

HAPPY



1975!

Sitzmanarkre

January 1975

# space city ski club

## 1974-1975

### executive

President . . . . Harry Gaston  
 Vice Presidents  
   Trips . . . . Tom Baldwin  
   Programs . . . Wayne Ahrens  
   Membership . . . Jeanne Neu  
   Publications . Diane Matthews  
 Secretary . . . . Linda Judge  
 Treasurer . . . . Bob Olsen

### directors

Jeanne Bridgman    Jerry Kearby  
 Jerry Chiles        Jerry Maley  
 Ron Crossman       Jim McIntyre  
 Jerry Goldberg       Jean Merritt  
 Jim Grassman       Kay Nevels



### sitzmarke outstanding ski club publication 1972-1973

Diane Matthews        Editor

Contributors  
 Bob Algeier  
 Ray Coker  
 Wayne Ahrens  
 Gar Bering  
 Sy Liebergot

Features

Peggy Adams  
 Bob Olsen

Apres Ski  
 Eatzmarke

The SITZMARKE is published monthly  
 by the SPACE CITY SKI CLUB.

Vol. No. 7, No. 8

JANUARY, 1975

## SKI MEETING

JANUARY 13, 1975

Monday - 7:30 P.M.

Sonny Look's SirLoin  
 Restaurant

South Loop West & So. Main

## programs

By Wayne Ahrens

The Program for the January Meeting will be a film on European skiing, provided courtesy of the Lufthansa German Airlines.

This month we will have a second Ice Skating Party at the Ice Haus in Town and Country Village. Check for the Reservation Sheet.

## swap shop

Two pair of boots: Lange Pro, size 7; Rosemount, size 8.  
 Women's ski clothes, size 12.  
 Call Dr. C. L. Smale, 482-1562.

Men's black Coflach Ski Boots, size 11-N, call R. O. Clifton, ph. 524-9722 (home) or 220-4477, (office).

Please contact Pat Vigeon  
 (phone 626-1712 or 783-3800)



## cover

Two officers are missing from the cover photo because *some-one* had to hold down the fort while all of this fun and frivolity was taking place!

# calendar of events

January 13        Regular Meeting

January 3-10        Vail Trip

January 15-19        Steamboat  
                          Springs Trip  
                          TEXAS SKI WEEK



January 21        Ice Skating Party

January 24-February 1        Aspen  
                          Trip



## committee chairmen

Liftliner  
 Joan McInnis

Drink Tickets  
 Annamaria Townsend &  
 Joyce Sergeant

Pins, Patches & Decals  
 Wayne Cook

RMD Membership  
 Kay Nevels

## APPLICATIONS

Singles . . . . . 747

Married . . . . . 400

TOTAL . . . . . 1,147

# winter park II



As you know by now, the Winter Park trip scheduled to leave December 11 had to be cancelled due to no snow.

But, by popular demand, Winter Park II has been scheduled for February 19-23, 1975 at the unbeatable low cost of \$178.00.

We leave Houston on flight 989 at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday, February 19, 1975 via Contin-

ental Airlines and will arrive at the luxurious Meadow Ridge Condominiums approximately 8:30 p.m., after a short hour and half bus ride. Plenty of time for a wine and fondue party that night!

Forty-four lucky skiers will be able to experience this "never before visited" area. Be prepared to tackle the third largest ski mountain in Colorado, covering 3 mountain faces - on 33 runs and 9 lifts with a capacity of 10,000 skiers per hour - one of the largest in the world.

There are steep, twisting expert slopes that have challenged the nation's top ski racers, wide intermediate slopes groomed soft and smooth, and plenty of gently winding beginner paths.

We will enjoy 4 full days of skiing, two wine and cheese parties, and a cocktail party! Apres ski activities include sleigh riding, ice skating, snowmobiling, ski touring, and tube

sledding on a lighted slope near the condominiums.

Sunday, February 23rd at 4:00 p.m., we will board our bus for Denver to catch the 7:25 flight to Houston. We will arrive Houston Intercontinental Airport at 10:20 p.m.

Don't wait, sign up NOW!

**FEBRUARY 19-23    \$178.00**

**Trip Chairman:**

**Ray Coker**  
6311 Heatherbrook, 77045  
Hm.: 729-3576/ off. 923-2161  
ext. 287

**Assistant Chairman:**

**Judy Allen**  
3771 Jardin, 77005  
Hm.: 668-2739/ off.: 227-3025



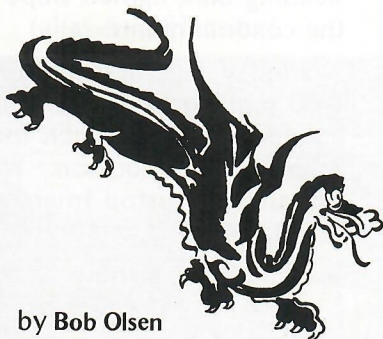
**Some stores  
have all  
the fun!®**

**OSHMAN'S**

Your headquarters  
for the latest in  
fine ski apparel

**Post Oak Store**

2131 S. POST OAK  
Phone 622-4970



by Bob Olsen

Houston has enough Chinese Restaurants to fill a small Chinatown. The June 1974 Yellow Pages Restaurant Guide lists 39. Fortunately, they are not isolated in one section of town but are conveniently located all over the city.

