



sitzmarke

october, 1979



1979 - 1980 space city ski club

ski meeting

★ MONDAY ★ OCTOBER 8 ★ 7:30 P.M.

Sonny Look's SirLoin Restaurant

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SHOW YOUR 1979-1980 MEMBERSHIP CARD AT THE DOOR

calendar

GENERAL MEETING..... October 8

Fall Softball..... October 7, 14, 21

(Every Sunday in October)

Mercer's Campout..... October 27-28

Laredo Shopping Spree... November 3-4

PLEASE CARPOOL!

SCSCers, we need your help! Attendance at our meetings is great but our PARKING SPACE IS LIMITED. Please park in Sonny Look's lot only. The security guard is on duty only during the meeting period. Don't leave your car on the lot after meetings. Most of you go home with a friend; so carpool to the meetings and help us with the parking problems.

sitzmarke deadlines

★ October 17, 1979

★ November 14, 1979

★ December 14, 1979

membership cards

As you may have noticed, membership cards are being mailed inside the **sitzmarke**. You should receive your card in the **sitzmarke** the month after you submit your application. If you have not received your card, please contact:

Tiny Aitken — 780-4780.



membership status

as of September 10, 1979

Membership Total..... 1,400

1979 - 1980 OFFICERS

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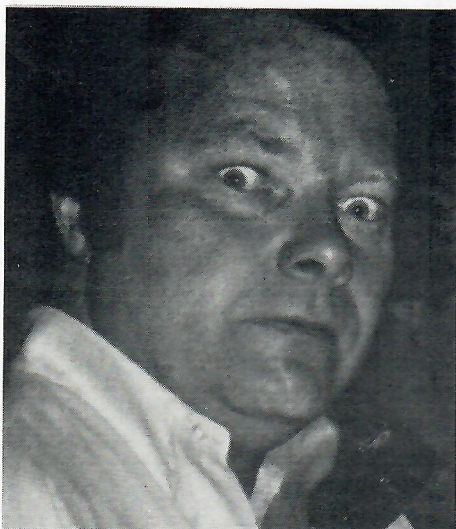
Vicki Schmid

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head of the liftline



Keith Eastin

We're out of the starting gate and into the 1979-1980 ski season. I want to thank those volunteers who helped the seven hundred plus members get in and register. I also expect to see just as many volunteers during the course of the year!

V.P. of Trips, **Easy Thayer**, reports that the two Texas Ski Week trips, Aspen Traditional, Vail I, Aspen II and Taos are full. The rest of the trips are progressing as expected. For those who don't have a lot of vacation days, the Thanksgiving trip to Salt Lake City is a great way to get 3-plus days of early skiing without taking any vacation. Contact **Marcia McElravy** or **Jerry Pyle** for further information. A word to those on waiting lists — statistics show that as much as 2/3 of a trip could turn over, so don't give up. And a word to those on trips—remember the new cancellation policy, and let the TC's know early if you find you can't go on a trip you've signed up for. It will save you money and let a waiting list member participate.

V.P. of Membership, **Tiny Aitken**, says we reached our 1,400 membership limit at the September meeting. I believe this is the earliest on record. For those old members, friends, relatives who failed to sign up, **ALL** will be put on the waiting list for next year. **(In preparation for the printing of our 1979-80 directory, there is a change of ad-**



dress form included elsewhere in this publication. If your Sitzmarke is not being sent to the proper address, please make the appropriate corrections and mail the form to Tiny immediately.)

V.P. of Trips, **Tom Mercer**, says the Laredo Shopping Spree in November is just short of being full. If you want to do a little shopping, eating, and drinking, contact **Lou Schultz**. (See Laredo ad on page 13.) Also, fall softball has begun again at the infamous Bering Field. Come out and start getting in shape for skiing.

This Is CURLING!

If you could invent a game that's a combination of shuffleboard, bowling, billiards, and golf ... played on pebbled ice ... you'd probably invent ... **CURLING!!!**

Come see and hear **Ken Mielke**, President, and **Don Dickson**, Treasurer of The Curling Club of Houston explain the excitement and fun of this 400 year old game that is, at the same time, both a simple game and a challenging sport.

Their presentation will include a short film, **"This is Curling"**, which will introduce the game, and an informal discussion of Curling, including questions and answers.

Curling is a sport that can be enjoyed by the whole family. Curlers, who number more than a million men and women, range in age from teens to 80 and more. Anyone who enjoys sports, will love curling.

The Curling Club will be playing its games at the Ice Capades Chalet in the Galleria Mall this coming season. Ken and Don will extend their personal invitation to you to come and join in the excitement at a special on-ice demonstration (where even you get to "throw" some "stones") at the Galleria on October 14.

Don't miss the meeting and this opportunity to discover another SUPER winter sport!

This year we are going to attempt to renew the old tradition of having guest speakers from time to time at our general meetings. As a start, at our October meeting we will be hosting **Ken Mielke** and **Don Dickson** from the Houston Curling Club who will give a short talk about their club and show a film on curling. Curling, by the way, is a game played on ice — sort of a cool shuffleboard. Also, **Richard Ramsey** from the St. Bernard Ski Pole Company will have a display of some unique ski equipment—ski poles which double for brandy/wine flasks. The Executive Committee would appreciate your showing these gentlemen some attention during the short time they will be speaking.

