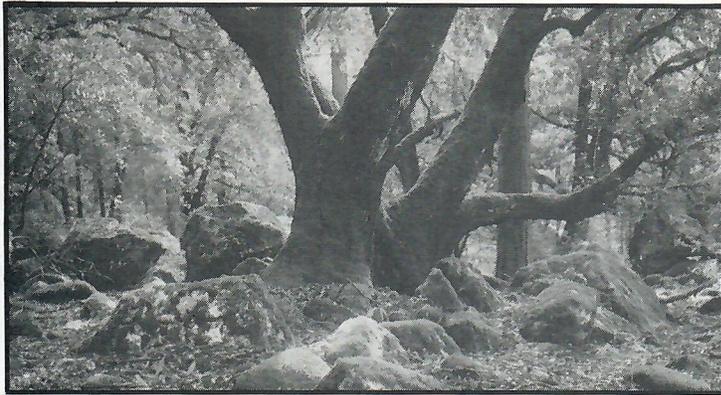
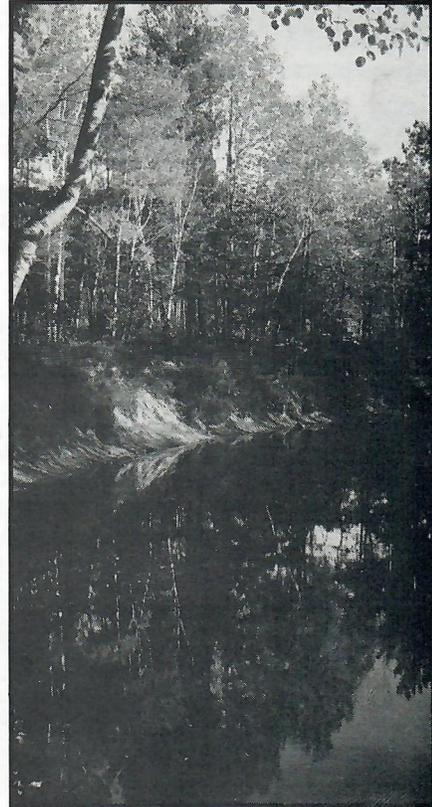


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PLANNING ALREADY UNDERWAY FOR '84-'85 SKI SEASON; OFFICERS TO ASSUME DUTIES AFTER APRIL INSTALLATION

—HEAD OF THE LIFTLINE— BY TANIA ANDRASKO

Congratulations to our new officers!

Although their terms of office do not start until May 1, there is much preliminary work to be done during their time as officers-elect. They have already been holding unofficial meetings to facilitate that planning.

Work has already started on next year's ski trips. Four trips have already been selected by the Texas Ski Council for next year's Texas Ski Weeks. As you will read in TSC representative **Jim McIntyre's** article on page three, an interesting group of trips has been planned.

Now is a good time to consider volunteering as TC or ATC for next year. Complete the form appearing elsewhere in this issue and return it to **Dick Howard** as soon as possible. TCs and ATCs for next year will be selected within the next few weeks.

For newer members who are interested in running one of the ski trips in coming years, the best way to get to know Club operations, and to become known among the officers

making selections of future TCs and ATCs is to volunteer to coordinate a non-ski activity.

Rudy Guerrero is currently making plans for summer activities and would like to hear from those with specific ideas or those who want to help in any way. You may indicate your interest on the membership renewal form, but a phone call to Rudy would be helpful.

Speaking of membership renewal, don't forget that May 1-31 is the renewal period. Don't let May 31 sneak up on you! Renew in April with the enclosed form and you won't be one of our embarrassed long-time members asking why you didn't receive your June *Sitzmarke!*

Be sure to attend the April General Meeting, when we will be recognizing our committee chairpeople and this year's volunteers. We will also have the installation of officers.

By then we will also have the final report on our standing in the battle for the Texas Ski Cup. As of this writing, we were in a strong second place, with a large contingent of SCSCers on their way to Heavenly Valley and the Final Showdown to be played out in Breckenridge the last week in March.

April will also be the last meeting to sign up for

the Fun Run, Road Rally and the Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival. Coming up in May are the Spring Follies, another tennis tournament and the Volunteer Appreciation Party.

For those who are not familiar with the Spring Follies, it is an opportunity

be sure to attend one of the most delightful meetings of the year, and our last until September.

It's hard to believe the year is up and this is my last Liftline article! I must say that writing this monthly bulletin is one of the hardest (if not the hardest) parts of this job.

