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### SUMMER CALENDAR

JUNE 14...... BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

JUNE 16..... EXECUTIVE MEETING

JUNE 20...... BICYCLE TRIP

JUNE 25-27...... CANOE TRIP

JULY 17..... ANNUAL SUMMER BASH

JULY 31..... REDFISH ISLAND SAILING

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#### SITZMARKE DEADLINES —

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membership renewal

## head of the lift line



By Sy Liebergot

It took ten meetings during the past three months (five in May) and I'm pleased to report PRO-GRESS. At this early date, a medium firm trip schedule has been established. Trip Chairpersons (TC) and Assistant Trip Chairpersons (13 of each) have been selected and assigned, along with nominees for the two Trip Director (TD) positions. All have been briefed, and are off and running. The TD's names will go to the Board of Directors for approval in June. Something new was tried this year - the TC's were allowed to have an active role in the selection of their assistants. We hope this will bear fruit. Hmm...

We were extremely fortunate this year that 95 members volunteered their services to be a trip chairperson or assistant trip chairperson. The selection task was most difficult due to so many desirable people applying; I regret more could not be used. But I am gratified that member interest in the Club is so high - this is a sure indicator of a healthy organization. Let me extend my personal thanks to all 95 of you. PLEASE continue to volunteer your services in other Club activities so that we may get to know you better.

SCSC is alive and well this summer - look in this issue for a

schedule of coming non-skiing events. Lee Grona is hard at work lining up FUN STUFF.

Congratulations to Bob Olsen for being elected President of the Texas Ski Council! Indidentially, Jeff Nesrsta, newly elected TSC vice president, issued a personal challenge at the April TSC meeting that his San Antonio Club is out to wrest the Texas Cup from SCSC -- Alright!

Fond FAREWELL is bid to departing airline reps Carolyn Dalberg of Texas International and Greg Danneels of Continental. Carolyn is quitting business to go back to school to study rug weaving and Greg has been promoted to the Atlanta operation. No doubt the close association with SCSC during the past four years had some influence on Greg's promotion.

WELCOME to replacements Stan Sabel of T.I., and Continental's Wayne Nichols along with his new supervisor Dennis Decker. Also, welcome to Peter Herbert, representing Braniff International, a new carrier for SCSC.

### may meeting

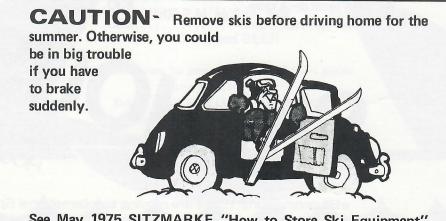
I hope the 300 people in attendance at the May meeting had their minds sufficiently blown by the big band (16 piece) sounds of ALL THAT JAZZ ably led by Dick Wilke. SCSC member Dave Hargett was seen "faking it" on the trombone. It appeared that the band enjoyed themselves as much as we did. This was a fine kick-off for Lee Grona, V.P. of Programs.

Only 172 Skier Survey questionnaires were returned. Even though this number was disappointingly low, the results will certainly be useful since they represent direct inputs from the membership. If anyone has thoughts on how to improve response to this type of questionnaire, please let me know. Congratulations to Anne Connard for winning the free membership renewal.

Left: Bob Olsen handing the gavel to Sy Liebergot. Right: Lee Grona with Ellen Broders of the New Orleans Ski Club.







See May 1975 SITZMARKE "How to Store Ski Equipment"

### markemaker

By Beth Nolen



**LEONA ALLEN** 

Who would expect a grandmother's new hobby to be skiing? Well, Leona Allen's motto is "Better Late Than Never." Her first skiing experience was Aspen six years ago when daughter Marjean Doucette said, "Mother, you just HAVE to go!" Her most vivid recollection of that first trip was the number of falls she took coming downhill, and this led her to think perhaps there would be less probability of this fate in cross-country skiing. She tried it during her international trips with Space City to Innsbruck, Chamonix, Zermatt, and Banff. Leona admits she still takes more than her share of the spills, but counteracts her aches and frustration with the enjoyment she receives from her association with fellow SCSCers.

Leona is more than accustomed to sharing in activities with the younger generation. Besides rearing three children of her own, she has taught the Three R's to thousands during the past forty-eight years. Leona's recent retirement from the teaching profession culminates a lifetime of diligent involvement in both personal pleasure and duty. Her love of sports was illuminated at an early age when she earned

public recognition as a high school tennis champ. After graduation Leona considered making a career of her pastime as a jazz pianist on radio, but she saw no monetary future in it. Instead, she attended a year of college to earn a teaching certificate, and accepted an assignment in a one-teacher school in Katy for \$700 a year. Her first experience not only consisted of teaching all subjects to all grades, but of being janitor, nurse, librarian, and general work horse. It was truly a unique beginning.

