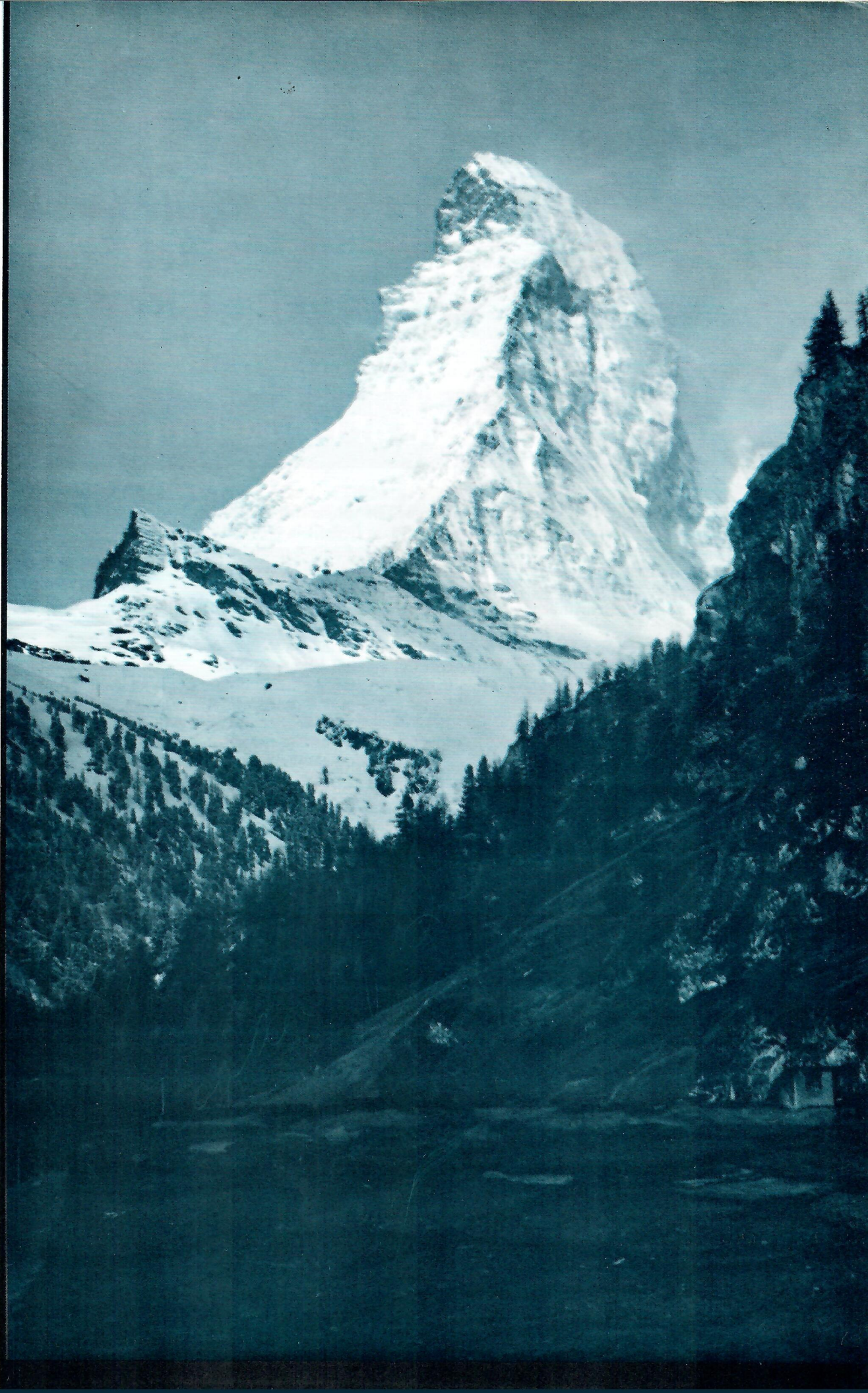
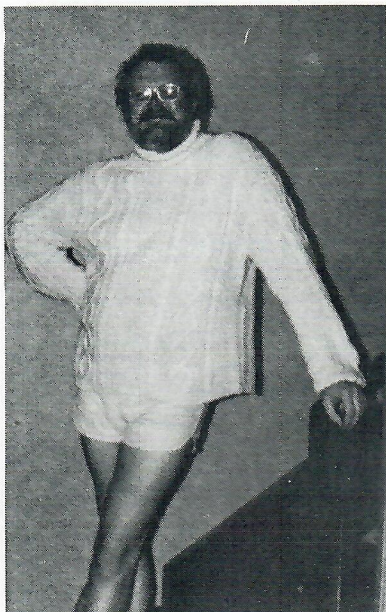


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# We're Really Moving in September to the GRAND!

## Head of the Liftline

by RON SMITH

Here it is August already, and we are just about ready to start our skiing year. The TC's and ATC's have worked up their budgets and it looks like we will have a good slate of trips for you to choose from. Remember, we will have our September meeting at the **Houston Grand**. The Grand is located on the corner of Westheimer and the West Loop (*just inside the Loop*).