Many thanks to my fellow officers, **John Cook, Kay Broad, Glenn Bishop, Jean Walke, Karen Friedman** and **Art Camero**, for their hard work throughout the year.

Each of the offices is a time-consuming task, but is well worth the effort in returned good times, new acquaintances and shared experiences. I hope we have each grown from our experiences of the past year, and have helped move the Club forward in some small way.

Thanks to the membership for giving me the chance to serve you this year. The outgoing officers and, I am sure, the Club membership, wish to extend their best wishes to the 1984-85 officers during SCSC's Twentieth Anniversary year.

It has been a pleasure serving you as your president, but I also look forward to handing over the duties, along with the presidential gavel, at the April meeting to your new president, **Tom Mercer**.

**GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY
APRIL 9
STOUFFER HOTEL
SOCIAL HOUR
7:30 P.M.
PROGRAM
8:30 P.M.**

for our more talented (and sometimes not-so-talented) members to show their vocal, thespian, comedic and terpsichorean skills while poking fun at themselves, skiing and fellow Club members.

In the past, they have been more (or less) risqué, depending on the attitude of the prevailing director. I have been assured by this year's Follies director, **Mo Granda**, that 1984's Follies will not quite reach the "R" rating (or was that a double "R"?) of 1983.

This, of course, remains to be seen. We must all wait for the inevitable "show of shows" until May 14. Mark that date on your calendar, now, so you will

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John.....	448-5012
Glenn.....	729-0065
Jean.....	974-0456
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APRIL

- 9 General Membership Meeting. Social Hour, 7:30 p.m. Program 8:30 p.m., Stouffer Hotel, 6 Greenway Plaza East. Contact Tania Andrasko, 776-9754.
- 14 Special Olympics. All day. Delmar Stadium. Contact Debbie Ball, 840-0276.
- 15 New Officers Workshop. Contact Tania Andrasko, 776-9754.
- 21 SCSC Annual Fun Run, 9 a.m. Bear Creek Park, 4000 Addicks-Fairbanks at I-10 West. Contact Carlos Febles, 783-9555.
- 29 Road Rally. 1:30 p.m. Northwest Mall, I-610 West at West 18th Street. Contact Jean Walke, 974-0456.

MAY

- 4-6 Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival, Lafayette, La. Contact Ann Batten, 558-0381.
- 12 Tennis Tournament, 3 p.m. Westwood Country Club, 8888 Country Creek Drive. Contact Sherry Lewis, 771-9606, or Gene Turboff, 977-1196.
- 14 General Membership Meeting. "Spring Follies" 7:30 p.m. Social Hour, 8:30 p.m. Program. Contact Tom Mercer, 988-1075.
- 20 Volunteer Appreciation Party. Contact Kay Broad, 499-4710.
- 24 Happy Hour. Contact Rudy Guerrero, 466-4802.

TEXAS SKI COUNCIL PICKS FOUR TRIPS FOR '84-'85

The Texas Ski Council (TSC) held its annual winter meeting in San Antonio March 3 and 4. This is the annual affair where the ski areas bid for next year's ski trips.

Nine areas were allowed to bid on the four trips the Council is running next winter. Almost 20 different ski areas sent in bids to the Council, but the pre-bid selection committee reduced the number of areas allowed to make presentations to nine in an effort to speed the selection process up.

Selected for trips were:

Fall Roundup	Thanksgiving
Vail	January
Texas Ski Week	February
Copper Mountain	Steamboat Springs
Winter Shoot Out	Big Sky, Montana
Final Showdown	

Even though only nine areas made specific offers, a large number of other areas were represented in San Antonio and some made brief presentations offering discounts to all

Council clubs throughout the season. Most of the areas set up hospitality rooms to answer questions.

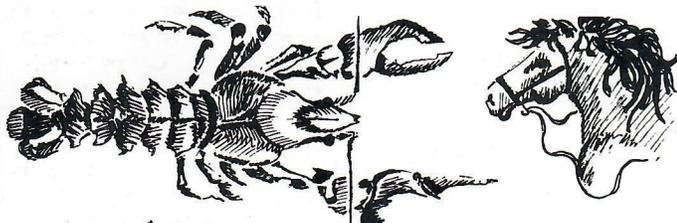
In addition to the ski areas, Delta, Air Cal/Muse and Western Airlines made bids for transportation. In the near future bus companies, beer companies, car rental companies and other ski/travel related businesses will be making an effort to get TSC business.

Why the interest?

Well, TSC represents 15,000 skier days now and is growing rapidly. As an example of potential resort income, when TSC took 1900 skiers to Snowmass, Aspen Skiing Corporation estimated it was worth over 3.5 million dollars in revenues to the area.

