

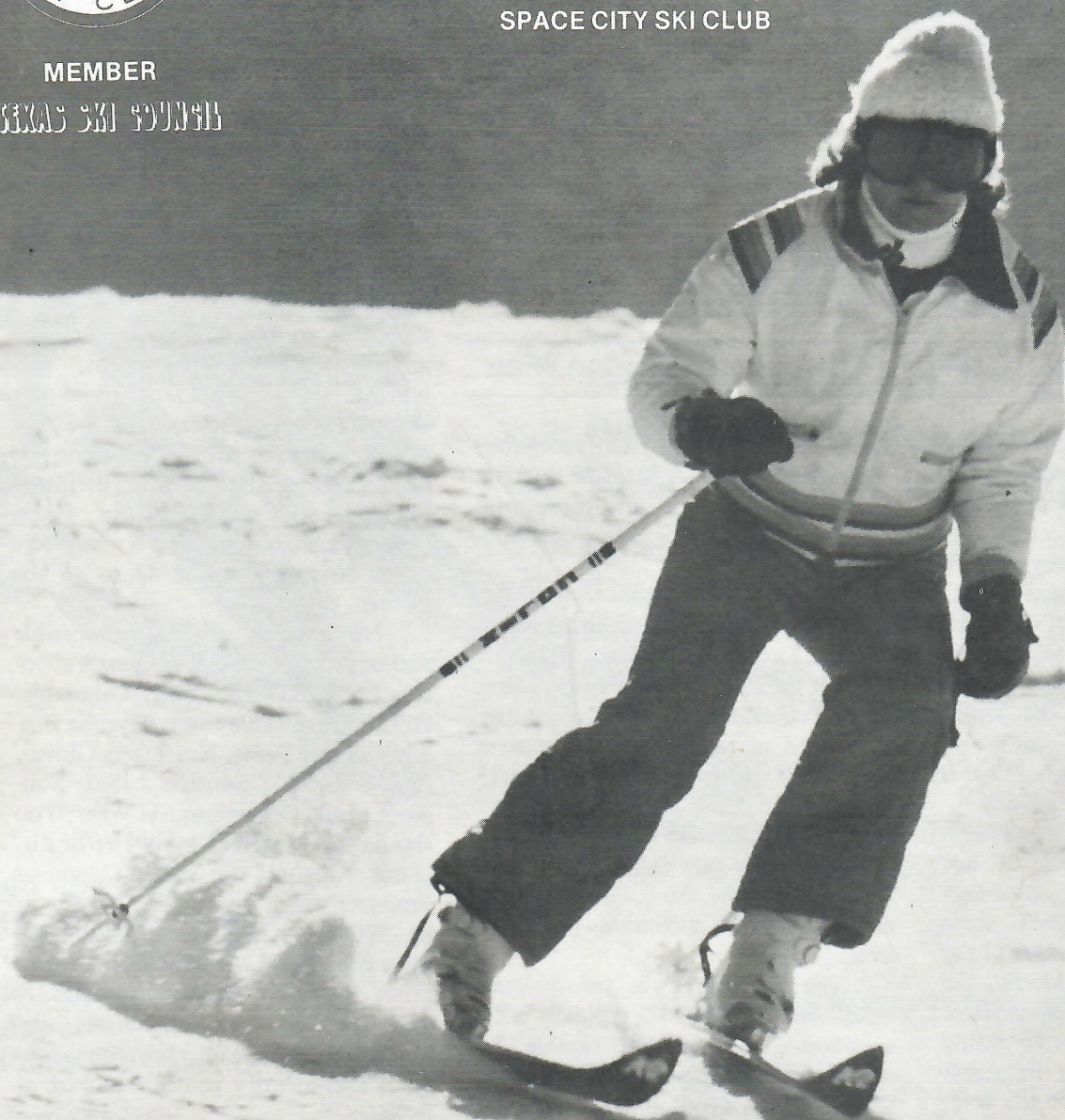


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TEXAS SKI COUNCIL

# *The* SitzMarke

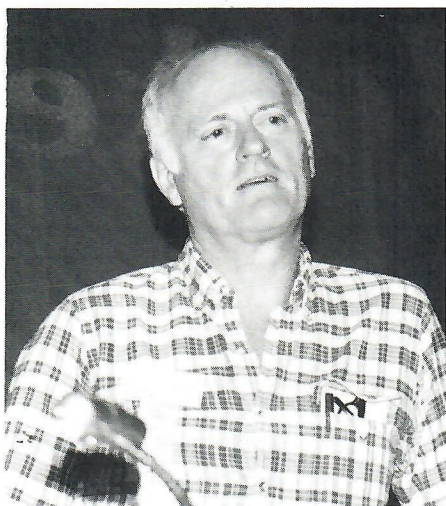
SPACE CITY SKI CLUB

NOVEMBER 1986



SKI SEASON STARTS  
**NOW**





## TO A LARGER CUP

### HEAD OF THE LIFTLINE

by Gordon Wise

Many of you will recall the meeting in April of last year when **Ron Smith**, then President, took possession of the Texas Ski Cup, filled it with champagne and drank to our success. Many of you also have commented upon his absence at many of our functions this year which I will now explain as due to the unmentionable disease which he picked up from the Alpine Ski Club who, as the prior year's winner, was reluctant to let it go. (*That is almost as bad as Autumn Leaves.*)

Those of you who stood with Autumn in the long lines at last September's meeting to take advantage of low cost trips obtained some firsthand experience of the value of the Texas Ski Council. Quite briefly, the Texas Ski Council is comprised of twenty-one Texas based snow skiing clubs, of which Space City is the largest with approximately 18% of the total membership. In addition to providing the obvious benefit of mass purchasing and the resulting discounts and amenities, the Council sponsors what is known as the TEXAS SKI CUP CHALLENGE SERIES. Elsewhere in these pages you will notice that the program trips this year include the Fall Roundup at Keystone, Texas Ski Week at Steamboat, the Winter Shoot-out at Crested Butte and the Final Showdown in Heavenly Valley. On each of these trips, representatives of the Council promote downhill slalom racing according to a prescribed procedure.

The whole idea of racing is to encourage participation and friendly competition among the clubs of the

Council. The scoring system recognizes the clubs with the most good skiers at each event and not just those with numerical strength or a few outstanding skiers.

The Ski Council Race Committee, which governs the racing program, is headed by our own **Jim McIntyre**. Each of the four specific trips will have a race coordinator and a committee comprised of the race representatives from each participating club. **Sherry Lewis** is our Club Race Director and her responsibility is to coordinate with each of the trip race directors to ensure that we know the rules, abide by them, and encourage maximum participation.