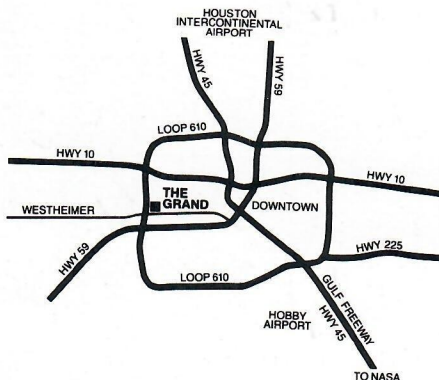
Happy Hour will be at Huaraches. **NOTE:** This month we have moved Happy Hour up one week, so mark your calendar for August 15!

Last month I said we would have a membership renewal form to give to interested friends. It seems I was wrong as we had the **Sitzmarke** Advertising Contract instead. I hope you gave the contract to interested businesses. This month we **DO** have the membership renewal form enclosed and would like for you to give it to interested friends. Thank you for your help in filling the Club.

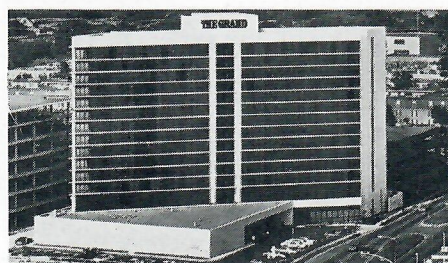
We have a new activity this year - our first annual (*I hope*) Beach Ball. **Sissy Dutcher** has scheduled it for August 23-25 and as I write this, she is already 50% full. However, even after she fills, you can be a Day Tripper and enjoy some of the fun and sun. Give Sissy a call.

All TC's, ATC's, AC's, Liftliners and Board of Directors: We assembly at The Grand on Thursday, August 22nd to get ready for the September Meeting. Be there no later than 7:00 p.m. All late arrivals will be subject to a nasty lecture from yours truly after the meeting ends!

We will be sponsoring a special U.S. Ski Team Benefit in November. The Steering Committee needs other Sponsors to underwrite the cost of putting on the Benefit. As one of the sponsors, you or your company will receive special recognition, have special U.S. Ski Team Badges, attend the cocktail auction benefit and be invited to a private Sponsor's dinner with the Ski Team and other VIP's following the fundraiser. See the ad in the **Sitzmarke** to obtain more details on how you can help.



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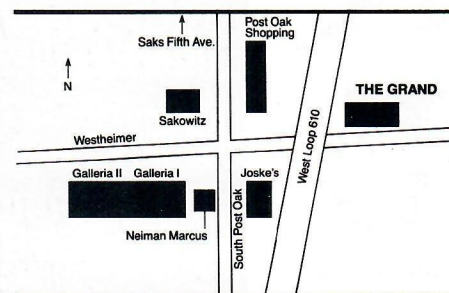
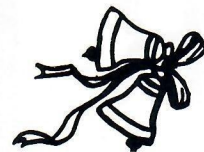
You need not be an SCSC member to participate in non -ski activities. So, share the upcoming activities with friends, or bring them with you.

## ASK AN OFFICER

Ron .....	879-8240
Jan .....	723-1331
Bill .....	774-5474
Gordon .....	827-1443
Layna .....	723-3236
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## Congratulations

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# Blue Grass Festival

at Miller Theater

Friday, August 23rd

BRING your own blanket, ice chest with your favorite drink. Bring your own dinner of your choice if you desire.

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NOTE: Time extended to August 20.

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## NON-SKI EVENT CALENDAR

### ACTIVITY

### POSSIBLE DATES

- DINNER THEATRE..... *Cancelled*
- BIKE RALLY, Fulshear..... August 11
- SAT. NITE OUTING (Swinging Door)..... August 17
- MILLER THEATRE (Blue Grass Festival).... August 23
- BEACH BALL..... August 23-25
- SHRIMP BOIL..... September 15
- WINE COUNTRY SAFARI..... October 17-21
- CASINO PARTY..... October 26
- RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL..... October
- MERCER'S CAMPOUT..... November 1-2
- SKI TEAM BENEFIT..... November 6
- COCKTAIL PARTY..... December 7
- HAPPY HOUR..... Monthly, 3rd Thursday
- ASTROS GAME..... Summer
- RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT..... Summer
- FUN RUN..... Fall
- JAZZ FESTIVAL..... Fall
- BIKE RIDE..... Fall

Any Other Great Ideas???

Big Group? Little Group?

Any Suggestions?

Call with your ideas and let's get

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**Jan Livingston**

Vice President - Programs

723-1331



## BEACH BALL

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# July and Too Much Snow in the Swiss Alps!

by George Hirasaki

What was the logical next step after George Hirasaki and Fred Kahrs went helicopter skiing in the Snake River Range and the pair along with Jim Dietrich climbed Mount Fredmont in the Wind River Range of Wyoming? The natural progression was to climb mountains with skis and schuss down. In May, the trio went to the Swiss Alps to try alpine ski mountaineering.

