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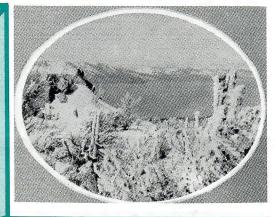
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Crested Butte's bringing home the "TEXAS" CUP!







### March 10 Election Meeting & Photo Contest

# I knew at three I would be President the year of the "TEXAS" CUP!

### As they say in Chicago, "Come to the Meeting and vote twice!" That's right, just as in Chicago, you can vote twice. Once for Vice President of Programs and several more times for the photos you like best. If you submit a photo of your own, you can even vote for yourself.

The spring time brings out the creativeness of a VP of Programs, such as **Jan Livingston**. You can see for yourself by all the activities we are promoting in the *Sitzmarke*. I am told that some will be filled by the March meeting, so you should send a check to the Activity Coordinator ASAP.

**Cindy Garrett**, your new VP of Trips is looking for a Few Good TC's and ATC's, so I would suggest that if you are interested in running a trip this next ski season, you should fill

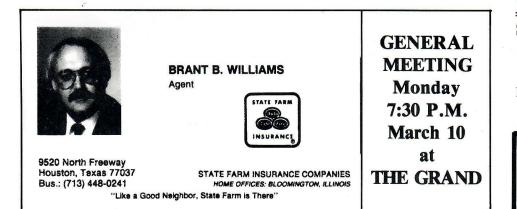
### out the form in the Sitzmarke now.

Head of the Liftline

The Texas Ski Council is looking for people who are interested in participating in the activities of the ski council. If you have time to give and would like to work for all the Texas Ski Clubs, then see me at the March meeting, and I will get you an application form from the council.

You may have noticed the membership renewal form in this issue. Each year we have a whole bunch of folks who forget to renew and end up calling the president about August asking "Why don't I get my Sitzmarke?" If you would renew your membership now, you will not have to make such a disgusting call. Also the new president will appreciate not getting the call.

Sign up for the activities and I will see you at the meeting in March.



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by Ron Smith

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Our deepest sympathy to Debra Epps, wife, and to the many friends of Charles Epps, who we will all miss.

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# **SPACE CITY WINS IT ALL!**

Congratulations to all participants of Snowmass I, II, III and the Aspen Traditional Trips for taking Snowmass by storm and winning First Place in Division I of the Texas Ski Council Race!

The race was very close with Space City in first place with 2,037 points, followed by Alpine in second place with 1,881 points and Cowtown in third place with 1,719 points.

Our first place finish at Snowmass, along with our second place finish at Keystone over Thanksgiving, puts us in first place for the Texas Ski Cup. The winner of the Texas Ski Cup will be determined after the Winter Shootout at Crested Butte. We need at least a second place finish at Crested Butte to win the Texas Ski Cup.

Our performance at Snowmass was truly a total club effort. We had 141 skiers to race which was over 70% of the participants on the trips. We had 1 gold, 3 silver and 17 bronze medals. Our 21 medal winners earned us 823 points while our non-medal races earned an additional 1,214 points! This points out how important it is to have everybody participate in the races.

George Hirasaki was the only gold medal winner at Snowmass for all of the clubs! Congratulations George! Silver medals were won by Dale Albritton, Harry Gaston and John MacDonald. Our bronze medal winners were Dennis Bentley, Ted Bergeron, Anne Bertolet, Ed Cain, Terry Chamness, Tim Cain, Charles Goodrich, Merlyn Harger, Ron Honefenger, Harry Melnick, Joe Murphy, Ron Noska, John Pruitt, Peb Rock, John Stumph, John Thayer and Roger Williams.

In the individual races on Friday,



FIRST PLACE WINNERS George Hirasaki in the 40-49 Male. Anne Bertolet in 20-29 Female, and Harry Gaston in 50 and up.

### by Ron Rambin

George Hirasaki came in fifth place in the men's division and Anne Bertolet came in fifth in the women's division. Quick recovery for our casualties, Pam Pailet, Joe Dar and Lee Hall.

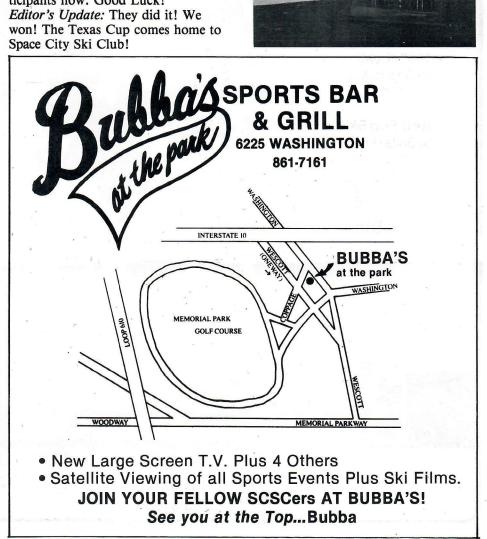
Our thanks go to all of the participants who raced and to the four race directors, Ron Rambin (Snowmass I), Floyd Hanks (Snowmass II), Bill Kirk (Snowmass III) and Glen Gill (Aspen Traditional).

