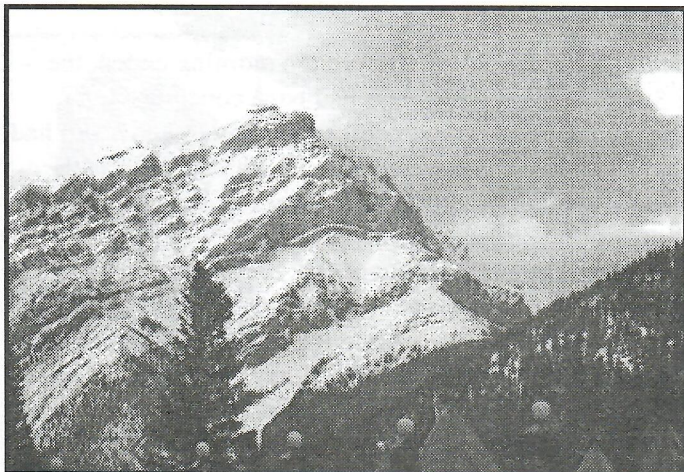


# WINTER PARK 2000 - TSC WINTER SHOOTOUT

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Saturday, February 12 – a group of 28 anxious skiers ready to begin an exciting ski adventure collected at Houston Airport early and ready to party. United Airlines made sure the plane left on time. The bus from Denver to Winter Park was excellent including a great dinner to quench our appetite.

Sunday morning everyone was treated to breakfast at the trip leader's condo. James Mershon, TSC VP of the Winter Park trip dropped by. He discovered we had transported beer across state lines and threatened to alert the authorities to Bootlegging Ski Mom Patti and her accomplice Big Bad Chef Jeff. He was quickly bribed with Jeff's homemade buttermilk pancakes from Grandmother's secret recipe.

Some trips this ski season have complained of no new snow and poor ski conditions however, in Winter Park we had a winter wonderland all week, with possibly the best snow in years!

Irma Rosendahl, Lila Davis, and George Malone chose to cross-country ski and had a great day. George made a fashion statement wearing his outfit, complete with knickers and wool socks.

The *I'd Rather Be Shopping* award goes to Sharron Harrod, Patti Maudslay, Nannette Pikkarainen, Rachel Pratt, and Christina Riseley, who skipped the mountain and went straight for the shops. We understand that Christina is the master shopper and

never pays full price for anything she buys.

On Monday morning we wondered if Larry Hord was a flasher until we found out that his ski bib zipper was broken. He stood patiently while Ski Mom worked and fixed it. Later we saw two horny men,

Charles Butler and brother Gary Butler in their Viking ski hats. Tell us the truth guys; do these hats really attract the women while you conquer the mountain?

Staci Hester and Nannette Pikkarainen got a pleasant surprise of receiving flowers for Valentine's Day. Everyone enjoyed a SCSC dinner and party complete with red streamers, balloons, and heart decorations. The group sampled a box of chocolate Valentine candy and other assorted "red hot sweets". Did you ever wonder why the trip leaders take so many coolers filled with food and drinks on the trip? One reason is so there is plenty to eat after the trip leader drops a pan of lasagna upside down on the floor!

Claudia Gaxiola and Karen Verwold won prizes for being the quickest at the Valentine games. Everyone else discovered their secret Valentine. Mary Ann Harrell skipped the games and captured Chef Jeff until he revealed his great recipes. We all celebrated Mary White-Dollmann's birthday a day early. We're sure husband Steve Dollmann had special plans for her the following night.

Tuesday was another great day. Jack Hord was our token snowboarder complete with lime green body suit, no coat, and a Santa hat. How does that man stay warm? Only Sharron Harrod knows for sure.

That evening Lila Davis, Claudia

Gaxiola, Mary Ann Harrell, Donna Hathaway, Lynne Hester, Staci Hester, Nannette Pikkarainen, Rachel Pratt, Karen Verwold and George Malone went out on the town to "The Shed" and had a wild time. Poor George surrounded by his harem, it's a tough job but somebody has to do it.

Unfortunately, Irma Rosendahl was diagnosed with altitude sickness and confined to quarters with an oxygen machine for the rest of the trip. We tried to cheer her up the best we could. Lila Davis gave her a special *Got Oxygen?* T-shirt.

