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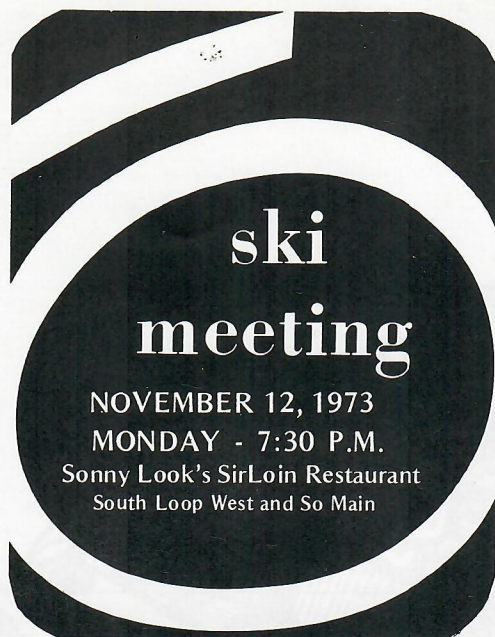
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By Jim McIntyre

from the head of the liftline

The October Meeting was another huge success. On a dark rainy night 530 snow hungry skiers turned out to see new equipment and new techniques discussed by John Hansen from the Winter Park Ski Area.

Our November Meeting will be one of the highlights of the season as Space City Ski Club presents its popular Annual Style Show. This year's show is sponsored by J. Rich Sports, Ltd. If you want to see what is new in ski fashions for the coming season, be sure to attend the November Meeting.

Anyone who likes to ski would have certainly enjoyed the White Water Canoe Trip. You know the feeling you get when you are on top of the mountain, and look down the face of bell, tourist trip, moment of truth, or a Nastar course? Well, you get the same feeling when you see a fast running rapids with a huge rock right in the middle. All who went on Space City's first annual White Water Safari were thrilled by the fantastic trip down twelve miles of the Guadalupe River's white water.

This month we take our first ski trip of the season. How many of you are in shape? If you are not in shape by the time you read this article, I suggest you go on a crash program. I started a special ten week program of ski exercises designed to put me in shape for skiing. I started the program in early September and if it doesn't kill me, I will be ready by Thanksgiving. Although it is not easy to get in shape, it is worth it. According to a special study - thirty minutes of skiing is equivalent to thirty minutes of football, and most people ski all day.

If you own your own ski equipment, it might be a good idea to drag out your heavy socks and wear your ski boots while watching Monday night Football. Then maybe your boots won't hurt so much the first day. You should also check the operation of your bindings and lubricate them, they probably need it. Be sure and grab that flat file and file those railed edges on the bottom of your skis. If you are too lazy to do this, I suggest you let one of our fine ski shops do the job for you. It doesn't cost much and it will mean a great deal more pleasure when you hit the slopes knowing your equipment is in as good shape as you are.

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New Members:	
54 Couples	108
227 Singles	227
TOTAL	335
Renewals:	
94 Couples	188
355 Singles	355
TOTAL	543
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ski tips

By Ed Williams
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There has been a lot of discussion lately on the merits of short skis versus long skis. In order to properly discuss the subject, you must first understand there are different types of short skis. There are basically three kinds of short skis, and each is designed for a different performance.

First, there is merely a shorter length of the type of ski you are currently using. The design is the same, assuming you have a relatively modern ski. If you are a recreational skier, ski at moderate or low speeds, and like easier turns, you will like the shorter model. If you are a relatively good skier and like to ski fast with a feeling of stability, you will not like the shorter length.

When you ski at higher speeds, less effort is needed to change the edges and resistance against the snow, but if your skis are short, they will give you too much slippage.

The second short skis are the GLM skis, which comes in a series of lengths. The majority of ski schools teach the American Teaching Method (ATM) which utilizes the GLM method. ATM, however, starts you on 150 cm, while GLM starts on 100 cm. GLM and ATM differ in their technique. ATM utilizes the wedge and independent leg action in its technique. ATM is by far the best method and is the only method endorsed by the Professional Ski Instructors of America.

