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★ MARCH 10
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GENERAL MEETING.....MARCH 10

Election of 1980-81 Officers

Aspen II.....March 15-22

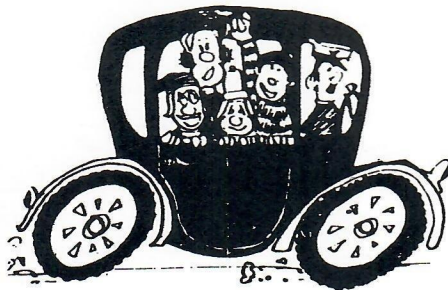
Racquetball Tournament.....March 29

Vail II.....March 29-April 5

Park City Spring Fling.....April 5-12

Gimmick Road Rally.....April 27

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★ March 20, 1980
★ April 16, 1980
★ May 21, 1980

head of the liftline



by Keith Eastin

It is once again time for electing officers for the coming year. The elections will be held at the annual meeting March 10th. There is one contested election, that for Vice President of Membership. The nominees for that position along with a brief discussion by the candidates concerning their views of that office appear elsewhere in this issue. The other nominees as selected by the Nominating Committee are also listed. To insure a fair election, ballots will be distributed at the door as you check in. Only members may vote. Since we are not running this election in

Cook County, Illinois, members will be entitled to vote one time only. The polls will be open at the beginning of the meeting for those who have already decided upon their choice. The two candidates for the contested office will give short speeches at the meeting for those who are undecided. You are all urged to participate in the voting process.

Looking ahead, Texas Ski Council was presented bids from numerous ski areas for the 1981 Texas Ski Week which will be held from January 11 to January 18. Crested Butte, eager to promote its rapidly growing area, presented a bid which on the whole was over \$30 better for the week than the nearest competitive area. In addition to the monetary advantages of Crested Butte, they agreed to provide "happy hours" every afternoon after skiing and also to provide two large evening parties featuring a live band much on the order of past such events. Continental Airlines will be sponsoring the event this coming year and will again be helped in a great way by Coors Brewing Company. Our hats off to both sponsors and to Crested Butte for its encouragement. The number of skiers participating in the Club races has been increasing each year. This past March 1,400 skiers raced in the Club races. Projections are that 1,600 skiers may be racing next year. It has been proposed that the races be split into two days of competition on some basis yet to be decided by Texas Ski Council. More about this later.



COVER PHOTO CONTEST

Send in your entry (entries) of ski and outdoor-related photos for the covers of next year's **sitzmarke**. Color or black and white prints (not slides) will be accepted for judging.

Entries should be mailed or delivered by May 1 to:

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A special thank you to those members who volunteered their time and assistance during the February General Meeting.

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Bill Pipes

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Shirley Smith
Ellie Stern
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Spencer King
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Marian Mulkey
Karen Putney
Lori Schaeffer
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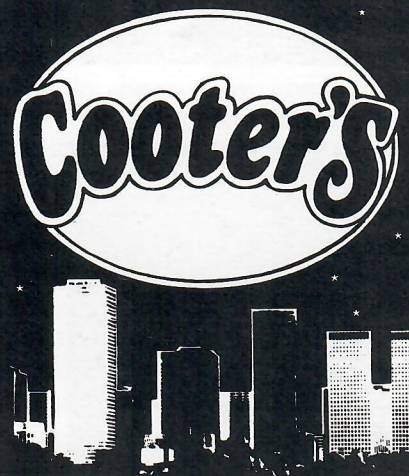
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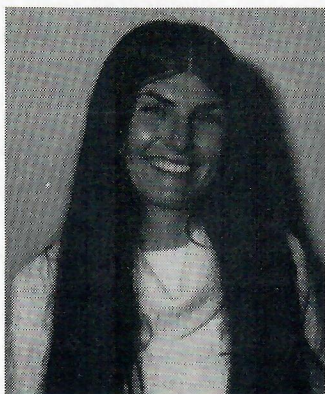
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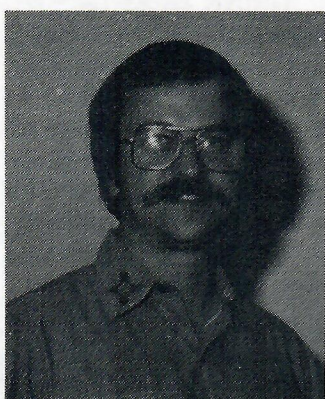
LINDA MacFARLAND, President

Linda is originally from Atlantic City, New Jersey. She first experienced skiing on the hills of Pennsylvania and later spent much of her time on the slopes of Vermont. She graduated from Cedar Crest College in Allentown, Pa. with a degree in Chemistry. Linda was active as an officer in her alumnae association while living there and now does some local high school recruiting.

She moved to Houston for a "temporary" six month assignment to establish a specialized research lab at the University of Texas Medical School. That was 7½ years ago. Using her expertise in the field of amino acid analysis, Linda became Product Manager for a company involved in the manufacture of instrumentation for its analysis. Seeking to broaden her knowledge and career potential, she has recently accepted a position with Digital Equipment Corporation in Houston.