The race itself is on a basic NASTAR course which typically is on a smooth average hill skiable by anyone who has ever been on skis. It is a giant slalom layout under normal circumstances. Each club races in the same time slot against a pace setter whose time becomes the standard against which each of our times is compared to determine points in the competition. NASTAR medals are also awarded based on the age handicapping system. Since the course conditions change during the day, a new standard time is established before each club races. Each racer has one run unless he has a false start or some sort of malfunction. To finish gets us at least one point regardless of your time.

On Council trips, one or more cups will be awarded for the trip event and points will be awarded the club toward the Texas Ski Cup Trophy.

When Space City won last year, it was because of several second place finishes which allowed us to accumulate more total points toward the Cup. I keep referring to *THE* Cup; however, it is really three cups because there are three divisions in the Texas Ski Council based on numbers in each club.

Each month when I receive the *Sitzmarke* and turn to this column to find out what I said, the picture at the top of the page reminds me that we are not getting any younger. To satisfy the geriatric set, the Council has created a Senior's Division for individual racers. These races have nothing to do with the Cup, but are just further competition among the individual clubs, and trophies are awarded to individual participants who are selected by the race director on each trip from among the participants attending. What defines a senior depends on the number of participants on the trip, but it is essentially 47 to 50 for men and 42 to 45 for women.

Now, none of this is possible without sponsorship. This year's sponsors are Miller Lite Beer, Oshman's, Head Skis, Raichle Boots, Tyrolia Bindings, Aerro Poles, Hotfingers Gloves, Bonne Belle Cosmetics, ISki Sunglasses, and Obermeyer Ski Wear. You should have received a booklet of discount coupons for specific sponsor products which was negotiated for us by TSC representatives. Additionally, these companies will provide their products as prizes at the Council trips. If you see their representative, say thanks; or better yet, buy their products and identify yourself as part of SCSC.

So for the seventy or so of us that are heading to Keystone for Thanksgiving, get to know your race directors. On the number two trip, the short trip, she is **Ann Bertolet**. On the week-long trip, talk to **Ron Rambin** for the information you need.

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### ASK AN OFFICER

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Gordon Wise.....	827-1443
Ann Batten.....	558-0381
Bob Wilbanks.....	497-4418
Cindy Garrett.....	956-8892
Harold Eaton.....	995-4710
Pete Meaden.....	784-5829
Pam Holder.....	988-1075

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# IT'S A DATE!

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## NOVEMBER

- 1 Renaissance Festival
- 2 Executive Committee Meeting
- 4 TC-ATC Meeting
- 10 GENERAL MEETING
- 15 Golf Tournament
- 15 Introduction to Snow Skiing
- 19 OSHMAN's Downhill  
*This is a change of date*
- 20 Happy Hour - The Ocean Club
- 21 Copper Mt. Pre-trip Party
- 22-29 Keystone II
- 25-30 Keystone I

## DECEMBER

- 3 Aspen Pre-trip Party
- 6 Texas Ski Council Meeting  
The Grand Hotel
- 8 GENERAL MEETING
- 10 Steamboat III Pre-trip Party
- 11 Christmas Happy Hour -Vargos
- 12 Steamboat II Pre-trip Party
- 14 Christmas Caroling
- 17 Steamboat I Pre-trip Party
- 28 Copper Mountain trip leaves

## JANUARY

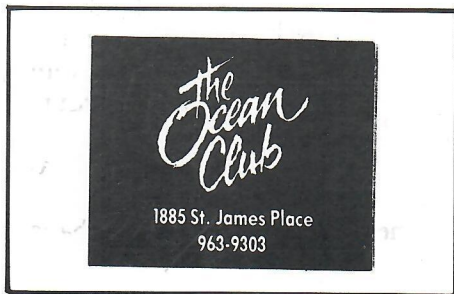
- To 4 Copper Mountain
- 6 Board of Directors Meeting
- 7 Big Sky Pre-trip Party
- 8 Crested Butte Pre-trip Party
- 10-17 Steamboat I } *Texas*
- 10-17 Steamboat II } *Ski*
- 13-18 Steamboat III } *Week*
- 18-25 Aspen Traditional
- 19 GENERAL MEETING
- 22 Happy Hour
- 27 Cortina Pre-trip party
- 31 Crested Butte Trip leaves
- 31 Steamboat II Post-trip Party

## SITZMARKE DEADLINE

- November 10 - December Issue

Mail to: **BOB WILBANKS**

11555 Riverview Dr. • Houston, Texas 77077



## GENERAL MEETING

Annual winter style show  
Furs and ski clothes  
Monday, November 10  
The Grand Hotel  
7:30 p.m.

## THIRD ANNUAL SCSC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, November 15  
11:00 a.m.  
Four man scramble

## INTRODUCTION TO SNOW SKIING

Leisure Learning Class  
Taught by SCSC's Beth Nolen  
Saturday, November 15  
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

## HAPPY HOUR

Thursday, November 20  
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
The Ocean Club  
Free Buffet - No Cover

## KEYSTONE II

Saturday, November 22  
to November 29  
See Trip Coordinator for exact time  
6 days of early skiing

## KEYSTONE I

Tuesday, November 25  
to November 30  
See Trip Coordinator for exact  
departure time  
4 days of early skiing



# Jump Into SAVINGS!

## SKIWEAR

**SKI JACKETS** **\$59<sup>99</sup>**

By Famous Makers. Compare at \$110<sup>00</sup>

**SKI BIBS** **\$39<sup>99</sup>**

Deluxe Features, Compare at \$70<sup>00</sup>

### Famous Brands By

- Colmar • Gerry • Mother Karen • Nils
- Obermeyer • Serac • Tyrolia • Lido
- Eir • Pacific Trail

## SKI ACCESSORIES

**SKI GLOVES** **\$39<sup>99</sup>**

Kombi Gore-Tex®, Compare at \$46<sup>00</sup>

**SKI GOGGLES** **\$19<sup>99</sup>**

Olympic by Scott, Compare at \$27<sup>50</sup>

**LEATHER GLOVES** **\$24<sup>99</sup>**

& MITTENS assorted, Compare at \$32<sup>00</sup>

## SKI EQUIPMENT

**10% OFF**  
SKI TUNE-UP  
with Ski Club Membership Card

**10% OFF**  
ALL SKI PACKAGES  
with Ski Club Membership Card

### Famous Brands By:

- Nordica • Raichle • Lange • Rossignol • Olin • Elan • Atomic

Not All Brands At All Locations



## TENNIS & SKI WAREHOUSE



- LANTERN LANE, 12526 Memorial (Between Gessner and West Belt) **464-2639**
- CHAMPIONS VILLAGE I, 6540 FM 1960W (one mile east of Willowbrook Mall) **537-0928**
- BRIARGROVE PLAZA, 6100 Westheimer (Between Hillcroft and Chimney Rock) **783-8180**

- SOUTHWEST FONDREN VILLAGE, Fondren at W. Belfort (Next to Palais Royal) **778-0203**
- SOUTHPOINT CENTER, Gulf Fwy at Fuqua (across from Dan Boone Chevrolet) **481-5217**





*View of our picnic on the "beach" from the crow's nest.*



*One of the SCSC marauder boats attacking with water balloons.*

## REDFISH ISLAND EXCURSION

by Gary K. Anderson

The denizens and other inhabitants of Redfish Island are still wondering what to do with all the water balloons left by 147 SCSC members who descended on the island September 13. The exploding balloons as well as the overcast skies kept us comfortable. Most sailors could have used more wind that we had, but there were many neophytes glad to have the boats upright.

