

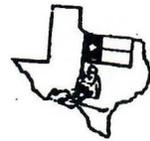


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No General Meeting in August

Next General Meeting - Sept. 10, 2001

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Happy Hour - August 16 at The Volcano

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Head of the Liftline

by John Rice



Well, it's been a very busy summer for this new Executive Committee. I am in the process of wrapping up my selections for this year's Nominating Committee. That's right, we no more get into office, then we need to start looking for interested volunteers to run this club next year. I will be announcing the committee members next month, so if you are interested in becoming an officer please let them know.

Patti, Sue, and Jessica have been working very hard this summer with their trip leaders and assistants to work out budgets for the upcoming ski trips this season. Unfortunately, the cost of running these trips just seems to be going up each year. As much as I hate to admit it, our biggest problem is getting the airlines to give us a reasonable fare. But, be that as it may, our trip leaders have still come up with some very good and exciting trips.

We have had a change on the Executive Committee, Jerry Sadler has resigned as VP of Programs due to personal reasons. We have, however, found a willing and capable replacement in Roger Sahni. He was the assistant trip leader for Steamboat two years ago, and was the trip leader for Whistler this past year. Since Roger will be hitting the ground running, he would welcome any ideas for an activity, so please let him know.

The annual Volunteer Party has been rescheduled for this month on the 19th, and this month's Happy Hour will be at The Volcano at 2349 Bissonnet. Remember, we resume our monthly meetings in September.

See ya.



SCSC VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY

Is Rescheduled for August 19th
(12:00 - 6:00, Same Location)

Please RSVP to Diane Stotz by August 12th
Home Phone: (713) 862-9486
Work Phone: (713) 750-8122
E-mail: diane.stotz@us.cgeyc.com

For questions about volunteering for this event, call Joe Walker at (281) 489-0379 or e-mail: Joewalk@hal-pc.org

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August

- 7/30-8/5 Grand Canyon River Rafting Trip
- 6 SCSC Ex Comm Meeting
- 16 Happy Hour - The Volcano
- 18 Miller Outdoor Theater
- 19 Volunteer Party
- 25 Miller Outdoor Theater

SCSC Activity Happy Hour

The Volcano

2349 Bissonnet St
(Kirby @ Greenbriar)
(713) 526-5282



Special Drink Prices

Thursday, August 16
5:30 pm til ...

Sept

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September

- TBA SCSC Ex Comm Meeting
- 10 General Meeting
- 15 Darts & Pub Night
- 20 Happy Hour-TBA

SCSC Activity Miller Outdoor Theater

August 18, 2001

Romeo and Juliet

BYOB & Picnic 7:30 PM - Showtime 8:30 PM

This may be your last chance to see the original version before the script is improved by making it compatible with next year's Follies there!

Free Event! Contact: TBA

October

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October

- TBA SCSC Ex Comm Meeting
- 5-7 Bolivar Beach Blast
- 08 General Meeting
- 18 Happy Hour-TBA
- 20 Galveston Day Sail

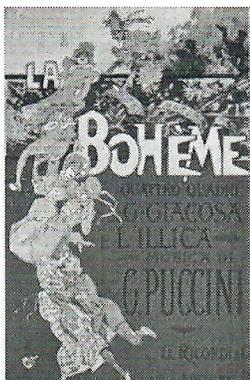
SCSC Activity Miller Outdoor Theater

August 25, 2001

La Boheme

BYOB & Picnic 7:30 PM
Showtime 8:30 PM

Free Event! Contact: TBA





Temptations! Temptations!

Which of our delicious trips are you going to indulge in this season? We have quite a gourmet menu of delicacies planned just for you. Each of our chefs (TCs) and their assistants (ATCs) has a unique dish prepared for your pleasure.

For a nice appetizer, how about fun with family and friends at Copper Mountain at the Thanksgiving TSC Fall Roundup trip? Perhaps you want

to sample skiing/boarding for the first time. You should join the Red River/Taos trip. Also offered is a race clinic for those wanting to improve their skiing. Note that this trip includes lift tickets in the price.

Some nice main dishes are: Lake Louise what a wonderful way to sample Canada at the TSC Traditional trip. How about a true Aspen experience? We are staying in Aspen to give you the full flavor. Does something spicy intrigue you? Then the answer is lovely Andorra, the TSC Expedition trip. This small country is between Spain and France and I understand a shopping mecca as well as superb skiing. The sky is the limit for Big Sky, so go for all the gusto. Please note that a full breakfast daily and a 5-day lift ticket are included in this trip price. How about the excitement of Durango/Purgatory, TSC Winter Shootout? This is a real sweetheart of a trip.

Great meals always have wonderful desserts and here are ours. How about a nice baked Alaska at the TSC Final Showdown in Alyeska? Did we mention you get to see the ceremonial start of the Iditarod Sled Dog race? Perhaps a treasure in Telluride is more your style. Celebrate at Ski Club week in Sun Valley. No dull moments here. Of course, nothing but pure gold for the

ultimate Olympic flavor of the Park City area trip to finish the season.

Our lovely hostesses (DOTs) are ready to seat you at your favorite table (trip). Remember you can't ski just one, so go ahead and indulge yourself. See you on the slopes!

Early mail-in sign-up is from Monday, August 20 to Friday, August 31, 2001 for our members in good standing as of August 1, 2001. **BE SURE TO READ THE COMPLETE RULES FOR THE SIGN-UP IN THIS ISSUE OF THE SITZMARKE. PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY. WE DON'T WANT YOU TO BE DISAPPOINTED DUE TO A TECHNICALITY.** If you do not understand something, please contact me or the DOTs before mail-in begins for clarification.

Everyone may sign up for the trip(s) of their dreams at the September General Meeting on September 10, 2001. This will also be a chance to meet your TCs and ATCs and get additional trip information. Many of the ski area reps will also be at the meeting to answer your questions.

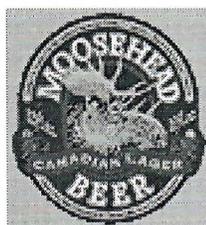
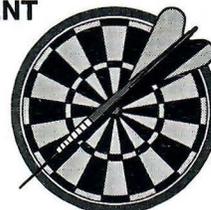
SIGN UP EARLY FOR YOUR FAVORITE TRIP. We have reserved lots of space on the trips but would hate to release the space due to lack of early interest in the trips. Don't miss out; sign up now!