Convenient before or after Ski Club meetings is LEE'S DEN, 8100 So. Main. The menu, decor and service are all standard Chinese restaurant. However, the food is consistently well above average.

Closer to downtown, but still on So. Main (at 6638) is the CATHAY HOUSE. Again, standard menu and service. However, on Sunday evening, they have something special for big eaters: all you can eat buffet for \$4.25. Fill up on everything from tasty spare ribs and egg rolls to a large choice of entrees including shrimp in lobster sauce, chow mein, egg foo young, moo goo gai pan (chicken) and other favorites.

TIN TIN CAFE at Elgin and Milam gets my vote for best prices and excellent food. Combination plates - crispy egg roll, fried rice and choice of a half dozen good entrees are in the \$2.25 to \$3.50 range. Tin Tin is small, very casual, open late (until midnight on weekends) and very good. Try the sweet and sour pork!

The *VERY BEST* in Houston that I have experienced is the CHINA GARDEN, 1119 Jackson at Dallas. From this improbable location comes an incredible menu for true Chinese food lovers. We tried the combination shrimp, chicken and abalone with straw mushrooms ((\$5.50) and the roast duck (\$4.95). Each was

superbly prepared and attractively served. Among the seventy other selections on the menu are classic delicacies like Bird Nest Soup (\$8.25), Shark Fin Soup (\$8.75), Frog Legs with Bean Sauce (\$4.50), Curry Beef (\$4.25) and Szechuan Cabbage and Shredded Pork (\$3.95).

Worth mentioning, if only because they are way below par, are BO-BO's, 7964 Westheimer and HOE-SAI-GAI, San Felipe and Post Oak. Watch the special Chinese Wine at Bo-Bo's . . . it comes from France at a premium price. Food preparation at both places tends to rank with Chun King canned foods . . . lifeless. Hoe-Sai-Gai also manages to have dirty menus, an accumulation of filth behind the foyer cigarette machine and trailer home decor.

When looking for Chinese food in Westheimer area, try the CHINA PALACE at Westheimer and Sage (good \$2.45 lunch buffet) or SOUTH SEA RESTAURANT, 6615 Chimney Rock (tiny family operated friendly place). Each has well prepared food at reasonable prices.



ASPEN has more restaurants than the gullet or wallet of the most aspiring skier can stand during a one week stay. Most eating places in Aspen are crowded (make reservations where and when possible). Not all are expensive although some are overpriced. All do offer a hearty meal after a long day on the slopes. The following is intended to help get your palate and your wallet through the week.

## CHEAPY BUT GOODYS . . .

\* Little Annie's - 517 E. Hymen, close to the condominiums, always good for a drink. Great country style barbeque ribs, chicken. New last year . . . crowded, small, carousing fun.

\* The Shaft - downtown, old standard for good barbeque.

\* Jakes - 209 S. Galena - steaks,

and entertainment.

\* Cooper Street - try the hamburgers.

## CHEAPY BUT NOT SO GOOD . . .

\* Red Onion (bar side) mediocre food, service, prices.

\* Pinnocchio's (Cooper St.) pizza, etc. Long lines, spotty quality on food and service, till 11 p.m.

## BEST BETS . . .

\* Pomegranate Inn - Country Inn between Aspen and Snowmass - great prime rib and king crab, salad bar.

\* Crystal Palace - good, but not great, continental menu with a must see cabaret show by the waiters and waitresses. Reservations usually needed well in advance . . . try the early seating.

\* Al Aban - North African food: couscous, lamb kabobs and unique soups in cozy, eat on low table atmosphere.

\* Sayat Nova - Armenian food. Highly recommended for something different - not much atmosphere in the old hotel.

## GOOD BETS . . .

\* Mother Lode and Don Giovanni - Italian.

\* Galena Street - try the veal and/or escargot.

\* Time Out - new this year (replaces the old Blue Moose) in the Mountain Plaza.

\* Toros - for those who get homesick for Mexican food.

\* Steak Pit and Chart House - regular favorites for good steaks.

\* Andre's - basic good food and drink; different breakfasts and lunches including quiche lorraine.

\* Mine Co. - one of the few places serving fondue.

