

THE

DECEMBER, 1983

SITZMARKE



TEXAS SKI CUP POINT SYSTEM
MEMBERSHIP SURVEY
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EXPERTS GIVE PRESENTATIONS AT DECEMBER MEETING ON MEDICAL SAFETY, EXERCISE, PROPER SKI BINDINGS

HEAD OF THE LIFTLINE

BY TANIA ANDRASKO

We hope you enjoyed last month's ski clothing and fur style show, as well as the "getting ready for ski season" skit. All of our volunteer performers and models appreciated your attention to the show.

My thanks to everyone who participated and made this annual event an especially entertaining evening, due to Oshman's and Rupley Furs and their outstanding fashions.

Congratulations to those who won one of the seven door prizes and especially to **Jo Crouthers**, the lucky lady who won the mink hat! Don't forget, we will have more door prizes at the December meeting.

December's general meeting will feature **David Ross**, Salomon representative and binding expert, our own **Dr. Steve Van Pelt** discussing medical safety on the slopes and **Dr. Jeffrey Ross** with exercises to limber up. This meeting is designed to help us start thinking about some of those all-important points to remember as we prepare for the high season of the ski year.

Since some are more

interested in socializing than others at the monthly programs, we will be dividing the meeting room into two spaces, one for talkers and one for listeners.

This arrangement was successfully used several times last season, and, for this meeting, we will have seating available for those who want to participate in the program and ask questions of the presenters.

An attempt is again being made to provide you with interesting and informative programs, as you have frequently requested. A great deal of effort goes into the organization of meeting programs such as the one planned for December and your attention during the program will be appreciated by both the presenters and fellow members who would like to be able to hear the speakers.

Also at December's meeting will be our Community Projects Committee's Christmas toys collection for the U. S. Marine Corps. Don't forget to bring a toy, unwrapped, to the meeting.

Our thanks to all who brought canned and non-perishable goods for needy family Thanksgivings to last month's meeting. With hectic business and social schedules, we sometimes forget the real meaning of Thanksgiving and

Christmas.

Those who are suddenly wishing they had signed up for our Christmas trip to Big Sky, Mont., should check with **Charla Merrel** or **Dianne Tully** to see if they have any openings. As of this writing, they do not have a wait list and history has shown that openings sometimes do occur. We

**GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY
DECEMBER 12
STOUFFER HOTEL
7:30 P.M.
BRING A TOY
FOR TOTS
AT CHRISTMAS**

don't want anyone to miss out on this trip, location and price for an exceptional holiday week.

Elsewhere in this issue is our first report from the membership survey. It will provide an interesting profile of our club members and their interests. It will also provide data for the future planning of ski trips and non-ski activities.

One thank-you we missed last month goes to **Gary Quinn** for the donation of extra computer discs put to use during the computer party weekend to compile the data.

We have several reminders for this month. Final payment is due for the Crested Butte, Telluride

and European trips prior to the December general meeting.

And, don't forget our extra special Happy Hour on December 15 at Vargo's. They will have all their Christmas decorations out and this will be the SCSC 1983 Christmas party. Come slightly dressy and let's make it an extra special occasion that lasts well past the usual happy hours.

Your Executive Committee and Board of Directors extend best wishes to you for the happiest of holiday seasons and a prosperous New Year.

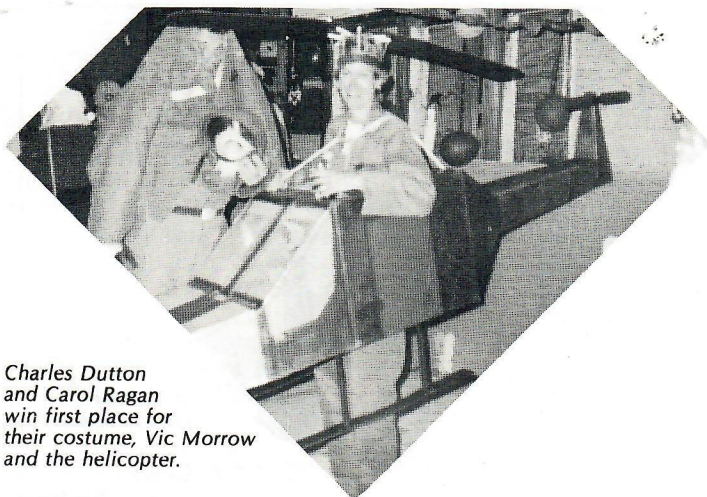
CHRISTMAS TOYS FOR TOTS

The Community Projects Committee is working with the U. S. Marine Corps in December for their Christmas project. **Karen Friedsam** is chairing this activity and we ask you to bring a small toy valued at one to three dollars, unwrapped to the December meeting. Your gift should bring some happiness to a small child.

