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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

February 10, 1969
Monday

7:30 P.M.

LOOK'S SIR-LOIN INN
"CROWN ROOM"

(Corner of So. Loop West & S. Main)

Gentlemen are requested to wear coats.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Ski season is here and the result is enthusiasm among all interested parties as reflected by the increase in our membership. We now have 570 members. The breakdown is as follows:

186 marries	251 new
384 single	319 renew

Again, we remind you that you must be a member of the Club to go on any of the ski trips. Please direct all membership requests to:

Miss Sammie Lou Mavar
2101 A Fountain View Drive
Houston, Texas 77027
PHONE: 781 3058

NEW MEETING PLACE

LOOK'S SIR-LOIN INN
"CROWN ROOM"

We have found a new home for the Space City Ski Club's regular monthly meetings for the remainder of this season.

Look's Sir-Loin Inn's Crown Room is located at the corner of the South Loop West and South Main Street.

Gentlemen are requested to wear coats.

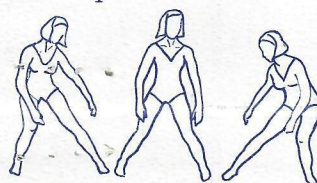
You may park your own car or use the parking attendants. Parking is free.

See you February 10, 1969

RUIDOSO TRIP SHELVED

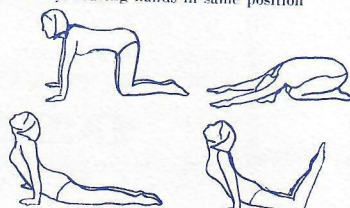
At the January Meeting we discussed the possibility of a weekend trip to Ruidoso in late February. Due to lack of sufficient interest on the part of the membership it has been decided to shelve this at present. We are presently considering sponsoring a weekend trip in March if adequate interest develops. If YOU would be interested in going, please drop us a card to that effect giving name, address and both home and office phone numbers. Mail should be addressed to our P.O. Box. In the meantime, if you can't wait that long, then check with the Ski Desk at TIA (Sally Maulhern) and see what kind of package trip they can offer you.

Pre- and après-ski workouts



▲ Snow-plow position: Stand as if going straight down hill. Make movement of turns left and right. Breathe normally. Repeat 3 to 6 times

♥ "Stand" on knees. Bring body forward and support with arms straight. Leave hands in position. Move body back, rest on heels. Exhale. Move body forward and curve back. Bend knees. Repeat 2 to 4 times always leaving hands in same position



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Skiers shall keep off closed trails and posted areas and shall observe all traffic signs and other regulations as prescribed by the ski area.

VAIL TRIP THANKSGIVING 1968

I suppose it is a hair late to be penning this trip report, but Peggy said "DO IT!" So.....

It seems like so long ago, but a mere two months have passed since 24 eager skiers noted that Thanksgiving's horn of plenty unloaded a bounty of snow over Vail's graceful slopes. The soft glint of moonlight uncovered a seeming field of gems as it shone on the carpet of crystals. This, coupled with an array of soft lamplight from the Village, was a sight to behold as we left the world and entered the never-never land of Ski Country -USA.

Awakening early the next morning, everybody hit the slopes, at least I think everybody did, because I hardly saw any of the group except once-in-a-while in the evening. You see, Vail was quite crowded for this time of year, about 4,000 bodies. The weather was fair Thursday & Friday, somewhat cloudy and a bit chilly, 10° - 15° above zero. The skiing, however, was magnificent, snow abounded everywhere and all the slopes were skiable. Some were closed so they could be groomed. They too were skiable, but you incurred the collective wrath of the Ski Patrol if you so much as thought about it. They would mumble something about being saved for Jean Claude ... somebody...