Alpine or cross country skis do not work well with this activity. Ski touring equipment, which is popular in Europe, allows one to walk uphill as with cross country skis but yet ski downhill as with alpine skis. This is made possible with "skins" that can be stuck on the bottom of the skis to prevent the skis from sliding backwards but allow them to slide forward. Also, the bindings can be unlocked so that the heels can lift when walking. Additional required equipment are crampons for walking uphill on ice when it becomes too steep for the skis and an ice axe to self-arrest a fall on steep ice. When walking on a glacier, everyone is belayed (*roped*) together in case someone falls into a hidden cavass. The final safety device is the "Peeper," a radio transmitter worn around your neck. If you get buried by an avalanche, it emits a peeping sound which the others use to locate you. Everyone not buried will turn their radio on receive and form a search line. The peeping is the loudest when closest to the victim. The searchers will crisscross the area until the victim is pinpointed. The snow shovel is then used to dig to the victim.

This is not an activity to enter into without proper conditioning. Jim works out by running six miles a day at the Houstonian. George runs the three miles around the Rice campus under twenty minutes. Fred, in addition to his long distance biking, works out at the Waist Basket, along with **Peb Rock, Marty Matras, and Tania Andrasko**.

Zermatt was reached by the bright red Glacier Express. The final leg was so steep, the train had cogs to keep from slipping back downhill. The trio stayed at the 130 year-old Post Hotel where they were greeted at 7:00 a.m. each morning by a cheerful Griching Evelyne who served them breakfast. She was on the Swiss National Women's Ski Team for seven years until her knees gave out. Zermatt is at the base of the Matterhorn and the Italian border. Lunch was at Cervinia, Italy one day and at Rifugio, the Club Alpino Italiano mountain hut on another day. There were no crowds on the glaciers that are open for summer skiing. In fact, one morning the trio had to plow a path through the knee deep snow under the poma lift.

The trio trained with their touring equipment by walking several kilometers up the wind blown and crusted face of the Kline Matterhorn. At the height of the climb, Jim, who has skied only a few times, asked, "*Now that I am up here, how do I get down?*"

The starting point for the mountaineering tour was to be the Jungfraujoek, which one reaches by cog train through the Eiger. At a sidewalk restaurant in Grindwald, the trio con-



**Top Left:** Fred Kahrs, Jim Dietrich, Griching Evelyne and George Hirasaki. **Top Right:** It's as cold as it appears! **Bottom Left:** Fred and George check out the sign directions. **Bottom Right:** Fred Kahrs checks out the train to be sure they're on the right track.

templated the Finsteraarhorn, a 4274 meter mountain on the itinerary. As the clouds parted, it could be seen behind the Eiger, all covered with snow except for the sheer cliffs which would not hold snow. After being silent for several minutes, Fred was asked if he was alright. He replied, "*I don't know if I want to climb that thing.*" That mountain *did* command respect.

Fate did not permit climbing in the Swiss Alps. The Forn, the warm, moist air from the Mediterranean collided with the cold European air over the Swiss Alps and dumped nine feet of snow during the week before the tour. The guide, concerned with the extreme avalanche danger with the new snow, cancelled the tour.

## SCSC COMMUNITY RELATIONS

We are interested in worthwhile organizations that we can become involved with to broaden our outlook and become more active in the community. With the right approach anything can be fun! With this in mind, I would appreciate the names of any organizations that you are already involved with or that you feel would be interesting or worth our time. Catch me or any officer at the next happy hour. Thanks!

**Sue Bohnert**

P. O. Box 800055,  
Houston, TX 77280,  
Home Ph. 467-5027.



## SCSC IS SPONSORING A U.S. SKI TEAM FUND RAISING EVENT

The U.S. Ski Educational Foundation needs other sponsors. If you or your company is interested in helping, contact:

**Bob Olsen**

1938 Albans Rd., Houston 77005  
Ph. 524-2730 -754-1861

The Steering Committee has selected November 6 for the event with the U.S. Ski Team. They are asking for \$300. per couple to underwrite the cost.

As one of our 40 sponsors, you, or your firm, will receive special recognition in our publicity, have special U.S. Ski Team Badges, attend the cocktail auction and have a private Sponsor's dinner with the Ski Team and other VIP's immediately following the fundraiser. Please open your pocketbook and heart and help us help the U.S. Ski Team. We feel, with your help, we can raise \$70,000 at minimal cost.



# SCSC Community Relations

by Robert McAnelly



Space City Ski Club should be very proud of its membership. Not only do we have many members who volunteer their time to make SCSC a huge success, but they improve the quality of life here in various charities. Many of SCSC members enthusiastically donate their time and skills to charities such as MDA, Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, PBS-Channel 8 and the Houston Farm & Ranch Club, among others. Let me tell you a little about the Houston Farm & Ranch Club, which many SCSC members are already actively involved in.

The Houston Farm & Ranch Club has a rich history of service to the community and its youth. Chartered in 1947, the Club's early membership raised funds through various activities for scholarships and support of youth programs. Private lands and ranches were opened to young people to work with animals and land.

