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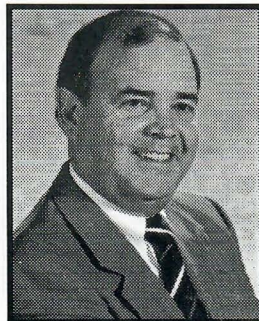
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Head of the Lifeline

by Richard Hall



Thank you to all the other Officers and Directors, the TCs, ATCs, ACs, Committee Members, volunteers & club members who made this year possible. Welcome to the new Officers: President, **Stacey Ronczy**; VP Programs, **Joe Walker**; VP Trips, **Jane Orr**; VP Membership, **Mike Montgomery**; VP Publication, **Charles Butler**; Secretary, **Nora Montgomery**; and Treasurer, **Marvin Volz**. Since Stacey Ronczy will not move to the Board of Directors as a past Officer, a Director to fill her vacancy will be chosen. If you are interested (must have been a previous elected officer of the club) in filling that vacancy, please let a Board Member know. New Officers will meet with the existing Officers and Directors at the next Board of Directors and Executive Committee Meetings to see how we are currently operating. We are discussing new ideas already. The new Officers assume control May 1, 2000.

During April we will conduct Officer Training at a Meeting. The past Officers will assist in new Officer transition. All past Officers will file Final Reports by June 30, 2000. The Texas Ski Council SkiBidFest Meeting is April 14 - 16, 2000 at the Holiday Inn Riverwalk in San Antonio, all ski club members are invited to this fun event. There is a Golf Tournament April 14th at the Canyon Springs Golf Course starting at 11:30 AM. The reception is that night. The next day ski resorts who have been pre-selected make individual presentations about their ski areas to the delegates who must chose the TSC trips for next ski season, non-delegates are invited to watch all the presentations or can wander San Antonio. Saturday night is a great party with interclub fun and revelry. At the Sunday morning meeting the TSC trips for next year are voted on by the delegates, this is an exciting time and very interesting to watch. Contact Susan Blome if you are interested in going to San Antonio.

Look for your name in the Volunteer List in this Sitzmarke. If you volunteered for something and your name is not on the list, please contact the officer for whom you worked to add your name to the volunteer list. The Volunteer party will be this next May or June.

My wife, Lucile, deserves my recognition for her help during this last year. Thank you, dear.



Happy Easter

Sad Note:

We were sorry to learn that that Gudrun Tedder (know to all as Gertie) passed away on February 25th. Gertie has been to most of the local SCSC events and meetings these past years and was often seen at the Christmas dances with her decorated walker (compliments of Merrel Smith). Gertie is the mother of Sharon Smith. We will really miss seeing Gertie at the meetings. It was a pleasure to know her.

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April

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April

- 1 Houston Rockets
- 10 General Meeting- Fashion Show
- 14-16 Bid Meeting - San Antonio
- 20 Happy Hour-Two Rows Restaurant

May

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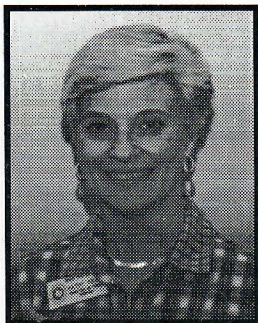
- 8 General Meeting
- 13 Golf Tournament
- 18 Happy Hour - Billy Blue's

June

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June

- 15 Happy Hour



This will be my last article from the ski desk to you. The year has passed quickly and I will take with me many memories of my term as VP of Trips.

When I recall working with my two DOTs, **Jane** and **Arlen**, I picture an evening last summer when a terrible storm blew through Houston. There were high winds and the power went out. I was supposed to meet Arlen and Jane for a planning meeting but I could not get my garage door open without the electric door opener. Jane and Arlen picked up dinner and came to my house. The three of us sat in the dark and did trip

planning by candlelight. This story is just a demonstration of their dedication and "get it done" attitude. I never could have handled the job without them.

I will always regard my team of TCs and ATCs as superlative. I'll recollect moments of triumph and determination when more than one trip leader on more than one occasion said to me "I CAN do this!" I'll recall my own personal pride and satisfaction when looking down the busy row of trip tables at the September meeting and admiring how all our work had come together.

There were a few disappointments and low points as well. Sadly, **Mike Montgomery** and **Heidi Hughes** did a great job but due to lack of snow never got to lead their Snowbird trip. I am regretful too that **Charles Allen** had to cancel ATCing on the Snowmass II trip because of ill health.

