

**sitzmarke**

october, 1977



# head of the liftline

by Jim Benefield



Well, it looks like we reached the membership limit again, or we are so close that the next mail delivery may complete the membership. Trip participation is up with six trips full and four others over 80%. For those members who don't know, there is normally 25% turnover until the trip leaves. The waiting list is a good place until the trip leaves. SCSC's Rachel Papst has another system to get on trips. She simply goes to the airport ready since it seems that someone oversleeps.

It was indeed a pleasure to see the enthusiasm that Continental Airlines and the Texas

Ski Council showed for the Texas Ski Week in January. The quarterly council meeting two weeks ago indicates the week will be memorable. Copper Mountain listed in **Rocky Mountain Skiing** that their big winter event is Texas Ski Week.

Thought ski trips are now on our mind, let us allow you to understand the function of our non-ski programs as related by **Linda MacFarland, V.P. Programs:**

*"This past summer many of our members participated in the non-ski activities offered by the club. Knowing that most of you do not get to ski during the summer months, we had a wide range of programs to keep everyone active. We were busy biking, traveling to Mexico, yachting at the Summer Bash, eating at Booth, tubing the Guadalupe, or just playing softball on a Sunday.*

*Besides the summer months, Programs offer activities year round to compliment your ski trips. For all new members it is important to check the **sitz-marke** calendar for scheduled events, then read through for the details. We just returned from a successful Campout at Mercer's Farm and beginning this Sunday is Fall Softball. Later on this*

*month, we are going to Bavarian Gardens to celebrate the Octoberfest.*

*After reading a recent medical journal concerned solely with ski injuries and remembering the days of the crutches, it is important to again stress the need for exercise and safety in skiing. Knowing the problem of initiating an exercise program, you can start the easy way of joining us for a "Get in Shape" day coming up in November. Ski season is almost here and besides you can meet some of your fellow skiers."*

Scenes from September Meeting...





## Bavarian Gardens

### Friday, October 28 7:00 P.M.

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**exercise of the month**



**Spencer King**

"Take Me Out to the Ball Game" brings to mind **Spencer King**, our **markemaker** for this month. Spencer is in charge of the fall softball program and was an active participant in the summer program. If you attended the games, Spencer was the pitcher with the matching ensemble - a hat to match every outfit. Spencer has already recruited practically every good-looking female SCSC member for softball, so guys, come on out as

# markemaker markemaker

by Virginia Kolter

there will be lots of action!

Spencer moved to Houston from Kansas City last September. He belonged to a ski club of 5,000 members there and joined Space City last September in order to get acquainted. Last year, he went on the Aspen traditional trip and to Tahoe. Traveling in Colorado was part of Spencer's business so he had skied practically every ski area in Colorado except Steamboat Springs. He worked three days and skied four. Tough life, Spencer! A personal friend of Spencer's owned Keystone, so twice yearly Spencer made a trip there. Spence has traveled to every major city in the U.S. for business and to Mexico for pleasure.

Spencer grew up in Kansas and attended Kansas State University on an athletic scholarship. He played defensive back in col-

lege and specialized in track, doing relays and broad jump. His major was political science. After graduation from college, he coached high school football and track for five years. He left coaching for an office furniture dealership. He was regional manager for Stow-Davis for four years. The company furnished all the furniture for the Pennzoil Building, the Houston National Bank, Shell Oil Executive, and the Houston Chronicle. Three weeks ago, he changed jobs to American Seating Company which did all the seats in the Astrodome, Jones Hall and Albert Thomas. He is a special agent in the Open Office Landscape Division.

When asked about his hobbies, Spencer replied, "Besides girls? Athletics, sky diving, tennis, skiing and swimming." Once an avid golfer, he says, "How many girls do you meet on a golf course?"

Spencer had several good skiing stories to relate. One of the most memorable occurred at Lake Tahoe, where **Libby Marks**, **Leona Schraeder**, **Bob** and **Sam McKnight** and he got lost in a blizzard. They skied the wrong side of the mountain (the California side). There were no people around, no chair lifts and even the Rangers had deserted their station. It took them three hours to find the way back with Libby falling down every few minutes. "California, Here I Come", "but where's Nevada?" Spencer wanted to know. What a way to start the week! Bob and Sam did not ski the rest of the week. The others did not know enough to be afraid. They thought it was a party!

Spencer is delightful and fun to know. His laughter and warmth is contagious. With Spencer in charge of SCSC softball, you can be sure the ratio is great! See you in October, Spence!