PUB NIGHT & DART TOURNAMENT

Friday, Sept. 15 - 7:30 p.m.

Free Event! (Cash Bar)
Join SCSC Friends!

Location: To Be Announced
Coordinator: To Be Announced



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Space City Ski Club 2001-2002 Trip Schedule

| Trip Dates | Nights / Ski Days | Trip Destination | Cost (See Notes) | Final Payment | Lodging | No. Skiers | TC/ATC (DOT) | Home Phone |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------------|---------------|---------|------------|--|------------------------------|
| Nov 20-25, 2001 (Tue-Sun.) Family Optional | 5/4 | COPPER MOUNTAIN Colorado (TSC Fall Roundup) | \$642 L\$354 C** | 9/10/01 | Condos | 44 L-4 | Cheryl Kenny Tor Lileng (JEH) | 281-367-1778 281-469-3461 |
| Dec. 6-11, 2001 (Thu-Tue) | 5/4 | RED RIVER/TAOS New Mexico (Learn to Ski/Race Clinic) | \$614 L\$375 LT** | 9/20/01 | Hotel | 40 L-4 | Roger Holzman Patty Finch (SEB) | 713-461-7604 936-321-1529 |
| Jan 5-12, 2002 (Sat-Sat) | 7/6 | LAKE LOUISE Canada (TSC Traditional) | \$881 L\$561 | 9/20/01 | Hotel | 64 L-6 | Mary Ann Soto Walter May (SEB) | 281-679-5686 281-493-0016 |
| Jan. 12-19, 2002 (Sat-Sat) | 7/6 | ASPEN Colorado | \$1067 | 10/08/01 | Hotel | 60 | Christine March Lori Gilliland (JEH) | 281-491-1129 281-493-3060 |
| Jan 26-Feb 2, 2002 (Sat-Sat) | 7/5 | ANDORRA Between Spain and France (TSC Expedition) | \$1325 | 10/8/01 | Hotel | 64 | Barbara Brescian Harvey Hetzel (JEH) | 281-242-7908 713-937-1515 |
| Feb 2-9, 2002 (Sat-Sat) | 7/6 | BIG SKY Montana | \$1226 BLT** | 10/18/01 | Hotel | 32 | Sandy Perry Bill Brown (JEH) | 281-488-1033 281-930-8472 |
| Feb 9-16, 2002 (Sat-Sat) | 7/6 | DURANGO Colorado (TSC Winter Shootout) | \$1065 L\$669 | 11/1/01 | Condos | 44 L-4 | Joanne Fore Melanie Morin (SEB) | 713-723-4707 713-686-0566 |
| Mar 1-10, 2002 (Fri-Sun.) | 8/7 | ALYESKA Alaska (TSC Final Showdown) | \$1191 L\$608 | 12/01/01 | Hotel | 64 L-4 | Linda Beebe Chip Stokes (SEB) | 713-520-6305 281-485-5778 |
| Mar 9-16, 2002 (Sat-Sat) | 7/6 | TELLURIDE Colorado | \$1099 L\$589 | 12/01/01 | Hotel | 42 L-4 | Ladye Freitag Jill Nanney (JEH) | 281-855-4110 832-251-7097 |
| Mar 16-23, 2002 (Sat-Sat) | 7/6 | SUN VALLEY Idaho | \$870 L\$420 | 12/10/01 | Condos | 52 L-4 | Dave George Ellen Eastham (JEH) | 281-320-2859 281-997-1496 |
| Mar. 23-30, 2002 (Sat-Sat) | 7/6 | PARK CITY AREA Utah | \$857 | 12/10/01 | Condos | 36 | Mike Dawson (SEB) | 713-266-2633 |

** Notes: L=Land Package-excludes air; certain trips excludes ground transportation
 C=child Call TC about Child prices on Copper Mountain trip.
 LT= Red River includes 2-day lift ticket for Red River and 2-day lift ticket for Taos.
 BLT=Big Sky has full breakfast daily and 5-day lift ticket included in trip price.

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Copper Mountain



TSC Fall Roundup

Nov. 20-25, 2001

Full Pkg: \$ 642

Land Pkg: \$354

(Tuesday - Sunday)

Can't wait for the ski season to start? Then **Copper Mountain** with the **Family Optional TSC Fall Roundup** is the place for you! Because of the way the beginner, intermediate and expert terrains are naturally separated, this resort has been dubbed "the most nearly perfect ski mountain in Colorado."

Copper Mountain, now the largest mountain in Summit County, offers over 2,433 acres of skiable terrain, including 119 trails and 4 beautiful bowls. Located on the western side of the Continental Divide, Copper traditionally receives heavier early snowfalls, making it an excellent choice for Thanksgiving skiing. But, in case Mother Nature isn't feeling as "frosty" as we are, rest assured that Copper has plenty of advanced snowmaking equipment.

Lodging will be in very comfortable **2 bedroom/2 bath condos** that are within **walking** (or crawling) **distance** of **EVERYTHING**: lifts, parties, dining and entertainment.

If riding suits you better, free shuttles are readily accessible providing service between the East and Center Villages, free shuttles to Keystone or Breckenridge (separate lift ticket required), or the Summit Stage Shopping Shuttle that will take you to the nearby Silverthorne Outlet Mall. And if skiing isn't enough exercise, take the shuttle to the Copper Fitness Facility to enjoy exercise equipment, indoor swimming pool, and hot tub...all at no additional charge.

Since this is a TSC event, there will be lots of parties, happy hours, and optional activities. In addition to TSC party opportunities, **included** in the SCSC trip is a **private Thanksgiving dinner party** with all the trimmings, of course. No need to fight the crowds for turkey and dressing.

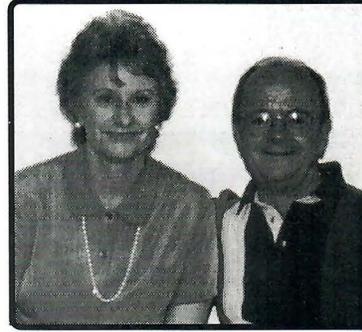
You will also enjoy a wide variety of restaurants varying from family-style burgers and pizza to the ultimate in fine dining. Some restaurants even offer reindeer, elk, and moose for those who are "Game."

Don't procrastinate and be left behind. Be first on the mountain this year. Join us in Copper Mountain for a great Thanksgiving holiday!

