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# space city ski club

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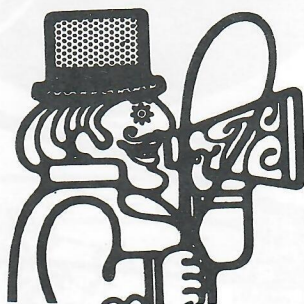
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### MEMBERSHIP

End of Month - November 1975

Singles.....	811
Married.....	348
TOTAL.....	1,159

### MEMBERSHIP CARDS

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:

Sy Liebergot — Ph. 869-0291

# head of the lift line



By Bob Olsen

During your ski travels this winter, you will come across **NEW IDEAS** for future Club trips. Please

make a note of the things you liked about a ski area, lodge or local transportation and pass this information on to one of our officers. It seems impossible but, your Executive Committee is already at work on the 1976-1977 ski season. Your suggestions **NOW** will help in the future.

The process of selecting **FUTURE CLUB OFFICERS** also begins with the ski season barely underway. A **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** will be appointed within the next few weeks and charged with responsibility for proposing a slate of officers for 1976-1977. Please let me know if you are interested in serving on this Committee.

One more committee seems warranted: a **NOISE POLLUTION COMMITTEE**. The noise level at meetings from discourteous members is both embarrassing and un-

necessary. **EVERY CLUB MEMBER WHO ATTENDS A MEETING IS HEREBY APPOINTED TO THE NOISE POLLUTION COMMITTEE.**

Will anyone with knowledge of **BUS COMPANY OPERATIONS, REGULATION** or **FINANCING** please contact me. Our biggest problem this year has been arranging airport to ski area ground transportation. We would like to explore how Club purchasing power and financial strength can alleviate this problem.

**ON BEHALF OF YOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, I WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE THE VERY MERRIEST OF HOLIDAY SEASONS, THE SNOWIEST OF SKI SEASONS AND ONE HELL OF A NEW YEAR!**

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or see any SCSC Officer at the December Meeting.

## also

**SCSC needs to sell existing speaker equipment.** Call Bob Olsen and make an offer. Phone 524-2730.

# november meeting

By Sy Liebergot

Guess what, folks . . . 521 people remembered that the November meeting was on Wednesday instead of Monday. They were greeted and processed into the meeting by my able volunteer help consisting of: Mary Riley, Jean Crabtree, Leona Allen, Stafford Davis, Red Griffin, Barbara Rickets, Maureen Webb, Tricia Webster, Jane Weaver and Carol Weise.

Jeanne Neu's small army of lift-liners held the mob at bay until the 7:30 opening bell, as well as making the new members and guests welcome inside. Lift-liners Tom

double duty by also working the membership tables.

In charge of inebriation, i.e., selling drink tickets were Jill Beaman, Nancy Scott, Ron Hartberger, and Tom Machen, ably co-ordinated by Jane Gustafson.

Pins, patches and decals sales were handled by regulars Jane McCormick and Catherine Porter.

Harry Gaston, Gar Bering and Bob Marwin manned the RMD membership table and will continue to do so. Please contact them for a membership application.

Layna Adams' program had a touch of uniqueness with the Utah Ski Representatives presented by Texas International Airlines demonstrating ski technique on the "suicide ramp" designed by Ed Taylor constructed by Wayne Cook.

to Thad Birdwell, Manager Post Oak Romana Cafeteria Ivina Campbell, Manager, II, Three Fountains Apart-

ments, for the carpeting used to hide the inner workings of the ramp. Locked In Sports was represented by Ruth Roy's and Bob Russell's binding demonstration.

Last, but not least, audio specialists Ernie Howerton and Ray Coker were hard at work to improve the hearing situation. It should be even better next meeting.

If you count 'em, you'll find that there were 40 volunteers to help run the November meeting. And smooth it was! Thanks, everyone!

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# markemaker

by Ann Cornish



**ADRIANNE LEWIS**

Our own Space City songbird is now singing semi-professionally! You may remember pretty, talented **ADRIANNE LEWIS** as a pregnant skier singing "Yesterday" from a past Spring Follies skit. Since that whimsical performance, she has sung in the chorus of TOTS productions, "Sound of Music" and "Most Happy Fella". She has

also appeared at the Lakeside Country Club and this holiday season has several party engagements.