We appreciate your bringing can goods to the November meeting. The food baskets went to the Houston Ministries, a United Way agency, for the food pantry. This will be distributed to families in an emergency or crisis. -**Leona Schroeder**, Community Projects Chairman.

ASK AN OFFICER

Tania.....	776-9754
Kay.....	499-4710
John.....	448-5012
Glenn.....	729-0065
Jean.....	974-0456
Karen.....	682-5426
Art.....	772-3534



Charles Dutton and Carol Ragan win first place for their costume, Vic Morrow and the helicopter.

COSTUMED SKIERS CARE FOR SKI TEAM

What do you say to a ski-ery vampire? "Suck my skis?" "Kiss my Aspen?" Or "Happy Halloween!" Ask **Roi Rambin** and **Barry Kumins** and their ladies, **Roberta** and **Carol**. Their Dracula look-alike costumes were among the 70 frightened apparitions at the Seventh Annual Halloween Party and U. S. Ski Team Benefit.

Profits from the party and sale of Ski Team pins yielded a record \$300 for the Team.

Big winners in the costume department were **Charles and Carol Dutton** as a headless actor and lethal helicopter. **Shirley Andries** copped a second place prize as a sexy old lady.

Third place went to **Pat Martin's** electrified Christmas tree. **Easy Thayer's** Poor Man's Juke Box provided entertainment and was rewarded with 80¢ and three wooden nickels.

The Terzakis surgery team competed with the M*A*S*H Unit's Klinger and Petri at performing labotomies on pumpkins. We have no record of which team won the contest, but it was an assortment of clowns, prisoners, werewolves and birds that created prizewinning jack-o-lanterns.

Neither did we record the apple bobbing winners. However, a record number of apples were retrieved from the murky waters.

Much thanks to Chicago Pizza for the terrific eats and to Easy Thayer, **Joe "Lone Stranger" Murphy** and **Melissa "Child Witch" Gross** for help in spinning spider webs and setting up the haunted house.

The U. S. Ski Team thanks all those ghouls who rose to the occasion. Now back to the crypt until next year. -**Bob Olsen**

IT'S A DATE!

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DECEMBER

- 12 General Membership Meeting. "Exercise, Medical and Safety Tips." 7:30 p.m. Stouffer Hotel, 6 Greenway Plaza East. Contact Tania Andrasko, 776-9754.
- 14 Sun Valley A Pre-trip Party. 7 p.m., Barratoni's Irish Bar, 7320 Southwest Frwy. Contact Bill Kirk, 774-5474, or Billie Nowak, 861-8581.
- 15 Happy Hour and Christmas Party. 6:30 p.m., Vargo's, 2401 Fondren.
- 19 Executive Committee Meeting. 7:00 p.m., 528 West 32nd. Contact Tania Andrasko, 776-9754.
- 26-1 Christmas Skiing at Big Sky Mt. Contact Charla Merrel, 726-0329, or Dianne Tully, 466-6359.

JANUARY

- 5 Wine and Cheese Party at Oshman's Ski Deck. 7-10 p.m., Oshman's, 2131 South Post Oak. Contact Charles Dutton or Carol Ragan at 664-1717.
- 6 Aspen Traditional Pre-trip Party. 7:30 p.m., Birra Polit's, 1997 West Gray. Contact Phyllis Sysak, 270-1064, or Ed Barnett, 977-4439.
- 8-15 Texas Ski Week. Skiing at Sun Valley, Id. Contact Bill Kirk, 774-5474, or Kathy Myers, 960-9286.
- 11-15 Texas Ski Week Short Trip at Sun Valley, Id. Contact Dick Howard, 496-6191.
- 16 General Membership Meeting. "Winter Photography." 7:30 p.m., Stouffer Hotel, 6 Greenway Plaza East. Contact Tania Andrasko, 776-9754.
- 18 Crested Butte, Pre-trip Party, 7:30 p.m. Contact Cindy Garrett, 956-8892, or Gordon Wise, 827-1443.
- 19 Switzerland Pre-trip Party. 7 p.m., 7707 Apache Plume. Contact Lotty Gautschi, 622-6820, or Zeev Vogel, 721-6882.
- 24 Telluride Pre-trip Party. 7:30 p.m., Jason's Club, 8330 Southwest Frwy. Contact Peb Rock, 850-0655, or Suzie Volz, 492-1702.
- 25 Executive Committee Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Contact Tania Andrasko, 776-9754.
- 26 Happy Hour
- 28-4 Aspen Traditional Ski Trip. Contact Phyllis Sysak, 270-1064, or Ed Barnett, 977-4439.

