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General Meeting - January 19

Holiday Inn Select • 2712 Southwest Freeway at Kirby • 6:30 p.m.

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Happy Hour - January 29

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Head of the Liftline

by Jim Edwards



Past & Present: This past month, the last of 1997, saw another successful benefit for the Sunshine Kids at our general meeting. Your generosity and enthusiasm at this event will help to generate something much more than just a Christmas present for some very deserving children. We raised over \$6500.00. To those of you who made donations, those who contributed your time, and those who participated in the auctions: I cannot begin to thank you enough for your benevolence.

New Year—New Faces: For those of us whose lives turn with the pages of the Gregorian calendar, this month finds us celebrating the advent of a new annum (*i.e.*, *Happy New Year!*).

I would also like to celebrate, and welcome, those members new to SCSC this year. Some of you will have already discovered the fun and camaraderie of a ski club ski trip. If you haven't selected a trip yet, it's time to secure a spot before they're as much a part of history as 1997. For those anxiously awaiting your trip, relax and get ready for a unique ski experience. Don't worry — most of the details have been handled for you and, if you have questions, just call your trip chairman or asst. trip chairman. Don't know anyone else on the trip? No problem—you will soon have a passel of new friends as you meet other participants and share experiences on the trip. If you don't yet know how to ski or snowboard, you'll find great "never-ever" packages (*lessons, lifts, & gear*) at most of the resorts, and I haven't met a skier or boarder yet who wasn't ready to pass along advice and tips (*some of which will actually be useful*). This all boils down to: relax, have a great time, and welcome to the group. I look forward to meeting you.

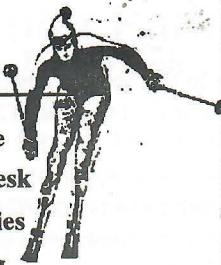
Auld Lang Syne: FYI, this translates from Scottish to "old long since" and means "times past" or "old times remembered". SCSC has plenty of those, as we are celebrating our 33rd year of good times. What began as a small group of devoted skiers in 1964 has evolved into one of the largest and most successful social organizations in Texas — all because we share a love of snow sports, and good times with good friends.

As Years Go By: SCSC continues to evolve. One change that has occurred over the years is that the club, along with the baby boom generation, has "matured" to the point that the median age of our membership has approached the crest of that infamous hill and could soon be over it. Another development is that active participation by our members has waned (*e.g., meeting and happy hour attendance is half of what it was several years ago, though membership numbers remain high*). These things have not, to date, diminished SCSC's activities or its value to its members, but they could have a lasting impact if they continue.

Resolutions: I, and others, would like to help reverse these trends. One of my resolutions this year is work to attract and recruit more young, active people into our club (*of course, over-the-hillers like me are still welcome too!*). Another resolution is to find ways to get our members more involved (*by this I mean attending more of our functions and interacting with other members*) and show them what they've been missing. Neither can be accomplished overnight. However, if we can just start to make these things happen, it will help SCSC to remain a vital and dynamic organization for its members for another thirty-plus years. If you have ideas, or thoughts, or would like to contribute to these efforts, call, e-mail: (jledwards@ibm.net), or see me at our next function. Until then, here's hoping you have a great 98!



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Volunteers Needed ASAP!!

SCSC is looking to fill the following
positions for next year:

Nominations for Officers

*If interested please contact any current
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or board member.*



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January

- 10-17 Steamboat Long
- 13-18 Steamboat Short
- 19 General Meeting
- 18-25 Aspen
- 24-31 Big Mountain
- 29 Happy Hour
- 31- Sierra Nevada (Spain)

February						
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February

- 1-8 Sierra Nevada (Spain)
- 9 General Meeting
- 14-21 Telluride Long
- 17-22 Telluride Short
- 19 Happy Hour
- 20 Rodeo
- 21-28 Winter Park
- 26 Rockets
- 28- Park City

March						
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March

- 1-7 Park City
- 9 General Meeting
- 14-21 Lake Tahoe
- 21-29 Lake Louise

FROM THE SKI DESK

by Susan Blome



Happy New Year!!! Welcome to the beginnings of 1998!! As we begin a new year, we have also begun a great ski season. Reports from our first trip, the TSC-Fall Roundup at Breckenridge, are that ALL had a GREAT TIME, and enjoyed GREAT WEATHER & GREAT SKI CONDITIONS, especially for the early ski season! At the races, we won a lot of medals and placed third in our division. Unfortunately, we lost to the second place club by only 15 points. However, Space City and the Sunshine Kids both were big winners when member Steven Slade won one of the TSC door prizes — a stay at *The Village* in Breckenridge. Steven graciously donated the prize to the Sunshine Kids Auction at our December General Meeting. Thank you Steven!!! I have also been told that the Breckenridge trip included several new members — WELCOME!! I understand that because of the fun you had, you can't wait to go on their your next SCSC trip!!!