Adrienne is often seen at Ski Club meetings wearing a charm around her neck inscribed with the title of her theme song "Make Somebody Happy". This receives lots of smiles from guys at Ski Club who notice her charm. Adrienne takes all of the wise cracks good naturedly, but nonetheless, the thought behind that theme song is real. She has sung for the pediatric ward at M.D. Anderson Hospital, the spinal cord injury ward at the V.A. Hospital and for various religious and non-profit organizations. Giving her talent extensively in these areas has indeed "made somebody happy".

Interest in music began as a little girl for Adrienne, but really got underway when she met Mrs. Chris (Katy) Dixie, co-ordinator of the music therapy program at M.D. Anderson. Upon hearing Adrienne sing, this dedicated woman offered to take Adrienne on as a student

and has given her all of her lessons gratis. That was three years ago. Adrienne is still taking lessons from Mrs. Dixie and has also begun to study with another talented pianist-vocalist, Ray Sullenger. At only twenty-three, Adrienne is working hard toward singing professionally. Ultimately, she would like to break into supper clubs. "It's not the end of the world if I don't," says Adrienne, "but it is a goal." Meantime she is employed as an executive secretary at Coflexip and Services, Inc., an oil pipe company whose home office is in Paris, France.

In spite of her busy life, Adrienne still finds time for outside interests. She enjoys gardening, cooking and entertaining, collecting frog miniatures, and taking yoga lessons. She has also been busy in the Ski Club as a Lift-Liner and working the membership table at meetings. On her first Club trip to Park City, she said she was scared but she really like skiing. Schedule permitting, you can look for Adrienne this year on the Vail-Easter Trip.

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# ussa ski week

by Gar Bering

The 6th Annual USSA Ski Week will be held in Big Sky, Montana; located 43 miles south of Bozeman. USSA Ski Week offers skiing, apres ski, the national recreational championships in Alpine, Nordic and Freestyle skiing, Ski Orienteering, plus a side trip to Yellowstone Park in winter.

Big Sky, the last major resort built, opened 2 years ago. All the buildings were finished last year. Big Sky has 23 miles of groomed trails on two mountains, Lone Mountain and Andesite Mountain with a 2,260 ft. vertical drop. Powder bowls are found above the timberline on Lone Mountain. A gondola, one triple chair and two double chairs, with the capacity of 5,200 skiers per hour, gives skiers fast and easy access to all parts of the mountain. Lift lines are seldom found. Big Sky's ski school features graduated length method, but classes are also offered for advanced and

powder technique.

For cross-country skiers, there is a 35 mile system of maintained trails, which offers some of the finest cross-country skiing available anywhere. Ski touring lessons are available, and cross-country equipment is available for rent. Professional guides and USSA volunteers will be leading an exciting and varied program of daily guided tours.

Yellowstone National Park, the nation's largest and most scenic National Park, is located only 40 miles from Big Sky. Ski Week participants will have an option of taking a bus to West Yellowstone and a snowcat into Old Faithful for half a day of sight-seeing and ski touring in the exotic fairyland of a geyser basin in winter.

If you have never been to USSA Ski Week - you don't know what you are missing; and if you never skied fabulous Montana, here is your opportunity. For details and

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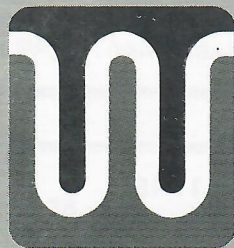
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# 11 remaining ski trips ...1975-1976 ski season

By Bob Allgeier

The November meeting set another record for attendance and as you may have noticed, most of the trips are near full. All this enthusiasm for skiing means that it is definitely time to solicit bids for the construction of a ski resort here in Houston! We could probably use the Astrodome as the basic support for a 3000 ft. mountain and install snow making machinery that runs off the Dome's air conditioning. Let's get the Judge drunk and ask him to do it!!

All joking aside, 79.9% of all the trips have been sold and final payments are on schedule. Along about February, many of our Beautiful People will be able to see their way clear to another or first ski trip and there won't be any openings. The Club wasn't chartered to turn people away so we have a few things cooking in the event that the trips do sell out completely and

early. One idea with a lot of merit is the addition of a bus trip to New Mexico. This is conceived as a Super Economy Trip where traveling is done at night and participants sleep sitting up. Intravenous vodka systems would assure that a party mood prevailed even while everyone slept.

Unofficially, Gar Bering (522-3260) is handling a small group to USSA Ski Week while Winton Adams (468-0132) has an economical but luxurious family trip to Winter Park at Easter. Neither of these conflict directly with "official" Club trips which may be full anyway and in that event would provide an outlet for our collective mania. Otherwise, you need to hustle to get on one of the regular 12 trips so don't delay!