Now a third new design in short skis exists. These skis are wider and do not have much side camber. A 180 cm ski of this design gives about as much running surface as a 205 cm conventional ski. These are not recreational skis, and it takes a good skier to handle the. You have to ski the center of the ski and can not carve turns by pressing forward, because there is little side camber. These skis also lose stability at higher speeds.

If you are contemplating buying a short model, I would suggest trying a pair before you invest your money.

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MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Renewing members that have not picked up your membership card please pick it up at the November meeting or notify Kay Nevels (621-0617) to mail it to you.

IMPORTANT DATES

●
NOVEMBER 5

SNOWBIRD PRE-TRIP PARTY

●
NOVEMBER 10

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the well equipped ski trip

By Bob Russell
of Locked In Sports

On every ski trip, there are certain articles and pieces of equipment that should be taken along to facilitate greater comfort and efficiency. I hope I can give you the information you will need in order to have a safe, successful, fun trip.

EQUIPMENT

Being on a ski trip, you, of course, are going to need **skis, boots, poles**. Most folks here in Houston choose to rent their equipment which is maintained by the sport shop for them. However, the skier who owns his own equipment and takes pride in maintaining it will need a **wax assortment, edge sharpener, flat file, stone and Ptex**.

The wax assortment is for the snow conditions that vary from wet pack to dry powder. Wax makes the ski track smoothly in the snow (rub-on waxes are the easiest to use). The edge sharpener is used for obvious reasons. Flat files and stones are used to remove any edge burrs that can cause a ski to become hooky. Ptex is needed for filling in gouges that are acquired when skiing over exposed rocks. The smallest pebble can seem like a boulder to the bottom of the ski. Ptex comes in two forms, candle and wire. The candle is by far the easiest to use; simply burn it and let it dribble into the grooves, using a knife to shave it smooth. A properly maintained ski is a safe ski and will enhance your skiing ability.

Boots, poles and bindings need little maintenance. I do suggest, however, that you take along a can of silicone spray. This is a good binding lubricant and is excellent as a de-icer to spray on the bottom of your boots. You will also need your binding tool to make adjustments.

CLOTHING

The primary purpose for ski wear is to keep you warm and dry. Thermal Long Johns are a must . . . they retain your body heat and transmit it back to your skin. Good material to look for in long johns is Olefin, silk and good ole cotton. The next piece of clothing to have is a cotton or nylon turtleneck. Anyone who has ever

taken a fall and had snow down his neck can tell you why you need a high neck top. A **sweater** and a **ski parka** keeps you warm on the coldest days. The parka is the main protection from being cold and wet or warm and dry. A good parka will have a sewn in or detachable hood. The parka should be made of nylon or some other water repellant material. You should also look to see if the parka has elastic snow cuffs, which are on the inside of the sleeve around the wrist. Zippers should be stainless steel or nylon, preferably two-way. Its good to have zipper pockets so you won't find a handfull of snow instead of your room key or pack of cigarettes. As for the pants you may choose, here are some things to keep in mind. You can waterproof your Levi's, but this will eventually wear off; wear warmups; or wear regular ski pants. The pants should have some elasticity so the snow will shed when you fall. Warmups may be worn over any pants and they will keep you plenty warm.

With all the new methods of insulating boots (foam, flow, wax or other forms of insulation), you don't need many socks. There are socks designed just for skiing which have a nylon outside with a terry cloth inside. One pair of these is enough unless you want to wear a liner. Don't overload your feet with socks; you'll only make them colder instead of warmer.