We also would like to thank the sponsors of the Texas Ski Week Traditional: Lite Beer from Miller, Head - Tyrolia -Raichle, Oshman's Sporting Goods, U. S. Tobacco Schoal and Burn-!Off.

Final thanks to Dick Howard and TSC for giving us a great week of skiing and parties.

We've got a great shot at winning the Texas Ski Cup. It's all in the hands of the Crested Butte participants now. Good Luck! Editor's Update: They did it! We won! The Texas Cup comes home to Space City Ski Club!







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# Officer Nominees for 1985-1986 Season



### **GORDON WISE, President**

SO THEY SAID, IF YOU WANT TO RUN FOR A SKI CLUB office you have to write your own *Sitzmarke* article. I felt like the condemned prisoner who was forced to dig his own grave. However, it does afford an opportunity to reflect on several areas.

First, the organization. It works, and it has worked for over twenty years. It is a big business that is not run like a business but by people who volunteer. Yet this potential weakness is really the main source of its strength. Volunteers foster an evolution of program and people. Functions that are successful last, and those that aren't, don't. New faces emerge to lead activities and hold office. The process if fragile and the responsibility is yours.

Secondly, the Presidency. Unless he/she wants to join Baby Doc in exile, the President must be a diplomat. The principal functions I see are recruitment, encouraging volunteers, supervising the evolution of program, praising the result, and staying out of the way. The President facilitates the process mentioned above.

Finally, the nomination. I'm honored. As a good scout, I'll do my best.

### JERRY MONTGOMERY, Vice President Programs

Member of SCSC for five years. Participation in club sponsored trips for four years. ATC for the Big Sky trip in 1984. By profession, a VP of the state's largest food brokerage company. A Past President of the Allied Food Dealer's Club, member of the Lion's Club, Houston Junior Chamber of Commerce.

As VP of programs for SCSC, I would be able to devote the time necessary to continue the fine programming offered in the past. Attention to details and follow through are two of my strengths.

My goal would be to involve more of our membership in proven activities, and to expand to many new areas.

### **ANN BATTEN, Vice President Programs**

Involvement is the key to meeting people in the Space City Ski Club. Ann is a five-year member of SCSC and has been an active member every year. She participated in the Follies for two years, coordinated an evening at the theatre to see "Sugar Babies," a trip to the Renaissance Festival, and a weekend at the Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival. Serving as Trip Coordinator to Banff, Canada was a highlight of her participation. She is currently serving on the Executive Committee as a Director of Trips.

As a true Texan, Ann obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree from North Texas State University in Speech and Drama. As a junior high teacher for twelve years, she has coordinated many programs, tournaments, and field trips. For the past four years, Ann has been tour director for the Texas Tour, an eight-day trip for seventh grade students in the Spring Branch School District and she really enjoys it.

Ann believes in participation. Besides devoting time to her students and SCSC, Ann serves on the Board of Directors of Theatre Under the Stars. She was the Auction Chairman and Door Prize Ticket Chairman for the past two galas.

"I really enjoyed working with the TC's and ATC's this year. Coordinating the trip chairmen for non-ski activities is the training ground for future ski trip coordinators and I would enjoy playing a part in that role. Maintaining and improving the quality of the Club's activities will be one of my goals. When a participant enjoys an activity, they are more likely to get involved."

Ann wants to encourage everyone to volunteer. "It's a great way to meet others."

### **CINDY GARRETT, Vice President of Trips**

Cindy Garrett's first ski adventure was a present to herself for obtaining a goal - a BBA from the University of Houston after nine years of night school. That first trip was with the Brand X Ski Club. She and some friends saw how much fun the SCSC's members had on that trip and all immediately joined SCSC. That was six years ago. She has continued skiing a variety of ski areas with Space City, determined to ski "The Big Slopes."

She started as an ATC on the 1983 Aspen Ski Trip, one of the largest trips that coincided with the TSC trip at Snowmass. In 1984, Cindy was TC on the Crested Butte "Winter Shootout." During the 84-85 ski season, she was Director of Trips for SCSC, coordinating with the V.P. of Trips, becoming more involved with the officers and seeing the interworkings of the Ski Club.

A native Texan, born in San Antonio, Cindy has spent all her life in Houston and loves it. Cindy began a career in the homebuilding industry in the 70's where she coordinated customer's interior decorating for a major tract builder. Later she designed interiors for model homes. Currently she is still in the construction industry on a broader scale as an outside sales person for U. S. Brick, Inc. for the Houston area. She started in the residential segment, moved to multi-family housing, and presently to the commercial side working with architects and developers in Houston. All of this work has involved a large amount of coordination and negotiation skills. These skills should prove to assets in the VP of Trip's job.

If she can recommend any one thing to other members, it would be to volunteer -- it is the best way to enjoy the Club. She is looking forwrd to the challenge of the job of VP of Trips and marketing some great trips for the members.







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### HAROLD EATON, Vice President Membership

Harold describes his philosophy as "Life is a participator sport vs. a spectator sport." As Vice President of Membership for SCSC, he intends to see that at least 1400 Houstonians have the opportunity to participate to their heart's content.

If you haven't come in contact with Harold yet, you will at some time during the process of joining or rejoining the club in 1986. His intent is to make the process as painless as possible, except for parting with a little bit of money, that is. By the way, those of you looking for a place to volunteer, the membership table is a great place to start. Who knows who you might meet.