Jim Benefield DOES still have almost 20 spaces on his Mt. Hood, Oregon trip and this one is really a

sleeper. The deal he worked at the lodge there compensates very well for the additional air fare and should be look into on its own merits. While on the topic of the Mt. Hood trip, a cocktail party featuring 50c drinks will be held at the Forest Creek Club House - 10010 Memorial, December 10, a Wednesday, and all members and their guests are welcome. We will have a roaring fire, an Oregon ski movie, and a display of nude skis and boots. The time for this unusual bash is 7:30 PM.

Finally, we all owe our Trip Chairpeople a personal "thank you" when next you see any of them. They are the backbone of the Club and everyone of them has done an extremely outstanding job this year. These volunteer jobs take a great deal of time and interest, so let's show them that we appreciate their efforts!

December 12-17

\$234

## vail/december

First Non-Holiday 1975-1976  
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January 9-18

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JOHN SCAHILL, Asst.. . . . 333-2447

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Christmas - New Year's Eve

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January 11-18

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## texas ski week crested butte

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SUSAN REHDER, Asst.. . . . 522-2268



February 1-8 \$331

## mount hood

Night Skiing

JIM BENEFIELD, Chm. . . . . 461-6855  
MARTHA HUEBEL, Asst. . . . . 522-4922

March 20-27 \$289

## aspen spirit of '76

BOB NEIMAN, Chm. . . . . 782-6813  
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## mount hood

By Jim Benefield

For those skiing enthusiasts who prefer a change to a quieter, more relaxed ski area, Mt. Hood, Oregon is the answer. The lodge where we are staying is called Timberline; it was built of hand hewn timbers and massive boulders during the mid-thirties. It is designed as a gracious, self-contained resort for those who desire to get away from it all, but still have the pleasures of home and skiing.

This trip, though the airfare is necessarily higher, is priced with Colorado because of less expensive lodging, bus fare, and lift tickets (good at all areas 12 hours per day) - this making the cost per day of skiing less or equal to other areas. The lodge has thrown in at no cost video taped movies of all members who wish to see themselves as others do. The trip is small, the lodge is designed for relaxation, the area not over-run with people, so those who wish to ski hard but come home rested should sign up.

February 13-18 \$223

## telluride

Washington's Birthday

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ED EVOLA, Asst. . . . . 627-1940

March 27-April 3 \$369

## banff

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February 27-March 6 \$318

## park city

Powder Snow and More

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LINDA MacFARLAND, Asst. . 665-7088

April 13-18 \$231

## vail / easter

JOE COTRONE, Chm. . . . . 682-5372  
PAT BLAIR, Asst. . . . . 526-4587

## Ode to a New Ski Season



by Bill Barr

*The over-leaping seasons pause to thrust  
Upon our sedentary lives a new  
Ski year, on whose unblemished page we must  
Inscribe new feats, new efforts to undo  
Our faults of style, our cowardice; to break  
The bonds of skiing mediocrity.  
So, leave the bright-clad bunnies and forsake  
The Meadows and the gentle slopes, nor see  
The languid crowds where Copper joins the Spar;  
Rather, venture forth, invite the wrath  
Of Silver Queen, or, like some errant star,  
Defy the moguls poised on Riva's path.  
For only then shall we, in doing that,  
Have earned the solace of old Adolph's vat.*

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## PLAYBOY'S HOT BUTTERED RUM

2 oz. dark Jamaican rum  
1/2 teaspoon maraschino liqueur  
1 oz. lemon juice  
1 teaspoon sugar  
1 pat butter, equal to 2 teaspoons  
Boiling water  
1 slice lemon  
Freshly grated nutmeg

Pour rum, maraschino liqueur and lemon juice into 12-oz mug. Add sugar and butter. Fill with boiling water. Stir to melt butter and dissolve sugar. Add lemon slice. Grate nutmeg on top. (As served at the Lake Geneva Playboy Club-Hotel.)

## HOLIDAY SKI LIFT

1 orange, peeled  
2 ounces Bourbon  
1 ounce Curacao  
1 ounce freshly sq. lemon juice  
4 ice cubes

Dash of bitters or grenadine  
Cut peeled orange in half, lengthwise; and with a shallow "V" shaped cut, remove white center core. Cut into chunks; place in electric blender with remaining ingredients. Whirl on highest speed several seconds until blended and ice is crushed. Serve at once in lo-ball glasses. Makes 2 servings.