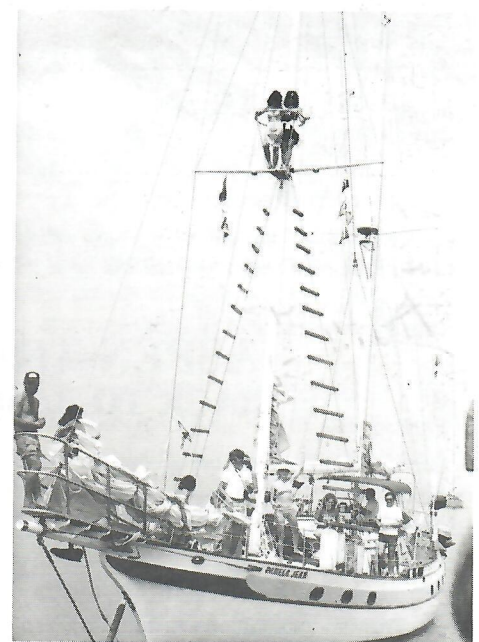
We had a tremendous turnout and were able to accommodate all who wanted to go with the help of Ted Widmer, Gloria Abel, Ed Barnett, Ron Garner, Barbara Miller, Donna Kiely, Jim White, Joe Murphy and Gary Anderson who all volunteered their boats. We also called on non-members Bill Arnold, Bill McCann, and Doug Schwartz to help accommodate our members on their boats.

Several hundred water balloons after departure from Clear Lake, the group arrived at Redfish and amidst a shower of close range water balloons unloaded 600 pieces of chicken, 150 containers of cole slaw, 15 cases of beer, 15 cases of soft drinks, 22½ gallons of wine and 50 pounds of ice. We had enough!

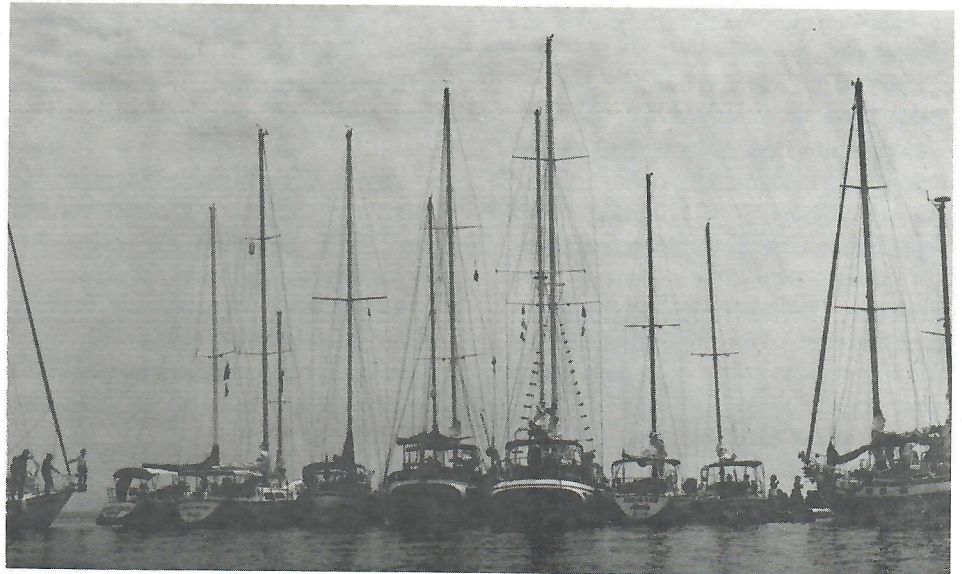
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*Jorge Blanco, Bill Vasen, Bob Wilbanks, Layna Adams, Pete Meaden preparing to drop anchor at Redfish.*



*Crow's nest with 2 "birds."*



*The boats at Redfish.*





*Aspen/Snowmass. Historic Aspen, born in the 1880's, retains its Victorian charm. Gas lamps line Aspen's pedestrian shopping malls and horse drawn carriages await passengers.*

Courtesy of Aspen Skiing Company/Michael Kennedy photo

## ASPEN TRADITIONAL BACK TO BASICS, IN STYLE!

A number of you have been wondering, "What's an 'Aspen Traditional' anyway?" It's the epitome of "Back to Basics" in the fine luxurious style all of us have begun to expect. This trip to Aspen, once the original nucleus of the ski club, now adds all of the extras to combine the best of both worlds!

Let's explore the exciting offerings of this flagship trip!

### THE TOWN

Aspen -- the town -- has an ambience and charm all its own. This is a real Victorian town nestled in a beautiful setting. Since it is a real town, it's got it's own style -- sort of easy elegance. That means while you ponder the choice of over 100 restaurants for dinner, you'll know that you don't have to dress up for any of them. Aspen claims more restaurants, shops and galleries than any other ski resort in the country.

It's still easy to get around town on foot, but there are free and frequent shuttle buses to carry you back and

forth from the mountains, from shopping and from partying.

### THE MOUNTAINS

The four mountains that make this area America's favorite ski complex speak for themselves. First, there's Aspen Mountain -- the one that started it all. This legend keeps the experts coming back. Add to this tradition a new facelift, including a new gondola from the base of the mountain (right near our condo) all the way to the top.

Aspen Highlands boasts incredible views from the area's greatest vertical drop. This mountain is great for everyone from beginners to experts.

Buttermilk Mountain offers cruisin' and learnin' along with some of the best views of the Maroon Bells and Pyramid Peak, all without the hassles of lift lines.

Snowmass is the fourth mountain, and maybe we saved the best for last. Its 1,500 acres of skiable terrain makes it one of the largest ski areas in North

*(continued on page 15)*



*Lone Mountain serves as a striking backdrop for skiers at Big Sky resort in southwestern Montana.*

## BIG SKY POWERHOUND HEAVEN

Big Sky offers two major mountain ranges, two gondola systems, over 55 miles (40 trails) of skiing for all levels and more area to ski than people in line. With an average snowfall of 400 inches per year. Temperatures compare to Sun Valley and Vail and low humidity promotes light dry snow, known as "cold smoke."