In addition to her career responsibilities, Linda has been active in Space City Ski Club since becoming a member in September of 1974. The first winter (and three ski trips later) she was hooked on Colorado snow. Since then she has averaged 2-3 trips per year, organized summer activities, assisted on the Park City Trip, Chairman to Mt. Hood, Oregon, V.P. Programs, Board of Directors, and Club Representative to Texas Ski Council.

Linda looks forward to a productive and innovative year.



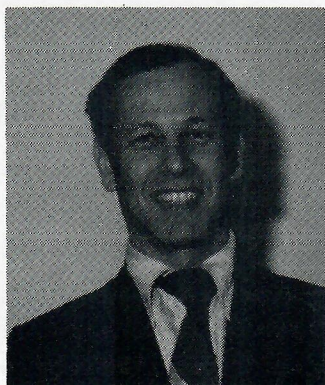
BOB PETNER, Vice President - Programs

Responding to the call of the "wild", and the Manned Spacecraft Center, Bob Petner moved from Philadelphia to Houston in January of 1965. Finding the Space City Ski Club and other people interested in skiing provided an oasis in the "flatlands" of Houston thirteen years ago. At that time the guys had to wear coats and ties, and the gals had to be wearing a skirt or dress, just to gain admittance to a monthly meeting!! In 1969 Bob and a friend began to buy apartments that eventually led to self employment through their own business. He is the co-founder and President of The United Property Owners Association of Houston, a business-related organization. He has worked on many SCSC activities, including the spring follies and the style shows. Being the adventurous type, Bob was asked to be trip chairman on two different occasions, both to areas that were "firsts" for SCSC. He met his wife, Jan, while skiing in Taos, N.M. and his son Alan, now 19 months old, got his first run down the mountain, in a backpack, at age 7 months. His hobbies, other than skiing, include collecting antiques and restoring old houses and old cars. Bob feels he can draw on his years of experience in the Club to continue the best of the traditional activities, as well as advance a lot of new ideas! All of your creative input will be greatly appreciated!!



ANNE BENEFIELD, Vice President - Trips

Anne has been a member of Space City Ski Club since 1973, participating in numerous ski trips as well as non-ski activities, including softball, style shows, and spring follies. Besides skiing Taos, Mt. Hood, Steamboat Springs, and Copper Mountain, she was Trip Chairperson on the 1976 Aspen Christmas (no snow) trip and the Texas Ski Week I trip in 1979. She has also served as a member of the SCSC Audit Committee and as trip director last year. Employed by Shell Oil Company, Anne splits her free time between ski club activities and hobbies including sailing (she's a Board member of the Galveston Boat Club) and tennis.



MARTY MATRAS, Vice President - Membership*

**(As nominated by the Nominating Committee)*

Marty joined SCSC in 1975 and has been actively involved with the Club ever since. His first trip with the Club was Texas Ski Week at Crested Butte. Since then he has been to Winter Park, Aspen, Steamboat Springs, and Telluride. Last year he served as Assistant Trip Chairman for the Copper Mountain trip.

Not all of his activities are confined to ski trips, as he also ran Mercer's Campout one year and headed up last summer's trip to New Orleans French Quarter and horseraces. During the softball season if you look closely, you can usually see him running around somewhere out in left field.



JAN LIVINGSTON, Vice President - Membership *

**(As nominated from the floor at the February Meeting)*

Jan joined SCSC three years ago with the intention of going skiing with people who enjoyed good food, travel, and hell-raisin' (not necessarily in that order!) During her first two seasons, she was a familiar face on trips to Vail, Copper Mountain, Aspen, Park City, Steamboat Springs, and Banff. Trip Chairpersons could count on her to help out with details and chores that are necessary for the success of a trip. Her first season with SCSC, she volunteered to sell pins, patches, and decals and graduated to selling drink tickets at Club meetings. During the 1978 season, she organized the Lift Liners and initiated the ribbon-tag identification you see at our meetings. Also, the Road Rally in April 1979, was a project for which Jan served as Chairman. Her "Potpourri" column was a monthly feature in summer editions of the **sitzmarke**. In addition to numerous non-ski functions, she is currently serving as Trip Chairman for the April 1980 Park City Spring Fl-ing.

Jan's work experience with Southwestern Bell has her in charge of filling personnel requirements for the Repair Service Bureau for the entire 713 Area Code. One of her recent projects involved creating a data base and supervising conversion of manual scheduling methods to an efficient, computerized printout. She feels that the Vice President - Membership must be organized, creative, and responsible. Her ability to organize detailed planning, manage complex paperwork, and have patience to get the job done, will provide valuable experience for our Club.

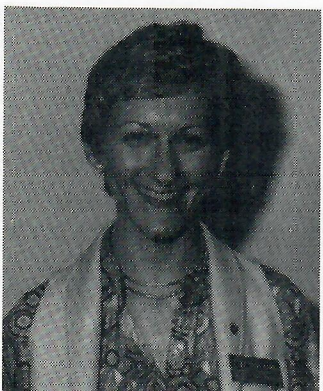
It is her opinion that you get more out of an organization if you are willing to put a lot into it. She feels she can be depended upon to dedicate nothing but her best effort as your Vice President - Membership.

