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by Sy Liebergot

Hooray! We finally sent some people skiing! Texas Ski Council President, Bob Olsen, called from Crested Butte that snow conditions were acceptable for the 72 skiers that were poised and ready. All reports indicate that everyone had a great time as a result of Continental

head of the lift line

Airlines (Texas Ski Week Sponsor) and Crested Butte Resort Association outdoing themselves. Thanks, folks.

SCSC didn't retain the Texas Cup, garnering third place, but brightness is upon us with First Place Women's trophy going to SCSC member June Russell. Personal congratulations, June! Also, kudos are in order for Ed Taylor, Kathy Coats, Nancy Scott and Jack Spencer (unable to go at the last minute) for the manner in which the planning and execution of the trips were carried out.

Also a TI charter aircraft full of SCSCers was able to deposit them in Colorado for the Aspen Traditional trip. Things are looking up! Read V.P. of Trips, Jim Benefield's article which will bring you up to date on trip status.

Two strokes of genius occur-

ed recently when a band of mercenaries, more or less led by able Treasurer, Bob Marwin, figured out a way to recoup a potential loss to the Club resulting from the liquor prepurchased for the canceled trips. This was accomplished by two large "Snow Wake" parties; detailed elsewhere in this issue.

Secretary Jane McCormick (who became Mrs. Wayne Cook on February 5) reports the membership directory will be mailed sometime this month. Budget consideration permitted only one directory issue this season.

The Nominating Committee has completed its work. You will find their proposed slate of officer candidates for 1977-78 on the enclosed flyer. The slate will be formally presented at the February meeting and nominations from the floor will then be in order. If any of you then plan to nominate someone, please have their prior consent. Elections will take place at the March (annual) meeting. Special thanks for performing a perhaps thankless task to nominating committee members: Chairman Miles Anderson, Tom Baldwin, Ann Cornish, Bobbette Cross, Don Doucette, Jerry Kearby and Layna Taylor.

Way back in April, 1976, we conducted a survey of membership desires in the form of a questionnaire. One of the items of significance that resulted was the membership inclination for SCSC to be involved in community affairs. In line with this, I'd like to call your attention to Musicfest '77, a benefit designed to raise funds for the construction of two tennis courts and an outdoor pavillion for the children of DePelchin Home of Houston, Texas. The benefit will be held at the Houston Racquet Club on February 20, from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; donations are \$10.00 (tax deductible). For further information please contact Carolyn Michael, 780-1373 or Pat Ricks, Ticket Chairman, 621-3932.

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Donna Berglund

By Beth Nolen

Anyone who's passed through the SCSC portals this year and passed the Membership Table has probably seen our Markemaker for this month. Donna Berglund has highlighted her third season in Space City Ski Club by volunteering her able assistance on the membership

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committee, verifying members and registering guests at monthly meetings.

She's also a regular at the Club's ice skating parties. Donna considers skating not only an interesting pasttime, but also an excellent form of exercise in preparation for skiing. Having made Club trips to Salt Lake City and two to Aspen, Donna plans on doubling her experience this season, if the snow falls, by skiing at Vail, Lake Tahoe, and Mt. Hood.


During the warmer seasons, Donna spends a great deal of her spare time in the water, either skiing or scuba diving. She gives her son credit for keeping her so active; when he decided to take scuba lessons a few years ago, he needed a "buddy" in his class, so Donna was elected to take part. "I was the only old person in the group with all those kids, but I kept up with them, and I love it."

A lifetime Houstonian, Donna

markemaker

is a CPS (Certified Public Secretary), employed as executive secretary to the Plant Manager at Anheuser-Busch, Inc. During her career, she has participated in various professional clubs and organizations including Desk and Derrick, FemChems, and the National Secretaries Association. It was through her NSA affiliations that she met Dorothy Symmons, who first encouraged her to join SCSC. She has also served in various capacities for such organizations and projects as PTA, Eastern Star, Cancer Crusade, Rotary Club, and Alter Guild. Her educational involvement includes judging high school debate tournaments, teaching two classes at the University of Houston, and instructing review courses for the NSA.

With all these activities to keep her busy, Donna still has one unaccomplished ambition; someday she hope to take her grandson to Aspen and treat him to the thrill of skiing Snowmass.




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"Hi Ace, oh but I love your cufflinks. And you are so right about the party. We heard from Bonnie Jentho and Lannie Lamb that if you print some of the things they say, well people would just die. But here are the facts as we saw them."