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<b>aspen I</b>	Dec. 18 Dec. 25	\$430.00	Nov. 14	TC Susan Rehder ATC Gayle Davis	977-9482 668-9558	960-1666 659-8697
<b>aspen II</b>	Dec. 25 Jan. 1	\$441.00	Nov. 14	TC Sharon Lord ATC Roy Nice	522-9427 522-2337	
<b>steamboat springs I</b>	Dec. 25 Jan. 1	\$389.00	Nov. 14	TC Lynn Burch ATC Lou Schultz	465-3306 668-2447	777-8267
<b>vail I</b>	Jan. 1 Jan. 9	\$368.00	Dec. 2	TC Shirley Andries ATC Ron Smith	495-8585 777-1318	789-9600 674-0359
<b>copper montain I texas ski week</b>	Jan. 8 Jan. 15	\$316.00	Nov. 14	TC "Easy" Thayer ATC Debbie Serangeli	1-297-3607 977-7389	1-238-4586
<b>copper mountain II texas ski week</b>	Jan. 11 Jan. 15	\$256.00	Dec. 8	TC Max Langley ATC Karol Klopp	461-1196 785-8078	492-0550 461-0312
<b>aspen traditional</b>	Jan. 21 Jan. 28	\$319.00	Dec. 12	TC Ron Honefenger ATC Lorraine Johnson	869-0269 495-1892	
<b>europa - innsbruck</b>	Jan. 27 Feb. 5	\$849.00	Nov. 8	TC Keith Eastin ATC Thelda Craven	522-2268 622-4318	529-5711 226-4741
<b>salt lake city II</b>	Feb. 4 Feb. 11	\$383.00	Dec. 12	TC Dan Toland ATC Trish Page	469-2254 789-6129	
<b>breckenridge</b>	Feb. 11 Feb. 19	\$290.00	Dec. 12	TC Bob Tripp ATC Sandra Palmer	467-0569 461-9287	
<b>jackson hole</b>	Feb. 18 Feb. 25	\$461.00	Jan. 9	TC Tom Mercer ATC Sheryl Rogers	1-836-5746 498-0377	
<b>winter park</b>	March 4 March 11	\$273.00	Feb. 1	TC Cynthia Lackey ATC Jim Franz	626-3519 774-3497	
<b>sun valley</b>	March 11 March 19	\$462.00	Feb. 11	TC Molly Rhodes ATC Barry Kumins	667-3390 464-6199	
<b>vail II</b>	March 18 March 25	\$345.00	Jan. 9	TC Sue Smith ATC Andy Fitzpatrick	465-3207 358-6262	
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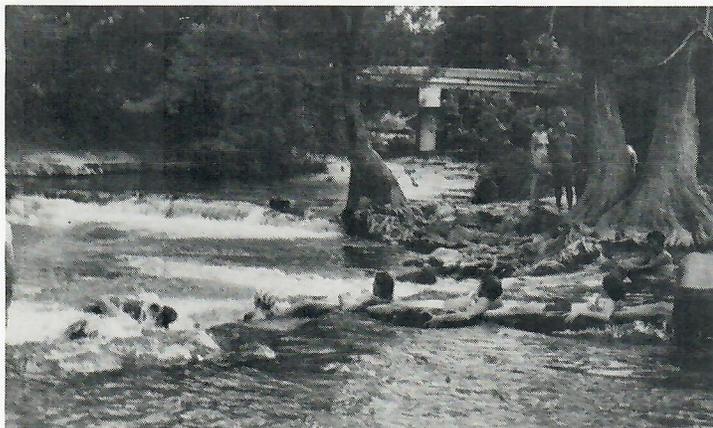
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# the year of the rocks has ended

by Ron Smith and Sandy Palmer



Above left: Going thru Slumber Falls. Above right: SCSC train going down the shoot. Left: And then we do it "without" our tubes! Right: The first "small" falls.



Last ski season, SCSC did it on the rocks at Vail. This summer, SCSC did it on the rocks at New Braunfels. The last weekend in August, 40 eager, prospective tubers bussed to the "Mighty" Guadalupe - that-wasn't! But true to the standards long established in Space City, a drunken good time was had by all!

**John Terzakis** set the tone for the weekend - he couldn't find Town and Country Shopping Center, much less the Kerrville bus. **Katie Terzakis** kept telling us he would show up and was finally proven correct. Even our contingents from Cameron, Louisiana - **David Warren** and Dallas - **Eva Campbell**, got there with less confusion. Then **Sandra Palmer** tried to keep the group from leaving by managing to confuse **Sharon** and **Eva Campbell's** trip release forms.