## MEXICAN COFFEE

1 oz. Kahlua coffee liqueur  
4 ozs. fresh, hot black coffee  
Ground cinnamon  
Sweetened whipped cream

Pour liqueur and coffee into Irish-coffee glass. Sprinkle with cinnamon. Stir. Top with whipped cream. (As served in the Chicago Playboy Club.)

## SWEDISH GLOGG

(Serves 6 to 8)

1 fifth dry red wine  
1/2 cup sugar  
16 whole cloves  
8 two-inch pieces stick cinnamon  
1 cup brandy  
Raisins  
Peeled unsalted almonds

In a large saucepan, combine the wine, sugar, cloves and stick cinnamon. Bring to the boiling point. Reduce flame and simmer 5 to 8 minutes. Stir in the brandy. Pop a few raisins and almonds in each mug or glass. Add the glogg and serve.

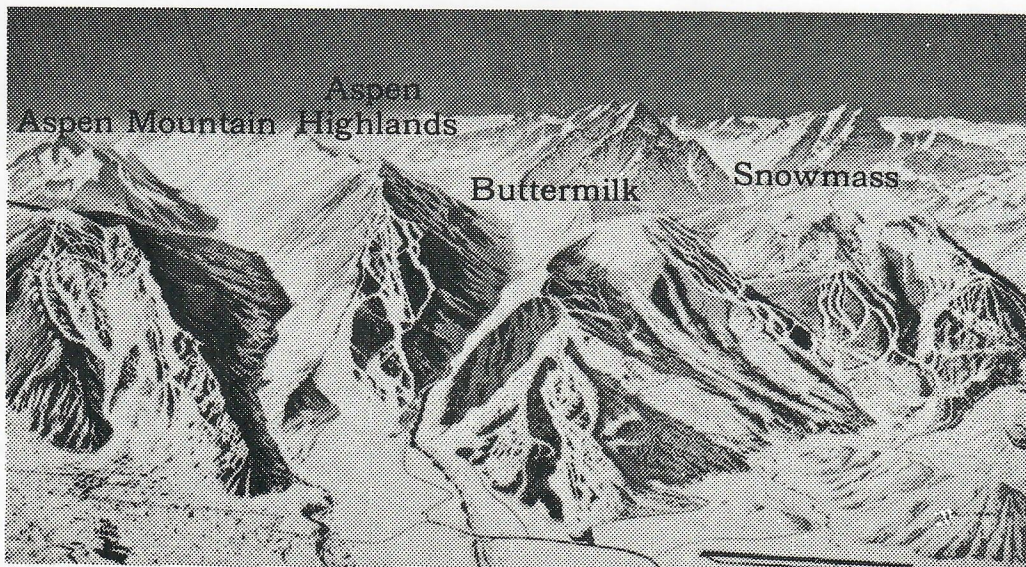
## GLUHWEIN

(Hot Mulled Red Wine)

1/2 cup water  
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# terms to ski by . . .

**SNOW BUNNY** — A gorgeous girl in expensive ski clothing who rides chair lifts downhill.

**BINDING** — A device that holds the boot to the ski.

**RELEASE BINDING** — Any heel or toe release or a combination thereof that releases the ski from the boot in the event of a bad fall.

**STEP IN BINDING** — Usually, a release binding consisting of an integral toe and heel unit which snaps the boot in place as the skier steps onto the ski.

**ARLBERG STRAP** — A strap attached to the ski or binding which when wrapped around the boot or ankles, keeps a loose ski from running away.

**SKI BOOT** — A stiff, heavy over-the-ankle boot (torture chamber if they don't fit) that joins foot to ski.

**BOILER PLATE** — Solid ice that

coats a slope.

**MASHED POTATOES** — Heavy, wet snow resulting from the melting action of warm weather. Usually sticky and hard to ski on.

**FROZEN GRANULAR** — A snow type composed of tiny crystals of frozen snow, often confused with ice.

**HARDBACK** — Compacted snow.

**GLUHWEIN** — A hot, spiced wine drink.

**CORN SNOW** — Snow condition which usually occurs in warm weather and results from alternate thawing and freezing, forming a mass of loose snow granules honeycombed with air.

**MOGUL** — A mound of snow created by the displacement of snow as one skier after another follows a track and turns in the same spot. Usually occurs

on steeper slopes after a heavy snowfall.

**FALL LINE** — An imaginary line marking the shortest route down a slope.

**TRAVERSE** — Skiing across the slope at an angle to the fall line.

**TRACK** — The skier's warning signifying the intent to overtake and pass another skier.

**"ON THE LEFT"** — Skier's warning signifying intent to overtake and pass a slower skier on the left.

**"ON THE RIGHT"** — Same as above only passing on the right.

**"TRACKING"** — Same as above, only the faster skier is following the slower skier in his tracks and is about to run over him. (Also used by persons who can't make up their minds which side to pass on or don't know right from left.)