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Red River/Taos



Dec. 6-11, 2001

Full Pkg: \$614

Land Pkg: \$375

INCLUDES LIFT TICKETS
(Thursday - Tuesday)

Here is your lowest priced SCSC ski trip for the season! It's a "long weekend" trip requiring few vacation days from work. While beginners will feel comfortable with Red River's noted "first ever skier" lessons and runs, Experts can enjoy a \$25 full-day race clinic. Taos is known for its challenging steeps and deeps, but the instructors and mountain-guided tours are first rate for beginners and intermediate skiers, as well. This trip has something for everyone.

We fly Continental to Albuquerque Thursday evening with food and drinks for our bus ride to Red River. Lodging is at Riverside Lodge in Red River where we have use of the Lodge's kitchen and dining room facility for individual or group meals. A chair lift to the top of the mountain is only 100 feet from the front door, with a hot tub on premises for après ski.

Undoubtedly we will enjoy the "flavor" of the many excellent restaurants of this rustic mining town. Red River also boasts of live theater entertainment and, of course, SCSC will host a mid-trip party. Daily meeting places for lunch and après ski will be planned.

Red River has 57 trails; 30% expert, 38% intermediate and 32% beginner with snow making ability on 75% of the terrain. Taos boasts 72 runs with beginner terrain of 20%, Intermediate 24%, Advanced 45%, and Expert 11%. Snowmaking covers 95% of Beginner and Intermediate slopes. Cross-country ski instruction is also available.

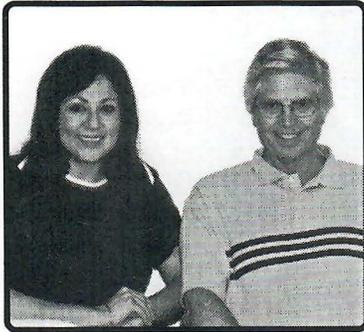
For the not-so-die-hard skiers, take a break at Taos Mountain CASINO and see if you can pay for your next ski trip. Or invest in a day of snowmobiling, snowshoeing, hot air ballooning, horseback riding, jeep mountain tours, or sledding. With two days in Taos, you can savor the art, museums, spectacular southwest architecture, shopping, and superb dining and imbibing.

We return on Tuesday, after a stop over in beautiful Santa Fe. Give yourself an early Christmas present and join Patty and Roger for this exciting trip to the Great Southwestern Slopes of Red River and Taos.

TC: Roger Holzman 713-461-7604

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Lake Louise



TSC Traditional
Jan 5 - 12, 2002
Full Pkg: \$881
Land Pkg: \$561
(Saturday - Saturday)

Here's what you've been waiting for! A spectacular ski vacation where you are presented with many great options, several tough choices and the freedom to try them all! Come and experience this freedom with us in Lake Louise! You have got to join us! Once there, skiers may ski at Banff Mount Norquay, Sunshine Village and/or Lake Louise. You ask - How can they do that? The lift tickets offered by Lake Louise are tri-mountain (interchangeable) tickets and include free transfers from the hotel to the slopes!!

As Canada's largest ski area, Lake Louise offers skiers unlimited possibilities with over 11 square miles of terrain spread across 4 mountain faces and thousands of acres of wide open bowls. Lake Louise is equipped with a system of 11 interconnecting lifts that access green, blue and black runs. This enables skiers of different abilities to ride the lifts together and then ski a run that matches their individual ability and meet again at the bottom of the lift.

If you feel you need to do more than just skiing, you may want to explore your own piece of wilderness by snowshoeing, dog-sledding, skating, zooming down the hills on a toboggan or maybe riding through the fields on a horse-drawn sleigh. Shopping is plentiful and restaurants abound for your dining pleasure. The 513-room Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise has undergone a \$65 million renovation with each guest room and public space restored to its original grandeur.

We leave on this exciting excursion Saturday afternoon and arrive in Calgary just in time to enjoy a light meal, which will be served during the scenic 2-hour bus tour that will take us through Banff National Park and on to the luxurious Chateau Lake Louise. We arrive in time to register, pick up your TSC Ski Week packets, and visit with representatives from various local shops and restaurants.

This is the 2002 Texas Ski Council Traditional trip, with Space City's own Gary Butler as TSC VP. Already scheduled are NASTAR Races, lots of day activities, and parties for every night of the week, including a farewell reception and party with live entertainment on Friday. So, folks, get ready to party in Lake Louise!

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Aspen



Jan 12 - 19, 2002
Full Pkg: \$1067
(Saturday - Saturday)

This trip was supposed to be kept secret. We are doing our best to avoid the paparazzi & photographers. The secret was out when Robin Leach called John Rice for an exclusive story he was doing on lifestyles of Rich and Famous skiers. The SCSC Board found out about the elusive trip shortly thereafter and we have been forced to make it public. Nevertheless we promise it will remain exclusive. Aspen is not for everyone. The other trips will tell you how great their trip would be and will be encouraging you to sign up, we will not. If you are looking for the cheapest trip for your ski dollar, have ragged ski boots, never heard of Bogner, and own a 10-year-old ski jacket, it is best you look elsewhere, Aspen is not for you. If you want box wine and frozen lasagna, this trip is not for you.

Feathers, fur, Revo sunglasses, and Bogner will be *de rigueur*. We plan to ski the best-groomed snow in the country, mingle with celebrities and the beautiful people. Yes, we know that it sounds too good to be true. That is why we are keeping this kind of hush-hush. On January 12, certain people will depart George Bush Airport on United and change planes in Denver for our flight into Aspen Airport, just 3 miles from our private Lodge on Main Street. A personal briefing from Aspen Ski Company representatives during our reception with wine, beer and tasty delicacies will kick off our 7 night stay in richly appointed rooms for 2 at the Aspen Mountain Lodge nestled amid the rich nightlife of downtown Aspen. Each morning a light breakfast will be served at the Lodge before accessing the transportation in front of our lodge to take us to our choice of Ajax (Aspen), Snowmass, Highlands or Buttermilk with interchangeable tickets. Each evening we can share tales of the day's celebrity sightings over wine & cheese served après ski at our Lodge.

This is classic Aspen, as Aspen should be enjoyed. This week includes Wintersköl, the Aspenites' celebration in toast of winter, and activities may include snow carving & ice sculpture contests, window decorating, free concerts, food booths, a canine fashion show, winter parade, fireworks extravaganza and a torchlight descent down Ajax mountain. The week will wrap up with the official "X" games and the famous Snowmass Ski Splash. A smattering of classic Aspen nightlife activities with dinner and dancing at a private club is also planned.

