

# THE SITZMARKE



## SPACE CITY SKI CLUB

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### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

April 14, 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 ROSTER (Another First)

The Space City Ski Club is publishing its first Membership Roster. This Roster will contain the name, address, and telephone number of each 1968-69 member as of February 28, 1969, which was the latest date we could possibly wait for making additions and changes.

Each dues paid member of 1968-69 will receive a Roster before the April meeting. It is hoped that each of you will carefully read the Proposed By-laws so that they may be voted on at the April Business Meeting scheduled for April 14th.

### YOU CAN HELP YOUR U.S. SKI TEAM BECOME NO. 1 IN THE WORLD

Unlike other countries who subsidize and underwrite all costs, the U.S. Ski Team depends upon voluntary donations.

Convinced that development of our fine young athletes is a responsibility of every American, many leaders of American industry, and many individuals, are currently assisting the United States Ski Fund.

You, your company, or organization can also help the United States Ski Association find and train talented youngsters and develop a truly great United States Ski Team -- through donations and through membership in the USSA.

America is not lacking in strong and able young people who are proud of their heritage and eager to compete for their country. But they need your help. Membership in the United States

Ski Association entitles you to a special membership pin which signifies that you proudly support the U.S. Ski Team. Annual dues are only \$5.00. But you, or your organization, may wish to make an additional contribution. Simply mail your \$5.00 membership dues, and your donation if you wish to contribute, along with your complete name and address to:

U.S. SKI ASSOCIATION  
HOTEL BROADMOOR  
COLORADO SPRINGS  
COLORADO 80906

### APRIL 14 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

#### A G E N D A

The meeting will be called to order promptly at 8:30 P.M. This is the most important meeting of the year.

First of all the Proposed By-Laws, which you should have in your SCSC Roster need to be approved.

Secondly we will have the slate of proposed new officers for next year put before the members for election. These individuals have been carefully screened by the Nominating Committee.

### GUESTS WILL PAY \$1.00 NEW POLICY

As a result of the current liquor laws and the difficulty in securing facilities at an advantageous price, your executive committee has found it necessary to charge non-members an admission of \$1 to help defray the costs of our monthly meetings, starting with the April 14 meeting.

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## TAHOE

Ask any of the happy 73 just returned from our March trip to Lake Tahoe, we have discovered an exciting, beautiful, fun, and unbelievably inexpensive location for future trips!

We hope to show movies and slides during the April meeting so that you see what all the shouting is about. Words here can't describe it.

The skiing at Heavenly Valley, Alpine Meadows, and Squaw Valley was just great. Good packed snow most of the time for the beginners and intermediates and powder enough for the advanced. Although it's tough going at first, the beginners and intermediates got a taste of the challenge and fun of new snow on the slopes on two mornings. The weather was nearly perfect, and many good "jet-set" sun tans were acquired. Thankfully, no broken bones, although we noticed a few still limping.

A group party, with the fine friends from the Toledo Ski Club joining us, was held each night in a private room at the Sahara-Tahoe Hotel to start the evening's activities. The most popular \$2 buffet at Harvey's Casino had the majority of our bunch, then some of the good shows - Loui Prima, Jonah Jones, a good variety production, and on the last night, the Baja Marimba Band and Gloria Loren. Everyone hit the gambling casinos, with some of the girls doing some good winning and some of the guys dropping a small bundle. For those not trying their luck, it was fascinating to tour the scene and watch the action.

Probably the best party developed on the plane coming home. We were tired and a bit sore, but the booze, beer, and wine flowed in abundance so that this group ended a great trip with a great party.

Plans are being made to go back next year. Many of this year's group will want to return for more of this unique skiing spot. If you've been making the other trips for several years, consider a change for next year. You'll love TAHOE!

We were fortunate to have the Club's poet laureate, Margie Fannette, with us, and her view of the trip was thus:

"At 5 A.M. seventy skiers did depart  
For a paradise that was soon to win  
their hearts.  
When arriving we all rushed in the  
Sahara Tahoe,  
Over anxious to eat, drink and spend  
all our dough.



The rooms they were great if you  
could figure out where,  
Seven was on six, six was on five  
but they really didn't care.  
The snow was the thing we were all  
looking for,  
I think that was it or was it the  
bar?  
Both we found in abundance I should  
say,  
The powder and booze were there  
every day.  
At Heavenly Valley one day and on  
Squaw the next,  
Wow! Was that Paul Newman, or are  
we over-\_\_\_\_\_?

Down Siberia and to the next chair,  
Snow in our boots, pants, jackets,  
and hair.  
Cut it out Jim, Easter I mean,  
Trees are not to be ridden but to  
be seen.  
It's Bill and Miles on their ski  
bobs,  
So that's the way to get through  
the mobs!

You better watch out the beginners  
are near,  
On their three foot skis going  
parallel I hear.  
On the tables down at Harvey's the  
dice they did roll,  
Seven come eleven - it's only money  
I'm told.  
Watch out Walter the dealer is  
looking,  
Bending cards is considered crooked!

Let's take a break for a sandwich  
and beer,  
It's only 50¢ at Sahara I hear!  
Oh, but the buffet at Harvey's you  
just can't beat,  
For only \$2.00 you get all you can  
eat.  
The shows were great but not as good  
as our own,  
Shirley and Marilyn could not be  
outshone.

Speaking of parties we did have a  
few,  
Room 207 was the place for the crew.  
There the Toledo Ski Club joined  
us in mass,  
When it comes to partying they are  
in our class,  
To sum it all up we should all give  
a cheer,  
For Winton, our leader, who got us  
back here!"

(Note from Winton:  
"Margie, it was my pleasure!")



## TO THE SLOPES!!

It was a great success!!!

