitch he couldn't resist ... the first of many to come for our group.

Trip Coordinator **Bob Olsen** and **Ray Davis** were the first to hit the slopes on that sunny Saturday afternoon. Just a short uphill walk to the lifts and a cable car ride to the Brevant area provided

great skiing, only \$15 for a half day pass, and a fabulous view of the Aguille du Midi (elevation 12,540 ft.), Mont Blanc (elevation 15,771) and the town.

Great skiing continued the next morning when **Bob** and **Ray** were joined by **Tom Hogle**, **Robbin Anderson**, **Martha** and **Helmut Zenger**, **Karin** and **Kurt Schidlowski**, **Frank Stanley**, **Bob Knupp** and Guides **Jacques** and **Phillippe** in a trip to the top of the Aguille du Midi; and then a beautiful and grueling return to town via 12.5 miles and 9,300 feet of vertical on the world famous Vallee Blanche

glacier run. More sensible folks stopped at the top to enjoy the fabulous views and a gourmet Savoyard lunch at a 26 seat restaurant perched atop the jagged mountain peak. **ATC Barbara** and **Vic Yovanovic**, **Linda Henry** and **Jim McLaughlin**, **Tania Andrasko** and **Charles Goodrich** all adjusted to the altitude with aid from the local wines and a leisurely two hour lunch.

Not to be outdone in the food and travel department, about sixty folks invaded Italy for dinner Sunday night at the amazing Maison de Filippo. Only a few miles from Chamonix via the 7 mile long Mont Blanc Tunnel lies a 35 course tour of Italian mountain cooking and Aosta Valley wines. **Jim Byars** and **Suzanne Byrd**, **Brenda** and **Bill Peavy**, **Joe Kulpinsky** (a repeat visitor), **Marvin Volz**, **Janet Pickell**, **Patty Richards** and **Terry Hesse** all survived this four hour prime sausage, pasta, polenta, prociutto and primavera extravaganza.

The 35 course meal was good, but it could not match the nightly five course gourmet meals at our Hotel Alpina in

Chamonix. And who can forget the pastries and the chocolates or the Frommage at breakfast, lunch and dinner ... wait three months before checking your cholesterol level.

Those who survived past dinner found plenty to do at night. Sports fans **Marvin Volz** and the **Schidlowski's** found a live broadcast of the Cowboy's NFC Championship game at 2 AM in one of several sports bars. **Scott Petersen** led **Olsen** and **Knupp** to the Chamonix Hockey Arena where Brest bested the home team. They speculated that if Nice had a team, they would surely pay to see a Nice-Brest matchup. Evening participatory sports included building snowmen and snowball target practice ... gold medals to **Janet** and **Bill Cox** for accuracy and persistence. Darts and dancing at any one of several Irish or Aussie bars entertained a few of us. The Wild Wallaby won top honors in the 1000 meter pub crawl. The Casino did not get much of our business ... a bit too formal and quiet for our action oriented tastes.

Side trips to medieval, and older, cities offered and opportunity to shop and walk the streets of beautiful historic places. Annecy, the Venice of the Alps, is a historic city on the edge of a mountain lake whose waters fill canals once used for transportation and protection. A trip through the Aosta Valley in Italy provided a glimpse of life in Ancient Roman times as well as castles, vineyards and modern boutiques. Geneva had lessons of its own for rush hour travelers ... much worse than Houston ever dreamed of. **Sara Green** found happiness at a Swiss watch shop despite



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*Good times were had by all!*

the traffic. And the trips around Lake Lemman (*Lake Geneva*) were trips into the historic countryside.

The weather was mixed but, always hopeful. On a cold rainy morning we left Chamonix on a winding highway leading to the Mont Blanc Tunnel and Italy on the other side. Much to our delight we found sunny skies for touring Aosta and plenty of snow for skiing Courmayeur on the Italian side of the tunnel.

Chamonix was full of adventure and leaving France was difficult. Hence, only a half dozen returned to Houston and the remaining 26 extended their tour to Paris. Just getting there was an adventure on the TGV (*the high speed 160 mph train to Paris*). 400 miles in 3 hours, lots of wine, a loaf of bread and more fromage! So much to do, so little time.