Some people don't like to cover the head. If this is the case, a headband

is definitely in order. However, when it is snowing and cold, you do need a hat. The most popular kind seems to be the pulldown stocking cap that covers the head, forehead and ears, and are made of a wool/nylon blend. Women's hands and feet seem to get colder than men's, so ladies, I suggest that you go with mittens instead of gloves. The mittens allow the fingers to exchange heat with each other, therefore keeping your hands warmer. Men, you should use gloves, unless you're cold natured. A good glove will also have a high-wrist garter to keep out the snow. The glove should be made of top grade cowhide with a foam and nylon lining. The fur or pile lining just doesn't seem to be enough for most people.

ESSENTIALS

For the eyes, **sunglasses** or **goggles**. Any good shatterproof pair of sunglasses will do. Another important item that should not be forgotten is a good **lip balm**.

EXTRAS

What about a **boda bag** (better known as a wine skin)? **Cameras, fanny packs, ski and boot bags** or **first aid kits** are things that may or may not be important to you.

I hope these suggestions will help you in making your selections for your trip. I'd like to personally wish you a good skiing season, and remember . . . **SKI SAFELY!**

SKIER'S CHECK LIST

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|----------------|--------------------|
| . skis | . sock liners |
| . bindings | . turtle necks |
| . poles | . sweaters |
| . safety | . parka |
| straps | . ski pants |
| . ski boots | . warmups |
| . boot bag | . sun glasses |
| . boot tree | . goggles |
| . ski bag | . sun screen |
| . hat | . wind shirt |
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We will leave on our Texas International charter flight Wednesday, November 21 at 7:30 p.m. and all trip participants should be at the airport by 6:30 p.m. at the latest. Go to the Texas International desk. We will be there to direct you to the right gate. We'll arrive in Salt Lake City about 10:00 or 10:30 p.m. We'll have four full days of skiing with three days of lift tickets and bus transportation included, a fondue party Friday night and probably a cocktail party Saturday night. Hopefully, you have already rented your ski equipment and are ready for The Greatest Snow On Earth!

The final details of our trip were announced at the pre-trip party Monday, November 5th. If you missed this, please call Sally at 621-4485 or Roy at 623-4300 or 781-1159 if you have any questions. See you Wednesday at the Airport!

November 21-25 \$213.00 Transportation only \$155.00

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Roy Gowell
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Forty-four SCSCers are departing Houston Intercontinental Airport on Continental Flight No. 989 at 4:15 p.m. Wednesday, December 12th, for Denver. Then after a 1½ hour bus ride, we will drop our luggage, equipment, etc. at Four O'Clock Lodge in order to see what's happening in this little gold mining town.

They'll ski four days at Breckenridge, Keystone and Copper Mountain. Breckenridge offers 49 trails, (25% advances, 45% intermediate and 30% beginner), plus open slope skiing over two separate but interconnected mountains. Keystone has long, winding runs in and out of the woods - trails to make a beginner feel like an expert . . . and steep, hairy roller-coasters to make experts feel like beginners, and in between, the average intermediate skier feel like he's made it. Copper Mountain, the newest major development in the area, is locally referred to as "Sunny Copper". This mountain has an unusual layout with the trails getting progressively more difficult as one moves from west to east.

The pre-trip party will be at the Swiss Chalet, November 28th at 7:30 p.m. There is a waiting list, but there is always a possibility of your joining us. Final payment is due at the November meeting.

December 12-16 \$155.00

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Since the USSA is holding its '74 Ski Week Activities at Sun Valley, trip participants can partake in fun activities such as races, cross-country ski tours, cocktail parties, and other special events. Lift tickets will cost \$5.00 per day or \$30.00 for 7 days (half the normal rate). Group lessons will be offered at \$5.00 per day or \$25.00 for six days. After seven full days of skiing, we will depart for Houston on Saturday morning, January 12, 1974. The cost of the trip is \$305.00. The balance is due December 1st. Send in your deposit now to secure a place on this swinging ski vacation which you won't forget!