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# rocky mountain... high!

By John Boynton

Unlike skiing, the attitude of most toward private flying is either one of sheer ecstasy or vague fear. There's seldom any in-between. On the slopes, skiers exhibit a wide range of involvement, but in the air, it's either uncontained exuberance or puddles of sweat. For those who love both skiing and light-plane cruising, a trip into Aspen in a Beechcraft Bonanza can be a real Rocky Mountain . . . High!

I realize the readership of this excellent club paper usually travels to their favorite ski area aboard a jumbo jet. Maybe a bus or car occasionally, but the name of the ski-club game is classically Charter Fly. Yet, if you want to ski Aspen over a long weekend and a club trip's not available, private or commercial flying is the only solution. Having flown for six years and still trying to prorate the cost of learning, I chose five years ago to attempt my first air penetration of the formidable Rockies.

It was simple enough to schedule an aircraft with my flying club and line up three passengers, two of which even had flying experience. The third, however, never having been in a light plane, had somehow managed to read or hear about all of the crashed planes the mountains seemed to swallow up every winter. Thus, she agreed to fly only as far as Pueblo, this side of the Rockies, and take a bus. The three pilots aboard tried to convince her that even *little planes* were safe, that those who crashed usually made serious judgement errors, and that the mountain flight should be a unique visual experience. She wouldn't budge, so we agreed to the bus idea.

That she was a biologist may have made it easier to imagine her calcium, body fluids, and other assorted cells scattered across some lonely mountainside. Yet, the other female aboard was also a biologist, albeit with some student flying time. She wouldn't *dare* be scared by a few 14,000-foot mountains!

We left Houston on a cloudy day confident the weather closer to

the mountains was as reported, clear and cold. The weather did improve, and it was nearly dark when we touched down at Pueblo. A relaxed dinner sent us to bed with our respective images of the remaining 200-mile trip to Aspen.

Before dawn, we awoke and checked bus schedules. The only way into Aspen was via Denver, the one daily bus arriving at 6 p.m. When I told her our plane would be on the ground an hour from takeoff, she proclaimed, "Okay. . .but I'll need about three stiff Martini's!" As luck had it, the bar didn't open 'til ten, long after our planned departure. With grand descriptions of the flight westward and promise of a drink once there, she reluctantly joined us in the plane.

It was not only cold, it was downright *arctic*! As we taxied onto the runway, the sun was creeping over the great Colorado plateau. We were shivering and not inclined to idle chatter. I was glad, because I was sure any conversation would betray the tension building inside me.

After takeoff, we climbed briskly from the surface altitude of 5000 to 13,500 feet at the mountains west of Pueblo. As we leveled off and picked up speed, the next hundred miles of jagged peaks stretched out before us in a vast panorama. The now-risen sun reflected back in a warming and friendly spectrum of dazzling whites, yellows, and patches of evergreen. The icy, rugged peaks glistened on either side of what now seemed like such *tiny wings*, and I realized how lucky I was to even be able to do this. Not a single cloud perverted a bright, blue sky, and the whole world seemed asleep as we bored on over desolate countryside.

Breaking over the first mountain range, the craggy foothills gave no hint of a safe emergency landing spot, should my purring engine falter. I quietly crossed my fingers, tuned the radio to the Gunnison navigation station, and then went

back to drinking up the incredible majesty by viewing, almost without restriction, the broad expanse of this last remnant from the great Ice-Age glaciers. The sensations from this vantage point actually became a spiritual experience, and I submitted to a need to share it. It turned out my co-pilot was thinking the same things; we were both enraptured by the sheer pristine beauty of it all. Relaxed now, I turned to the ladies, who were looking out their side windows, their expressions of concern now disappeared.

The sun climbed behind us as I, too, added a thousand feet in altitude. I wanted maximum clearance from the tall mountains east and south of Aspen, a range that included Mt. Elbert, *highest in the Rockies*. Just before Gunnison, I banked north toward Independence Pass east of Aspen and noted my radio signal. I knew this reassuring electronic hand would be lost once the mountains near Crested Butte blocked it out and the navigation would get touchy. It would be dead-reckoning, compass reverence, and a prayer or two after that. Even flying at 14,500 feet, our wingtips seemed almost to touch the mountain peaks as we droned on over forbidding territory. Suddenly, the pass came up and I knew Aspen was only a glide away.