More than 10 years ago, Houston Farm & Ranch Club members saw the need, in a growing and bustling Houston, to set aside an area and to build a facility for use by those of our youth who embrace the heritage of Texas.

Planning was begun and the Youth Center, on 123 acres of beautiful land in Bear Creek Park, will soon celebrate its fourth birthday as the operating unit of the Club that helps our young people preserve western values and culture.

The Youth Center at Bear Creek Park features a 2,500-seat show arena surrounded by warm-up areas, pavilions and teaching rooms. The Harris County Extension Service is currently building a facility at the Center for local offices and meeting rooms.

The facilities of the Club's Youth Center are made available for 4-H Clubs and FFA activities, the Sheriff's Junior Posse, the Sheriff's Drill Team, and Harris County Law Enforcement School and is the site of the annual Houston-Harris County Fair. The Farm & Ranch Club sponsors a Katy Little League team that uses the softball field at the Center.

Farm & Ranch Club members annually host a Children's Day at the Center for young people from M.D. Anderson Hospital, Harris County Home for the Retarded, Boys Country and Girls Country, the DePelchin Home and the Shriner's Hospital.

Club members entertain the youngsters with a rodeo, wagon rides, clown performances and "stick-to-the-ribs" food and refreshments. Youth clubs from distant cities, exhibiting at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, exercise their animals at the Center while waiting for space at the rodeo and show arena.

The Houston Farm & Ranch Club Youth Center is home for the Salt Grass Trail Ride, the oldest of the trail rides. The Salt Grass and Valley Lodge Trail Rides bivouac at the Youth Center prior to the Go Texas Day parade.

Club members enjoy two social fund raising galas each year: A Go Texas Party in January in conjunction with the nationally renowned Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo and the Spring Roundup in May, plus many other events throughout the year. The "Western Of the Year" Award, the highly coveted recognition of a leading citizen who has worked to preserve western values and culture, is sponsored by members of the Houston Farm & Ranch Club.

The Farm & Ranch Club is proud of its many volunteers who also belong to SCSC. The Events and Concessions Committee at the Farm & Ranch Club is very active in the operation of the Club. **Ray A. Hodge, Jim Ellis and Richard Luce** are Team Captains on the Events and Concessions Committee, which contributes greatly to the Club's success. Other ski club members whose support and devotion make this committee and the Club successful are **Charla Merrel, Mariann Perry, Paul Kowis, Winkie Puryear, Mike Kowis, Layna Adams, Jim Woody, Caryl McAnelly, Debbie Hodge and Tom Mullins**, just to name a few. The Houston Farm & Ranch Club salutes Space

City Ski Club members for its support in the past and looks forward to the future.



*Jim Ellis, F&R Team Captain, showing off his Farm & Ranch T-shirt at the recent Golf Tournament recently.*

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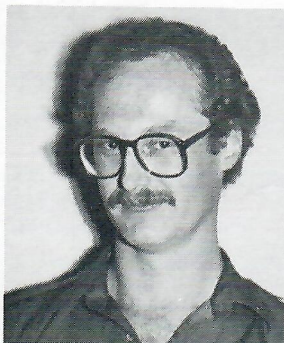
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# "GRAND" Trips Worth A Million For the GRAND in September

**Harold Eaton**  
Director of Trips



## '85-'86 TRIP



**Bill Wilkins**  
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**Bob Wilbanks**

### STEAMBOAT at New Years Dec. 28-Jan. 4

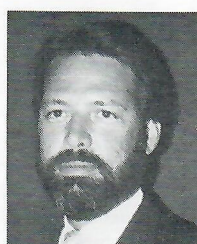
More mountain than Aspen, more powder than Vail, more lifts than Snowmass, more sun than Sun Valley! Kick off the New Year in style -- excellent skiing and great parties -- a gala New Year's Eve with live entertainment plus a hot tub party complete with gorilla juice (*not for the faint at heart!*)



**Peggy McLane**

### SNOWMASS I Texas Ski Week Jan. 11-Jan. 18

Come join us in the fun and activities of Texas Ski Week-Traditional. Six full days of skiing, with the Texas Ski Club Challenge, individual races and fun races. Also, don't forget all the nightlife, including the Texas Ski Council activities, happy hours, group gatherings and get acquainted parties. For more details, stop by our table at the September meeting. Remember, sign up early!



**Ted Bergeron**

### SNOWMASS II Texas Ski Week Jan. 11-Jan. 18

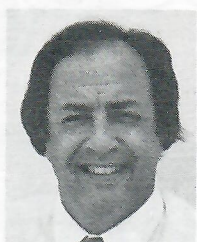
**PARTY ANIMALS NEEDED FOR TEXAS SKI WEEK.** Enjoy six full days of skiing on four different mountains -- Snowmass, Aspen, Buttermilk and Aspen Highlands. Experience NASTAR and fun races, TSC activities, parties and happy hours. So, sign up early for this season's Number One Party Trip -Snowmass II!