We'll fly to Bozeman, Montana, and after a 1 hour bus ride, arrive at Big Sky. Stillwater Condominiums are across the street from the ski lifts. We'll be in one-bedroom with loft units; each bedroom and/or loft has its own private bathroom. We have the use of the outdoor heated pool, sauna and Jacuzzi at the Huntley Lodge. A get-acquainted wine and cheese party, and organized bar hopping during Happy Hour throughout the week, will be part of our after-ski activities. A group dinner is also planned at one of the local restaurants. Midweek, we'll be offering an optional all-day snowmobiling trip in Yellowstone National Park. This unique experience will take you as far as Old Faithful in just 2-3 hours, stopping along the way to see buffalo herds, elk, eagles and other wildlife in their natural setting. A great week of skiing -plus unique other activities.

TC: RAY NAUDAIN

(H) 683-3898

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*Big Sky's massive bowl area is powderhound's heaven!*



*Skiing untracked powder on Big Sky's Andesite Mountain with Lone Mountain as the backdrop.*



*The beauty of the Spanish Peaks Wilderness unfolds from Big Sky's ski runs.*

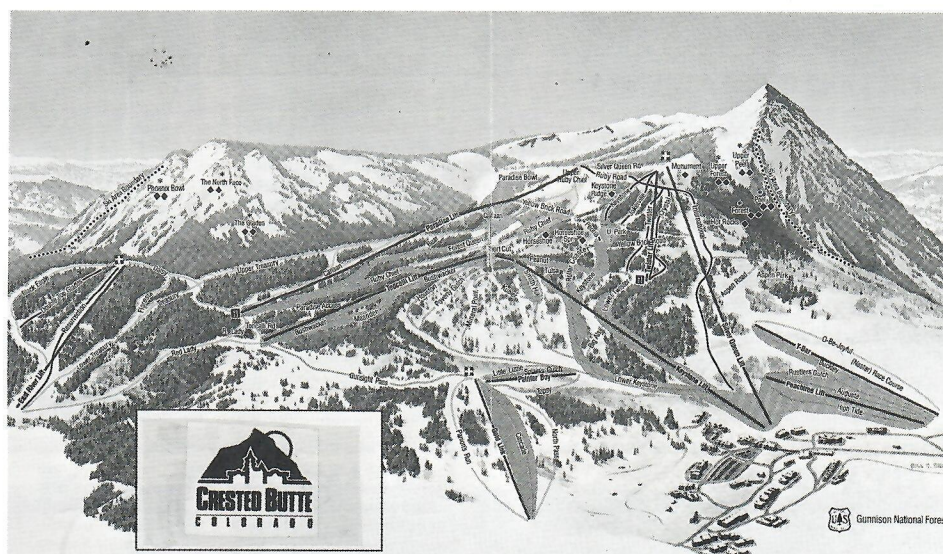


*A ski vacation to Big Sky, Montana is made extra-special with a day of snowmobiling in Yellowstone National Park.*



All photos courtesy of Big Sky Ski Resort

THINK SNOW  
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## CRESTED BUTTE OFFERS SKIING LIKE IT USED TO BE

What's your preference, bumps and lumps? Find happiness among Jokersville's monstrous moguls! Or maybe, if it is your first time out...ski Houston, of course. It is the longest non-cat trail green run in the Rockies!

Crested Butte has it all...easy, expert, lots of challenging intermediate slopes, cross-country skiing, indoor tennis, shops, gourmet restaurants, great apres ski, and it's all contained in one of Colorado's more picturesque little mining towns.

We will leave Houston Saturday, January 31, flying 44 adventure-loving SCSCers to a "Great Unknown" ski area for many Texans. This trip, which includes six full days of skiing, is one of the best dollar valued ski packages offered at only \$519.00. With direct flights into Gunnison via American and deluxe hotel suite rooms at the New Grande Butte Hotel -- just add a Jacuzzi and a massage and this trip says "Perfect Ski Vacation."

In addition, other social freebees will be ours since this is a TSC sponsored trip. Included will be a complimentary Welcome Party, daily Happy Hours and Awards Party. The "NASTAR" Race competition with other TSC members will excite and challenge each of us, too.

For a relaxing six-day ski vacation you can share in the fun of this SCSC trip. This's one's for you!

## REDFISH ISLAND (cont. from pg. 5)

Billy Nowak brought her sailboard but ran out of wind. Barbara Miller with stalwarts like Scott Petersen, Tom Mercer, Pam Holder, Harold Eaton, Lynn Danhouaser Eaton, Chris Smith, Woody Shifflet, Don Wiedeman aboard had to be led out of the oyster reef they had found with the keel of the boat. Lots of help navigating!

The only person able to pry Ted Bergeron off the wheel on Ding How was Becky Hall, and that was only so that she could demand that the engine be shut off and all the sails be put up. This with no wind!

The SCSC volunteer spirit came through with flying colors when it came time to leave Redfish and we cleaned more off of it than we brought to it. As a matter of fact, we worried as to whether Joe Murphy and Gloria Abel would make it back without sinking what with all the garbage bags aboard. The non-member captains were most impressed with the SCSC and its spirited members.

Everyone involved had a marvelous time and is looking forward to the next excursion as an excuse to thaw out from the winter skiing.

## PICTURES FOR SALE

Black and white photos of SCSC activities, members (and a few guests?) - \$2.00 up. Get that picture of him before "that other woman" does. See the red loose-leaf binder on the meeting podium -- if you see a photo you want, take it, and replace it with two \$1.00 bills. Proceeds help get more photos in the Sitzmarke.

EDITOR

TC: ELAINE BARNETT

977-4439 (H)



# SCSC'S 1986-1987 SKI TRIPS

## KEYSTONE I THANKSGIVING

Nov. 25-Nov. 30

\$329

TC, MELISSA FRAZIER - 777-2061

ATC, SCOTT PETERSON - 626-5283

- Texas Ski Council trip
- 4 days of skiing for 1 day of vacation
- Happy hours, night skiing, Thanksgiving dinner
- No risk skiing with Keystone's massive snowmaking equipment



## KEYSTONE II THANKSGIVING

Nov. 22-Nov. 29

\$390

TC, ED CAIN - 541-3600

ARE YOU READY???

- First trip of the year - virgin snow
- 7 days of skiing
- 24 participants
- Best snow of the year for the last 3 years



## COPPER MT. CHRISTMAS TRIP

Dec. 28-Jan. 4

\$600

TC, BOB VAN ORDEN - 461-3336

ATC, PEGGY BAILEY - 975-1378

- Family Trip - bring the kids, bring the wife
- Singles Trip - come by yourself or bring a special friend
- Adult parties and Kids' parties for New Year's Eve



## STEAMBOAT I TEXAS SKI WEEK

Jan. 10-Jan. 17

\$416

TC, BECKY HALL - 783-9990

ATC, KEVIN HILL - 680-2003

- 7 nights, 6½ days of skiing
- Accommodations at The Lodge at Steamboat
- Parties/Races
- Texas Ski Week activities



## STEAMBOAT II TEXAS SKI WEEK

Jan. 10-Jan. 17

\$406

TC, BILL VASEN - 482-5501

ATC, LYNN D. EATON - 995-4710

- Theme party, hot tub party, pizza party, group dinner
- Challenge race, fun race, and the famous cowboy Downhill
- Sleigh rides, balloon rides, snow-cat rides, and natural hot springs
- How can you miss it?