VICKI SCHMID, Vice President - Publications

Informative articles, fun write-ups, and original design are what Vicki hopes to provide **sitzmarke** subscribers in SCSC's coming season. She has gained a lot of experience already by assisting this year's publications VP with editing, layout, and in writing the Spotlight articles. Her employment in the graphics department of Shell Oil Company and her work with that corporation's publications will also help her with putting out the **sitzmarke**.

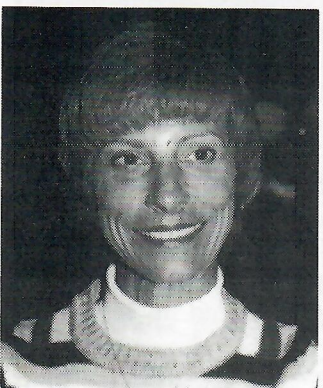
Vicki has been a member of Space City for three years and has enjoyed her involvement in such Club activities as tubing the Guadalupe, cruising New Orleans, and dancing in the Follies. Last year she assisted on SCSC's Banff, Canada trip and this year she chaired the Aspen Traditional trip.

This should be a terrific year for Space City and Vicki plans to get news of all the activities to you and to cover them in a way that will make you look forward to receiving your monthly issues of the **sitzmarke**.



LEONA SCHROEDER, Secretary

A native Houstonian and graduate of Rice University with a degree in biology and chemistry, Leona has been employed by the University of Texas School for Cerebral Palsied Children and Texas Institute for Rehabilitation and Research, and now works in the Muscular Dystrophy office. She has been a member of SCSC for three years and has skied with the Club at Lake Tahoe, Jackson Hole, Vail and Aspen. Leona served as Assistant Trip Chairman for Winter Park in 1979, and Trip Chairman for Vail II this year. She looks forward to continuing her active involvement through the 1980-81 season by serving as Club Secretary and aiding in maintaining SCSC as the most viable and successful ski club in Texas.



BOB TRIPP, Treasurer

Bob joined the Club in 1976 and has participated in six SCSC ski trips. He served as Trip Chairman for the 1978 Breckenridge trip and the Country Western night at Gilley's Club last year. He has been an active participant in many of the Club's other activities.

Bob has many interests including camping, canoeing, bicycling, racquetball and tennis. Professionally, he is a vice-president with Pennzoil Company and has chemical engineering degrees from University of Louisville and Louisiana State University. He has a commercial pilot's license and holds the rank of captain in the Naval Air Reserve.

As treasurer of the coming year, Bob is looking forward to working with the new officers and serving the membership of SCSC.



Aspen Traditional '80

For a lot of people, Aspen is not only one of the finest resorts for skiing, but also a party town.

There are a lot of people who go to Aspen specifically for the holidays, such as Christmas or New Years for the parties. There are those people who live there all year round because they know there's a party going on all year round.

And then there are those of us who would go to Aspen anytime knowing we'd find a party going on no matter when we arrive.

Indeed, having an all-out good time in Aspen is hardly difficult and when SCSC's Aspen Traditional took to the mountains in January, the participants proved again, with skill and dedication, that we are pros at celebrating.

Let's get down to the serious business of finding out just exactly how good a time people can really have if they put their minds to it.

Just use the following statements to complete the sentence beginning with "Where else but Aspen" . . .

* Could **Brent Smith** have a cold for 3 days, finally get out to ski, break his leg, and still have a good time. He say's he'll be the first to sign up next year.

* Would **Bill Eldridge** wear his monogrammed blue jeans.

* Could **Paula Selle** spend so much time away from the slopes and still not get to do everything, while **Joe Selle** spent every day on the slopes and still it wasn't enough.

* Would **Bruce Maughs** fall in love with the girl that **Gene Turboff** got.

* Could the strudel at Gretl's be so good that **Charlie Epps** thought it might be better than sex.

* Could **Dixie Lee Emanuel** and **Pat Tristan** be out of sight for a week. Sporting droopy eyelids on departure day, they said it was party, party, party.

* Could **Arty Allen** wear his coveralls all week long.

* Would **Jackie Allen**, 7 months pregnant, ski all week long.

* Could **John Lee Andrew** have a female roommate without even trying.

* Could **Joe Chernow** go that would be better, except maybe Grand Cayman — on business?

* Could **Dvosha Roscoe** have a good time anyway.

* Would **Mike Gay** wear his ex-wife's red night shirt to a long john party.

* Could **Judy Steinkamp** have such graphic drawings made on her thermal underwear.

* Could **Steve Van Pelt** go skiing — try Snowmass, Winter Park, Vail . . .

* Could **Bob Hammett** get such attentive care after slipping a disc from condo mates **Jimmy St. Clair**, **Lynn Hammond**, and **James Davis**.



Judi Hendrix, Diane Yarberry, Jane Barnes, Judy Steinkamp, Bill Kirk, Ski Instructor warming up with a smile.



The Gross and Grodies: Front — Easy Thayer, Charlie Epps, Karol Thayer, Vicki Schmid, ?, Ed Taylor, Catherine Provenzano, Jackie & Arty Allen, Mike Gay. Back — Bill Kirk, Marvin Sondock, Hank Faulkner.



Art Glenn, Vicki Schmid, Hank Faulkner, Joe Zuback, Steve Van Pelt, Mo Granda, Bob Tripp, Sheryl Rogers, Ron Steiger, Letitia Glenn — Crystal Palace Stars!



