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# space city ski club

## \*ski meeting

APRIL 12, 1976  
MONDAY — 7:30 P.M.  
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## activities & programs

APRIL MEETING . . . . . MEMBER TALENT & SKIT NIGHT  
1776-1976 of SCSC  
SUMMER STYLE SHOW

APRIL 19 . . . . . VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY  
MONDAY (By Invitation Only-  
See Pages 10 and 11)

MAY 1-2 . . . . . CRAWFISH FESTIVAL  
BREAUXBRIDGE, LOUISIANA

*NOTE: The Vinton Hrose Race Trip scheduled for March 27 was cancelled.*

### NEW OFFICERS 1976-1977 SKI SEASON

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As you may have noticed, membership cards are being mailed inside the Sitzmarke. You should receive your card in the Sitzmarke issue the month after you submit your application. If you have not received your card, please contact:  
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### MEMBERSHIP As of March, 1976

Singles . . . . .	953
Married . . . . .	400
TOTAL . . . . .	1,353

# head of the lift line



By Bob Olsen

APRIL, 1976

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW OFFICERS. They will take office in May following the most successful year in our Club history. We are indeed lucky to have so many capable people in the Space City Ski Club who are willing to contribute so generously of their time and talent. With your help and with the accumulated tools left behind by previous officers, we should have an even better year under our new leadership.

Many thanks to Trips V.P. Bob Allgeier and his troops for a greatly increased ski program. Our four additional trips brought the total to fourteen trips covering the Rockies from New Mexico to Canada. Bob's innovations included more trips to the most popular areas, more skiing for the dollar through longer trips and a highly successful economy bus trip to Taos, New Mexico. The need to make early reservations has caused Bob to make some tentative plans already for next season. These plans will help his successor, Jim Benefield, get off to a flying start.

Programs V.P. Layna Adams is mainly responsible for the one hundred person increase in average meeting attendance. She and her many volunteers have made our

meetings interesting, informative and entertaining. Layna's innovations have included new summer activities, a first class safety program and equipment demonstrations. Lee Grona will have to overcome her first hurdle in replacing Layna when she finds storage room for our newly acquired ski ramp and sound system!

Membership V.P. Sy Liebergot will be back next year as our President. He has had to contend with an increased membership which will total well over 1300 by year end. We can thank Sy for streamlined processing of membership applications, a new Space City Ski Club general information sheet and for many contributions in other Club functions. His enthusiasm and ability to get others into action has taken Sy beyond the requirements of the job and will assure the success of his leadership next season. Sy's successor, Duff Trimble, is already at work converting our membership records to a new computer system.

The SITZMARKE speaks for itself. Janis Hughen, as V.P - Publications, has carried on the award winning quality of our publication. Her improvements in layout, accuracy and editorial content continue to make the SITZMARKE attractive to readers and advertisers alike. Linda McDuffie will have a head start when she takes over as Editor of the May issue due to her able assistance during the past year.

As Secretary, Janet Pickell kept her fellow officers informed of the time and location of our many meetings while preventing those meetings from conflicting with pre and post-trip parties! Her introduction of the iron-on Club logo has helped us locate fellow members on the slopes and in the taverns. Jane McCormick will take over a well organized set of records when she assumes the Secretary's duties in May.

Last, but certainly not least, Jim Plummer has shown that an organized engineer can do an outstanding job as Treasurer. Our Club books have never been as current and our accounts receivable have never been so low. Bob Marwin will

receive a very healthy treasury when he takes over.

It has been a real pleasure for me and my fellow officers to serve you. We thank the many, many volunteers for their time and interest in making the Space City Ski Club one of the best organizations of any kind. We leave office with the satisfaction that we have done our jobs well and that our successors are capable of doing an even better job. Thank you for your continued support!

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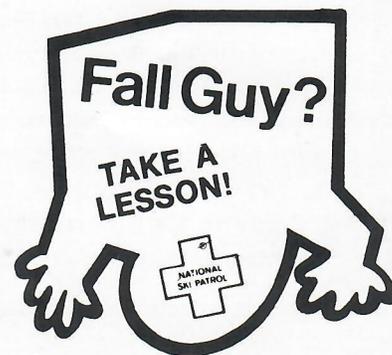
## march meeting

### MARCH MEETING

The March Meeting was highlighted by the first contested election of officers in several years. Sy Liebergot and Jim Benefield both successfully challenged the Nominating Committee selections for the offices of President and V.P. Trips respectively.

Printed ballots were available as members entered the meeting room. However, the ballot box was not opened for voting until after the Presidential candidates had each delivered a short speech. Sy's appeal for continuity of leadership (he is a current officer) carried him to victory.

The balance of the evening was given to trip reports and announcements followed by a Canadian ski movie. A large membership turnout stayed until after the movie to learn the election results. The real die-hards finally adjourned to Club Purgatory to finish the evening . . . or begin the morning.



# Breauxbridge Crawfish Festival Trip

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## May 1-2

(Based on double occupancy)

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### TIMES:

Leave Houston approximately 9:30 A.M. Saturday morning, arrive 1:30 P.M. Check out Sunday in time for lunch at Don's (cost not included in price). Leave Don's approximately 1:00 P.M. and arrive Houston around 6:00 P.M.

**DRESS:** Wear jeans and comfortable walking shoes.

### ACTIVITIES:

There will be \* BINGO \* CRAWFISH RACES \* PIROQUE RACES \* FIDDLE AND ACCORDIAN CONTESTS \* KAJUN CONTEST \* QUEEN'S PARADE IN MORNING \* BAYOU PARADE ON BAYOU TECHE IN AFTERNOON \* FIREWORKS DISPLAY and . . . plenty of Crawfish Eating!