The Parisians, like the Savoyards in the mountains, were quite hospitable. A pleasant surprise? We found our way to all the famous landmarks, overdosed on major art, walked the Champs Elysee to the Arc d'Triumphe. After a day of museum hopping we attended and organ concert at Notre Dame Cathedral and then hoofed it to the Latin Quarter for Spanish food in a Greek restaurant served to American and Scottish customers by a Tunisian waiter. Cosmopolitan to say the least. It was reassuring to run into small groups of fellow Texans at museums, bistros or along the boulevards.

We really covered the territory in both famous and lesser known places. For example, insiders **Dick Howard** and **Sue Shirley** led a crew to the beautiful

Church of St. Chappelle. A visit to a sexy bar in the Pigalle section caused **Tom Hogle**, **Bruce Kilgore** and **Jim McLaughlin** to ration their beer money for the rest of the trip. But it did not cause them to miss the show at the Moulin Rouge. **Vic Yovanovic** even found a seat at the bar. Diligent research also located a televised broadcast of the Super Bowl beginning at 1 AM. The Hard Rock Cafe stayed open and we really enjoyed the French speaking sportscasters! A fashion commentary direct from Paris: Parisians are all wearing black this winter ... black tights,

black slacks, black coats ... and auburn tinted hair is in. A few hardy souls continued the cultural trek to London. **Carol** and **Eric Timmreck** reported getting great orchestra seats to see *Phantom of the Opera* and *Cats* through their hotel on the Strand in London. Unfortunately, mariner **Bruce Kilgore** was not able to calm the seas and the party had to take the regular ferry instead of the hover craft across the English Channel.

Winter turns out to be a great time of year to be a tourist in Europe. The crowds are small, the natives are friendly and the price is right. *Au revoir... back to reality.*



*The French Alps from Aguille du Midi.*



The good weather, great snow, and lack of lift line crowds put the 44 SCSC VAIL VOYAGERS in the party mood as we learned to ski, play, and have fun together. The fun started early when ATC Larry Christie was threatened with arrest at the Denver airport for trying to use a luggage cart twice on the same dollar. Joe Kulpinsky & Annette Johnson came to his rescue and swore that he wouldn't use it again. Then the machine didn't give back his reward quarter! Jerry Smith made the mistake of leaving his carry-on briefly unattended, so Martha Martin, Danthea Tulio & Deborah Purdin surprised him by using it to store several personal items of feminine hygiene. Jerry Smith is a bachelor and a minister, so everyone ended up shocked in the end!

We actually started our adventure cautiously by quietly waiting 2 hours at IAH for a delayed flight. Carol Hudson & Mike Stenberg slept through most of it. Bob & Suzanne Potter and Peter & Jeanne Kinnear took the time to re-acquaint themselves with the First Class Lounge.

## SKIING:

The crowds were generally small and the hill was big. Allain Davidson, Ted Windmer & Howard Holsenbeck went down the back bowls on many occasions, but they talked about preferring the times when they escorted the ladies back there. They noticed what people wore, too. Lou Kleinman was always visible on the slopes in his blinding neon green ski pants. TC Lynn Burch's ski boots exploded on the first day of skiing and she became the only member of our group to take advantage of the free trip down the mountain in a ski patrol sled!

Mike Stenberg demonstrated how to properly spray snow using Cheryl Crockett as a training aide victim. After the third attempt, she became much less helpful, but still had the best coordinated ski outfits. Sandra Miron was a quick learner and later sprayed both Larry Christie & Mike Stenberg from head to toe in one stop. Karen DuFresne



& Sandra Miron also demonstrated modern mogul techniques since they couldn't seem to avoid them. Donna Hahus was out on the hill early every day. She was usually seen skiing as the only lady in a large group of men. I guess it helps to be a good skier. Rick Kivch was seen zooming the slopes with his out-rigger ski poles. Patricia Gow had the largest sunglasses (*more like a color face shield*) but the weather was right for it. Doug Nordhaus decided to be daring and tried a snowboard on our last day. Deborah Purdin was the most improved as a novice skier, and David Street was the most improved as an intermediate, despite his beer consumption

handicap.