You may not be impressed with what the TSC means to you individually, but the ski industry sure is impressed. No other group in the country generates the concentrated organized trips that TSC does. The next largest group is the airline industry, but thus far they have been unable to match our numbers.

SCSC is probably the father of TSC and now we are seeing the results of our efforts. Where else can you get half price lift tickets at Aspen? SCSC organized and ran the first Texas Ski Week in 1973-74 and the progress of TSC since then has been amazing. — Jim McIntyre



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A LEAPING START VAIL SKIERS CELEBRATE LEAP YEAR ON SLOPES

Gayle Speck and Clydell Williams at Eagle's Nest; Future world cup skiers, a group of three's; Vickie and Herb Kramer at the airport; At the campstove are (l to r) Roger McKillip, Suzanne Page, Carl Leatherwood, Doris Hemsworth, Majorie Lygas, Miriam Lake, Jerria Poe, Bob Tripp and Carolyn Rankin.



By Penny Chancey and a cast of fifteen

What did you do with your extra day this leap year?

Well, my band of skiers definitely used February 29, to get a running start, or is that leaping start, on an unsuspecting ski village. I should have known this group was going to be extraordinary when everyone arrived at the airport with time to spare.

I, the trip chairperson, even had time for a drink after checking everyone in at the Delta desk. As soon as we boarded our flight, Chancey's Deli started delivering, the dinner meals that is.

While the other passengers were nibbling on beer nuts, we were chowing down fantastic po-boy sandwiches, chips, nuts and homemade chocolate chip cookies. **Bob Tripp** was checking the leftover brown bags for more cookies before we picked up our luggage at the airport in Denver.

On Thursday morning, the group headed out to the slopes with great enthusiasm, or so I thought.

After renting her ski equipment, **Miriam Lake** had her picture taken in her lovely ski outfit, then enjoyed the sights of the shops in the village. Now we know why she looked so relaxed every evening.

That night, at the wine and cheese party given to us by the Enzian Lodge, we shared our "first day" skiing stories. It was said, **Gayle Speck** tried to teach several of our female skiers how to hold their ski poles while riding in the chair lift, but there was one problem. It seems that Gayle lost one of his poles everytime he was in the chair lift.

During these chair lift lessons, someone forgot to tell **Marjorie Lygas** when to get out of one. Marjorie did not get out when her chair came to the "little house on the hill." She had to climb out on the other side when they stopped the chair lift over a wooden ramp.

Jerria Poe was wasting no time at all before checking out the back bowls. Jerria became the leader of

the pack on the black runs. **Roger McKillip** started the first day skiing with Doris and Roger H., but after the first run it was Roger Over and Out.

Friday was a great day for skiing but a strange day for **James Byers**. While carrying his skis on his shoulders (like all good skiers do), James stumbled and cut his cheek with the edge of his ski. The sting of the bill for the stitches wasn't as bad as the advice given by the nurses. (No sex for six weeks).

Friday night we had a Happy Hour in Penny and Marjorie's room. While everyone took turns guessing what James's hospital bill totaled, **Carolyn Rankin** walked in slowly with her skis in her arms, with that look all beginners have after their first full day of lessons.

Is this supposed to be fun? While walking to her room, Carolyn found a nice surprise in the hall, Steve Kroger. Steve moved to Colorado from Houston and was in Vail for the week-end.

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SAY CHEESE, OR IS IT CHOCOLATE?

ALPS CHALLENGE SKIERS AS SCSC TOURS SWITZERLAND

By Allan Simpson

While the U. S. Winter Olympic Team was impatiently waiting for the weather to improve in Sarajevo, the Space City Ski Club "Team" was enjoying an entire week of clear blue skies and excellent ski conditions in Grindelwald, Switzerland.

Our departure flight on Swissair from New York City was relatively uneventful except for a "is-there-a-doctor-on-board-the-plane" call from the pilot on the intercom.

Our group's resident physician, **Dr. Bennie Wright**, kissed fiancée **Dixie Emanuel** good-bye and intrepidly volunteered to treat what was later diagnosed as a passenger's case of airsickness induced by a bad martini.

Upon arriving in Geneva on Friday, February 10, the weather was clear and crisp, and we all took advantage of the shopping and sight-seeing in this very beautiful city with its Renaissance-era architecture.

The following morning we traveled by bus along beautiful Lake Geneva and climbed higher into the Swiss Alps which would take us to the resort of Grindelwald. The view along our route was nothing short of spectacular and was heightened by our "tour director," **Karl Gautschi**, who gave us a running commentary on the vineyards and various towns that we passed through.

