## THE

JUNE, 1983
SITZMARKE


SUN AND FUN IN THE VALLEY
'83-'84 TRIP SCHEDULE
TEA FOR TWO SKIER

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- Eric Holm

Markemaker (cont. from pg. 5) pants are a little snug. Maybe Anne should find some red stretch pants....?

Anne thinks she's still learning how to ski because she's performing so many face plants. (Anne, you don't need to plie while getting off the lift.) This past winter at Snowbird, Utah, Anne was skiing with SCSCer Mo Granda when they each took spills in deep powder.

Anne says a half hour of giggling slipped by before she and Mo were able to rise, readjust skis, find poles (oh, yes, Anne is allowed to carry ski poles now), re-orient themselves, and continue their slalom. If that led to so many giggles, how come you say you can't stand powder, huh, Anne?

Anne has spent a great deal more than a half hour with ski club members. She has run every type of SCSC activity from $A$ to $Z$, although she was never an Assistant Trip Coordinator. She believes that skiing is a truly social sport and by
running trips, you get to know everyone in the club. Her hint for running a great ski trip is to plan well in advance.

That sounds just like a professional planner. Anne is one. Anne works for Shell Oil Company's Employee Relations department in staff planning, and takes her work seriously.

Anne says she'd enjoy planning another ski trip for the club. She'd like to go to Sun Valley again because she likes the professionalism of the staff and the area has her favorite ski terrain. Perhaps, Anne would ski anywhere except for Jupiter Bowl when there's moguls on it.

Picture Anne taking an intricate arabesque position on skis, an "I just know I'm not gonna make it" look etched upon her face. At least, Anne can name all the positions she performs as she windmills and faceplants her way down the slopes (probably humming "Tea for Two" all the while).

## HIT, GIGGLE \& SPLASH

HIT some tennis balls GIGGLE with some friends SPLASH \& cool off in the pool JUNE 18



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Please call Leona at 468-4609 if you want to help her in formulating the scope and goals for this new effort.

Speaking of community activities, thanks to all the SCSC volunteers who showed up at the rainy KIKK/MDA BBQ Cookoff, May 14-15. Congratulations to SCSC member teams Bunk House BBQ and Buffalo Snort Cookers who took first and second place, respectively.

Evidently, from the number of SCSC members out there helping, several echo my interest in having SCSC become active in a few more events with a similar purpose of helping others.

Glenn Bishop reports membership forms keep rolling in and that 95 percent have a completed survey on the back. Thank you for your response! Layna Adams has now completed a data base for use in inputting all the information from the surveys. We will report on the findings as soon as they can be collated and analyzed. As you can guess, it will take a bit of time to input so much information into the computer.

If your fellow SCSCer
did not receive this issue of the Sitzmarke, he or she: probably forgot to renew before the May 31 deadline. Do them a favor and remind them to get their membership forms in, soon! They are now at the bottom of the wait lists. Remind them that if they renew now, they will get their summer Sitzmarke and avoid the rush as we near the 1400 membership limitation.

For those newer members who may not already be aware, there are no general meetings during the summer months. But, Kay Broad has put together an outstanding list of summer get-togethers, some of which are even free (except for BYO whatevers). See her ads throughout this issue.

The big event of the summer, the annual Summer Bash, is set for the last weekend of July and is a great opportunity to invite guests who may be interested in SCSC membership. Remember, it will cost less if you reserve early and we know you want to be assured of enough food and drink for all.

See you at the summer activities!




## JUNE

12 Racquetball Tournament. Contact DeeDee Marsh, 524-1235
18 Hit, Giggle \& Splash, 2-6 p.m. 15823 Oleta Lane. Contact Nancy Halfen, 494-2624.
23 Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m. at TEXAS, 6106 Fairdale.
25 Windsurfing, 1 p.m. Seabrook Sailing Club. Contact John Cook, 999-0070 or George Hirasaki, 663-2703.