January 4-12

\$305.00

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Aspen Trip A

The Aspen "A" trip filled up during the September meeting and we have a waiting list of 30 people. We would still like to encourage interested people to get on the waiting list because we can always anticipate many cancellations for one reason or another.

We will depart Houston on a Texas International charter flight Friday, January 25 at 7:30 p.m. to Grand Junction, Colorado. From there, we'll take a short bus ride to Aspen and enjoy eight
(continued next page)

days of skiing and night life. We'll depart Aspen on Saturday afternoon about 5:00 p.m. on February 2 and be back in Houston for a good night's sleep.

While in Aspen, we'll stay at the Chateaux Eau Claire and Roaring Fork Condominiums. These are two bedroom/two bath apartments with four people to each apartment. The trip will be full of parties, ski races and happy people.

January 25 - February 2 \$230.00

Transportation only \$135.00

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TEXAS SKI WEEK

It is three months before departure, the snow has been falling for weeks, and the trip is little more than half filled. So, don't linger, send your deposit today. Finn Runfalo has done a great job for the big Texas Ski Week Race by obtaining commitments from five other Texas Ski Clubs. Everyone who attended the October Meeting saw the bright red wet-look ski jackets that Lone Star Beer Co. is giving to the skiers in the Saturday race. It really is

a nice warm ski jacket and Lone Star is also providing a shrimp boil party Saturday night. For those going on their first ski trip, Vail offers one of the best ski schools and a very large Swiss-type village, where the pedestrian is king and not the car. The Clock Tower is a favorite spot each day after skiing to quench your thirst with your favorite drink (such as hot buttered rum). It is also time to start thinking about final payments which are due by the December meeting.

February 6 - 10

\$180.00

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Blue skies, long slopes, and happy people await you in Taos. It is four months before our departure and we have only ten spaces left! If you want to ski one of the best ski areas in the U.S. mail your deposit today quickly. We will be leaving Houston Thursday afternoon, February 14, and arrive that evening in Albuquerque, where our bus will take us to Taos Ski Valley. There, you'll have a choice of settling into your new

2 and 3 bedroom condominiums with beautiful living room, cozy fireplaces and balconies. Our condominiums are on the banks of the clear Hondo River with the vast Carson National Forest at your door and ski slopes all around you. Friday morning is the beginning of your unforgettable adventure of skiing the sunny high Rockies. There is skiing for every level of skier. Some of you experienced skiers will undoubtedly want to try famous Al's Run. It is said that the moguls on Al's Run remind you of a regiment of leprechauns. They are mischievous and playful, always enticing you one more step, but never letting you forget that AL's is for experts. You snow bunnies will take to the Taos Meadows or perhaps to Taos's well known ski school. Apres ski, everyone will relax and swap stories of the day. Some will get a "second wind" and seek entertainment at one of the restaurants and clubs near our condominiums. Others might venture into Taos itself for even a greater variety of night life.

Monday, February 18 will end our 4½ days of winter fun. Arrival time in Houston is expected to be approximately 8:00 p.m. Your payment of \$160.00 assures you of skiing you'll not forget. Final payment is due December 10th at the ski club meeting.

February 14-18

\$160.00

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Aspen Trip B

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you've never skied before - there are mountain trails custom-made especially for you. We'll have a wine and cheese party on one of the mountain slopes with "fun" races, three evening cocktail parties, another wine and cheese party, and casual apres-ski get togethers.

The nightlife is more than anything that could be said here. You'll delight at the number, quality and variety of restaurants, galleries and shops. You need not make your own nightlife, it's all there just waiting for your arrival. Accommodations at the Chateaux Roaring Fork and Eau Claire condominiums. Departure is Saturday morning, February 23 at 2:00 a.m. on a Texas International party charter flight, returning to Houston Saturday night, March 2. A \$50.00 deposit will confirm your reservations.