Karl and his wife, **T. C. Lotty Gautschi**, added immeasurably to the entire trip by the personal knowledge they have of Switzerland since they are both natives.

We stopped in the town of Fribourg and the Swiss capitol city, Berne, to walk along cobblestone streets and view the 700 year-old buildings which still retain most of their original beauty.

A special treat was watching one of the Berne bears climb a 30-foot tree in about 10 seconds. (If you are ever chased by a bear, DO NOT attempt to hide in a tree...no matter what you may have read in your Boy Scout Manual!)

Sunday, February 12, was our first day of skiing, and appropriately enough, the first mountain we tackled was called "First." The chairlift was just across the street from our

hotel, the Sunstar, but the chairlift ride is the longest in Europe.

Long, heavy coats were given to everyone getting on the chairlift and as they rose higher in the cold morning air, no one complained about having to wear them. The lift ascended above the morning clouds

and then we rode poma lifts to the very top of the mountain where the view was spectacular and the skiing as good as any we have ever experienced.

The weather on Monday morning again was beautiful, so Karl and

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The Jung Pranjoch, at 11,333 feet, is the highest railroad station in Switzerland.



Watching the Berne bears were (l to r) Sue Pellegrino, Pam Pellegrino, Kathy Vogel and Dixie Emmanuel.



The Group, top row (l to r) Calvin Doody, Steve Ward, Phil Unruh, James Dickson, Don Eckhardt, Phil Pellegrino, Pati Mengden, Joe Bolin, James Franz and Allan Simpson; middle row, Sue Pellegrino, Kenda Linder, Dixie Emmanuel, Ann McGown, Kathy Vogel, Duff Trimble, Pam Pellegrino, Silvia Sullivan, Linda Lichlinder; bottom row, Paul Volkovitz, Lotty Gautschi, Karl Gautschi, Angie Trimble, Gail Quenneville, Patricia Martin, Linda MacFarland and Charles Lechlieder; center, Zeev Vogel.

THE FLYER



"Now that I'm single again, you guessed it! I'm looking for a roommate." **John Hargleroad**, past vice president of Helicopter Operators of Texas, former SCSC liftliner and TC of Park City, is back to his bacheloring ways.

John joined SCSC in 1975. "I was just divorced, had recently moved to Houston, didn't know anyone, just learning to ski. I must be SCSC's best publicity agent because I've met so many people on trips and at meetings who have become my friends.

"I encourage a lot of folks to join so they can meet great people. **Don Shelton, Bob Bodie, Joan Burbuck and Bob Vilchek** are some of the members I brought into the Club."

John likes selling what he believes in almost as much as he likes flying. He says, "My beard is temporarily gone so I could move into a director of marketing position at Powers Air, a company that charters and buys airplanes and helicopters. Maybe you've heard of our Live at Five Sky Eye traffic reports?"

How did John get involved with Powers Air? "I once sold Mel Powers a helicopter. Our competitors didn't have one available and my company did. Mel figured that anyone who could produce like that should work for him."

Since piloting is John's expression of freedom, he

explains, "things on the ground look nicer up there. You tend to see neat rows, great colors. You don't notice shingles that need repair."

John has been flying since 1967. He claims he was just walking down the street one day and saw a sign announcing, "We'll teach you to fly—see exotic places like Europe, the Orient, the Far East (maybe even Viet Nam)." John did not notice the small print—Viet Nam.

"It was sorta like a Catch-22 situation. I thought the Viet Nam war would be over by the time I finished flight school in two years. In an accident during flight school, I burned my foot and thought that would delay my

graduation.

"I signed up for two-month classes in how to fly Cobras to delay going 'abroad.' But I was wrong. I left for Nam one Easter morning and returned the following year on Easter Sunday."

When he came back, John took a job with McDonnell Douglas while he finished his stint in the Army Reserves. In 1972 he was recalled to active duty.

During a medical check up, the Army found a cyst under his arm and asked him to have a mole on his neck checked for cancer. The cyst was o.k. The mole had melanoma. Since then, John's had five operations to make sure he is free from cancer.

On return from his second trip to Viet Nam, John came to Houston to fly an offshore petroleum helicopter. He liked the pay raises and stayed. That's when he began his eternal roommate search.

"Back then, I could always find someone on the opposite shift to live with, to help defer house payments. Then I got the idea to put an ad in the *Sitzmarke*. The satirical part was just for fun. You know me...I'm always the optimist."