ACTIVITIES SHAPING UP FOR SPRING, SUMMER MONTHS

Plans are progressing for springtime activities. **Joe Dar** will coordinate a night at the rodeo in late February and **Carol Dutton** will head up the photo contest which is scheduled for the March meeting.

Ann Batten will coordinate the bi-annual Breauz Bridge Crawfish Festival trip in May. Look for these and other activities to be annunced in upcoming *Sitzmarks*.

In lining up additional activities for the spring, I am looking for members to coordinate a trip to the horse races, a night at the theatre to see *Camelot* and a racquetball tournament. If you have interest in these areas or others and want to run an activity, you need to contact me immediately so we can finalize plans.

If coordinating an activity is not your bag, but you still want to help, we are looking for members who can volunteer time for the Follies in May and the Summer Bash in July.

We need bodies to help with script writing, painting sets, making costumes, coordinating outdoor games, helping with food preparation and helping with the paperwork that comes with people coordination.

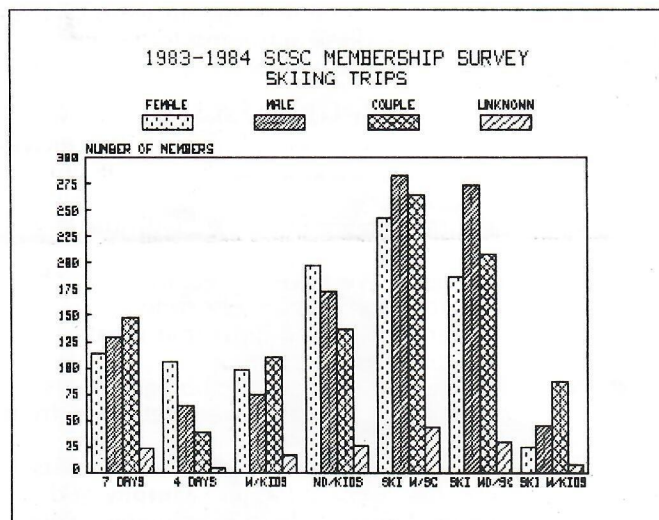
This club is for everyone and the more involved you get, the more you will get out of the club. Call me at 499-4710 with your ideas, suggestions and new events you would like to run. Remember, we need three months of planning time. - **Kay Broad**, Programs V. P.

SCSC MEMBER SURVEY RESULTS

by Sy Liebergot

At long last the majority of the survey results are ready for publication. More than 1000 of you, representing an 83% response to the questionnaire, created an incredible 180,000 individual answers to be compiled.

Most (89%) joined SCSC primarily for skiing, with social reasons a significant second, but the majority of you involve SCSC in 25% or less of your social activities.



TRIPS - 37% of all available vacation days are spent skiing, with an almost even split of ski trips with and not with SCSC.

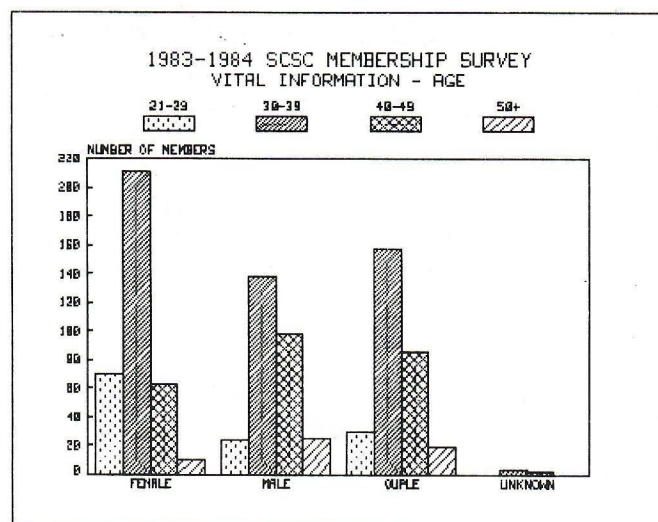
The majority of respondents answered that SCSC should not offer a ski trip to include dependent minors.