However, I will smile when I reminisce about the humorous moments like the time **Gary Sequiera** came to work a pretrip party on his wife's birthday or the time that **Barb Penkala** was furiously emailing back and forth with TSC Expedition VP, Kayleen Kill. All of sudden after copying me on several emails, Barb asked Kayleen "Do I have your correct email address?"

Also, I'll remember comments that made me chuckle. For instance, **Angie Westergren** (at her pretrip) "We **SHOULD** be at the airport at 4:30AM but I say 4:45AM:" **Nicky Minear** (fielding complaints about the weather): "Can we choose **WHO** goes on our trip?" and **Jeri Wilson** (after hurting her shoulder) "The trip leader is **NOT** supposed to get injured!" I guess Jeri is right. If you can run a ski trip, then by golly, you should be invincible!

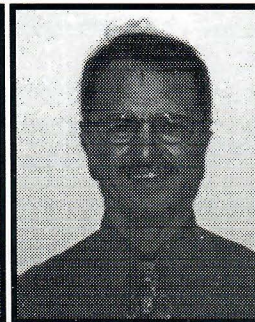
All this year's TCs and ATCs may not be invincible but I think they are the best. I truly appreciate all the hours of diligence by all. I wish I had space here to thank each one personally for their efforts. I appreciate all those souvenirs of their trips: TSC pins, T-shirts, and post cards. My special personal thanks to Mammoth ATC, **Karla Darden**, who by giving someone we both know a gentle push in my direction brought romance to my life this ski season.

Not only will I leave office with fond memories but also with the continued friendship of all the trip leaders, officers, board, and membership with whom I have had contact during this year. The 1999/2000 ski season has been a great one, but enough strolling down memory lane. Now it is time that we close this chapter and look to the future. Please join me in welcoming next year's VP of Trips, **Jane Orr**. (Please is gentle with her; it is one hell of a job!) As for me, I'll definitely be seeing you on the slopes.

Directors of Trips (DOTS)



Jane Orr



Arlen Isham



Space City Ski Club 1999-2000 Trip Schedule (as of 3/15/2000)

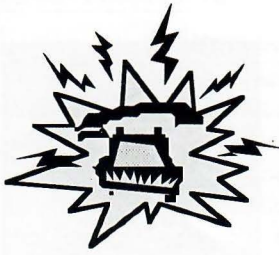
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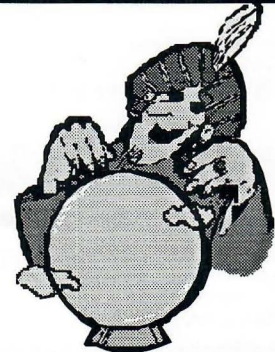


When inquiring about trips or activities, please be considerate when contacting the TCS, ATCs or ACs. Volunteers give their phone numbers to the membership to aid in the promotion of the function, but **NO PHONE CALLS SHOULD BE MADE BEFORE 8:00 AM OR AFTER 10PM!** Also, if you call a work number, be respectful of their work time.

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Where will we ski?

**Texas Ski Council
Ski Show & Bid Meeting
San Antonio, TX
April 14-16, 2000**



Interested in the process of deciding TSC destinations for the 2000/2001 ski season?

The TSC Ski Show and Bid Meeting is in San Antonio the weekend of April 14-16 and is open to all SCSC members. TSC registration is \$ 55 per person.

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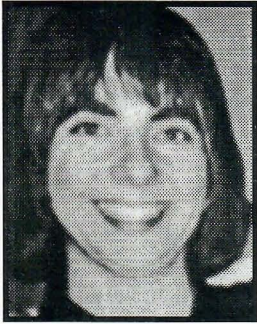
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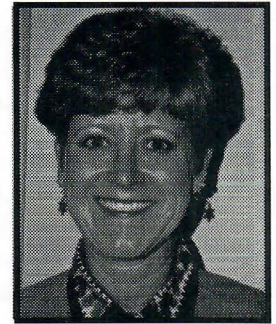
by Stacey Ronczy



Stacey Ronczy

What a great Rodeo season! Lots of fun at the hockey game and an incredible performance of Cleopatra by the Houston Ballet were the events coordinated by our tireless volunteers **Cheryl May**, **Anita Suson** and **Kay McKeough** in March. By the time you receive this Sitzmark, we have most probably also attended the Rockets game with **Joanne Fore**. If we have not – call her immediately!!! She has a few tickets left.