## STEAMBOAT III TEXAS SKI WEEK

Jan. 13-Jan. 18

\$353

TC, ELAINE COLE - 977-2040

ATC, MIKE DZIUBA - 785-2527

- Leave late Tuesday
- 4½ days of skiing
- Sheraton Village Hotel - Ski-In/Ski-Out
- Lots of parties and Happy Hours!!



## ASPEN TRADITIONAL

Jan. 18-Jan. 25

\$590

TC, CHERYL CLEMENTS - 879-5691

ATC, GLORIA ABEL - 981-1273

ASPEN BOUND!

- RT Air into Aspen (no bus!)
- The Gant, 60 participants, Group Dinner
- Race against Clear Lake Ski Club
- Dinner, Sleigh Ride, Mountainside Picnic



## CRESTED BUTTE

Jan. 31-Feb. 7

\$519

ATC, ELAINE BARNETT - 977-4439

- TSC Trip
- Ski In - Ski Out
- Wine & Cheese Party



## BIG SKY "SKI THE SKY"

Feb. 14-Feb. 21

\$588

TC, RAY NAUDAIN - 683-3890

ATC, GINGER HOWARD - 772-2196

- Two major mountain ranges - two gondola systems
- 40 trails and 55 miles of skiing
- 400 inches of snow so light they call it COLD SMOKE
- SNOWMOBILING in Yellowstone



## CORTINA, ITALY

Feb. 20-Mar. 1

\$882

TC, JERRY MONTGOMERY - 437-5467

ATC, CAROL DIXON - 524-5428

- TSC sanctioned trip
- Price includes lift tickets
- Stay in a 4-star hotel, breakfast and dinner included in price
- Get acquainted party, TSC welcoming party, closing party



## TAOS

Feb. 24-March 1

\$340

TC, KARIN PERKINS - 977-9388

ATC, WOODY SHIFLETT - 568-1436

- Limit 42 fun skiers
- 4 full days of skiing
- Michael Martin Murphy Show
- Ambiance of New Mexico



## TELLURIDE

Feb. 28-March 7

\$506

TC, CARLOS FEBLES - 666-3669

ATC, HALL GOODSON - 785-2447

- 3 mountain parties and a dinner
- 300 inches of snow per year, short lift lines, 3,155-foot vertical drop
- Phenomenal scenery and a rustic Victorian town
- Like "Aspen before Hollywood hit"



## HEAVENLY VALLEY/ LAKE TAHOE

March 7-March 14

\$563

TC, DANA WARDELL - 497-8552

ATC, FLOYD HANKS - 485-6135

ATC, SHIRLEY LANG - 474-5873

- Final Showdown for Texas Ski Cup
- Nightly parties in addition to glamorous Lake Tahoe
- Spring Skiing at its finest



## SNOWBIRD/ ALTA

April 1-April 5

\$459

TC, JOE MURPHY - 468-1638

ATC, CINDY CHANDLER - 782-9055

- 16 lifts and 50 plus trails, 2500 acres of skiing
- Party every day and NASTAR race Friday
- Sports Illustrated said "this may be the Louvre of the world's ski resorts."



Ann Bertolet placed third in the Houston Ski Cup Race.



# SCSC 1986-1987 TRIP SCHEDULE

TRIP	DATES Depart Hou. Depart Area	Ski Days	Price	Final Pmt. Date	No. Skiers	Lodging Name Bedrm/Bath	Lift Ticket Prices	Special Activities	Trip Coordinator Asst. Trip Coordinators	Home Phone	Office Phone
<b>*KEYSTONE I TSC Fall Roundup</b>	Nov. 25 Nov. 30	4	\$329	Oct. 6	44	St. Johns 2/2	\$15/Day	TSC Club Race Awards Dinner Special Dinners	Melissa Frazier Scott Peterson	777-2061 626-5283	659-6551 966-5235
<b>*KEYSTONE II TSC Fall Roundup</b>	Nov. 22 Nov. 29	6	\$390	Oct. 6	24	St. Johns 2/2	\$15/Day	TSC Club Race Awards Dinner	Ed Cain	541-3600	
<b>COPPER MOUNTAIN Christmas Family Trip</b>	Dec. 28 Jan. 4	6	\$600	Nov. 3	44	Copper Mt. Resort 3/3	\$21/Day	New Years Eve Party Family Ski Trip Jacuzzi Sauna Heated Pool	Bob Van Orden Peggy Bailey	461-3336 975-1378	622-5232 795-4411 Sta. 3885
<b>*STEAMBOAT I Texas Ski Week</b>	Jan. 10 Jan 17	6½	\$416	Nov. 3	42	The Lodge at Steamboat 2/2 & 3/3	\$16/Day	TSC Activities Welcome Party Group Dinner Outdoor Hot Tub Party	Becky Hall Kevin Hill	783-9990 680-2003	781-5860
<b>*STEAMBOAT II Texas Ski Week</b>	Jan 10 Jan. 17	6	\$406	Nov. 3	42	The Lodge at Steamboat 2/2 & 3/3	\$16/Day	TSC Activities Theme Party Group Dinner Pizza Party	Bill Vasen Lynn D. Eaton	482-5501 995-4710	486-8151 792-3335
<b>*STEAMBOAT III Texas Ski Week</b>	Jan. 13 Jan. 18	4½	\$353	Nov. 3	42	Sheraton Village 1/1	\$16/Day	TSC Activities Mountain B-B-Q Group Dinner Champaign Hot Tub	Elaine Cole Mike Dzuiba	977-2040 785-2527	
<b>ASPEN TRADITIONAL</b>	Jan. 18 Jan. 25	6	\$590	Nov. 3	48	The Gant 2/2	OPT \$121.50 6/7 Day	Mountainside Picnic Fun Race Sauna Dinner Sleigh Ride	Cheryl Clements Gloria Able	879-5691 981-1273	658-8881 274-3540
<b>*CRESTED BUTTE Winter Shoot Out</b>	Jan. 31 Feb. 7	6	\$519	Dec. 1	44	Grande Butte Hotel 1/1	\$18/Day	TSC Parties Ski In / Ski Out Wine & Cheese Jacuzzis	Elaine Barnett	977-4439	
<b>BIG SKY, MONTANA</b>	Feb. 14 Feb. 21	6	\$588	Dec. 1	36	Stillwater Condo 1/Loft/2 Bath	\$18/Day	Happy Hours Group Dinner Snowmobiling Yellowstone	Ray Naudain Ginger Howard	683-3890 772-2196	488-1200
<b>CORTINA, ITALY TSC Sanctioned</b>	Feb. 20 Mar. 1	6	\$882	Dec. 1	42	Hotel Savoia 1/1	Included	Sauna Heated Pool Breakfast & Dinner Meals Disco Ski	Jerry Montgomery Carol Dixon	437-5467 524-5458	498-0810 226-6588
<b>TAOS</b>	Feb. 24 Mar. 1	4	\$340	Dec. 1	42	Sagebrush Inn New Condos Exe Suite	\$22/Day	Hot Tub & Fire Place Wine & Cheese Michael Murphy Dinner	Karin Perkins Woody Shiflett	977-9388 568-1436	241-3682
<b>TELLURIDE</b>	Feb. 28 Mar. 7	6½	\$542	Dec. 1	38	Riverside Condo 2/2 & 3/3	\$18/Day	Chili Dinner Cocktail Party Wine & Cheese	Carlos Febles Hall Goodson	666-3669 785-2447	
<b>*HEAVENLY VALLEY TSC Final Showdown</b>	Mar. 7 Mar. 14	6	\$563	Jan. 5	84	High Sierrria 1/1	\$88.00 4/5 Day Interchnng	TSC Parties Cross-Country Sking Opt. Wine & Cheese Party	Dana Wardell Floyd Hanks Shirley Lang	497-8552 485-6135 474-5873	652-0811 645-4141 486-1712
<b>ALTA/SNOWBIRD UTAH</b>	April 1 April 5	4	\$459	Feb. 2	42	Cliff Lodge 1/1	\$17/Day	Party Every Day Mountain Wine & Cheese Free NASTAR	Joe Murphy Cindy Chandler	468-1638 782-9055	