Hopefully I've covered the bases. Keith, I hope you enjoyed Washington!

THINK SNOW!

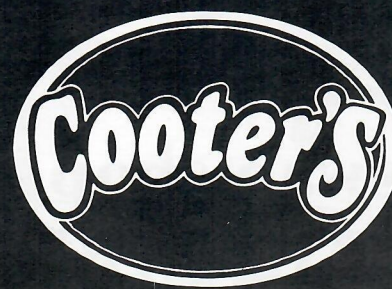
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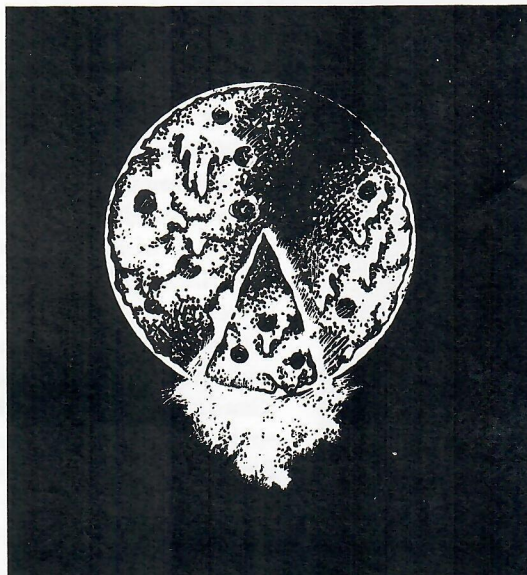
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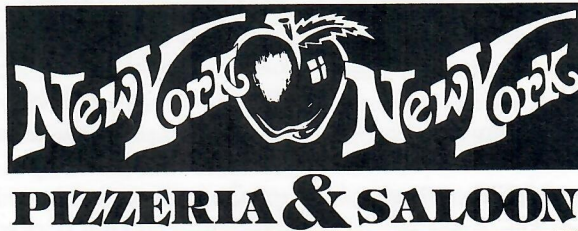
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News & Views From THE TRADING POST

by: (Alias) Agnes Booth

BOOTH, TEXAS: On August 18, I invited several of Space City's city-slickers down south to join me for a rompin', stompin' good time. They filled a Kerrville Bus while many more provided their own transportation and met the group at my home. **John and Katie Terzakis** even drove up from Richmond.



Look out Booth; here we come! **Beth Nolen, Hank Faulkner, Art Camero, Tom Nellis, Sue Bohnert, and Chris Richardson.**

Now, my home is a bit unusual because every Saturday night from May until September, we've got a crowd and believe me, we're ready for 'em — I've seen people eat and drink before, but none the likes of that group! Richard, the waiter, made uncountable trips to the kitchen for some barbeque beef, and more trips to serve the chicken, ribs, and sausage, and we quit counting the pitchers of beer. The amazing thing is, he wasn't the only one serving beer — **Sue Bohnert, Hank Faulkner, and Gordon Sorrells** made a few trips themselves. Now, my southern hospitality wouldn't allow me to just serve barbeque, no sir; you get all the trimmings, too.



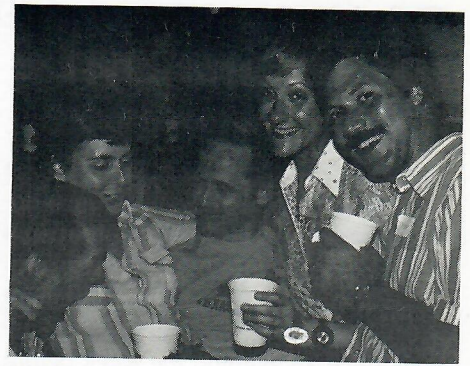
Bon Appetit! **Sue Bohnert, Ann Highfill, Vicki Schmid, Katie Terzakis and Hank Faulkner.**



Between dances — **Chris Richardson, Bill Seale, Linda Steele, Sue Bohnert, Hank Faulkner and Cliff Zafel.**

After eating, I like for the band to get their fiddles cranking, cause I like to see people havin' a good time. That good lookin' cowboy, **Jerry Pyle**, looked like he was enjoying himself so much, I asked him to teach me the steps to the Shoddish. Why, he grinned, tipped his hat, and whirled me out. Yes sir, he's a smooth dancer all right, but all that kickin' and hoppin' don't come easy — so I had to enlist the expertise of some of them "uther folks". By just watchin' that little ole **Tiny Aitken** I picked up a lot. After that one song, my knees were knockin' so bad I needed a rest. I headed off the dance floor and heard all this rucous at the table. I peered over **Roger and Monica Williams, Bill Owens, Thelda Craven (plus her friends from Louisiana), and Art Camero** to discover that someone had brought a T.V. set. I didn't understand until **Sy Liebergot** and **Tania Andrasko** explained that the Houston Oilers were playing the Dallas Cowboys. I guess anyone would bring a T.V. to a dance under those circumstances! When the Oilers lost, **Rudy Naquin** got upset but was consoled by **Pam Perry** and **Ann Highfill** serving him a beer.