"Easy Thayer was holding court from the big wicker chair, with Jeannie Massey and Vanessa Vadjos in attendance. He had just swept a double-header; the Who Has The Longest Tongue Contest vs Sy Liebergot, and the Balloon Battle vs Nancy Ainsworth. After midnight, Jean Crabtree convinced

half the people there, on a person to person basis, that she should have won the Longest Tongue Contest. She proved her point to this reporter's satisfaction. What have we got so far?"

"Martha Huebel and Sandra Palmer discovered a great way to get Russ Coffman and Joe Zuback to keep their distance. They stuffed inflated balloons under their sweaters. Russ and Joe gallantly charged these new obstacles; luckily they were caught on the bounce or they would have gone out a second story window. Pat Bourke and Jack Crabtree took an opposite tack; they were chasing Tom Mercer round and round the bar, winner take all. The bartenders, Greg Thompson and Mary K. Nicholson, tried to pour drinks as they raced by. Thank God, wet shag isn't too slippery. Pat and Jean eventually compromised and combined forces. They captured the weakening Mercer and dragged him off to one of the restrooms to divide the spoils. They did this several times."

"Roselle Teplitsky's cheese-

cake and Penny Chancey's dill dip and eighteen pounds of fresh vegetables took Top Culinary Honors. Tricia Page's flying in from Nashville won the 'Distance Award'. Sharon Guidry took the 'Going Up In The World Award' by attempting to climb a surprised Bob Marwin; it looked like Fay Wray climbing King Kong. She got as far up as his hip, when the embarrassed Marwin covered her with his giant cowboy hat. Sharon promptly passed out and fell to the floor, to be quickly retrieved and revived by Dan Toland."

"Ed Taylor borrowed the portable mistletoe pole from Joe Zuback so he could smooch up on some of the newer ladies without arousing Layna's suspicions. Joe was forced to go on talent alone. Bob Marwin's attempt to staple the name tags to the girl's blouses "so they wouldn't fall off" didn't get him very far. But he tried, and some girls will believe anything if it is said with sincerity. Jim and Anne Benefield led over the survivors of the Duff and Angie Trimble Open House. That party broke up early when Duff finished off the last of the food and accidentally ate the key to the liquor locker."

"Judy Allen organized the clean-up party at 9:30 in the morning. Most felt as bad as they looked, but some leftover cheese and salami on a Dorito raised sagging spirits. Bob and Kathy Allgeier earned the undying gratitude of the clean-up committee by their gift of a box of confetti and streamers the night before. Mix that stuff with a two-inch brown shag rug, and you'll see why clean-up took six people three hours."

"Well Ace, those are the facts. It wasn't New Years Eve in Aspen or Steamboat as people had planned, but it beat waxing the kitchen floor. We heard a lot of praying, but not for snowflakes. Just 80 people partying."



Hey Bob, that's looks like a fun game!



SPRING SKI TRIPS

by Jim Benefield

As I am sure you all know, we *really have had* some trips leave and there is some skiable snow in the Rockies. I apologize to all who were inconvenienced by cancelled trips or legs of trips. The Executive Committee tries to eliminate losses to the Club and ill feelings occasioned by no snow. Alas, sometimes we are unable to satisfy everyone. At this writing, Aspen Traditional has left but not returned. I hope all had a good and safe time. The decision to go was simply one of economics, we were locked into the rooms and the mountain was open, thus no refund could be had. For those who felt it unfair, I would appreciate a suggestion which also *guarantees rooms at times of good snow.*

Work is progressing on the enlarged Tahoe trip. There may still be space available, but don't forget it is at a slightly higher price. Other than the enlargement of Tahoe, we are not proposing new trips nor rescheduling cancelled ones as all remaining trips still have not been filled. It was decided that to compete with ourselves was not in the Club's best interest. The message was heard, we DO need more trips to the larger ski areas such as Vail, Aspen, etc. I hope that everyone will show their area preferences when it is asked for in the Sitzmarke. It is invaluable for Club planning.

The Texas Ski Council met during Texas Ski Week; it appears that the Council is really off the ground and running. They did an excellent job of running Texas Ski Week with a lot of help from Crested Butte and Continental. The only proposed changes to the Texas Ski Week format is to make the club race age - handicapped in fairness to all skiers. Site selection for 1978 will be in late February. I hope all SCSCers take a little time on *every* trip to practice so that next year the trophy comes back home.

