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FROM THE HEAD OF THE LIFT LINE
1971-72

I would like to take this opportunity to report to you some of the results so far of your executive committee's efforts since taking office on May 1, 1971. Even though there has been a "summer vacation" the last few months from ski club meetings, I assure you that your officers have not been "on vacation". Much time and effort has been spent in planning for a successful 1971-72 season. We feel that some very solid groundwork has been laid.

The majority of our efforts to date have of course been focused on the planning of ski trips for next winter. A special "pat on the back" goes to V.P. of Trips, Pat McLaughlin for many long hours spent in formulating the trip schedule for next year and selecting trip chairmen. Beginning with a meeting in May of all the trip chairmen from last season to get their ideas and suggestions, and the compilation of the questionnaires, many meetings and discussions have gone into the selection of next year's trips. We believe this schedule (printed elsewhere in this SITZMARKE) is an excellent one that should have broad appeal for all members of our club. All trip chairmen for next year have now been selected, along with many of their assistants. Many reservations and plans have already been made for next

year's trips, and Pat is working closely with the new chairmen to get us off to a "running start" for next season.

As you know, our summer activities under Ed Williams' guidance have been very successful. In addition to our traditional summer activities of horse races and yacht club party, we are planning a special beach party and luau at Galveston in August. I certainly hope that all of you who enjoyed the yacht club party so much in July will turn out in August to make this new event a success! And for those of you who missed the yacht club party--here's your chance for more summer fun!

We are happy to report that the final figures are in from the 1970-71 season, and we were able to add about \$2,000 to the club's working capital. Note that a large amount of working capital is required in order to run a club as large as ours and successfully promote the number of large trips we do. A detailed financial statement is printed elsewhere in this newsletter. We have adopted a budget for next year, and are happy to report that it is a balanced one. If everything goes as expected, income should exactly equal expenses for next season.

Our policy of attempting to cooperate and communicate with other ski clubs in the area is beginning to pay real dividends for us. We

think many benefits will be gained through the Texas Area Ski Council, the President of which is our own Ron Crossman. First of these will be the Council-sponsored Europe trip to Chamonix, which will be afforded at a really fantastic price. Ron Crossman has consented to serve not only as Space City trip chairman, but also as overall co-ordinator of this trip for the Texas Area Ski Council. Another side benefit has been the arrangement of a "back-to-back" trip with the Austin Club to Aspen in February. This should save us a substantial amount in ferrying charges on the charter flight. Darwin Miller has a report in this newsletter on the Rocky Mountain Division and new benefits for our members from that organization.

One last word--please remember to pay your dues! Don't miss out on a great season next year!!

See you at the August beach party!

Jerry Chiles, President

TRAIL
CLOSED!





SNOOPY! STOP TEASING THAT PORPOISE!

Let's bid "Aloha to the Sea" on the 28th of August and a hearty "Skol" to the 71-72 Ski Season. Our Luah Beach Party will provide the freedom of the surf as well as the amenities of the Galveston Country Club. You'll be free to choose your sport from building sand castles, searching for sea shells, floating languidly in the salty surf, casting sand sculpture or playing volleyball. If your mood changes, the Galveston Country Club is only 10 blocks away where you can swim in a fresh water pool, play golf or slam tennis balls. One sport everyone can participate in is drinking at the Country Club bar. Drink chits are available for lei-draped members 6 for \$5. Sand saturated bodies may shower themselves in the locker rooms but please bring towels. Golf fees are \$6.00; please call Ernie Wallace (744-4511) at the pro-shop for reservations.

Maybe a mirage will transform the sparkling white sands into snow covered slopes. If a mirage won't do it, maybe the free beer will!

Your appearance at Pirates Beach is bound to get you a lei--as well as--a Polynesian Feast of Sweet and Sour Ribs, Fresh Shrimp, Rice Pilaf and

Fruit Compote with Rum, to be served at 7 p.m. after our Treasure Chest hunt at 6 p.m. on the beach.

