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of Bindings, Boots & Skis (After Meeting)

FEBRUARY 22 Bike Ride and Barbeque

MARCH MEETING..... Canadian Movie

MARCH 27..... Vinton Horse Races*

APRIL MEETING..... Member Talent & Skit Night - 1776-1976
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End of Month — January 1976

Singles.....884
Married.....384
TOTAL.....1268

head of the lift line



By Bob Olsen

FEBRUARY 1976

TEXAS SKI WEEK is ending as this column is being written and the WINTER OLYMPICS is beginning as you receive this edition of


your .SITZMARKE. These two events are at the opposite ends of the spectrum of organized skiing but they have a number of things in common. Each event is marked by the bringing together of skiers from different places to enjoy the competition and fellowship of the sport. Both events depend on the support of people who are unable to attend but who indirectly benefit from the exchanges which take place at such gatherings. We who stayed home can support the Texas Ski Council by planning to attend Ski Week next year and by contributing to the U. S. Ski Educational Foundation, Box 100, Park City, Utah 84060.

The NOMINATING COMMITTEE has been hard at work selecting candidates for next year's officers. Suggestions received at the January Meeting and during the month have been a big help. Many thanks to Pat McLaughlan for leading the Committee and to Judy Allen, Harry Gaston, Michele Hughen, Jeanne Neu, Kay Nevels and

Bob Petner for serving on the Committee. They will pick one candidate for each office to be placed in nomination at the February Meeting. Nominations, with the consent of those being designated, will then be accepted from the floor. Election of new officers will take place at the March Meeting and they will take office May 1st.

JANUARY MEETING

The January Meeting was marked by continued record breaking attendance. About 500 members and guests enjoyed the film HOT DOG SKIING, provided by Texas International Airlines and transported to the meeting by Tom Sanzone, and a J. Rich Sports' ski demonstration. Those events were preceded by our regular cocktail hour-and-a-half, announcements and a Mike Birowski-Sharon Lord expose' of the Holiday Trip to Steamboat Springs. If the trip was half as wild as the report, the springs at Steamboat will be boiling over for months to come!



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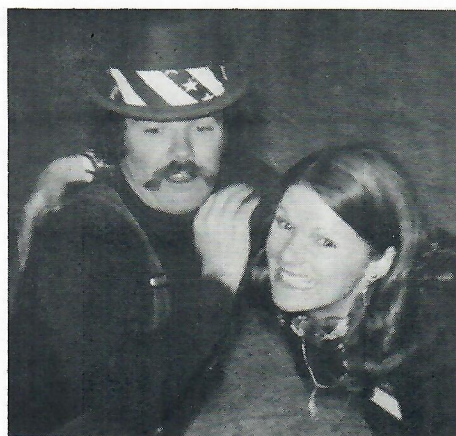
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Below: SCSC skaters have their ups and downs as Jim Plummer discusses his "technique" with Molly Rhodes.



ice skating party

By Molly Rhodes

Thursday evening, December 18, found over sixty wild and wonderful people blindly meandering around in daring and sometimes astonishing feats of ice skating at the Town and Country Ice Haus.

Although alcoholic beverages were not allowed by the management, I would be the last to believe that some of the leaps and bounds I saw on the ice were not prompted by some overabundance of "Christmas Cheer". Even "Uncle Sam" was there decked out in a charming red, white, and blue hat, looking somewhat like a fella I know named Jim Plummer.

Rest stops were apparently life savers for Charlotte Briscoe and Don Heathcott. I believe it was the "jitterbug" I saw Duff Trimble doing on the ice. He really got off to the 50's music being played. David Marrack had a terrifically entertaining show of his own to watch, while Byron Doherty kept saying how really easy this ice

skating was. Yes, with twenty years of practice, he could be right. Wayne Cook made the rink in record time until he crashed into "Uncle Sam". This crash brought everyone to the ice just trying to catch a glimpse of the wreck scene.