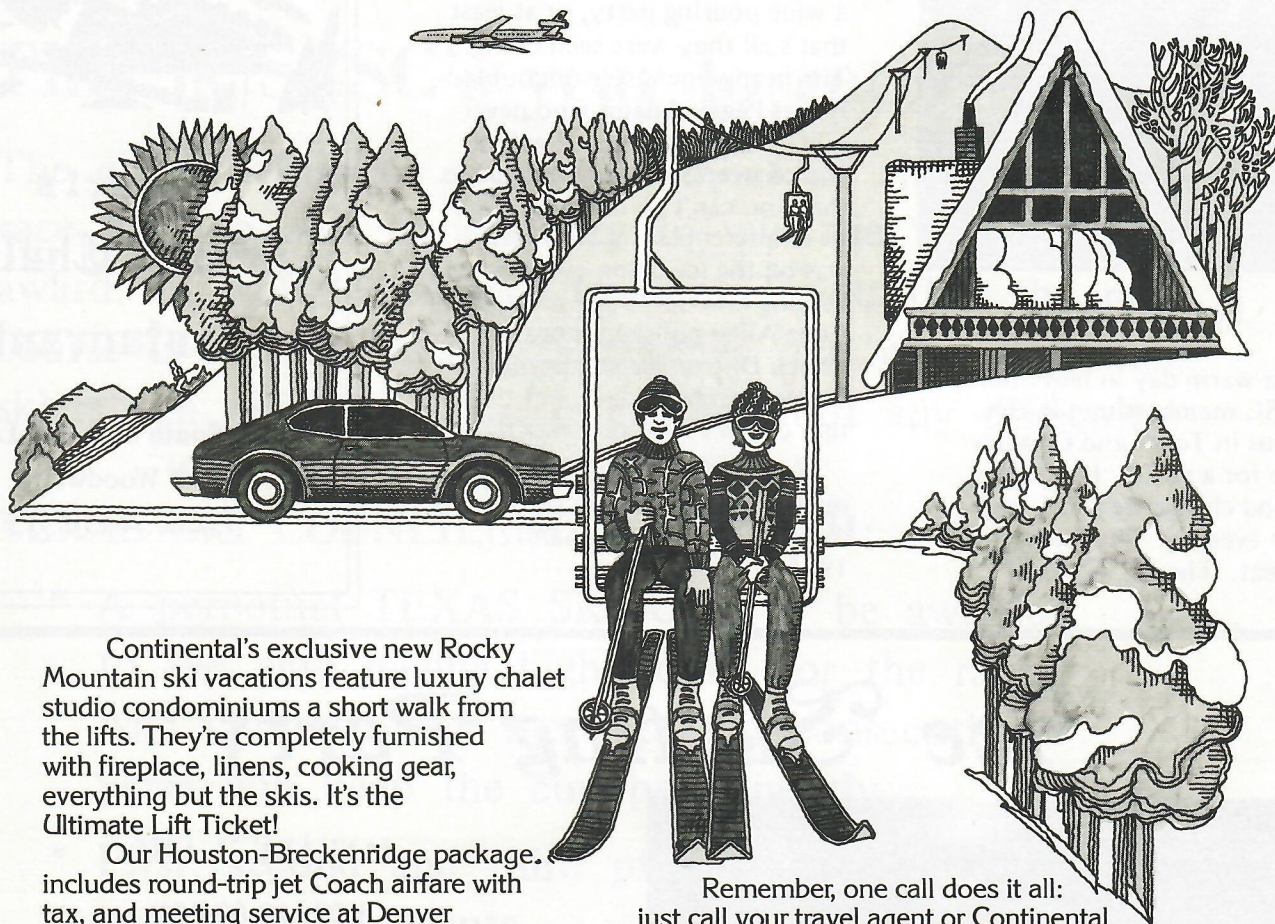
## OVERRATED . . .

\* Golden Barrel - good but not up to the prices.

\* Copper Kettle - good food, high prices; excellent reputation seems to be tarnished by a decline in the uniqueness of this highly regarded "institution".

Much of the above information on Aspen is second hand or based on visits last year; hence, you are still on your own!

# Only Continental gets you a flight, a chalet, a car, and lifts for \$264.



Continental's exclusive new Rocky Mountain ski vacations feature luxury chalet studio condominiums a short walk from the lifts. They're completely furnished with fireplace, linens, cooking gear, everything but the skis. It's the Ultimate Lift Ticket!

Our Houston-Breckenridge package includes round-trip jet Coach airfare with tax, and meeting service at Denver Airport. Seven nights lodging, seven days skierized rental car, and three days lift tickets. Plus immediate confirmation of the whole package.