## JULY

11 Board of Directors Meeting. Contact Bruce Maughs, 861-2037
15-17 Guadalupe Canoe/Raft Trip. Contact Peggy McLane, 772-0771
31 Summer Bash, 2-8 p.m. Greek Orthodox Community Center, 11600 Haviland. Contact Betty Werlin, 780-4311

# '83-'84 SKI SCHEDULE REFLECTS INNOVATIONS 

by John Cook, Trips Vice President

It seems early to be talking about next year's ski season, but the planning must be done before the present season is even over. In making those plans, we received input from many sources.

In scheduling next year's trips, we are incorporating a few innovations which I hope will enable more people to go skiing at lower costs and have a better skiing experience while there.

One innovation is to try some last minute bargain trips. This idea has merit, but presents a lot of problems in the where, when and how many categories. We hope to solve this by abstracting the numbers, looking at past area prices and the airlines' history of discounting seats at certain time periods.

To keep costs down, these trips will be no frills (i.e., no TC or ATC, no prepaid parties, etc.) We will utilize volunteer skiers and past TC's (new name is trip coordinator) to help us. I hope these work because they could give us some very nice inexpensive trips.

Two trips are planned in this framework. They are to Salt Lake City, Utah, December 12-17 for some early season skiing (about the time we all get itchy feet) and again in January for a Pre-Texas Ski Week Race Clinic. Participants will meet the TSW trip and proceed to Sun Valley, if desired.

Another innovation is to run more short trips. In the past we have run only one or two short trips each year. This year we have planned six four-day trips. Hopefully, this will reduce costs for some and, more importantly, save vacation time enabling some to possibly participate in more than one trip per year with SCSC.

Another innovation is to limit the size of trips to easily managed groups. On the large demand trips, such as TSW, we are breaking them into sections and providing TC's and ATC's for each section. This enables the leaders to respond to the individual easier and better plus lets everyone meet the other people in his/her group. Bigger is not necessarily better.

In planning the trips, our objectives were to give the member of SCSC a variety of choices in ski areas, prices, length of stay and group sizes that will give them the quality skiing experience for which they are looking.

With these things in mind, a tentative trip schedule was formulated and has been approved by the Executive Committee. Some of the dates could change, if we run into scheduling difficulties. The tentative schedule is as follows:

November 23-27
December 7-11
December 26January 1
January 3-7
January 8-15
January 11-15
January 21-28 or
January 28-February 4
February 2-12 or 4-14
February 12-19
February 18-25
February 29-March 4
March 3-10
March 11-18
March 14-18
March 25-April 1
*Keystone at Thanksgiving Salt Lake City, Utah

Big Sky, Montana
Salt Lake City - Race Clinic
*Sun Valley, Idaho (2 sections)
*Sun Valley, Idaho
Aspen, Colorado Europe
*Crested Butte, Colorado Telluride, Colorado Vail, Colorado Jackson Hole, Wyoming
*Heavenly Valley, Nevada
*Heavenly Valley, Nevada
*Breckenridge, Colorado
*Texas Ski Council Trips

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## TEA FOR TWO SKIER

# ANNE 

## NARKENAKKER

## by Phyllis C. Sysak

## SCSC Follies Director

 Gene Turboff once commented, "Anne Benefield is one person you can count on to NEVER, BUT NEVER, undress in public." But, one thing Anne does do in public is dance. ONE, tap, TWO, tap, THREE, tap, tap, FOUR, and RELEVE.According to Anne, everyone knows she loves to dance so much she took ballet lessons "forever" and joined the Joeffrey Ballet Company in New York to dance professionally. When she realized her dream career didn't pay enough salary, she moved to Houston, a city not far from her hometown of Galveston.

If you ask her about home, Anne reminisces
about life as a child. She says, "I was a spoiled brat. I got everything I wanted. With one older and one younger brother, my parents doted on their only daughter."
"I remember, one time at Christmas, my older brother got a football outfit that I wanted as soon as I saw it. Wouldn't you guess, that's what my parents gave me for my next birthday!"