Members prefer 7-day trips and overwhelmingly during non-holiday periods.

We are decidedly intermediate/advanced intermediate skiers, half of whom have never raced NASTAR and want a race team.

OTHER INTERESTS - SPORTS - Tennis is the big favorite, while bowling is not; one individual reported that "spending my money" was sporting.

NON-SPORTS interests ran the gamut and included metaphysics, sex, women, dancing, drinking, men, and "anything" as well as "everything."

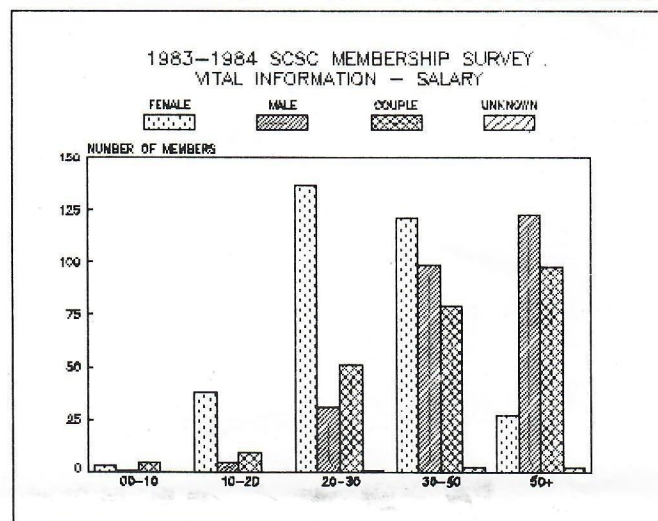


New activities/trips recommendation highlights were Mexico and a cruise.

VITAL STATISTICS - Three-fourths of the club is single with 10% more single females than single males. About 72% of the members live in Southwest Houston, 18% in Northwest, and 9% East/Southeast. These facts should be considered when discussing future meeting places.

We are 30-39 years of age, with a salary range of \$20,000 to \$50,000+.

CLUB OPERATION - Most members are interested in



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club operation, are satisfied with the volunteer program and find the present meeting place good, but only attend an average of 3 of the 9 monthly meetings.

We read an average of 60% of each issue of the *SITZMARKE* and desire that the quality and size remain the same.

Had enough? I'm sure you have. The data is available in finer granularity and will be used by your officers to better tailor our activities to the membership interests. The accompanying computer-produced graphs provided by **Layna Adams** should help clarify details on some areas.

Thank you for having the patience to fill out the questionnaire and thanks to all who helped put all the data into the computer for final analysis.

We will have other survey results of interest to our members in upcoming issues of the *SITZMARKE*.

BOARD NAMES NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee for 1984-85 officers is already at work. Please let them know your interest in any officership or your suggestions for people to be considered. Written suggestions with names and qualifications will be appreciated. Officers should have experience, enthusiasm and time available. Contact any committee member which consists of Anne Benefield, Eric Holm, Jan Livingston, Ron Rambin, Leona Schroeder, Charles Dutton and Elizabeth Braun.

STANDING RULES CHANGES

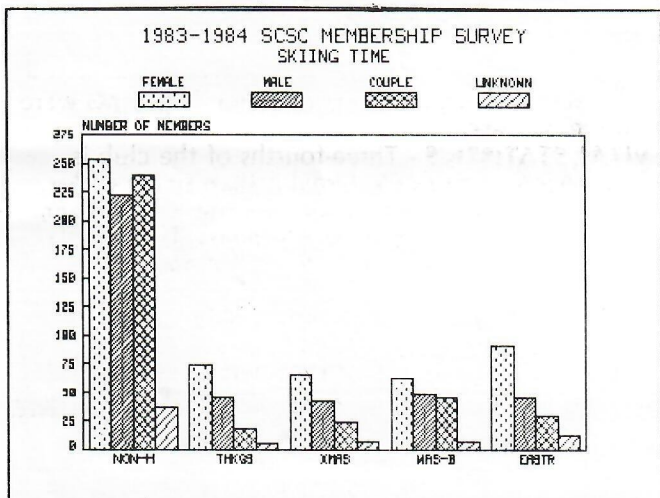
At the November Board of Directors meeting the following changes in the Standing Rules were voted into effect immediately:

4.0 DEFINITIONS

- 4.1 TRIP - An SCSC pre-planned function that includes at least one night's lodging and normally transportation. As such, a trip is subject to the restrictions and penalties specified in Sections 5.0, 7.0 and 8.0 of the Standing Rules.
- 4.2 ACTIVITY - An SCSC pre-planned function that does not involve lodging arrangements. As such, an activity is subject to the restrictions and penalties specified in Sections 6.0, 7.0 and 8.0 of the Standing Rules.