We have larger chalets available with one to three bedrooms for two to six people. And similarly-priced packages at Vail, Snowmass/Aspen, Copper Mountain, and Steamboat. Of course, you can charge the whole thing on Continental's Let Yourself Go card.

All prices per person double occupancy, with state and local room and car taxes additional. Rental-car gas and mileage extra; driver must be 21 or over.

Remember, one call does it all:  
just call your travel agent or Continental  
at 524-4711. And start packing!

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES SIT  
P.O. Box 4187, North Hollywood, Calif. 91607

I want to get in on the ground floor of that ski chalet package. Please tell me more about the Ultimate Lift Ticket program.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ My travel agent is \_\_\_\_\_

We really move our tail for you.  
**CONTINENTAL AIRLINES**

The Proud Bird with the Golden Tail.



# ice skating party



by Wayne Ahrens

On a warm day in November, 80 SCSC members met at the Ice Haus in Town and Country Village for a party. Ice skating, wine and cheese were the menu for the evening. The ice skating was great. The ice was kept

smooth by sliding behinds. There was a variety of cheeses and wines, BUT a terrible sadness befell us; we ran out of wine. Gene Allen was sent for more with instructions to buy some wine just a little cheaper than Ripple. Don't ever send Gene for wine! Just ask him what kind he brought back.

Half of the people thought it was a wine pouring party, or at least that's all they were seen doing. The head wine taster undoubtedly was Peggy Adams who never quite made it to the ice with a cup of wine and everyone knows that you can't go on the ice with an empty cup. Jim McIntyre was on the ice often - with Ann helping him up. But I must say Gene Allen polished more ice. Chuck Dutton ice skates much better than he canoes, but then that doesn't take very much.

If you missed this party, you really blew it, but you get a second chance on January 21, 1975.



**Albert's  
Swiss Chalet  
Restaurant**

**511 South Post Oak Lane,  
Off Woodway  
Phone: 621-3333**

## Ice Skating Party



JANUARY 21, 1975

8:00 - 10:00 P.M.

Ice Skating at The Ice Haus with a  
Wine Party!

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRY JANUARY 17. YOU MUST  
MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS IN ADVANCE.**

Fill out the form and send with \$2.00 to:

**WAYNE AHRENS  
9006 Imogene  
Houston, Texas 77036**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

☐

MEMBER

☐

NON-MEMBER



# THIS WINTER, THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS GO ON SALE.

We're not selling mountain real estate. But we are offering the next best thing. Texas International's own winter vacation tours.

We're taking Houston's skiers and other winter vacationers to the whitest snows, choicest slopes and liveliest resorts in the Rockies. All at bargain prices and on the most convenient flight schedules. So don't miss out on our sale.

**\$228\***

## **Aspen/Snowmass Ski Spree.** 6 days/7 nights.

These are slopes for beginners and champions alike. Our price includes Houston-Denver round-trip airfare (with free ski bags and no extra luggage charge for equipment). Seven nights' lodging at a choice of hotels. And 6 days' skiing at any of four world-famous Aspen ski areas; Aspen Mountain, Aspen Highlands, Buttermilk/Tiehack, and Snowmass. Your "Bonus Book" contains discounts on a variety of goods and

services throughout the resort. And your ground transportation between your lodge and all four Aspen ski areas is free.

**\$248\***

## **Vail Ski Bonanza.** 6 days/7 nights.

Our price to this "Alpine" village in the Rockies includes Houston-Denver round-trip airfare (plus free ski bags and no extra luggage charge for equipment). Seven nights' lodging at a choice of hotels. And 6 lift tickets for skiing some of Colorado's best slopes.

**\$310\***

## **Utah Ski Holiday.** 7 days/7 nights.

Ten ski areas offer a great variety of slopes. Our price includes a welcome at the airport and transfer to a choice of Salt Lake City hotels for 7 nights' lodging. Hot breakfast every morning. A "Bonus Book" good for discounts on local equipment rental and entertainment. And seven lift tickets good at any

of the 10 nearby ski areas.

For tour reservations, call your travel agent today. Or call Texas International at 224-6833. Elsewhere in Texas call toll free (800) 482-8200. (We'll even tell you snow conditions at each resort any time you want to know.)

Texas  
International  
Airlines  
Tour Department  
P.O. Box 60188  
Houston, Texas 77060

I'm ready for my bargain-priced winter vacation. Please send me specific information on the following tours.

☐ Aspen/Snowmass Ski Spree  
☐ Vail Ski Bonanza ☐ Utah Ski Holiday.