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*\*FIRST BUS FULL - However, there is a possibility of a second bus. Price and lodging will be slightly different. If interested, bring your checkbook to the April 12th Meeting. Full payment is due then - with no cancellations - no refunds.*

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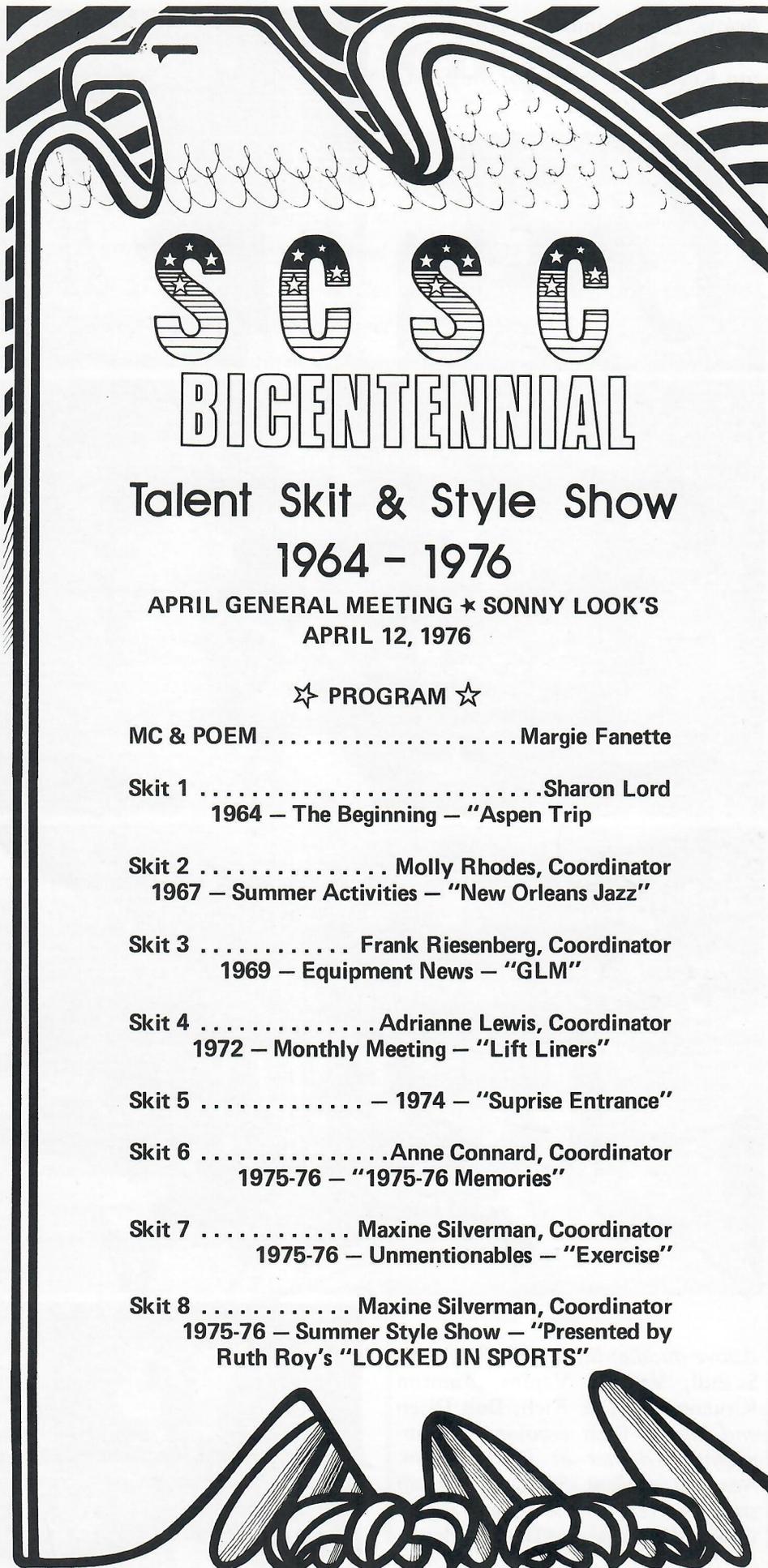
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**BICENTENNIAL**

**Talent Skit & Style Show  
1964 - 1976**

APRIL GENERAL MEETING ★ SONNY LOOK'S  
APRIL 12, 1976

★ PROGRAM ★

MC & POEM ..... Margie Fanette

Skit 1 ..... Sharon Lord  
1964 - The Beginning - "Aspen Trip"

Skit 2 ..... Molly Rhodes, Coordinator  
1967 - Summer Activities - "New Orleans Jazz"

Skit 3 ..... Frank Riesenber, Coordinator  
1969 - Equipment News - "GLM"

Skit 4 ..... Adrienne Lewis, Coordinator  
1972 - Monthly Meeting - "Lift Liners"

Skit 5 ..... - 1974 - "Suprise Entrance"

Skit 6 ..... Anne Connard, Coordinator  
1975-76 - "1975-76 Memories"

Skit 7 ..... Maxine Silverman, Coordinator  
1975-76 - Unmentionables - "Exercise"

Skit 8 ..... Maxine Silverman, Coordinator  
1975-76 - Summer Style Show - "Presented by  
Ruth Roy's "LOCKED IN SPORTS"

*Below: Larry Samuelson autographing Bobbet Cross' cast. Right: Kamron Kirkconnel on one of the SCSC cross country treks.*



By Marilyn Geller and John Scahill

Considering the early departure time of 5:30 A.M., 100 anxious SCSC members managed to arrive at the airport in time for the usual delay in departure with Texas International. The late departure was attributed to our members' excess baggage, 2000 lbs. more than estimated by the airline, which necessitated a stop in Amarillo for fuel. No one can ever say that SCSC members are not a well-dressed group.

Inflight service took on the added dimension of having the trip chairperson, Marilyn Geller, and Warren Cross volunteer to assist the understaffed flight attendants. After serving one hundred omelets, your volunteers have sworn never to look at an egg again.

Our three "wine-chartered" chariots awaited in Grand Junction. Stan Ferguson spent a few worried moments wondering whether his luggage had been thrown out as overweight, but we were finally off for a seemingly short ride to Aspen. Upon our arrival in Aspen, we were greeted by a much needed snowfall (the first in two weeks) which left over a foot of new snow. Talk about timing! A few energetic souls couldn't wait to take advantage of the fresh powder and headed straight for the slopes.

Saturday evening many SCSC skiers watched the WINTERSKOL fireworks display and endless torchlight descent on Aspen Mountain.

For most, Sunday began a week of just about the greatest skiing ever. Those who went to Snowmass were treated to the last events of WINTERSKOL which included the "Ski Splash", where contestants showed varying amounts of form and skin. Peggy Adams was last seen melting the snow when a contestant jumped wearing only a smile.