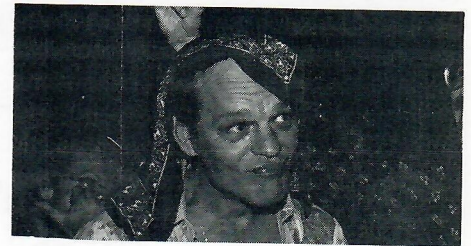
There was something to celebrate even if the Oilers didn't win, cause **Stan Ferguson** had a birthday, and if that ain't a reason to celebrate, I don't know what is. Course with all the kissing he got from **Marilyn Andrews, Beth Nolen, Margaret Norris, and Vicki Schmid**, I'm surprised more people didn't have a birthday! That fellow is smart!



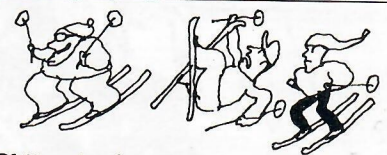
Cooling off at intermission are **Hank Faulkner, Beth Nolen, Graham Barnes, Vicki Schmid, and Art Camero.**

Earl and Lovie Beard enjoyed themselves. I hear that they can play tennis as well as they dance — it's a good thing there wasn't another contest. If there had been a contest, however, undoubtedly **Pat Tristan** had to win, cause anyone who's dancing with a broken foot is one step ahead of John Travolta. **Bob Fried** was looking good, as were **Craig and Ginny Meyer, Graham Barnes, and Pete Dooley.**

The enjoyment of having you skiers down is you all know how to have fun — Come back, you hear!



And a good time was had by all....



"Skiing is the sport for me.
My skis are new, as you can see.
Powder snow is on the hills.
Here I go to get some thrills,
Skiing LESSONS are for kids.
(These slopes are not the pyramids).
I'll just keep my two knees tight,
The books I read said that way's right.
Hey — skis go faster than I thought!
I wonder what I've really bought!
That ski book author was a clown;
He never mentioned upside-down.
Yes, skiing is the sport for me.
When followed up with surgery,
Then 10 weeks in body cast,
(I wonder if the snow will last?)"

ANON

Skiing Tired?

by Jim McIntyre

Most serious skiers exercise all year long and participate in other sports such as tennis, softball, swimming, water skiing, jogging, etc. However some of us are lazy, and try and ski ourselves into shape once or twice a year. There are even a few of us who run around the block once an evening the week before heading for the high country and all that champagne powder.

If you are a serious skier, and in good shape, turn the page and read something else. However, if you are not, let us explore some SANE ways to ease the PAIN.

Many skiers, particularly first time beginners, are not aware of the muscle tone and coordination required to ski well, and then some of us simply enjoy sliding down the mountain at our own leisurely pace. After all a vacation should be FUN, not work. You don't have to be a Bruce Jenner to have fun on the mountain. If you ski well enough to win a NASTAR medal, you should be reading the next page, but if you don't ski that well and want to have a good time on your next ski trip, not to

mention eliminating the pain of the dreaded third day, then here are some simple not-too-tiring home remedies you may want to try.

The next time you have a minute to spare, try sitting against the door jam (*the wall will stick you*). Just put your back against the door jam and place your feet in front of you as if you were sitting in a chair. It won't make you breathe hard, but it will help develop your thigh muscles which you use when you are in a correct skiing position. It helps to do this everyday and gradually increase your "sitting time", but any at all will help some. How about trying this while you are talking on the phone, or waiting for dinner to get ready or while waiting on your date.

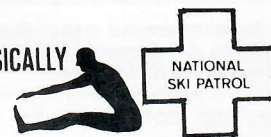
Once or twice a day, take a chair and place one foot on the seat and then bring the other foot to the seat and assume a standing position as if you were about to change a burned out light bulb. Step down and place the other foot on the seat and repeat the procedure. A few minutes of this a day can surely help ease some of the pain associated with the third day of a ski trip. The more you do, the better off you will be.

One thing even experts often

overlook is the upper body. Did you ever notice how much you turn your upper body while you are skiing. Stand with your feet slightly apart, and stretch your arms out sideways to shoulder level and rotate your arms to the left and then to the right. This will stretch your muscles and help your balance. While you are stretching, see if you can touch the floor without bending your knees. Try and do these as many times as you can.

The ONE best thing you can do is to get a shoe box, everyone has a shoe box, and place it on the floor. Now stand with your feet together next to the side of the shoe box and put your hands on your hips. Jump over the shoe box and then back again. If the shoe box is too intimidating, then start by jumping a toothpick. Repeat this and gradually build up for a month before you leave for the trip and I promise you, you will ski better and have more fun. Who knows, on your next trip, you may even feel like going to the disco. Try it, you might like it.