**Charles Goodrich**

### SNOWMASS III Texas Ski Week Jan. 15-Jan. 19

**NEW & IMPROVED!** This product has been repackaged for 1986 with the consumer in mind. Special ingredients include direct air to Aspen International, chauffeured taxis to Snowmass, and free nametags! Some say "Tastes Great," some say "Less Filling;" we say "Try it, you'll like it". Get 4 days skiing, Jan. 15-19, for the price of 2 days vacation. Brought to you by the dynamic duo, Goodrich & Wilkins ... *It's the real thing!*



**Chris Ginn**

### PARK CITY Jan. 25-Feb. 1

Park yourself in luxury, for the week of January 25 to February 1 in Utah's most popular and powdery resort, Park City. The ski in-ski out condos in the old town area are also convenient to shopping and night life. For those of you in search of more adventure, Snowbird, Alta and Nevada's gambling casinos are only a bus ride away.



**Bob Cruise**

### BAGASTEIN Austrian Challenge March 1-March 8

Austria, where skiing is a way of life. But does Austria have areas for SCSC skiers? You bet your life! Some of the world's finest! If a ski area expert could go out and design a ski mountain from scratch, he could not substantially improve on what nature has come up with in the Austrian Alps. To ski or not to ski will be the question -because you encounter history with every step and cultural activity in Austria never ceases.



**Sherry Lewis**

### JACKSON HOLE / TETON VILLAGE March 8-March 15

Come with us on March 8th to Teton Country, the place that the adventurous John Colter knew as Jackson Hole and the mountains that the French-Canadian trappers called the "Les Trios Tetons." Here, its possible to ski 100,000 vertical feet in a week, experience heli-skiing and also ski Grand Targhee with its' own unique powder snow.



# PREVIEWS



**Kirk**  
Director of Trips



**Ann Batten**  
Director of Trips



**Pam Holder**

## **KEYSTONE** **Fall Roundup** Nov. 27 - Dec. 1

Start this ski season on Keystone's North Peak, the newest challenge of Summit Country! Keystone now guarantees 75% of their two mountains will have snow. And your lift ticket is also good for Arapahoe. Enjoy three and one-half days of skiing and TSC activities every night.



**Bette Werlin**

## **ASPEN** **TRADITIONAL** January 11-18

Do you want to enjoy Texas Ski Week, but not be in the middle of it.. unless you want to? GREAT ... Head for Aspen, "*the one and only*." Get there in style by flying all the way, and stay in luxury. All we need is forty of your smiling faces. See Bette and Jim at the September meeting. The makings of great moments and memories will be there.



**Bob Goggins**

## **PURGATORY** February 5-9

"Comin' on Strong" - 42 SCSCers will travel to Purgatory for 3½ days of partying and fantastic "blue sky" skiing. Over 300 inches of snow falls annually upon Purgatory's 35 miles of trails and 475 acres of skiable terrain. "The Legends," encompassing an additional 120 acres, serviced by new lifts, will be available to skiers this season. So come out West and join in the fun with "Bad" Bob, "Dashin'" Debbie, and the "Durango Kid."



**Diana Mills**

## **BRECKENRIDGE** **Spring Break** **Family Ski Trip** March 22-29

That's right! After many years of popular demand, we are having our FIRST PARENT-CHILD ski trip. Limited to 44 lucky participants ages 5 and up. Singles may sign up on waiting list.

Beaver Run Resort Center (under new management) is a self-contained recreational playground for all ages. Location at the base of Peak 9 with ski in and ski out to two lifts. Enjoy six outdoor hot tubs, an indoor Jacuzzi, saunas, steamroom, indoor/outdoor swimming pool and poolside bar, 3 restaurants, bar, night club, deli, largest indoor miniature golf course, gift shop, beauty salon, video arcade, table tennis, tennis, ski rentals, fully staffed child care center, sundry and liquor store. Largest snowmobiling touring center, cross country skiing, ice skating, sleigh rides, ballooning and many more surprises to delight and entertain the entire family.



**Blaise Guerrero**

## **CRESTED BUTTE** **Winter Shootout** February 15-22

It's Winter Shootout time again. Come ski with us far from the maddening Denver crowd. We'll fly into Gunnison and take a short bus trip to the slopes for six full days of skiing and fun. We'll have the Texas Cup Race and TSC sponsored happy hours and parties to get acquainted with the other Texas skiers. Crested Butte's going to be a Simply Spectacular trip so don't miss it! See you at the September meeting.



**Brenda Peavy**

## **BANFF** Feb. 23 - March 2

You too can experience a unique vacation in the Canadian Rockies with your time divided between the castle-like splendour of the Banff Springs Hotel and the Chateau Lake Louise. We will ski the majestic peaks, the powder bowls, and the sweeping slopes of Sunshine, Lake Louise, and Mount Norquay. In the evenings you'll know you're out of the country with food and entertainment out of this world. Help us help them celebrate the Banff National Park centennial year!