The party rounds began Sunday night with a complimentary wine and cheese party hosted by Aspen Chateaux Condominiums' Ann Bickley and her able staff.

Monday we lunched at the top of Cloud 9 at Aspen Highlands with complimentary wine and sand-



*Above middle: Marilyn Geller, John Scahill, Vanessa Vajdos, Kamron Kirkconnel, Jack Rich, Bob Olsen and Ingrid Rich enjoying an impromptu dinner at Bob's condo. Next, a typical SCSC ski group stops for rest on the slopes. Right: Connie Hinshaw and Dave Yarberry at the Club Dual Slalom Races.*



# aspen charter trip

wiches. A few hearty souls ventured outside to watch the ski patrol perform their jump show. The rest of us chose to watch from the windows rather than freeze our you-know-what's off. Brrr--- it was cold! The festivities continued into the bar at Highlands where **Bobbet Cross** and **Warren Cross** won the "cute couple" award from the band. Warren, was your great dance performance the result of wearing **Shirley McDonald's** famous yellow hat? We certainly enjoyed the pitcher of beer they won.

Thursday at the Timbermill Bar at Snowmass, **Jules Gloglovscan** and his partner, who shall remain unnamed, put on a table top dance exhibition which resulted in their becoming finalists in the Timbermill's dance contest. Jules, you had better find another partner if you want to win next year.

Wednesday noon, 64 SCSC members joined in the annual picnic/dual slalom race at the bottom of TIEHACK. This year **Jim Plummer** finally did it -- that's right, he fell asleep on his skis! How else could he have missed the three middle poles and ended up face down halfway through the course. This happened not once, but twice. No, Jim, you can't blame the "mogul mice or the snow snakes" for this one. Winners of this year's race were **Kamron Kirkconnell** in the men's division and a tie between **Janis Hughen** and **Claire Turner** for first in the women's division.

On Thursday, 16 hearty skiers decided to try their hands at cross-country skiing. The peacefulness that **John "Easy" Thayer** promised everyone was conspicuously missing, due no doubt to the enthusiasm of all those who participated. When **John Scahill** and **Easy Thayer** removed their shirts to relax and sun, the other males soon joined the act. Girls, where was your spirit? It was never determined who had the hairiest chest, but **Tim Mock** probably would have won the contest.

Space City again had fast skiers in Aspen. Many raced the NASTAR

at Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk. Here are the medal results:

**Kamron Kirkconnel. . . 3 bronze and an Aspen Leaf**  
**Bob Olsen . . . . . 1 bronze**  
**Bill Landfield . . . . . 1 bronze**

Unfortunately, our trip was not without injuries. The following awards were won:

**BROKEN BONE CLUB** - First place goes to **Katie Roark** who broke both bones in her right leg. Second place is a tie between **Bobbet Cross** with a broken ankle and **Duke Walker** with a broken collar bone.

**CRACKED HEAD CLUB** - First and only place is awarded to **Larry Samuelson**, who was overheard saying that his ski started spinning like an airplane. Larry, coordination and sobriety help prevent accidents.

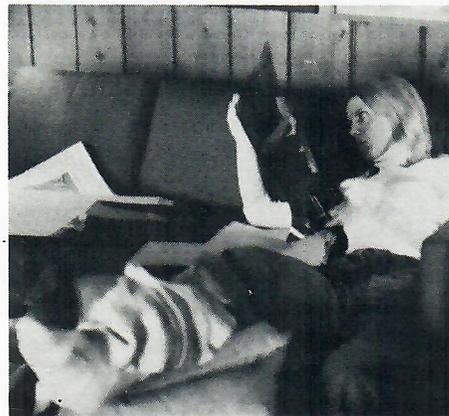
**OF ALL PLACES TO GET SICK** - **Susan Craft** garnered this award for "conveniently" catching the flu halfway through the trip.

A special note of thanks to **Jack** and **Ingrid Rich** for their assistance in transporting people to and from the slopes, the liquor store, and the hospital. We could not have survived without you.

Also, greatly appreciated, was the help provided by my roommates: **Shirley McDonald**, **Judy Jones**, and **Bobbet Cross** and anyone else who wandered in at the wrong moment to assist in the party food preparation. Much thanks also to **Dick Humphreys** and **Rolfe Beaudry** who assisted on the buses.

Thanks also to **Bob Marwin** who provided the Bicentennial decorations and the Killer punch at the Friday night party. The parties could not have gone on without our bartenders: **Bill Chalmers**, **Art Camero**, **Ken Cary**, **Will Green**, **John Scahill**, and the **Sunshine Bakers** . . . Thanks, fellows!

The final and most important thank you goes to **John Scahill**, my assistant, and everyone on the trip because it was really all of you who made the trip the greatest ever!



*Above: Jack Rich enjoying the 6:00 a.m. flight to Grand Junction. Next, Katie Roark examining her X-Ray. Next, Marilyn Geller, Warren Cross, and Judy Jones taking a Coors-Break from skiing. Below: Mike Gay, Linda McDuffie, and Miles Anderson at the Club picnic.*



# ski trips...1975-1976

By Bob Allgeier

It seems rather strange that as of the March General Meeting, nine trips had been successfully and cleverly run by our dedicated chair-people but five trips were still to go. This was with less than two months left in the current ski season and 37% of the trips still to be run! This statistic is a little misleading in that two trips were added late due to heavy participation this year. It IS possible that anyone desirous of skiing again this year may still have a last chance on the April trip to Vail. By the time you read this, there won't be much time left to call Joe Cotrone (ph. 682-5372) for the Vail/Easter Trip. Joe and his group will be taking off on April 13.