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Salt Lake City Thanksgiving	Nov. 21 Nov. 25	\$349.00	Oct. 8	TC Marcia McElravy ATC Jerry Pyle	933-8377 721-7035	241-0804 662-2859
Winter Park I Texas Ski Week	Jan. 6 Jan. 13	\$349.00	Dec. 6	TC Graham Barnes ATC Tania Andrasko	789-6708 776-9754	656-6239
Winter Park II Texas Ski Week	Jan. 9 Jan. 13	\$269.00	Dec. 6	TC George Sanford ATC Ellie Stern	977-6266 664-1220	977-6266 790-1781
Aspen Traditional	Jan. 19 Jan. 26	\$398.00	Dec. 6	TC Vicki Schmid ATC Hank Faulkner	864-4166 665-4727	241-3966 678-5302
Vail I	Feb. 2 Feb. 9	\$445.00	Dec. 6	TC Carolyn Lowrie ATC Steve Gucker	995-9312 981-6663	667-5601 523-3697
Steamboat Springs	Feb. 9 Feb. 16	\$399.00	Dec. 6	TC Allan Simpson ATC Joann Kerr	448-2279 978-6989	447-0355 782-8370
Taos	Feb. 14 Feb. 20	\$239.00	Jan. 10	TC Bob Marwin ATC Sue Bohnert	772-4039 467-5027	664-6704 869-9371
Telluride	Mar. 1 Mar. 8	\$425.00	Jan. 10	TC Carol Ragan ATC David Walter	497-1183 784-1092	840-2487
Copper Mountain	Mar. 9 Mar. 16	\$365.00	Feb. 7	TC James Weiskopf ATC Beverly Fecel	931-0385 780-9502	789-8000
Aspen II	Mar. 15 Mar. 22	\$459.00	Feb. 7	TC Dave Reitze ATC Linda Steele	781-2957 528-6402	656-4908 961-5755
Vail II	Mar. 29 Apr. 5	\$399.00	Feb. 7	TC Leona Schroeder ATC Alan Bitzer	468-4609 729-1652	497-0723
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TEXAS SKI WEEK I January 6-13, 1980



Tania Andrasko and Graham Barnes

For 84 lucky skiers, January 6-13 promises to be another fantastic, fun-filled Texas Ski Week!

Accommodations will be at Beaver Village Condominiums, the closest condos to the ski area. A free shuttle service is available to the ski area (and other locations). Each condo has 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, wood burning fireplace, and electric kitchen. Jacuzzi is in the main lodge.

Lots of skiing and parties have been planned. On Wednesday evening, the Winter Park TSW II trip will arrive to join forces in our bid to keep the TEXAS CUP for another year. Individual races will be held on Thursday, followed by the team "Cup" race on Friday.

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TEXAS SKI WEEK II January 9 - January 13



Ellie Stern and George Sanford

On Wednesday, January 9, Continental will move it's Golden Tail for forty of Space City's luckiest skiers. We will then bus from Denver to join, at mid-week, the best Texas Party west of Buffalo Bayou.

Beaver Village will be our home in Winter Park for 4 days of Drinkin', Dancin', Frolickin' and Skiin'.

Texas Ski Week promises to provide more parties, more skiing and more of a good ole' Texas good time than \$269.00 can buy anywhere.

Not only will that modest price put you in the middle of TSW '80, but it will buy several other amenities, such as one custom-made TSW T-shirt for each person, Texas Ski Council parties with live entertainment, wine and cheese parties, "Demo" vans from Equipment Manufacturers, race fees and prizes and much, much more.

Join the party now, before we meet at the airport Sunday night, January 13, when the winners of the Texas Cup return to Houston.

Don't forget final payment date is December 6.

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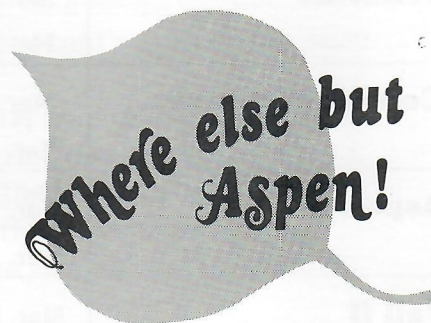
ASPEN TRADITIONAL January 19-26, 1980



Hank Faulkner and Vicki Schmid

What can be said about Aspen that hasn't already been said? Those who have been there know what it's like — to ski four different mountains, to indulge in the culinary delights of the many restaurants, to stroll leisurely through the shops that seem forever decorated for Christmas. If you have never been to Aspen — plan to go! There's an ambiance there that cannot be equaled by at any other ski resort.

This will be Space City's 15th Aspen Traditional trip. Eighty people are booked to go and stay at the Chateaux DuMont condos. We leave Houston January 19 and return January 26. The cost is \$398. So Hank and Vicki say, simply and sincerely —



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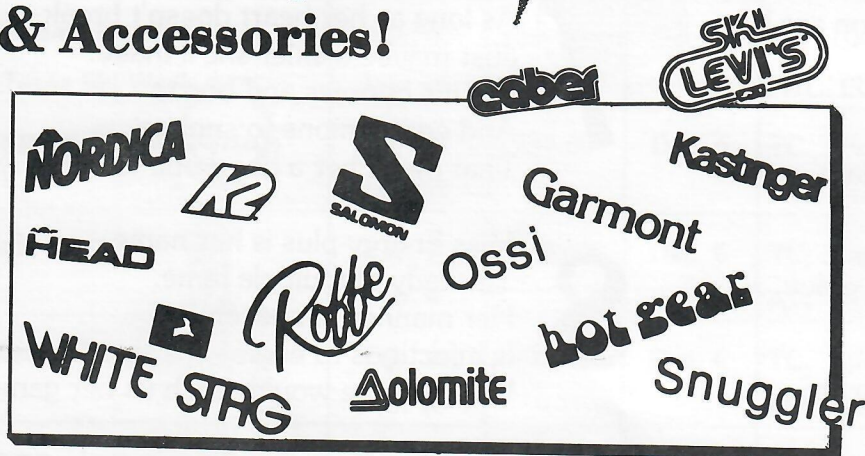


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Spotlight

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Each limerick describes a different club member. Who do you think they are?
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1 At cooking he's quite the gourmet.
His specialty's chili they say.
What else can he be
In S.C.S.C.?
Are spoons all that's left for his play?