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Andorra



TSC EXPEDITION

Jan. 26 - Feb. 2, 2002
Full Pkg: \$1325
(Saturday - Saturday)

Andorra has experienced an invasion by the Romans, but has yet to experience a Texan invasion! For one week, SCSC and other Texas Ski Council clubs will invade this tiny country located centrally between Toulouse, France and Barcelona, Spain. For that week, Texans will comprise nearly 1% of the population, giving us the opportunity to influence, and perhaps rewrite history.

By all accounts, Andorra is one of the best-kept secrets of the ski world. Its sunny climate and 6,000 foot permanent snow line compliment its modern high-capacity, yet inexpensive, queue-free lifts, deserted slopes, and scenic skiing, both above and below tree line. Its 6,484 skiable acres, with vertical drops from 2,200 feet to 3,300 feet, boast 181 miles of runs, 96 lifts, and four ski areas.

Our Air France flight departs Saturday afternoon, through Paris, arriving in Barcelona the next morning, and then we embark on a 3-hour scenic ride through the Pyrenees. We then check into our 5-star Hotel Crowne Plaza, featuring a health center, indoor pool, saunas, continental breakfasts, and an optional "half board"/dinner at the hotel. Our final night will be spent in Barcelona, with enough time for a quick tour of the city.

TSC and SCSC parties are being planned, including an opening ceremony/party being organized by the local mayors.

For those seeking a day or two of respite from skiing, Andorra offers a number of diversions. Aside from its world-renowned, duty-free shopping, Andorra is rich in history and culture, with many museums and even Roman ruins. Day excursions can be arranged into Barcelona, a three-country day tour, a trip to Figueras (Dali Museum), and Toulouse, France (Airbus Factory). Or, enjoy a thermal spa in Caldea, housed inside a quarter million foot glass cathedral reminiscent of the hanging gardens of Babylon.

For those seeking even more adventure, exotic pre- and post-trips are being considered—city stays in Barcelona, Madrid, Lisbon, or a seaside vacation in Mallorca, the Canary Islands, or even the French Riviera are possibilities.

Join us for a week of adventures, on and off the slopes, and don't worry if you don't speak Catalan—English is widely spoken.

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Big Sky



Feb. 2 - 9, 2002
Full Pkg: \$1226
INCLUDES
FULL BREAKFAST
& LIFT TICKETS
(Saturday - Saturday)

WINTER WONDERLAND ADVENTURE in the "Big Blue Endless Sky"...

Big Sky, Montana, nestled in the Northern Rockies, is an awesome adventure that you don't want to miss. As you step off the tram at 11,150 feet, you will see three states and two national parks. The longest ski run is 6 miles long. This resort has over 3,600 skiable acres accessed by 17 lifts, the second largest vertical drop of 4,350 feet and an average snow fall of 400 inches. The skiing is sensational! Big Sky actually has three mountains to delight skiers: Lone Mountain, Andesite Mountain, and Flat Iron Mountain. No wonder they call this area "the pie in the sky"!

We will depart IAH Saturday morning on Northwest Airlines and arrive Bozeman approximately 1:00 p.m. After a one-hour bus ride, we will check into the legendary Huntley Lodge. The price of \$1,226 includes air, transfers, 7-nights lodging, 5-day lift ticket, and a full breakfast daily. We will have a get acquainted party shortly after arrival. We will be including optional activities such as snowmobiling in Yellowstone Park and a sleigh ride dinner.

The Huntley Lodge is located at the base of Lone Mountain. Each first class room has two double beds, a small refrigerator, coffee maker, and TV. The hotel offers fine dining, a lounge, concierge, shops, ski storage, swimming pool, two whirlpools, weight room, and saunas. It is a two-minute walk to the base. After a hard day of skiing, you can treat yourself to a relaxing massage or body treatment at the Solace Spa.

Big Sky offers more than just skiing. You can spend the day cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snowcat skiing, snowmobiling, dogsledding, or horseback riding. You can even learn to play poker in Chet's Bar. Yellowstone Park is just a few miles away. The 2.2 million acres of parkland supports various types of wildlife and natural geothermal wonders such as Old Faithful.

On departure day, we will load the bus around noon in order to catch a 2:00 p.m. flight out of Bozeman. **JOIN US FOR THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AND AWESOME SKIING IN THE ROCKIES.**

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Durango



TSC Winter Shootout

Feb. 9 - 16, 2002

Full Pkg: \$1065

Land Pkg:
\$669

(Saturday - Saturday)

Skiers and City Slickers should not miss this week near the small "Old West" town tucked away in the San Juan Mountains and boasting of 2,500 acres of skiing terrain. Top lift elevation is 10,818 ft. with 75 trails - 23% Beginners, 51% Intermediate and 26% Expert, with 11 lifts - high speed quad, 4 triples, 4 doubles, 2 surface lifts. There also are Half Pipes, Terrain Parks and 16 km. total for Cross-Country. Slopes are scenic and fun largely due to undulating terrain with runs such as BULL RUN, LOWER HADES, NOMERCY, or PEACE and BOOGIE, LIMBO to DIVINITY or ANGEL'S TREAD which are wide gentle runs, even beginners can wind through the trees giving the feeling of being deep in the woods! Never-Ever first timers have their own learning area. Experts can head for the top to do powder or take the chutes for glade skiing. Lessons are available. Purchasing a 4-day lift ticket is a Total Ticket - you can exchange one day of skiing for a variety of the off-the-slope activities.

Other activities offer fun for everyone's taste, including a ride on the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, see the Pueblo Indian Cliff Dwellings, explore the back country with the snowcat skiing operation, do cross country, sleigh rides, snowmobile tours, a scary but fun ride down the Alpine SnowCoaster tubing hill, or visit Pagosa Springs. You also have a weekend to meet your Sweetie for Valentine's Day!

Shop for Navajo weavings and jewelry, western wear, antiques, ski wear or even those rare "stones" seen in the Colorado mines.