Harold is from a small (how small, real small!!) town in South Dakota. (Who says you can't learn to ski in the great plains.) He came to Houston in the gold rush days of '79 from the ice hills of Pennsylvania and the Pittsburgh Ski Club. When he finally found the ski club in November, it was already full. The best deal they could offer was to subscribe to the Sitzmarke for a separate fee and wait a year. So any one who wants to complain about how hard it is to get on a trip won't get a lot of sympathy. He has participated in SCSC as an ATC, TC, Head of the Liftliners, Director of Trips, and active SCSC Follies fool.

As VP of Membership for SCSC, he says his goal is to work with the other officers to provide a vehicle for everyone with a heartbeat to get out there and participate.



### **BOB WILBANKS, Vice President Publications**

A native Texan, Bob Wilbanks, is a graduate of North Texas State College (that's what they called it in 1961), and a 25-year resident of Houston, Texas. He is an avid skier, camper, boater, outdoorsman, and life-long photographer. Bob is single, with two grown children, and earns his living as a manufacturer's representative.

Bob has been a member of Space City Club since 1977 and has skied with the club in Breckenridge, Vail, Aspen (twice), Copper Mountain, Lake Tahoe, Steamboat (twice), Sun Valley and Keystone. He is also a familiar sight on the non-ski outdoor activities the club sponsors. Bob has served as the official photographer of the *Sitzmarke* for two years and was this year's Trip Chairman for the Steamboat trip.

Bob states that he is eager to become more involved with the *Sitzmarke* as a tool to promote more member participation in club activities.



### **PAM HOLDER, Secretary**

Pam first joined Space City Ski Club in 1981 and went on her first trip over Thanksgiving, 1982. She has been a regular on that trip ever since and was TC for the 1985 Thanksgiving trip to Keystone. She has also skiied Traditional Texas Ski week four times and was ATC for the short Texas Ski Week at Copper Mountain in 1984.

Pam participates in lots of SCSC activities, including the Follies, the Style Show, the bike rides, the Summer Bash, trips to Breau Bridge and the horse races, as well as the happy hours. She believes the best way to enjoy SCSC is to volunteer and get involved. One of her goals for the Executive Committee will be to get more people (particularly new members) to volunteer to help organize and run Space City Ski Club activities and trips.



### **PETE MEADEN, Treasurer**

Since joining SCSC in 1980, Pete Meaden has been active in the club, serving as both an ATC and TC of ski trips. He has also participated in non-ski activities such as tennis, racquetball and the SCSC fun runs.

Pete moved to Houston as a teenager with his family in 1964. He attended high school here and graduated from Vanderbilt University with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He went on to earn an MBA from Carnegie-Mellon University.

After seven years as a control systems engineer, Pete and two other individuals started an engineering consulting firm in 1983.

Pete enjoys sailing, jogging, tennis and basketball. He is also active in several professional organizations. As club Treasurer, Pete will strive to conduct the financial affairs of the club in a professional and businesslike manner for the benefit of all members.

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# ASPEN - THERE'S ONLY ONE

by Bette Werlin & Jim Woody

We arrived at the airport bright and early Sunday morning. Just as we were about to leave the gate, **Mike Kowis** arrived. Where were you, Mike? At the Aspen airport, we discovered that **Jim Dickson** had not been on the flight from Houston. He got lost in the Houston airport for about 6 hours and finally joined us in Aspen about 9:00 P.M.

In Denver we were joined by Daril Donovan and Bill Knoble from Dallas and John MacDonald from Phoenix.

On the plane, Paul Cleveland, Tom Fore, Gordon Wise and Clydell Williams were sampling potato chips. Mr. Groff (of Texas Chips) was on our flight. Kevin Hill headed to the little boy's room and was blocked in the aisle for 10 minutes with the drink cart.

In the Aspen V.I.P. room, Catherine Long was feeding hubby, Mike Brown, pretzels (on the floor). Sam and Bob McKnight and Flo Prince were planning where they were going to dinner that night. Sheila Crocker and Melodye Fairchild quickly headed to the bar. Kresh Radas and Fred Schaffert disappeared at the same time....

We arrived in Aspen a bit ahead of schedule and were greeted by the "Gant V ans." **Mike Voulgaris**, Tom Fore and Flo Prince had to wear the same clothing for a while - no bags. They finally arrived. Tom's didn't come until he was back in Houston!

Tania Andrasko, John MacDonald, Susan Allen and Katherine Bellis were seen en route to Little Nell's about 45 minutes after our arrival.

The party the first night was in ATC's Jim Woody's condo. We know it was a great success because we drank all our booze in less than two hours. Glen Gill, our SM III race director, reminded us all to take our vitamins for the Thursday race. He was ready to beat his roommates - John Pruitt, Bill Knoble, and Charlie Blackburn.

The first day **Sherry Lewis** loaded **Tom Werlin** and **Joe Goodson** for their first run on A jax. Every other day Tom and Joe were seen on Snowmass!

The Gant had a cocktail party for us on Wednesday night. Bruce Maughs and Beau Straley were filling up on bean dip. Mary Jane and John Stumph, were preparing for an evening at the Crystal Palace.