To keep up with revisions in teaching qualifications, Leona returned to college as a part-time student, and graduated in 1933 as the second official graduate of the University of Houston, fronted alphabetically by Alpha Alice Adams. Forty-three years and a Masters Degree later, Leona sees retiremant as a high point, but no stopping place. She already has plans to be-

gin tutoring, with frequent time off

for participation in various activities

with both SCSC and her Delta Mu group of Delta Kappa Gamma.

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### markemaker

By Beth Nolen



FRANK RIESENBERG

Uniqueness is the key for this month's Markemaker, and Frank Riesenberg qualified twofold with the story of his initial exposure to Space City Ski Club. Not only did he have to travel to Ruidoso, New Mexico to discover the existence of a club of Houston skiers, but he did so in the company of a honeymooning couple of friends. Frank has now been a SCSC member for ten years, averaging two ski trips a year, and participating in numerous nonski activities as well. Frank says he skies primarily for enjoyment, after ten years he's finally reached the intermediate level of ability "... by dint of many lessons, conscientious effort, and finally getting a shorter pair of skis." Racing doesn't interest him; besides, he's found an easier way to get an Aspen Leaf Nastar pin??

Frank was born in Peoria, Illinois where he spend his early years on an Illinois dirt farm, "a Northern equivalent of Tobacco Road." After acquiring a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Rice University, he went to work for General Electric in Schenectady, N.Y., but he soon had enough of Yankeeland and re-

turned to Houston as an electrical draftsman with Brown & Root. Currently Staff Electrical Project Engineer, his duties have included projects in twenty states, plus temporary assignments in London, Scotland, and Holland in connection with North Sea offshore oil production.

His hobbies include swimming, dancing, volleyball, bicycling, tennis, and collecting antiques. More than a hobby is Frank's interest in singing, which over the years has developed into a sideline profession. Beginning as a "gittar picker in a hillbilly band" in college, his desire to improve his folk music led to singing lessons, which eventually broadened to interest in musical comedy and opera.

He has been a soloist in various churches, has sung with the Houston Symphony Chorale, the Houston Summer Symphony, the Houston Grand Opera and partici-"Opera-in-thein their Schools" program. He has performed leading roles in several Gilbert and Sullivan Operettas, and played principal parts in several musical comedy productions at the now defunct Playhouse Theatre, and Theatre, Inc. He's an active participant in musical comedy and light opera for banquets, civic clubs, and country clubs, as well as our own Space City Ski Club.

In case you didn't recognize Frank in our '76 Follies as Kate Smith, he'll be appearing in "Yeoman of the Guard" July at Jones Hall.

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В	Sue Walker		526-6151

### vail

Eighty-four beautiful SCSC skiers left a stormy Houston to relax in the Alpine-setting of Vail, Colorado. Vail is a recreational mecca with skiing, dancing, tennis, bicycling, swimming, and accommodating weather. All trip participants seemed creative in finding new avenues of sport, including snowmobiling.

Jean Merritt was the "Hostess with the Mostest" tamales in Vail, as she wined and dined members with the aid of Pat McLaughlin's margaritas. Tommy Pizzatola left the parties smiling..he was bartender. Joe Cotrone ("with the help of Momma's recipes) proved to be a worthy host. After the Club parties, Vail prospered from the great outlays of cash for spirits. Night spots send a special thanks for their thriving economy to Mike Gay, Dewey Moore, and Steve Bayless. The Left Bank, a local restaurant, appreciated Steve Friedman and friends picking up a \$200 tab.

The most important ingredient for skiing, SNOW, was plentiful. Slope leaders on Get-Along were Jan Haima, Hall Wells, Sue Walker, Margarita Gomez, Debby Harris, Patti Walsh, Margaret Johnson and of course, Martha Ellis. Would someone like to explain to lan green and black trail markings have a different meaning? She led us over 50-foot moguls in her beginning class. The grand finale of our trip (besides the airport hijacking) was a 20-mile snowmobiling trip into the National Forest with lunch prepared at a rustic log cabin (the true meaning of rustic - the place had outhouses). Among the group lingering at the cookout long enough to build a snowman with unmentionable parts were Steve and Jane Friedman, Charlotte Sweeney, Barbara Bartlett, Doc., David Huntington and Pat Blair.