John Brodie was Race Director and finished with a Silver. He coerced about half our group into racing during the week, including his wife Arlis Brodie who breezed in for a Bronze! We had several first time NASTAR medal winners. The most unique was Suzanne Potter who fell at the last gate but slid across the finish for a Bronze. Allain Davidson was probably the fastest but we will never know for sure. He went so fast that the timers missed him and had to give him a free rerun, but he was never in the same form again. Annette Johnson kept trying for gold and won our prize for persistence (*3 silvers in 1*





week). Other notably successful attempts were made by **John Anderson, Joe Kulpinsky & Jerry Smith.**

## SKI SCHOOL:

We effectively had our own private instructor, **Thomas Brown**, from the Beaver Creek ski school. He gave private lessons, toured the hill with us, lead us to bars & restaurants, and even drove us to the store for groceries. **Jeanne Kinnear, Lynn Burch & Danthea Tulio** were his main proteges. **Jimmy Kirk, Patricia Gow**, & others took lessons with out Thomas, too. **Martha Martin & Karen DuFresne** gave Instructor Thomas lots of positive reinforcement for his well done job. Their draft "Thank You" letter to his boss was rated "R". When Thomas read it to you could see his red face from 2 mountains away. Thomas also explained to **Donna Hahus, Carol Hudson, Sandra Miron, & Martha Martin** about the pros & cons of a "downhill wanker". **Bob & Louis Job** just wanted to know where the locals went to dance C&W. Thomas pushed us into the torch light parade one night where **Karen DuFresne** managed 3 falls in a 3 minute period on the bunny hill!

## FOOD & DRINK

Eating out was never a problem in Vail, but **Katie Jones** needed a popcorn fix whenever she had the opportunity. Half the group ventured for the Valentine's Day dinner and horse sleigh ride which took the prize for most wine drunk at one meal. (*in order to keep warm?*) "Seasons at the Green" restaurant put on a great deal for us that night. On another night we went to Garton's Restaurant, enjoyed by **Beverly & Charlie Roberts, Art Kelly, John Gay** and others.

"Gentlemen" **Ted Widmer** was in the bars most nights with his harem and he brought a rose for each lady in the group our first night out on the town. **Deborah Purdin** demonstrated our "Friends in Low Places" dance at Happy Hour and **Danthea Tulio** scored blinking BUD pins from the bar manager. **Roger Holzman & Carol Hudson** made the best matched couple on the



dance floor. Roger kept waiting for a slow waltz.

Local entertainer **Steve Meyers** made a memorable happy Hour at "The Club". He picked on the audience but got us involved. He referred to how "sweet" **Larry Christie** looked, but later Larry was pushed up on stage and made \$6 from the ladies the hard way, collecting it in his underwear. **Michael Stenberg** was dragged up on stage for a "mogul" version of "All Shook Up".



## PARTIES:

**Deborah Purdin** started "kisses for beads" at the Mardi Gras Party and it became infectious. Soon **Gary Smith** and everyone else was "passing it on". **Bill Johnson** was ready to party but **Annette Johnson** outdid everyone with her Mardi Gras costume complete with hat, flags, masks, ribbons, banners, & beads.

The Friday night party started with hot tub, beer & pizza. **Mike Moldofsky** took a group to "shoot stick". **Lou Kleinman, Allain Davidson, & Phil Nelson** took the bus to Central City to make a donation at the legal casinos there. Others went dancing. The truly desperate sat around the ATC condo for the Late Night Bad Joke Marathon. **Roger Holzman** referred to the experience later as "an evening of meaningful dialog, but there was absolutely nothing meaningful about it. **Aaron Storch** was the overall joke winner, but **Howard Holsenbeck & Tom Zike** were tough competition.





# JUST FOR FUN

By Angus Lind, of  
The Times Picayune

## Crazy Sight on the Ski Slopes

If you've never been skiing, you might not appreciate this story. But give it a try. As a connoisseur of strange happenings, and a skier, I can assure you that some of the strangest happenings anywhere happen on ski runs. But first a word about those who dare to assault a snowy mountain.