Everyone seems to be asking about the Taos Bus Trip -- I guess since Taos has snow. There are no sleeper busses currently authorized to drive. The only alternative, flying is now being investigated.

Let me thank everyone for their patience while waiting for snow, but remind you Spring Trip prices went down, but not all trips are full. These trips must be filled, before more trips can be considered.

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Snow Wake and the Seven Gin and Tonics Party

By Bob Marwin

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What to do??? Return it? No, that's immoral. Pour it out? No, that's illegal, what with the E.P.A., the fish in Buffalo Bayou, environmental impact statements, red tape, etc. Drink it? Hey, there's an idea with real possibilities! Then Tom Mercer cried out, *"let's have a real, old fashioned WAKE to lament the untimely passing of four really great ski trips. We'll drink up the liquor, eat of the chips and of the dips, tell tall tales, get a little drunk AND hustle each other. It'll be as though those four fine trips never actually died. And in first class, you get an extra vegetable."*

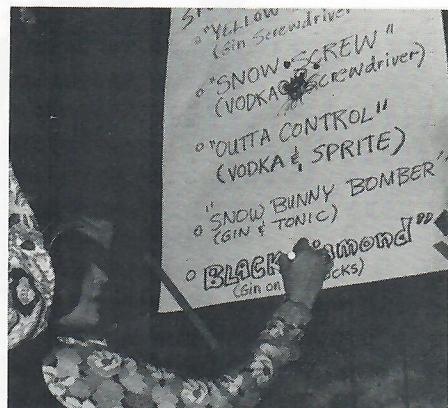
We can get Greg Thompson, Easy Thayer, Miles Anderson, Alan Simpson, Rick McFarland, Jim McClellan and Cliff Zapfel to tend bar. We can get Roselle Teplitsky to make a cheesecake, Penny Chancey to make dill dip, Shirley Andries to make horseradish dip, Anne Benefield to make spinach dip, Marsha McElravy and friends to fill Tupperware bowls with fresh vegetables, Tricia Page to create a fantastic invitation, and to think up some ski-type names and posters for various gin and vodka drinks. No vermouth... (I think that covers all the credits).

We can watch Shirley Andries and Penny Wiggins get blitzed on a gin, 7-Up and lemon juice concoction called a *Spruce Tree*, and go around babbling and stumbling over the furniture. We can watch Pat McLaughlan and Miles Anderson ener-

getically discussing ski club policy and procedure. We can watch Jim Keatts and Ron Honefenger's socks drop after Jean Crabtree licks her lips and plants one on 'em. New York, New York, you're my kind of town!

We can watch Eve Buenteo, Vicki Schmid, Janet Pickell and Dorothy Humprey convincing 'Buford the Guard' not to start towing the cars away. We can notice Carol Weise neglecting to watch her purse in the crowd and getting it ripped off. I couldn't live like that. We can get guys to swap name tags with girls, and girls with guys, over and over again, until nobody knows who anybody is. We can run out of Scotch, Bourbon, ice, cups and tonic around 10:00, and all stand around drinking straight gin until Easy and Pat Bourke return with supplies. We can get about 240 people to drink about 15½ gallons of liquor (about 77 fifths) and 4 gallons of warm white wine. What've we got so far??

And we did. Will we throw another one? Probably so; everyone who remembers this one had a fine time. Will we announce it in the Sitzmarke? No way. No how. We don't need and can't handle 1400 people. We'll just pass out a surprise flyer at some future SCSC meeting. The only question is what time does the 11:06 leave for San Antonio??? Whoever lost a pair of keys marked 219, and four 5 peso sized coins, contact Bob Marwin.