Meanwhile, Monique Knox was patiently pulling husband, Jim, round and round the rink with the greatest of ease. Finn Runfalo was acting as the "official photographer". After warming up on our skates we attempted an original shuttle race called "pass the spoon with a golf ball in it." There was such fierce competition, we had to have a run-off between two teams in order to award our prizes, Henry Mancini's Christmas albums.

Afterwards we all retired to the Poor House for a little R & D (rest and drink). All in all, I don't think anyone went home feeling that there wasn't someone else going around in circles on the ice that wasn't more un-co-ordinated than they were. That feeling has always been a great comfort to me.

programs

By Layna Adams

Now that the Bi-Centennial season is under way and the 1975 Christmas rush is over, I would like to take the time to wish all of you a prosperous year and to thank you for the privilege of serving as an officer this 1975-1976 season. I've enjoyed planning the season and I hope that each of you that participated had a good time.

As I go over each of the activities and programs, hopefully you will remember the good times and friends: Guadalupe Canoe Trip, Bavarian Gardens, S. Padre Island and Mexico Trip, July 4th Luau, Lafayette Horse Race, Canyon Lake Campout, Red Fish Island Boat Outing, Tennis Tournament, Prison Rodeo at Huntsville, Livingston Hilltop Herb Farm, Snowless Ski School, and the Ice Skating Party. As you can see, there were new items introduced and they were very well received. The unsuccessful items were the Armand Bayou Canoe Trip due to high rain water and the Shape Up at Spotts Park due to rain (Mother Nature will do it every time). At the monthly meetings, I've tried a few new items also such as the White Elephant Sale, Home Movies, the Utah Ski Demonstration and the Doctor's Safety Panel. To complete the year in February, there will be the "Skiing American Style" movie by Coors; in March, the Canadian Ski Movie; and for the April meeting, Locked In Sports will help present a Summer Activity Style Show which will be interspersed with skits and talent acts.

To close out this season's activities, Steve Kroger will co-ordinate the George Washington's Birthday Bike Ride & BBQ at Ful-shear on February 22. Other items planned are the Vinton Horse Race Trip on March 27, and the Beaux-bridge Crawfish Festival Trip May 1-2. After that, it's up to your '76-77 officers to plan the fun, so be sure to come out and vote at the March Meeting.

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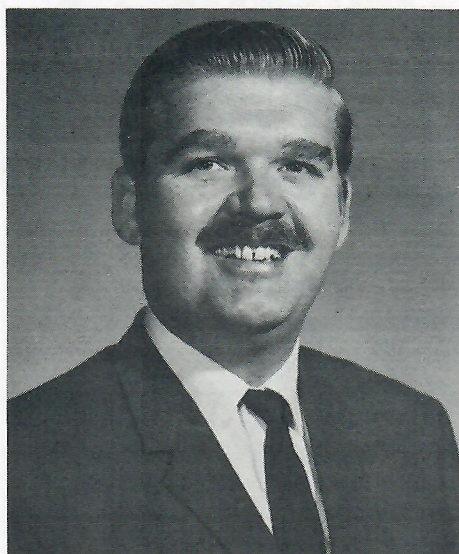
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We will leave from Windsor Plaza (Richmond Ave. and West Loop) around 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9th, on a 38-passenger pullman-type bus (it has sleeping berths). We will arrive at Taos on Wednesday morning, in time for 4 full days of skiing. A Coors & wine party is planned for Thursday night, cocktails Friday night, followed by a dinner excursion into Taos. We will leave Saturday after skiing, and arrive in Houston sometime Sunday afternoon.

Taos Ski Valley is located in the Carson National Forest, 19 miles N.E. of Taos, New Mexico, and 150 miles N.N.E. of Albuquerque. The base elevation is 9,200 feet, which makes for light powder not unlike the snow at Alta. There are 5 chair lifts and 2 poma lifts, with a capacity of 4,000 skiers per hour; since there are only 600 beds in the valley, this makes for short lift lines.

The first look at the Taos slopes is a little breath-taking, and not merely because of the altitude. The white mountains rise severely, laced with 52 ski runs, almost half of them expert. There are 12 beginner slopes, some 4 miles long. The length of the runs cuts down the rush at the lifts, and lift lines are rare.