Hope everyone enjoyed their spring break and has a wonderful Easter.



Kim Page

This is what we have to look forward to:

Houston Rockets Basketball – April 1, 2000 with Joanne Fore

Golf Tournament – May 13, 2000 - Margaret Johnson

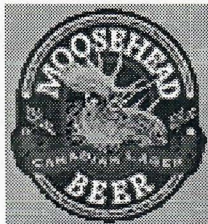
Volunteer Party in May/June/July????

Sun and Ski Sports presents a Spring/Summer Sports Fashion Show



Don't miss the April meeting. Sun and Ski Sports will be showing us the latest fashions. Of course, the models will be fabulous. They are members of our club. Don't miss the fun at the April General Meeting.

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SCSC Activity

SCSC Spring Golf Tournament

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format, includes green fee,
cart, range balls, sleeve of
balls, box lunch w/drink,
trophies & prizes*



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We need volunteers to work on the Volunteer Party!

Yes, SCSC does reward you for all your hard work during the year. The party (for anyone who volunteers their time) is usually in May or June. Here is your opportunity to get involved with the club.

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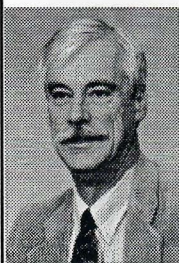


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Sunshine Kids Holiday Auction

By Jeri Hartman

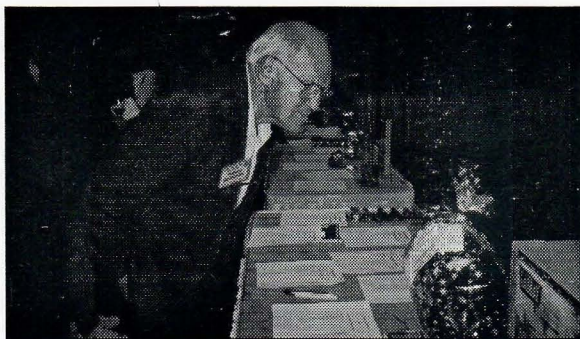
SCSC's Fifth Annual Holiday Auction to benefit The Sunshine Kids was held at our meeting on December 13, 1999. It was a huge success! We raised \$7588 for The Sunshine Kids and they are very appreciative. We received a nice thank you letter from them that also told us they will be taking children with cancer to local activities such as Houston Astros and Houston Rockets games, and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. They will also hold their annual event, "The Sunshine Kids Winter Games", March 4-11 in Aspen, Colorado.

First I want to thank the Auction Committee members: **Nancy and Jeff Sarff, Sharon and Merrel Smith, Cheryl Kenny, Debbie Bergeron, Leona Schroeder, and Joe Walker.** They were all very supportive of my efforts and also worked the payment table the night of the auction. Special thanks go to Nancy, Sharon, and Cheryl for helping me to contact businesses for donations and they also donated items for the auction. Thank you also to our auctioneer for the live auction, **Frank Andrews.**

Thank you to all of the following businesses and individuals that graciously donated items for the auction:

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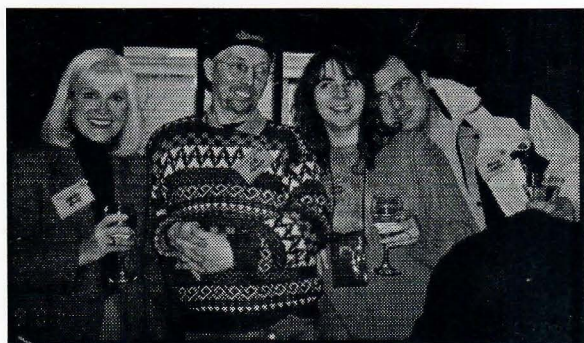
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Thank You!



The first ski trip of the new millennium got off to a rocky start (the pun intended). Mother nature was not kind to the ski resort with only a 29 inch base reported. **Joe Bruccoliere** was last seen still trying to figure out where they took that measurement. I would not be exaggerating if I said that snow could be found but you just had to look under the first lift where the snowmaking machines were located. The best part of this story is that the lack of snow did not stop 32 great Space City participants from having fun.