6.0 ACTIVITY PENALTIES

- 6.1 Price of each activity shall be approved by the Executive Committee.
- 6.2 Those activities allowing "payment at the door" shall charge price plus 40 percent at the door, up to a maximum of \$10 over price.
- 6.3 CANCELLATION FEES
 - A. Activities priced at \$10 or less - no refund
 - B. Activities priced at more than \$10
 1. Refund shall be price less \$10
 2. To receive refund, activity coordinator must receive written notification prior to final payment date or seven days before said activity, whichever is earlier.



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BRIDGE NIGHTS
RODEO NIGHT**

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FOR RENT - Lake Tahoe/Heavenly Valley Condo. Ski In/Out available. Sleeps four with 1 bdrm & sofa. \$115/night or \$700/wk. Call Leslie Walters at 759-4263 (O) or 493-0702 (H).

FOR RENT - Vail/Lionshead Condo one block from gondola. Fully furnished 2/2 that sleeps six with sauna. Discount for SCSCers - \$150 per night. Special rates for Christmas & holidays. Call Ed Rubenstein at 682-4894 (days).

WILD, WET AND WOOLY DESCRIBES BEDRAGGLED CAMPERS AT NON-ANNUAL MERCER GATHERING

On Friday night, November 6, the seventh non-annual Mercer's Campout was officially underway to the sound of thunder and raindrops (never again in November vowed host **Tom Mercer**!).

Despite a slow start, compounded by **Mike Brown** taking off late Thursday night with **Jean Marshall's** car keys, thus leaving her stranded, the turn out was great. Given the weather, we had only 20 wimps or no-shows!

While a bit wet for moseying, much fishing was done, with **Jerry Pyle's** huge five and a half pound bass the clear winner. **Ann Batten** fished so hard she finally decided to fall in the water and join her finny friends.

Dolores Durr and a friend brought a boomerang which **Michael Thomas** immediately proceeded to throw in the lake. **Bobette Olsen** is the undisputed paddleball champ, and yo-yo title went to that famous yo-yo **Merlyn Harger**.

After a heavy lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs, **Bob Cruse** whipped the campers into the rain for games, which finally had to be called because of the sudden deluge.

Sy Liebergot, **Easy Thayer**, **Glen Bishop** and **Ron Smith** provided great grub in the form of world class chili and fantastic brisket. Thanks also to chief pot washer and firewood provider **Joe Jackson**. Much appreciation to all who helped with the food and clean up.

Pam Holder was terrific in her role as chief assistant and executive do everything. Thanks also to **Karin Perkins** and **Sandy Smith** for yeoman dishwashing and kitchen help.

Mike Clements and **Nancy Haines** (who also led the singing) made beans and Whitey, the world's oldest dog, ate a quart of the leftovers. The alarm went out and everyone stayed away from Whitey.

The Saturday night meal was topped off by **Morna Simon's** imitable apple cobbler. She was able to make the cobbler despite a close encounter with a large beast who, reeking of bourbon, invaded the house and awoke sleeping occupants with demands for more