The winter temperatures are usually 20 degrees warmer than those at the resorts in central Colorado, and the sun is brilliant and almost unfailing.

Skiers who want to visit Taos and would prefer not to drive the mountain roads can take the Apres-Ski Dinner-Express, a shuttle bus service from Taos Ski Valley to Taos Plaza (19 miles). The shuttle is sponsored by the celebrated restaurants of Taos, among them the Swiss-run Casa Cordova, La Dona Luz and La Cocina.

We will be staying at the Rio Hondo condominiums, on the banks of the Rio Hondo River. They feature built-in fireplaces, all-electric kitchens, laundry facilities, in-door ski storage, sauna, jacuzzi, recreation lounge, and a magnificent view of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. It's a 100 meter walk to the lifts in the morning, and you can ski home at night.

Trip price is \$108.00. Final payment is due at the February Meeting. For more information, contact:

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ski news

As reported in "BUSINESS BULLETIN", The Wall Street Journal, January 8, 1976.

COLD COMFORT: Most ski areas are having a better time of it this winter.

Neither the economy nor airline strikes nor some poor conditions has sapped skiers' enthusiasm. Killington Ski Resort in Vermont says bookings for its package plans are 67% to 79% ahead of last year. Mt. Snow in Vermont expects "an excellent season, the best ever." Steamboat Springs, Colo., says it has been a "gangbusters year" so far. Aspen, Colo., reports bookings up 30%. At Park City Ski Resort near Salt Lake City, they're up 40%.

Killington attributes its gains to "a pent-up desire (by skiers) to get back to the slopes after three years of bad snow." And they are spending freely once they get there. Park City says they are shelling out "in excess" of \$100 a day. At Vail, Colo., skiers' average daily spending is \$55, while at Sun Valley, Idaho, they've been spending about 15% more than last year. At Stowe, Vt., sport shop sales are up "significantly" because "skiers seem to be buying what they did without last year."

Western Washingtonski resorts, hurt by the weather until recently, expect a good year if current snow conditions hold. The same goes for Squaw Valley at Lake Tahoe where skiing volume has been off 25%.

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Above: David Fainer, David Hahn, Farel Lichtenstein, Clo Laird and Roy Nice among others at SCSC Apres Ski Party. Ted Widmer and Bev Underwood. Left to right at Donovan's: Simon Vernon, Mary K. Nicholson, Jerry Schwartz, Ann Owings, Ted Widmer and Bev Underwood. Below: Margie Fannette, Chuck Sheedy, Dee Flack and Joe Cotrone on a lunch break. Mary Campbell and Palmer Kelly. Another party with Mike Hughes, Roy Nice, Rod Brinkman, David Fainer, somebody's ski instructor and Clo Laird.

vail-december trip

By Ted Widmer

On Friday, December 12, sixty-five SCSC members took off for Vail, Colorado for five days of skiing, partying and other good stuff which the officers won't let me mention here.

Continental Airlines did a beautiful job of getting us to Denver despite Joe Cotrone and David Hahn who had to be carried on and off the plane after drinking the airport bar's entire monthly allotment of gin and tonic.

Two buses picked us up next to the plane in Denver; and, after a brief stop at a liquor store, we started what I thought would be a quiet trip to Vail. Within about half-an-hour and except for John Ohrt, who was quietly discussing the merits of drinking Coors for a hang-over with the bus driver, the entire group was standing in the aisle of the bus with drink in hand. Nothing really significant happened on the ride other than David Fainer losing his shirt and Betty Humfeld locking herself in the john all the way from Loveland Pass to Vail Pass, where she finally figured out the john door opened in rather than out. I must mention that this day was Marion Levin's Birthday and she would not let any male (including the bus driver) off the bus until she got a Birthday kiss.

Upon arrival in Vail, most of us retired to our rooms to prepare for our first day of skiing, except

for a small group, including Mary Green, who went swimming. I only mention the swimming because Mary is still looking for the top to her bikini. She lost it that night.