As of this writing, several stories are still fresh in everyone's mind concerning some trips which returned recently. Jim Benefield's well-conceived (by him) and lovingly planned trip to Mt. Hood was a mild disaster for those who wished

to ski. See his story on "High Winds and Fun In The Lodge". We also learned that Park City was absolutely delicious as usual. At the beginning of this trip, however, there was a "Nasty Stew" who, confronted with one seat oversold, first tried to throw big Finn Runfalo off the trip and then turned her wiser but beadier eyes on Jim Plummer. Jim was saved at the last minute by a volunteer on his way to Denver. I wonder if the Denver guy ever made it and if so, why he was going to Denver by way of Utah in the first place. Anyway, the "Nasty Stew" received her comeuppance from Carolyn Dahlberg who didn't leave the airport until the plane did. Carolyn is T.I.'s new marketing rep (in charge of us, for one thing) and is doing a swell job. She has even fished some of our reservations out of the trash can that Jim Shaw and Ron Clark used for an in-basket. This alone is encouraging but in addition, it was rumored that the food on the Park City Trip was good going and coming on the airplane!

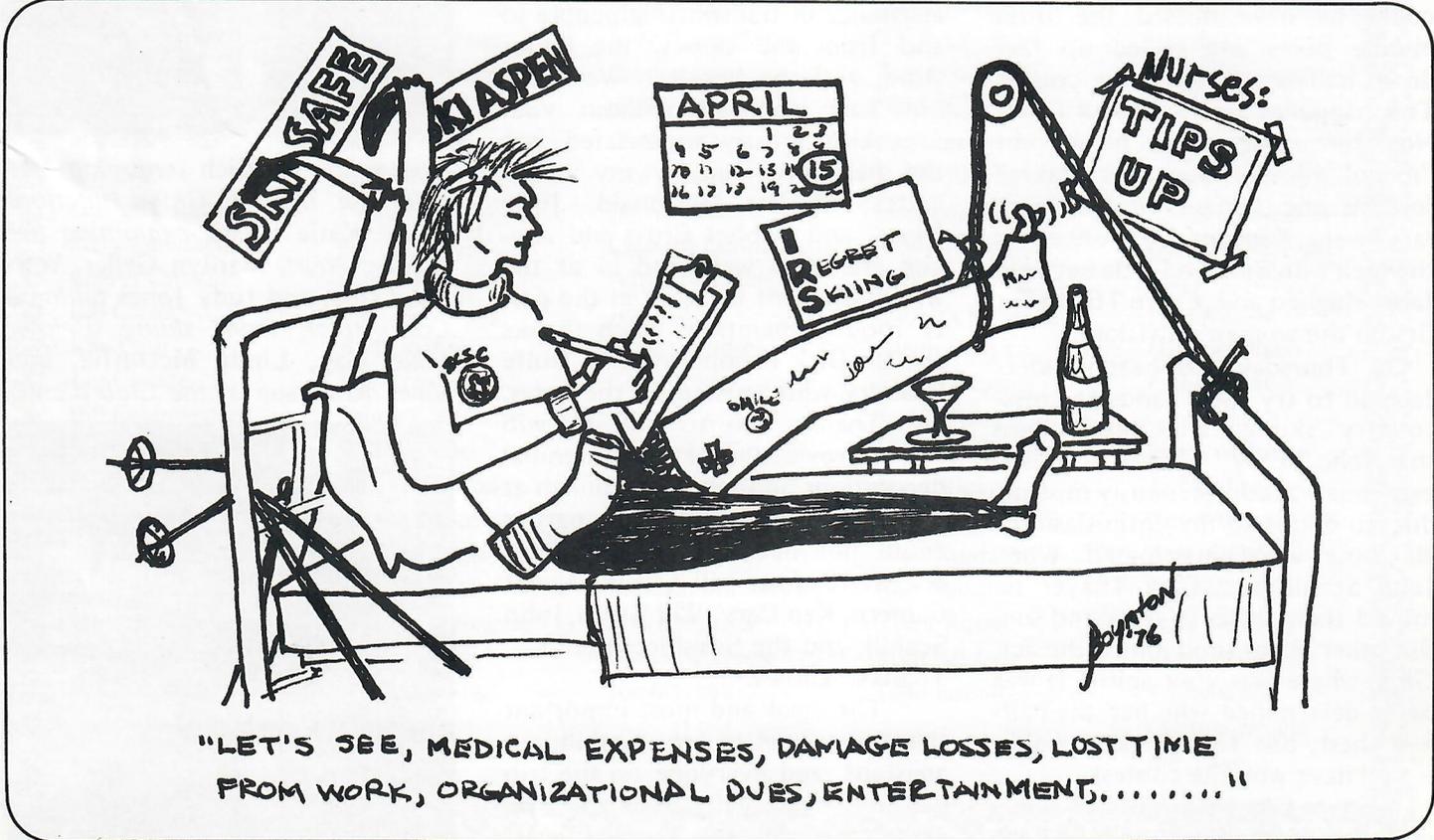
Finally, be sure to read Bobbet Cross' Telluride article elsewhere in this issue. The mountain and the local citizens must be great but what a bus ride. It IS one way to beat the Birthington's Washday crush at the more accessible areas, though, and we will go back.

APRIL 13-18      \$231

## vail / easter

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Chairman..... 682-5372

PAT BLAIR  
Assistant..... 526-4587



# mt. hood trip

By Jim Benefield

Mt. Hood, the new trip to the new place, left undaunted though not full early Sunday, February 1st. All seemed well, for some reason all 16 participants were on time. Being on time was especially amazing for Dr. Mike Kelly, who had arrived six hours earlier from the Aspen Charter trip. Things seemed to really get going after changing planes in Denver. With a new crew, SCSC members set new records for any group flying between Denver and Portland (we averaged 6.2 mini-bottles per person, which is something at 10:00 A.M.). Arrival at Portland was uneventful as our lodge hosts were awaiting the plane and their first glimpse of a Texas skier.

According to Dick Kohnstan, the lodge and area operator, SCSC upheld their reputation for fun-loving, drinking, skiing and foremost politeness (they invited us back). Jerry McIntyre, "President of the Salem Chapter of SCSC," was at the lodge to greet us and expertly direct everyone to the slopes in order that we could complete a day's skiing which for some, including Paul and Elizabeth Romere, John and Judy Andrew, lasted until 9:00 P.M. To interrupt the afternoon skiing, the lodge provided a wine party where Bud Nash, the director of the ski school, began his quest for Texas belles (names omitted at request of participants). The wine party was the first opportunity for trip participants to see and marvel at the massive and ornate detail of this 40 year-old lodge.