**Sara Bass** led the singing on the trip up and along with **Shirley Andries**, led the pie eating contest on the trip back. Location: Grumpy's. Score: Pie -2, Sara and Shirley - 0.

On Saturday, the river was

at half its normal flow, so we managed to drink at twice our normal flow, which probably explains the fact that some people don't remember seeing the river. The good ship "Queen Elizabeth" was blown up by **Carol Ragan** and **Phyllis Allman** in order to "get some sun" during the slower parts of the river. However, after hours of sun they relinquished the "Queen" to **Jim Franz** (or was it **Graham Barnes?** - by this time it was hard to see through the fog) and **Shelly Wood**. **Manolo Granda** and **Arty Allen** were voted the outstanding tubers after their daring trip through the rapids as a sandwich - **Jo Adams** was in the middle. **Bob Marwin** somehow managed to be two places at the same time: 1) on the bus sleeping off whatever he had inbibbed, and 2) going down the river far enough to arrive some three hours later at Gruens Bridge saying "Only 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  months till ski season."

Saturday night was spent either 1) sleeping, 2) partying at Gruens Country Western Dance, 3) waking up all the people who

were sleeping. This particular form of entertainment was enjoyed by **Tom Mercer**, **Barry Kumins**, **Cris Winn**, **Shirley Andries** and **Andy Singer**. Their prime target was none other than their TC - **Ron Smith**.

Sunday we tried an alternate solution to finding rapid water in order to provide the necessary cuts, nicks, and scratches to go with our sunburns. The Comel River gave us all this and then some. We had a "train" of 28 tubers go down the SHOOT. The next attempt was made with twelve tubes and 24 tubers which resulted in twelve tubes and 24 swimmers. Meanwhile on the bank, **Vicki Schmid** and **John Allen** were teaching **Judy Combs**, **Pat Bourke**, **Beth Fisher**, **Phil Larson** and **Ron Honefenger** how to chase Tequila with beer.

The 1976-1977 SCSC season started on the rocks and ended on the rocks. The 1977-1978 season looks much more promising: Here's to more rocks in our drinks and fewer of them under our seats or skis!

# SOFTBALL

OCT. 9, 16, 23, 30

GRADY PARK

(San Felipe at Yorktown)

2 P.M. — 5 P.M.

**INFO:**

**Spencer King**

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START YOUR NEW YEAR SKIING VAIL!! SCSC members (36-44 strong) will depart Houston January 1, 1977 on Continental Flight 989, leaving at 4:30 p.m. and arriving Denver at 5:38 p.m. Colorado Charter Lines will provide a bus for the drive to Vail. Black-eyed peas and liquid refreshments will be furnished for all.

We will lodge at The Mountain Haus in three bedroom condominiums, with fireplaces and kitchens. The lodge is located in Vail Village, within walking distance of the slopes.

Ski 6½ days on North America's largest single skiing mountain which consists of ten (can you believe TEN?) square miles of silky smooth trails and deep powder bowls. Beginners and intermediates enjoy miles of packed powder runs, wide meadows and gentle, forest-lined trails while advanced or expert skiers find challenge and excit-



# Innsbruck Austria



For the first time in six years, SCSC makes an historic return to Europe and the Alps with side ventures to make these ten days and nine nights, your most memorable vacation yet.

The group will leave early Friday morning, January 27, 1978 and travel to New York City, spending the day shopping and sight-seeing. We will stay in the modern Americana Hotel two short blocks from Central Park.

Friday night we have reserved seats for the Broadway hit musical, "A Chorus Line".

Saturday night we will fly, via Lufthansa German Airlines, directly to Munich connecting for a short bus trip to Innsbruck, Austria. For the next six days, we will ski the site of the 1976 Winter Olympics! In Innsbruck, accommodations have been made at the first class Hotel Innsbruck located near the heart of the shopping district of the city.

Breakfast and dinner in Innsbruck is included in the price.

The second Saturday morning, buses will return the group to Munich, Germany where we will stay the night at the Hotel Drei Lowen, placing us in that city during the height of the *Fasching Celebration*, (German Mardi Gras).

Sunday we will return home by way of Lufthansa and Eastern Airlines, arriving at Intercontinental at 8:30 p.m.

Remember, the dates are January 27th through February 5, and the total cost is \$849.00. Final payment date is November 8, 1977. Contrary to what may have been implied elsewhere, cancellation fee up to the time of final payment is still only \$10.00.