Just ask **D'Lain Braunig** who skied her first blue run. That is a whole different story that I will tell right now. Once upon a time there was a group of Space City skiers who happened upon a blue run. All of the skiers except one (D'Lain) were excited to try this new adventure. This one skier (D'Lain) who was not excited took her skies off and refused to go down the run. A knight on white skis, **Bud Wilson** came to the rescue. Using his great communication skills that all males have, he was able to get her to put the skis back on and coach her down the hill. Trying to reach their destination at the bottom of the hill, the group came upon another blue run with rocks. Having used all of his communication skills on the last

run, Bud was exhausted. **Gary Haley** then demonstrated the superior male communication skills that I previously mentioned and was able to help D'Lain inch her way down. The End.

Steven Teoh and **Beneta Scribner** reported that they thought our TC, **Karen Mozisek**, had improved her skiing abilities when

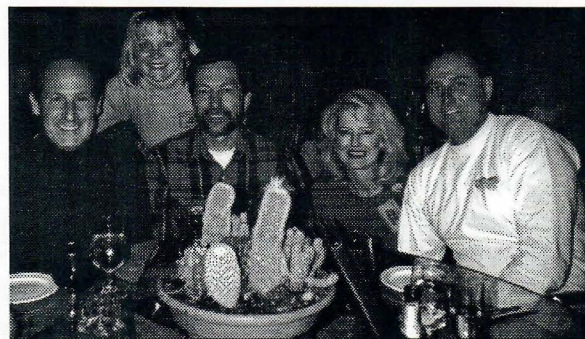
after the first day the wedge had disappeared. That thought dissipated when they all decided to go down a blue run (darn those blue runs!) and Karen's wedging skills immediately reappeared while at the top of the hill. They all laughed about it because it was all in her head. After that run she could not wait to get on another blue run. **Phyllis** and **Robert Reichel** became first

time snowboarders and declared, bruises and all, that they would do it again. They made this statement even after one of our members, **JR Ronczy**, broke his arm snowboarding. The grapevine tells the story that JR was attempting his patented triple somersault flip on a double black diamond catwalk when something went wrong! On the bright side, JR was lucky that

he brought his private nurse, **Stacey Ronczy**. Stacey did a great job taking care of JR and even packed their luggage for the return trip. We all know that men are just big babies when they are sick or hurt and a good nurse (your better half) is a must. Get well soon JR!

Ron Rambin, playing the part of the perfect husband, gave **Roberta Rambin** a matching silver/gold heart shaped necklace and earrings for her birthday. Roberta then turns around and gives a gift to **Darlene Hirasaki** by finding her contact lens in windblown snow. The gifts continued to fly on our trip when **Debbie (Crofoot) Morley** received a fur coat from her honey. Not to be

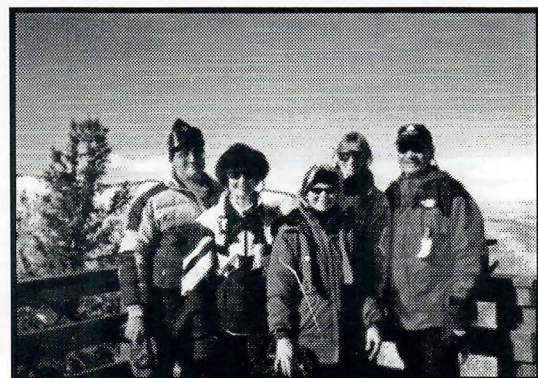
outdone, **Debbie** buys **Bill Morley** new skis. Personally, I think Bill got the best of that deal. **Eric Ploeger** thought the best part of the trip was being able to ski with different people everyday. He especially liked being one of the male members being led around the mountain by **Sue DeWitt**. Down boy, down! **Ron Flowers** was designated blowman in the jacuzzi. Who ever provided this tidbit, please explain to me the next time we meet. Ron Flowers could also be seen on the slopes working



hard on regaining his carving skills. Hang in there Ron, it will come back!

The three amigos, **Joe Bruccoliere**, **Jon Welkey** and **Phillip Vice** decided to ski Buttermilk. They were at the bottom of the mountain with only 30 minutes left before the last bus was scheduled to leave. Jon and Phillip decided to make one last run for the day. It was literally their last run as they ended up stranded on an unmarked trail with the lift closed. They had to call ski patrol and be driven down the mountain in a van.

Tuesday evening was the TSC Prom Night. Several women and men dressed in prom attire for the contest. Space City had it's own finalist in **Ermalina Torkay (aka Mitch Gaspard, Snowmass II)**. She wore a blonde wig, pink dress, matching fuschia gloves, shoes, handbag and wrist corsage.