We turned west and descended into the tight Aspen valley. Power back, gear and flaps down, and onto final approach. There were broad grins on my compatriots' faces, and I, a sudden disciple of Lindberg and Rickenbacker, even managed a restrained smile of pride. With a "reek-reek" of the main wheels touching, we knew we'd made it safely. Each felt relieved it was over but thankful for having witnessed such a spectacle. You see, the reluctant biologist added frosting to an already delicious cake by exclaiming, "I'm glad I did it . . . it was really beautiful!" The flight had taken exactly forty-five minutes.

# hilltop herb farm

by Nancy Ainsworth

Saturday, November 1st, was the magic date for SCSC's epicurian evening. All the ingredients were there — 46 ravenous people, four cases of chilled wine, twinkling stars, a beautiful moon, and —a late bus. Oh, well, better late than never.

Thanks to the efforts of our two handsome wine stewards, namely Finn Runfalo and Jack Spencer, everyone was very mellow by the time night fell and we reached the Hilltop Herb Farm. By the way Finn, was that a diaper we saw hanging from your belt? We were all sorry that Ted Widner missed the bus, but were happy to see him at the Farm in time for dinner. Some of the SCSC Clubbers really enjoying the bus ride were Susan Rehder, Keith Eastin, Pamela Pitt, Stephanie

Below left: Margaret Fraser, Jan Hart, and Bob Petner in the greenhouse jungle.

Below right: Ann and Jim McIntyre shopping in the country store.



Short, Frank Riesenber, Vivian Morgan, Connie Dziedzic, Paul Cafferty, Mary Lou Pegler, Merlyn Harger and his pretty Shirley, Sally Vaughan, James Garrett, Sharon Dragon, Jim Baldrige and Judy Combs.

Before dinner we had a chance to browse through the Farm's huge greenhouse and marvel that we NEVER saw a brown leaf anywhere. Jim and Ann McIntyre, Wayne Cook, Jane McCormick, Pat Holleman, Dorothy Roddy, Linda and Joe Murphy, and Raphaele Malandain were seen trying to buy out the Farm's country store. It was almost impossible to decide which of the herbs, homemade jams and jellies, and homemade teas to buy. In fact, Peggy Adams, Dick Villasana and Bob Marwin loved everything so much we kept finding them around the store's tasting table between courses. I think the jalapeno jelly won first prize as the most sought-after item, with the wild rose tea running a close second.

Considering all of the pretty girls on the trip, it's no wonder Tom and Andy Fitzpatrick kept smiling continuously.

Gene Holland, our on-the-spot photographer, was worried that we weren't going to have enough to eat. His mind was put to ease when

the bountiful bi-centennial harvest dinner began: braised chicken with jalapeno jelly, artichokes with a cream of basil dip, toasted croutons with an herb cheese spread were just the appetizers. Then came the cream of almond soup and the most mouth-watering salad ever created. Finally, came the main course -- succulent roast duck, baked squash and green peas, succotash, red cabbage, homemade brown bread and herb butter. Then for the very few in our group who were still able to find room, we had a delicious cranberry jello with fresh whipped cream on top.

After dinner, Catherine Porter was seen trying to smell each of Mrs. Hill's 1,300 varieties of herbs. No wonder her poor nose was red. Meanwhile, back in the jungle (the greenhouse's tropical plant section) we kept hearing giggles emitting from Bob Petner, Jan Hart, Margaret Fraser and Stanley McDonald. I wonder what was so funny about that big maidenhair fern?

On the trip home to Houston, we all got "comfy" and settled back among our many plants and other homemade goodies for a very quiet drive. It was nice dreaming about the fun evening and wishing all of our friends could have been with us for this most unique experience.



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# Eatzmarke

By Bob Neiman

## Steamboat

The following are comments resulting from a week's visit to Steamboat last February. All places mentioned are within walking distance of the ski slopes. However, there are some very good places in Steamboat Springs if you can find transportation. If you have any questions, check with one of the **Hughen** sisters or other members who have been to Steamboat several times.

### MON PLAISIR —

Located in the Ptarmigan Inn. This is the best restaurant I sampled while in Steamboat. It is small, cozy, comfortable and elegant, with a beautiful view of Mr. Werner. Call for dinner reservations and try the Chateaubriand for two followed by Spanish Coffee after dinner. The prices are a little healthier than other places in Steamboat, but the service, food and atmosphere are worth it.

### AFTERGLO PUB —

An "in" watering hole near the base of the gondola lift. Beer, hot-spiced wines and hearty sandwiches. The place to find the "friend" you lost on one of the last runs down the mountain.

