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- ★ January 18, 1978
- ★ February 22, 1978
- ★ March 22, 1978
- ★ April 19, 1978



Exercise of the Month

head of the liftline

by Jim Benefield



As you all know, the Thanksgiving trip did happen, not in Salt Lake, but in Vail. We must thank the Houston Ski Club (another member of the Texas Ski Council) for allowing us to join them on such short notice. It is amazing to think that when you read this, six, yes, six trips will have already departed for this season.

I am happy to report that Jim McIntyre's Membership Study Committee has completed their work. They have some good suggestions in the area but, no increase in the 1400 person limit. I hope the excerpts and By-Law and Standing Rule changes can be in next month's **Sitz-marke** for March or April approval.

It was nice of see that T.I. and Continental heard us. They eliminated the \$6 "ski equipment" handling charge.

Finally, believe it or not, planning for 1978-1979 is well under way. The problem we have is that a club *must* plan more than a year in advance. It is compounded by the reluctance of lodges and buses to accept groups, let alone booking us at least a year in advance. Should anyone desire to help with this thankless task, while the current officers attempt to get this years' trips off on schedule, please advise **Ken Dominy** or me at your earliest convenience.



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markemaker

by Carolyn Lowrie



Mary Scotty

"Saturday Night Live," is a well known television show but it could also be a good description of this month's markemaker, Mary Scotty. Anyone who has seen her on a Saturday night, morning or afternoon, would

agree with this.

Mary joined Space City Ski Club last year when she decided she would switch from surfing to skiing. So off to Ski Houston for lessons and Mary was on her way to Crested butte, for Texas Ski Week. The lessons proved to be very effective except they didn't teach Mary how to get off the chair lift. But she soon learned. She gives her thanks to Dan Toland and June Russell for their patience and skills that week. Mary's next adventure was to Vail, where she raced in Nastar and was 3 seconds off from getting a bronze medal. A nickname of "Medium Range Bomber" was given to her at that time. She ended up her skiing year at Aspen in March, when the snow was fantastic. It was early to the slopes and ski like crazy for this newly devoted skier.

Mary is one of a rare breed ... a native Houstonian. After graduating from high school. Mary attended classes at the Museum of Fine Arts. After completing her classes, Mary got the bug to travel and ended up in California checking out the beaches to see where the best surf was. From there she moved to Hawaii, where she lived for two years as a puka shell picker.

She has the largest collection of shells I have ever seen. After deciding that she had picked enough shells, Mary headed back to Houston, and is currently employed at Chavco Equipment, Inc., where she is anything from an executive secretary to a spare parts manager.

In her spare time, Mary works on her house remodeling it, one room at a time. She is the Chairman of the Finance Committee for the Harris County Democrats and helps them with their fund raising events. She has a faithful dog named Rosebud, who keeps her company. Mary is also very talented in the music field and plays the guitar very well.

Non-skiing activities have included being a roller skater in the

Spring Follies, summer softball games, and camping at Mercer's Worm Farm. Mary could be call-

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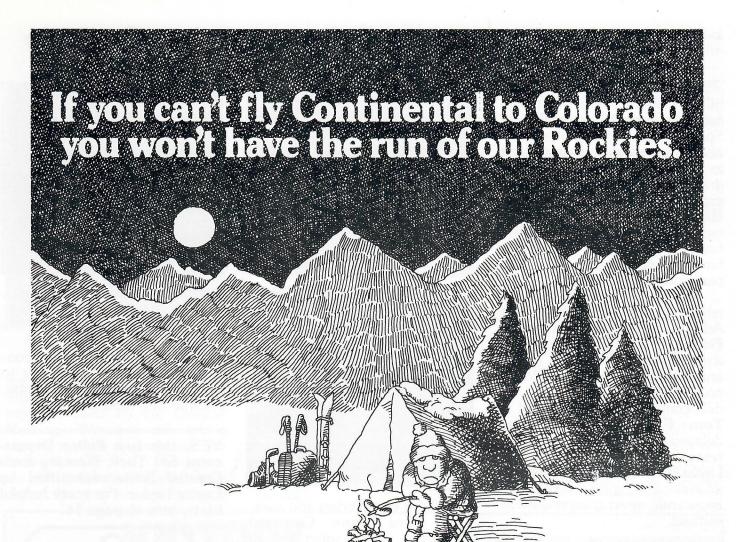
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The Proud Bird with the Golden Tail.

get in shape day...spotts park

by Sy Liebergot

After two years of trying, SCSC's Get In Shape Day finally came to pass as scheduled in Spotts Park, but a brief sprinkle of rain served as a reminder not to take the day's weather for granted. The activity was organized by fair Mary Ann Hertzberg who apprarently received her first taste of the headaches involved in ensuring fun stuff for the approximately 75 participants that showed up.