Snowmass I - Cont'd

Finalists were chosen by applause and **Ermalina** was one of the top 3 finalists but unfortunately was not crowned "Prom Queen". There was a lot of dancing going on, just ask **Howard Schoenike** he had all the pretty ladies on the dance floor. You could also find dancing the night away **Roger Holzman, Charles & Beverly Roberts, Bob Fulwiler, Cathy Phillips, Hartley Chelin, Karl & Lotty Gautschi, Beneta Scribner, Gary Haley, D'Lain Braunig, Phillip Vice, Steven Teoh** and many more. Shooters Bar was the club where all 3 Space City trips got together to party. Everyone enjoyed the free drink coupons, the country dancing, and the pool tables. You could find **Roger Holzman, Beneta Scribner, Gary Haley, Susan & Bud Wilson** tearing up the dance floor. While **Karen, D'Lain, Steven, Susan** and **Jeri Wilson** wore out the pool tables.

No article would be complete without mentioning the race results. Our Snowmass I lady skiers won four of the six medals for

Space City. The best time for both sexes goes to **Susan Wilson** with a time of 29.89 and a Silver Medal. Also, in the women's division, **Sarah Brown, Darlene Hirasaki** and **Leslie Cashio** all won Bronze Medals. Congratulations Ladies! In the men's division, **Ron Rambin** and **Kevin Bishop** won the only two Silver Medals for Space City. **Andy Cashio** and **Karl Gautschi** also produced two Bronze Medals for our group. Two notable mentions are **George Hirasaki** and **Nelson Turner**. George made up for the lack of a medal from the group races by winning a Bronze medal the next day in the individual races. **Ann Pearson** thought she had a good run but ended up marked as DQ on the race results. Ann, yours was not the only mix up as I was marked DQ in the women's division also. Karen & I would like again to thank each of you for allowing us to run this Snowmass trip for you. We had a wonderful time and hope to see you all of you again on another trip.

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Snowmass II

by Jeri Wilson

With reports of 12 inches of new snow, 26 Space City skier's left Houston for Snowmass and the TSC Traditional. **Teresa Morris** flew from Harlingen and met us in Dallas where we were delayed by



an hour to jack up the plane and change 2 tires. Our pilot was not to be outdone and had us in Eagle/Vail within 20 minutes of the original flight plan. The snow and the mountains were beautiful, and after a 1-hour bus ride we arrived at Wildwood Lodge, where a Welcome Reception was waiting. The Snowmass I folks were there to tell us how great the snow was. The TSC Welcome Party was in the Snowmass Conference Center offering free Moosehead Beer and information for the week's events. The next morning everyone was in his or her ski attire and ready for the complementary breakfast at the Village Steakhouse. **Neal and Leona Pleasant** were taking the day off; **Neal** had a "flu bug" but was getting excellent nursing care and would ski on Tuesday. The snow was great, but high winds kept the upper part of the mountain closed. **Lori Gilliland** and **Teresa Morris** took the Women's Ski Workshop, TC - **Jeri Wilson** arrived too



late, but received a private lesson. **Don Derkson** said the ski lessons at Snowmass are excellent! Partiers **Lane Carter, Dianne Carter, Joe Walker, Bruce Lowther, Steve Barney, Jeri Wilson, Lori Gilliland, Ken Dinger, Barbara Geisecke** and **John Smith** attended Apre Ski at The Brothers Grille where pitchers of beer were passed around. Our table kept growing larger and larger as Snowmass I folks joined the happy crowd. The die-hard partiers, **Lane Carter, Diane Carter, Jeri Wilson, and Joe Walker**, joined Snowmass I partiers, **Karen Mozisek, D'Lain Braunig, and Steven Teoh**, and went to Shooters

in Aspen for entertainment. Shooters had lots of good country music, **Lane** kept all the ladies dancing, and managed to win a few pool games too! **Lori Gilliland, Charles Kulkarni, Mitch Gaspard** and **Barbara Geisecke** dined at Hard Rock Café. **John Gay** and **Becky Reitz** were seen on the return bus to Snowmass—they enjoyed a marvelous evening at the Crystal Palace. Tuesday and everyone decided to stay at Snowmass since the upper mountain was open. **Jeri Wilson** went to Aspen