2 'Cause those that she counts on are late.
Her organization's not great.
But given the chance
She'll party and dance.
A deadline's just one kind of date.

3 A smile is a badge on his face.
Small women he handles with grace.
They're just the right size
In his twinkling eyes.
His line is, "Come see my new place."

4 Ambition and talent and bull.
No telling whose leg he will pull.
He sails with pizzazz,
That's not all that he has—
Tequila and lime: Blenders full!

5 Without her the club would be dead.
Yet the record she keeps isn't read.
She's one lively trip
You simply can't skip,
Since skiing has gone to her head.

6 In Ski Club he's known as a wheel.
The parties and trips are his deal.
When we camp out, we'll see
How much fun he can be.
Is the "livestock" he raises for real?

7 As long as her heart doesn't break,
Just maybe a skier she'll make.
But it's bunnies and booze
And companions to snooze
That make her a good one to take.

8 Miss Energy-plus is her name—
This lady of multiple fame.
Her manner of speech
Is infectious to each—
We wish she would teach us her game.

9 He's a consummate ham in a play.
And a friend one can count on each day.
Yet if planning to pose
He may take off his clothes.
But the accent's a dead give-away.

10 Outgoing right down to the core,
She's vivacious and never a bore.
She's "the blonde with the boobs,"
At the river she tubes—
And she just isn't cross anymore.

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Your name _____ Your address _____ Your phone _____

Your guesses:

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Mail to the Editor, 11002 Hammerly, No. 194, 77043 by October 31

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION CHANGE FORM

CURRENT:

Date of Change _____

MEMBER NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
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CHANGE TO:

MEMBER NO.	LAST NAME (1)	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
ADDRESS (3)			
CITY (4)	STATE		ZIP (5)
HOME PH. (7)		BUSINESS PH. (6)	
SPOUSE'S NAME (2)			

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IRISH COFFEE

2 sugar cubes
2 jiggers hot coffee
2 jiggers Irish Whiskey
Dab of whipped cream

Put sugar in bottom of cup, add hot coffee, then the whiskey. Add whipped cream. Do not stir.

PLAYBOY'S HOT BUTTERED RUM

2 ounces dark Jamaican Rum
1/2 teaspoon maraschino liqueur
1 ounce lemon juice
1 teaspoon sugar
1 pat butter, equal to 2 teaspoons
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1 slice lemon
Freshly grated nutmeg

Pour rum, maraschino liqueur and lemon juice into 12-oz. mug. Add sugar and butter. Fill with boiling water. Stir to melt butter and dissolve sugar. Add lemon slice. Grate nutmeg on top. (as served at the Lake Geneva Playboy Club-Hotel.)

HOLIDAY SKI LIFT

1 orange, peeled
2 ounces Bourbon
1 ounce Curacao
1 ounce freshly squeezed lemon juice
4 ice cubes
Dash of bitters or grenadine

Cut peeled orange in half, lengthwise; and with a shallow "V" shaped cut, remove white center core. Cut into chunks; place in electric blender with remaining ingredients. Whirl on highest speed several seconds until blended and ice is crushed. Serve at once in lo-ball glasses. Makes 2 servings.

MEXICAN COFFEE

1 ounce Kahlua coffee liqueur
4 ounces fresh, hot black coffee
Ground cinnamon
Sweetened whipped cream

Pour liqueur and coffee into Irish-coffee glass. Sprinkle with cinnamon. Stir. Top with whipped cream. (As served in the Chicago Playboy Club.)

SWEDISH GLOGG

(serves 6 to 8)

1 fifth dry red wine
1/2 cup sugar
16 whole cloves
8 two-inch pieces stick cinnamon
1 cup brandy
Raisins
Peeled unsalted almonds

In a large saucepan, combine the wine, sugar, cloves and stick cinnamon. Bring to the boiling point. Reduce flame and simmer 5 to 8 minutes. Stir in the brandy. Pop a few raisins and almonds in each mug or glass. Add the glogg and serve.

GLUHWEIN

(Hot Mulled Red Wine)

1/2 cup water
1 cup sugar
Clove studded lemon peel
1 cinnamon stick
1 bottle red wine

Boil water, sugar, lemon peel, cinnamon stick, until the quantity has been reduce to half. Add wine and bring almost to a boil. Serve hot!