\*\*\*Any information shown on this sheet is subject to change.

\*\*Cortina, Italy requires a special \$300 Deposit, a \$100 cancellation fee, or \$35 transfer fee.

\*Texas Ski Council sponsored Trips.

All regular trip deposits are \$75. due at the time of signing. All or part of the deposit is non-refundable in accordance with the 'Standing Rules.'

**CINDY GARRETT, Vice President of Trips (H) 956-8892**

**BOB CRUSE, Director of Trips (H) 879-9141**

**BLAISE GUERRERO, Director of Trips (H) 479-1678**



# TENTH NON-ANNUAL and LAST MERCER'S



*Chow line and Halloween hats*



*We questioned Carlos' tug-of-war technique*



*Watching the game in style*



*But nobody questioned Debbie's or Lynn's technique*



*Waiting out the rain*



*Everybody looked great in the 3 legged race ...*



*No campout is complete without a campfire*



*Until you lose!!!!*



*Volle*



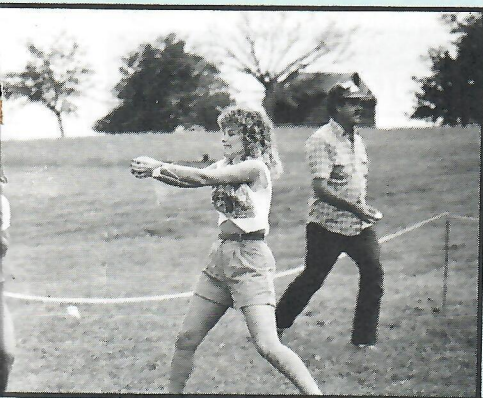
# CAMPOUT

## "THIS IS IT"

by Glenn Bishop and Bonnie Lloyd



*The egg toss is always neat --*



*Until you lose!!!!*



*Terry had the easy job here*

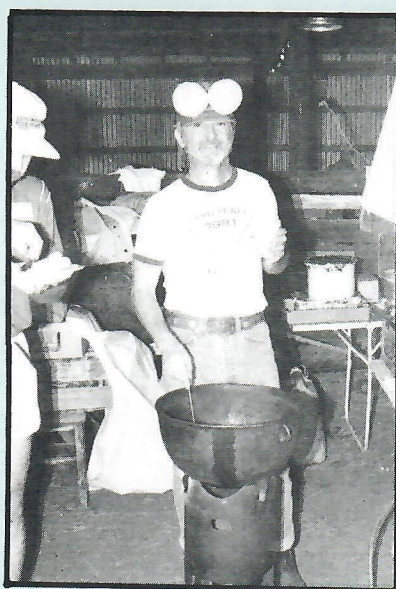


*ball was set up just outside the barn*

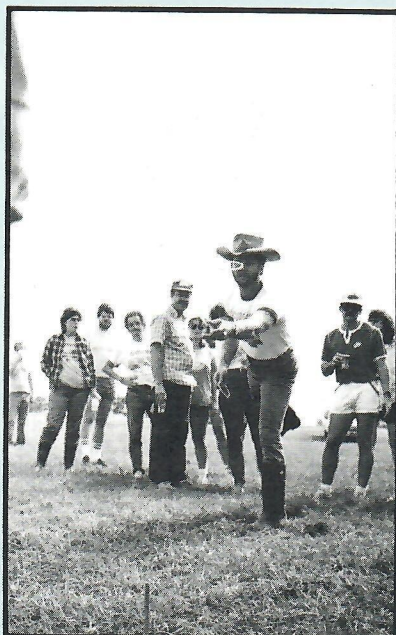
Friday, October 10 was a warm sunny day! Over eighty people arrived at the Mercer farm in Chappell Hill, Texas for the tenth and final campout. People came from all over the country - **Linda Licarione** and **Fred Kahrs** came from Dallas, **Steve Pulley**, **Sy Liebergot's** nephew, came from Philadelphia, **Jerry Pyle** came from Mississippi and the infamous **Bob Marwin** came in from Chicago. Spirits were free-flowing and high. Everyone enjoyed Sy's chili dinner accompanied by **Bill Kirk's** cornbread. There was lots of socializing and a few people tried out the dance floor built in the barn by **Tom Mercer** and **Glenn Bishop**. The plug on the generator was finally pulled about 12:30 and everyone crawled into their tents.

If anyone was not quite sure where they were Saturday morning, it soon became obvious, this was an "official" Mercer's campout. It was raining! **Howard Paillet** started coffee at 5:30 and by 7:30 the barn was full of wet campers eating fruit and donuts. **Cathy Brown** artistically arranged the fruit that she, **Mike Brown** and **Marty Matras** cut up.

Two TV's were set up in the barn to watch the 'stros play the Mets. Was that **Yana Bane** who started the wave?



*Chili: Master Cook*



*The ring toss (no, it's not through his nose)*

**Roberta Rambin**, **Pam Holder** and **Layna Adams** spent most of Saturday antique shopping in Brenham. Roberta gets the M. C. Antique Shopper award.

**Woody Shiflett** spent most of the morning looking for a Virgin to offer to the sun god. When that failed, he said after seven years without, you became a virgn again - even that failed.

A weekend with **Ty Smith** was the prize offered for the first place winner of the Mercer's first annual female mud wrestling contest. Ty, who won?