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

**Texas International  
Airlines**   
We know the territory.

*\*Prices are per person based upon double occupancy in hotels and are subject to change without notice. Does not include transportation between Denver and Aspen or Vail.*



1974-5 Tri

Chairman: JOE MURPHY 781-3808  
 Assistant: MARIAN JANDA 681-7919

Chairman: RUSSEL SMITH 781-9449  
 Assistant: RUTH ROY 465-9253

J  
A  
N

3

USSA SKI WEEK

J  
A  
N1  
0

SKI 7 DAYS

\$266

J  
A  
N1  
5

TEXAS SKI WEEK

J  
A  
N1  
9

SKI 5 DAYS

\$189

SKI 8 DAYS

\$255



TRADITIONAL TRIP

Chairman: DONNA DAVIS 782-8792  
 Assistant: JIM NEWLIN 748-4307

J  
A  
N2  
4F  
E  
B

1

F  
E  
B1  
3F  
E  
B1  
7

SKI 4 DAYS

\$188

THREE  
MOUNTAINS

breckenridge



Chairman: DONNA HAHUS 667-5417  
 Assistant: DUFF TRIMBLE 497-2969

# p Schedule

Chairman: RAY COKER  
Assistant: JUDY ALLEN

729-3576  
668-2739



## winter park II

SKI 4 DAYS

\$174

Chairman: JANET PICKELL  
Assistant: GLENN RIEGER

723-4992  
477-5894

## Lake Tahoe, Nevada

*NIGHT IN  
SAN FRANCISCO*

SKI 6 DAYS

\$300

SKI 7 DAYS

\$240

*TWO NEW AREAS*

## Purgatory - Telluride

Chairman: BOB PETNER  
Assistant: ANN CORNISH

926-4703  
661-4593



AT EASTER

Chairman: LAURA CALLIHAN  
Assistant: JIM BENEFIELD

495-2207  
626-0150

F  
E  
B

1  
9

F  
E  
B

2  
3

M  
A  
R

1  
4

M  
A  
R

2  
2

M  
A  
R

1

M  
A  
R

9

M  
A  
R

2  
6

M  
A  
R

3  
0

# *the rest of the civilized world*

## *General Comments:*

I could probably comment on European toilet customs and differences for an hour; but the coarseness of the toilet tissue has made this a very sore subject. Couple of things I will say - I wish they'd make up their minds on what side of the sink the hot water faucet belongs; most of the time it was on the right. I did not like walking down the hall to the WC or ordering a bath (which cost \$1-\$2 extra).

- \* Boots and midis are the fashion here.

- \* People smile a lot.

- \* No one minds taking their dogs into hotels and restaurants. What worried me was all those table legs.

- \* The cost of living is at least as high (and sometimes higher) than in the U.S. There are no more bargains overseas.

- \* Continental breakfasts are sadistic tools of the bakers of the world.

- \* Never had a bad liter of beer, anywhere.

- \* Money exchanging - at one point, I really got shell-shocked when I discovered I had in my pockets: rubles and kopeks, Austrian schillings and pfennigs, German marks and pfennigs, Swiss francs and centimes, Spanish pasetas, and good old dollars.

- \* Mealtime in a country where you don't speak the language is pretty adventuresome as well as sporting. You never really are sure what you ordered if the waiter speaks no English. For example, we went to a Hungarian restaurant in Vienna called "Csárdósfürstin" where I confidently ordered (now get this) "Schweinsmedaillons in Madeira Gemüßereis" (sliced pork and rice). Another time I ordered an exotic sounding German dish and it turned out to be stuffed bell pepper.

## **Vienna, Austria**

A TASTE OF HONEY (continued from December, 1974 SITZMARKE)

by Sy Liebergot

### *Happiness is:*

- \* Eating lettuce again (on the plane from Moscow).

- \* Landing in Vienna.

- \* Seeing smiling, animated people.

Only spent two nights and a day here and the only way to describe the extent of our sight-seeing in this short time is that we "raped" the city.

- \* Vienna is gorgeous.

- \* The car trip through Austria (with a stop in Salzburg) cannot be conveyed in words. This is the way to really see a country.

### **Munich, Germany**

Spent only one day and two nights here, but managed to rape this city also, sightseeing and taking pictures. Highlight was attending the real Oktoberfest (sit down New Braunfels!). Seeing is believing. The main celebrating is done til 10:30 p.m. each day for 16 days at a fair grounds called Oktoberfest Meadow. Along with all the multitudinous carnival rides are at least 10 beer halls into which a band and 5000 beer drinkers can be stuffed and each night the beer halls are completely filled.

- \* Melancholy is ducking into the last beer hall while the band strikes up the last song, and it's "Stars and Stripes Forever".

- \* Fear is riding the roller coaster after drinking several liters of beer.

- \* Amazement is being able to say we drove from Munich to Garmisch to Schwangau to Leichtenstein to Zurich to Bern in a day and a half! (phew!)