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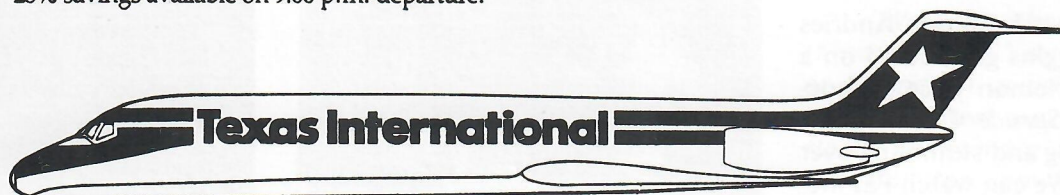
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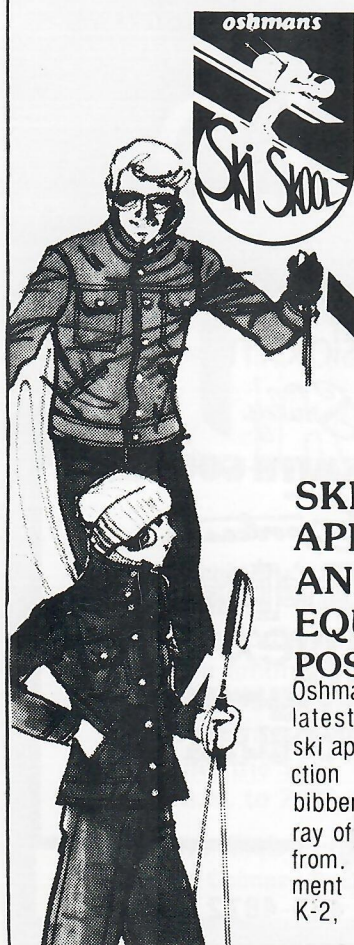
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- 3 Skiers approaching each other on opposite traverses pass to the right. (Like autos on a highway.)
- 4 Skiers shall not stop in a location which will obstruct a trail or unloading area or impede the normal passage of other skiers, and shall not stop at a point where they are not visible from above.
- 5 A skier entering a trail or slope from a side or intersecting trail shall first check for approaching downhill skiers.
- 6 A standing skier shall check for approaching downhill skiers before starting.
- 7 When walking or climbing in a ski area, skis should be worn and the climber or walker shall keep to the side of the trail or slope.
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NEWS

The Marriage Fever continues: congratulations to Beverly Underwood and Don Thorson. Jane McCormick and Wayne Cook wed in New York February 5 — that's going to an extreme just to see SNOW this year, folks!

The Board or Directors voted to propose a By-law change that would *automatically expell any Club member who stops payment on a check to SCSC.*

Don't forget Ruth Roy's 8th Annual Snow Ski Sale on Feb. 12th.

Bridge Night is Friday, March 25. \$2.00. Call Patty Free at 686-4605 or see her at the February Meeting for details.

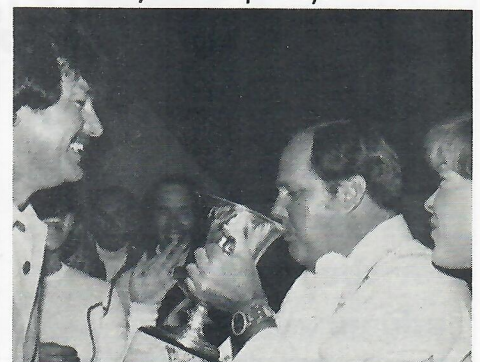
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By Cathy Coats

Hard as it may be to believe, SCSC finally managed to launch a ski trip this year! Not one, but two, as the Breckenridge and Crested Butte trips joined forces to send 73 intrepid trophy-hunters to Texas Ski Week. After the many days of doubt . . . will we go? is there any snow? . . . all that glistening white stuff was a beautiful sight (even if rocks do digest the bottoms of skis.) Really strange to pick yourself up after a fall and find pine needles stuck to your ski pants).



Above, our great Continental Airlines representatives. Bottom left: Wayne Nichols, Ed Chambliss and friend. Center Jerry Kirby, 'Texas Tim' and Pat Burchett. Right: Jim Johnson drinking from the Texas Cup!



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SKI WEEK

Though we had a good time in the process, the sad truth is that we lost our Texas Ski Cup. The Aggies were in winning form, and should prove formidable competition in the years to come; San Antonio won second. We did, however, manage to bring home the third place Texas Cup trophy, as well as the First Place Women's trophy, won by June Russell. June Russell was won by Paul Whelche, who spent the whole week with an ear-to-ear grin. Memorable moments in the wine-stained snow included Tommy Brame and Mary Scotty giving 'em hell even though it was their first ski trip, and 'Fast Eddie' Ek, who provided a real photo finish by flattening the race course cameraman a blistering 3 seconds out of the starting gate. Special mention for racing technique is due George Hirasaki for using only one pole, to Jane Kearby for being faster than husband Jerry, and to Jerry Kearby for *admitting* it.