Back home again, Joe Cotrone treated the post-trip party to an interesting combination of chicken and popcorn.

### easter

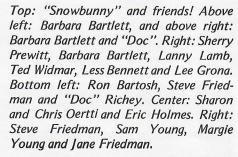
By Pat Blair

B.B.R. BLAIR'S BLATANT REMARKS: Steve Bayless likes abroad best (or was that a broad?). Barbara's asking "What's up, Doc?" ... Tom saying he was a Spaced City member (or was he spaced) ... Maurice playing doctor with little red pills ... Terry playing Backgammon to improve his skiing. .. Lee improving her indoor sport (Bridge, of course)...Bunny flying home to Charles ....Lanny dropping by...Eric and Martha taking a mattress survey ...lim's room requiring no maid attention...Diane kept asking "What are slopes?...Debby, Donna, Leslie, Shirley, Carole, Sherry, Cecile and Stephanie need a chaperone on their next trip with a respectable club...lessie slaloming rear side... James Jerry Les Barry, Craig, John, Mike, Pat, and Earl contributed to the low morals but high morale of the trip...Ted drinks and missed his plane...Judy snores...so does Jean..Brick Wall was there, so was Hal...Susan drinks...Dewey, Dan, Dennis and Stephanie are the quiet types, but only in public...John talks in his sleep...Margaret fading off into the sunset with a strange Aggie...David and I waiting patiently at Easter Sunrise Services for the group to show up...Valerie sleeps late...Barbara keeping cute companions...Keith is missing an article of clothing...Joe, what is a midnight toker?...Most of all, why did a hijacker pick our runway to create a disturbance?



















Greg Daneels, Bobbet Cross, Sandy Shires



Michele Hughen, Diane McLaughlan, and Frank Riesenberg



Marilyn Geller, Vanessa Vajdos, and John Scahill

### volunteer appreciation party '75-'76

photographs by pat mclaughlan

End of the year Hi-jinks!





Below: Ed Williams and Sharon Lord



SCSC NEWS

It happens every spring!
Congratulations to newlyweds:
Nita Hughen and Jim Butcher married May 14, 1976. And Saturday,
May 15, Maxine Mink and Sam
Livingston wed. And, believe it or
not, VP of Trips, Jim Benefield
married Anne Connard May 21,
1976.

Engaged: Nancy Sweeney and Miles Anderson are planning an August wedding.



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### texas ski council meeting

By Sy Liebergot

A most productive annual meeting of the Texas Ski Council (TSC) was held in Austin, Texas on April 24, 1976. It was attended by 29 people from seven clubs and representatives of Texas International Airlines, Continental Airlines, Lake Tahoe, Copper Mountain, and Park City. Jim Benefield, Sy Liebergot and Bob Olsen attended the meeting for Space City Ski Club. A highlight of the meeting occurred for SCSC when Bob Olsen, 1975-76 SCSC President was elected President of the Texas Ski Council.

Jack Dunn, outgoing TSC president, conveyed to the Council assurances by Crested Butte that the Bo Callaway investigation in no way has affected Crested Butte's financial stability and ability to fulfill all commitments to Texas Ski Week. Crested Butte was reaffirmed as the site of the 1977 Texas Ski Week.

The conduct of the 1976 races was discussed. Suggestions for improvement were 1) to decide the individual honors by a NASTAR Race and 2) the Club trophy by fun races. Also, an impartial race results committee should be appointed.

SCSC announced that they would not send a representative to the May RMD Convention since their association with RMD to date has not been productive. The TSC bylaws specify that "Texas Ski Council is an administrative division of the RMD of the USSA." Consideration was given to dropping TSC affiliation with RMD, but the Council was undecided on this point.