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The Banff trip is proving to be one of the most popular of the season. All forty-four places on the trip are taken, and we have about fifteen on the waiting list. However, with the trip still four months away, there is a good chance for people on the waiting list to get on the trip.

The forty-four who leave at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 8th, will enjoy seven full days skiing at Mt. Norquay, Sunshine Village and Lake Louise. We will be staying at the Ptarmigan Inn in Banff, which is only blocks away from the many restaurants and clubs in downtown Banff. We will return to Houston on Saturday, March 16. Sign up now. The chance to go on this great trip will be well worth the wait.

March 8-16 \$305.00

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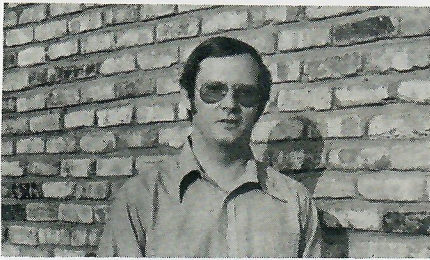
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marke makers

By Janet Pickell



Not many people begin skiing as a downhill racer, but **Don Roper** can compare his first experiences as a skier to this type of skiing. Schussing down a slope at Cloudcroft, New Mexico, without any prior instruction, onto a snow covered golf course was Don's first attempt at skiing. Finding he could balance himself until he reached the safety of the gentle terrain of the golf course, he thought at the tender age of 18 he had mastered the techniques of skiing. He felt that all he had to do to ski was to charge down the hill, when he hit the slopes of Garmisch where he was on vacation while he was stationed in Germany in the service. Amazingly, this approach of more nerve than skill saw Don through some wild but thrilling afternoons on the slopes. He learned to turn while skiing down a slope which had no other ski traffic on it, only to discover a barbed wire fence across its' foot -- (the reason for no people). He put on the brakes and voila! A hockey stop! Knowing how to turn, or so he thought, he continued skiing the Roper Downhill style until he decided to take lessons. However, he feels he learned two important things in those days prior to ski lessons: to be a "downhill racer" and how to fall and live through it. Seriously, if you ski with Don, you need not fear you have paired yourself with a vicious downhill bomber. Since his early days of skiing, he has mellowed. He joined Space City Ski Club about five years ago, has taken numerous trips with the club and has also taken ski lessons.

Scuba diving is another great love of Don's. About six years ago, he had the occasion to sample underwater ad-

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venture in the Bahamas; since that time he has become an avid scuba fan. Don says one can compare the sights of the undersea world to those one might expect to find on a strange, far-off planet. "Walt Disney and all his sidekicks could not have invented all the goodies one is able to see . . . beautiful coral formations, plants, and hundreds of underworld critters," Don prefers the waters of the Gulf Stream found off the Bahamas, British Honduras, Guatemala and Cozumel to the Gulf waters closer to home or Hawaii. In the Gulf Stream, the second largest coral reef in the world is found where due to the clear, warm water, breathtakingly beautiful things grow.

