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but as it isn't, it ain't ... that's logic.”

THE WALRUS AND THE CARPENTER
Lewis Carroll

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**MONDAY 7:30 P.M.****MAY 8, 1972****LOOK'S SIR-LOIN INN****"CROWN ROOM"****(Corner of the South Loop West
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*Jim Grassman, President '72-73,
receives the gavel from Jerry
Chiles, President '71-72.*

**FROM THE HEAD
OF THE LIFT LINE . . .**

Alas, we have come to the end of the most successful year yet for The Space City Ski Club. A hardy thanks to *Jerry Chiles* and his outstanding staff of officers for a tremendous job well done.

The past year saw our club grow to over 1,050 members. As our officers watched over a cash flow in excess of \$125,000 they made it possible for over 1,000 members to participate in the various club activities.

It took many long hours of hard work to successfully carry out a program of (8) ski trips, (2) weekend trips to Lafayette to the horse races, a weekend trip to New Orleans, a trip to New Braunfels' Wurstfest, a summer picnic at the Houston Yacht Club and a Luau held at Pirates Beach in Galveston. (I'm sure everyone enjoyed the fine George Dickel 'Tennessee Coffee' at our February meeting and the Rums of Puerto Rico cocktail hour at our April meeting as well).

On behalf of all the members, I'd like to say "Well Done"; *Pat McLaughlan* - V.P. Trips, *Ed Williams* - V.P. Programs, *Joyce Testa* - V.P. Membership, *Dan Sebesta* - Treasurer, *Virginia Blalock* - Secretary, *Tanny Koepfel* - P. R. Director, and to *Jerry Chiles* who guided the club throughout its most successful year.

Aside from leadership, a club requires the involvement of its members to stay on top. What have you done for your club or what would you like to do? This year GET INVOLVED and help Space City Ski Club become the standard bearer of all other ski clubs.

Your officers are presently planning the many activities of the new year. Let us know how we can improve the club, what trips you would like the club to offer, what summer activities you would like and most important . . . how you would like to help.

Jim Grassman
President 1972-73

**MAKE YOUR SUGGESTIONS
FOR THE '72-73 SKI SEASON
NOW . . .**

I want to thank you for electing me as your Vice President of Trips. At present, I am looking into a trip schedule for next year. Don't be surprised if you see some new ideas, along with some exciting new areas. Don't panic, the tradition will remain. I assure you that we will be in Aspen around the same time next year.

It will take at least a month to pick the ski areas and even longer to select those hard working trip chairman. If you have an area or lodge you prefer, please let me know. Would you like to recommend a person for trip chairman and/or assistant; perhaps *you* may be willing to devote *your* time. By your personal contributions, you express serious interest in our club. I will have a "sign-up" sheet at the May meeting for those who wish to have a "job" next ski season.

I have met with my fellow officers for next year; and if enthusiasm will get the job done, we will have a FANTASTIC year. Our club is one of the largest "flat-land" ski clubs in the central U.S.A. This was accomplished by good ski trips and a lot of hard work. I plan to continue this tradition.

Jim McIntyre
Vice President of Trips

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

AS OF

MAY 1, 1972

Total Single Members . . . 741

Total Married Members . . . 302

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 1,043

MEMBERSHIP FLASH!

Our membership has surpassed the 1,050 mark. In order to more efficiently process the membership applications and renewals, we are increasing the utilization of the computer. We will be able to store and retrieve membership information more easily which has to this point been done manually.

To get this program operational, it is necessary for each member to complete an updated membership form when renewing. The forms will be available at the May meeting and will be enclosed in the June Sitzmarke. It would be very helpful to Susan McCotter, Vice President, Membership, if you wait until you receive the forms before sending in your checks for dues. Your help is needed to make this improvement. When you get your form, please fill it out completely and return it with your dues.

It was a great experience working on the Executive Committee this past year. I wish the best to the new officers.

Joyce Testa
1971-72 V.P. Membership

THE EASTER BUNNY
BROUGHT SNOW FOR
THE VAIL TRIPS!VAIL "A" TRIP
REPORT

Five days of the best spring and powder skiing we've seen in several years were enjoyed by the 42 SCSC members on the Vail-at-Easter "A" Trip. This great trip got underway on Tuesday, March 28, with the knowledge that Vail had had snow all weekend, and that it was still snowing in Denver. Fortunately, the snow stopped long enough for us to get into Denver, board our Coors-supplied bus, and head for Vail.

The skiing Wednesday and Thursday was great. Beginners, intermediates, and experts were happily bombing their respective slopes. Thursday evening a storm rolled in over the Great

Gore range and dumped over a foot of beautiful powder on Vail. Skiing Friday was out of sight! Literally, at times, for those who got into the waist deep powder in the back bowls and on Northwoods and Northstar.

Saturday marked a first in Space City skiing annuals: a group of nine SCSC's . . . Jim Coyle, Larry Wright, Sally Fechtmeyer, Dortehea Kipfer, Mike Lowery, Rich Kadlick, Roger Fisher, Pat McLaughlan, and Marty Sanford . . . put up their alpine skis, said goodbye to the long holiday lift lines, and spent the day ski touring (racers call it cross country skiing) across the untraced slopes and valleys between Golden Peak and the Northeast Bowl.