Although our All-American boy has had some severe personal setbacks, he truly likes people. He says, "If you are friendly, they'll be friendly back. That's why I enjoyed being a liftliner.

"I got to help so many people who were in a new situation, who felt awkward at their first SCSC meeting. That's what comes from being in sales...you just have to get over shyness."

His friendliness is verified by Don Shelton. Don tells the story about the time they both worked for Gulf States Oil Refinery. "John won a free trip to Mexico, but couldn't get off from work. He asked if I could take a week off and just handed me a free trip."

Don also tells about one birthday party. "It was my birthday and John offered to have a party in my honor. First, he asked me to bring a date. Then he

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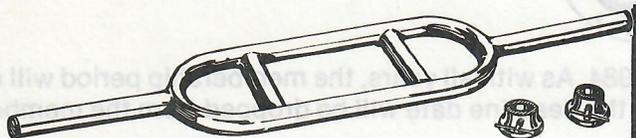
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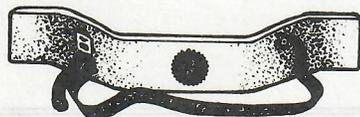


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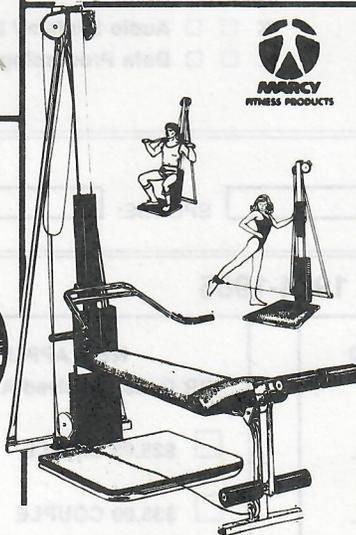
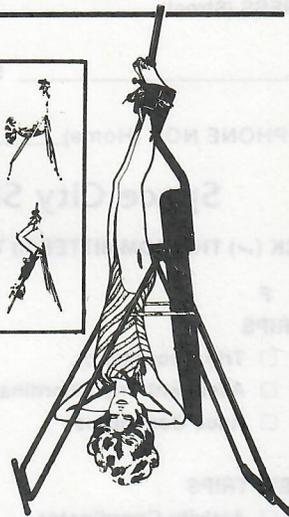
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THE FLYER

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asked if I could find a date for him and escort her to his house.

"Then he asked if I'd bring some steaks for dinner. Finally, he asked if I'd pick up some six-packs of beer for the party. Don't let him give you a birthday party unless you can afford it!"

Although so much of John's life is flying, he also loves to water ski, run in the park and, of course, look for a roommate. This Lafayette, Ind., native retains his most prevalent childhood attribute, curiosity.

"When I'm grown up, I want to be healthy, wealthy and wise (actually, I'll settle for two out of three). But, most of all, I'd really like to see what it's like to ride in the space shuttle."

Perhaps John will wear his ski attire in the shuttle...long johns, black (his second favorite color - white is first choice) stretch pants, a jacket or sweater,

sunglasses and a Sony Walkman.

"Don't forget to mention my American Express Card...I never leave home without it."

Evidently, John would never be frightened of flying anywhere, except down certain ski trails. "I think I'm in trouble when the ski patrol is selling insurance at the top of the run."

He feels entirely different about skiing under the lift at Snowmass or in hip-high powder at Copper Mountain, like during Texas Ski Week in 1982. "Skiing is similar to flying. It gives you a sense of complete freedom.

"You control where you go, how fast and when to stop...unless someone distracts you, like the time I was skiing in Vail with **Leona Schroeder**.

"She was behind me and called out something. I forgot to look where I was going and found my body wrapped around a tree. She bought me a T-shirt in honor of the event. It says 'love the forest - hug a tree.'"

Hargleroad has a lot

of good things to say for the Ski Club. He likes having separate rooms for meetings so some can socialize while others listen to speakers. He likes the Club's ability to negotiate good ski trip packages.

He approves of the year-around activities (but would like to see the Club find new pursuits and wishes the Summer Bash were held closer to his inside-the-Loop residence.

He finds the membership diverse. He sees a lot of people in the Club who like to work hard in volunteer capacities as he does. And, this is from someone who learned about SCSC from J. Rich!!!

"Now I'm single again, do you happen to know of anyone who needs to be a roommate? That's about it."

Don't forget, John. Only the good die young.



John Hargleroad with Fran Lancaster at Steamboat Springs, Christmas, 1982.