### BULLY III —

Located in Ski Time Square. A "Victoria Station" type restaurant. Last year, they had very good King Crab Legs.

### THE GALLERY RESTAURANT —

Located on the rooftop of Storm Meadows (where SCSC Club is staying) Athletic Club. This restaurant is known for its beautiful dining room and continental gourmet dishes. Also it is close-by for trip-goers too tired to walk down the mountain on a cold night. Reservations well in advance are a must. **THE GALLERY** also maintains a "pot-luck" cafeteria style dining room in their basement with

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a pre-selected main course for a very modest price for skiers without fat wallets. There is no atmosphere in the basement, but the meals ARE good. They come from the same kitchen the dining room meals come from!

For breakfast, I recommend taking the Gondola to the top station and having pancakes and syrup. After you get all those pancakes in your stomach, you'll go downhill a lot faster.

For lunch you can ski right off the slopes and down the main street of the village and stop at one of several pubs and sandwich shops.

## breckenridge

Space City Skiers joining in Texas Ski Week activities will journey first to "Tannenbaum by the River" in Breckenridge. Breckenridge has at least the following to offer:

### THE DEPOT — Ski Hill Road

Recommended for happy hour and local ski movies, The Saloon is open from 2 to 2 daily and 11 a.m. to 2 on weekends. Free popcorn.

### WHALE'S TAIL — Main Street

Food and grog in a nautical atmosphere. Sandwiches and chowder are available anytime.

**MINER'S CAMP RESTAURANT AND SALOON** — Four Season's Center. Entertainment nightly 9 p.m. till 1 a.m. (except Mondays). Miners Camp specializes in Alaskan King Crab Legs, Prime Rib of Beef and an elaborate salad bar. (This place sounds good - somebody please go there and tell us what it's like.)

**THE WEST BANK** — across from Peak 9. The West Bank offers a unique Cabaret Dinner Theater. The dinner and show combination will set you back about \$12.00 per person.

## Crested Butte

After leaving Breckenridge on Tuesday, Texas Ski Weekers will

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move to the Chateaux Condominiums in Crested Butte for the remainder of their trip. The following restaurants and entertainment are located in Crested Butte:

**THE BACCHANALE** — 208 Elk Avenue. Italian cuisine, veal scallopini, baked clams, sangria.

**GRUBSTAKE SALOON** — Elk Avenue and 3rd Street. Alcohol and entertainment.

**JOKERVILLE BAR AND RESTAURANT** — Tower level of the Company Store. Live music and dancing. Homemade beef stew and chili, steaks and sandwiches.

**WINEKELLER RESTAURANT** — In the Matterhorn Inn at the Ski Area. Breakfast and dinner - reservations requested at night. Cocktails served around a big fireplace. The specialty is steak and shrimp in beer batter.

Thank you, Michele Hughen for information on Steamboat and Ann Cornish for your information on Breckenridge and Crested Butte.

NEXT MONTH: *ASPEN and MT. HOOD.*

*(Note: Ideally, this column should be a source of information for SCSC members who want to eat well and have a good time apres ski - and who doesn't? -If you have a favorite place at any of the areas we will visit this season, please advise this writer so we can share your good experiences with your fellow-members.)*



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## S.C.S.C. TRIP INFORMATION

### BEFORE THE TRIP

**Equipment:** Owned — Adjust Bindings, Wear Boots, Clean & Sharpen Skis & Poles, Check & Clean Clothing  
 Rented — Decide on renting in Houston or at Area  
**Things to Consider:** Holidays — may be a problem in the area especially Salt Lake City  
 Beginners — for GLM lessons, renting in the area might be best  
 Houston — reserve your equipment in advance, check to see if ski shop will deliver to airport  
 To avoid problems — rent boots and skis at the same shop

**Exercise:** This is a must for your safety and the utmost enjoyment of your trip. Exercise arms, legs, etc. every day for at least two months before the trip leaves. (Ice Skating, bicycling, and running up and downhill are good exercises.)

**Pre-Trip Party:** This is for last minute information and changes for your trip. Roommates are finalized. It's for your benefit to go.

**Numbers:** Leave the number of the lodging and plane flight no's with someone at home or office so that you can be reached in case of emergencies. Also the Trip Chairperson's name and Club Name might be useful, as well as the trip itinerary — since some trips may involve a large amount of travel time.

**Special Information:** Be sure and tell your Trip Chairperson about any special medical problems. Also who to notify in the event of an accident. The Trip Chairperson should know in advance if you want in non-smoking section on the airlines.