- \* Seeing crazy King Ludwig's Castle Neuschwanstein

in Schwangau, Germany is a must if you want to see your basic modern castle.

### **Austria again:**

Apprehension is driving through the "dreaded" Arlberg Pass (similar to Loveland Pass, pre-tunnel days) and it's snowing to a whiteout and you realize you failed to ask the rental agent in Vienna for chains.

- \* Lichtenstein is only six miles wide so we raped the entire country. Of principal interest was the Prince's castle in Vaduz.

### **Madrid, Spain**

Traffic congestion was everywhere, the noise deafening and at times the vehicle exhaust choking.

- \* Managed to rape this city as well in two days and three nights.

- \* Bought a sword (Hail, el Cid!)

- \* I'll remember the cafe Coral Morerilla and the flamenco dancers.

- \* San Miquel beer (from Malaga) is good beer.

- \* Fulfillment is going into a Spanish music store, tuning up a Spanish guitar and playing an old Spanish love song.

- \* Surprise is arriving at the Madrid airport two hours early only to discover the country went back to standard time during the night and now we were three hours early.

- \* Relief is opening the door of my apartment and realizing I belonged there.

Wishing won't do it. . . I just wish I could have spent more time in Austria, Germany and Spain, but on such a brief trip one can experience only surface impressions . . . *just a taste of honey.*

P.S. Yes, I took plenty of pictures (432)!

---

---

# DON'T

## LET THE CUP GET AWAY!

### This is SCSC's year to retire the cup

The club having the greatest number of entrants to finish race has the best opportunity to win the TEXAS SKI CUP award. I would also like to remind you that the race course is located in such a manner that even beginning skiers can get to the finish line without any difficulty.

#### TEXAS SKI COUNCIL WILL FURNISH:

- \* A perpetual TEXAS SKI CUP to be awarded to the club having high points for the race. Any club winning the cup two consecutive years will keep the cup permanently.
- \* First, second and third place trophies for men's and women's events.
- \* High point leader trophies for men's and women's events.
- \* Each entrant to finish race will receive a Texas ski race certificate.
- \* Wine and cheese party at the finish line.
- \* Awards party.

PLEASE CONTACT FINN RUNFALO, 1975 RACE CHAIRMAN FOR FURTHER INFORMATION,  
Phone 785-2905.

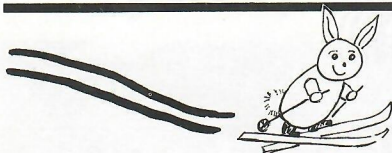
---

---

---

# apres ski

By Peggy Adams



Read it and weep, girls. Another long time SCSC bachelor has bit the dust. **Jim Knox** and soon to be **Monique Knox** will be married sometime in April. Congratulations!

**Laura Callihan** (Trip Chair-man for the Vail Easter Trip) was married to **Jim Shaw**, a Texas International Representative the morning of November 28, just before the Salt Lake City, Utah trip. Another congratulations!

**Halene and Ron Crossman** and **Scott and Maureen Granlund** are both preparing nurseries for new arrivals expected in July and June. This past fall certainly has been productive.

Word has it that **Bob Allgeier**, Chairman of the Utah Thanksgiving trip did a great job in spite of Acts of God and TI on strike. Bob gets a big "E" for effort.

Speaking of trips, Steamboat Trip Chairman **Ed Chambliss**, held his pretrip party at the newly opened Steamboat Springs Club. Ed has recently gone to work for LTV Corporation, who are the developers of Steamboat Springs. Ed is the Steamboat Springs Trip Chairman, he works for the Steamboat developers and had the pre-trip party at Steamboat Springs Club. Which came first, Ed, the chicken or the egg?

If you haven't tried Steamboat Springs Club (behind Joske's parking lot on Alabama) you might enjoy it. The theme is strictly skiing. Dress casually, wear your ski sweaters, and enjoy a ski oriented evening.

Some of our members are

headed home for the holidays. **Nancy Sweeney** went to Wichita Falls over Thanksgiving and **Marilyn Todd** went to Stillwell, Oklahoma for Christmas. There's no place like home for the holidays.

**Karen Brady** left January 2 for London, where she is employed by Milchem. What a way to start the new year.

Also, we hear there were a few casualties on the Steamboat Springs trip. What kind of parties were you guys having up there?

May I wish each and every one of you a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Don't forget! If you have any news for this column, give me a call at 783-2708 (after 5:00 p.m.)



**WIN in VEGAS**

SIMPLE! POWERFUL! COMPUTER TESTED!

System kits for dice & roulette include detailed instructions & apparatus for home practice. Each kit \$3.95 or both kits \$6.95. Satisfaction Guaranteed or return within 10 days for immediate cash refund.