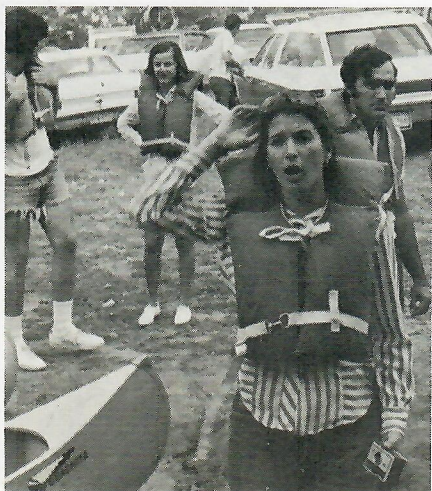
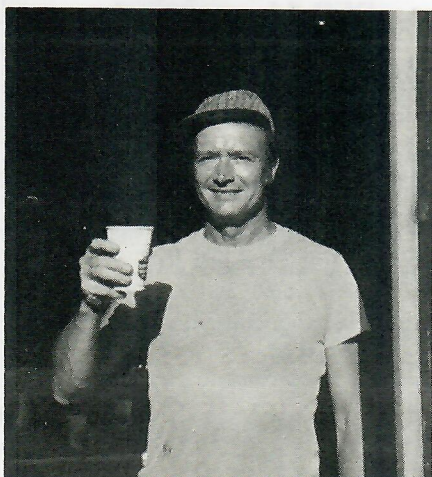
Presently, Don finds himself immersed not in the waters of the Gulf Stream, nor the powder snows of the Rockies, but in his law practice. A few months ago, he opened his own private law practice which he says is going great. He is having a ball! He is most pleased because this has been his aim since his days in law school. Preparing for this time, he served an internship with a seven-man law firm in Fort Worth, Texas and was a partner in a four-man firm in Houston. In his own practice, he serves the needs of people in business for themselves. He handles both the legal problems of their businesses and their personal matters, such as estate planning, real estate, etc.

white water canoe trip

Being awakened by an alarm clock at 5:00 in the morning brings back some not so pleasant memories of my Army days. However, this morning was quite different; this was the morning of the White Water Canoe Trip down the Guadalupe River.

For several weeks, everyone has been looking forward to this trip with great expectations, and for many, a great deal of apprehension. They obviously have been listening to some old-time canoers or took "Deliverance" to heart.

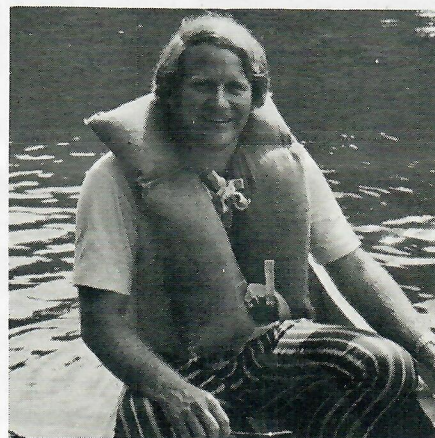
At 5:30 a.m., cars with their drivers still half asleep began to arrive in the almost deserted, quiet, and dark parking area of the Windsor Shopping Center. Many, not being able to sleep standing up, found the bus and settled into a seat for a short nap.



Once under way everyone enjoyed fresh kolaches, coffee and tea. This helped bring a few back to life. However, the real eye opener was when we got our first look at some of the rapids on the Guadalupe River. For most of us, this was our first time to see water moving this fast and to know that in a very short time, we would be in the midst of all those rocks, trees, waterfalls and water!

Our guide, Dave McDermott, greeted us and showed us how to paddle canoes and negotiate the rapids without getting too wet or perhaps smashing a canoe. From the looks of the twenty-six canoes, some of our predecessors did not heed his advice. Later we learned the life expectancy of a canoe on the Guadalupe River rapids is only one season.

We launched our canoes and began a very exciting eleven mile trip down the waters of the Guadalupe River. Our first obstacle was a three foot water fall. If your canoe was lined up with the river, in most cases, it was very little trouble; if however, you were not in the correct position, it meant an immediate dump into the cool waters of the Guadalupe. Just a short distance from the waterfall we heard the unmistakable sound of *white water*.



After our lunch of sandwiches, chips, fruit and a much needed cold drink, we continued our trip down the River. You will notice I have purposely avoided giving any details of our trip in the white water. Canoeing the rapids is something like snow skiing, and I cannot put on paper or even hope that you could share with us the many exciting experiences. You must try it for yourself.

About 5:00 in the afternoon, we reached the White Water Safari Camp. Everyone, without exception, was very tired. We landed our canoes and headed for the dressing room. Once into our dry clothing and quite a few Lone Stars, the group was beginning to recover. Dinner was served and the barbecue ribs, chicken, sausage, potato salad, beans and coleslaw, as only the Germans in that area can make it, were fantastic.