**Sign Up**  
**September 9th**  
**at the**  
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# Guadalupe Rafting Trip

by Becky Hall

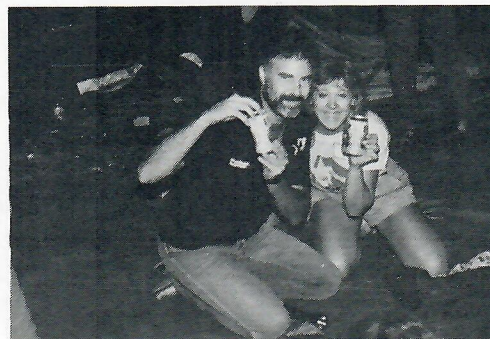
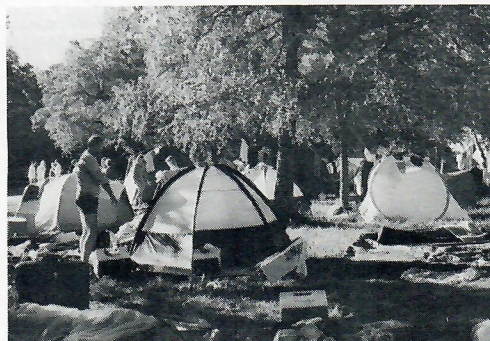
*What do SCSCers do when there is no snow? They take the Guadalupe by storm!* The buses rolled in and 91 SCSCers appeared with tents, duffle bags, sleeping bags and other assorted gear. After check-in, gear was stowed and our two buses headed for the Guadalupe. Dinner was served on board, along with mass quantities of Bloody Mary's, beer and wine. It appeared that we actually had 91 "cookie monsters" who couldn't get enough Oreo cookies the entire weekend. **Karen Gibson** was caught sleeping while the party grew louder at the rear of the bus. Word has it there was a full moon emitting from one of the buses.

At 10:30 p.m. we received a Comal County Sheriff's Dept. escort into Camp Huaco Springs. (When was the last time you followed the police car with the lights flashing??) We were met at the campsite by Texas River Expeditions co-owner Kotter, along with his guides who trailered our gear up the hill to our campsite. We then saw the birth of SCSC's "condominium tent city." **Bob Goggins, Bert Lary, Ed Cain and Lanny Kirkpatrick** were among the many who discovered that the manufacturer's fine print is hard to read with a flashlight when trying to put up a tent. It provided a source of great amusement to those campers who opted to sleep on tarps. **Joe Murphy** had what appeared to be a neon light emitting from his tent. I was afraid to investigate further. **Charlie Craig** talked **Mary Box** into going on this trip after the follies by telling her that we would have air-conditioned rooms with room service, etc.

After more beer consumption and learning whose tent was where, everyone bundled up against the cool temperatures for the night. **Bill Kirk** won the snoring award ... only because a certain other person was slightly removed from the rest of the tents.

We were awakened by the smell of coffee and pancakes on the griddle. After breakfast, we were bused up-river where our rafters intently listened to Kotter give a safety talk. **Jeri Foster** demonstrated proper procedure for being pulled into a raft as she landed directly on top of guide Budro. The river was running 780 cfs and the weather was perfect, ensuring us a great trip down the river.

The early hours saw grueling battles between our eighteen rafts, with water fights using our 5-gallon bailing buckets. We saw a wide variety of techniques used by our various rafters to attack (or avoid being attacked) the



**Photos, Top to Bottom:** Dick Sowash, Linda Stevenson, Vern Oliver, Steve Yates, Peggy Murphy and Sharon Hunt. Guarding the margaritas. SCSC's "Condominium Tent City". Kotter and Becky Hall getting into the spirit.

other rafts. Raft #15 had two (illegal) buckets manned by **Dave Felty** and **Cliff Budd**. **Carolyn Aderholt** asked "I'm not going to get wet, am I?" **Peggy Murphy** also quickly learned that a raft is no place to keep dry. Raft #14, manned by **Lou Schultz, Ron and Roberta Rambin, Flo Prince** and **Bill Kirk** chose the rafts that were trying to avoid water fights as their very favorite targets. The ambush technique was preferred by the raft manned by **Mike Gerstenberger, Clara Marshall, Ron Noska, Kathy Walsh, Ann Batten** and **Craig Carson**. They became well known for hiding amongst trees, or pulling out of the water and ambushing innocent (??) passing SCSC rafts.

Raft #18, known as "Kotters Killers," manned by **Becky Hall, Lisa Steckley, Cindy Chandler, Sherry Van Dyke, Mike Volgaris**, and **Susan Wright** preferred a more aggressive approach and rammed any raft they approached and backed off only when the occupants were thoroughly drenched. **Jim Plummer** was nearly evicted from his raft. It seems that Jim continually doused his own crew instead of the other rafts. The members of his raft were trying to raffle Jim off at lunch. **Sharon Hunt** won the award for being pulled into her raft the most times and **Don Wiedeman** took the prize for pulling the most females out of the water .. in fact, I think Don pulled only females into his raft.

After lunch (yes, there were more Oreos) at our campsite, we headed downstream towards Huaco and Slumber Falls. Members of Raft #18 were seen rock-sitting while **Scott Mercer, Donna Kiely** and the other members of their raft had a more than exciting trip down Huaco Falls. **Karen Friedsam, Lou Schultz, Sandra Bialas, Diana Mills, Brenda Clary, Sherry Lewis, Paula Finkle, Suzan Funk** and **Glynnada Addicks** were all seen navigating Slumber Falls with determination and tested skill.