Vail, as always, was beautiful and most of us hit the slopes the first thing the next morning. I say most of us in that Simon Vernon couldn't ski because he had to wait for a call from his mother with instructions, and Sy Liebergot had to wait for his gourmet omelette to rise.

The snow was great all five days we were there. It's really too bad Farel Lichtenstein and Gary Gibson never got to see it (Donovan's Bar was as far as they got).

Other than Bob Goldsmith's tattletale gray liver, we did not have any injuries on the trip. Unfortunately, I must attribute this to the fact that 90% of our skiers either never got off of Gofer Hill or out of Donovan's. Others did manage to ski part time, including Mike Hughes and Roy Nice who had trouble getting away from their Vail breakfast club duties.

My thanks to Clo Laird and her roommates for providing their condo for a party room, and special thanks to my beautiful secretary, Bev Underwood for all her help before, during, and after the trip. Last, but not at all least, my particular gratitude to Mary K. Nicholson who earned and won the appreciation of all sixty-five participants for her efforts as assistant trip leader.



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remaining ski trips ...1975-1976 ski season

By Bob Allgeier

And, so with the January meeting behind us and enough days of the New Year behind us that we have all stopped mis-dating our checks, let's see where we are.

First off, the new trips, Steamboat-April and the Taos bus trip have gotten off to a fine start. They are both good buys and may be full by the time this goes to print. If not, you haven't much time.

The Aspen Charter trip is just barely back from that most glorious of ski resorts and the stories are just now being whispered in the boy's rooms and powder rooms around town. As usual, I suppose, the large throng of SCSC'ers were probably too rowdy, engaged in far too much debauchery, and evidently had a great deal of fun! I certainly hope that Jim Benefield's trip participants to Oregon in early February conducted themselves in a more genteel fashion. Texans MIGHT get a bad name and the pristine wilderness of the North Sierras would be closed to us forever. It's enough to make this writer weep.

Time has flown and trip articles get into print a pretty good while after they're history. The Salt Lake trip suffered from too much snow for a change and we finally know where to stay in Salt Lake. The Rodeway, of all places, was super! See Lee Grona's article last month on this one.

Ted Widmer and Company got back from Vail in December in fine shape but for some reason, no one is talking about it much. I wonder what went on and can hardly wait to read his article and see his books. THAT should tell the story. Ted says the snow, the Mountain Haus, and the Hill were great, as usual.

The holiday season trip to Steamboat, including our quasi-traditional New Year's Eve party, were expertly run by Mike Birowski and Sharon Lord. It filled early and went off very well. This is a hard trip to run - thanks, folks! They stayed at Storm Meadows condos which, again as usual, created some problems. Fortunately, Jack Rich was there with extra ground transportation and graciously helped us out. Many thanks go to him and his people for a really big boost to the comfort of our skiers. Next Christmas, plans are to stay at Thunderhead Lodge and our poor location problems will be over.

This author went on the Breckenridge/Crested Butte trip, superbly piloted by our lovely Ann Cornish and talented Glenn Rieger, and had an absolutely fine time. Texas Ski Week was included and is a must for us all in the future. Ski Week was well run, fun and congenial, and the skiing was great. We should also certainly make Crested Butte an annual occasion for the Club.

While we were there, Texas Ski Council met and selected Crested Butte again for the January 1977 Texas Ski Week site. This year, just to make sure that SCSC had a really good crack at sweeping the races, Bill Brooks and Susan Rehder captained an additional trip to Crested Butte (only) at this same time for the whole week. The results were impressive for SCSC, with Monique Knox, Roger Maupin, Willi Buhl, Molly Rhodes, Karl Gautschi, Dale Allbritton, Judy Allen, Jim Easter, Glenn Rieger, Pat French, and Earl Longoria returning to Houston with NASTAR medals and trophies presented by Continental Airlines who sponsored the ENTIRE Texas Ski Week. AND, we brought home the coveted Loving Cup!