One night we met the Snowmass groups at Andres. Bette and Tom, Joe and Anita Goodson (from Austin), Jim Woody and date, Rich Rase, Sherry Lewis, Jacqueline Smith, Mike Voulgaris, John Galloway and Beau Straley had a steak dinner at Skier's Chalet early. We then went to Andres. Our group sat at a table in an old gilded elevator - or was it a bird cage?

Most of our group showed up for the Texas Ski Cup Races. What happened to Kresh, Paul and Fred? John MacDonald captured a silver medal and 49 points for SCSC. John Stumph received a bronze and 36 points. John Pruitt also received a bronze with 36



TSW-SNOWMASS-1986: TC's and ATC accepting the Trophy. Left to right: Easy Thayer, former TSC Pres.; Ted Bergeron, Race Director of Snowmass II, at the microphone; Peggy McClain; Ron Rambin, Race Director; Charles Coodrich, Floyd Hanks, and Jim Woody in front.



At the airport, Mary Jane Stumph, Susan Allen, John Stumph.



Bette Werlin and Jim Woody checking out.



Lunch break or a rest stop.

points. The "Johns" had all the luck that day.

Jackie Zipp was going to meet Bruce Maughs and others one day. Being half asleep when she got in the van downstairs, she ended up in Snowmass instead of Aspen. She paid \$5.00 to go back where she started.

The hot tubs were enjoyed by all. In fact, **Mike Moldofsky** finished a gallon of peppermint schnapps in the hot tub. One evening Mike, Sherry Lewis, Gordon Wise and Flo Prince invited everyone to their condo for spaghetti. The remainder of our liquor was consumed here!

Has Jacqueline Smith learned to cook breakfast yet? Her roommates, Mike Voulgaris, Galloway and Beau Straley gave her



Helping the flight attendants!

lessons, but she pleaded ignorance! Smart girl! Jackie was a novice skier and was doing great until Mike V. took her down a very tough intermediate-run and left her at the top. Bette Werlin and her sister Anita, skied down with Jackie. Has she forgiven Mike yet?

A party was planned for the last night, but everyone decided to do their own thing. Aspen really performed for us the last night with a torchlight parade down Little Nell and then a spectacular fireworks display. This was the ending of Winterskol and truly a grand finale for us. Thank you, Aspen. Thanks to all our trip participants. You really helped to make this a trip to remember in Aspen -there's only one.



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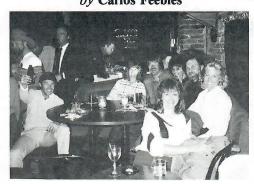
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# Marvelous from Oxygen Masks to Pina Coladas by Carlos Feebles

Even if you are leaving on your ski vacation, preparing for an early morning flight to Denver can be an ordeal, unless you're Roy Caviness. He beat both the TC and ATC to the airport and helped the damsels in distress. On the other extreme was Dennis Bentley; he didn't know if he would be able to go on the trip until two days before leaving because of the Space Shuttle launch. As the flight attendants prepared for departure, Ron Rambin, (SM I Race Director) distributed SCSC's version of the oxygen mask and instructions on how to use them. The clicking seat-belts forewarned naive bystanders of the upcoming mimicry. The hands pointing to the emergency exits brought a distressed look to the flight attendant's face. Their annoyed look changed to smiles when the emergency exit cards were swaying in the air and finally an outburst of laughter echoed through the cabin when our oxygen masks were put on. After everyone calmed down, the rest of the flight was uneventful until Gayle Speck's and the Gillespei's luggage decided to take a trip to the Bermuda Triangle.

The bus trip to the mountains would have been mundane if the roommate controversy had not arisen. After all the whining was heard, it became apparent that a female would have to share quarters with a male. Instantly **V ern (Casanova) Oliver** and **Rudy Naquin** volunteered to sleep with a lassie. All was solved when **Charles** and **Mary Hernandez**, **Brenda Bouton**, **Thelma Hoover** and **Liz Howard** agreed to share a two bedroom condo. For the girls it was convenient since there was only one set of hot rollers between them. In all, our trip to Snowmass was marvelous; we were about to begin our ski holiday.

The week at Snowmass was filled with an abundance of sunshine, skiing, partying and tales that shouldn't be told, so I'm going to publish them instead. We celebrated our arrival at Snowmass with a wine and cheese party where we learned each others names (ala Mr. Rogers) by repeating Peggy (ATC) McLane as she handed out our welcoming packages. In the morning most of the beginners took lessons which helped them become accomplished skiers quickly. Lessons were especially beneficial to Brenda Boutons and Thelma Hoover since they followed two Ski Patrol "hunks" all the way with only one path down, a back slope. Lesa (no relation to Vern) Oliver learned to trick ski and it is now common knowledge that she has fallen "head over heels" in love with skiing. Did Ken Reding get a picture of this? No one was safe from Ken's camera eye; if you don't want it on film, don't do it. To help the rookies with their first NASTAR Race, George Hirasaki held the "chopstick and balloon"



Keith, Ray, Peggy, Tim, Pam, Rudy, Donna and Debbie having a ball at Andre's.



Lesa, Ken, Ray, Dorothy and Dennis having a great time partying!