Growing up in Galveston gave Anne a delight for water sports, particularly sailboarding or sailing her sunfish. Sailing is one way Anne renews herself. She says she feels completely relaxed and almost cleansed after spending a day aboard her boat alone.

So, how on earth did
our Galveston dancer/sailor discover skiing? A girlfriend, Monique Knox, dragged Anne in 1972 to her first SCSC meeting to look over the eligible prospects. Anne remembers that SCSCer Jim McIntyre was kind enough to co-sign her application for membership. Two years later, Anne decided to give skiing a try and signed up for the Red River and Winter Park trips.

Anne describes her lessons at Red River and Winter Park. "That's when everyone was teaching GLM (Graduated Length Method) and my instructors wouldn't let us use poles. They said we should pretend we were carrying waiters' trays and hold our arms accordingly. Boy, did I feel dumb."
"Everyone else was using ski poles; everyone else's skis were longer; and no one skied like this (Anne demonstrates how to carry a tray). Another technique our instructors told us about was to sing while skiing to develop rhythm. I sang "Tea for Two" for years every time I got off a lift."

When she's headed for the slopes, Anne wants to dress properly. Her favorite outfit is navy stretch pants with a warm sweater. On one especially snowy day, Anne realized that the only skiers who could be seen were those who were wearing bright colors, so she's going shopping for the reddest jacket she can find. Anne quit smoking last year and claims her ski (continued on Page 11)



Easy Thayer gives directions to rally participants.

Question: What do you do with your Sitzmarke after you read it? Well, this is ole "Signpost" Johnson and this issue is a real keeper cuz I'm going to give you some rally lessons and tell you all about the diabolical pitfalls of this years SCSC rally.

Rule Number One: Read everything first!

Rule Number Two: Do not assume anything!

Now I know that Easy Thayer, Rallymaster, emphasized these points when he was using the team Jeep of Susan and Mike Feltner and Jane and Blaise Guerrero as a platform for driver's instructions. He even explained that rallies test your ability to follow instructions exactly and your powers of observation. So I can't understand why anyone had any problems with the questions. Must have been all the interest in the corner Texaco station.

Lesson \#1.: There is at least one question that cannot be answered.

Lesson \#2.: There are no typographical errors on the answer sheets.

I am sure Easy meant to spell Hou-Texins like the sign rather thani Hou-Texans. Gary Quinn and Arlene Veach were even nice enough to correct the spelling before answering the question. But then it fooled everybody but Debbie Ball and Tom Wright, Brenda Bennett and old rally pro Art Camero, and Joel McDowell and crew. More on this lesson later.

Lesson \#3.: Answer the questions in numerical order.

I know that it was a mistake that question 28. $\qquad$ Mill was before question 27.

Queen so that you answered Dairy Queen instead of PAGE 6

## ROAD RALLY ROUTE



Easy Thayer (left) gives Peggy McLane written instructions while Zeev Vogel (right) checks Skip Callahan's mileage.


Above, Mike Brown, Debbie Ball and Tom Wright plan their strategy. Right, Zeev Vogel checks Blaise Guerrero and Mike Feltner's papers.

Speed Queen. Brenda and Art, Debbie and Tom, and T. J. Lassiter and Tina Kendall knew it wasn't a mistake. Phyllis Sysak and Bob Cook must have read something in the stars because they crossed out Speed and wrote Dairy.

Lesson \#4.: It's not nice to prove the Rallymaster wrong.

Everybody knew that they were on Bike Route except Mike and Brenda Boland and Jana and
Stephen Peters who found a TINY Cable Route sign that Easy missed.


Now you know why you finished second, gang!

Lesson \#5.: Fill in the blanks exactly like the answer in the field.

Last year's second place team of Jan Livingston and Chris Ginn would have trophied except for writing 9998 instead of 9898 and Garden Center instead of Garden Enter.

Lesson \#6.: Look everywhere for answers. First correct answer only.

19__ 33 was on a building in Stafford that was built in 1933.

## PUSHES DRIVERS OVER COUNTY LINE



Easy Thayer scores rally sheets with Liz Tilton and Tony Mastrogiacomo helping.