James Davis, Lynn Hammond, Sue & Joe Cotrone — Coffee Jeromers.

* Could **Joe and Sue Cotrone** and **Bob Tripp and Sheryl Rogers** sip on Coffee Jeromes at the Hotel Jerome Bar.

* Could **Nancy Maxwell, Dorothy Bell, Margaret Stiermann, and Diane Yarberry** go by the Paragon Ballroom — to see and be seen.

* Would **Art and Letitia Glenn** run into old friends while having the dinner at the Crystal Palace.

* Could **Stan Ferguson** be sad (in Aspen?) because his favorite bar for meeting locals had been shut down.

* Could **Penny Chancey** run out of pins, patches, and decals after two days because trip participants found out they could be used for barter in Aspen.

* Could **Sallye and Bill De La Garza** and **Ken and Gloria Peacock** eat such good Mexican food. It was at La Cocina.

* Would **Easy Thayer** and **Ed Taylor** draw all those obscenities on long johns and get lots of laughs.

* Could **Karol Thayer** watch all those long johns get painted up with those obscenities.

* Could **Dave Thompson, Sid Sutherland, and Bill Kirk** go out and raise hell at night and get up and hit the slopes the next morning.

* Could **Joe Zuback** and **Ron Steiger** enjoy good food, good company, and good entertainment — at the Crystal Palace.

* Could **Mo Granda** be provided an opportunity to display his talents as an inveterate gourmand. He served black beans and rice.

* Could **Craig Meyer** and **Lou Schultz** drink wine and watch a display of

aerobic maneuvers by the Ski Patrol.

* Could **Jane Barnes, Don Roper**, and **Judi Hendrix** show those Colorado folks how to dance country & western. At Chisolm's Saloon.

* Could Harlingenite **Marvin Sondock** meet up and ski with big city girl, **Barbara Johnson**.

* Could the "**Murphs and McGuires**", **Carolyn and David** and **John and Linda**, never part.

* Could **Bill Krell** and **Beverly Fedel** walk half a block to the grocery store and sniff three "brands" of grass in the air.

* Would **Carl Mitchell** and **Tom Dishberger** smell the same from the chair in front of them on the lift.

* Would **Conrad Butts** be so sorry to leave so soon.

* Would **Alice and Roy Kuchera** and **Dan Mauk** leave the mountain early just to soak in the jacuzzi.



Bruce Maughs, Jimmy St. Clair, Judi Hendrix, Stan Ferguson, Jane Barnes, Bill Kirk munchin' and drinkin'.



Vicki Schmid, Art & Letitia Glenn, Diane Yarberry, Joe Selle, Charlie Epps, Easy & Karol Thayer, Bob Tripp, Sheryl Rogers, Mike Gay, Hank Faulkner, Bill. Look familiar to you Ajaz skiers?

* Would **Katrine Pokora** go to find a man and plan to return.

* Would belly dancer **Holli Pretti** not want to show her navel.

* Would **John and Judy Andrew** and **Paul and Betsy Romere** fire up the grill for steaks in the snow.

* Would **Catherine Provenzano** be so excited following her first ski trip that she's ready to sign up for ATC.

* Would **Gary Bement** and **Carol Yeager** get the last locker at Snowmass that made the TC and ATC climb the bunny slope looking for more.

* Could **Don Hill** and **Jo Terry** look so stylish in their cowboy hats.

* Could **Bob and Sam McKnight** look up Little Nell and see hundreds of torches gliding down the mountain. It was Aspen's Winterskol Torchlight Parade.

* Will **Hank** and **Vicki** be glad to go back without 78 cub scout and brownies.

