

Snowmass I

by Jane Orr

Houston's weather was it's typical warm and humid state but that did not dampen the spirits of 46 Space City skiers headed for Snowmass. Everyone arrived at the airport charged and ready for their journey. **Joyce Bayersdorfer** passed out named tags while **Merlyn Harger** and **Dave Stotz** wrapped ski bags for flight. Check-in went smoothly and we were soon settled in at the gate. **Bill Bomberger** surprised us by supplying noise makers for all to rattle when the pilot welcomed our group on board the flight to Denver. Fortunately for all the non SCSC passengers, the pilot never mentioned us! Who tipped-off the flight attendants to our plans! We landed safely in Aspen where **Leona Pleasant** was seen later leaving the men's room. We never ask! **Bob Fulweiler** was very gracious meeting us at the airport and transporting our excess luggage that the bus couldn't carry.

Mike Birowski, **Linda Cooper**, **Sandy Fowler**, **Karl and Lotty Gautschi**, **Dan Hendricks**, **Alex Sawicki** and **Donna Stewart** met our group at our lodge. **Steve Jones** had such a good time at last year's TSC trip that he flew in from California again to join us. This year he brought his wife, **Ann A.K.A. "the Pooh Bear on Skis"**. We kicked off our stay at the Mt. Chalet with a welcome party in the cozy game room complete with roaring fire and lots of great food. Our lodging was exceptional but **George and Darlene Hirasaki**, **Joe Daleo** and **Bill Bomberger** only had to walk 10 feet, pop on their skis and off they went down the slope!

Plans were made by all for a full ski week. All those ski plans did not include the fall taken by **Ann McIntyre**.

So Ann, is it true that the rescue guys are all gorgeous? Sorry you weren't able to ski the remainder of the week but we heard that you bought a great new pair of boots to wear over your air cast. **Gloria Rooney** gets the Florence Nightingale Gold Star for the care and attention she provided to Ann. **Linda Cooper's** system for stopp-ing on skis failed her in 6" of powder. Her friends did appreciate her entertaining fall; she gets the Blue Ribbon for the best face plant. Everyone was worried when she came up with snow under her sunglasses but were relieved that she was OK. Not to be outdone, **Neal Pleasant** ranked a score of 8 for a spill on Elk Camp, judging compliments of

Don and Rootie Moore. No broken bones were sustained, thank goodness. **Joyce Bayersdorfer**, our beginner skier, took several days of lessons and passed the final exam with flying colors.

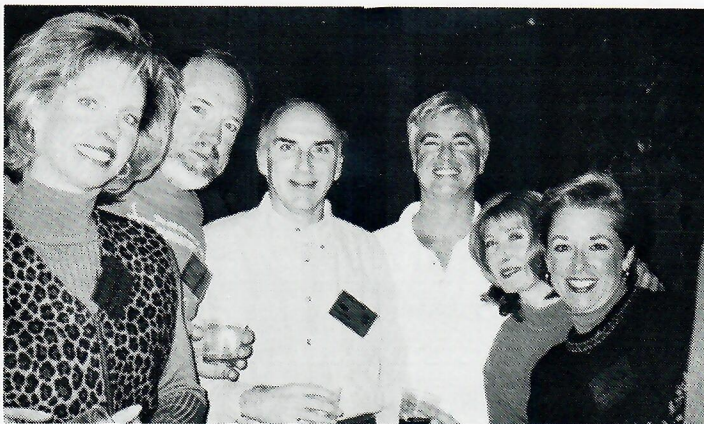
In his never ending quest to look the part of the perfect skier, **Mike Birowski** must have demo'd almost every ski available in Snowmass. Ask **Charlie Roberts** about his trip down "the elevator". There was one witness, who retrieved his skies after the yard sale, that claims it was a "great crash". **Charlie**, of course, was ready to do it again. **J.R. Ronczy** had the funniest ski hat, a dog bone, but he only wore it one day. He also was a beginner skier and with the expert instruction from **Stacey Ronczy**, he actually maneuvered a black slope the last day of our trip. **Merlyn Harger** outdid all of us with his interesting "ski hats" for each day of the week.