Donna, Ron, Carlos, Ken and the rest of the gang unloading from our Chapter 13 bus.



Ike's new date.

clinic. Thank you, George!

After skiing, there were plenty of parties to go to in Snowmass; however, if you wanted to party in Aspen, your best bet was to contact **Nancye Hinckley** and **Pat Garner**. These ladies were in Aspen so much they received volume rates from Mellow Yellow Taxi. At Andre's, A spen's local hot spot, **Tim Coen** indulged in several light beers (according to **Pam Evans** "to get him in the mood") and set a new personal dancing record. Were there any other records set after the dancing? Also at Andre's, **Linda Lyons** performed her rendition of Madam Butterfly with a stranger she had met.

As you know, the mountain air attacks the hormonal system and our group had not been vaccinated. Peggy McLane had a Cowtown maverick follow her home. Did she bring the stray in out of the cold? Only her roommate Donna Rapka knows for sure. While at Andre's, Keith Coen and Danyne Gavales were caught having close encounters. And to think that Yvette Perry was worried whether her daughters would understand why she didn't want to room with them. Dorothy McCraw and Ray Davis were missed by all at the Pina Colada Party (Thank you Ron and Roberta for a marvelous party). Did Dorothy have problems putting her ruby slipper on or did Ray have a glass slipper that fit? Speaking of fit, does anyone know if Karl Gautschi ever sold those ski pants he was trying to get rid of at the Pina Colada party? Tom (Bow Tie) Rogers, Bev Rogers, Steve Herrick and Darlyn Richards turned out to be real swingers while dancing. Learning that SCSC had won first place at the Awards Party was too much for Ike Hoffman to handle because after the party he was showing public affection to a rubber harlot. Ike may not be discriminate with his dates but he sure can cook.

Following a great week in the slopes, we had to prepare to leave. Loading up the bus was not an easy task and thanks must be given to Lotty Gautschi for showing the bus driver where he could make room for one more piece of luggage. The trip to the airport turned into a lingering experience when our bus filed a mechanical chapter 13 on us. At first, we thought we were doomed. However, an empty Greyhound bus came to the rescue and had us at the airport with only enough time to check all the luggage in as a group. All of a sudden your ATC found himself with over 120 luggage tags. Thanks to all the people that volunteered we were able to collect our baggage at Houston Intercontinental almost without delay. I say almost because Terry (the Turtle) Chamness thought it would be more convenient to get his car first and later pick up his bags.

### TEXAS SKI WEEK SNOWMASS II Had Casualties! AND the Only Gold Medal Winner! by John Rice & Ted Bergeron

On January 11, 42 party animals left Houston Intercontinental Airport for Snowmass, Colorado to enjoy the festivities that are Texas Ski Week Traditional. After arriving in Denver Saturday afternoon, we had a four hour bus ride ahead of us. The bus ride to Snowmass was a party in itself. Drawings were held all along the way, with ski gear and accessories given away, thanks to Ted and Debbie Bergeron's winnings at the Oshman Downhill in Houston. The highlight of the ride was the dancing on one of the ice chests by Debbie Bergeron, Mike Gerstenberger and Merlyn Harger. It was determined by Michelle Lamb, Terry Cummings and Debbie Bergeron that there were more bruises on the legs during the rowdy bus ride than from skiing.

At the Monday night welcome party, put on by Texas Ski Council and sponsored by Miller Lite, Floyd Hanks (SM II Race Director) found out the true meaning of "less filling." He was seen diving into the giant inflated Lite Beer can.

The only means of transportation in Snowmass for the group was the shuttle buses. Chuck Ratliff, Cherry Hynes and Loren Gulledge got very good at staying warm while waiting for the semi-efficient shuttles.

Tuesday afternoon the Balloon Practice Race was put on by our resident NASTAR champion, George Hirasaki, and assisted by Joe Murphy and Easy Thayer. It was fun for all those skiers that do not handle the NASTAR race as well as George (come to think of it, that's everyone!). Thanks, George!

**Pam Pailet** was one of two major casualties on the trip. She broke her ankle after two days of skiing, but she still got her "Rocky Mountain High" at the Timbermill Lodge every afternoon. **Joe Dar** was our other casualty. During a spectacular wipeout, he cracked two ribs on a film cartridge in his pocket. A fterwards, everyone in his condo left their cameras behind while skiing.

Janie Dar and her sister, Linda Stewart, were the most fashion conscious skiers on the slopes. They seemed to wear different ski outfits every day. Did they look marvelous!

Congratulations to our first time skiers, Sondra Katz, Jack Olson and James McClendon, who managed to come home with everything in working order. Eileen Kowis came home, however, with a slightly broken heart. She managed to overcome her extreme fear of learning to ski with the aid of a hunkof-a-ski-instructor, but had to leave him behind!

Landon Patschke was seen snow bank diving in his bathing suit after leaving the outdoor hot tub. His brother, **Dean Patschke**, always seemed to arrive late to the parties. He must have stayed on the slopes until dark, fieldtesting his new racing skis and boots.



SCSC using our own "Oxygen Masks."



George Hirasaki, Debbie Starns, Anne Bertolet, Ed Cain. As usual, everyone leans on George for help.