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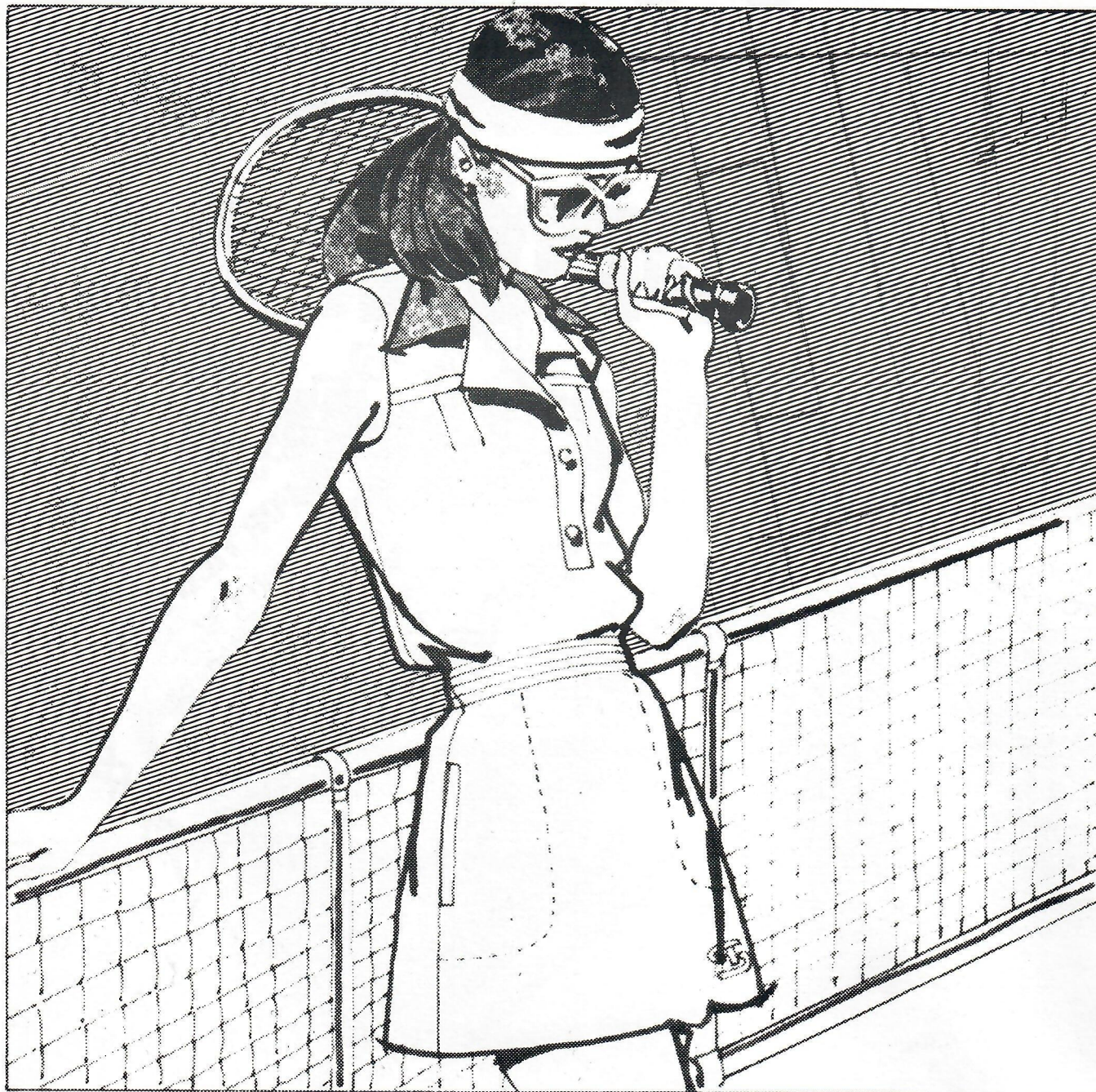
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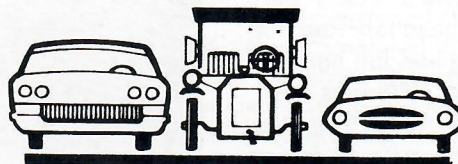
Congratulations to:

• **Wayne and Jane Cook** on the arrival of their son, Edward Ready Cook, born on February 4, tipping the scales at 8 lbs, 1 oz.

• **Bill Seale and Linda Steele** who were married on February 9. For those who were unaware of this occasion, congratulations must now travel long distance, as the honeymooning couple left for Bill's new job assignment in Holland on February 23.

January 19, SCSC's **Jim Benefield** rubbed elbows with the likes of celebrities Carl Mauk from the Houston Oilers and Moses Malone from the Houston Rockets. St. John's School conducted an All-Sports Day and invited representatives to talk on sports that ranged from archery to glider flying and from boxing to sailing. Students joined others in small groups to learn more about their particular interest. Benefield, of course, spoke on skiing.

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Number of SCSC Trips you have participated in: _____

WHERE? _____

If appointed, do you have any preference where you would want to take your trip? _____

Do you have any preferences as to dates for your trip? _____

Are there any dates that you would not be available? _____

Other than yourself, is there anyone you would recommend to serve as Trip Chairperson or Assistant Chairperson? _____

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN APRIL 14, 1980.

VAIL I

by Carolyn Lowrie and Steve Gucker

Off on schedule and arriving in Denver on time, (less 2 skiers and 13 pairs of skis) this year's Vail I participants appeared to be in rare form for a week of good skiing and fun times. It was rumored that **Bob Wilbanks** missed the flight because of a forgotten camera, and **Ike Hoffman** simply forgot (what day it was that is). However, with rental skis in hand, a number of the most ardent of the group including **Butch Webre, Gene Ross, Connie Hinshaw** and **Frank Riesenber** still managed a warm-up first half day soon after we arrived. (Bob made the next flight and Ike made it the next day.)

Our first full day of skiing found some of the group including **Gail Quenneville, Connie Hinshaw, Carolyn Lowrie, Steve Gucker, Maryland Edwards** and **Susan Cramer** in a Vail "Meet the Mountain" tour that proved quite interesting as well as a good, guided 3 hours of skiing. Elsewhere that day, **Paula Boughter** and **Ina Tyner** in their "first day ever" ski lesson were treated to a long john party sneak preview by **Kirk Whatley** when his bibbers allowed him and his long johns to also "Meet the Mountain". Kirk says if you think he looked funny on the slopes, you should have seen the bus ride back from Golden Peak later that day. Later our first day we had an opening get acquainted party that seemed to set the tone for the entire trip. Almost everything in sight was eaten and drunk with most conversations ending up on where to eat dinner thanks to a "recommended restaurants" list furnished by **Roy Caviness**. For reservations many folks called **Connie Hinshaw** to see where the reservations for the evening were and could two more be squeezed in.