Elections for new officers were held with the following results:

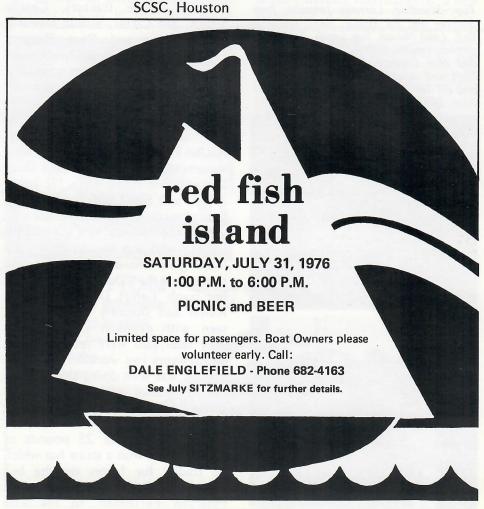
Austin

Congratulations were extended to the new officers and "well done" was expressed for outgoing officers:



President . . . . . . . . Jack Dunn
Austin
Vice President . . . . George Kolpin
Sno-Mad, Dallas
Secretary-Treasurer . . . . Jeanne Neu

1975-76 and 1976-77 Officers at TSC Meeting, left to right: Jack Dunn, George Kolpin, Jeanne Neu, Jerry Kearby, Nancy Pfluger, Jeff Nesrsta and Bob Olsen.



### Breauxbridge Crawfish Festival Trip





Top: Standing, Lorraine Johnson, Jack Spencer and Ed Taylor. Next: Dorothy Bell, Lana Nelson, Sue Smith, Tom Fitzpatrick, Virginia Kolter, Roy Nice (center) and Nan Delaney, lower right. Below: Duff and Angie Trimble, Layna Adams and Ed Taylor. Bottom: Judy Allen, Roy Nice, Lana Nelson and Sudy Blumenthal.





First of all, we all had a fantastic trip; good weather, good group, great food and drink excellent accomodations, propitious bus driver and favorable timing. What more can we say - just listen!

We got away on May 1st at 10:00 a.m. after picking up a last minute participant: Rachel Pabst. By last minute, we mean she got on the trip at 9:45 a.m. when 1 out of 44 did not show for the event. We understand she also made the Steamboat New Year's trip at the last minute, so anybody needing a great girl on your trip, or elsewhere, call Rachel.

On the way to Breaux Bridge and Crawfish Heaven, in the streets were the following SCSC people in various states: Pat McLaughlin, Ron Free, Ann Reinstruck, Jim Plummer (asleep on a tin roof and later on a John Deere tractor), Charlie Smith, Bill Carter, Wanda Edwards and Darlene and Dave Hargett.

Once in Breaux Bridge, we saw thousands of empty beer cans, few port-a-potties, and even less toilet paper. Sudy Blumenthal could not get the Sheriff's office to let her use their facilities, but Nan Delaney, Rachel Pabst and Ann Hatcher were successful. Guess that means three in one can is better than ??? Joyce Alford and Sue Smith waited three hours for crawfish and never got any.

Some of us saw "Luscious Linda" who was wandering around looking for the dance contest, and others saw the "Queen Crawfish" in her boob T-shirt (Wow!). Virginia Kolter and Dorothy Bell were last seen with drunken sailers, which they later said were really doctors and lawyers (we wonder!). Jennifer Fowler was seen doing the Scottish fertility dance with Jack Spencer while Ed Williams was out finding beer.

Roy Nice ate 25 pounds of crawfish and won a straw hat which he traded for favors on the bus home. During all this activity, Vic Peterson exclaimed to his wife

By Jack Spencer

that he "never saw such a mess in his life". Tom Fitzpatrick never made it to the bus to Lafayette from Breaux Bridge because he got into a Boray game - never said whether he won or lost and what he won or lost! John Thayer was seen involved with another couple on the street pavement, but only because the guy was drunk and the girl was beautiful.

Phillip Cooney and June Russel had a great time eating crawfish downtown while they watched Jim Frantz spending \$89.25 winning a red teddy bear for Carol Froelich, who obviously loves either Jim or just the bear.

Duff and Angie Trimble were celebrating their anniversary, and we heard they just watched Sy Liebergot, Ed Taylor, Judy Allen, Wayne Cook and Jane McCormick ride carnival rides. Layna Adams stayed out of trouble only because she was nursing a sore foot and Ed Taylor.

At Kitty's, a few of us met "Roy Beaver", a toothless old man with an ecological shirt about saving trees and eliminating beavers. Also at Kitty's were Jack Spencer, Lorraine Johnson, Sue Lackey, Dale Allbritton, Finn Runfalo and Pat Burchette. There we met Kitty and her daughter, "Super Half-Pint".

Pat Burchette should receive many "Thank Yous" for helping make the trip go as yours truly was out-of-town on business late in the planning stage. The Petersons generously have offered their home and pool for a post-trip party.

Opposite Page, Top: John "Easy" Thayer and street friends. Bottom: Willie and Louis Buhl, Jane McCormick and Wayne Cook.

## Bicycle Trip

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