PW PRODUCTS BOX 35271  
HOUSTON, TEX. 77035 Free Details Available

# markemaker



**Joan McGinnis** was asked and accepted the job as Head of the SCSC Liftliners because she loves to talk to people. She has worked as a tour guide at NASA telling millions about the wonders of our Space Center and now she is telling more people about the wonders of Space City Ski Club.

Joan was born in San Antonio, grew up in Colorado and has lived with her two girls (14 and 12) in other countries such as Canada and Puerto Rico.

Scuba diving, horseback riding, and attending little League soccer games claim a great deal of Joan's time, not to mention her present job as assistant to Dr. Eastwood, Vice President of the Texas Medical Center, and trying to get people to sign up as Liftliners. Those of you who are interested in helping SCSC visitors get over those first few awkward minutes, please contact Joan at 332-4042.

## HANSON Exhibitionist.

Really Shows IT'S Thing



- Custom Wax Fit
- Flex Adjustment
- Seamless Liner
- Rear Entry
- Complete Comfort

**J. RICH SPORTS Ltd.**

2367 Rice Blvd.  
529-8767

the Galleria  
626-3650

HOUSTON

# SKI TOURING : CLOTHING AND WAXING

by Gar Bering

This month's article will try to explain why the tourer must pay more attention to his clothes and waxing than the Alpine skier.

The essential purpose of clothing is to keep you warm. This paleolithic platitude is vital to the ski tourer because he is often many miles from the nearest shelter, and warmth can take many hours to reach. Death by hypothermia is not uncommon among unprepared wilderness adventurers. Since it is much easier to stay warm than to get warm once cold, careful attention to your clothing can save your life.

The most prevalent coolant in the winter environment is water, so the best clothing is that which keeps you as dry as possible and stays warm when wet. There are two sources of water you have to contend with, the environment and perspiration. It is important not to get too hot and sweaty while skiing, so wear lots of adjustable layers rather than a few thick garments. Keep them adjusted for maximum comfort to avoid perspiration build-up in your clothing.

You should always have waterproof outer garments with you in case of snow or rain, but realize that you are likely to get a little wet ski touring despite all your efforts. The fiber that stays warmest when wet is wool. Clothes keep you warm by surrounding you with warm, dry dead air. Wool does this even when wet. Down, the best insulation when dry, becomes a mass of soggy, useless feathers if allowed to get wet. At least one upper and one lower garment should be at least 70% wool.

You should always carry dry socks, extra dry mittens, a hat, and a heavy, dry upper garment in your sack. Even on days that

start out sunny, you never know when you are going to need extra warmth.

A word of warning. A lot of companies are now marketing snappy stretch synthetic fabric touring suits. These have very limited insulation value. They should only be worn when racing, skiing in a controlled resort area, or carrying plenty of extra warm clothes in your sack. Out touring, there are very few BP to watch. Fashion can be fatal.

Waxing is essential to enjoying ski touring. Your wax, of course, provides your interaction with the snow. If it is too slippery, you have no "kick" and can make very little forward progress. It is too sticky, you have no "glide" and the results are similar. Waxing has always been considered arcane, which

has kept many people out of the sport. The truth is, waxing is very simple. The key is to pick one brand, buy their introductory kit, and follow their directions.

Skis are waxed to protect the bases and to provide grip and glide. The wax should be soft enough that the crystals of the snow penetrate when the ski is kicked, and hard enough to glide easily when it is slid.

Before use, a wood base ski must be properly base-waxed. This protects the wood and binds the running wax to the ski. Commercial preparations are available, but plain pine tar will do as well. Apply the tar to a clean ski with a rag, heat with a torch until the tar bubbles, and wipe off excess. Be careful not to scorch the skis or yourself. This procedure is messy, and best done in the garage. It may provoke some interesting commentary here in Houston.

World Championship results last year indicate that the plastic bottom ski has been perfected. The kind I prefer to has a smooth plastic base which still requires running wax, but no base wax. Avoid the so-called no-wax plastic bottom skis. These are tiring to use and do not give a satisfactory skiing experience.

Selecting the best running wax does require experience, but many manufacturers provide selection charts which are for the most part adequate. Three cardinal rules should be remembered: 1) if in doubt, put on the colder harder wax of the two you are trying to choose between first. 2) Use many thin layers instead of thick ones. 3) Klisters (soft, gooey waxes) should not go in the grooves. Grooves should be waxed with hard wax only.