An experience remembered by many was the snow-cat tow past the highest lift. It was so unique that our local cripples Layna Adams and Linda MacFarland were going to try it, but Linda decided one should use two skis for safest results. That night all who were not skiing introduced the Blue Ox Bar to SCSC. Between campaign speeches, Sy Liebergot was winning belly

button contests which were interrupted only by Colleen Fitzgerald's and Jerry McIntyre's table dancing. The party was shortened (sobered up) by a midnight swim where our hosts attempted a new stroke on Ann Hatcher and Carole Froelich.

Speaking of Carole Froelich, she was the unfortunate queen of SCSC's first "Get Plastered" party which was aptly thrown by my able assistant Martha Huebel and her assistant Dr. John Andrew (the plasterer).

Unfortunately, after a day at Mt. Hood Meadows, the weather, mostly wind, turned so bad that the mountain was closed and safe skiing became impossible. With no end to the weather in sight, the trip was shortened since no skier wishes to spend three days just drinking.

Dave Nagle, however, decided to run what has now become known as the Mt. Hood Trip, Part B. So, seven never-say-die skiers peeled off from the homeward bound Mt. Hood group and ended up skiing Breckenridge and Keystone for three days before finally coming home. The intrepid seven were Dr. John Andrew and his wife Judy, Betsy and Paul Romere, Nan Delaney, Anne Hatcher and Dave Nagle.

After being literally blown off Mt. Hood, it was a real delight for these seven to arrive on the slopes in the middle of a snow storm which deposited close to six inches of new snow. The skiing was fabulous for three days. Too bad for those of us who came straight back to Houston. The discovery of La France Restaurant in, of all places, Dillon was an absolute highlight. The French cuisine was superb, and for seven the trip could hardly have been better.

Finally, may I extend my thanks to all who participated and complained not, under adverse conditions, but pitched in for an enjoyable time for all.



*Above: Mt. Hood, Oregon. Next, Dr. John Andrew and his plaster patient, Carole Froelich. Next, four hearty SCSCers try to mount the Snow-Cat tow. Below: Trip participants join their host, Dick Kohnstan, for drinks at the Timberline Lodge.*



# volunteer appreciation party

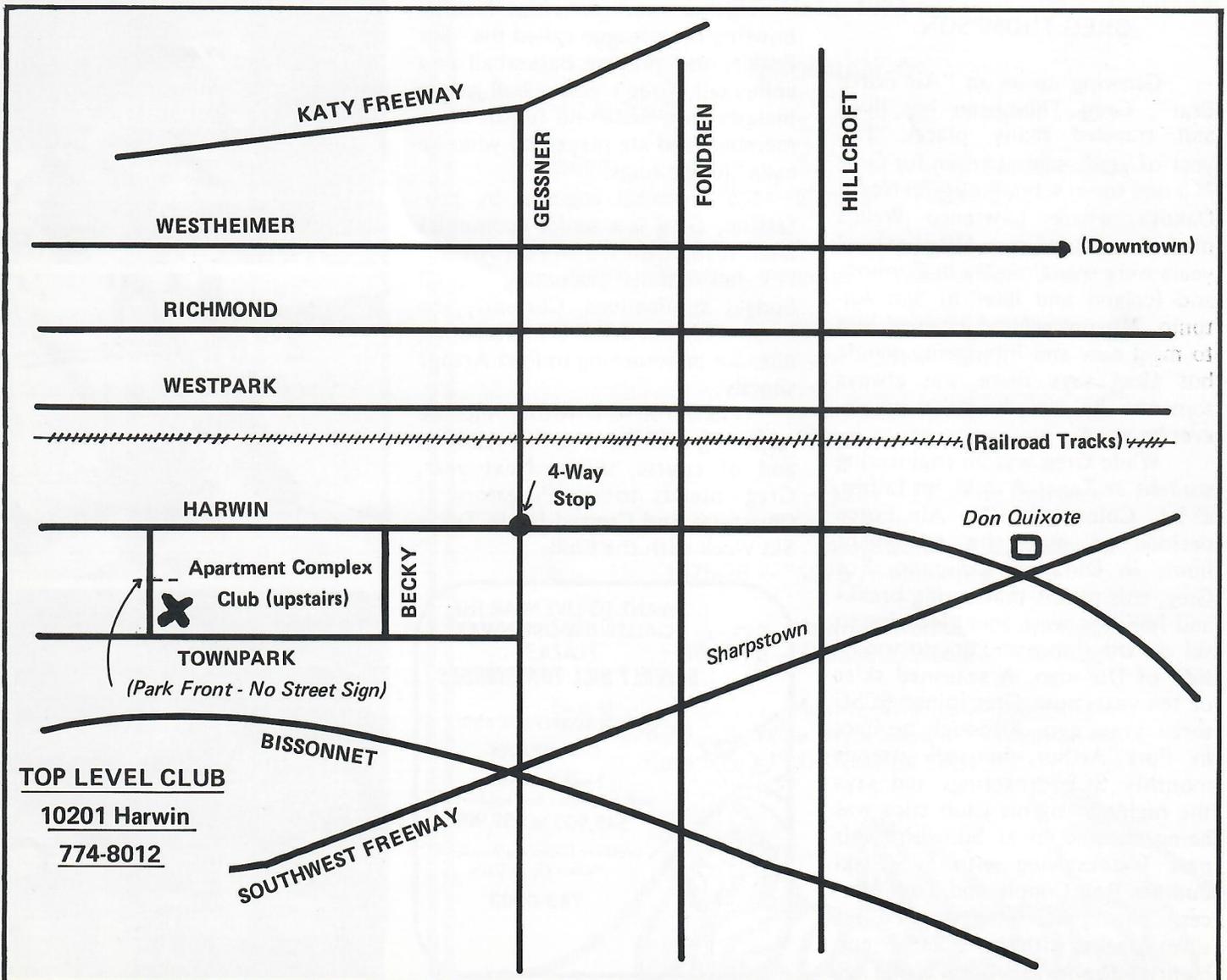
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Dale Allbritton	Joe Cotrone	Virginia Hodge	Jane McCormick	Joyce Serant
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Leona Allen	George Craft	Ernie Howerton	Linda McDuffie	Joan Sharp
Kathy Allgeier	Linda Crawford	Martha Huebel	Joan McInnis	Charles Sheedy
Miles Anderson	Tom Cronin	Michele Hughen	Ann McIntyre	Bob Sheridan
Tania Andrasko	Bobbet Cross	Betty Humfeld	Jim McIntyre	Sandy Shires
Shirley Andries	Warren Cross	Dorothy Humphrey	Diane McLaughlin	Craig Shirk
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# volunteer appreciation party