The powder hounds were up early on Wednesday for first tracks in a foot of new snow. Novice skiers wondered how to ski in so much snow. The sun came out by ten o'clock and it was a great ski day to remember.

Christina, Nannette, and Rachel had a great snowshoe adventure. The other Ski Council trips arrived during the day, including Kayleen Kill and Peggy Montgomery.

On the slopes, the bump gang, Jeff Eastham, Ellen Bush, Diane McKenzie, and Gunner Heyne were ready to take a flying run down the Expert-Only run Outhouse. Patrick Kitten, a member of The Flatlanders, joined them. Patrick proved to be an outstanding skier. He mastered all the bumps and surprised us later that day as we discovered that he skis on an artificial leg!

Gunnar took advice and mastered the skills of skiing the bumps. The bump queens, Ellen and Diane, challenged everyone to follow. Pacesetter Jeff waited at the bottom of each run wondering what was taking everyone so long?

Wednesday evening was the official TSC Welcome Party. SCSC stood out from the other clubs by wearing Mardi Gras beads. After the party, Ellen, Jeff, Ken, Patti, Nannette, and Rachel took the scenic shuttle express ride to



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the Crooked Creek Saloon in Fraser. Normally a 5-minute drive, they arrived 45 minutes later!

**Ken Mach** was very surprised when the local cowboys admired his Mardis Gras beads and he couldn't return to the table fast enough to take them off. He said "those cowboys were looking at me real funny!"

**Thursday** was another great day for skiing and joining everyone at the TSC Mountain Lunch. **Karen** took a dog-sled ride.

That night **Rachel** went on a dinner sleigh ride while others acting like children went to the Fraser Tubing Hill. The youngsters tubing were **Ron and Sharon Geedman, Claudia, Mary Ann, Donna, Lynne, Staci, George, Patti, and Karen**. When you go to Winter Park be sure to plan a trip to go tubing. We had so much fun we raced, made chains, and totally forgot our age for a short time.

**Friday** was race day. Our race director **Chris Goll** worked to get us out early and assure that the course was suited for a win. Our club races put SCSC close to the lead as even the never-ever skiers **Claudia** and **Nannette** ran the course.

Several awards for the club included Gold for **Chris Goll**, Silver for **Kayleen Kill, Ken Mach, Jeff Eastham** and **Gunnar Heyne**. Bronze medals went to

**Ellen Bush** and **Ron Geedman**. Way to go Space City!

At the end of the races, **Chris** challenged Jeff to a private race but no track could be decided, **Jeff** pointed to the bumps and **Chris** to the groomed



snow! Call it a draw guys!

In the afternoon six skied in the individual races with medals awarded to all. Gold medal went to **Kayleen, Chris, Jeff** and **Ken**. Silver medals went to **Ellen** and **Gunnar**.

Friday night was the final awards party. SCSC came out in full force ready to party, party, party! Chef Jeff made special tortilla roll-ups to share with the entire Council. Everyone raved over them and wondered if the jalapenos were brought from Texas! Dinner was great and then the party elevated as the awards and music began.

The Pub-Crawl award was given to

**Donna Hathaway**, even though she claims not to have visited all those places. How many bars did she really go to? **Charles, Mary Ann, Donna, Karen** and **George** asked mom **Lynne** if daughter **Staci** could join them for tequila shots. Lynne said "absolutely not without me". Later they all stumbled to the dance floor. The theme for the party was *Return to Woodstock*. The D. J. spun vinyl and we burned up the dance floor putting the other TSC clubs to shame. Ms. Freebird, **Rachel** was doing flips on the dance floor! Everyone participated in the famous *Chicken Dance* and our club favorite *Friends in Low Places*.

**Kayleen** had a special partner on the dance floor, a huge trophy! By the end of the evening all the other clubs left and SCSC shut down the place. They had to stop the music and turn off the lights before we finally left, taking the last shuttle home. **Saturday**, we had a memorable bus ride back to Denver. The group surprised trip leaders **Patti** and **Jeff** with special gifts and recognition for a job well done. TSC had provided door prizes for everyone. We all reflected back on the memorable week of fun as a gift was given to each trip participant.