Apres-ski/nightlife on the mountain is excellent with a number of mountain "FUEL UPS". The claim is the liveliest music with slopeside deckchairs for sore thighs! Nightly specials are advertised. The town night life is varied, Carver's Bakery/Brewery - beer with rolls, Lady Falconburgh's Barley Exchange has jazz, Solid Muldoon has everything hanging from the ceiling, including the kitchen sink; and the Slater's Diamond Bell Saloon has a ragtime piano player! Then we have the Sky Ute Casino for those who feel LUCKY!

BEST OF ALL, we are at the PURGATORY MOUNTAIN VILLAGE in 2 bedroom condos (4 persons each) fully equipped. The 3 condo buildings, have a hot tub on the roof and it is SKI IN - SKI OUT!!

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Alyeska



TSC Final Showdown

Mar. 1 - 10, 2002

Full Pkg: \$1191

Land Pkg: \$608

(Friday - Sunday)

Long Ski Days & Longer Party Nights in Alyeska, Alaska!

A main reason we go on vacation is to relax and enjoy scenic wonders. Nowhere in America can so many varied examples of nature's beauty be viewed in one location as in **Alyeska, Alaska**. For those who want to ski, Alyeska has a beautiful ski area with 68 runs and some of the longest operating hours in the world. Even late risers can be first on the slopes, from around 10:00 in the morning, to 9:30 at night (although it isn't night at 9:30 in the Land of the Midnight Sun because it has over 13 hours of daylight!).

A common misconception about Alaska is that it is very cold. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The average temperature in the ski area is around thirty degrees due to the low altitude. **No chance of altitude sickness here!** The base of the highest mountains in America starts at sea level! Since the mountains are against the sea, huge (HUGE!) amounts of snow fall EVERY year. Average snowfall is SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY TWO inches. The 1998-99 season got over ELEVEN HUNDRED inches of snow. This isn't a misprint. Leave your rock skis at home.

The skiing and snow are only part of the equation. Many dream of being on a boat in the center of a pod of whales. We will do it in Resurrection Bay. Ever seen a Bald Eagle? There are hundreds to see around Prince William Sound. Ever been on a small plane equipped with skis and landed on a glacier to hike around? Ever flown inside a giant crack of glacier blue ice?

Add the excitement of the Alaska Iditarod, the longest dog sled race in the world, which will be starting when we arrive! Add a location with some of the best food anywhere while staying in one of the most beautiful hotel resorts in existence, (four diamond), and you have more than a vacation, you have a memory you will never forget!

Come join the TSC and SCSC from March 1 to March 10, which includes two days in Anchorage and the start of the Iditarod. Space City's own Kayleen Kill is TSC VP for this year's TSC Final Showdown. Join us in Alyeska, Alaska, a not-to-be-missed adventure!

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Telluride



Mar. 9 - 16, 2002
Full Pkg: \$1099
Land Pkg: \$589
(Saturday - Saturday)

DISCOVER THE TREASURES OF TELLURIDE!

When Butch Cassidy robbed the Bank of Telluride over 100 years ago during the mining heyday, he left the best treasures behind...the beautiful slopes of Telluride.

Telluride is in a delightful time warp—a nostalgic blend of the Old West captured in Victorian buildings you'd swear were a movie set, yet you'll find all the civilized pleasures of a modern resort.

Skiing Magazine calls Telluride "a smaller-than-one-might-think movie-set quality Western ski town sitting in the end of a drop-dead-spectacular box canyon, under a mountain with a reputation for some of the finest steeps and bumps and out-of bounds skiing in America".

Don't worry beginners, Telluride boasts the best beginner terrain in the Rockies. In fact, Mountain Village is set apart specifically for beginners. Ski with confidence without "hotdoggers" running you off the green trails. And for the intermediates, Telluride offers some of the greatest cruising and mogul runs around. For thrill-seeking experts, the famous "plunge" is a rush dropping from the top of Lift 9 all the way into town!

This December, Telluride will open the Prospect Bowl and Gold Hill expansion, adding 733 acres of terrain for all abilities and 3 NEW high-speed quads, which will almost double the size of the current mountain.

During this spring skiing vacation you can enjoy Nordic skiing, helicopter skiing, snowshoeing, glider rides, hot springs, snowmobiling, ice skating, dog sledding, and dinner sleigh rides.

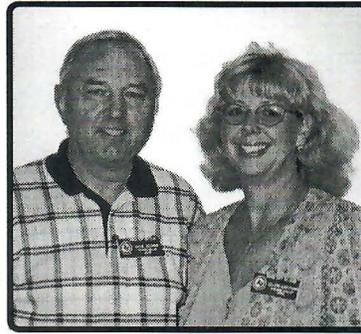
You will be arriving in style...a non-stop flight into Montrose, Colorado, a short bus ride into Telluride, THEN...settle into Ski In/Out accommodations at the Mountainside Inn located 100 yards from Lift 7 and 3 blocks from Main Street. The Inn is located on the San Miguel River, only blocks from the new gondola, and features an outdoor riverside hot tub.

If you truly enjoy first-class treatment, this is the trip for you, flying as close to the destination as possible, staying ski in/out, and don't forget, the Spring Break fun. It just doesn't get any better!!! This is THE trip this year...The Treasures of Telluride await YOU!

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Sun Valley



Mar. 16 - 23, 2002
Full Pkg: \$870
Land Pkg: \$420
(Saturday - Saturday)

TAKE A LOOK AT US, WE'RE GOING TO SUN VALLEY, IDAHO!

Arrive in Sun Valley in time for a fabulous dining opportunity and a chance to ease into the "SUN VALLEY Experience". Enjoy spacious 2-bedroom, 2 bathroom Sun Valley Condominiums. Regularly scheduled shuttles that have a good history of promptness will take you from condo to the slopes of both mountains in a jiffy. OR ride an intra-resort bus to anywhere in town since Sun Valley Resort is within 2 miles of all happenings whether skiing, dining, or nightlife. In nearby Ketchum, there are over 20 art galleries and every imaginable dining and entertainment (including live theater) experience may be found. Combined with the dining found on the resort grounds, there are over 80 choices for your satisfaction.

Theme Week & Activities: Anyone for green pancakes for St. Patrick's Day breakfast? We'll discuss "Theme Week" festivities and receive an event badge that will allow us attendance to parties, special discounts, and a Nastar Race. Sun Valley resort will host the Sunday Welcome Party. A large variety of activities will fill up your week.