If our skiing was great, then they were matched only by the parties thrown in several of the beautiful condominium apartments we were lodged in. Wednesday evening the trip chairman hosted a gourmet wine and cheese party; Friday evening Jerry and Marte Conners threw open the doors of their 6th floor condominium to both our trip and the "B" trip members who had arrived the night before for a delightful cocktail party. Among the party members that night were a couple of ski instructors and at least one of the pro racers in Vail for the Lange Cup Races that weekend. (Watch Wide World of Sports listing for TV coverage of these races. Several SCSC members were in the crowds along the race course.)



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On Sunday our departure time permitted everyone time to either glory in a day of skiing or watch the finals of the Lange Cup Pro Races at Golden Peak. Unfortunately, the weatherman, who'd been so marvelous during the week, did us in on our return trip. Snow, wind, ice and a stalled tractor trailer in Loveland Pass caused us to miss our plane in Denver. Instead of a nonstop flight from Denver to Houston, with arrival time at 10:00 p.m., we found ourselves on a scenic tour of the Southwest via Colorado Springs, Albuquerque, El Paso, and finally into Houston at 5:30 Monday morning. It was a tired but very happy group that headed to their respective jobs that morning.



Pat and Diane



Some awards that should be given to trip members are: First on the Slopes Every Day - Jim Smith; Checker Champion - Jerry Chiles; the Squatty Body Turn Award - Bill Banks, Jim Coyle; and the Best Telemarke Turn - Sally Fechtmeyer.

A great trip was enjoyed by all!

Marty Sanford
Trip Chairman

"Hi there," Marty.



To the slopes!



Ann . . . Bill only looks eager!



Apre' Ski Camaraderie



Susan surrounded



Snow Cones anyone? (with Scotch) . . . of course!

VAIL "B" TRIP REPORT

Thursday, March 30, found most of our group at the airport on time as requested. After a rather hectic boarding, our group of 46 skiers relaxed with cocktails before discovering we had an unusual dinner planned for us (would you believe chicken and grits). Our inflight journey was improved somewhat by the pilot pointing out two jets as they passed beneath us. (Quite a sight!) Then as we came through the clouds on our approach to Denver, all we could see was snow (there went all the questions . . . will there be snow at Easter?)

Once we had claimed our luggage and boarded our bus, we were off to Vail. Ed, our friendly bus driver made a short detour which afforded all a refreshment break, then back on the road to Vail.

After plowing through the snow and slipping over the passes, we arrived at the Mountain Haus at 10:00 p.m. The serious skiers called it a night, but the rest of us (not so serious) finished off the night.

Friday morning everyone learned to ski powder. Thursday nights' snow provided the best skiing to be found anywhere at anytime. While most of us were content with knee deep powder on the front slopes, some ventured to the back bowls where it was chest deep (ask Ed Williams and Mike Gay). For those who were not used to the powder, Saturday offered plenty of sun for those who wanted a tan. Then Sunday brought a new storm and more snow.

Difficult as it was, Monday we packed our bags for our return to Houston. The most important factor in making our trip a success was not Vail or the fantastic snow (second to none), but the wonderful group of people. All agreed the best was saved for last.

Jim Grassman
Trip Chairman



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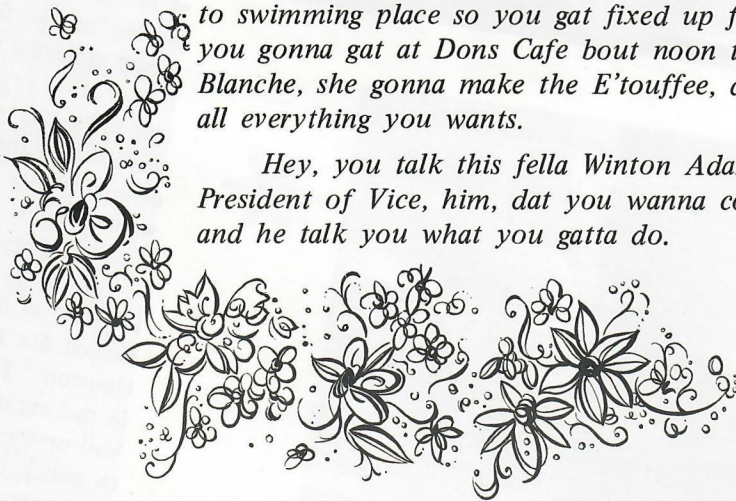
You gat come see Joe soon, yea! Evangeline Downs, de place de horse de race, got big time for you.

Man, you gat on dat big bus what drive you dere, have lots to ate, drank all you can, play dem cards, raise dem voice high and stomp dem feet good. You sho gonna like place call Sheraton Townhouse, dat place to sleep cause you gonna drink some more, you gonna swim like Mallard Duck, you gonna read da paper what tell you what horses do call-ed Racing Forms.

Come de sundown time you go to horse betting place, ate much good food, drank more cool licker, and get yo bets down quick, man, cause derm horses do go fast. Oh man, dat fun to win, da big money. My wife, my children, my cousins, my Uncle Etienne from Big Mannou cam to LaFayette, see you. You just have big time, no?