Highlands and saw **Bruce Lowther** and **Steve Barney** on the bus, but on arrival they were not seen again. She was told some story about a delay due to computerized lockers! **Bruce** and **Steve** said the most "spectacular view ever" was from the deck on Cloud 9 Restaurant overlooking the Maroon Bells. **Jeri** returned to Snowmass at lunch and on the bus met **Brenda Soileau** returning from skiing at Buttermilk. **Jeri** met **Lane Carter, Steven Teoh**, and on the slopes caught up with **Mitch Gaspard, Lori Gilliland, and Charles Kulkarni**. **Lori** quickly earned the name of "speed

bunny" as she speedily led everyone down "The Slot" at Sam's Knob. Tuesday evening brought the TSC Prom Night, and while there were many entries, Space City had it's own finalist in **Ermalina Torkay** (aka **Mitch Gaspard**), complete with blonde wig, pink dress, matching fuschia gloves, shoes, handbag and wrist corsage. Finalists were chosen by applause and **Ermalina** was one of the top 3 finalists! Not being chosen the winner did not discourage **Ermalina**; she was continuously on the dance floor and by far the best at jitterbug! Also seen on the dance floor were **Joe Walker, Charles Kulkarni, Lori Gilliland, Barbara Geisecke, James Mandell, Brenda Soileau, Ken Dinger, Bruce Lowther, Steve Barney** and **Jeri Wilson**. When the Macarena song was played even **Alex Bunsch** had to dance. Joining in and watching the fun were **Joe Kulpinsky, Don Derkson, John Smith, Neal** and **Leona Pleasant, Connie Smith,**



Teresa Morris, Diane McKenzie and **Sue DeWitt**. Wednesday, and more of the upper mountain was open at Snowmass, several folks tried out Elk Camp for some of the best skiing ever. The partiers were at The Cirque for Apre Ski to meet the Snowmass I and III folks and tell tales of the mountain. One of the tales was that **Lane Carter** had the ability to turn into a human pretzel during a double black wipe-out! That night everyone was Aspen bound for dinner and fun at Shooters. **Joe Walker, Mitch Gaspard, Barbara Geisecke, Jeri Wilson, and Ken Dinger** joined **Steven Teoh** and **Howard Schoenike** from Snowmass I at Little Annie's for dinner. The evening at Shooters was the 1st event for all 3 Space City trips and everyone enjoyed the free drink coupons, country dancing, and pool

Snowmass II

by Jeri Wilson

games. Thursday was race day and everyone was up early and ready to go, the buffet breakfast was great as usual – **Connie**



Smith and **Alex Bunsch** said Village Steakhouse was definitely "the best." **Race Director, Mitch Gaspard**, had everyone in place to race 1st for Space City. **Diane McKenzie, Bruce Lowther, Steve Barney**, and **Darrell Way** each won a bronze. 1st time ever racer, **Lori Gilliland**, won an honorable mention blue, **Lane Carter** won a black and **Mitch Gaspard** won a green. After the races TSC served "White Mountain Bean Soup" for lunch at the Spider Sabich Ski Area. **Lori Gilliland** true to her "speed bunny" name was the leader as we followed her down Bull Run at Elk Camp. It was on one of these runs that **TC- Jeri Wilson** hit a rock and had a bad fall complete with "face plant" which caused a "sprained shoulder." **ATC- Curt Frisby** from Snowmass III was her hero and led **Jeri** to the bottom of the mountain and to the Snowmass Clinic. That evening, **Joe Walker, Charles Kulkarni, Bruce Lowther**, and **Steve Barney** had a party in their room attended by all 3 Snowmass trips – a great time was had by all. A fudge mountain, complete with skier on top in "face plant" position from Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory was presented as birthday cake to **Jeri Wilson**. Thanks to everyone - this is a birthday I'll never forget! After the party, **Steven Teoh, Jeri Wilson, Karen Mozisek, Barbara Geisecke, Bruce Lowther, Steve Barney, Joe Walker, Brenda Soileau** and **Mitch Gaspard** dined at the Mountain Dragon.