George Hirasaki, fastest male; Anne Bertolet, fastest female; Ted Bergeron - TC with 1st Place Trophy



Anne Bertolet "in good hands."

Sleeping arrangements were sometimes questionable during the trip. Floyd Hanks was molested one night by B. J. Temple, Peggy Bulanek and Ann McGowan, for trying to go to sleep too early. Ron Noska had to move his mattress to the hallway to get some sleep since Mike Gerstenberger was snoring so loudly. Charlie Naff liked sleeping with the sliding glass door open, which made getting up in the morning very difficult for John Rice and his other roommates.

Ted Bergeron was often spotted giving the "Phil and Steve Mahre Skiing Techniques" to **Rob** and Linda Stewart, Janie Dar and his wife, Debbie, who all followed along in his tracks.

Ed Cain could be found easily on the slopes. He was wearing a bright lime green wig, which was quite an eye catcher in the individual races on Friday and later at the Mountain Cookout & Fun Race. Of course, there was Dale Albritton with umpteen medals on his vest, setting off the metal detectors at the airport as he passed through them.

Snowmass II included the "Hanging Valley Wall Bunch" - George Hirasaki, Anne Bertolet and Harry Gaston, the dare-devil skiers who tested their skills at the super-expert rated Hanging Valley Wall.

Harry was given a surprise birthday party by his condomates. We hear that **Merlyn Harger** managed to get a surprise snapshot of him -- in his birthday suit in the bathtub no less!

That evening TSC held the Awards Party. **Debbie Starns, Suzan Funk, Lucy Fred** and **Janet Carpenter** kept the guys busy on the dance floor.

Mike Birowski and his fiancee, Terri Case, came from California to party with this bunch for the whole week. Terri kept everyone entertained on the bus ride back to Denver by reading their "love" horoscopes.

We are very proud of all our race participants and especially the medal winners on our trip, who we feel should be given special mention:

Gold Medal - George Hirasaki (fastest male) Silver Medals - Dale Albritton, Harry Gaston Bronze Medals - Joe Murphy, Anne Bertolet

(fastest female), Merlyn Hargar, Ed Cain, John Thayer, Ted Bergeron, Ron Noska, Roger Williams, Harry Melnick, Peb Rock

Final thanks to Dick Howard and TSC for giving us a great week of skiing and parties. Also, thanks to Billy Carter for providing a place for our Post-Trip Party and the following SCSC members greatly assisted in various a spects of conducting the Snowmass II trip; *Floyd Hanks, Debbie Bergeron, Charlie Naff, George Hirasaki, Joe Murphy, Billy Carter, and Easy Thayer.* 

(more photos on page 14)

## TEXAS SKI WEEK SNOWMASS III The Short Trip — With Feeling! by Jake and Ellwood



Top Row; left to right: Paul Van Slyke, Nancy Richardson, Jack Noonan, Charles Dougherty, Bill Landfield, Bill Kirk, Ted Widmer, Mike Hughes. Middle Row: Robert Scott, Charles Lechliter, Jane Dixon, Norm Rund. Bottom Row: Rick Wilkins, Gene Davis.

The Short Trip took a long leap to Snowmass on Wednesday, January 15th. If you didn't find yourself in a long line of 18 wheelers on the way to the airport, you could have been with Gayle Irving (who made it with five minutes to spare) watching cars burning on the freeway right in front of your eyes. This trip may have set a new record for increasing the SCSC membership as new members Jinx Chiles, John Dellis, Jane Dixon, Teri Fuller, Paul Van Slyke and David Vogt joined us for the experience. The Aspen Airway flight was not only late, but after a couple of touch and go attempts in the only snow shower all week, decided to return to Denver. So the whole bunch, minus Jack Noonan, Jim and Janet Keatts, bumped our way into Snowmass at 4:00 a.m. via our Colorado charter bus. Thanks to a delayed pit stop to pick up several bags of burned microwave popcorn, and Robert Scott's soothing cassette tapes, the five hour bus trip sped by with a few memorable moments, some fanciful and some real.

Lee Hall was the first casualty, slipping on the mean slopes of the walkway to the Stonebridge Inn while carrying the beer cooler. Our thanks to the hotels' staff, Brian and David, for hauling all that baggage at 4:00 a.m. and setting up our hospitality room. And thanks to Maggie the barmaid, who informed Rick Wilkins, Jim McLaughlin and Lynda Henry that they were under arrest for having

too much fun in the bar while trying to explain to the Australian singer our favorite national pastime. "What exactly is pinch-hitter, fellows?" The barroom antics of Roger Holzman, Leona Schroeder and Norm Rund paved the way for the world's worst practical joke, as Wilkins and McLaughlin continued to harass unsuspecting bystanders.

The race participation was marginal with 23 racers out of 39 participants on the trip, but we managed to accumulate 382 points towards the SCSC first place finish. Two Bronze medals were won as Charles Goodrich beat Ron Honefenger by .04 seconds to finish with a 55 handicap. The pacesetter must have eaten his Wheaties that morning.