Helen Holland teamed with Peggy Widaman and Margie Lord and was the only one to spot the correct Rudy. That won Helen the coveted Roving Eyes award.

A special Eagle Eye goes to Steve Kroger and Ann Daly for finding the barely visible Tater on the next building. I don't see how anyone missed Zachary City Limits. Just because the sign was rusty and on the front of a distant horse stall. The second place team was the only one to get it right.

Lessons 1 and 2 again: Surely Easy wouldn't purposely misspell two questions. He must have meant Ole instead of Old Fashion Meat Mkt. . The best trick spotter Debbie and Tom got this one. Sandy Palmer, Ron Smith, and Cathy and Gary Elston finally woke up to the tricks and got this one right.

Lesson \#7.: Above all, don't be late for the party at the end.

Event Chairman, Zeev Vogel, had a great one with plenty of Luther's Bar B Que and enough beer to flood the park. Only 2 cars out of 28 failed to find the party. I had always heard that Space City likes to party. That must have been why FTDer's Mike Moldofsky, Michele Permutt, and Kathy Vogel were the first team in. Jim and Carlyne Kelley enjoyed running around in the Jaguar and looking for answers so much that they almost missed the party. They won a watch to remind them of the time.

Final lesson: Have fun!
Last year's winners Pam and Jerry Pyle did even though Jerry kept complaining about a detour and the time limit. Who would have known that a truck would turn over in the middle of no where at Haralson and Gessner.

First Place Winners: Cathy and Gary Elston and Sandy Palmer and Ron Smith.


Second Place Winners: Brenda and Mike Boland and Jana and Stephen Peters.

Third Place Winners: Debbie Ball and Tom Wright. Jean Walke and Patti Richards were only one point back. They did well until the scenery of downtown Stafford must have temporarily blinded them.

The Midnight award of a flashlight goes to Joe Jackson and his crew. Special awards not previously mentioned go to Phyllis and Bob for the most "constructive" answers like Zachary Scott Construction, Rainbow Bar \& Grill, and Big Bird's saying High There Kids.

The longest distance ever driven goes to the crew in the Corvair convertible who arrived at the first checkpoint almost ahead of workers Liz Tilton and Tony Mastrogiacomo, 20 instructions early and 10 miles off course.

Ole Signpost wants to thank all the workers and teams for making this rally such a success and so much fun for me to watch. After today's lesson I expect to see lots of you out there next year. Remember to save this issue for future reference.

Let's see, next year we could try the old checkpoint on the wrong side of the road trick, or alternate course in reverse direction, or maybe....

- Easy Thayer

Rally winners show off their trophies. From left, Ron Smith, Cathy Elston, Sandy Palmer, Gary Elston, Mike and Brenda Boland, Stephen and Jana Peters. Kneeling, Easy Thayer.

## GUADALUPE CANOE/RAFT TRIP

July 15-17
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DOWN IN THE VALLEY

## HOT DOGGERS HAUNT HEMINGWAY'S HOME

by Karen Friedsam \& Chris Ginn

SUN VALLEY! A terrific mountain, lots of scenery, history and nostalgia. It's the place Claudette Colbert (not a member of SCSC) was a regular and Ernest Hemingway made his home.

Twenty-six Space City skiers set off for Sun Valley early Easter Sunday, April 3. Everyone arrived for the flight and the group soon discovered that Clear Lake City Ski Club was also on our flight to Salt Lake City.

The bus ride was all Laff-Stop entertainment courtesy of Sue Allbritton, Charley Epps and Ed Barnett, the Strawberry Man. No one was allowed to sleep and all the Bloody Marys, screwdrivers and anything else drinkable was consumed.

After a brief detour to view the Snake River Canyon we cruised through Hailey and then Ketchem and finally to Sun Valley Lodge where Carl Wilgus, group sales manager, met us and dispensed Texas Ski Council packets and keys. Lois McCarnes declared the condos the best she had ever seen on a ski trip, due to towel warmers on the bathroom walls.