The 1975-1976 Officers would like to thank each individual listed on the preceding page, who volunteered their time and effort toward a successful year. And to further show our appreciation, we invite you to the **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY** on April 19, 1976 at 6:00 P.M. at the Top Level Club, 10201 Harwin. The agenda will consist of a Free Cocktail Hour between 7:00 - 8:00 P.M., with a free Buffet starting at 8:00 P.M. until the food is gone. Those who wish to stay and dance, with drinks ranging from \$.75 (Beer), \$1.25 (Bar), \$1.50 (Call) and \$1.75 (Special) Drinks. There will be live entertainment featuring "Justine & Jasmine". The directions are shown below.

Due to the SITZMARKE deadline, the April Meeting volunteers have not been listed, but will be contacted later. Also, if you have volunteered your time to SCSC and your name has been omitted, please call an Officer at once; we want to include you.

Please R.S.V.P. by April 15th – Layna Adams (Home 721-0340) (Office 656-7542).



# markemaker

By Ann Cornish



## GREG THOMPSON

Growing up as an "Air Force Brat", Greg Thompson has lived and traveled many places. The year of grade school began for Greg in a one room schoolhouse in North Dakota where Lawrence Welk's niece was his teacher. Other school years were spent mostly in Formosa and Iceland and later in San Antonio. Moving around enabled him to meet new and interesting people but Greg says there was always someone he already knew wherever he went.

While Greg was an engineering student at Texas A & M, his father, a Lt. Colonel in the Air Force decided to make his retirement home in Durango, Colorado. For Greg, this meant that spring breaks and holidays were spent learning to ski on the slopes at Purgatory outside of Durango. A seasoned skier of ten years now, Greg joined SCSC three years ago. Although he lives in Port Arthur, he still attends monthly SCSC meetings and says the highlight of his Club trips was being snowed in at Snowbird this past Thanksgiving with SCSC ski buddies Bob Copple and Tom Mercer. This year, Greg donned his silver parka with its Porsche emblem and won a Bronze NASTAR

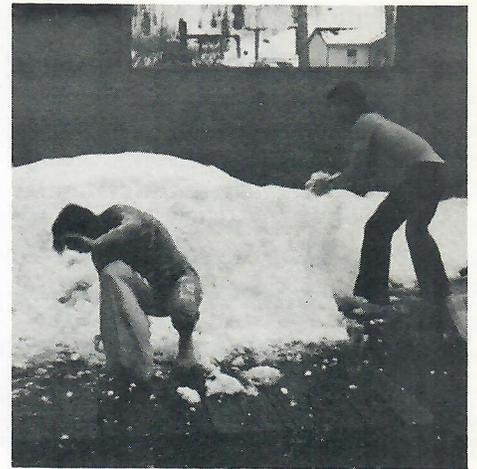
Medal. About racing, Greg says, "It's fun not to miss any gates or to fall and to look good while you're doing it, even if you don't win."

Besides being a good skier, Greg is also a good golfer. He began playing at age seven and has played golf in Scotland, Iceland, Formosa, Germany, Sweden, and of course, all over the U.S. While in Formosa, he played golf almost daily. "The golf courses in Formosa look like any other golf courses," he says, "except the outlying back areas are jungle." Because of the numerous varieties of poisonous snakes found in Formosa, Greg says "I always wanted to play with a caddy!" Currently Greg is Vice President of the Gulf Golf Association in Port Arthur and won the championship flight in Gulf Oil's annual golf tournament.

Other sport activities include bowling on a league called the "Six Pack", and playing basketball and volleyball. Greg's volley ball games include both male and female team members and are played by what he calls "jungle rules."

A chemical engineer by profession, Greg is a senior economics analyst for Gulf Oil in Port Arthur. His job entails evaluating capital budget applications. Currently, he is on assignment here in Houston, but will be returning to Port Arthur shortly.

Plans for the future include returning to Sweden to visit relatives and of course, skiing. Next year, Greg intends to ski Purgatory at Christmas and Crested Butte Texas Ski Week with the Club.



*Above: Bobbet Cross and Mike Hales have a poolside snowball fight. Below: Virginia Hodge and Milford Frnka at a group dinner. Next, Sammy Cervenka demonstrates his skiing ability. Next, Rachael Mayer, Shirley Andries and Mike Hales take over the Senate Restaurant.*



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# telluride trip

By Bobbet Cross

"When I die, I want to be buried in Telluride." That was Bob Petner's opinion of Telluride. This old mining town should have been named "Heavenly Valley." The San Juan Mountains offer a most exciting ski opportunity and a very mellow atmosphere off the slopes.

Dale Allbritton observed that there were some heavy-duty days on our trip calendar: Friday the 13th, Valentine's Day and George Washington's Birthday. We should have known better than to start a trip on Friday the 13th. The plane was practically off the ground when Mike Kelly finally arrived. Mike and his "Bonsai" must have burned some highway between his home and Intercontinental. All present and accounted for . . . up, up and away! A nice flight, even a surprise dinner, and then a scream from the rear of the plane; Molly Rhodes had met a strange male passenger who had forgotten to lock the restroom door.

The bus ride from Albuquerque to Telluride took longer than usual due to poor weather conditions, and without Lotty Gautschi's map, our bus driver might not have been able to make the trip at all.

Thanks to Milford Frnka for suggesting the "Munchies" stop along the way.

At the Valentine's party that night, Gene Teaney won the Gentlemen's door prize, a \$10 gift certificate to Rodney's in the Village; Ann Youngblood won a \$10 certificate at Carl's Beauty Pavillion for the Ladies prize.

The next day our group was briefed and escorted over the mountain by Telluride's Courtesy Patrol. This treat was typical of the "extras" and consideration we were given. Shirley Andries and Mike Kelly thought their apres ski bar bills were a mistake because they were so low. No mistakes, Telluride people just are not out to get you,

a pleasant change from most ski resorts.