The Mercer Olympics were great fun. **Bob Cruse** was the official game master. It is amazing how quickly four teams can clean the corn for Saturday night's dinner and think it is fun. We also learned whoever is on the downhill side in tug-of-war wins, but it is still painful. Do you know how to break a tie in the tug-of-war contest? Why, you pass rings from person to person via the spoons twelve adults are holding in their mouth, of course. The black team had their own unique cheer! **Ed Cain** received the diplomacy award for telling all the heavy members of the black team to stand on one side.

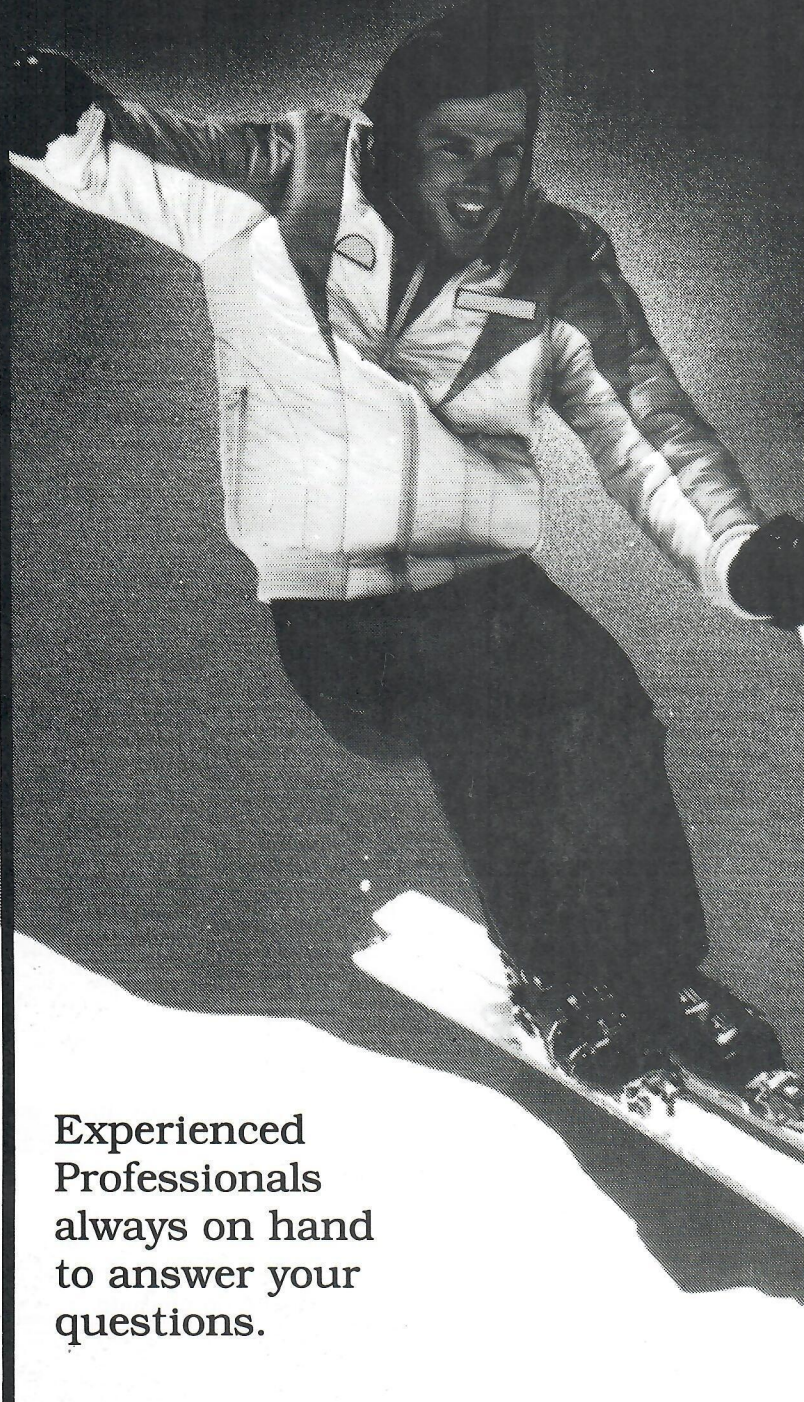
**Yana** and **Glenn** won the egg toss again! They must have a throw down (scuffed) hard boiled egg; however, the judges were never able to catch them with it. Two people with a gentle touch!

Saturday evening's steak dinner was fantastic. **Howard Paillet** cut 100 steaks for the 98 people about to eat. We picked our own steak and brought them to **Howard** or **Ray Naudain** to grill them. **Ann Batten**, **Sheri Johnson**, **Cheryl Clements** and **Bonnie Lloyd** kept the dinner line going. The dump cakes that **Pam**

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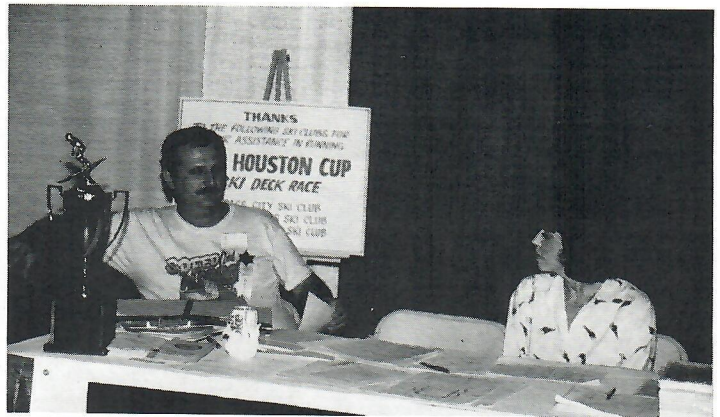
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*Bill Kirk, Debbie Dempler, and Floyd Hanks man the booth at the Houston Cup Races.*



*A. G. Davis and Ginger Howard run race booth at the Houston Cup races.*



*Merlyn Harger challenges the belt at the Houston Cup Races.*



*Harold and Lynn Eaton man the booth at the Summit Ski Sale.*

## SCSC PARTICIPATES AT LOCAL SKI SHOWS/ SALES EVENTS

September's Houston Cup Ski Show and Sale, which benefitted the Handicap Ski Program in Winter Park, Colorado, was lots of fun for those Space City Ski Clubbers who raced and volunteered to conduct the race.