Bald Mountain: Considered by serious skiers as the country's Single Best Ski Mountain, Bald Mountain has a wide variety of ski terrain, boasts of 7 high-speed quads, 4 triples, 2 doubles, virtually no lift lines, and 3,400 ft. vertical climbing to a summit altitude of 9150 ft. A first rate grooming operation and the world's largest computer-controlled snowmaking system will GUARANTEE fresh powder each morning.

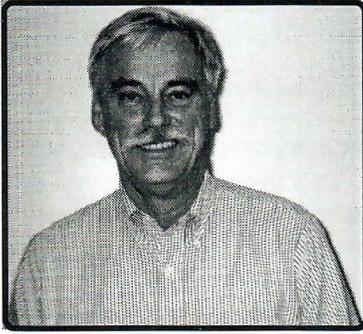
Dollar Mountain: Dollar Mountain has broad, treeless, well-groomed slopes offering superb conditions for beginning skiers and riders. Four chair lifts service runs of gentle terrain, yet Dollar Mountain has a mixture with more challenging slopes, as well.

Sun Valley #1: The majestic peaks of SUN VALLEY captured the imagination of America's skiing public in the 1930's and became America's first destination ski resort area. Conde' Nast Traveler and Gourmet magazines voted SUN VALLEY # 1 ski resort in the country! Whether an expert skier or beginner, SUN VALLEY has the best of both worlds. *Take a Look and Come With Us to SUN VALLEY!*

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Park City Area



Mar. 23 - 30, 2002
Full Pkg: \$857
(Saturday - Saturday)

Home of the 2002 Winter Olympics!

The Winter Olympics will be in Utah in January, 2002, only two months before we arrive. You'll have the opportunity to see the location of twenty-six (26) of the Olympic Medal events, including the Bobsled/Luge, Ski Jumps and Nordic Combined. The Olympic spirit, excitement and memorabilia will be everywhere. Come join us for the Olympic spirit, very good snow, and accommodations.

Our lift tickets will be good for three resorts -- Deer Valley, Park City, and The Canyons. These three resorts total 8700 acres, 322 trails, and 46 lifts. However, Park City is the center of attraction and is the annual U.S. World Cup location. Don't let that intimidate you because there are lots of facilities for beginners and intermediates with miles of groomed slopes for both.

Our accommodations will be a 45 minute bus ride from the Salt Lake City airport, however, we will have the opportunity to take one day ventures to other fantastic ski mountains in the area such as Snowbird and Alta in addition to Deer Valley and The Canyons mentioned above. Park City is housed in one of the most scenic ski areas in North America.

There will also be opportunities for you to go snowmobiling, sleigh riding, and we will schedule daily lunches on the mountain. In addition, the night cuisine and night entertainment are excellent in Park City, with over 100 restaurants. We plan to have an optional group walk-about to a different restaurant every night, for anyone interested in joining the group for dinner.

Don't just sit there, sign up NOW because PARK CITY is sure to sell out fast!

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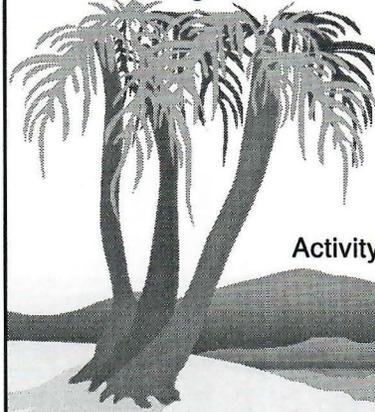
This is a traditional week for celebrity sightings. Last year, Jack Nicholson was seen in the lunch line at Bonnie's on Ajax Mountain. Goldie Hawn is likely to be seen dancing at the Caribou Club. Jill St. John loves bombing the black runs along with Arnold Schwarzenegger who still skis like an Austrian super hero. Dustin Hoffman and Chevy Chase may occasionally show up at Alderfer's, a western retro shop where Kevin Costner spends time furnishing his house on Highway 82 near Independence Pass. Don Johnson may be trolling for foxes at the Woody Creek Tavern while Kurt Russell prefers pursuing the 4-legged type of game during hunting season. You may catch Don Henley or Glenn Frey sitting in for a jam at the Double Diamond. Intrigued? Shhhhhhhhh, we need to keep a low profile on this.

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Bolivar Beach Bash!!!

October 5 - 7 (Friday - Sunday)
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 Beach Party in Ocean Front Condos!
 Fun & games in the sun!



Shrimp dinner by
 Gary Sequeira and
 breakfast by Tom
 Danowski

Activity Coordinator: TBA

What Is a Texas Ski Council Trip?

by *Peggy Montgomery, TSC Representative*



As you preview this month's Sitzmarke, you will see five (5) trips that are identified as Texas Ski Weeks or TSC trips. While many of you are already familiar with Council trips, I hope this article helps members, new or "seasoned", to better understand the Texas Ski Council ("TSC" or "Council") and Space City's ("SCSC") relationship to this group.

The TSC is a volunteer non-profit organization, which is the predominant organizing force for club skiing throughout the state of Texas. Space City is one of the founding members of this organization, which has 17 member clubs located throughout the state. The objective of the Council for the past 30 years has been to obtain the highest quality skiing experience with an equal focus on trip value, overall price, and marketability. To accomplish this objective, the TSC promotes, develops, and encourages interest in the sport of skiing and snowboarding, and interacts with ski area resorts and tour operators to bring its member clubs the best ski experience each year.

The TSC trips this year are to Copper Mountain, Lake Louise, Andorra (Expedition), Durango Mountain Resort (formerly Purgatory), and Alyeska. When reviewing the trip leaders' articles for these trips, you will see that they offer in addition to Space City club activities, a Welcome and Final Awards Party, apres ski happy hours at designated mountain spots, often a mid-week party and/or mountain picnic, ski/snowboard races in which member clubs compete against each other for trophies, and lots of opportunities to meet folks from around the state of Texas.

Besides offering these trips, which are selected by the member clubs at an annual "Bid Meeting" in April of each year, the Council provides the opportunity for member clubs to obtain information from numerous resorts and tour operators at the Ski Fest held in conjunction with the Bid Meeting. In fact, you will probably find that Patti Maudsley and her gang obtained trip information and prices for the other SCSC trips at this TSC annual meeting.