Generally, those who go skiing fall into two categories:

1) Those who never return, whose biggest thrill is finally catching their breath, taking off their ski boots and jumping into a hot tub. There, they come to their senses and realize that no one should try a sport where there are ambulances and rescue units parked at the finish.

2) This category falls in love with it. They block out all the negatives, the torture of putting on long johns, sweaters, parkas, caps, masks, goggles and boots that immobilize your feet so that you feel as if they've been sunk in concrete. They overlook the financial burden, the necessity of taking out a second mortgage to buy a three-day lift ticket. They ignore the hassles, such as standing in a lift line for more than an hour for a 90-second run. All they tune in to is the orgasmic-like rush that skiing on a slope named Immediate Death provides for them. They spend the rest of their lives searching for more challenging mogul-laden black slopes to conquer. For this crowd, skiing's better than sex.

A friend just got back from a holiday ski trip to Utah with the kind of story that warms the cackles of anybody's heart. Conditions were perfect: 12 below, no feeling in the toes, basic nuances all over, the "tell me when we're having fun" kind of day. On the way up the lift, there was so much griping that a rule was made that each person could complain for only one minute-then you couldn't bitch anymore that day.

### • No relief at top of the lift. . .

One of the women in the group complained to her husband that she was in dire need of a restroom. He told her not to worry, that he was sure there was relief waiting at the top of the lift in the form of a powder room for female skiers in distress. He was wrong, of course, and the pain did not go away.

If you've ever had nature hit its panic button in you, then you know that a temperature of 12 below zero doesn't help matters. So, with time running out, the woman weighed her options: She could relieve herself, in her pants, or

continue suffering. That was about it for options. Her husband, picking up on the intensity of the pain, suggested that since she was wearing an all-white ski outfit she should go off in the woods, pull her pants down and relieve herself. No one would even notice, he assured her. The white will provide more than adequate camouflage. When you're desperate, any plan, even a bad one, sounds better than no plan. So she headed for the tree line.

There she dropped her ski poles, began disrobing and proceeded to do her thing. If you've ever parked on the side of a slope, then you know there is a right way and a wrong way to set your skis so you don't move. Yup, you got it-- she had them positioned the wrong way.

Steep slopes are not forgiving, even during embarrassing moments. Without warning, the woman found herself skiing backward, out-of-control, racing through the trees, somehow missing all of them, and onto another slope, her derriere and the reverse side still bare, picking up speed all the while. She continued on backwards, totally out-of-control, creating an unusual vista for the other skiers. Her husband, realizing what happened had long since gone to her rescue. Unfortunately, he was not as lucky as his spouse at dodging trees.

### • Brought to rest by a pylon. . .


The woman skied--if you define the verb loosely--back under the lift, and finally collided violently with a pylon. The good news was that she was still alive. The bad news was that she broke her arm and was unable to pull up her ski pants. At long last, her husband arrived, put an end to her nudie show, then went to the base of the mountain and summoned the ski patrol, who transported her to a hospital.

In the emergency room, she was regrouping when a man with an obviously broken leg was put in the bed next to hers.

"So how'd you break your leg?" she asked, making small talk. "It was the darndest thing you ever saw," I was riding up this ski lift, and suddenly I couldn't believe my eyes. There was this crazy woman skiing backward out of control down the mountain with her bare bottom hanging out of her clothes and her pants down around her knees."

"I leaned over to get a better look, and I guess I didn't realize how far I'd moved. I fell out of the lift."

"So--how'd you break your arm?"



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DATE

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## APPLICABLE STANDING RULES OF SPACE CITY SKI CLUB, INC.