It was too dark to really see what surrounded us, but in the morning the view was like a Christmas post card. Everything was covered in snow. Up to 108 inches covered hills, mountains and roofs. All the participants headed to the slopes. Debbie Sue Fulmer and Dennis James headed for ski school at Dollar. Bob Copple, Linda McFarland, Steve Gucker, Lois and Chris Ginn signed up for the race clinic and found what seemed to be the only fault. Dull edges!

Monday afternoon, the hot pool (it was too big to be called a tub), found Dwight Hooks, Nan James, Karen Friedsam, Don Wilkes, Dennis, Bob, Steve and Chris completely relaxed in the soothing hot water. Everyone was sunburned, but happy and explaining how great their day of skiing had been.


Taking a night on the town are from left, Nan James, Dwight Hooks and Karen Friedsam kneeling. Bob Copple, Steve Cucker, Don Wilkes, Linda MacFarland, Chris Ginn and Dennis James.


Waiting to race are Chris Cinn and Yvonne McMahon, front; Dwight Hooks, Ed and Elaine Barnett, rear.


Skiers enjoy hot pool at end of day.

That night at the Ram Bar, Coors beer provided all the free suds we could drink while we watched the bad ending to the Phi Slamma Jamma story. Sue and Dale Allbritton were enjoying the live music, especially the fiddle playing.

Wednesday's obstacle race got everyone's attention and proved to be the slippery point of the day for a few of us, right Dwight? Even with Ray Thomas's and Andy Fitzpatrick's help, somehow the club award escaped us.

Wednesday afternoon Snugs, a great ski shop, hosted a champagne party with a great spread for the Texas skiers and had fantastic door prizes. Our own Ed Barnett won a pair of boots, which Elaine happily accepted.

Trying to prove ourselves worthy of some award, Linda, Bob, Steve and Chris entered NASTAR the next day and placed third, third and third (three bronzes).

If a Space City skier didn't cure his or her aches and pains by relaxing in the pool with a few glasses of wine, the lodge had available masseuses. Joan Chasen, Sue Dale and Steve all swear those massueses could cure everything from dislocated knees to constipation.

Friday was the Texas Ski Council Club Race. Once again Mike D'Zuilba led the pace for Space City.


Lois McCarnes at Sun Valley.

Mike and Bob both won silver medals, Steve and Chris won bronze and Mike also had the best time for all clubs. Special thanks goes to Andy, who helped with the photography and the beer, because his NASTAR card got lost.

Just about sundown all the Space City skiers bundled up and walked to the Sun Valley Inn to catch sleighs for the ride to the Trail Creek Cabin. The large sleighs were drawn by Clydesdales. Jean Ubico, Margie Fanette, Ray Thomas, Terry Barnes, Yvonne McMahon, Susan Goldberg, Mike D'Zuiba and Carol Collins kept warm under mounds of blankets and very close quarters.

Saturday night, the last night in Sun Valley, allowed all the Texans another chance to get together at the Awards Party and all the clubs would learn how they faired in the race. As we entered the Ram Bar each woman was given a nut and each man was given a bolt. If you could find someone that had a compatible thread you both would win a door prize.

The lines used weren't the most original, but everyone tried to "get it together." Karen was one of the successful ones.

Linda McFarland, Texas Ski Council Respresentative, presented the awards and Mike D'Zuiba was awarded a trophy and a new pair of Solomon bindings for first place male.

Something is very different about Sun Valley ski resort that is not prevalent at other ski areas. The people who work and play there seem to be more friendly than other resorts.

They weren't the least bit tired of the season and that made the week's stay in beautiful Sun Valley, Idaho, one of the best trips of the year.

Be sure and go next year to Texas Ski Week in Sun Valley!



## TEXAS

## The Mystery of TEXAS SKIER Magazine

Just about every club member owns at least one T-shirt from a ski trip this past season with the TEXAS SKIER Magazine logo on it. Everyone that participated in a Texas Ski Council sponsored trip received a fantastic program from TEXAS SKIER Magazine. Many have asked the same questions...What is the TEXAS SKIER Magazine and how do we subscribe?