Since this is our first year to have two summer parties, your support will enable the Club to have activities year round. The charge for our Beach Party, catered by the Galveston Country Club, is \$3.00 per person which includes beer. Please enclose the form with your checks now made out to Space City Ski Club. If you wait to pay when you arrive at the beach, the charge will be \$4.00. Guest are required to pay \$5.50. (Anyone who has not paid their 71-72 membership fee is considered to be a Guest).

In case some party goers would like to make a weekend jaunt to Galveston, beach houses are available for 2 nights from \$75.00 to \$125.00 and Saturday night from \$40.00 to \$60.00. These one to three bedroom houses are located on Pirates Beach and Pirates Cove.

Reservations with security will be accepted, the week preceding our party on Aug. 22nd by calling Pokey Stamper

at Pirates Beach Properties (222-0784). Naturally these house rentals will be handled on an individual basis. Perhaps it could be a good excuse to "get away" for the weekend.

In order to have a plentiful feast, we must know how many members and guests plan to attend our Luah Beach Party; please send in your reservations and money soon. Even if you don't discover our buried Treasure Chest, you are guaranteed to get a lei.

Saturday, August 28th. 1 p.m.

Aloha....

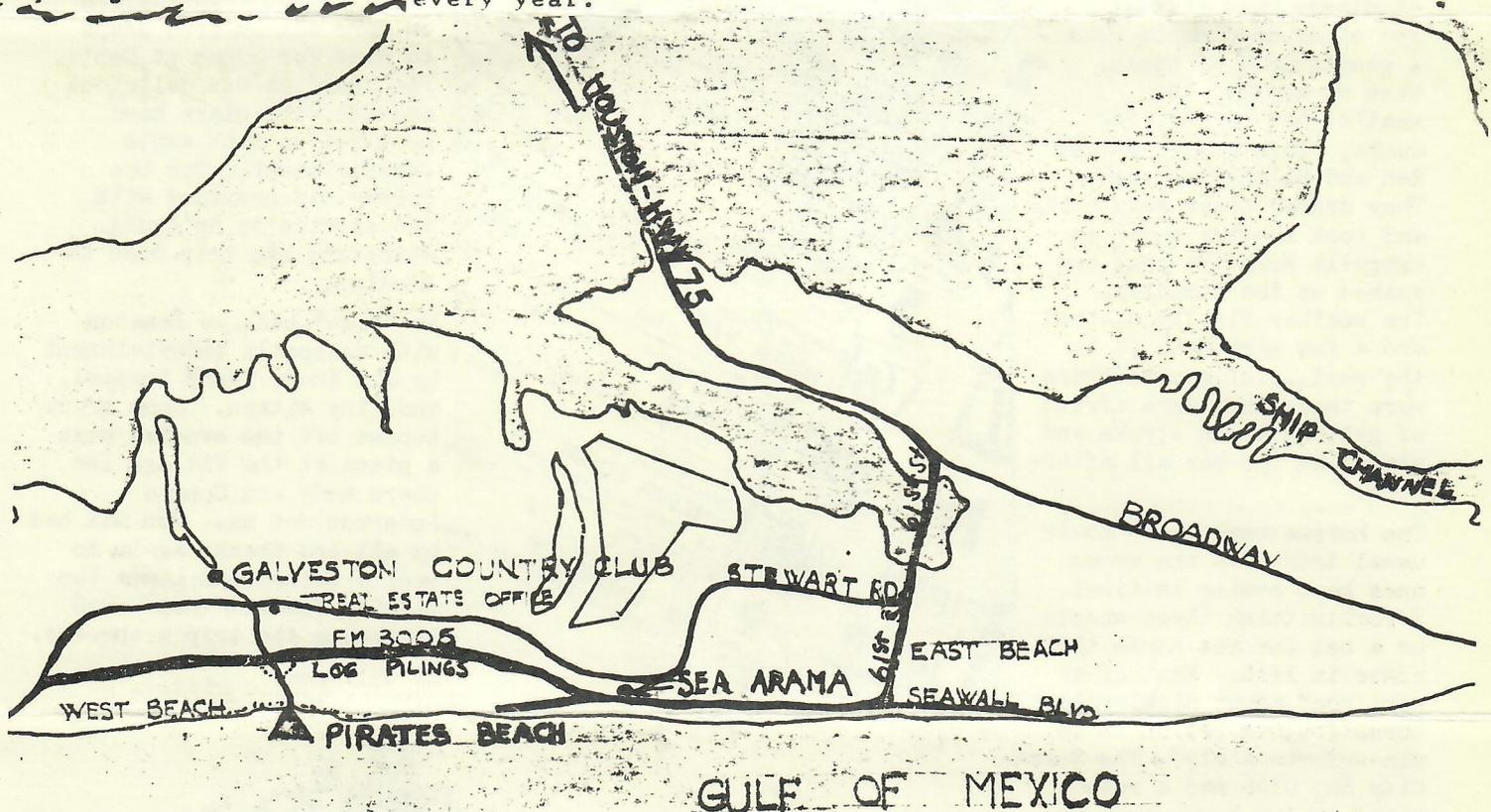
Merry Merritt
Home- 528-3981
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SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