Another great day of skiing, the stage was set for Tuesday's "Eggs Patou" breakfast. The breakfast went exactly according to plan (who's) and could not have gone so well had it not been for the help of **Beverly Ross, John Gay, Norma Dealy, Marilyn Schultz, Pat Burchett, Ina Tyner** and many others.



Paula Boughter, Gail Quenneville, Bill Landfield, Frank Riesenber, Linda Read, and Connie Hinshaw at the wine and cheese party.

Wednesday found part of the group either carrying bags of wine and cheese up the mountain with the rest looking for the picnic tables at Jebbie's Deck (chosen for its easy to find location). Playing pack horse were **Stan Kuper, Don Doucette, Gail Quenneville, Frank Riesenber, Connie Hinshaw** and **Steve Schultz**. (It seems Steve flew in to visit his folks and had to be forced to ski.) After most of the goodies had been consumed, the next half hour was spent entertaining hoards of other Vail skiers with a Space City style garbage bag race. (There are still disputes as to whether there was a clear winner).



Carolyn Lowrie, Stan (Banana) Kuper, and Roger (Apples) Holzman at the longjohns party.

Thursday night several brave souls got together for a long john party at which many who came forgot what type of party it was supposed to be and showed up in, of all things, clothes. Some did indeed wear long johns under their clothes but **Paula Boughter, Maryland Edwards, Susan Cramer** and **Kirk** (I showed mine earlier in the

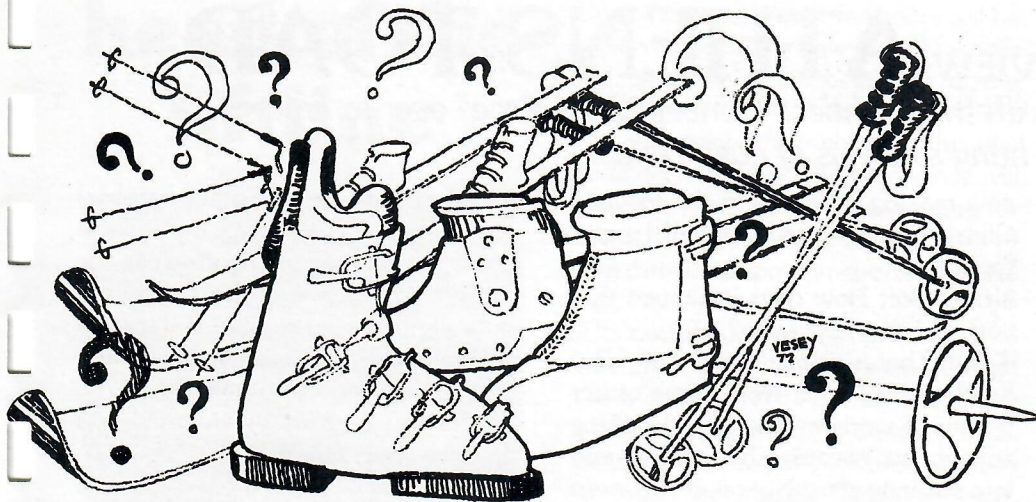
week) **Whatley** would not subject themselves to the mighty felt tip pen. **Roger (Apples) Holzman, Stan (Banana) Kuper, Linda (Gimme 5) Read, Lee (Trade Suits) Bolinger** and **George (the stripper) Budd** did indeed feel the mighty pen as numerous callous and naughty things were written on their long johns. I promised not to tell who took their clothes off in the pool after the long john party; but, whoever it was did it again Friday afternoon on what came to be known as the "group grope" sessions.

The bars in Vail could not hold a candle to this group for Apres' Ski drink sessions. Our last 3 afternoons resulted in multiple blenders full of Carolyn's famous "Gorilla Juice". The group from McAllen seemed to be leading the chants for more "Gorilla Juice" which were heard echoing through the halls of the Mountain Haus every day around 5. Someone said **Lee Bolinger** could not have won two Silver NASTAR medals without it, and **George Budd** didn't get his fair share and only won a silver and a bronze. **Steve Gucker** accidentally drank part of Georges' and he won a silver, while **Maryland Edwards, Bob Wilbanks, Roger Holzman** and **Jeff Proctor** all won Bronze medals in spite of "Gorilla Juice". **Butch Webre** and **Bill Landfield** will never know since they had to leave us Wednesday for what they said was business. (Or was it Monday's head plant Butch?)



Steve Gucker, Frank Riesenber, Pat Burchett, Carolyn Lowrie and Marjean Doucette, skiing hard ... or hardly skiing!

Well, time to leave finally came ... and went right on by with us still sitting on our bags drinking and waiting for Colorado Charter Lines to show up with



How to Store Your Ski Equipment for the Summer

by Bob Russell

During the winter ski season your equipment takes good care of you by keeping you warm, dry and providing you with hours of safety and enjoyment. Now that spring and summer are here, it's your turn to take care of your equipment. To do this, I'll try to give you a few helpful hints.

A few essential items are mothballs, trashbags and a can of silicone spray. Let's begin with softwear.