Saturday night we had a fun cocktail party in Rolfe's apartment. Lots of wine and cheese, also booze provided by our gracious host, Mr. Joe Staufer. Most everybody got smilingly smashed. Saturday was great, the sun shone brightly everywhere and it even warmed up some. No injuries, other than a slight ankle twist. Sunday was terrific as was Saturday and a beautiful day to end it all. I had my worries however, about noon we were still short two bodies...we had a 4 O'Clock plane to make and it was snowing on the pass. The finally arrived; we piled everybody in and with the sun shining gently on the carpet of gen-like crystals, we hooked it for the world with 24 intact, tired and happy skiers, except one. Yours truly, Dusty Smith, had to look back one more time. It's hard to shake such a great love affair!

SANTA FE TRIP

HOW TO BRING IN THE NEW YEAR

At approximately 3:30 p.m. on December 27, 1968, the Hobby Airport looked like a disaster scene as sixty one members of the SCSC descended upon it juggling boots, skis, poles, and luggage. Once airborne a holiday spirit began to lift us into a state of "euphoria" (the brandy helped), and soon the cares of Houston were forgotten and everyone began to think "SNOW".

Upon our arrival in Santa Fe, there was the usual hustle and bustle of luggage and skis. Chartered busses were there to transport us to the "Inn of the Govenors" where we would be spending the next five nights - our days being spent on the slopes.

Each morning after a hearty breakfast we bussed to the Santa Fe Ski Basin for a full day of skiing with occasional intervals for food, rest, beer and/or wine. Our first day of skiing was on powder snow according to some of our more advanced intermediates. Because of the enthusiasm for getting back on the slopes, our trip chairman, Les Bennett arranged quickie lunches picnic style.

The Inn of the Governor's feted us with a cocktail party and bu fet dinner on Sunday night. They also furnished us with a party room, bar, and favors for New Year's Eve. Our group was unusually festive on New Year's Eve with much singing and many tall tales of skiing abilities (many of us became very adept at dodging rocks). However, even with these gala festivities, one could detect a certain underlying sadness of it all coming to an end much too soon.

The Killy Style

Jean-Claude Killy, the world's greatest ski racer who won three gold medals in the 1968 Winter Olympics, starts a new series of instructions on skiing for every type of skier, from the beginner to the accomplished. Killy will take viewers on a different ski adventure each week, with the help of his Olympic teammate Leo Lacroix, who will appear on a regular basis. Although the emphasis will be on action, the series include information on the selection of ski equipment and the latest in ski fashions. Skiing with "Le Champion."

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SKIS AND CRUTCHES

Two more successful trips since our last issue of The SITZMARKE. The New Years long weekend found a total of 89 of our members on the slopes on Club-sponsored trips. The Ruidoso crowd, 27-strong, were more highly favored by the Snow Gods. Either they worked harder on their snow dance, or they had a better choreographer. Whatever it was, they had an abundance of the white manna to make tracks on.

The Santa Fe crowd, 62 of them, didn't have quite the same luck; there were reports of a few bare spots here and there on the slopes. The trips were still judged a success and a great time was had by all (well, almost all).

Separate reports on each of these trips should appear elsewhere in this issue.

The Aspen trip is currently full and will be underway by the time this is received. There will be a full report on this trip in the next issue.

The two remaining trips on our calendar are the Tahoe Trip and the Santa Fe Easter Trip. There are still a few spots left to fill on the Tahoe Trip, so act fast if you want to be included on what promises to be one of our best trips ever.

LAKE TAHOE

March 1 - 8, 1969

The Swinging Skiers of the Lake Tahoe trip will get acquainted at their pre-trip party on February 17. (Location to be announced in letter.) If you are not a member of the happy group-Pity!

With 8 days on the slopes at beautiful Lake Tahoe, the fellas and gals will improve their skiing and hopefully their social life for some time to come.

For only \$245, the trip has to be a great bargain and a unique adventure.

Included in the package of 8 days at the Sahara-Tahoe Hotel are the 6-day lift tickets, free cocktails every evening, entertainment and other pleasures around the gambling tables. Those who saw the color slides at the January meeting can attest to the beauty of the area.

We fly out Saturday morning, March 1 to have a trip long to be remembered. Don't quit your job or rob a bank, but try to get just a bit more time

off and a few bucks, then join the bunch for Lake Tahoe and come High Sierra skiing.