Be sure to see the articles on these trips written by the "Chairpersons" in next month's SITZ-MARKE for all the brilliant details. And thanks again, you all, for six trips, beautifully run!

Presently, there are still five of the original itinerary trips to go and they are over 90% sold out. The new trips mentioned earlier are still to go and this should mean that we are half way through the ski season. However, if you are not signed up, it may be ALL OVER for you. Don't wait too long to get in another ski trip!

February 13-18

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ADDITIONAL
TRIPS



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March 9-14
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April 3-10
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*See articles in this
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steamboat in april



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Return. Saturday, April 10

In addition to the SCSC champagne welcome party Saturday night and our SCSC cocktail party Tuesday, there will be a host of other activities. Continental Airlines has arranged a Sunday evening wine and cheese party with Billy Kidd; special obstacle and NASTAR races with handsome trophies; and an awards party (complete with the local beer) on Friday night.

Continental has also generously donated the following prizes to be awarded to some lucky participants in the "Steamboat Springs Spring White Sale":

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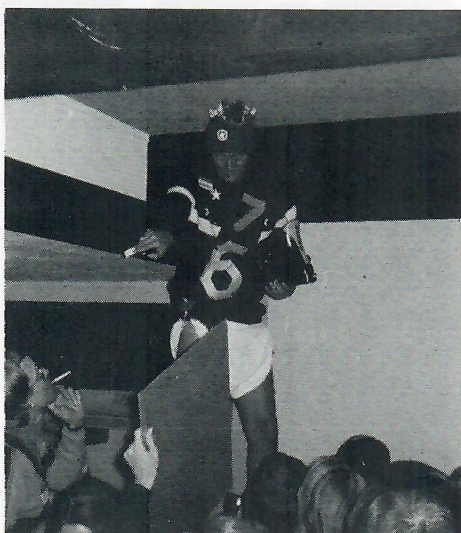
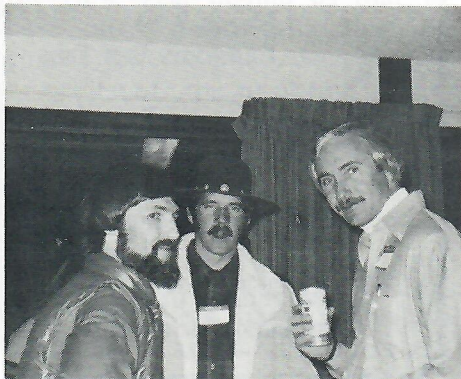
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3rd PLACE:

Snow-Mad Ski Club . . . 730 Pts.
(Dallas)



Above: Top to bottom: Jerry Chiles, Sharon Lord, Nancy Ainsworth and Bob Spencer. At the airport Merlyn Harger, Ron Free and Jim Butcher discuss skiing. NASTAR medalists Mike Birowski, Molly Rhodes and Merlyn Harger get ready for the races. George Butcher as Mr. New Year.

steamboat holiday trip

By Mike Birowski

Those of us who literally dropped from our beds at 4:00 a.m. Sunday and proceeded on our various routes to pick up other sleepy trip participants were surprised to find the rumored airport parking problems had dissipated.

Believe it or not, everyone parked and everyone showed, even Rachel Pabst who was officially notified she would be on the trip at 9:00 p.m. Saturday. (Fastest packer in the Southwest?)

Our flight was worth the early morning hassle as we enjoyed Continental's Early Bird Theater. "Daffy Duck" was never better at eluding the Manchurian Monster set on devouring our feathered friend as we joyfully consumed our pancakes and sausage. A big thanks goes to Continental Airlines for their *all time first*. You guessed it, ski movies of Steamboat Springs, our destination.

Snow greeted us in Denver and after a short time in Hanger Number 3 waiting for our skis and wine and enjoying an impromptu lecture on the external combustion jet engine by no less than eight Continental mechanics, we were off to Steamboat.

A grocery stop was made for snacks and by the number of shopping carts left in that icy parking lot, you would have thought these Texans were heading for the last round-up.