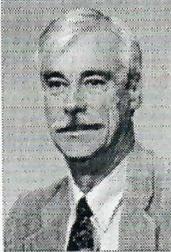
Each member club has two delegates who attend four meetings throughout the year to obtain information on upcoming trips, policy and rule changes, and various committee reports and recommendations. The TSC has an active "Never Ever Skier"

program and makes an effort to designate one trip each year as a trip for new or beginning skiers. Often this trip is the Thanksgiving Trip as many families use this trip for not only a family ski experience, but to teach young children to ski. This year Space City is using Thanksgiving as its family optional trip, and I encourage any of you who have children to **make Copper Mountain** one of your ski destinations. The other three Texas Ski Weeks this year take us back to one of SCSC's favorite locations, **Lake Louise**, a great place for those that love cruising and tree skiing in a quaint mountain town, the popular **Durango Mountain Resort** (formerly known as Purgatory), and a new ski resort for the TSC, **Alyeska**, with the chance to see the beginning of Alaska's Iditarod Dog Sled Race. Finally, each year the TSC puts together what they call an "Expedition" trip giving club members the opportunity to ski in a foreign environment. This year's trip is to **Andorra**, a small country in the heart of the Pyrenees, the mountain range that marks the border between Spain & France. The area is said to have excellent skiing, and the trip includes the opportunity to spend a couple of nights in Barcelona.

As you can see, the Council provides not only the opportunity to make skiing friends across the state, but provides Space City with a foundation for its other trips. In closing, if you have never been on a TSC trip, I encourage you to make this the year you take the plunge and have a memorable experience with Friends across Texas!



SCSCers at TSC Final Showdown-Heavenly Valley, March 2001



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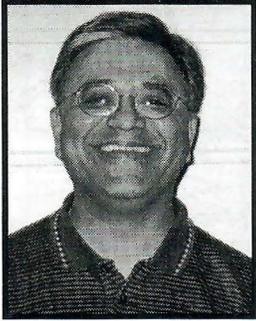


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by Roger Sahni



Well friends, I just inherited this position and I NEED YOUR HELP. Your entire Board is very supportive and encouraging. Several activities are already on the schedule, and we are always eager to fill the calendar with a variety of activities for our members to choose from! So I ask you to let me know the activities you would like to see, and better yet, volunteer to be either Activity Coordinator or Assistant

Activity Coordinator! Running activities is a lot of fun, and it is a fabulous way to meet new people.

I want to thank all the volunteers of the last year. Joe Walker and Diane Stotz have planned a great Volunteer Party with lots of fun & games for August 19th. If you miss out on this year's event, be sure to secure your invitation next time by volunteering as an AC or AAC soon! Call or e-mail me with your wacky ideas for different activities!

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**A Big Thank You to Roger from the
 SCSC Board of Directors!
 Welcome Aboard!!**

SCSC NEEDS YOU!!!

SCSC is always on the lookout for great volunteers to plan & help coordinate various activities for the upcoming year. Roger is also seeking a **DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS** to assist him with this year's schedule of entertaining activities & programs.

Please contact Roger Sahni at (281) 493-4414 if you're interested or have questions.

| Activity Date | Activity | Activity Coordinator | Contact # | Final Payment | Cost |
|---------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|--------|
| 8/18 | Miller Outdoor Theatre | TBA | | N/A | \$ -0- |
| 8/25 | Miller Outdoor Theatre | TBA | | N/A | \$ -0- |
| 9/15 | Pub Night & Darts Tourney | TBA | | N/A | \$ -0- |
| 10/5 - 10/7 | Bolivar Beach Bash | TBA | | 9/10 | \$110 |
| 10/20 | Day Sail on Galveston Bay | Richard Hall | (713) 461-8389 | 10/1 | \$40 |
| 11/30 | SCSC Holiday Gala | Bob Horan | (713) 664-9261 | 11/12 | \$44 |

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Panorama in the Canadian Rockies is a skier's paradise. A beautiful mountain, a variety of levels for any skier's ability, packed powder, fantastic long runs, and no lift lines. The ski-in ski-out lodging was exceptional and the hot tub area unbelievable.

Mary Ann Soto was notified that she had left some articles in her room. Her boots, ticket, and pictures were mailed to her a week later. Our group left cameras, goggles, and gloves while we were there and the items were turned into "lost and found" where they were all retrieved. How about that! No stolen skis here. Joanne Fore found her lost credit card, safely at home in Houston, after calling her son out of a meeting to go look for it.

Laura Kinney and Robbin Anderson said they loved skiing with the locals, off the beaten path, and in and out of trees. Christie Burke worked on her turns and had a fantastic time. Mike Murphy and Bret Henderson got Mary Ann Soto to go on her first black run. Congratulations Mary Ann. Ask Mike Murphy why he was laughing so hard at Bret Henderson's crooked glasses.

Did you know Don Lenert crawled out of bed with the flu and skied for the first time in 25 years, down the blues? Ely Kirschner, a new member, had some very fancy skis. He was seen showing them off to lovely Jeri Wilson and Robert Cloutier as they all skied down the mountain together. Did you see Charles Farris zip down the mountain? What a skier! Ron Rodriguez, Luis Torres,

Laura Rowley, Dawn Edwards, Bret Henderson, and Mike Murphy had to be dragged off the mountain as they skied up until the very last minute the last day.

Carmen Mikhail and Steve Jaeger had fun sampling the local cuisine. How much fun did Mitch Gaspard have with the six ladies shopping? Have you seen his beautiful coats? Wow! Ask Dorothy Miller about the "saddle lifts." Did you see those San Antonio shadows, Bob Cadena and Paul Oatman? Bob, who was that cute English girl we saw you talking to?

Seen at a local pub throwing darts were Tor Lileng, Chris Frizzell, Luis Torres, Dawn Edwards, Laura Rowley, and Ron Rodriguez. Tor found his favorite beer and was extremely happy. By the way, congratulate Ron because his basketball team won and he came back to Houston with more money than when he left. The foursome seen at the Kicking Horse Saloon and local restaurants having a ball were Dorothy Miller, Marvin Volz, Carolyn James, and Don Lenert.

Ann deHoff and Marda Waters cooked up a storm. Does Ann deHoff have a new doctor? Many thanks to Bob Knupp and Keith Kirkman for the use of their oven to cook the lasagna for our dinner party. Thanks, guys.