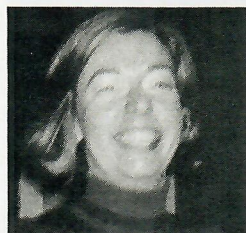
The group voted to leave early. At 8:00 p.m., we loaded the bus and departed for Houston. I hope that any of you interested in fast moving sports will try canoeing the rapids. You will not be disappointed.

by Ken Cary

what's been happening...



By Connie Hinshaw
Nancy Winslow
Sally Riggs



Connie

Good grief, Charlie Brown! The Great Pumpkin has already come and it's almost time to get ON the slopes... have you started your SUFS (Shape Up For Skiing)

program yet? We've been making a survey and it seems that a great variety of SUFS programs are in full swing... do you know what girl runs track every day (in connection with her office) to get in shape for the slopes? And, it's no secret that we have at least one member who "sits on the wall" for sixty seconds EVERY night... this one is easy to spot! Or, have you met the gal who does yoga for limbering up mind and muscle... she plans to meditate on the chair lifts - then approach the slopes with self-hypnosis! Do you



Nancy

know the member (he's been around for a long time) who has a special intensive SUFS program -- just for his "bay window"? And, would you believe rugby? If these guys don't endure permanent injuries, they should be in great shape. Have you seen all the joggers, tennis buffs and bicyclists in action? And we've discovered several members who have already given up their SUFS program and purchased larger ski pants... sound familiar? How about the Black Belt judo expert... well, she is probably very ready for ASA (After



Sally

Sking Activities... We've spotted many SCSC members at TGIFs - the Great Mine Company - the Innovation. It seems when our members are not busy with physical

fitness, they have been busy with all the football games, the World Series, the Alley Theatre, the Symphony and Opera, Theatre Under The Stars, Oktoberfest, etc. etc. even the Texas Prison Rodeo... WOW! It's exhausting just to think about it... does anybody know what time it is?



By
Margie
Fanette

SCSC response to membership in the Rocky Mountain Division (RMD) of the U.S. Ski Association has been very good this year and we hope that those who have joined will be satisfied with the return. RMD membership is \$6.00 per year. This entitles the member to one free lift ticket that can be used



in 35 ski areas. Also, they are providing what they call the "Skier Stop Booklet" which gives the establishments that will provide discounts to RMD members. This varies from restaurants in Aspen to Tire dealers in Houston.

The purpose of RMD and the USSA is to support the recreational skier. They actively support recreational races, promote better trail markers and could act as a lobby against excessive taxes and fees imposed on the recreational skier as the sport becomes more and more popular.

There will be a table at every meeting where you may join and receive your membership card along with the free lift ticket. You will not have to wait for these to be mailed from Denver.