The Area Development Controversy, II

The Ski Touring Situation

by Gar Bering

In the August issue of the *sitz-marke*, I discussed the overall problem of the declining rate of development of new Alpine ski areas. At the end, I mentioned that a personal solution to the problem might be to take up ski touring. This solution has the advantage of being one that is open to each of us as individuals, without being dependent on the kind of broad scope social action required to build more Alpine resorts. In this article, I will begin with a brief discussion of what ski touring is and the positive reasons for taking it up. The bulk of the article will discuss the land use problems which threaten the future of ski touring.

Ski touring, which is also known as cross-country or Nordic skiing, can most simply be described as cross-country travel on skis. Ski touring is the oldest, most basic form of skiing, dating back at least 4,000 years. Ski touring has a long history in this country, but it faded in popularity after World War II. Recently, however, the growing national passion for all forms of active, natural outdoor sports has extended to ski touring.

The ski tourist on the trail knows a sense of freedom and an intimacy with the unfettered wilderness of the winter woods that is inaccessible to the Alpine skier. Ski touring the great mountain ranges of the American West can give one a sense of the power of nature and the grandeur of the American landscape that cannot be found on the overcrowded hiking trails of summer. Using skis which are lighter and thinner than Alpine skis, boots which are much more flexible, and bindings which fasten at the toe, the ski tourist is free to ramble where his or her fancy dictates. The sensation of getting one's stride right and really stretching it out on a good day is one of the most pleasurable kinesthetic experiences in sport.

There is one myth about ski touring that I want to lay firmly to rest. I refer, of course, to the idea that ski touring is only for people in super shape. Nothing could be further from the truth. The ski tourist is free to go at his or her own pace, whatever that happens to be. Ski touring only becomes unpleasant on

those rare and unfortunate occasions when one's guide or instructor turns out to be insensitive or incompetent. In fact, the joint and bone stresses generated by ski touring are far less than the stresses generated by Alpine skiing. One sees many more elderly ski tourists than Alpine skiers.

All of this brings us to the question of what the "area" development problems are that face the touring community. Many people are not aware that there are any problems. After all, there aren't many ski tourists, are there, and what facilities does one need to get out and walk? Well, there are between 2 and 4 million ski tourists in the country, depending on who one asks, and having this many people involved in an activity has generated a substantial need for facilities. These facilities include parking, trailhead conveniences, trails, and huts. Related management issues include the questions of whether or not to groom trails, who should pay for the facilities, and conflicting land use desires.

The facility needs are so simple and moderate when compared to an Alpine resort that one might imagine that there would be very little opposition to the development of such facilities. Wrong! Problems and opposition to the development of ski touring facilities have arisen from at least three different sources. These include financial problems, environmental questions, and opposition from proponents of conflicting land uses.

The most difficult of these three problems is the financial one. It costs a substantial amount, particularly in the Rockies and the Sierra Nevada, to plow a parking lot all winter. Depending on the amount of daily grooming, training maintenance can also be very costly. This money has to come from some place. Depending on whether public or private land use is in question, there are several optional sources of revenue. The development of ski touring facilities from special use funds is a more tedious and complex political problem in that it requires enabling legislation. However, a totally self funding proposal can

almost always be passed if enough community support is generated to get the legislature's attention. This scheme has been successfully implemented in the Pacific Northwest and Minnesota.

Secondly, it may seem strange to Houstonians, with our urban environmental problems, that anyone could object to something as innocuous as a touring center. However, it must be understood that huts and marked trails are illegal in Wilderness areas. The question of the best way to administer a piece of land from the standpoint of ski touring is a very difficult one for many tourists to answer since a great many are more or less preservationist in outlook.

The last major obstacle to ski touring area development that I will discuss in this article is the question of conflicting uses—timber harvest, mineral extraction, Alpine area development and snowmobiling. The impact of the first two is obvious, as is their importance. However, the importance of recreation is also widely recognized, and it has proven relatively easy to persuade the powers that be to set aside significant amounts of public land for recreation.

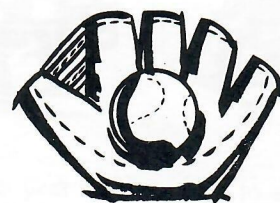
Of course, how the recreation pie gets split is another question, and both of the latter two conflicting uses are recreational activities. Of the two, the most bitter and the most prevalent is snowmobiling. Not only do the two sports use essentially the same terrain, but the presence of snowmobiles also has the effect of driving out ski tourists. The noise and pollution produced by a snowmobile are totally antithetical to the spirit and atmosphere of ski touring, and sharing a narrow trail with a five hundred pound machine driven by a ten year old can be very dangerous. Since snowmobilers don't agree that snowmobiles are noxious and hazardous, they neither comprehend nor accept the position that snowmobiles drive other land users out.