There are two types of filler materials designed to insulate and keep you warm — man-made and natural. Man-made insulation consists of Polar-guard DuPont Zycril, Kapock, etc. Natural consists of down, lamb fleece and wool. To store ensembles, pants

and parkas of man-made fillers properly, you will need a clip hanger, trash bag, and mothballs (*if there is a wool content.*) First, wash or dry clean your clothes. Never store your ski clothes without having done this. Take your pants and lay them out flat. Take snow cuff and fold into the waistband. Now, clip the waistband and snow cuffs together on the hanger. Put the parka over pants on hanger, zipping it up. Fasten all snaps, buttons, hooks and so on.

Take a large trash bag, cut a hole in the bottom large enough for the hanger hook. Put the bag over the garments, gather the bag at the bottom, put on a twist tie and seal tightly. If you have a zipper clothes bag, eliminate the trash bag! Put clip hanger in the bag and zip it up. If there is any wool content, put one or two mothballs in the bottom of the bag before sealing. Hang in a cool, dry place for storage.

Down filled garments should be handled in the same way, but before sealing the bag, put in two or three silicone packets. You can get these from any moving and storage company. These will keep all moisture out of down. As for hats and gloves, store them in a drawer, along with goggles and other accessories. Some people say to turn down-filled gloves inside out, but it's not necessary. Turning a pair of leather gloves inside-out can be a bear of a job. Long underwear and socks just need to be washed, folded, put in a bag, chest, or drawer, remembering to mothproof if needed.

Now that we've touched on softwear, let's go to your skis, bindings, poles and boots. If you're a serious skier, your skis and other equipment are your pride and joy, so a little extra work to safeguard this equipment should be in order.

First the skis. All old wax should be totally removed. The edges should be flat-filed and rust removed. If there are any rock scars, they should be P-texed. Now spray generously with silicone spray. The tops should be cleaned and lightly waxed with Pledge or other such product.

Your bindings should be set on zero to release spring tension and all visible signs of oil and grease removed. Now spray generously with silicone, hitting all hinges, pins, rollers, etc. Put skis bottom-to-bottom and install ski ties where the bottoms touch. Put the skis in a bag and hang up by the tips. If you have no way to hang them, lean the skis in a corner in a cool, dry place. Poles should be stored with the skis unless they are bent or broken. If this is the case, a new pair should be purchased.

Boots take a little special care. If you are still skiing in leather boots, they should have all mud and dirt removed. A light coat of Neetsfoot oil or milk oil should be applied and rubbed into the leather by hand. This prevents the leather from becoming too dry and cracking. Be careful not to over-oil, thus preventing breaking down the boot. After applying the oil, put the boots on a boot tree and clamp down tight. This will prevent the leather soles from warping. Store in a dry, cool place. The new plastic boots need only to be cleaned, siliconed, put in a bag or on a tree (*or both*) and set flat on the floor. Foam and flow boots need no special care; that's part of their beauty! Have broken buckles, etc. repaired before storing.

I hope my effort to give you some helpful hints on storing and maintaining your skiing equipment has been of some help to you. If done properly, everything will be in perfect shape next season.

Have a good summer and I hope to see you on the slopes next winter! Over and out.

a bus to take us to Denver. After 1½ hours, Carolyn was seen throwing herself in front of a bus (*it stopped*) and hijacking it to take us to the airport. It seems our bus had been sitting all this time at Applejacks in Denver with a bunch of drunks. (*Terrible people, those drunks*). But, with Clyde at the wheel, and **Frank Riesenber**, **Carolyn Lowrie**, **Marilyn Schultz** and others singing all those famous songs most of us can't remember the words to, we made our final destination without further incident. (*If you don't count an overbooked flight*). On the ride home, **Bill Barr** was still trying to find his favorite run on the trail map, (*Avalanche*), and **Randy Bryant** proved he was still on the trip by claiming his boarding pass in Denver.

Good Skiing, Good Folks, and Good Fun!

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SITZMARKE INTERVIEW: **ATHENS TOAD**

a candid conversation with the mightiest "conversation piece" ever to emerge from the primeval moss hung swamps of east Texas.

He is an overweight, oversized bachelor who revels in being kept by a most keepable lady. An overstuffed and jovial appearance is totally out of keeping with his jaundice-eyed outlook on life, for Athens Toad, the roommate of SCSC member Lynn Zacherl, has had more than the average share of close encounters of a third, second, or first kind. To be explicit, every encounter with a toad, age 3 and counting, is close, as evidenced by the accompanying posed portraits. Having little or no private life worth the mentioning, his public appearances more than compensate for dearth of activity on his own. Here follows the personal responses of the only real toad I have ever interviewed. We began by talking about where he was from but ended, as you will discover, on a more profound and meaningful note — all in good fun.

sitzmarke: You are unique in being the only toad I have ever interviewed. Why did you come to Houston?

Toad: There's a better chance for toads in a big city.

sitzmarke: What makes you feel that way?

Toad: The environment is more conducive to effective camouflage. One could say, too, that the lily pads of the city are, well, they are there when you need them.

sitzmarke: Tell me a little bit about your background so that I will know better how to proceed.