**\*The  
Right Advice  
About The  
Right Wine  
For The  
Right Occasion  
From The  
Right Place!**



**CELLARMASTER**  
• 3207 FONDREN •

by Bob Allgeier  
(alias Axel Hausing)



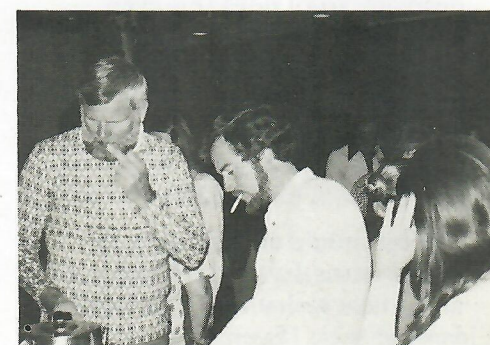
The storm clouds on the horizon two days before departure weren't full of snow. They were full of apprehension about the Texas International Airlines strike then in its first days. It could have ruined the trip like a frog-strangling rainstorm on a barbeque day. But it didn't. And it didn't snow either, except for a small flurry the first night. **Bob Olsen**, club treasurer, claims responsibility for that little dab of snow due to his widely known Combination Utah Indian Snow Dance and Cow Patty Stomp. It apparently works but obviously has tumble bugs in it.

We left Houston a couple of hours late (but got there), arrived without luggage for several people (later found), had thieves in the hotel (insured?) skied our fool heads off all day every day (great), and left Salt Lake five hours late with free supper and "mix" for our bar-at-the-gate under our belts (we got back). Just in the nick of time, too. T.I. shut down operations right behind us.

What to say about the good times? The buses this year were on time and comfortable, the Travelodge was extremely comfortable and appreciated our business. They threw in free party rooms, a free wine and cheese party which ran to dips and about 12 gallons of hot wine. They have an 'in-house' liquor store and really good restaurant with a 13 story view of the Rockies.

**Keith Eastin** (alias Stein Smith) was caught playing hearts with jokers in the deck while **Ted Widmer** was losing coffee cups. **Eugene Degner** like the hillside wine and cheese party so well he literally threw himself into it. **Dale Allbritton** got it all on film - a kinematic snow angel in 3+ feet of snow.

Who could but chuckle watching **Sy Liebergot** (alias Gunter Grunt) show **Anne Hatcher** the operation of a spiffy new ski locker at Snowbird. Gunter very





*\*he's the one who started the fad of bike horns on the ski poles. eech!*

carefully locked up empty air. Anne thinks Gunter is kind of dumb. This, all while Dave Nagle forgot to get off the lift being engrossed in the trail map. He dove off at the last minute and found his snow bank. Luggage problems were mentioned above and Ron Free had about the worst of it. There is a rumor that in addition to several tight fitting sweaters, Ron borrowed a pair of panty hose. But no one really believes that. Its too preposterous.

In the kudos and congratulations department, let us render heartfelt thanks to:

**\*Kathy Hoffmaster** and her lazy assistants for smoked turkey on Thanksgiving Day and at the party that night.

**\*Ed Williams, Monique Guentensperger, Dale Allbritton** (alias Albert) et al, for planning the hillside party.

**\*Karen Brady and Bob Olsen** for all that work on the Saturday night cocktail spread.

**\*Greg Thompson and Gunter Grunt** for helping everywhere.

**\*and finally, my assistant Lee Grona**, who was magnificent planning, doing, tying up loose ends, etc. Great!!

We had a few injuries. John Gay's cut up front paw was probably the worst but he skied anyway. Dvoska says better than before. Darlene Hargett, Susan Ragland (ouch), and the lovely Mrs. Charlie Sheedy may recover and at least Barbara O'Neal is breathing normally at sea level. Thanks, Barbara, for the show! It's always nice to be met at the airport! (With a screaming ambulance and a contingent of the Utah National Guard in full battle dress??) Seriously, we're glad you're O.K. I mean, how bad can a headache really be?

As should be obvious by now, we all enjoyed ourselves. Some runs were great, others just fair.

I'm impressed by the wonderful people in the club. Thanks for making it a terrific kick-off for the season.

S  
A  
L  
T

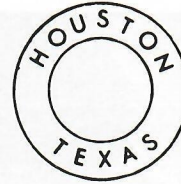
L  
A  
K  
E

C  
I  
T  
Y

'74



SPACE CITY SKI CLUB  
P. O. Box 22567  
Houston, Texas 77027



FIRST CLASS MAIL  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID .20¢  
PERMIT NO. 9036

**FIRST CLASS MAIL**

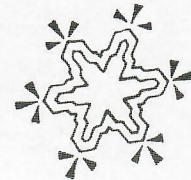
DATED MATTER

**sitzmarke**

---



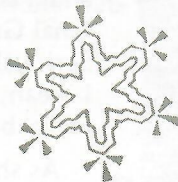
*Language is a wonderful thing.*



*It can be used to express our thoughts,*



*to conceal our thoughts,*



*or to replace thinking.*