Steven made excellent menu selections, family style for all. **Teresa Morris, Charles Kulkarni, Ken Dinger, John Gay** and **Becky Reitz** rode by snowcat to the Lynn Britt Cabin for a chance to experience a delightful ride up the mountain and dinner. A highlight for **Charles** was to sit by the driver and watch the controls on the snowcat. Friday and folks head for Aspen, Aspen Highlands, Buttermilk or stay at Snowmass. **Joe Kulpinsky** and **Darrell Way** said the "best snow" was at Aspen Mountain. **Jeri Wilson,**

Barbara Geisecke, Karen Mozisek, Debbie Crofoot-Morley, and Bill Morley, went to Aspen for shopping, they met **Diane Carter** and ate lunch at the Red Onion. **John Smith** was spotted and pointed out T-Shirt bargains. TSC Awards evening was another fun filled evening of dinner, dancing and the race award announcements. Many photos were taken, and lift tickets bought and sold as folks changed their minds about skiing or shopping, and everyone said goodbye to the Snowmass I folks. Saturday, the last day, **Jeri Wilson, Barbara Geisecke, Joe Walker** and **Charles Kulkarni** went to Aspen and rode the gondola for lunch at the top. They met **Diane McKenzie, Sue DeWitt, Lane Carter**, and Snowmass III participants, **Barry Norman**, and **Bill Prater**, who had been skiing on Aspen Mountain. That evening plans were made to enjoy the Winterskol festivities and

enjoyed by **James Mandell, Sue DeWitt, Diane McKenzie, Ken Dinger, Barbara Geisecke, Barry Norman, Darrell Way, Steve Barney, Bruce Lowther, Jeri Wilson, Joe Walker, Lane Carter, Diane Carter**, and **Lori Gilliland**. **Jeri, Ken, Charles, Lane, Diane, Sue** and **Joe** linked arms and watched the fireworks as they lit up the mountainside – it was a beautiful site. **Jeri** and **Ken** returned to Snowmass, but the rest of the crew marched around town, arms still linked, watching the crowd, looking at the ice sculptures, and having many laughs. **Bruce, Lori, Barbara** and **Steve** wandered through Aspen as well, enjoying a last night of winter charm - a grand ending to a great trip! Special thanks to everyone for the care and concern expressed when I was injured, your help and support was most appreciated.



dinner in Aspen. **Mitch Gaspard, Brenda Soileau**, and **Teresa Morris** enjoyed dinner and entertainment at the Crystal Palace. Dinner at the Chart House was

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What a (short) TEXAS SKI WEEK it was! Our 40 skiers played hard leaving an indelible mark on the Aspen/Snowmass area, ranging from celebrity spotting to hot tub overflows.

Beautiful weather tempered the less than ideal snow conditions. On any given day you would find the group dispersed between Snowmass, Aspen, Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk. And what a surprise - expert skiers actually enjoying Buttermilk - it was the sleeper with the overall best conditions!



KJ Oldroyd insisted that Aspen was as easy as you'd ever find it, with no bumps.

This was a crowd of serious skiers. On the first day **Dorian Prater**, **Joan Henke**, **Helen Kealey**, **Lisa Levy**, **Julia Long**, **Denise Marks**, **Sandy Perry**, **Pam Taylor** and **Sandra Wimberly** all headed off for their "women-only" afternoon ski lesson. More than a few heads turned as this group practiced their turns. But talk of turning heads - Denise Marks easily won the best ski outfit awards.

Never-ever skiers **Tim Tilton** and **Jennifer Lyle** enrolled in ski school and proudly graduated from the bunny slopes into green territory and rookies **Adine Rotman**, **Sandy Perry** and **Lisa Levy** loved every

minute of their ventures into new blue territory. Our Snowboarders, **Scott** and **Elizabeth Philbrook** weren't able to convince anyone to just give the boards a try, but that didn't dull their spirits.

Race directors **Peter Coulter** and **KJ Oldroyd**

did their best to inspire the racers in a lost cause. Early results indicated our group got 12 medals - Wow - that was unbelievable (and also untrue)! The Texas Ski Council experienced a Y2K glitch - something about adding 100 years to everyone's age. Well, unfortunately or not, it was sorted out, but you should have seen **Curt Frisby's** face fall when he was told his medal was a Y2K fluke! It just wasn't meant to be this year.

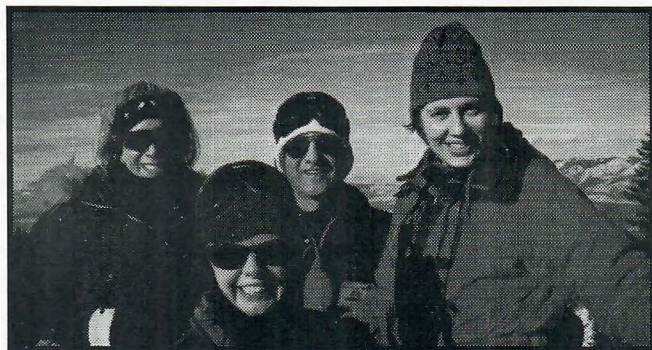
Alka Seltzer awards go to **Eric Tamm**, who relapsed from an earlier illness to miss all four days of skiing, and **Skip Lang**, who was

only able to ski 2 days. **Dorian Prater** also missed a day, although the cause was rumored to be B-52itis. **Barry Norman** ignored his doc's advice and skied hardily all week. **Jim Slaughter** extended his shoulder, but put on such a brave face while dancing the evening away that even the ladies weren't able to offer any sympathy. So, luck was with us and injuries didn't keep anyone off the slopes (or in their rooms)!