For information, call Trip Chairman Winton Adams at HO 8 0132, or Assistant Trip Chairman Bob Hightower at 621 1067.

SANTA FE

April 3 - 6, 1969

Trip Chairman Harry Beard already has a long list of those interested in making this trip. Details will be announced at the February meeting. In the meantime make plans to spend the Easter Weekend on the slopes with us. We can take as many as 70 on this trip



A standing skier shall check for approaching downhill skiers before starting.

RUIDOSO TRIP

December 27 - January 1

Co-Chairmen, Mike & Peggy Gay report SNOW, SNOW, SNOW everywhere.

The skiers could hardly wait for everyone to get their equipment together. Ronnie & Patti Wamble, James Johnston and Nancy Cordray, some of our new members, took to the slopes like "ducks to water."

Helen Haynie & Larry Negriff won the "Pass The Orange" game at the New Year's Eve Party.

Emily Keyes had a "to-do" with the poma lift, the lift won, Emily came out with a knot on her head, but was able to ski the rest of the day.

Other than a few sore muscles, there were no injuries.

The big question remains-----Where's the time and money for the next trip?

It was good snow, good people and a good trip, altogether.

It is that time again to ski a little and hobnob alot. That's all that goes on at Colorado's other ski resort. There are some of you on this trip to ...ah... Aspen, I think they call it; that contrary to all that goes on, intend to ski a considerable amount. It is ye upon whom these experienced (?) words must fall. Breaking a fall from a bar stool is not being treated in this article.

Beginners and Intermediates please remember, dress in layers for maximum warmth; be absolutely sure your boots fit well or you'll be sorry by mid-week. Double check the setting on your bindings the first day and also about mid-week. If you haven't skied since last season, go back to school for at least one day - believe me, it is worth it! Here are a few rules of the road that will make your skiing a bit more enjoyable:

- 1) Eat a good breakfast - It will keep your energy up.
- 2) Wear sunburn cream, even on cloudy days.
- 3) Wear your safety straps - a loose ski can travel in excess of 100 mph.
- 4) Follow the posted instructions at lifts and on the slopes, especially the slope markers. Green Square-Easiest; Yellow Triangle - More Difficult; Blue Circle - Most Difficult; Two Blue Circles Well, there is one on Aspen Mt. called Evevator Shaft and they mean it! Red Anything - Trail Closed or Dangerous Area. If you see a stick with a red flag on it, this usually means there is a rock or some other deadly trap right there - Ski around it!
- 5) Ski within your ability.
- 6) Stop when you are tired.

About liquor and skiing.... best left unsaid because halfway through the first wine & cheese party, everything I have said will be forgotten. Then Winton will go twist an ankle; Les will rip a sole off his ski book -- how I don't know, but he'll manage; and Dail will be buggin everybody as he flies over moguls in his new ski cape! Have fun all, and be careful. OH....If you see Jill St. John, stop and chat....she's a great gal!

Dusty Smith



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 1-8 Aspen Trip
- Feb. 10 Regular Meeting
Looks Sir-Loin Inn
- Feb. 13 Ice Skating Party
Winterland
- Feb. 27 Ice Skating Party
Winterland

MARCH

- Mar. 1-8 Lake Tahoe Trip
- Mar. 10 Regular Meeting
Look's Sir-Loin Inn

APRIL

- Apr. 3-6 Santa Fe Trip
- Apr. 14 Regular Meeting
Looks Sir-Loin Inn
- Apr. 17 Ice Skating Party
Winterland

MAY

- May 12 Regular Meeting
Looks Sir-Loin Inn
- May 15 Ice Skating Party
Winterland
- May 29 Ice Skating Party
Winterland

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to change.

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PLEA FOR PICTURES

Since its formation, the Space City
Ski Club has kept a scrapbook con-
taining pictures from all ski trips
taken. However, since the European
trip in 1967, we have had few pict-
ures turned in for posterity!

We need pictures from all trips taken
since March 1967. Share with us by
sending your ski trip pictures to:

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