After take out, we were bused back to camp for showers and dry clothes. **Sherry Van Dyke** and **Susan Wright** took top honors for their coiffures -- they both brought heat rollers! **Fred Kahrs, Keith Huber, Cindy Larson, Sally McKinley** and **Ginger Howard** were some of the first to enjoy the margaritas and hors d'oeuvres before dinner. Everyone shared their stories of the day's activities .. it became clear that each of the eighteen rafts considered themselves to be the best raft to ever go down the river.

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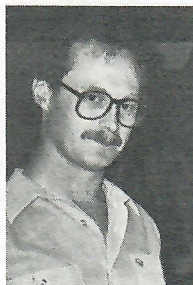


# Staying in Shape with SCSCers: Dance Fever

by Lynn Danhauser and Harold Eaton

Whether you call it disco, swing, ballroom, country-western, or whip; dance fever has captured the hearts (*not to mention the feet*) of many SCSC'ers looking for ways to stay fit for ski season. Dance represents the essence of the free spirit, rhythmic movement using freely styled or carefully rehearsed motions, usually to music. One has to "feel" the beat of the music to capture the timing of the dance, to execute the turns, to glide smoothly across the floor, to make the dance come together. It is wonderful to watch, a challenge to perform. It can be executed alone or with a partner and can provide the basis for unique social interactions.

It's not surprising that country-western dancing has a strong foothold in Houston, considering the musical heritage of Texas. Although the "Urban Cowboy" popularized the Texas two-step and the Cotton-Eyed Joe, they had been an institution in Texas before John Travolta was born, and we suspect will be after he's gone. Many of our fellow SCSC'ers can be seen waltzing across small portions of such C&W honkytonks as Texas and the San Antone Rose on many a night. If you've never caught Vern Oliver, Donna Repka, Bill Kirk, Rudy Naquin, Dana Wardell, Ken Redding, Gayle Speck, Tom Mercer, Glenn Bishop, or



Ron and Roberta Rambin (two-steppin', then you've probably missed the Cotton-Eyed Joe a'la Merlin Harger as well. And, of course, few good times in Houston can surpass the dances put on by the Bootleggers, including John Hargleroad, Peggy Widaman, Lynn Burch, Janie and Joe Dar, Bob Henderson, Ray and Debbie Hodge, Mariann Perry, Ira Sanborn, Virginia Gilstrap, Sandy and JR Mierstschin, Charles and Kathy Morgan.

Another type of dance increasing in popularity is Whip Dancing. No, it doesn't use whips or chains, but it is captivating and is one of the most seductive types of dances around. The proper swing of the lady's hips can make any man's lead look good. This type of dance resembles swing, with some disco and jitterbug thrown in for flair. It can be done to any

music, from slow to popular or western. It's best and sweetest, however, when done to some serious, get down to business blues or blues rock. But, don't get the idea it's easy. All the turns and fancy footwork provide quite an aerobic workout. (*Speaking of aerobics, Pam Holder and Tania Andrasko are among the enthusiasts who keep in fine shape with aerobic dance workouts.*) Die-hards such as Jean Marshall and Art Williams, Lynn Danhauser, Harold Eaton, Billie Nowak, Laurie Homberg, Donna Repka, Bob Neighbors or Layna Adams can be found at the Melody Lane Ballroom almost any Wednesday evening looking good while keeping fit. By the way, Billie, have you untied the knots in your feet long enough to convince Peggy McLane and Dick Howard it's worth trying?

If you care to give this dance a whirl, (*par-don the pun*) just call the Southwest Whip Club information line (558-9716) or contact one of the four other whip clubs in Houston which may be closer to you. They are the Bay Area Whip Club (Alameda area), the Houston Whip Club (south Houston), the Texas Whip Club (southwest), or the Northside Whip Club.

Whatever your pleasure, dancing feet are happy feet and SCSC has some the happiest feet in town!

## Guadalupe River Trip (continued)



Left: Going down the chute. Above: Waterfight!!! Upper Right: Mike Gerstenberger, Clara Marshall, Ron Noska, Kathy Walsh, Ann Batten and Craig Carson. Bottom Right: SCSC rafters assemble for safety talk.

We sat down to a great dinner prepared by the TRE staff before converging on the other end of the campground to dance to the sounds of a live band. Janet Pickell, Mike Clark, Donna and Dana Tomlin, Fred Kahrs, Donna Repka, Marlene Vail, Gayle Speck, Pam Paillet and most of our gang were seen tripping the light fantastic as they danced the night away. The biggest accomplishment of the evening was getting Steve Yates out of the ladies room and into his tent.

Later that night, the sounds dimmed to the opening of champagne bottles, quiet joke telling, the chirping of the crickets and the noisy air mattress inside Vern Oliver and Linda Stevenson's tent. The next morning Steve Yates

needed help finding his way out of his tent after someone removed his tent poles and rolled him up in his tent.