What you know gonna happen come Sunday in the Morning time? Chere, dese good looking female type women gonna brang you all dem Blood Maries (dat funny name, no?) to swimming place so you gat fixed up for all dat Cajan food you gonna gat at Dons Cafe bout noon time of de day. Ma Blanche, she gonna make the E'touffee, de crawfish pie and all everything you wants.

Hey, you talk this fella Winton Adams, he am the President of Vice, him, dat you wanna come see Cajon Joe and he talk you what you gatta do.



EVERYTHING YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT SKIING . . . BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK.

by Dr. R. Begonia

Courtesy of KC Ski Club Slushboomer

Q. Is skiing really dangerous?

A. *Somewhat, but recent innovations such as release bindings, plastic boots and the pill have greatly reduced the dangers of the sport.*

Q. Is skiing expensive?

A. *Jackie and Ari don't think so. Actually, compared with auto racing and lion hunting, it's really quite reasonable. A typical trip to Aspen or Vail costs only about \$100 . . . per day during the peak season, considering lift lines this averages out to about \$35 per run. Of course you can save quite a bit if you stay at one of the budget spots outside of town. One such spot is Ma Frickers room and eats. Located on easy two hour drive from Vail, Ma will provide a room with meals for just four dollars a day . . . slightly higher for indoor plumbing and fresh meat.*

Q. Are ski trips really monopolized by sexually motivated, amoral people interested only in pursuing sinful pleasures instead of skiing?

A. *Instead of, No . . . But, in addition to!*

Q. Is it wise to drink before skiing?

A. *Yes. Also after and during (Protects against frostbite).*

Q. It is difficult to get used to the altitude?

A. *Not if you train properly. I always tippy-toe around for a week before the trip and have never had any problems.*

Q. Should a beginner take lessons?

A. *If you're over sixteen.*

Q. What's the difference between snow skiing and water skiing?

A. *About 60°F.*

Q. How long does it take to make a really good skier?

A. *About 4 martinis at that altitude.*

Q. What happens if you get caught in an avalanche while skiing?

A. *There will be a vacant seat on the return bus.*

Q. Should I plan on using my own equipment or renting some at the ski area?

A. *Most prefer to borrow. Renting is an alternative, but using your own is not recommended.*

Q. Should I take something to help me sleep on the bus?

A. *I take my Teddy Bear.*

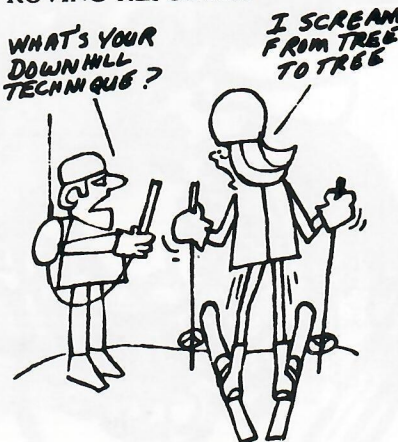
Q. Are ski pants really hard to get into?

A. *I wouldn't touch that one with asbestos gloves.*

Q. Are Leo's as good skiers as they are lovers?

A. *I don't know, I've never seen one ski.*

ROVING REPORTER



THANKS TO TANNY . . .

My congratulations to Tanny Koeppel for a fantastic '71-'72 Sitzmarke. Tanny has increased the format to eight informative pages. Praising Tanny's efforts at our last meeting, Jerry Chiles paid her the highest compliment by comparing her April issue to the Kansas City Ski Club's newsletter. The Slushboomer has been selected as the best ski club publication in the Rocky Mountain Division of the United States Ski Association for the past three years. Glancing over their 18 page magazine, I discovered a staff of twenty, composed of editors, columnists, photographers, cartoonist, advertising and public relations directors.

I will strive to continue the tradition as established by my capable predecessor; however, I would like to request your assistance. Our Club is composed of 1,050 members who have varied talents. Surely we can also form a staff who would write columns, take pictures, draw cartoons, create graphic designs, sell advertising and promote our activities through the news media.

The pleasures you can derive from the Club will multiply with your active participation. I am asking for your suggestions and contributions. The more the better -- resulting in a better Sitzmarke for all. Please contact me at the next meeting or call me at home, 626-1881.

Merry Merritt
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GIDDY UP!

TRANSLATION: The annual No-Snow Preakness trip to Lafayette, Louisiana is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11. The second trip is set for July 8 and 9.

We will take 40 people on each trip and stay overnight at the newly refurbished Sheraton Townhouse Motel. The trip costs will be \$20.00 each (double rooms unless single requested at \$2.00 additional). This will put us in the Air conditioned clubhouse at Evangeline Downs. Lunch at Don's Cajon Restaurant on Sunday is optional and cost is extra. See the trip chairman for both trips at the May meeting. Please be ready to give him your check for \$20.00 as these trips will fill up quickly. Trip information will be supplied later. If you miss the May meeting, please telephone Winton Adams, 468-0132, for the trip chairmen of the No-Snow Preakness Jaunts.