Evening activities started as usual in the hot tub where aching muscles received some relief. There was quite a crowd and Mike Hughes gave up on finding a seat. Bill Kirk, (SM III Race Director) however, was not to be dismayed. After checking out the ladies sauna, "What were you looking for, Bill?" he jumped right in and joined the crowd. Nightly Happy Hours provided a starting spot for the nightly TSW activities and some fine dining experiences at local restaurants and nothing could prevent the hard core party folks from checking out the Aspen scene. Cliff Zapfel led a contingency including Gene Davis, Jim Woody, Jane Dixon and Charles Goodrich to the best Reggae band this side of Jamaica at

the "Paragon" until the wee hours of Friday morning.

In spite of all this excitement, some members remained calm and/or almost missing. Tom Bousquet was being sought by the Ski Patrol on Friday and Jan Eifert, the mystery lady, was rarely seen. Thanks to Bill Landfield, who provided name tags so we could remember who we were, the Charles's --Daugherty, Luschen and Lechliter --were able to maintain their identity.

On Saturday night, most journeyed to Aspen to watch the Winterskol activities with the Torch Parade down "Little Nells" run and a most fantastic fireworks display. Not all the fireworks were on the mountain, but that's another story. It was touch and go whether Nancy Richardson would return with the trip or stay with the piano player at the "Copper Kettle."

As advertised, our fourth day of skiing was a beauty. A diehard contingency of Deb Gann, Gwen Hale, Mike Gay, Lee Hall, Dick Keitt, Barbara Roberts, Russell Morris, Ron Honefenger, Gayle Irving and Marcia Crockett took advantage of the opportunity. Unfortunately, our only casualty on the slopes, Marianne Poythress, could not enjoy the last day of skiing with her bad knee, but she held up well at the Apres Ski activities. The trip home was uneventful but fulfilling.

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LEFT: The gang after the NASTAR Races. RIGHT: Liz, Thelma, Mary, Charles and Roberta relaxing before heading to Aspen.





**LEFT:** Joe Dar, Janie Dar, Robert Stewart and Linda Stewart got the Bus Party started in style! CENTER: WHO was that Masked Man? RIGHT: Rob Stewart, Janie Dar, Linda Stewart, Debby Bergeron, Ted Bergeron, and Terry Cummings enjoying the slopes.

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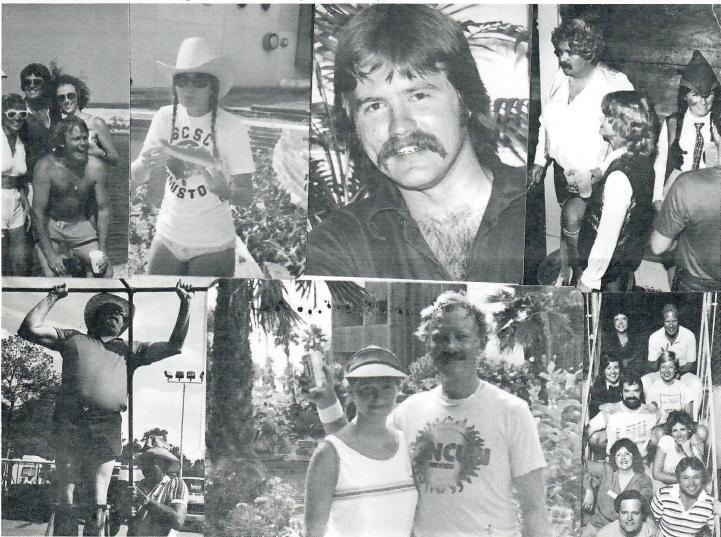


LEFT: The Aspen Gang! ABOVE: Sherry Lewis and Bette Werlin looking over the race course. BELOW: ATC Jim Woody trying to make up for all those 4 a.m. bedtimes.





Recognize any of these faces in the crowd???







Loading up the singles or the couples on smoking or non-smoking. One bus headed east, R. L. Scott and Virginia Howard

# **TRANSPORTATION LUBRICATION TOUR**

the other bus went west.

by Cindy Chandler

On Saturday, January 25th, two charter buses provided transportation to Houston's local pubs and clubs for member's lubrication.

RIGHT: Layna Adams, Joyce Foster, Gayle Speck, Jeri Hartman, Landon Patschke and David Foster at Studebaker's. Obviously, a good time was being had by all!







Joe Murphy leaving Studebaker's Bar with ????

Gayle Speck and Cindy Chandler, Trip Leader. BELOW: left, Michelle Lamb, Melissa and Bob Frazier, and Merlin Harger enjoying dinner at the meeting place, TGI Friday. Center: Marianne Perry and Connie Hinshaw at Remington's Bar. Right: Carlos Febles, Joan Burback and Roberta Rambin leading the group with the Hockey Pokey as they leave the Safari Bar.



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> **Road Rally Early Spring**

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# **WINNERS!**

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### **STANDING RULE CHANGES FOR 1985-86**

### **3.0 TRAVEL ALLOWANCE**

3.1A The Club Officers shall be allowed a travel allowance not to exceed the final trip participant net cost of the most expensive prior year nonholiday seven-night Club trip to the state of Colorado. The Director(s) of Trips each shall be allowed a travel allowance equal to 3/4 that of the elective officers. The Travel allowance shall be applied to any Club arranged trip(s) occurring during term of office.

### 9.0 RECORDS

- 9.5 Trip records should be kept for the past 3 years or as so decided by the current Board.
- 9.6 Other records should be kept for the past 3 years or as so decided by the current Board.