Once I got past the check-in table "personned" by Nancy Jo Adams, Dorothy Bell and Janet Pickell, and not feeling quite in shape, I immediately cast around for the keg of beer. What, no keg? The sacred trust of delivering the beer was placed in Tom Fitzpatrick who was delayed somewhat. However, resourceful V.P. of Programs, Linda MacFarland, delivered up an emergency supply of beer she apparently never goes anywhere without.



Gene Holland erected his magic volleyball net and the games got underway. Especially spectacular was Allen Simpson's "chest shot" (comes in handy when one is not paying attention).

Almost simultaneously, the joggers hit the trail led by Bruce Maughs. Also see in the forefront were Vanessa Vajdos, John MacDonald and Janis Walker (who, I understand did a bit of walking). Sam McKnight, Billy Nowak and Allen Simpson made sure no one cheated too much in the jogging.





Guru Gar Bering and assistant Guru Anne Connard Benefield did a super job in leading a large group through a series of exercises. I especially enjoyed watching the partner isometrics and the one where groups of several people would surround a tree and attempt to push it over. Now, these were either Aggies or people doing pushups against their particular tree.

From my vantange point at the beer keg, I could also see log jumping (logs by Barry Kumins), bleacher climbing and change step jumping downhill. After that





everything became blurred. However, not to worry, because **Dale Englefield** was everywhere taking pictures.

As far as this writer is concerned, it was a super day to learn how to get in shape. Hmmm mm mmm.

YES, this is a Police Department Ski Theft Warning from Crested Butte, submitted by Layna Taylor. For more helpful hints, turn to page 14.

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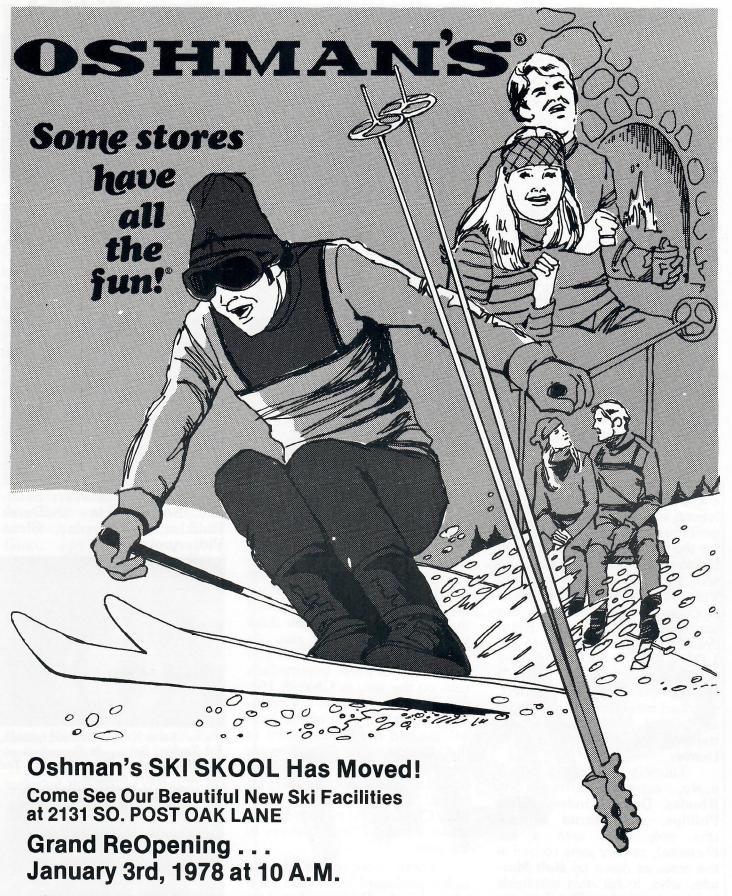
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thanksgiving trip to salt lake city, winter park, VAIL!