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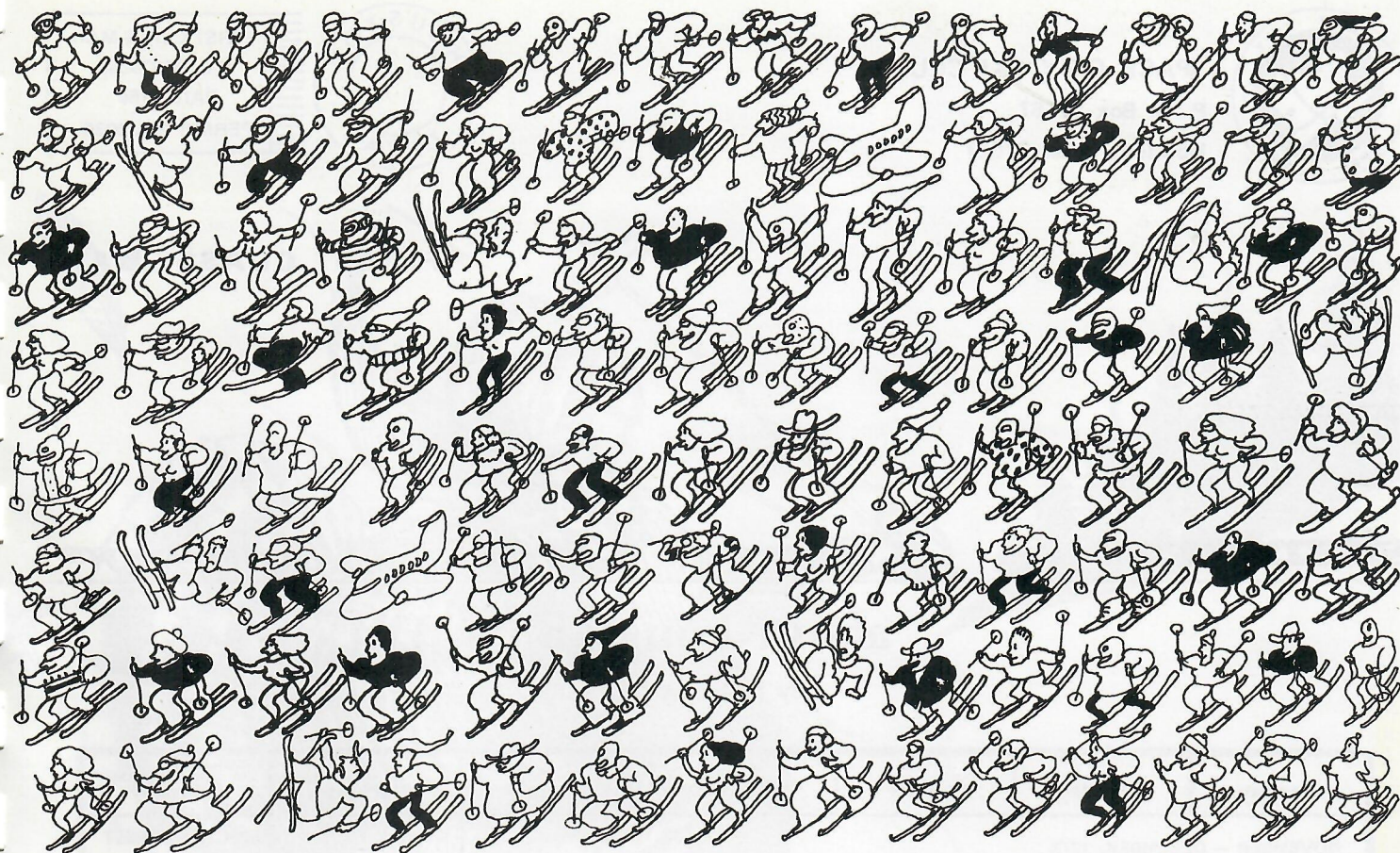
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PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGES

To be voted on at the December meeting.

ARTICLE V: NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. ELECTION. There shall be an election of officers held at the annual meeting in April. Election shall be by written ballot unless there is only one nominee for each office. The elected officers shall take office on May 1st.

CHANGE - The month in the first sentence from "Arpil" to "March."

Section 4. NOMINATING COMMITTEE. There shall be a nominating committee of five members elected by the Executive Committee prior to the February regular meeting. Not less than two nor more than three past officers of the Club shall serve on this committee. Current officers shall be ineligible to serve. Only persons who have been members for the preceding twelve months shall be eligible for membership on this committee.

CHANGE - The month in the first sentence from "February" to "January."

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS AND QUORUMS

Section 2. ANNUAL MEETING. The annual meeting shall be held in April at a location to be designated by the Executive Committee in their notice of the annual meeting.

CHANGE - The month in the first sentence from "April" to "March."

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 6. SKI TRIP ELIGIBILITY. A person must be a member in good standing in order to participate in any Club-sponsored ski trip.

ADD - To Article III.