**Keith E. Eastin, Trip Chairperson**  
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**Thelda Craven, Assistant**  
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# vail I

january 1 - january 9  
\$368.00



Ron Smith and Shirley Andries

ment in the deep powder of Vail's back bowls.

J. Rich will be at the pre-trip party if you need to rent ski equipment and will have your equipment ready when we arrive in Vail. Special group lift ticket

rates of \$58.50 for a 6 day lift ticket will be available.

Ron has assured me of some fantastic parties, and Ron does not lie! He's promising two cocktail parties, a wine and cheese party on the slopes following the club races (*OH, by the way, we will have a race just among us SCSC skiers*), and a hot spiced wine party. This does not count any other impromptu parties that might occur.

We will depart Vail January 8, 1978 in time to catch our Continental Flight 425, leaving Denver at 6:25 and arriving Houston at 10:07 p.m.

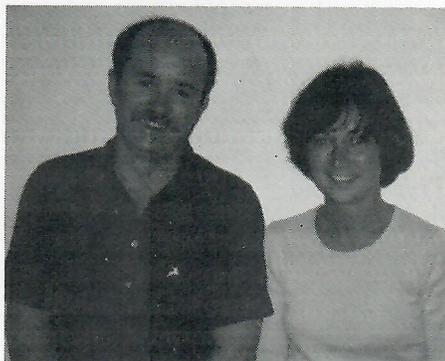
What better way is there to start the New Year?

**Shirley Andries, Trip Chairperson**  
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# copper mountain I

January 8 - January 15  
\$316.00  
TEXAS SKI WEEK



Easy Thayer and Deb Serangeli

If you want Texas Ski Week and more, this is the trip you have been waiting for!

Join 40 skiers for seven and a half days of skiing, including 3 days of Texas Ski Week activities. Continental's special treatment starts with our 7:30 a.m. flight on January 8th. Copper Mountain will provide a hostess for our bus ride to Copper in plenty of time for a half day of skiing, and seven nights of lodging at Copper Valley Condominiums. The condos come complete with kitchens and fireplaces. The location is ideal ..right in the center of Copper Village.

Parties and foolishness will abound all week and Wednesday we will be joined by the Copper Mountain II trip, which promises even more good times. With a group like this, how can we not win back the Texas Cup? Sign up early! Final payment date is November 14th.

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Deb Serangeli, Assistant  
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Continental Airlines and Copper Mountain will be hosting this year's TEXAS SKI WEEK, January 8-15. This will be a week of partying, racing, friendship, and good ole Texas fun. All Copper personnel will be wearing cowboy hats and Continental Airlines will co-host a barbeque and western dance. All participants will receive many goodies including Copper Mountain scarves and patches, Texas Ski Week racing bibs, and 3 nights of fine partying.

The main activities will begin Thursday; the lineup of events looks as follows:

- 1) Thursday - Individual Races, with a Wine and Cheese Party.
- 2) Thursday Evening - Continental and Copper will sponsor a Welcome "Texas" Party.
- 3) Friday - Group Competition Fun Races (you score if you finish)
- 4) Friday Evening - Barbeque Dinner and Banquet
- 5) Saturday - Ski or rest - it's your choice
- 6) Saturday Evening - Awards Event and Western Dance with a Texas Band

During this time, 75% of the total skiers at Copper will be Texans and all indications point to special treatment for them.

Last year, the Texas Cup left Space City when won by the Aggies. Both trips are dedicated to bringing the cup back. Sign up now for "the" Texas experience of the ski season!

# copper mountain II

January 11 - January 15  
\$256.00  
TEXAS SKI WEEK



Max Langley and Karol Klopp

Pack your bags now and get ready to depart Wednesday, January 11th for the best Texas Ski Week ever, and the challenge of returning the coveted "Texas Cup" to Houston and SCSC. Continental Airlines and Copper Mountain will roll out a "carpet of snow" as we depart from Houston at 7:45 a.m. for Denver. A stop for essential provisions will be made in Denver, but we will still arrive at Copper before 1 p.m. to join the 40 members of the Copper I trip (*not to mention the 700 other skiers from Texas*) and still manage to ski half a day.

The real purpose of our trip is to ski, relax, and have fun. Texas Ski Week offers the best of everything .. good skiing, good parties, races for skiers of all abilities, and lots of fun! If you desire more fun, Copper offers eight restaurants and night spots, a Disco, ski school, cross country skiing, rock clinics, ice skating, and much, much more.

SCSC, Continental Airlines, Copper Mountain, and Texas Ski Council have planned a fantastic ski experience. Join us, won't you? Sign up at the October meeting.