Imagine arriving in Steamboat having consumed 26 half gallons of Burgundy and Chablis, being greeted by the staff of Storm Meadows who loaded our luggage in a trailer and pick-up truck, stacked a few "limp" people on top and spun away to the mountain cradling our never-to-be forgotten building "B".

The Sport Stalker Ski Shop accommodated our renters Sunday evening and I'm told Finn Runfalo, "late starter", secured the last pair of skis in Steamboat Monday morning. The Steamboat ski school must have thought Space City had landed

for sure when Sharon Lord and Sally Stapleton tried to rent their ski instructor for the evening or was it the other way around? At any rate, lessons for every day of the week should have developed something. I don't believe there was one class all week that didn't include a Space City skier.

Monday evening hosted our first party and I can assure you neither Sharon nor I would ever fall from atop that chair-made podium. Bill Landfield put everyone on "his way" with the strongest drinks ever made. Now we understand your condition at the Ski Club meetings, Bill. Jack Rich dropped by with his lovely wife, Ingrid, to enjoy the festivities and offered us some unexpected transportation. We were concerned about the reliability of the Storm Meadows shuttle bus service but now all we had to do was call Jack Rich's number one bus driver.

We scheduled our first group dinner Monday evening. Two of Jack Rich's yellow vans arrived at our front door and drove us to the Gold Mine for short ribs, stew, steak and pizza. At the bewitching hour, our chariots drove our merry group home. Four times we were chauffeured to an evening of dining and entertainment selected by the fantastic Marie Brocato who we declared our unofficial "social director".

When you see Merlyn Harger, ask him about having his pants pulled off at the Steamboat Village Inn and then parading around our table of thirty-three. "Exposing yourself to the Rockies, Merlyn?"

A highlight to remember was Mike Kelly explaining to the local sheriff and posse that Jack Spencer who had reported his skis stolen, was apparently still sipping Irish Coffee at the Tug Boat. You would have thought we were all going to be seized or searched or something.

Sharon Lord pulled together what is reported to have been some kind of a New Year's Bash. You see, having contacted the twenty-four

hour virus which a number of Space City people endured, I could only listen through that very thin bedroom wall. Details of the party are sketchy but stories are that **Tom Baldwin** copped a couple of bottles of champagne for what was said to be immoral purposes. **George Butcher**, dressed in only a towel and Texas style cowboy boots, represented the New Year of 1976 well. Panty hose could do nothing to improve his elegant style. Door prizes were enjoyed by the lucky winners **Molly Rhodes** and **Mr. New Year** himself, **George**. What is it about shoes on Space City Ski Club trips? Shoes everywhere with and without mates. **Sharon** finally cleared the drunks out around 3:00 a.m.

New Year's found a number of Bowl watchers consuming gallons of "bubbly" through the final gun of the Oklahoma victory. **Mike Gay**, **Jack Sheridan** and **Jerry Chiles** were formidable hosts, sharing their TV. A special thanks, **Mike** for assisting where necessary with your rental car; tell us again about the six girls you picked up to improve your tire traction.

For the official record, we did ski; as a matter of fact, we may have set a Space City Club record for NASTAR medals won on a single trip:

Molly Rhodes . . . 1 silver, 1 bronze
Merlyn Harger . . . 1 silver, 1 bronze
Mike Birowski 2 bronze
Bill Foutch 1 bronze
Lee Bollinger 1 bronze
Glenn Rieger 1 bronze

Several other silver and bronze medals were won but efforts to identify the winners have fallen short; modesty, I suppose.

Some skiers witnessed **Harry Pringle** skiing down and off the condominium bridge into the ditch, others saw **Mike Kelly** tailgate **Susan Cotellesse** who lost momentum skiing up the bridge. **Mike**, I'm sure you could have simply picked her up and carried her up the mountain Superman style rather than snow plowing backward down the bridge.