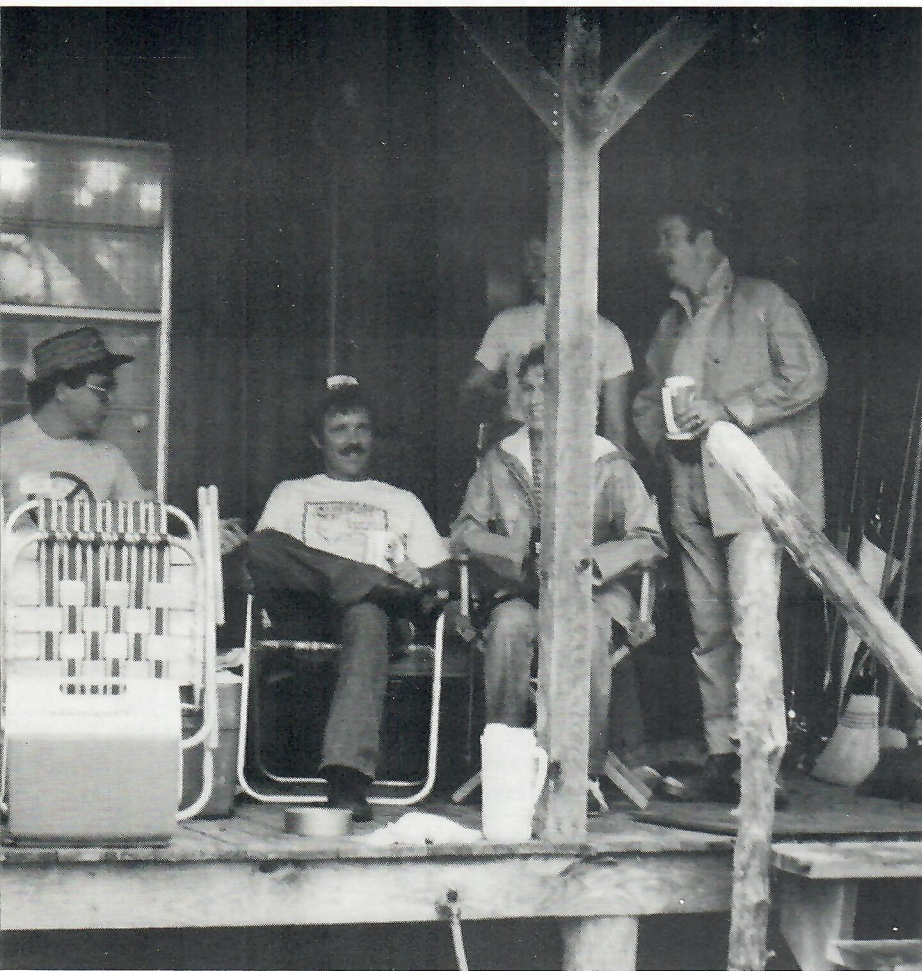
whiskey and cigarettes.

Easy "Captain America" Thayer ejected the vile creature. The Saturday night dance was a success with **Michelle Lamb**, **John "Jalapeno Breath" Stumph** and **Laura Ganghuff** leading the revelers.

Early Sunday morning we awoke to a pouring rain which washed away **Dick "Devil" Bryant's** tent stakes. **Ray Naudain** was terrific on the tractor as he pulled cars out of the field and onto the road. **Bill Kirk** rode on the back and, after a particularly bumpy ride, was last heard singing soprano.

Thanks to all, especially host **Tom Mercer**, for a wet, but wonderful weekend. I had such a good time, I promise not to sue Mercer for the spider bites! - **Michael J. Brown**





Ron Rabin and Karin Perkins help Debbie Ball and Carlos Campo in boat races.

Easy Thayer, Jean Marshall, Shirley Andries, Jim Plummer and Carlos Campo take it easy on the front porch.

Beverly Fecel and Mike Brown were winners of the egg toss. Glenn Bishop, Billie Nowak, Debbie Ball, and Carlos Campo practice for the five-legged race in the rain.

Even the rain does not deter three lone fishermen.

Karin Perkins prepares for an outdoor shower.

Sandy Smith and Pam Holder wait for Tom Mercer to serve up the lunchtime hamburgers.

Jean Marshall battles Bobette Olsen for paddleball championship.

Tom Mercer had to get out the tractor to pull cars out of the mud before going home Sunday.