In addition to the planned Texas Ski Week activities, practically everybody got in on the filming of a TV movie starring Clint Walker and Yvette Mimieux. Dave Mueller, Bill Carter, Rick Kessler and Robert Reichel, among others found walk-on roles in the movie. According to Leslie Holmes, the name of the movie is "The Monster Who Ate Crested Butte", but we doubt if that's how it will be listed in TV Guide. At any rate, Shirley Smith was afraid to even watch the filming - she takes those snow monsters seriously. Too bad, Merlyn.

Derek Hankins walked away with all the door prizes . . . both a pair of skis and a bottle of wine. 'Texas Tim', the "fastest draw" artist in the mountains kept us amused with his caricatures. Hey, Bobbette, where do you hide your lottery tickets? And, at the risk of embarrassing you, Jim Johnson, precisely what was it that screwed up your back?

Meanwhile on the party scene, SCSC saw some "high" times. Ever chugged beer from a HUGE silver trophy? Well - hic - it'shnotbad - I

can't remember - hic - who won but I think maybe Jimmy St. Clair or - hic - Jim Weiskopf - or hic - maybe Merlyn Harger. Anyway, that trophy's never gonna be the same. Neither's Jimmy.

While Gene Ross had so many beds to play in, he was caught leaping from one to the other in the loft, Dan Toland had none at all. Poor "somebitch" had to sleep on the floor in the girl's condominium even, tsch, tsch! And, don't forget to ask Craig Meyer where his tutu is; that has something to do with the bedroom, too, but we're not exactly sure what!

Anyway, it was a great ski trip. Thanks to Ed Taylor and Nancy Scott (trip chairpersons) for their organizational talents and unflagging energy; and to all the Continental and Crested Butte people who knocked themselves out to make this week a week to end 'em all. Aggies or no, *we will be back*, to bring our trophy home!

Left Top: Ed Williams taking one final swig from the Texas Ski Cup. Jim St Clair taking a firm lip bite. Center: Jim Benefield with a refugee from the "Rockettes". Bottom: Ed and Layna Taylor take a swing on the dance floor.



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NOMINEES for SCSC OFFICERS

1977-1978

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PRESIDENT JIM BENEFIELD
VICE PRESIDENT-PROGRAMS LINDA MacFARLAND
VICE PRESIDENT-TRIPS KEN DOMINY
VICE PRESIDENT-MEMBERSHIP FRANK RIESENBERG
VICE PRESIDENT-PUBLICATIONS DIANE YARBERRY
SECRETARY BEVERLY UNDERWOOD THORSON
TREASURER ED TAYLOR

These Candidates are nominated in accordance with the following Club By-Laws:

ARTICLE V: NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. *ELECTION.* There shall be an election of officers held at the annual meeting in March. Election shall be by written ballot unless there is only one nominee for each office. The elected officers shall take office on May 1st.

Section 2. *DEFINITION.* The elected officers shall be a President, Vice President-Programs, Vice President-Trips, Vice President-Membership, Vice President-Publications, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 3. *ELEGIBILITY.* The only persons eligible to hold office shall be those who have been members for the twelve months preceding the annual meeting.

Section 4. *NOMINATING COMMITTEE.* There shall be a nominating committee of seven members elected by the Executive Committee prior to the January regular meeting. Not less than four nor more than five past officers of the Club shall serve on this committee. Current officers shall be ineligible to serve. Only persons who have been members for the preceding twelve months shall be eligible for membership on this committee.

Section 5. *NOMINEES.* The Nominating Committee shall present one nominee for each office at the regular meeting immediately preceding the annual meeting. Any further nominations from the floor must be made at this regular meeting. Consent to serve shall have been secured from all nominees.

The Nominating Committee met frequently over the past four weeks to consider many well qualified members for Club office. The Committee has assembled what we feel is an exceptionally well-qualified team of experienced and enthusiastic nominees. We appreciate their willingness to serve the Club.

It should be noted that the By-Laws allow additional nominations from the floor at the February Meeting. The election will be held at the March Annual Meeting. Please bring this flyer with you to the February and March Meetings.

Respectfully Submitted
1977-1978 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Miles Anderson, Chairman

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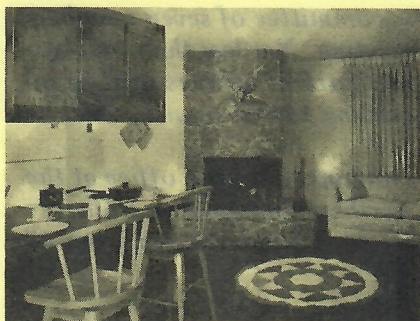


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