by Mike Hughes and Beth Nolen

After several hectic days of no-snow reports, cancellations, and rescheduling, 58 SCSC skiers (minus 2), converged on Intercontinental Airport for a Wednesday evening departure for a 4-day weekend of skiing. A pile of skis, equipment, and luggage was stacked in front of the Texas International counter as the early arrivers retired to the lounge to loosen up for their trip. Meanwhile, back at the pile, ATC Mike Hughes, joined by Marian Mulkey and Joe Cotrone, were repacking our booze...seems Mike's trunk was too heavy; and that was only the beginning of the weight problems. After we boarded the plane, TI decided the craft was overloaded, so Bob Olsen was unanimously volunteered to take a corresponding flight. We guickly found out that losing Bob was not enough to correct the weight - they also took off our dinner. However, when Randy and Dianne Taylor threatened to force a landing at McDonald's, TI generously offered an open bar for the entire trip and met us in Denver with snack baskets and wine to enjoy on our bus ride to Vail. After the traditional stop at Applejack's, we were on our way, arriving at the Kian-dra/Talisman Lodge around 1:00 A.M. Not far behind were our "minus 2", L. E. ("Doc") Richey and Barbara Bartlett. who had missed the original flight and opted to stick around on stand-by for the next flight to Denver.

Thursday morning came early, especially for Molly Rhodes, Donna Lindsey, Elisa Phillips, and Morna Simon, (the only ones with a kitchenette), as they were roused at the crack of dawn by Bob Marwin, who, in his own inimitable fashion created a Thanksgiving breakfast of ski-cabin eggs. Joining in the consumption were Jim Plummer, Ed and Layna Taylor, Bob Olsen, Barry



Above: Enjoying breakfast at Molly's are Jim Plummer, Bob Marwin, Joe Cotrone. Below: Gondola liftline, Thanksgiving Day.



Kumins, Joe Cotrone, and Rob Higgins.

Lift lines were a bit lengthy, but the upper mountain offered snow worth waiting for, and each day additional runs were opened. Novice skier **Jan Livingston** has decided there's a tremendous amount of psychology involved in skiing -- as long as you think you're on a beginner run, it's easy. Now Beth, why didn't you tell her about those intermediate runs on the way to Chairlift 16?

Because this was the opening weekend, much of the local wildlife had not yet retreated to the backwoods. There were reported sightings of ground squirrels, mice, rabbits, deer, ermines, and porcupines. A skier from Chicago said he heard a tale about some 12 foot beavers in the area ...?

There were other strange sights professed to -- Rob Higgins, Cindy Bowen, Jan Livingston, and Beth Nolen witnessed the famous "Bruce Maugh's figure-8's", the last of which ended in a spread-eagle.

And speaking of birds, who was that TURKEY that keep popping up all weekend? **Ed Taylor** had the privilege of riding a chairlift with the bird's black-caped sidekick. You really liked that Pilgrim's hat, didn't you, Ed?

Food and celebration filled the non-ski hours all weekend. Besides the club parties every evening, there was the every afternoon stop-off at Donovan's, the local pub (complete with hot dogs and Polish sausage) located conveniently at the base of the lift. Familiar faces there were **Ted** Widner, Mike Hughes, Barry Kumins, Bruce Maughs, Joe Cotrone, Bob Marwin, Jim Plummer, and Bob Olsen. Jim **Guild** kept the local ice cream store in business with his ice cream fetish ... he wanted to stav two more days so he could try all the flavors. An extraordinary coincidence - four birthdays were celebrated over the weekend: Friday, Kyle Chandler: Saturday, Bob Marwin and Derek Hankins: and Sunday, Glenn Vickery.



Above: Steve Kroger, Derek Hankins, Ed Taylor. Below: At Donovan's are Bruce Maughs, Bob Marwin, Ted Widmer, Barry Kumins.





Above left: Enjoying lunch on the mountain at Eagle's Nest Lounge are Bill Hlozek, L. E. Richey, Barbara Bartlett, Ed Taylor, Bob Marwin, John Hobbs, Bill Kirk, Joe Cotrone. Above right: Morna Simon, Jim Plummer, Elsa Phillips, Don Leggett at SCSC party Saturday night. Below: Looks like Beth and Joe found a Turkey at Eagle's Nest!