Tom Fitzpatrick wins first prize for his impression of a skier which resulted in his stunning spread eagle fall into a six foot snow bank. A hardy group of Satur-

day skiers left their sitzmarkes on what was described as "just a little jump". A crowd of onlookers, including two ski patrolmen, observed **Molly**, **Bill**, **Glenn** and yours truly bust our you-know-whats as our gallant photographer, **Merlyn**, was wiped from his feet in the entanglement. **Tom Baldwin** assured us he had more sense than to subject his some-what slender stature to such needless abuse although he lead our group a good deal of the afternoon.

"Best of Show Award" goes to **Nancy Ainsworth** who played her injury role to the hilt only to find that the Steamboat hospital takes **Bank Americard**.

The world famous sleigh ride Saturday evening was arranged by **Gretchen Starnes** and **Virginia Kolter**. It was highlighted by frequent stops to shovel horse droppings off the ski run to the ditch which was said to be frequented by a number of Space City beginner skiers during the day. Dining in tents is not exactly what I consider an elegant evening, but I'm told the dinner was excellent and great fun for everyone.

We are delighted to report no serious casualties, although we were forced to stop at Kremmling Memorial Hospital as we returned to Denver. It was there we left **Ron Bartosh** to pass a well deserved **KIDNEY STONE**.

Special thanks to the following people for assisting where needed on the trip:

Molly Rhodes for handling name tags at the airport.

Marie Brocato who functioned so graciously planning our dinners and allowing the many others to join in.

Gretchen Starnes for securing the horse drawn sleighs for Saturday evening.

Virginia Kolter for placing people in **Gretchen's** sleighs.

Bill Landfield, **Gil Igo**, **Bill Foutch**, **Jim Butcher** and **Merlyn Harger** for all their bartending assistance and support. **Bill F.**, thanks for following the maids.

Glenn Rieger for providing the stereo which was carted from Houston and used at our New Year's

Below: **Barbara McNeil** and **Ron Bartosh** ready to ski. **Bob Spencer**, **Lee Grona**, **Mike Gay**, **Georgana Repal** and **Bob Sheridan** after a day on the slopes.



Party.

Jack Spencer for turning out to be Jack-of-all-trades. He must have sold several hundred in pins and patches.

Sally Stapleton, **Linda McDuffie**, and **Diana Showe** (our official SCSC ski bunny) for functioning as our New Year's Eve hostesses and dishwashers.

JACK RICH - A SINCERE THANKS FOR PROVIDING SHUTTLE BUSES WHICH MADE OUR EVENINGS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS!

Mike Kelly for handling our sick bay and offering all that sound medical advice; there's no questioning your predictions any more.

Thank you, **Sharon Lord** for your support, encouragement, and the personal destruction you so completely inflicted on me at the January Meeting when we were reminiscing about our wondrous trip to Steamboat Springs!

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By Nancy Ainsworth



MARIE BROCATO

The astrological sign Aquarius should give a clue to the identity of this month's Markemaker. Her philosophy that individuality should be respected coupled with the Aquarian ideals of "equality - love for all - live and let live - seek the truth - and experiment" reflect the personality of Marie Brocato.

This 5'3" gregarious, vivacious bundle of energy is the epitome of the word "friendly".

Hailing originally from Shreveport, Louisiana where she attended Centenary College, Marie arrived in Houston just four short years ago. She felt that Houston offered her the opportunity of advancement in her chosen field. Her love of the water and boats led her to her debut in 1966 at the International Chicago Marine Trade Show as the first successful woman professional boat salesman in the United States. Presently she is sales manager for the Gibbs Boat Company here in Houston.

During the warm spring and summer months, you can find Marie almost daily teeing off after work at Memorial Park for a quick nine holes with two of her SCSC buddies, Ray Coker and Rita Marsh. If not there, look for her on one of the many tennis courts around town. She is quite a sports enthusiast. Marie is also a member

of the Clear Lake Sports Car Club. If, on Sundays, you happen to see a little yellow Fiat convertible flash past you, it is probably Marie -- off to one of their many time/distance or gimmick rallies.

During the fall months Marie keeps busy with her arts and crafts. Her hobby is making handmade painted wooden Christmas tree ornaments. In November she starts preparing for the big Christmas dinner held each year at her family home in Shreveport with all 100 of her close relatives attending. They have a traditional Italian Christmas - with no typical American dishes in sight.