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# eatzmarke

by Bob Olsen

Returning to a favorite restaurant after a long absence can result in the joy of reacquaintance or the sadness or loss, of an old friend. I regret to report the loss of an old friend in **St. Michel Restaurant**. Recently reconstructed and redecorated in the manner of a French country house, the atmosphere appears warm and friendly. The Duckling is still succulent and the Pepper Steak is still the highlight of the menu. There endeth the resemblance to an old friend.

Francoise, the proprietor, has lost the touch for detail that used to make dining at 2150 Richmond such a rare treat. The Belgian turned French restaurateur seems to have lost interest. The quaint European influence of old has become as diluted as the onion soup. Where

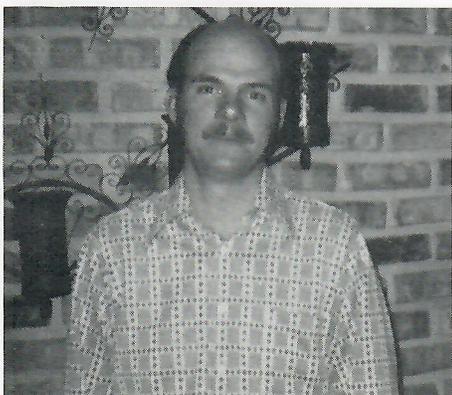
once the waitress was a native of France with a heavy accent, we now have waiters and waitresses who have difficulty with their native American tongue.

For example, our waitress agreed to take back an overpriced Margarita cocktail of questionable origin (it tasted of too much cheap mix ..certainly no fresh limes here). Unfortunately, the establishment has a policy against allowing patrons a refund on undrinkable beverages. As Zeke, the bar manager, put it, "it tasted like every other one we sent out."

When we asked our waiter to prepare separate checks for each of the three couples, he mumbled a reluctant, "yes...with difficulty." then he proceeded to take our orders and deliver our meals with reasonable competence. My escargot were delivered before everyone else at the table had completed his appetizer. However, I was not provided with a utensil with

which to pluck those juicy snails from their shells. This oversight was promptly remedied with a broken fork. Not long after, our man from St. Michel took a reorder of wine. Of course he brought and served a red where there had been a white before. The salt resided in a shaker cleverly marked with a "P". The butter tasted like margarine and the French bread was tasteless. The Coq au Vin lacked wine in the sauce and chicken on the plate. Instead, there was an abundance of tomato and undercooked carrots which prompted the comment, "I didn't like it."

We won't give up on our friend St. Michel, but we won't be in any hurry to return soon. We will skip the cocktails, appetizers and expectation of good service. How can you expect good service when the gratuity is automatically added onto the bill? Instead we will concentrate on the pepper steak...still an old friend.



Ruidosa, Red River and Taos were **Craig Meyer's** first exposure to skiing while a student at Texas Tech. However, he really did not become seriously interested in skiing until he was introduced to Space City Ski Club by **Ed Taylor**.

Craig and wife, **Ginny**, joined the club three years ago and made their first trip to Salt Lake City at that time. After climbing out of the bushes at Park City and hurtling down the Bunny Slope at Alta to be stopped only by a very large snow bank and dragged out feet first by an anxious spouse, Craig decided he

## introducing **Craig Meyer** trip director



was probably an excellent candidate for skiing lessons.

The following year on the Crested Butte trip, after a few lessons, he reported it was a lot more interesting to ski vertically instead of horizontally. As this was Texas Ski Week, he volunteered to enter the Texas Cup race to help Space City Ski Club retain the trophy, which was won the previous year. As he came off the ramp he missed the first gate, went off the course and down the side of the mountain. Not to be deterred, he returned to the course to finish in a flat forty-eight seconds.

Craig and Ginny are looking forward to this year's Thanksgiving trip at Salt Lake City and also Steamboat in April. So far he reports that the Salt Lake City area is more appealing to him because of the diversification.

Craig, who is one of the rare breed ... a native Houstonian, has been associated with Trans-Ocean Oil Company for several years as an oil and gas accountant.

He enjoys bowling, hunting, canoeing and is interested in antiques. His pride and joy is his recently completed "Bald Eagle Bar" (and game room) where a lot of foot stomping takes place.

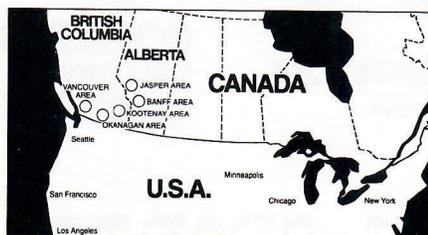
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