**10.0 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DUTIES** 10.5B Publish the annual Club membership

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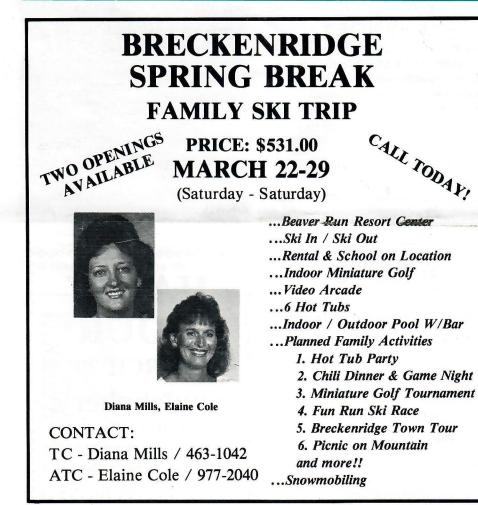
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By applying for membership in SPACE CITY SKI CLUB, INC. ("Club"), I hereby certify that I have read, that I understand, and that I agree to abide by all the Standing Rules of the Club. I understand that payments made for ski trips and other Club activities may not be refundable in whole or in part and that all payments will be handled in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Standing Rules as may be supplemented by decisions of the Executive Committee of the Club. More particularly, I have read the portions of the Standing Rules set forth below and I agree that should I elect to participate in a ski trip or in any other Club activity, all payments made by me shall be subject to said Standing Rules.

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

#### **5.0 TRIP PENALTIES**

5.1 If a trip participant withdraws from a trip after the specified final payment date, the trip participant will lose his entire payment unless he or she can be replaced from the waiting list, or the Trip Coordinator is able to recover some or all of the participant's costs by cancellation of lodging, transportation, and/or other commitments. The trip participant will be entitled to the entire amount recovered by replacment or cancellation of arrangements less the cancellation fee stipulated in section 5.2 of these Standing Rules and any extra expenses incurred by the Club in cancelling any of the previously made arrangements. The trip's showing a profit or loss will not be a factor in determining the exact refund due. Also, if the Trip Coordinator failed to exercise a reasonable effort in cancelling accommodations or finding a replacement, the Executive Committee will award the refund, less the cancellation fee.

### 5.2 CANCELLATION FEES.

- A. A participant may forfeit his full deposit if he fails to notify the Club in writing of his intent to wilthdraw prior to the published final payment dates. A minimum charge of \$10 will be assessed for each trip cancellation, and such charges will be increased by \$5 per month for each additional calendar month or portion thereof the participant's reservation is held prior to cancellation. Cancellation fee, however, may not exceed the amount of the trip deposit.
- B. A participant cancelling from more than one trip shall be charged \$25 in addition to the calculated cancellation fee for each cancellation subsequent to the first cancellation.
- 5.3 A charge of \$5.00 will be assessed for each trip transfer.
- 5.4 Deposit, transfer and cancellation charges for non-domestic trips shall be determined by the Executive Committee and included in the trip release as well as in all trip publicity; in no case shall these requirements be less than those provided in section 5.2 and 5.3 of these Standing Rules.

### 7.0 RESTRICTIONS

- 7.1 Allowing non-trip participants to occupy any room as a non-registered guest is strictly prohibited, and in violation of Club policy and subjects the member to disciplinary action.
- 7.2 The illegal use of controlled substances during Club trips, or on any other official Club function, is in violation of Club policy and is strictly prohibited.
- 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.

#### **8.0 MISCELLANEOUS**

- 8.1 TRIP SIGN-UP. No member shall be allowed to sign up for any ski trip prior to the September regular meeting.
- 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 from sale shall be left up to the lodge.
- 8.3 NON-SKI TRIPS/ACTIVITIES. Reservations for participation in such activities may require full payment, instead of a deposit fee.

I hereby appoint the Club, its officers, and agents, as my agent to perform all acts and to enter into any and all contracts as may be deemed desirable in connection with any ski trip or other Club activity. I understand that the Club acts only as coordinator and accepts no responsibility for the services of any person, ski area, airline, motor coach, hotel or any organization whatsoever rendering any of the services or accommodations being offered on any trip. Ski trip and other activity fees are based upon current tariffs and are subject to change without notice. The Club accepts no responsibility in whole or in part for any delays, delayed departure or arrival, missed plane or other carrier connections, loss, damage or injury to person or property, mechanical defect or failure of any nature howsoever caused, or for any substitution of hotels or of common carrier, with or without notice, or for any additional expenses occasioned thereby. I fully understand that the Club is a voluntary association run by volunteers who have no special training in conducting ski trips or other activities. By participating, I do not rely on the expertise of any director, officer, activity coordinator or the agents of any of the foregoing. I agree that I am solely responsible for my personal safety and conduct and for meeting all payment deadlines. Should I miss a departure, I understand that I may not be able to recover any part of my trip or activity payment. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Club, its directors, officers, and agents or contractors from any loss, cost or expense incurred by or atributable in any way to me in connection with any ski trip or other activity. I agree to abide by the Bylaws, rules and regulations of the Club and the rulings of Trip and Activity Coordinators in connection with any ski trip or other activity.