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TEXAS SKIERS STORM SLOPES AT CRESTED BUTTE FOR WINTER SHOOT-OUT



The Group of rowdies at Crested Butte, bottom row (l to r) Ed Chambliss, Thelda Chambliss, Gordon Wise, Cindy Garrett, Carolyn McWherter, Bob Collins, Jim Keller; middle row, David Cordray, Bobbie Cordray, Carol Collins, Brenda Peavy, Rootie Moore, Arlene Veach, Cecil Smith, Jean Wieda, Sharon Cooper, Clyde Riley, Mark Sadler, Donna Montgomery, Marcia Renaldi; top row, Bill Peavy, Gerald Fountain, Bill Box, Carol Collins, Don Moore.

By Gordon Wise

As the smoke cleared and the acrid smell of gunpowder dissipated, that all too familiar barnyard aroma remained, telling us that the Cowtown Skiers had carried the day.

While we brought home the second place trophy, their strength in numbers (three times ours), offset the fact that in medal competition they barely nosed us out, despite the arrival on race day eve of their elite SS Corps (Super Skiers).

For SCSC, **Anatole Zuckerman** was fastest male and got a silver for the effort as did your humble scribe. Bronzes were won by **Ed Chambliss, Cecil Smith, Bob "The Kid" Goggins** (who missed a silver by 6 mo.), **Carol Richardson** (our loyal race chairperson), **Ann McIntyre** (fastest female), **Jim Keller, Bill Box, Jerry Montgomery, Clyde Riley** and **Gerry Fountain**.

Count them, two silvers and 10 bronzes! There were no golds awarded, but **Bill Peavy** was well on his way to at least a gold when confronted at Gate 3 by a mogul mouse (brown type). He finished and was treated for shock.

Merle Murphy's football training served him well when threatened

by indecision at the last gate, he simply lowered a shoulder and flattened it. We all skied and all but two finished.

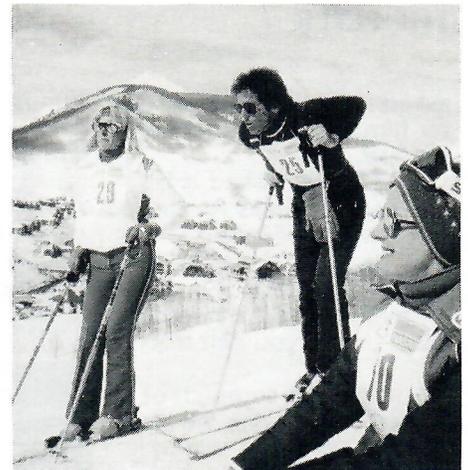
The "lead" medal was awarded to **Sharon Cooper**, whose race time was measured in hours rather than seconds, but she made it down!!

Many of the world's leading downhill racers were at C. B. for the CB Cup and officials conducted a mini downhill for TSC skiers. We placed 2nd again to the aromatic North Texans, with **Cecil Smith** and **Thelda Chambliss** being second and third fastest.

Clyde Riley learned that the C. B. version of the "bump" is not a dance but a chute by which downhillers become airborne. His apogee proved he's made of the right stuff!

What we missed in '81, we got spades of in '84. The snow was spectacular, the C. B. personnel excellent, and there were **no** liftlines...ever, anywhere.

The joy of the moment, however, was dampened temporarily when **Daisy Mitchell** attempted her single pole, uphill mogul, right down hill Christie. The fracture: compound. The prognosis: she will be back next year.



Top, Ann McIntyre, Jim Keller and Thelda Chambliss prepare to race; bottom, Daisy Mitchell with the second place trophy.

Additional injuries were manageable. **Rootie Moore** lived despite missing the admonition "don't" when hubby **Don** lost a ski getting on the lift. She jumped. Don's worst fall was on the way to the hot tub and it was "gold" in caliber.

Bill Box was a near fatality when, armed with the strength only obtainable from a half gallon of margaritas, he called the local mountain man "Bubba." The mountain shook, but the Box was undamaged.

We were inspired by evening viewings of the Olympics to give our own awards for distinctive behavior. A partial listing follows.

The "Cool Under Fire" award



Stopping for lunch after racing were (front to back) Jean Anderson, Tom Anderson, Thelda Chambliss, Ann McIntyre and Don Moore.

went to **Carol Collins**, who filled her suite with smoke from burning popcorn and left her roomies to asphyxiate because the smoke alarm hurt her ears.

The "Order of the Limp Noodle" went to **T. C. Cindy Garrett, Carolyn McWhorter, and Brenda Peavy**, who underwent the probing fingers of the local masseuse.