The Kiandra/Talisman served a traditional Thanksgiving buffet which was enjoyed by Chris Ginn, Jan Livingston, Billy Carter, Sharon Griffin, Carol Hill, Randy Parker, Charles Seaton, Richard Phillips, Martha Beavers, Ed Taylor, Jim Plummer, Bob Olsen, Morna Simon, and Elisa Phillips. The unofficial "gourmet guide", Roy Caviness, led another group of Bill Hlozek, Ed Lasko, Tom Summers, Billie Nowak, Beth Nolen, Greg Thompson and Barry Kumins, to the Left Bank for a French-flavored banquet.

Other weekend highlights included the player piano in the basement bar of the Clock Tower Inn, the main attraction for Ed and Layna Taylor, Donna Lindsey, Joe Cotrone, Beth Nolen, and Bill Kirk, led by "pianist" L. E. Richey, Barbara Bartlett, and their "airport pick-up" Bob Ferro. Garton's country-Western band hosted the group of Bill Eldridge, Molly Rhodes, Dane Seibert, Jill Ferrel, Bill



Chalmers, and Ted Widmer. Since when is "The Eyes of Texas Are Upon You" countrywestern?

Unfortunately the casualty list was rather high. Jill Ferrell took a freak fall and broke her ankle. Barbara O'Neal tried to top that by tearing ligaments, breaking one knee and badly spraining the other. Elisa Phillips was hit from behind and suffered a torn ligament. Morna Simon ran into a tree, but escaped unscathed; however, the tree was not so lucky! Ed

Lasko and two skiers from Chicago have a good story to tell about being rescued from Eagle's Nest Ridge by the Ski Patrol during those 60 mph winds on Saturday.

A tired but happy group returned to Big "H" at 12:30 A.M. Monday, picked up their luggage and headed home for a short nap and quick change before work, except for **John Hobbs**, who waited patiently for an hour for a bus to the City Parking Lot before realizing he was on the wrong side of the Terminal!

scsc news

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Jim Franz and Cynthia Lackey

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Winter Park is only 62 miles out of Denver, so our bus ride will only be about $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. However, before leaving Denver, we will make a "very necessary" stop at the famous Apple Jacks for liquor and "refreshments" on the bus.

We will be staying at Hi Country Haus Condominiums in all new condos. We are within walking distance of shops, bars, and restaurants.

Jim Franz, our ATC, has planned four great parties including wine on the slopes, and a special surprise on Sunday morning.

Winter Park is a great area for the beginner skier as well as the advanced. "Mary Jane", as most of you know, is a mountain for the advanced and intermediate skier. Winter Park is reasonably priced for lessons and lift tickets.

At the pre-trip party you can sign up for roommates and discuss renting skis, boots, and poles for a great weekly rate and the possibility of a great lift ticket package.

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Above: Joyce Jenkins, catcher; Barry Kumins, umpire; and Jim Benefield at bat. "What a Swing!!". Below: Shirley Andries pitching.



"It's not if you win or lose that matters, but how you play the game that counts" describes perfectly the SCSC Fall Softball Games that some 80-100 ski club members participated in and enjoyed on Sunday afternoons in October.

When Shirley Andries, Carol Reagan, Lou Willbanks,



by Spencer King

Penny Chancey, Karol Klopp, Dianne Barney, Susie Griffing, Sam McKnight, Joyce Jenkins, Virginia Kolter, Jill Farrell, Billie Nowak and Janet Pickell challenged the guys to a game, Tom Fitzpatrick and Jim Benefield called it a "piece of cake" and accepted before the rules were explained ... the guys had to bat wrong-handed and not use gloves. After three extra innings, the score was tied 8-8. Wow! Can those gals play softball!

Everyone learned that when Jean Crabtree makes up her mind, it is final. Jean was the umpire and all they guys wanted to play catcher, just to get close to Jean. Tom Mercer and Stan Ferguson managed our refreshment stand which was the most popular position. The most competitive position was who would get to give Linda MacFarland sympathy for her broken finger she incurred playing second



Above: "Which way did it go?" Karol Klopp, Keith Eastin. Below: Tom Mercer displaying his form; Janet Pickell in background.



All joking aside, Arty Allen, Allan Simpson, Barry Kumins, Jim Franz, Graham Barnes, Roy Caviness, Art Camero, Sy Liebergot, Jim Plummer, Rick Holt and Gene Turboff were all regulars and strong supporters of some really fun Sunday afternoons.