HAPPINESS IS A COOL SPLASH IN AUGUST!



Our "Sojourn by the Sea" begins at 1:00 p.m. on Pirates Beach which is on the west side of Galveston Island. From the Gulf Freeway (Hwy.75), exit (turn right) on 61st, drive to the Seawall Blvd. and take a right. After 4 miles, Sea Arama Marine World will be on your right. When a fork occurs, bear to the right on new Highway 3005. After a 7-mile drive, watch for log piling gates on your left denoting Pirates Beach. Turn left on Pirates Drive and look for colorful balloons floating about the "Crows Nest". Park along the side of this road and please don't block the residents' driveway. With your help, we'll be able to return and have annual beach parties here every year.



LUAH BEACH PARTY

Make checks payable to SPACE CITY SKI CLUB and mail to: Merry Merritt
1213 Bonnie Brae Ho, Tx. 77006

_____ YES, I do plan to attend the Luah Beach Party, August 28th.

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ members (Please give names)

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ guests (Please give names)

Our summer activities have been great so far. I want to thank Miles Anderson, Leslie Holmes, and Linda Van Alstine for their work in handling the two "No Snow Preakness" trips to Lafayette. By the time this Sitzmarke is out we will have had our annual picnic and I am at this time anticipating a good turnout.

In August we will have our first "Beach Party". See Merry Merritt's article for more details on the party. This should be a real swinging party and Merry has done a lot of work in preparing for this party and I want to thank her for this.

As we do not have enough response to have a third "No Snow Preakness" we will not have such a trip in August. The Beach Party will close out the summer activities. Beginning September 13th we will resume our regular monthly meetings at Sonny Look's on 9810 Main at 7:30 p.m..