The "Circle the Wagons to the Left" award went to **Sharon Cooper**,



Stopping for drinks at the Rafter after skiing a hard day, SCSCers tell war stories and make plans for dinner.

who took two days to realize that a faulty ski brake prevented her from making right turns. The "Post-partum Letdown" trophy was given to **Thelda Chambliss**, who never fell on the slopes but crashed in the powder room.

The "Sweat of Thy Brother's Back" plaque was given to **Donna Montgomery**, whose daily inspirational phone calls to her Houston realty businesses kept her brokers motivated.

And finally, the "Satchell Page, Don't Look Back" award to **Brenda Peavy**, who kept hearing "voices" behind her on white out days when negotiating the black diamonds.

The 1988 Olympics will have an additional event, thanks to **Gerry**

Fountain, who perfected the **Giant Cartwheel** while following former Olympian Andy Mill down the mountain.

But it was not all work. We did manage to have a few off slope events worthy of note. **Dave and Bobbie Cordray**, impressed by the success of the nudie apartments in southwest Houston, did attempt to introduce an alternative hot tub lifestyle to Crested Butte. And that's the naked truth!

Tom "Jockey" Anderson met them halfway.

Ed Chambliss, known for his quick Aggie mind, bought the week's bargain. It was a map of early Texas when most of Colorado was included. Back at the condo, he found that he had paid \$4 for an empty cardboard mailing cylinder.

He offered it to **Cecil Smith** for 25c, who paid him \$1. What else would you expect from a guy that skis all day and jogs five miles afterwards. Cecil, incidentally, won the "Hail Britannica" award for the most diverse information and answers to unasked questions.

Evenings were typically candlelight and Vivaldi with an occasional vat of margaritas. The same batch that almost got Box proved the undoing for most of the rest of us.

Marcia Renardi and Mark Sadler, who arrived at the restaurant early, tried in vain to appear not to be a part of our group.

Another time and place **Cooper, Goggins, Chamblisses, Pat Biddle, and Ron Kahl** provided the evening's entertainment to a captive audience in an effort to get "Margaret to come out of the cellar." Who Margaret was and why she was in the cellar remains known only to the vat.

Everyone on the trip was grateful to Food Broker **Jerry Montgomery**, whose generosity provided us with three enormous boxes of ham, cheese, crackers, candy, and popcorn.

We are also indebted to **Arlene "Fisheye" Veach** whose ever-present camera recorded the trip's events (spicy negatives are for sale by appointment).

Our thanks go to Delta for flight bag giveaways and especially to Sport Haus Linder who gave a nice warmup jacket which was won by Cecil, who refused it because he had just bought it's twin.

Additionally, we, along with the other TSC participants, express our appreciation to Coors, Solomon, and "Texas Ski Mag" for sponsoring this trip. A great time was had by all!!

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SWITZERLAND TRIP

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The weather on Monday morning again was beautiful, so Karl and Lotty escorted us on a mountain railway to the top of the Jungfrau-joch, altitude 11,333 feet, from which we had one of the most spectacular views of the Swiss Alps to be had anywhere in that country.

The group then skied down the slopes of the Lauberhorn and Kleine Scheidegg, the lower part of the slopes winding between dozens of barns which are used by the Swiss to house their dairy cattle. It was unusual and very picturesque skiing.

Valentine's Day was another special experience for us as we skied the Murren area, which is the area skied by super spy James Bond in two of the Bond movies involving skiing.

We had lunch in a revolving restaurant on top of the Schilthorn, and several brave skiers, fortified by the gluwein we had with lunch, decided to ski down the black run known as "Cannonbarrel." In addition to Karl and Lotty, **Zeev Vogel, Joe Bolin, Linda MacFarland, James Dickson, Calvin Doody, and Charles Lechliger** skied this run which looked exactly as it is named.

Also joining them was **Paul Volkowitz** who, as he said, "made the mountain bow" despite being able to only turn in one direction due to a twisted knee. Upon our arrival at the base of the mountain, our bus was waiting as was **Sylvia Sullivan**, who had brought a case of champagne and glasses from our hotel so that we could celebrate this very special Valentine's Day in grand style.

Linda MacFarland, Allan Simpson, Gail Quenneville, Joe Bolin and Pat Martin took Wednesday off and went by train into the nearby town of Interlaken to sightsee and watch the Winter Olympics with some locals in a Swiss bar.

Karl Gautschi played ski instructor at the Kleine Scheidegg area for **Kathy Vogel, Steve Ward, Dixie Emanuel and Sylvia Sullivan**.