Toad: Well, actually, there is only one other living relative in my family. We were originally presented to the public in a mail order catalog. My next of kin is

now making his home in the Playboy Club in Chicago, but for myself, I prefer the south.

sitzmarke: How does it happen that you are living with Lynn?

Toad: That is rather a long story. But briefly, I was a gift from some of her former co-workers who considered me appropriate because she seems to run into so many of us. Not related to me in any way, I'm proud to say.

sitzmarke: I'm not so sure that I quite follow this process of acquisition.

Toad: Lynn, being the person of fine taste that she is, saw a photo of me in the catalog. It was on her part, I must confess, a case of love at first sight. But she is one of modest demeanor, and satisfied her passion for me by confiding in some of her public relations firm cohorts. When they were informed of an eminent transfer, nothing would do but that they procure a symbol of significant stature to be a parting token of past associations, present appreciation, and future anticipation. What other choice better than I?

sitzmarke: Tell me about your name. Toad is rather obvious, but what about Athens?

Toad: I am a namesake for Athens, Texas, where I first met Lynn. And from there, it was on to Houston.

sitzmarke: Do you have hobbies?

Toad: Oh, indeed I do. I lounge in Lynn's car and collect comments from other motorists. It's really weird. For the most part women in passing totally ignore me but the men wave, honk, and always have some remark — smart or otherwise. I often accompany Lynn to work and people delight in adorning me

with their hats, ties, or other personal paraphernalia. Perhaps it's my amiable grin which so disarms people that, for the moment, they are oblivious to my naturally lustful expression. But sooner or later my true nature has its impact. Even I am surprised sometimes.

sitzmarke: Tell me, how would you describe yourself?

Toad: I symbolize the force of gravity. One could say I am a 5 G personality. A gross, green, greedy, great Gemini.

sitzmarke: Why Gemini?

Toad: Because I'm schizo.

sitzmarke: Do toads have fantasies?

Toad: You'd better believe I do. I'd like to make an SCSC trip, but who would pay my way? Or just imagine, for the sake of succulence, an encounter with a Spanish fly.

sitzmarke: Do you ever identify with any movie or TV characters?

Toad: Now that you mention it, yes I do. With Mr. Johnson.

sitzmarke: Mr. Johnson? Who do you mean, Mr. Johnson?

Toad: Oh you know: You can call me Paul, or you can call me John. . . Actually, it is like Lynn's "Toad of the Week" award. Be careful guys. I may be answering to Steve, or Dennis, or Jim, or Bill.

sitzmarke: You seem to be well informed about what's happening with SCSC. Do you have any words of wisdom or sage advice for our membership?

Toad:

Keep yout tongue long and limber.

Stick close to the bank.

Tighten,your bindings,
and TOADY to rank.



"One encounters simply zillions of females searching for proverbial royalty before discovering the girl who wants THE TOAD."

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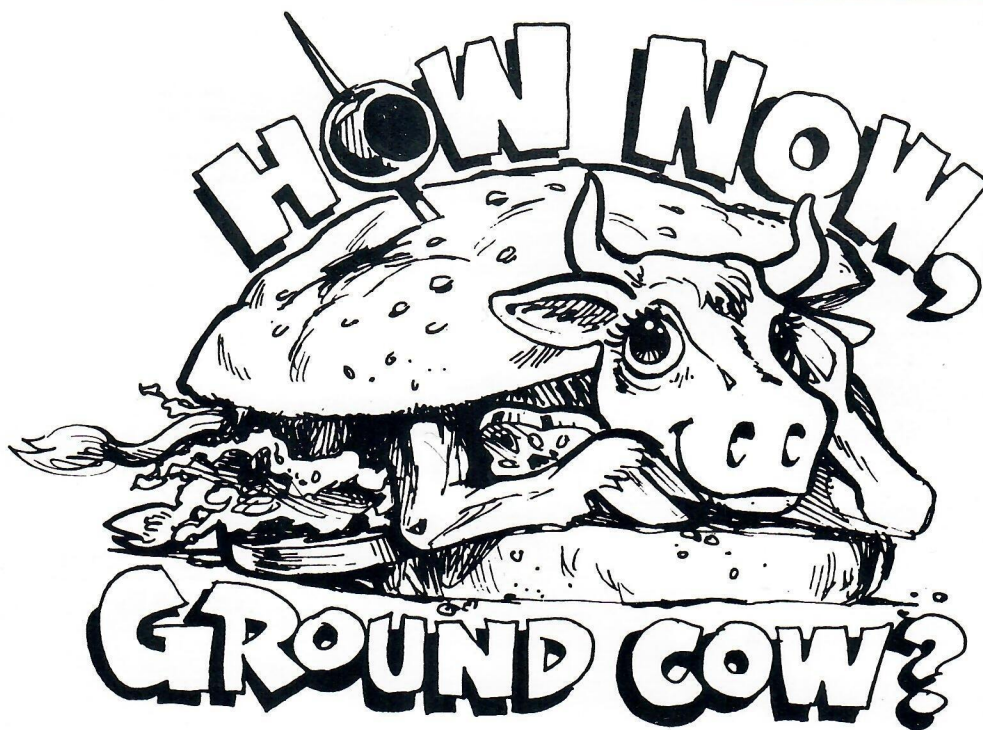
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