**Baggage:** It is desired to have only ONE bag per person. At some point in each trip everyone must carry his or her own luggage and equipment. DO NOT take more than you are willing to carry two city blocks (uphill in the snow at 10° F.). Your luggage is usually tagged at the ski area for the return trip, be sure and keep your luggage claim number. Your name must be on your luggage, skis, outer bag of skis and ski boots. Boots must be in a bag in order to be checked.

### DURING THE TRIP

Remember you represent S.C.S.C. and Houston, Texas at all times.

### RECOGNITION

Club Pins and patches are available to you for easy identification on the slopes (everyone looks alike in ski wear). Decals are also available for your luggage to help identify it when in a large group. Turtle Neck Sweaters and T-Shirts are also available.

### CHECK LIST

	1-wk	4-days		1-wk	4-days
Long Johns	2	1	Ski Sweaters	2	1
Parka	1-2	1	After Ski Boots	1	1
Ski Pants	1-2	1	Chapstick	1	1
Turtleneck Shirts	4-6	2-3	Goggles/Sunglasses	1	1
Gloves or Mittens w/liners	1-2	1	Ben Gay	1	1
Outer (wool) Socks	3-4	2	S.C.S.C. Pen	1	1
Inner (Silk) Socks	2-3	2	Skis/Boots/Poles		
Warm-up pants (optional)	0-1	0-1	Informal Apres Ski Wear		
Face Mask (Optional)	0-1	0-1	(No coats/ties or dresses)		
Head Band (Optional)	0-1	0-1			
Ski Hat	1	1			

*If you can't get all the above items in one suitcase, leave something at home.*

*Remember to carry your Parka, it will be cold when you arrive at the area.*

### OTHER

Ski Rental Averages \$ Day \$ Week

Food averages about the same as in Houston (If staying in Condo you might want to consider cooking w/roommates in room. Good information to talk about at the Pre-Trip Party)

### INFORMATION

For background information on the Club contact the VP of Membership — P.O. Box 22567, Houston, Texas 77027 -- For Questions contact the Trip Chairperson or Assistant Trip Chairperson

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Q.** Can I get special rates on lift tickets?

**A.** *Probably so — Check with your Trip Chairperson because he's done everything he can for group rates. (Don't forget RMD Members receive a \$5.00 discount on one lift ticket at most Colorado Areas. Also, look into buying tickets good for a specific number of lifts. These can be a real savings when compared to Day Lift Tickets, especially in areas with long lift lines.*

**Q.** How do I sign up for GLM Ski Lessons?

**A.** *If your Trip Chairperson has not made prior arrangements, go to the Ski School as soon as possible and inquire. The Trip Chairperson may have Brochures which will give prices and schedules.*

**Q.** This is my first ski trip and I plan to take three full day GLM Ski Lessons. Should I rent my skies, boots and poles in Houston or at the Ski Area?

**A.** *At the area. Ideas on equipment vary with instructors or your progress will warrant longer skies. This can be done if you rent in the area. A dependable ski shop ask questions of you before they decide on proper equipment so let them help you pick out the proper ski equipment.*

**Q.** Is there a deposit on the equipment or do you usually pay in full when you first check them out?

**A.** *You usually pay for your rentals in advance. As with any rental agreement know what you are paying and for what. If your rental is for more than one day find out if they have a refund policy and what it states. Check for insurance coverage on breakage or lost equipment.*

**Q.** Will most restaurants, shops and rentals accept Bank Americard, American Express or Master Charge, or should I carry a lot of cash or Travelers Checks?

**A.** *Although most shops will accept Bank Americard or Master Charge, plan on carrying most of your expense funds in Travelers Checks. Remember most people avoid accepting personal checks. Also items are known to be stolen or lost and many places do not except American Express.*

**Q.** I am a single girl and have never been skiing before. What do I do with my purse while I'm skiing?

**A.** *Leave it at home. If you feel you can't take a trip without it, have the lodge put it in their safe until you are ready to return home — don't forget it. Remember you can't take it on the slopes, but most base lodges have lockers.*

**Q.** Is it customary to tip a ski instructor?

**A.** *Use your own judgement. It's just like your waitress or grocery boy, if they have done a super job and you want to — go ahead.*

**IF YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS OR ADDITIONS PLEASE LET SPACE CITY SKI CLUB OFFICERS KNOW. THIS WAS DESIGNED TO HELP YOU AS A MEMBER. SEND TO: P. O. BOX 22567, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77027**