The Lake Tahoe Trip, that is; just ask anyone who went and then you'll be among the envious. There is a full report on this trip on Page 2 of this issue, but as V.P. of Trips I want to commend Trip Chairman Winton Adams and his able Assistant Bob Hightower for the outstanding job they did in planning and executing this trip. It's always a bit more difficult in planning a trek to a new area, but all of the obstacles they encountered were admirably hurdled. Thanks again for a great job.

A few of the participants suggested that next year it might be even more fun to stay at Squaw Valley instead of Lake Tahoe. Although this would have some advantages in daily transportation time saved, it would also greatly increase the cost of the trip. We would lose the advantage of the lower hotel costs and the incredibly low food costs in a gambling area.

SANTA FE  
April 3 -7, 1969

As this issue goes to press Trip Chairman Harry Beard is ready to herd some twenty-plus Bunnies and Bunny-Chasers to Santa Fe for the Easter weekend. This will be the sixth and last Club-sponsored trip for this season --- a most successful ski season for the Club. See next issue for a report on this trip.

In the event this issue reaches you before the trip departs and you decide to join the Easter skiers, call Harry Beard at 672 3438 to sign up.

### SKIS & CRUTCHES

It's April and that special time is upon us. The clouds and snowstorms are melting away into blue skies and sunshine embraces the slopes in its warming arms. SPRING SKIING - that time revered by skiers everywhere is here! The slopes will soon abound with a kaleidoscope of color as skiers vest themselves in the very special robes for this very special season. But beware, for in the beauty of spring snow lies a treacherous creature!

The changeable condition of the snow can no longer be measured in days; now it is measured in hours. You must be prepared for it. In one day you can ski on snow that is ice in the morning and slush in the afternoon. It may be light and dry in the shade and wet and heavy in the sun. You might

ski for yards and yards on good hard pack, and suddenly be upon a patch of grass.

This is a fabulous time to ski and can be an unforgettable experience if the proper precautions are taken. Be sure to consult one of the local ski shops to be sure all bindings are properly set; edges are sharp and most important, that your skis are waxed properly. Regardless of what kind of fancy bottoms you have on your skis, this is the time of the year that a special wax is required. Also, be mindful of the normal day to day precautions you have taken before because the slopes most everywhere will be quite crowded. Decorate the slopes in your bikinis or lederhausen, not the hospitals. Respect the conditions of the corn snow and you will reap its rewards,

HAVE FUN!

*Dusty Smith*

### DISCOVERED AT SQUAW VALLEY --- INSTANT SKIING

Sounds too good to be true, but it is. Now skiing can really be fun even for the rank beginner. Clif Taylor, a former instructor in the Army Ski Troops 10th Mt. Div., and now Director of Instant Ski School at Squaw Valley, using his "Short-ee Ski" method. Basically this method involves a natural progression through 3', 4', and 5' skies as the proficiency of the student increases. Progress is measured by ratings in 1) ability to stand up, 2) steady movement forward, 3) control, 4) Rhythm, and 5) confidence. On Shortee Skies you use the same modern technique as experts--only everything is easier to do. As soon as the student shows that he can handle the shorter ski, he is graduated to a longer one. The advantages of Shortees are:

1. You can learn parallel technique immediately, eliminating snow-plows, stem-turns, etc.
2. You quickly develop confidence, balance and rhythm.
3. You can choose a ski length that best suits your ability.

By the end of 3 days you should have most of the techniques down pat, using 3' and 4' Shortee skis without poles. Then comes the 5' ski, first without poles, then with. As soon as you feel you're ready, you can transfer all your skills to the regular longer skis. However, many Shortee ski fans like the easy

handling and effortless turning so much they never do make the change to longer skis.

For some of us in Houston who only ski once or twice a year and are "eternal beginners"--and especially for the newcomers who have never skied at all--this method is ideal. Whereas in the past we've forgotten so much from year to year that we've had to start over with classes in the basics, now with this method a half day's practice will put us back up to par, and we can get up there with the "big boys" almost immediately. Shortee skis are also an excellent "Parallel Technique" training aide for skiers on longer skis who are having difficulty learning to keep their feet together. Any skier can switch to Shortees for a day and get that "parallel feeling"--and the transition back to long skis is easy.

Several of us "snow bunnies" on the recent Lake Tahoe trip journeyed over to Squaw Valley to give the Shortee Method a try and can do nothing but sing its praises. Unfortunately we didn't get there until the fourth day--so did not make the full progression--but we're eagerly looking forward to "next time." Dot McLendon, Mary Beth Jackson, Genelle Dahlberg, and Brenda Davison--stubbornly ignoring the catcalls and jeers of the "big boys"---strapped on our little bity skis and really zipped all over the poma-lift hill. Before the week was over several others had joined us, including Estelle Callaway, Marilyn Todd, and Dianna Hughes. Everyone was impressed by this method of learning to parallel. Genelle, who had never skied before, quickly mastered the Shortees and out-did us all, as she didn't have so much to unlearn. Several of us are now seriously considering buying the five-foot ski to use permanently.

Clif Taylor's Graduated Length Method (GLM) was discussed thoroughly at the Eighth Interski Convention at Aspen, and the consensus was overwhelming that it is an easy learning method for the beginner and recreational skier. The GLM is now taught in more than sixty ski areas, and it is expected to be available at both Aspen and Vail next year. Nee I say more??





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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### 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

Any of the above plans are subject  
to change. \_\_\_\_\_

### OFFICERS

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FOR SALE: Metal Skis - Hart Galaxie  
II 205 cm w/Look Nevada - Grand  
Prix Bindings - \$100. Call Dusty  
Smith 7716381 or 681-5356

### LAKE TAHOE (SEE PAGE 2 FOR DETAILS)