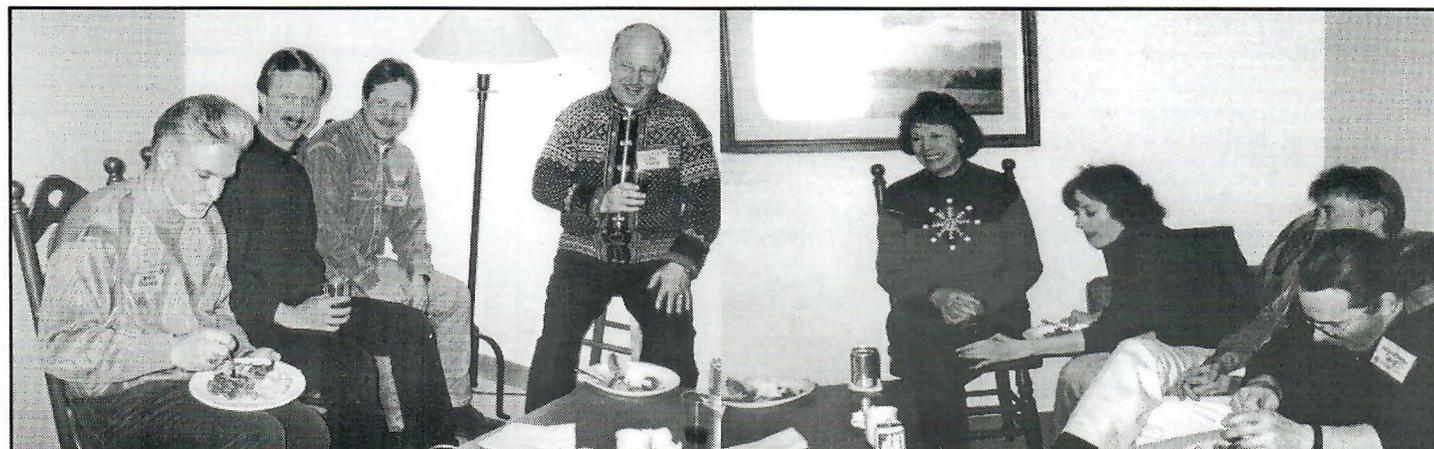
We had an international group including Joanne Fore and Carmen Mikhail from Canada, Tor Lileng from Norway, Ergun Bilir from Turkey, and Leonie and Michael Walsh from Australia. We are sorry to hear that Leonie and Michael may be returning to Australia. We will miss you two. We are glad that Ely Kirschner made his connections to Boston. The rest of the group returned to Houston but can't wait to ski at Panorama again.

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Time: TBA

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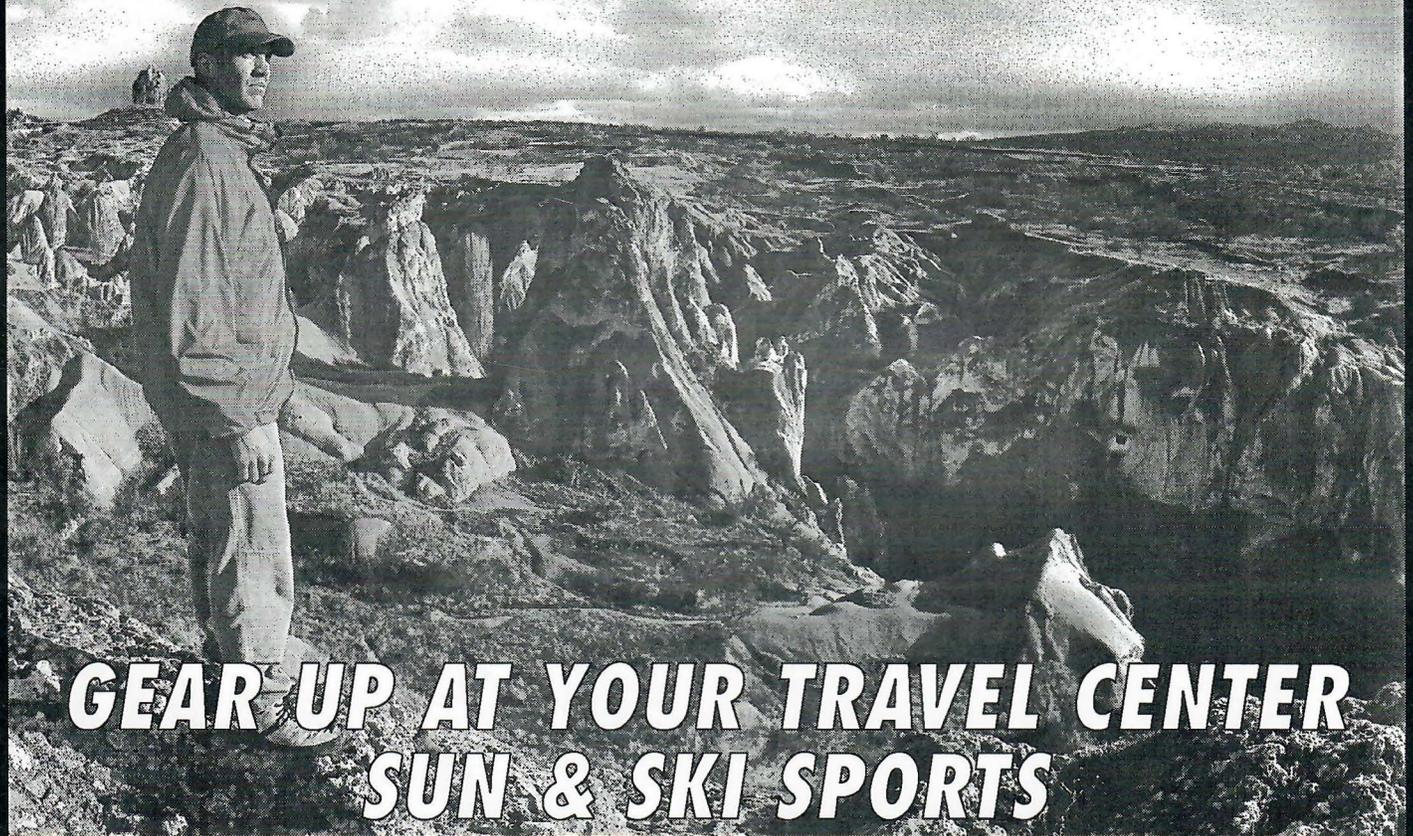
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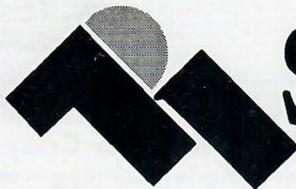
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