Ed Williams
VP - Programs

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

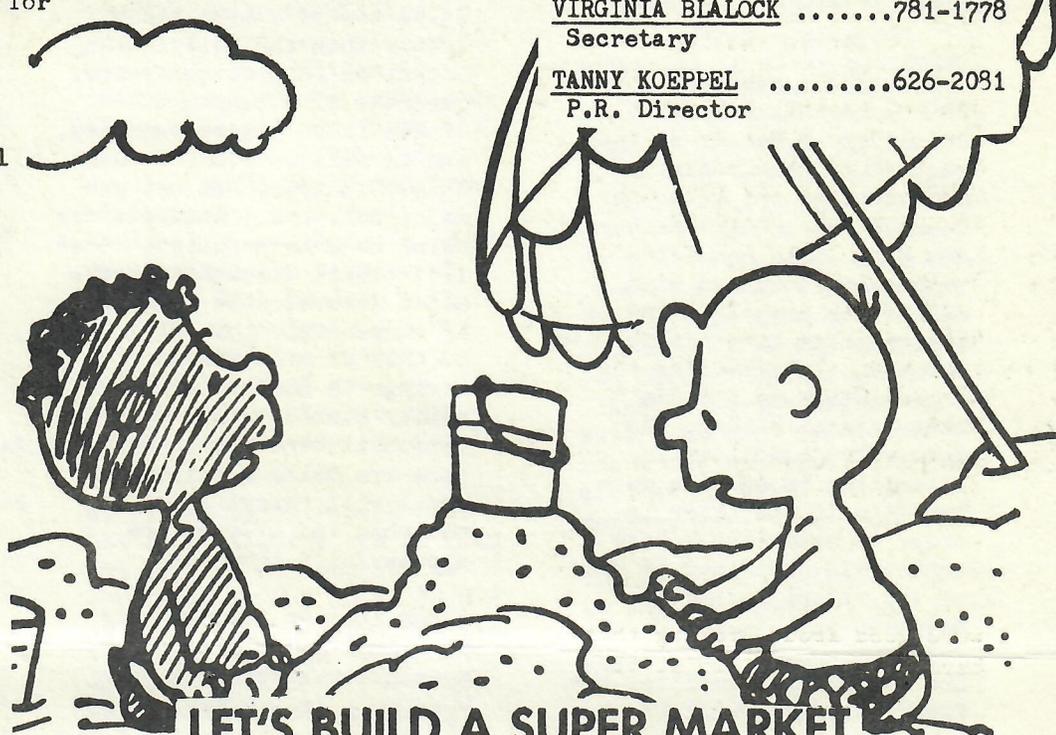
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IMPORTANT ** PLEASE NOTE....
For those of you who joined BEFORE April, 1971 you must join again for the 1971-72 season in order to be considered a member as the fiscal year runs from May 1, 1971 through April 30, 1972.

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SKIING 1971-1972 TENATIVE TRIP SCHEDULE

(Subject to change due to air transportation and room accommodations.)

- November 24-28VAIL
- December 26-2ASPEN
- January 14-19STEAMBOAT
- January 29-Feb. 6ASPEN
- February 17-28EUROPE
- March 3-7TAOS
- March 11-18TAHOE
- March 28-April 3VAIL

\$ \$ DUES REMINDER \$ \$
Dues for 1971-1972 should now be paid. \$10.00-singles; \$15.00-married. Make checks payable to: SPACE CITY SKI CLUB and mail to: Joyce Testa, V.P.-Membership, 2408 Yorktown Apt. 240, Houston, Texas 77027



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RMD NEWS

Darwin Miller

I attended a meeting of the RMD membership committee on July 17th in Denver at the request of Ron Crossman, president of the Texas Ski Council and a board member of the RMD. This committee is primarily concerned with membership promotion and establishing benefits for its members. In expanding the organization to include recreational skiing, the membership committee is attempting to provide more benefits to the skier in order to establish a base membership comprised of most of the skiers in the Rocky Mountain area.

One of the RMD benefits, the free lift pass, will be continued this year, but

it will be a coupon worth \$5.00 toward a lift ticket rather than the full lift ticket as in previous years. Purchase of a companion ticket is no longer required, and it will be good on week-ends this year, but not on major holidays. Attempts are being made to negotiate other lift ticket discounts at the major Colorado ski areas and if successful, this will result in an even greater savings to members of RMD member clubs. Other direct financial benefits to members are being negotiated and I will report these to you when and if they are successfully completed.

A new item in the RMD this year is its tabloid type newsletter which will contain news of all RMD activities, including those of the distant clubs such as Space

City. I think that you will find this paper of more local interest than the USSA magazine, SNOW.

The officers of SCSC have decided not to enroll each member in the RMD this year so it's up to you to join. The financial return exceeds the cost of membership, but the primary incentive is the support of skiing. The RMD is part of the principal US organization that is dedicated solely to skiing, both competitive and recreational. Your support is needed. When you renew your SCSC membership, also send in the enclosed form for RMD membership and be part of the big picture of skiing.

"Let's go skiing "

RMD APPLICATION

ANNUAL DUES: \$4.00

Make check payable to: Rocky Mountain Division/USSA
Mail to: Darwin Miller
1631 Wavecrest
Houston, Texas 77058

Please Print

Name _____
Address _____
City & State _____ Zip Code _____
Ski Club _____