- 1.0 DUES. Dues shall be \$25 per single person and \$35 per married couple. Members who renew their current membership prior to June 1, will receive a \$5 discount per membership. Dues are non-refundable, may not be pro-rated, and may not be converted to couple status during the membership year.
- 5.0 TRIP PENALTIES.
- 5.1 A. If a trip participant withdraws from a trip after the published final payment date, the trip participant will lose the entire payment upon withdrawal. If the participant can be replaced from the waiting list, the participant will be refunded the entire payment less any costs incurred by the Club in addition to cancellation fees as specified in 5.2. If the trip participant cannot be replaced from the waiting list, the participant will be refunded the amount which the Trip Coordinator is able to recover by cancellation of lodging, transportation, and/or other commitments less any costs incurred by the Club and cancellation fees as specified in 5.2.
- B. If a trip participant fails to make final payment by the published final payment date, the trip coordinator may replace the participant after making a diligent effort to contact the participant, who will be subject to cancellation fees as specified in 5.2. (Effective 1/5/92)
- 5.2 CANCELLATION FEES.
- A participant may forfeit his full deposit if he fails to notify the Club in writing of his intent to withdraw prior to the published final payment dates. A minimum charge of \$30 will be assessed for each trip cancellation. (Effective 6/92)
- 5.3 A charge of \$10.00 will be assessed for each trip transfer. A transfer will not be considered after final payment date unless a replacement can be secured. (Effective 9/21/92)
- 5.4 Deposit, transfer and cancellation charges for non-domestic trips shall be determined by the Executive Committee and included in the trip release form as well as in all trip publicity; in no case shall these requirements be less than those provided in Sections 5.2 and 5.3 of these Standing Rules.
- 5.5 NO SNOW.
- If the Club encounters a cancellation situation prior to the departure of a trip, the trip participant is entitled to recover the entire cost of the trip less charges incurred by the Club as a penalty for cancellation of lodging, transportation, operating expenses and/or other commitments made on behalf of a trip participant. Refunds to any trip will be made upon receipt by the Club of the total refund due the Club by the resort, airline and/or other entity or as approved by the Executive Committee.
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- 7.1 Allowing non-trip participants to occupy any room as a non-registered guest is strictly prohibited, and in violation of Club policy.
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- 7.3 No substitutions of trip participants shall be allowed without the knowledge and approval of the Trip Coordinator, and new additions to the trip shall come from that trip's Waiting List. The Trip Coordinator shall make all substitutions.
- 7.4 It is the policy of the Club not to allow the active solicitation of the general membership at a Club function or in the Club publication for any other than Club sponsored trips or activities without the consent of the Executive Committee.
- 7.5 No person may participate in a Club sponsored trip, or participant paid activity, without first completing a written and signed Release of Liability for that trip or activity, on a form approved by the Board of Directors.
- 7.6 No person may sign up on a wait list for a Club sponsored ski trip without being a member in good standing. A trip must be full before a wait list can be started. A deposit is required in order to sign up on a trip wait list.
- ~~7.7 The Club, through the Director of Trips, shall not accept a gratuity in excess of \$25 from a vendor without giving notice to the Executive Committee.~~
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- B. Each member may sign up for him/herself and one other member on any ski trip or ski trip waiting list.
- 8.2 WEATHER. If a trip should be "weathered-in" the additional lodging expense will be left up to the individual, although the Trip Coordinator will assist in making accommodation arrangements, and collection for same shall be left up to the lodge.
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## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I certify and recognize that SCSC is a non-profit organization, run entirely by volunteers who have no special training or experience at conducting trips or other activities and I do not rely on the expertise of any director or officer or their appointed representatives in conducting trips or activities. I am aware that SCSC carries no insurance nor maintains a reserve for liability.

I wish to participate on this trip or activity because SCSC provides me with the economics and discounts of group purchasing power, social interaction with compatible individuals, and does all the planning and reservation work for me.

In consideration of the above, I, for myself, my heirs, executors and assignees do hereby release and discharge SCSC, its directors, officers and any other person appointed by them, from all claims, damages, demands or actions whatsoever in any manner arising from my participation on this trip or activity. I agree that I am solely responsible for my personal safety and conduct. I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless SCSC, its directors, officers and agents, or contractors from any loss, cost, or expense, incurred by, or attributable in any way to me, in connection with this trip or activity.

I also certify that I have read, that I understand, and that I agree to abide by, all the Bylaws and Standing Rules of SCSC. I understand that payments made for trips or activities may not be refundable, in whole, or in part, and that all payments will be handled in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bylaws and Standing Rules.

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