1983 - 1984 SCSC TRIP SCHEDULE**

TRIP	DATES Depart Hou. Depart Area	Ski Days	Price	Final Pmt. Date	No. Skiers	Lodgings Name Bedrm/Bath	Lift Ticket Prices	Special Activities	Trip Coordinator Asst. Trip Coordinators	Home Phone	Office Phone
CHRISTMAS BIG SKY, MONTANA	Dec. 26 P.M. thru Jan. 1 P.M.	6	\$516	Oct. 5	40	Deer Lodge 2/2	\$64 for 4 Days \$80 for 5 Days	New Years Eve Party Day Trip to Yellowstone	Charla Merrel Dianne Tully	726-0329 466-6359	--- ---
*TEXAS SKI WEEK SUN VALLEY A	Jan. 8 P.M. thru Jan. 15 A.M.	6	\$468	Nov. 9	62	Lodge Apts. 3/3	\$90 for 6 Days	TSW Welcome Party Western Night Race Clinics	Bill Kirk Billie Nowak	774-5474 861-8581	452-8013 792-3335
*TEXAS SKI WEEK SUN VALLEY B	Jan. 8 P.M. thru Jan. 15 A.M.	6	\$468	Nov. 9	64	Lodge Apts. 2/2 & 3/3	\$90 for 6 Days	Snow Sculpture Contest, Broomball Tourney, Mountain Picnic	Kathy Myers Tom Mullins	960-9286 931-0116	658-0509 235-2453
*TEXAS SKI WEEK SUN VALLEY C SHORT TRIP	Jan. 11 P.M. thru Jan. 15 A.M.	3	\$315	Dec. 12	12 max.	Sun Valley Lodge 1/1	\$45 for 3 Days	TSW Parties Races Wine/Cheese Party	Dick Howard	496-6191	870-6485
ASPEN TRADITIONAL	Jan. 28 A.M. thru Feb. 4 P.M.	7½	\$555	Nov. 9	42	Lift One Condo 2/2 & 3/3	\$95 for 6 Days	Two Wine & Cheese Parties Optional Dinner Crystal Palace	Phyllis Sysak Ed Barnett	270-1064 977-4439	552-2360 868-6361
GRINDELWALD, SWITZERLAND	Feb. 9 A.M. thru Feb. 19 P.M.	6	\$1275	Dec. 7	44	Sunstar Hotel 1/1	\$85 for 6 Days	Fondue Party Nightclub in Zurich	Lotty Gautschi Zeev Vogel	622-6820 721-6882	--- 266-0198
*WINTER SHOOT-OUT CRESTED BUTTE	Feb. 12 P.M. thru Feb. 19 P.M.	6	\$485	Dec. 7	42	Chateaux 2/2	\$13.50 per Day	NASTAR Races TSC Parties	Cindy Garrett Gordon Wise	956-8892 827-1443	781-4732 ---
TELLURIDE	Feb. 18 P.M. thru Feb. 25 P.M.	6	\$495	Dec. 7	36	Coronet Creek West Willow Boomerang 2/2	\$14.50 per Day	Wine & Cheese Parties Taco Party Spaghetti Party	Peb Rock Suzie Volz	850-0655 492-1702	432-0303 777-3212
VAIL	Feb. 29 P.M. thru Mar. 4 P.M.	3½	\$440	Jan. 5	42	Enzian Lodge 1/1	\$17 per Day	Continental Breakfasts	Penny Chancey Bryan Siegel	686-4863 665-8323	462-4516 228-8611
JACKSON HOLE	Mar. 3 A.M. thru Mar. 10 P.M.	6	\$525	Jan. 10	36	Sojourner Inn 1/1	\$80 for 5 Days	A Day of Skiing at Grand Targhee	Elizabeth Braun	783-2719	---
*SPRING CLASSIC HEAVENLY VALLEY I	Mar. 11 A.M. thru Mar. 18 A.M.	6	\$488	Jan. 10	50	Sahara Tahoe 1/1	\$16 per Day for 3 Days	TSC Parties Wine & Cheese Party Bar-B-Que	John Galloway Lydia Miller	627-3013 840-1822	--- 461-0527 X64
*SPRING CLASSIC HEAVENLY VALLEY II	Mar. 11 A.M. THRU Mar. 18 A.M.	6	\$488	Jan. 10	50	Sahara Tahoe 1/1	\$16 per Day for 3 Days	TSC Parties Races Gambling	Harold Eaton Bob Frazier	995-4710 777-2061	--- 877-6296
*FINAL SHOWDOWN BRECKENRIDGE	Mar. 25 A.M. thru Apr. 1 P.M.	7	\$459	Feb. 8	42	Beaver Run 3/3 & 4/4	\$65 for 5 Days \$45 for 3 Days	TSC Parties Group Feed Fun Run Cocktail Party	Rudy Guerrero Janie Dar	466-4802 981-5510	671-7258 627-7000 X513

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

*Texas Ski Council sponsored trips.

All regular trip deposits are \$75. due at the time of signing. The Switzerland trip deposit is \$300. All or part of the deposit is non-refundable in accordance with the "Standing Rules". (Switzerland Trip cancellations and transfer fees \$50.00 each. Contact T.C. for more details.)