Many people are very surprised by the idea that there is a land use conflict between ski touring and Alpine skiing. It is widely believed that the two sports don't really use the same terrain. This belief is at once both wrong and irrele-

vant. Ski touring is a broad term that covers a multitude of kinds of skiing. Experienced ski tourers not only can negotiate, but frequently enjoy skiing terrain that is essentially the same as that used for Alpine resorts. The belief that Alpine resorts don't use the same terrain as ski tourers is irrelevant because of the other impacts the resorts have on the sport. First, there is the question of visual impact. Ski touring is a solitude sport, and having an Alpine resort looming over one in the distance tends to destroy any feeling of solitude. Second, the atmosphere at the base of an Alpine resort tends to jar if one is trying to get off into the wilds by oneself. Many new Alpine resorts are trying to placate the environmentalists by installing packed track touring centers on their golf courses, etc. This gesture is, of course, tokenist nonsense. Only about 20% of the ski touring public find these charades to be enjoyable skiing. Third, the resort and its associated residential developments tend to create barriers of closed private land which wall off the remaining unimpacted trailheads. The Lake Tahoe basin is an excellent example of this problem. There are a lot of good trails around Lake Tahoe that have not been hurt by any of the prob-

lems I have discussed here. Unfortunately, most of them cannot be reached from the road because there is no remaining public right-of-way to them in the area.

The conflict between Alpine and Nordic skiing over land use is potentially the most serious problem of all. The general public does not understand the distinction between the two kinds of skiing, and a public squabble would have the effect of making any new facility development politically impossible. Right now, however, a real reproachment between the two factions seems very unlikely. Many ski tourers are genuine preservationists who don't approve of Alpine ski resorts or the communities they produce. Many Alpine area development types are still used to thinking of Nordic skiing as totally unimportant. It is my opinion that most of the concessions needed to end this conflict and reunify skiing need to be made by the Alpine people. As long as they deny that the other side is an equal partner in skiing, and refuse to recognize the validity of the Nordic people's problems, constructive dialogue is impossible. Which is too bad, because achieving such a dialogue is vital to the future of all skiing.



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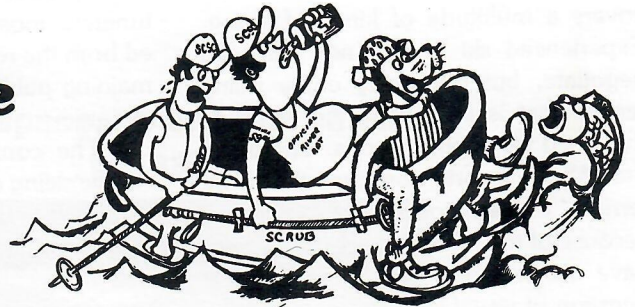
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"RIO BRAVO" — Space City Style

by Marsha McNeese



Sixteen intrepid SCSCers went to Big Bend on the Labor Day weekend with **Don Greene** and his Whitewater Experience guides. In order to gradually acclimate ourselves to the wilderness, we began by camping out all night at the Amtrak Station in Houston. Yes, folks, the train was 7 hours late due to a derailment of a freight train in Beaumont. No time was wasted however — **Stan Kuper** and **Linda Read** went bar hopping all over Houston, while the rest of us busily drank beer at the station, or whatever. There was some difficulty awakening **Leslie Holmes** and **Bernd Schlickeiser** when the train came. We eventually arrived in Alpine, where we were given a tour of the Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute by **Dr. Dwight Deal**, followed by an excellent meal of Beef Stroganoff prepared by guides **Gloria Ackley** and **Chuck Nelson**. Then we boarded a school bus and were off to the river, where we camped at our put-in site. A gourmet breakfast was prepared the next morning, but few of us got to enjoy it because of the Attack of The Giant Wasps. **Gloria Ackley**, **Marsha McNeese**, and **Texas Tim Webb** were all victims of wasp stings that morning. Apparently the venom had some strange side effects as these three were heard wailing on into the night. Who would have thought that flies would be a welcome change?

The next morning we were off on a tour of Colorado Canyon and some of the best whitewater of the Rio Grande.

Leslie Holmes once again brought the key to **Don Greene's** heart and he brought her a kayak, as well as one for **Jay Castille**, and both did extremely well paddling them. **Donna Berglund** and **Marsha McNeese** vied for the Cleopatra award by riding on the oar boats the first day, but the second day Donna was brave enough to withstand paddling with **John Vetter**, **Kirk Whatley**, **Stan Kuper** and **Mike**

Robinson. Incidentally, **Mike Robinson** started the trip at 6 ft. 8 in., but his continued energetic volunteering assistance wore him down to a somewhat lesser stature. Or was it Kirk's Scotch?

Interestingly enough, even though we were in the wilderness of Big Bend, **John Vetter** still kept getting his mail. How did you manage that John? And since we couldn't leave any garbage behind, what did **Stan Kuper** do with the pistachio nut shells?

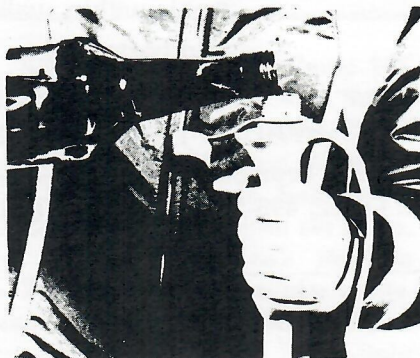
Lloyd Johnson seemed to enjoy the trip, when he could pry himself away from his book. He was briefly seen rowing Don's raft down river and looking very macho. Bernd spent his time giving lessons in endurance to **Jonathan Friedman**. So why did the raft keep deviating toward Bernd's side? Jonathan found out that Dad **Larry Friedman** was truly a "wild and crazy guy". Larry and Jay spent most of their time organizing water fights, ably assisted by **Don Greene**, who led a commando raid on all the rafts to steal their bailers. Incidentally, **Kirk Whatley** didn't hit anybody except his

own captain. Kirk plans to send Readers Digest an article about his most unforgettable character. Who is that, Kirk?