Haven't signed up for a trip?? Well, time is slipping by fast!! The ski season is only beginning and, hopefully, all trips will be blessed with fantastic conditions and memories!! Leaving this month are the annual TSC Traditional trips to Steamboat followed by club trips to Aspen and Big Mountain.

The last day of January is the "official" start of the TSC Winter Expedition to Spain. Last word on the TSC Winter Expedition is that it truly will be "an expedition", especially for the members who are taking advantage of the pre and post trip extensions. I understand that only four days of skiing are actually being planned, but this trip has lots of exciting tours and sight seeing. Seems I may have even heard something about a bull-fight?? The reports from this trip, as well as all of the others, will surely include all of the details to fill us in on the fun we may be missing. I wish I could say I was going in January...but, not just yet!

As I write this (*in early December*) only a one trip actually has space available. Angie Westergren & Sarah Granbery are still looking for a few fellow members to join them for a fantastic adventure at Winter Park. Most of the remaining trips have wait lists and some of the wait lists are little or very, very small. (*I believe that there may actually be a trip or two that is full but has no wait list.*) By the time you actually read this, anything is possible. For the latest status on any trip, please contact the TC or ATC.

I realize that it's sometimes hard to decide which trip to sign up for. But, when the ski season is in full swing and we see or hear reports about a fantastic location, the urge to go skiing becomes a greater priority. Only, if you haven't made those plans in late summer or early fall, it seems all of the SCSC trips are already full. Understandably, this is frustrating to our members, especially ones who recently join the club. However, I realize that I've said this before, *the perfect option is to sign up on a wait list*. While some lists may seem to be too long, invariably as the departure date draws closer, some members have to unfortunately cancel off due to circumstances they had no way of predicting. If your name is on the wait list, you receive the option of joining the trip as an opening becomes available. And, there is never a penalty if you decline. *Remember, the Wait List insures that you get a chance at an opening!!! To insure that the TC knows you are interested, sign up on the Wait List!!*

Back this year is the emergency wait list. This wait list is in addition to the normal wait list for each trip. Those who can leave at a last minute's notice will discover this may be a great cost saving for you! See VP Trips or DOTs for details or sign up....price is only \$5.00.

One very important note, and worth repeating from previous articles, as was the case last year our ticketing needs to be very exact concerning names. Each participant over 18 must provide PHOTO ID when checking baggage and when boarding. This ID must match the name on the ticket. Our trip leaders will do their best to acquire your exact name. Please assist them by checking the spelling they have for you at the pre-trip parties, and on any trip correspondence. Late cancellations will be affected, as we may incur a penalty making last minute name changes.

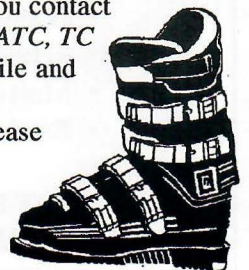
By this time all trips have reached final payment, except for our trip to Queenstown, New Zealand, so a few words about cancellations. Please inform the Trip Coordinator as soon as possible of any problems you may encounter. If you decide to cancel, you must notify the club in writing of your intention. Per SCSC Standing Rule 5.0, if you can be replaced from the waiting list you will be refunded the entire payment less any costs incurred by the Club. If you cannot be replaced from the waiting list, you will be refunded the amount that the TC is able to recover. While we have had good luck in the past at securing replacements for canceled participants, it's always a gamble. The more time you give the trip leaders to replace you, the better your chance at securing a refund. Don't forget a cancellation fee will be deducted from any refund.

It's hard to believe that as the new calendar year is beginning, it's time for the candidates for next year's officers to be announced. *It's not too early* to start thinking about volunteering for next year!!! Our ATCs, TCs, and DOTs help insure the club has exciting and reasonably priced trips for our members. To inquire about these positions, may I suggest you contact the potential VP of Trips. The rewards of volunteering are often hard to measure, but as one of SCSC past (*ATC, TC & DOT*) & present volunteers, I speak from experience that this has been and continues to be a worthwhile and gratifying experience for me.

Our club is very blessed with fantastic volunteers!! Next time you see any of the DOTs, TCs, or ATCs, please give them a *special thank you* for all of their efforts.

It's the dedication of our volunteers that makes this club great!!!

Make your plans to ski with Space City in 97/98 and remember to *THINK SNOW!!*



SCSC Activity

Happy Hour

January 29, 1998

5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

On Richmond near Fountainview



Rock Bottom Brewery

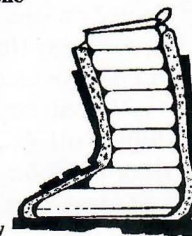
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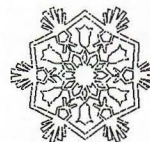
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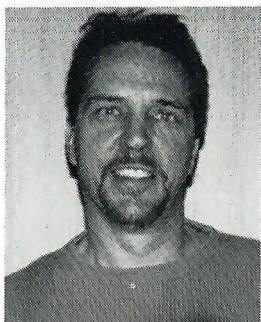
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V. P. PROGRAMS

by Stan Broniak



SCSC's fun & activities continue in January. Please note the change in the *Happy Hour* date to January 29th. It will held at a familiar location for many, the *Rock Bottom Brewery*, located on Richmond near Fountainview. Happy Hour prices and a buffet will be provided.