Susan Blome seemed to have some difficulty; she lost her hat, her briefcase and something to do with money! **Judy Katany** was our most dedicated employee of the group. Computer in tow, she was able to unplug Mt. Chalet's fax machine so she would

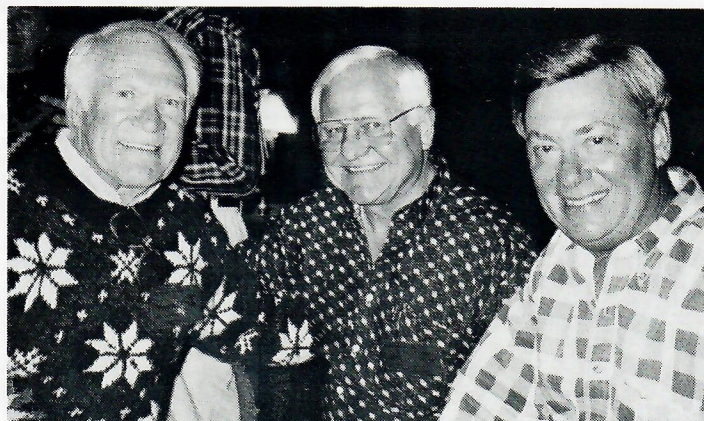
have a phone line for E-Mail. As race day approached, **E.J. Boudreaux** and **Jim Rinke** were spotted preparing by participating in a race clinic.

Race day proved a challenge for most with snow falling and flat lighting. That didn't keep **Leslie Cashio**, **Beverly Roberts**, **Diane Stotz**, **Roberta Rambin**, **Peter Coulter**, and many others from braving the adverse conditions. They did a great job for themselves and SCSC. **Mike Wolfe** was four gates away from his first NASTAR medal when he performed a 9.8 score face plant. Better luck next time, Mike. **Steve Jones** had the men's best time. **Lotty Gautschi** and

George Hirasaki had the best senior times. **Alex Sawicki**, from California, impressed all of us by being able to convince our race director that she was 20 years hold. **Joe Daleo** tried to explain that for once it was to her advantage not to be 20 again. The women Bronze medal winners were **Leslie Cashio**, **Linda Cooper**, **Darlene Hirasaki**, and **Beverly Roberts**. The men Silver winners were **Dave Stotz**, **Merlyn Harger**, and **Mike Birowski**. The Bronze medals went to **Bill Bomberger**, **Ron Rambin**, **Charlie Roberts**, **Andy Cashio**, **Rick Wasson**, **Howard Schoenike**, and **Karl Gautschi**. Joe, you did a great job as race director --- thank you!



Beverly and Charlie Roberts, Dan Hendricks, Andy and Leslie Cashio, Judy Katany



Howard Schonike, Jim Rinke, and E.J. Boudreaux

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The non-skiers of our group seemed to have a good time, too. **Becky Wolfe** took in sightseeing, shopping and cross country skiing. She still found time to join us for our soup lunch every day at Mt. Chalet along with **Helen Harger**. **Ted Widmer** was seen skiing with his very special friend from another SCSC Snowmass trip. Speaking of special friends, it seems that **Howard Schoenike** and **Ann McGowan** hit it off quite well. Ann was seen "massaging" Howard's knee and Howard, intent on impressing Ann, borrowed a shirt to wear to the Caribbean party. Oh, the Caribbean party? Fun was definitely had by all and some apparently had more fun than others --- I wonder if **Rick Wasson** ever found his pants!



Jane Orr, Eddie Bayersdorfer, Dave Stotz



Judy Katany and Joyce Bayersdorfer (Disco Queens!)



Leona and Neal Pleasant

Everyone seemed to have a great time including **Jef and Vicki Carson**, **Lynne and Walter Hester**, **Peter and Melinda Coulter**, **Ward Jones**, **Judy Stringer**, and **Ken Oldroyd**.

The end of the week and the time to return to Houston came far too soon. The skiing and party activities of TSC and in Aspen were too good to leave, not to mention the hospitality of Mt. Chalet. Everyone had a great time and our trip home was uneventful except, what did **Judy Katany** say to the gentleman at the Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory that she was able to get free cookies even though the store was closed? Thanks to all those who helped Eddie and Jane and thanks to all of you, it's great participants that make a great trip!



Joyce and Eddie Bayersdorfer



"Reggae Man" Dave Stotz, Diane Stotz, Steve and Ann Jones