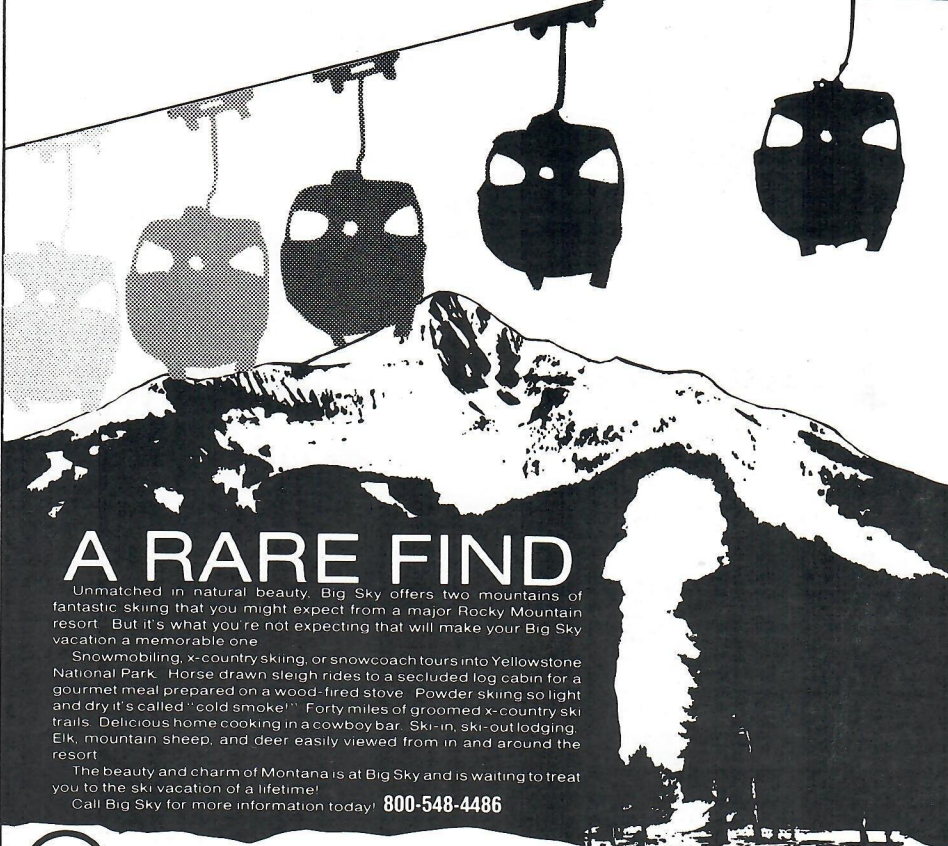
**Ann Bertolet** won third place in the first Houston Cup ski deck race competition. **Melissa Frazier** placed fifth. Other racers included **Mike Dziuba**, **Bill Vasen**, **Charles Goodrich**, **Becky Hall**, **Layna Adams**, **Glenn Bishop**, **Ron Rambin**, **Bob Wilbanks**, **Ray Naudain**, **Merlyn Harger**, **Dick Howard**, and **Bob Gottlieb**.

Volunteers helped in the Space City Ski Club information booth, at the race registration booth, and officiated at the races. Space City Ski Club would like to thank The Houston Independent Ski Dealers - principal sponsors of the event - and especially the volunteers listed below:

**Ann Batten**  
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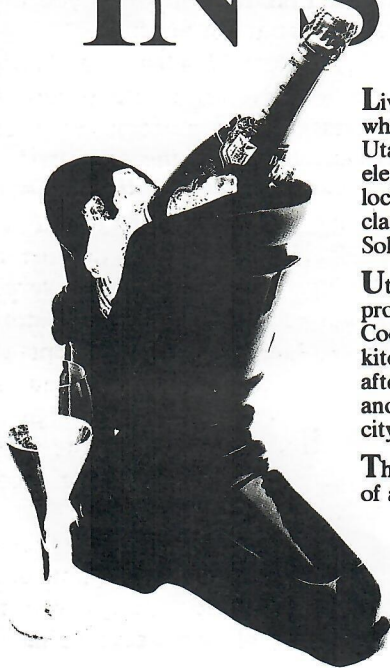
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*Rhonda Ross*

*Mike Dziuba*

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*Charles Goodrich*

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*Terry Wander*

*Dee Brown*

An extra big THANK YOU to A. G. Davis, who did a great job in organizing the volunteer effort for this event.

The following week, Space City Ski Club was invited to set up an information booth at the OSHMAN'S SUMMIT SKI SALE. Volunteers working the booth were:

*Bob Wilbanks*

*Lynn Eaton*

*Ed Cain*

*Pam Paillet*

*Lynn Burch*

*Randy Burchette*

*Pete Meaden*

*Harold Eaton*

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## Mercer's Campout (cont. from pg. 11)

Holder and Glenn Bishop made were a perfect final touch.

After dinner, some people danced, while others sat around the bonfire and mellowed out. Did anyone see **Michelle Lamb**? **Merlyn** said that she became invisible. **Plummer**, was that you under the blanket at the bonfire?

Ask **Pete Meaden** what happens when you sit on a brand new air-mattress with a knife in your back pocket. "**Pop goes the mattress!**"

As a grand finale to the Mercer Campout, the rain gods not only gave us rain, but wind, and thunder and lightning. Several tents were leveled. Everyone had their own storm stories. **Ron Holder** reported he slept with water up to his knees. **Ron** and **Roberta Rambin** remained high and dry in the "Hilton on the Hill." Whatever happened to our Scout-master **Gordon Wise**?

After breakfast, with the rain still falling, most of the participants decided they had had enough fun and gathered up all their wet camping gear for the trek back to warm showers and dry beds.

As activity coordinators, we would like to thank all of the people who helped organize the campout and all of the volunteers who helped us prepare meals and did whatever had to be done. Without your help the campout would not have been a success.

We would like to extend a special thanks to **Tom Mercer** and **Pam Holder** for opening up the farm to a group of wild and crazy SCSC partiers. Tom had a great idea eleven years ago, and most of us have some great memories from the past ten Mercer Campouts, but 1986 was the last. When Tom and Pam awoke Sunday morning with the rain falling, Tom said, "THIS IS IT!"

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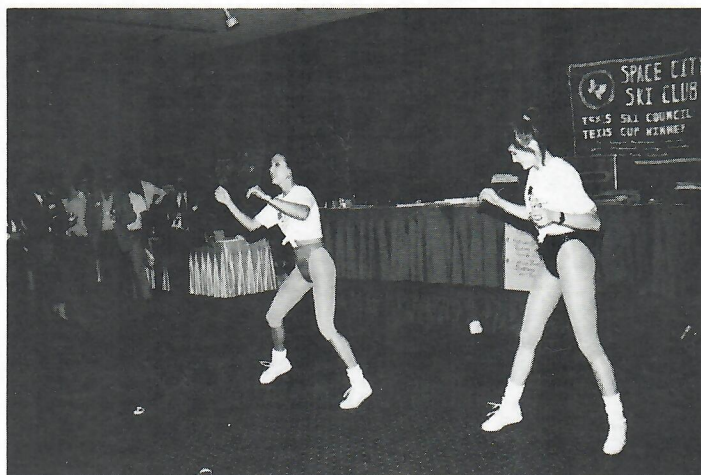
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