Marie is very proud of her Italian heritage. As such, she is a collector (and great cook, too) of authentic Italian recipes. She is always perusing through old books and articles looking for them.

In the winter Marie's attention turns to her great love - skiing! On her first ski trip she went with friends to Taos where she was scared to death of the steep slopes. The moment she saw them, she was ready to head back home. As fate would have it though, she ended up loving to ski and was hooked for life. In fact, Marie was so enthusiastic that when she heard that "*everyone* should ski the Matterhorn" she simply organized her own group of 30 and flew to Zermatt, Switzerland for a week of great skiing.

Marie joined the SCSC two years ago and has been on two trips with the Club so far, Winter Park and Steamboat Springs. (Everyone should remember Marie from the Winter Park trip - she's the one who got left behind at the Denver airport and had to hire a taxi to catch the bus as it merrily boogied down the highway on its way to the slopes.) Next year she plans to go with the Club to Aspen. Marie skis to relax and, as she puts it, "to clean her mind out and more or less re-group for the upcoming busy year."

Her goals for this year include becoming more active in the SCSC, becoming involved in community affairs, and spending more time enjoying live theatre.

Marie Brocato - truly a Markemaker!

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By Bob Neiman

TELLURIDE

Bobbet Cross, trip chairperson for this year's visit to the Telluride ski area, provided the following information on the Telluride Eatout scene.

Chez Pierre Restaurant- French Cuisine; very good for dinner, medium to high prices.

Powder House - Very good American food; specialty of the house is lamb. Victorian atmosphere; prices are moderate to high.

Silver Jack Mining Company - A good place for breakfast.

Other good bets mentioned are the **Senate Bar and Restaurant**, **The Sheridan Bar**, **The Underbush**, and the donut shop downtown that serves great crepes.

PARK CITY

Pat French, **Darolyn Butler**, **Michele Hughen** and this writer were beginning to check out the apres ski scene in Park City after the lifts closed during the Thanksgiving trip when we discovered that the buses had headed for the airport without us. Therefore, we abandoned our investigative efforts and turned our attention to getting back to Salt Lake City, some 27 miles away.

Darolyn checked the remaining buses and found they were all going to California. Luckily, this writer found a couple of local hot-doggers with a jeep, who agreed to take us to Salt Lake City.

Therefore, I have nothing to report on the Eatout scene at Park City, other than I have heard there are at least a couple of very good places to eat.

To sum it up, I kind of missed the bus on the Park City apres ski scene.

Best wishes to all Telluride and Park City skiers.

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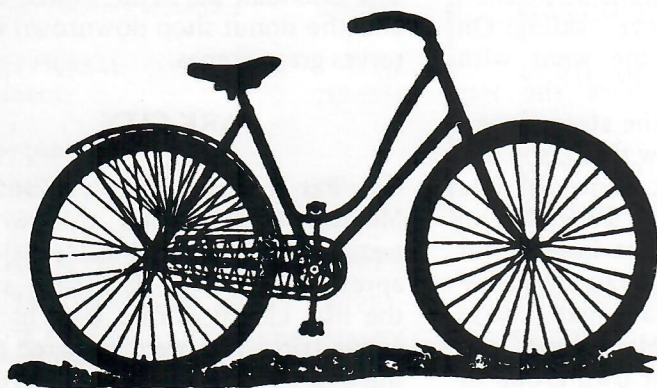
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NOMINEES for OFFICERS

1976-1977

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PRESIDENT KAY NEVELS
VICE PRESIDENT-PROGRAMS LEE GRONA
VICE PRESIDENT-TRIPS JOE COTRONE
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VICE PRESIDENT-PUBLICATIONS LINDA McDUFFIE
SECRETARY JANE McCORMICK
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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.

Respectfully Submitted

1976-1977 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Pat McLaughlan, Chairman

Bob Petner

Michele Hughen

Judy Allen

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Kay Nevels

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