After a hearty breakfast, we broke camp and headed to Landa Park on the Comal River. SCSC made an unforgettable splash with some of the longest tube trains ever seen emerging down the chute. Ruth Fowler was the best tube chain leader, getting an underwater view of the other tubers. Patti King was the most enterprising of us .. she bought \$25.00 worth of hot dogs and hamburgers and sold them at a profit.

After an afternoon of fun, sun and tubing, we boarded our buses and departed for Houston. Carlos Febels entertained his bus

with jokes. However, Carlos was too shy to use the bus microphone. We entertained our bus drivers all the way home. We did make one stop for ... you guessed it ... more Oreos. Everyone returned home tired, but gratified. Thanks to Cindy Chandler and Lisa Steckley for all their help both prior to and during the trip, Bill Kirk, Sandra Wehner and the many others who did so much to help make this trip a success. Kotter and all the guides of TRE deserve a very special thank you for their hard work. They did an incredible job of handling our large group and providing everyone a fun-filled, safe weekend. After seeing the true outdoor nature of our participants, we look forward to an even larger trip next year.



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### AUGUST

- 4 Windmill Dinner Theatre - *Cancelled*
- 5 Executive Committee Meeting
- 11 Bike Rally - 1:30 P.M. - Dozier's in Fulshear
- 15 Happy Hour - Huaraches
- 22 "GRAND" - Walk Through - 7:00 p.m.
- 23 Miller Theatre - Blue Grass Festival
- 23-25 Beach Ball - Sea Isle, Galveston
- 23-25 Texas Ski Council Meeting - Dallas
- 26 Executive Meeting

### SEPTEMBER

- 5 Board of Directors Meeting
- 9 GENERAL MEETING - Grand Hotel
- 15 Shrimp Boil - San Jo Cove
- 19 Happy Hour - Elmos

NO GENERAL MEETING — AUGUST

NOTE: NEW LOCATION FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING

## Ski Council Update

by Eric Holm

In May, officers of the Texas Ski Council (TSC) were elected. We are pleased to have had **Dick Howard** elected as VP of the Texas Ski Week Traditional at Snowmass. Dick's experience as VP of SCSC Trips, and his knowledge of Snowmass, should make this one of our best trips of the season.

Listed below are the other officers for the '85-'86 ski season, their home club and responsibility:

President..... **Don Thomas**, San Antonio Ski Club  
VP - Marketing..... **Van Falcone**, Cowtown Ski Club  
VP - TSW Fall Roundup (Keystone)..... **Gene Murphy**, Lone Star Skiers  
VP - Texas Ski Week Traditional (Snowmass)..... **Dick Howard**, SCSC  
VP - Winter Shootout (Crested Butte).... **Bill Lynum**, Los Amigo Ski Club  
VP - Europe (Badgastein)..... **Carol Bonn**, Cowtown Ski Club  
Secretary-Treasurer..... **Wanda Jamison**, Clear Lake Area Ski Club

The question has been raised - "How do I get to be an elected officer of TSC?"

The Texas Ski Council is much like our own club in principle. Those who come to the council meetings and participate, keeping high visibility, will get to be known for better or worse. At this time, council meetings are open to all interested, but some in the council would like to limit meetings to those who cast votes for their respective club.

All candidates for office should have these general qualifications:

- A strong desire to achieve the goals of the council.
- A personal work schedule that allows time for council duties.
- The ability to coordinate people toward a common goal.
- An office or home that is accessible for telephone calls.
- Experience as a club officer or council representative.
- A high level of enthusiasm and self-starting ability.

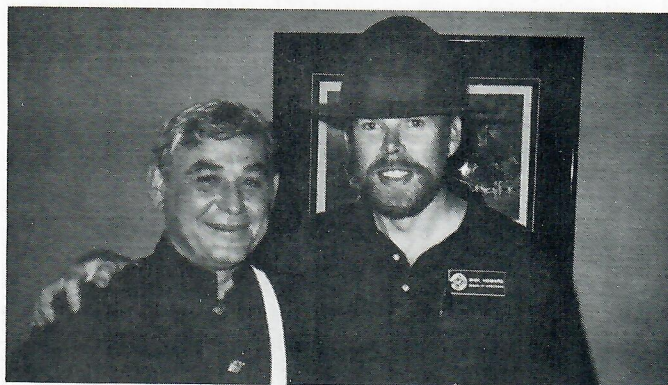
Other business of the day was to vote on accepting other ski clubs into the council. Houston Ski Jammers, Houstonian Snow Skiers and Texas Renegade Ski & Travel Club are now new members of TSC. This brings the total number of clubs in the TSC to 20, giving us a stronger negotiation position with the ski areas.

The next TSC quarterly meeting will be held August 24 in Dallas, with the site undetermined at this time.

For further information, call **Eric Holm** at 591-7669.



Space City's "Easy" Thayer (right) as outgoing Texas Ski Council President congratulates incoming President Don Thomas (left), from San Antonio Ski Club. Eric Holm, SCSC Council Representative is shown in background (center).



Dick Howard, newly elected Texas Ski Council Vice President (right) poses with Council President Don Thomas (left).



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