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## SKIERS HELP WITH. COOKOFF

A few words of appreciation and thanks go to all the SCSC volunteers who helped with the KIKK/MDA Barbeque Cookoff the weekend of May 14-15 at the Grand Finale Dancehall. It was a successful weekend benefitting Bob Henderson's bunch at MDA.

SCSC members faired well in bringing home first and second place trophies for Best Barbeque. The Bunk House Cookers headed by Howard Pailet won first place and the Buffalo Snorts, consisting of Sy Liebergot, Glenn Bishop, Billi Kirk, Easy Thayer and Tom Mercer, accepted second place.

The "prize" brisket was sold at the auction for a top notch price of $\$ 1,135$. Other prizes and plaques
were awarded to other teams for participation and recognition.

I want to thank all my volunteers who certainly went beyond the call of duty in working long shifts and in rain and drizzle on Saturday night and Sunday. I took note of all the eager SCSC participants....thanks!

There was a lot of eating, beer drinking and dancing going on the entire weekend. The event can certainly be considered a huge success in the money raised to help such a worthwhile organization and the tremendous team effort and work put in by all. See you there next year!

Kay Broad,
Program Vice President


Photo \#1: COOKOFF WINNERS - Front row, Bill Kirk, Glenn Bishop, Easy Thayer; Back row, Sy Liebergot, Mike Benold with Bunk House BBQ, KIKK's Harvey T., Howard Pailet with Bunk House Lieber
$B B Q$.

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- Eric Holm

Markemaker (cont. from pg. 5) pants are a little snug. Maybe Anne should find some red stretch pants....? Anne thinks she's still learning how to ski because she's performing so many face plants. (Anne, you don't need to plie while getting off the lift.) This past winter at Snowbird, Utah, Anne was skiing with SCSCer Mo Granda when they each took spills in deep powder.

Anne says a half hour of giggling slipped by before she and Mo were able to rise, readjust skis, find poles (oh, yes, Anne is allowed to carry ski poles now), re-orient themselves, and continue their slalom. If that led to so many giggles, how come you say you can't stand powder, huh, Anne?

Anne has spent a great deal more than a half hour with ski club members. She has run every type of SCSC activity from $A$ to $Z$, although she was never an Assistant Trip Coordinator. She believes that skiing is a truly social sport and by
running trips, you get to know everyone in the club. Her hint for running a great ski trip is to plan well in advance.

That sounds just like a professional planner. Anne is one. Anne works for Shell Oil Company's Employee Relations department in staff planning, and takes her work seriously.

Anne says she'd enjoy planning another ski trip for the club. She'd like to go to Sun Valley again because she likes the professionalism of the staff and the area has her favorite ski terrain. Perhaps, Anne would ski anywhere except for Jupiter Bowl when there's moguls on it.

Picture Anne taking an intricate arabesque position on skis, an "I just know I'm not gonna make it" look etched upon her face. At least, Anne can name all the positions she performs as she windmills and faceplants her way down the slopes (probably humming "Tea for Two" all the while).

HIT some tennis balls GIGGLE with some friends SPLASH \& cool off in the pool JUNE 18


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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## To Help Organize These Activities!

* POOLS needed for WATER VOLLEYBALL
* TENNIS tournaments
* BRIDGE nights
* BOATS - sail or power, for an afternoon in the sun
* ASTRO GAME coordinator
* MILLER THEATRE - coordinator for evening event
* CAMPOUTS...or a dude ranch weekend
* C\&W DANCING - coordinator for night excursion SOFTBALL teams
* RACQUETBALL tournaments
* GOLF tournaments
* EXERCISE groups....bicycling, jogging or aerobics * CASINO Party coordinator
* ANY OTHER GREAT IDEAS???????

BIG GROUP! LITTLE GROUP! ANY SUGGESTIONS.... CALL WITH YOUR IDEAS AND LET'S GET READY AND GO!!!!!!!

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