

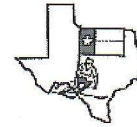


# The Sitzmarke

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## COPPER SHINES!

*By Angie Westergren*

Wow! What a GREAT week of skiing, snowboarding and FUN!

Upon arrival we gathered for a wine and cheese party in (TC) Angie and (ATC) Marnie's condo. Thanks to Sue Olstad who was kind enough to drive all of our beer and wine up to Copper. She and Marianne Pearce even iced them down for us. There were guest appearances by Cher (Linda Alardin), Rod Stewart (Ric Ploeger), Katherine Hepburn (Betty Storms) and Phyllis Diller (Gail Blanton). Everyone enjoyed guessing what name was stuck on their backs. It was a fun way for all of us to mix and mingle.

On Saturday, some people took lessons in the morning while others headed straight to the slopes. Our attempt to meet for lunch was stymied because our meeting place was closed, but most people were able to meet up with other SCSC members anyway. Unfortunately, this was not the only day that the lunch meeting place was closed (Marnie was fired as lunch coordinator after this happened a second time on Wednesday).

On Monday evening, everyone got a Valentine's present because it started snowing and didn't stop for several days. It was beautiful! Several couples on the trip took advantage of Valentine's Day and spent the evening alone together, including Joe Bruccoliere and Karen Mozisek.

The partying started up again on Tuesday with our SCSC party. Not only did we enjoy the food, beverages and company, but we were also treated to delicious homemade candy brought by Merlyn Harger. We learned that Robert Samen is a martini connoisseur. He treated any takers to his martinis

made with his own shaker (he never leaves home without it!). Tom Kaptain enjoyed a massage from three women at the same time. He was the envy of all! What did he ever do to deserve that?

Several people enjoyed other activities on Tuesday. Mac McNamara went dogsledding. The sled went off the roadway and fell over, Mac went face first into the snow and the dogs kept going! Eventually, Mac was reunited with the K-9's. Christina Heyne said the snowshoeing at

Copper is great. It was even free! On one of her trips, the leader got lost due to all the extra snow and it took an extra hour to reach the bottom of the mountain. Angie Westergren ventured out on the snowboard and had a blast.

Wednesday night several adventurous people went tubing, including Kayleen Kill, Kris Rogge and Alan Bitzer. Debra Brannen almost needed a dentist after going airborne on her tube! Afterwards at Apres-ski, Ron Hayes (the official cameraman) was never without his camera, and he usually had more than one with him. His efforts were appreciated throughout the trip. Thanks, Ron!

The individual and club races were on Thursday. Bob Wray, Race Director, did an excellent job of coordinating the SCSC racers. SCSC was third to compete in the morning Cup races. It was a difficult course and 18 fearless SCSC racers were forced to wait nearly an hour while the pacesetter needed three extra runs to complete the green course. Robert Samen earned a bronze medal



**A great day at Copper**

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with the fastest SCSC time of 31.10 seconds, and Kayleen Kill received a silver medal for her time of 33.02. Additional bronze medal winners in the club race were Angie Westergren, Alan Bitzer and Bob Wray. Other racers, including Cindy Moore, Teri Welsh, Kris Rogge, Judy Schiro, Mac McNamara, Gunnar Heyne and Meynard Nussbaum successfully completed the course and contributed points to our grand total of 289. Other members of SCSC came to cheer on our racers, including Marianne Pearce, Elyse Turla, Linda Alardin, Sue Olstad and Betty Storms. After the race, we all enjoyed a great mountain BBQ lunch, then Kayleen, Angie, Judy, Robert, Alan and Gunnar headed off to compete in the afternoon Individual races. Kayleen and Angie received silver medals. Robert and Alan received bronze medals. Finally, at the Friday night awards dinner all three of our female SCSC Individual racers received TSC plaques for finishing in the top three overall in their respective age groups: Angie (second), Kayleen (third) and Judy (second). Congratulations and many thanks to all of our SCSC racers!

Thursday night, Linda Alardin, Teri Welsh, Janet Delgado and Debra Brannen invited everyone to their condo for a potluck dinner. Again, there was plenty of food and libations for all. Angie Westergren won the best pajama dressed leader award, but why was she avoiding drafty windows and Ron's camera?

Friday, our last day of skiing proved to be a bit much for some. Gaynell Blasé and Mamie Lamb were a little out of their league on one of the steeper blue runs and ended up sliding down an ungroomed mogul run on their butts, which was easier for Gaynell since she just followed the trail that Mamie had already blazed! They would like to thank Ron Hayes for his questionable navigational skills in finding a "safer" alternate route.

At the TSC farewell party, SCSC was represented on the dance floor by Lesly Van Dame, who encouraged many others to join her, including Rita Cardenas



**Women Racers Rule**

and Leyla Ozkardesh. She was also joined by Mike Mason and Cindy Moore, who impressed us all with their dance skills. Rumor has it that Mike is a dance instructor! After the party, a few people went to a bar and played pool. Angie, and especially Mamie, surprised us all with the skills they obviously learned very well at Texas A&M. Other pool teams included Doug Broussard & Janet Delgado, Mac McNamara & Teri Welsh and Elyse Turla and some random man at the bar.

A great week may have come to an end, but many new friendships were just beginning. There was such a fun group of people on this trip and many of the participants expressed the desire to ski together again next year. Mamie, where are you and your ATC taking us in 2006? Angie will loan you her whistle!