Telluride Sports came to our condo's pool one afternoon in a convoy and delivered enough Coors to sink a battleship. Hero, Howard Weinberg engineered the opening of the new pop top cans as Mike Hales coached the snowball fight between the swimming pool and the jacuzzi.

Our racing winners included Jerry Goldberg for a dislocated shoulder in the Bar Hopping division; Dale Allbritton, a silver NASTAR medal; and Louisianian Richard Streeter a bronze NASTAR medal. Cross country skier Imelda Horne found Telluride the perfect spot for Nordic skiing.

Our Washington's Birthday Party was honored by the presence of a California Ski Patrol group who encouraged about twenty of us to leave the party and to take over the Senate Restaurant (a restored bordello,) and to enjoy the Wild Boar. If it wasn't wild before we arrived, it surely was after we left, but "boring" it wasn't.

On our last day on the slopes, many people participated in the Wine and Cheese Obstacle Course Race. Even our crippled Trip Chairperson ran the gates and over the haystacks dragging her cast behind her. Gainer Jones and Molly Rhodes won the race for best time and were presented with gift certificates to J. Rich Sports and two dinners at Alfreds. Virginia Hodge won for taking the longest time to get over the haystack. Gail Shapiro took so long in the pits refueling on wine that she released both bindings, but managed to finish the race dragging her skis.

Special thanks to Shirley Andries, Penny Wiggins and Molly Rhodes for the popcorn and champagne party our last night in Telluride and thanks to Margie Fannette for entertaining us with her expert joke telling at the airport lounge during our two-hour layover in Albuquerque.



Above: Richard Streeter and Dale Allbritton examine the "decor" at the Senate Bar. Next, Dr. Mike Kelly shows fellow racers the proper racing form to use at the Obstacle Course Picnic. Next, Richard Streeter, Shirley Andries and Penny Wiggins. Below: left to right, Mike Hales, Peter Fara, Gail Shapiro and Jerry Goldberg.





Above: Left to right, Ed Fedak, Jim Plummer, Peb Rock, Bill Barr, Dan Sebesta, Chuck Guffey line up before starting a run. Right: Finn Runfalo actually on skis. Next, Jerry Campbell and Doris Hems-worth. Next, Jim Simons, Finn Runfalo and Donna Berglund at the first cocktail party. Below right: SCSC officers, Jim Plummer and Janet Pickell.



By Linda MacFarland

Our trip began with 44 good reasons to make it great. At least that's the idea we had in mind as we boarded the airplane. Unfortunately there was only room for 43. O.K., which one for the jump seat? Thanks to shrewd talking Finn Runfalo and one very kind unknown gentleman who gave up his seat, it was 44 again. Salt Lake, well, better late than never, at least we didn't have to worry about the bus. The driver had been very patiently awaiting our arrival for almost two hours. Fifteen minutes and one lost pair of boots later, we were on our way. Special thanks to our wine steward and stewardess, Jerry and Jane Kearby, who got us going on the road to Park City.

Arriving a little later than expected, the condos left us one poor soul who managed to distribute us all over the mountain. The next morning it wasn't quite as bad as expected; the rooms were all within walking distance of each other. Slowly everyone made it to the slopes and that evening at the cocktail party, the stories of everyone's skiing technique began. That is, in between Mike Nolan's zucchini and bleu cheese sandwiches, Roy Cavinness' keeping all the girls in kisses, and Jerry Campbell's making food offerings from the kitchen. After the appetizer feast everyone headed out for the main course, ribs and steaks. Fred Boswell, do you always have strawberry crepes for dinner? And please don't forget that name tag. Janet Pickell and Jim Plummer were hard to wake up and almost missed their dinner.

Monday morning, we woke up to new snow, something we were badly in need of at Park City, except that this was the day half of our group was to go to Alta and Snowbird. Twenty-two took off that morning as the blizzard began, but unfortunately it beat them to the slopes. After a short day at Alta, they returned. Park City was also getting its share of snow and about 1:00 p.m. the lifts closed. Unfortunately, many were left sitting on the lifts for almost two hours until the wind died down. Bill Barr was

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# park city trip

one of the patient ones, but Pat Martin, on the other hand, is now giving lectures on why one shouldn't jump off a chairlift. Jerry Edwards, our trip physician, helped ease her pain.

That evening we warmed everyone with a little hot spiced wine. Doris Hemsworth, Jim and Dionne Simons, Lois Danielson, and Donna Berglund all enjoyed the drinks, but our favorite partaker was the sun-tan man, Bill Barr. But who's counting - 6, 7 . . . ?

Lucky for me there were a lot of off-the-slope activities. Like how to stuff nine bulky skiers in the front and five in the back of a Malibu-4, but what about after Mexican food? It was off to the Rusty Nail, a favorite hangout, well supported by SCSC. We had Lanny Lamb giving dance lessons to Lynn Burch, Jane McCormick and Mike Nolan. Ruth Roy judged a "bump" contest. Some of our other Rusty Nailers were Bonnie Hughes, Billie Jean Nowak, Nora Garza, Charles Greening, and Juan Reyna. We were also entertained by our favorite taxi driver, or rather, the only taxi driver. Sarah Fedak, did he ever install that commode you wanted? Getting home from some places was a little more exciting, especially when the cab stopped running at 11:00 p.m. and we were just beginning the main course. If it wasn't for Linda Yoder, we may never have eaten at all - what perseverance!

Our group had quite a mixture of skiers. We would like to congratulate our NASTAR winners: Peb Rock for his bronze and Lauryn LeClere for his bronze and silver at Park City. And special praise goes to Jim Plummer who won a bronze at Snowbird. Sorry Jim couldn't find any Lucky Beer and Buffalo Steak to celebrate it. But besides our great racers, we also had some good freestylers, ½ Flip (Bob) Truly, I think they started calling him after his exhibition. Hope Lenna Truly was taking movies. Then there was one night as Bob and Louise Drake and Alan and Nancy

Zaciek were on their way to dinner when Bob decided he would do a little fancy footwork right under Trolley Car 19. We also had our group of bombers: Peb Rock, next time please "read the lady's script" before you knock her over. For our tree runners we had Mike Nolan and his marsh grass. Poor Dan Sebesta had to clean up the slopes after these guys, picking up bodies and replanting. Hope Ed Fedak retrieved his thumb from that evergreen. And then there was Chuck Guffey who loved to ski that powder under the trees. Hope he did better at that than he did at figuring out the "argyle sock caper." A special note to the entire group; Carl and Alma Duff actually have pictures of Finn Runfalo skiing. And last, but not least, our expert cross country skiers, Al and Veda Pruett, rounded out our varied group.