Barbara Goist and **Curt Marsolek** made fast friends with **Lynette Russo** during the

trip, and **Kathleen Hannaman** flew in from Miami to renew friendships with **Pam Taylor** and **Sharon** and **Gary Sequeira**. **Lynda Patton** joined us from Memphis only to find her hometown skiing buddy in the same hotel.

Serious skiers - serious partiers! Snowmass III showed true apres ski mettle at Wildwood Lodge's hot tub - at one point we had 22 people in a hot tub built for 8. **Bill Prater** was a regular - right next to the ice chest.



Jim McLaughlin needed no encouragement to start (and end) every party. **Helen Kealey** charmed a pair of brothers from Chicago at Shooters on our C & W night out. **Jerry Jackson** looked right at home in Shooters with hat, boots and long neck. Bob "twinkle toes" Cloutier, took his two-steppin' seriously and brought along his dancing shoes. **Barry Palmer**, **Glen Nordt**, **Greg Baxter**, **Fritz Kronberger**, **Skip Lang**, and **Barry Norman** took in the magic show and insisted the guy was really good. We're sure **Al Klimas** was with us - we just couldn't find him day or night.



Aspen wouldn't live up to its reputation without the celebrities. **Fritz Kronberger**

Snowmass III - Cont'd



and Curt Frisby rubbed elbows with Jerry Jones at Little Nells. And while a whole group of people saw Michael Jordan and his entourage not only at "the Nell", but also around town, Sandra Wimberly and Lisa Levy actually got to speak with "His Airness", who remarked to them the team in Houston

was pretty bad. Sandra was heard to remark "He's not that tall!"

The week's finale was a torchlight parade on Aspen Mountain, followed by an incredible fireworks display and Little Nells was the place to see it! Fritz Kronberger and Curt Frisby valiantly agreed to hold tables to ensure their group the prime spot for viewing. They were joined by Sandra Wimberly, Lisa Levy, Helen Kealey, Denise Marks, Jim Slaughter and sidekick, Stuart Traver. Bob Fulweiler, who has attained "almost local" status, also led a group including Linda Cooper, Sandy Fowler and Jennifer Lyle. After the fireworks, nobody wanted the evening to end – everybody was out in the town of Aspen that night!

Veteran skiers Jerry Jackson, Lynda Patton, Bill & Dorian Prater and Scott & Elizabeth Philbrook and Fritz Kronberger were first-timers with SCSC and all promised to ski again with us. The catchphrase for Snowmass III had to be ENJOY.

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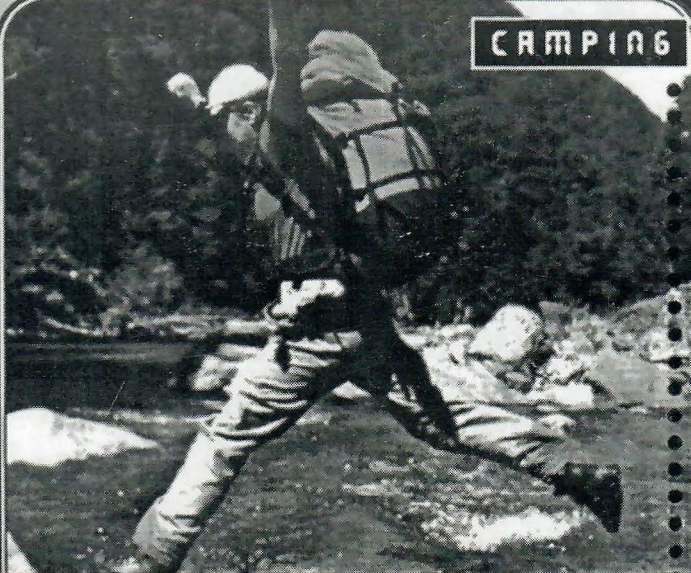
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