That evening, **Phil Unruh, Ken- da Linder** and others too embarrassed to be named in this article, ventured into the hotel sauna, which they discovered was not only co-ed,

but sans clothing as well! After verifying that Europeans do indeed stay in great shape physically, our red-faced group beat a not-too-hasty retreat.

On Thursday, several of the intrepid and/or foolhardy members of our group signed up for the Swiss equivalent of NASTAR. The course looked gentle enough, but since approximately 75 racers had gone before our group, the turns had become 1½ foot ice ruts which caused us a lot of problems and resulted in no medals this time for our bunch.

We were consoled that evening at the hotel by a sumptuous buffet that was so beautifully arranged that **Phil Pellegrino, Linda Lechliger and Duff Trimble** spent more time taking pictures of it than the rest of us did in consuming it.

Jim Franz joined **Pat Martin and Gail Quenneville** for another trip into the town of Interlaken on Friday, while **Sue and Pam Pellegrino** took the day off from skiing to support the local economy in Grindelwald.

Ambassadore Maurice Jaccard of Switzerland was our special guest at the Friday evening fondue party at which **Calvin Doody and James Dickson** demonstrated very deft technique with their fondue forks.

Angie Trimble, who had injured her knee earlier in the week, bravely made it to the fondue party, as did **Ann McGown**, who had been our resident "knee wrapper" for the

week.

On Saturday, we left Grindelwald after the obligatory group photo-taking in front of our hotel, then drove to Lucerne for a four-hour walking trip of that surprisingly beautiful city, then on to Zurich.

Allan Simpson and Linda MacFarland, who decided to spend a few extra days in Europe, bid farewell to the rest of the group on Saturday.

The last bit of drama for our trip occurred in Zurich when **Don Eckhardt**, who is writing a spy novel which includes some of its activity in the Grindelwald locale, and his wife, **Patti Mengden**, realized they had left their passports in the safe back in Grindelwald.

Proving once again that he can handle any situation, Karl was able to get them through customs in Switzerland and back home without their passports. Nice going even for a secret agent, Karl!

The impressions we form of a foreign country are often as accurate as the proverb of the blind men each describing an elephant by touching only one part of the body. But Lotty, Karl and ATC Zeev Vogel exposed us to such a variety of towns, ski areas and shopping junkets, all interspersed with Karl's personal experiences with Switzerland, that our group felt we have truly had a representative sampling of this remarkable country.

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VAIL SKIERS

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Saturday the excitement of traveling to Beaver Creek was heightened when the shuttle bus hit a huge chunk of ice while passing another bus. The driver lost control and miraculously missed the other bus by inches.

This did not slow down our group at all. Gutsy **Doris Hemsworth** stayed with the mogul group through thick and black. She was truly gutsy, until she heard about the double diamonds, but the will to survive won out and the diamonds were passed.

After skiing blue and black runs all day long and without one incident, **Roger Holzman** fell while standing in the lift line, but no problem. The skiers just stepped over him and kept the line moving.

Saturday night we sampled a bit of the Old West. Eleven "cowpokes" snuggled under blankets while the horse-drawn bobsled glided along the snow. Our voices could be heard quite well over the sounds of the sleigh bells when we sang "Jingle Bells."

After our lesson in cowboy history, everyone went different directions to satisfy their hunger, some wanted food, others wanted

something else. The something else Marjorie, Carolyn and **Clyde Williams** found at the Shadows (the local disco). It was said by a reliable source, these three ladies were very popular. They even turned down a millionaire (the owner of the Fairmont Hotels).

Sunday our die-hard skiers, Jerria, Bob, and Roger H., hit the slopes for one last time, while the rest of us went shopping. When it came time to load the van, we found a large bus in its place.

Now **Carl Leatherwood** could stretch out and get some rest. He was so worn out keeping up with the "Blue and Black Bandits." Also **Suzanne Page** could hardly walk after her first time skiing, but she said she had a great time. The hardest thing is putting those ski boots on the second day.

As the bus driver was moving us closer to the Denver airport, the comments heard while wandering around the bus were unique:

....Is it cold yet?

....She forgot the water **again**, I'll have to drink a scotch with scotch.

....I'm still waiting!

....She'll be comin' round the mountain when she comes.

....Was that 4 buns or 2 moons over the back seat.

While waiting for our luggage back at Intercontinental Airport, I took a picture of **Vickie** and **Herb Kramer**. All of my group pictures were missing these two bodies. We did see them from time to time, I think, or so I was told.

In closing there is only two things I need to say. Thanks to a great group of people who made this trip wonderful and **Carolyn Rankin is now a 5!**

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