Our final trip to Snowbird and Alta was one of good weather and better skiing. After a day on the slopes, while waiting for the bus, we all gathered at the Tram Bar for some beer drinking and popcorn tossing. Mike Nolan was definitely the best popcorn catcher!

Since I spent my days at the bottom of the lifts because of a knee injury, all of the above commentary was related to me by unknown and forgotten sources. In case of any misinformation - please just enjoy it.

Special thanks to Pat Martin, Jane McCormick, and Janet Pickell for all their help. And especially to Finn.

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*Above right: Linda Yoder, Janet Pickell, Sarah Fedak, Ed Fedak, and Jim Plummer take a close-up look at Park City's famous Silvermine. Next: Bonnie Hughes, Lynn Burch and Janet Pickell at the hot spiced wine party. Below right: Lenna Truly, Linda Yoder, Ed Fedak, Sarah Fedak and Doris Hemsworth wait for the bus back to Salt Lake City.*





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PLEASE NOTE: This does NOT replace the membership questionnaire.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: Office \_\_\_\_\_ Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Number of SCSC trips you have participated in: \_\_\_\_\_

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If appointed, do you have any preference where you would want to take your trip? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any preference as to dates for your trip? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any dates that you would not be available? \_\_\_\_\_

Other than yourself, is there anyone you would recommend to serve as trip chairperson or assistant trip chairperson?

\_\_\_\_\_

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 1976.

## TEXAS SKIERS SURVEY

The purpose of this survey is to furnish to the Ski Club and the Ski community additional information in order to provide you, the skier, with more opportunities to ski where you wish, better programs at the ski club meetings and to help the ski shops in stocking more of the equipment you need. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

- | SEX  | MARRIED OR SINGLE  | AGE | HEIGHT              | WEIGHT<br>(for ski length computing) |
|--|--------------------|-----|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. What is your total annual household income? |                    |     |                     |                                      |
| a) to 7,500                                    | b) 7,500 to 15,000 |     | c) 15,000 to 25,000 |                                      |
| d) 25,000 to 50,000                            | e) 50,000 +        |     |                     |                                      |

### YOUR VIEW OF THE CLUB

2. How did you hear about SCSC?
- |                |                |             |
|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| a) Friends     | b) News Media  | c) Ski shop |
| d) RMD or USSA | e) other _____ |             |
3. What was your most important reason for joining the Club?
- |                        |                                       |                       |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| a) the trip program    | b) Sitzmarke                          | c) way to meet skiers |
| d) help promote skiing | e) summer program & social activities | d) to meet people     |
4. What Club programs do you feel are most beneficial?
- |  |                     |   |
|--|---------------------|---|
| a) trips                                     | b) Sitzmarke        | c) local outings                                  |
| d) monthly meetings                          | e) social programs  | f) exercise & safety programs                     |
| g) legislative representation via RMD & USSA | h) member directory | i) participation in Texas Council, Texas Ski Week |
|  | k) Other _____      | j) equipment advisory                             |
5. Did you know that the Club has active programs in all of the above areas? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
6. If your answer to the above question is no, which programs are you unaware of or have been communicated poorly?

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7. Which of the following programs or benefits do you believe the Club should add?
- |   |  |                        |
|---|--|------------------------|
| a) Ski Swap                                 | b) community affairs involvement       | c) ski touring program |
| d) discounts on merchandise, lodging, meals | e) consumer affairs & advocacy program | f) Europe trips        |
|   |  | g) Club race team      |
|   |  | h) Other _____         |

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8. Rocky mountain ski area most frequented? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What new area would you like to see the club plan a trip? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Do you make the majority of your ski trips with the ski club? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
11. Do you prefer the type of accomodationss the club is now furnishing on trips? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
12. How many days a year do you usually ski?
- |               |               |                |                 |                 |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| a) 0 - 2 days | b) 2 - 5 days | c) 6 - 10 days | d) 11 - 16 days | e) over 16 days |
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### SKI TECHNICAL DATA

13. Ability:
- |   |  |
|---|--|
| a) Beginner - (snow plow to stem christi) | b) Intermediate (stem christi to parallel) |
| c) Advanced - (consistent parallel)       | d) Expert                                  |
14. What type of skiing do you prefer? Downhill \_\_\_\_\_ Cross Country \_\_\_\_\_
15. What brand of Skis do you prefer? \_\_\_\_\_
16. What criteria do you use for selecting your length of skis? \_\_\_\_\_
17. What brand of boots do you prefer? \_\_\_\_\_ Bindings \_\_\_\_\_
18. Wnat brand of ski wear do you prefer? \_\_\_\_\_

ANY QUESTION NOT APPLICABLE MARK AN X

**MAY 10th DRAWING DATE**  
**DRAWING FOR FREE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

NO.

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NO.

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TEXAS SKIERS SURVEY

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1. What is your total annual household income?  
 a) 22,000 to 30,000  
 b) 7,500 to 22,000  
 c) 12,000 to 22,000  
 d) 20,000 +

2. How did you hear about SCSC?  
 a) Friends  
 b) RMD or USSA  
 c) Ski shop  
 d) News Media  
 e) Other

3. What was your most important reason for joining the Club?  
 a) help promote skiing  
 b) the trip program  
 c) summer program & social activities  
 d) Sitzmark  
 e) way to meet skiers  
 f) to meet people

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 c) Other  
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 e) social programs  
 f) Sitzmark  
 g) local outings  
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6. If your answer to the above question is no, which program are you unaware of or have been communicated poorly?  
 a) ski touring program  
 b) community affairs involvement  
 c) consumer affairs & advocacy  
 d) Club race team  
 e) Other

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18. What brand of ski wear do you prefer?  
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