The food was fabulous as usual, although **Tariq Mian** at times had trouble recognizing our river fare. Beef Stroganoff was not the problem, but he and **Mike Robinson** were buffaloed by the smoked oysters at lunch, and the river enchiladas served by **Don Greene** and **Neal Stilley**. They had no trouble recognizing beer however. The Whitewater Experience did a great job, although Jay was rather irritated because Don forgot the piano.

Returning to Alpine on the bus, **Randy Clemmenson** instigated group massage and ended up by getting her toes sucked by **Texas Tim Webb**. (What's this about Don not recognizing Randy without her cleavage?) Then it was back to CDRI for showers and on to the Pizza Hut, where we once again acclimated ourselves to air conditioning and city fare. All too soon it was time to board Amtrak and head back east to Houston. Our appetites had been whetted to see more — so what's everybody doing over Thanksgiving?

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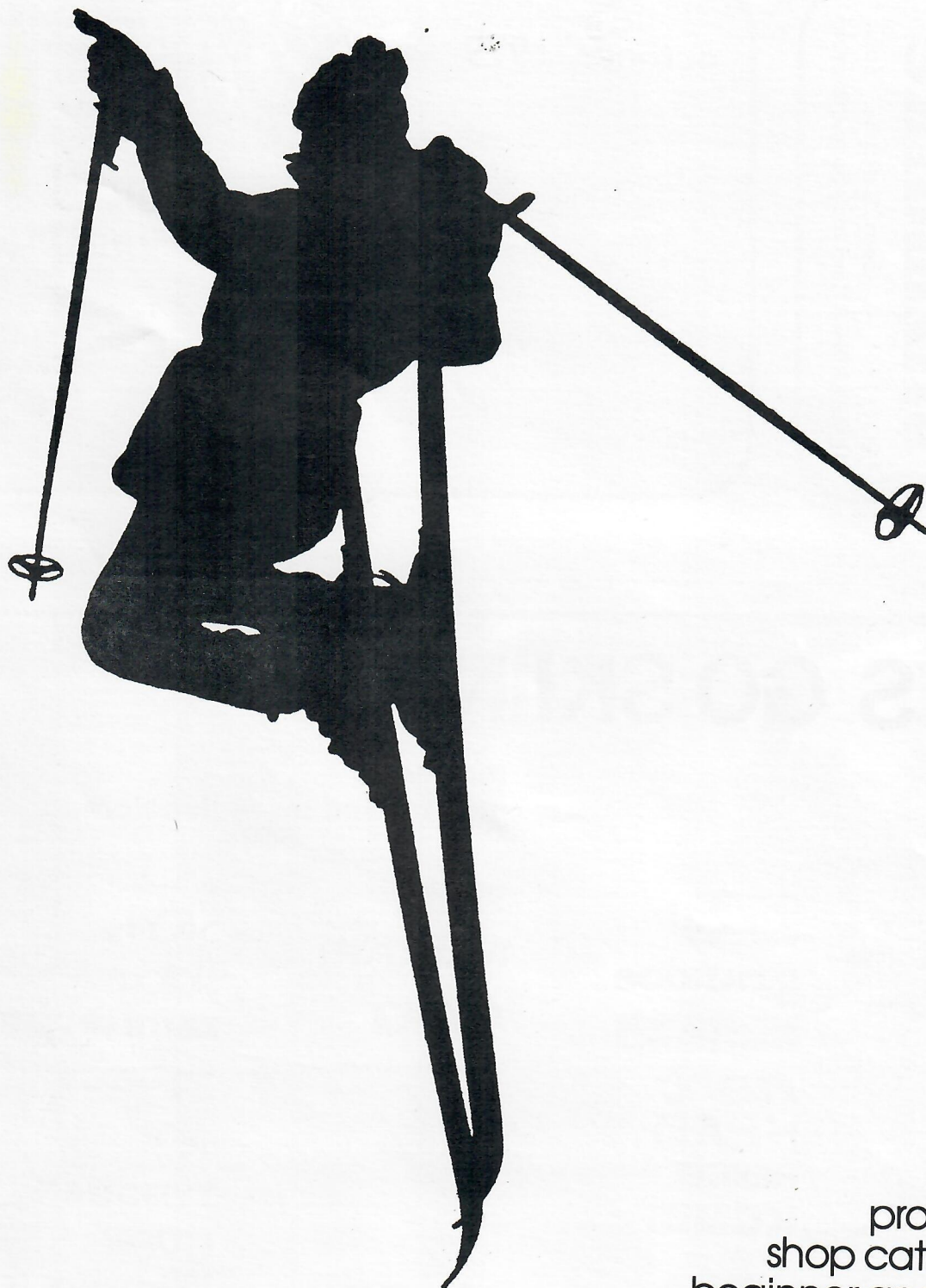


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