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"Locals like to brag that Crested Butte offers skiing like it used to be....short lift lines, a mountain capacity that's still ahead of lodging and plenty of good skiing, whether you're an expert or a rank beginner."

The above quote is taken from the October issue of *Houston Home and Garden Magazine*, an authoritative ski journal, if there ever was one. And, it's true.

While this area is gaining in popularity, the mountain is able to comfortably accommodate the crowds. New lifts in operation this year will expand the area and increase the balance of trails among beginner, intermediate and advanced skiers.

At the same time, the village and basin establishments are growing to meet the entertainment demands. Several new gourmet restaurants have opened with rave reviews. Importantly, there are very few resorts left where a lift ticket is yours for \$13.50.

The logistics, after much juggling, are really pretty good. We leave via Delta early Saturday morning February 11 for Montrose, Colo. The bus ride is only 75 miles and we

should be able to ski half a day. The return is the following Saturday, February 18, with a flight that will get us home at a reasonable hour. That will give everyone a full day to relax before resuming work.

The Chateau condos are all two bedrooms with two baths with fireplaces and balconies. The walk to the lifts is short and downhill, or if you prefer, a shuttle makes the rounds every 20 minutes.

Ski rentals are nearby as are shops, groceries, bars and other necessities. After skiing, treat yourself to a swim in a heated, covered pool or unwind at one of several trip cocktail parties.

If all of the above were not

enough, this is also the setting for the Winter Shoot Out, the Texas Ski Council's big deal down the mountain....eatout, drinkout and skiout.

Whether or not you believe in a free lunch, this trip has a bundle of freebies and cheapies as well as the opportunity for you to help SCSC recapture the coveted Texas Ski Cup.

The U.S. Ski team will also be training at Crested Butte while we are there (take that you "no snow" pessimists) and will give us a special demonstration on downhill technique.

Don't be left out. The spaces remaining are few. This one's for you!

- Cindy Garrett and Gordon Wise



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TSC ADAPTS NEW FORMAT FOR TEXAS SKI CUP

The Texas Ski Council (TSC) has changed the format for winning the Texas Ski Cup. This trophy is now awarded for the best club performance over the entire season and a new scoring system has been approved.

The new system developed out of a growing concern amongst TSC clubs that the trophy was being monopolized by the club with the most participants. (Some folks call this sour grapes!) Indeed, history shows that only four clubs have won the Texas Ski Cup....Texas A&M once, SnoMad Ski Club once, University of Texas three times and SCSC five times.

So, we have dominated the competition until UT got serious. The new system was devised by a committee headed by **Easy Thayer**. The committee's objective was twofold....to still encourage participation and, theoretically, allow all clubs the chance to win.

So, boys and girls, get out your slide rule or calculators and a large pad of paper and an attempt will be made to explain the new system.

There will be a Texas Ski Cup race at each TSC trip....Keystone, Sun Valley, Crested Butte, Heavenly Valley and Breckenridge. Points will

be awarded to each finishing racer based on the expanded NASTAR grid just as they have been for the past four years.

Trophies will be awarded to the club with the most points at each event, just as last year. The *Texas Ski Cup* will be awarded to the club with the highest point total at the end of the year, using the following formula:

The total points for each club will be divided by the total *participants* from each club and multiplied by the number of TSC trips that club went on. Participants are all folks on the trip, not just those who race.

This format encourages race participation by everyone on the trip because they will figure in the outcome anyway. It also encourages a club to support and go on all TSC sponsored events and will reward clubs that do.

Over the years SCSC has been the best supporter of TSC events. The average points per participant factor should, theoretically, allow more clubs the chance to win.

Easy will be happy to answer any questions concerning the Texas Ski Cup competition, but if you have any complaints, direct them to

Jim McIntyre, your TSC representative.

So, if you sign up for a TSC trip, please sharpen your edges and enter the race. Every point earned is important and the rest of the club will be counting on you. UT is out of the running this year, so here is our chance to recapture the Texas Ski Cup.

- **Easy Thayer**.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS

Tania Andrasko, SCSC president, reported in last month's *Sitzmarke* that SCSC now has 1296 members, many joining for the first time. We'd like to introduce some of our newcomers to you with these thumbnail sketches. Look for them at the next meeting and say "howdy!"

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