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tips for ski photography

þy George J. Hirasaki



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Composition

A common fault when photographing your friends is that they are too far away to see their facial expressions. Bring your subject close and adjust shutter speed for desired depth of field. Distant peaks, trees and rock formations make a good background. In most cases, snow makes a bland background and may result in underexposing your subject if you have an averaging meter (see section on lighting). An exception is if you want to draw the attention of the viewer to the subject such as in action shots. Beware of ski lifts in the background. Scenery is best photographed early or late in the day when shadows give depth to the snow.

Lighting

Beware of the harsh shadows at high altitudes; your friends are usually best photographed with front lighting to avoid shadows across the face. Side lighting creates beautiful shadows for scenes but when photographing your friends, have them face toward the sun to avoid a shadow from the nose. Artistic silhouette photographs can be taken with back lighting. Shade the lens if possible. If your camera has an averaging meter (as opposed to a spot meter) yoursubject may be underexposed if sunlit snow is in the background. This can be avoided by metering close to your subject and setting your meter on manual operation.

Action Shots

If possible, plan the shot with your subject and then ski over a specified spot on the snow (e.g., a mogul). This way you can prefocus your camera and your subject can look their best at the right moment. In addition to using a faster shutter speed, action can be stopped more easily if your subject is moving directly toward you rather than passing beside you. If your subject is passing beside you, pan you camera, i.e., follow your subject in your viewfinder. A vision of speed can be achieved by using a slow shutter speed (e.g., 1/60 sec.) and panning your subject. The background will be a blurry streak.

Special Problems

Rewind slowly. In extremely cold, dry conditions, static electricity can leave tracks on the film. Check camera for snow inside case before entering a warm room. To avoid condensation, avoid opening case in warm room until camera warms.

Final Note

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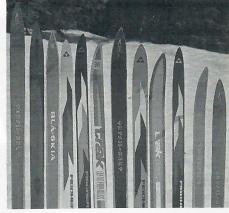
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hints to foil ski thieves

- NEVER LEAVE SKIS ON A CAR RACK. Put them inside the car or trunk. If you're staying at a lodge, keep them in your room.
- MARK YOUR SKIS PLAIN-LY WITH YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS. Your local ski shop can engrave them for you. A pair of unmarked skis is more tempting to thieves.
- USE THE DIVIDE AND CONFUSE SYSTEM. Separate skis to two different locations when you go in the lodge or stop for lunch.
- IF YOU ARE USING CABLE LOCKS, if possible run the cable through part of the bindings so it can't be easily unscrewed.
- EPOXY THE SCREW HEADS ON YOUR BIND-INGS. This practice makes removal of the bindings almost impossible.

IF YOU ARE ONE OF THE UNFORTUNATE SKIERS THAT WILL BE RIPPED OFF THIS YEAR, HERE ARE SOME VALUABLE TIPS ON WHAT TO DO.

- * Run, don't walk to the lodge management or security personnel.
- * The faster you report your loss, the better the chance the thief can be stopped before he/she leaves the area.
- * Notify the police immediately.



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Red River is 50% Intermediate. Angel Fire is 45% Intermediate.

Usually no lift lines during weekdays. Taos is an art colony.

Red River is an old mining town brought up-to-date.

The bus will stay with passengers, for transport to the lifts. Red River and Angel Fire are about 25 miles apart. Ski both on the same trip. A free local bus at Red River takes you around town and to the lifts.

4 nite/ day lodging & lift ticket packages from approximately \$70 - Angel Fire; \$80 - Red River; \$90 - Taos. Ski lessons and equipment rental packages at each ski area. Lodging information: Taos (505)-776-2206; Red River (505)-754-2313; Angel Fire (505)-377-2301. Or your travel agent. (We can help you arrange accomodations)

Bus leaves Houston every Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. Leaves from Ski Area, Sunday 2:00 p.m., arriving Houston 6:00 a.m.

Tentative schedule for bus departures: Wednesday,

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Individual fares, \$130 round trip (20 passengers, minimum to go). Bus will depart and return, Northwest Mall Parking Area, North Loop & Northwest Freeway, adjacent to Greyhound terminal. Full fare payment required in cash by Noon the day before departure, at office, 2001 Kirby.

Charter rates: Taos, \$2,788; Red River/Angel Fire, \$2,598.
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