Volunteers are needed for the 1998 Follies. This is fantastic opportunity for you creative sorts to offer your best in the way of ideas, acts, writing, jokes, et al. *The Follies* are always a don't miss event. Become part of fun!! Please contact **Patti Maudslay** at 713.532.1610 (H), or 713.627.5926(W) to participate.

I'm doing an informal survey of SCSC members. What additional activities or events you would like added in 1998? This will be helpful as we plan the future fun & games this year. Let me hear from you!! I can be reached at bronis@idt.net or 281.531.6147.

Upcoming events for February include the February 20th opening night at the *Houston Livestock show & Rodeo*, priced at \$10.25 per ticket. Contact **Jim Steele** to purchase your ticket, 713.877.8130. Feb 26th will feature the *Houston Rockets vs. Minnesota*, priced at \$24.00. Contact **Joanne Fore**, at 713.723.4707.

Finally, the second annual, (*more or less*), *SCSC Hill Country Hoe Down Weekend* will occur on May 29th through 31st at the Flying L Guest Ranch in Bandera, TX. **Cassie Gittings** will host this fun filled weekend event. Highlighted are 2 nights lodging, (*double occupancy*), all meals, (*except Sat lunch*), Casino night and a DJ. Full recreational activities, (horseback riding, swimming, tennis & volleyball. Total cost will be \$257.00, with the initial deposit of \$130.00 due March 15th. Car pooling is suggested and will be coordinated when possible. See you there!!!

In closing, I again would like to express my sincere appreciation to those SCSC members that have come forward during 1997. Let's continue the trend throughout 1998. I believe this coming year will be even more exciting with your input, so be prepared.

So long for now

Stan

SCSC Activity Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Opening Night Show

February 20th
Approx. \$10.00
Astrodome

AC: **Jim Steele**
P. O. Box 27381
Houston, Tx 77227
713-877-8130 (H)

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SCSC Activity Houston Rockets Basketball vs Minnesota

February 26, 1998
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Compaq Arena

AC: **Joanne Fore**
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Final Payment due: 01/19/98



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SCSC Activity Hill Country Hoedown May 29 - 31 \$257.00 Flying L Guest Ranch Bandera, Texas

AC: **Cassie Gittings**
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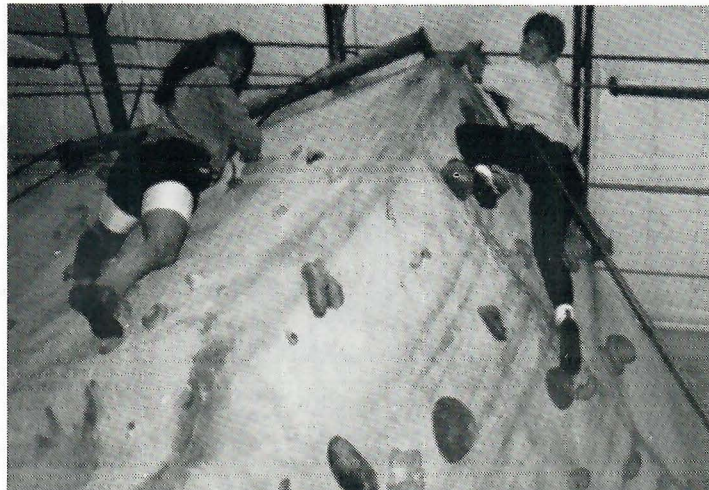
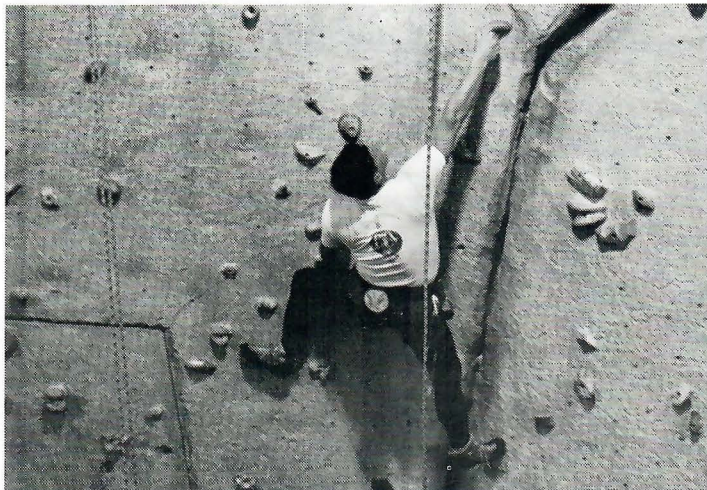
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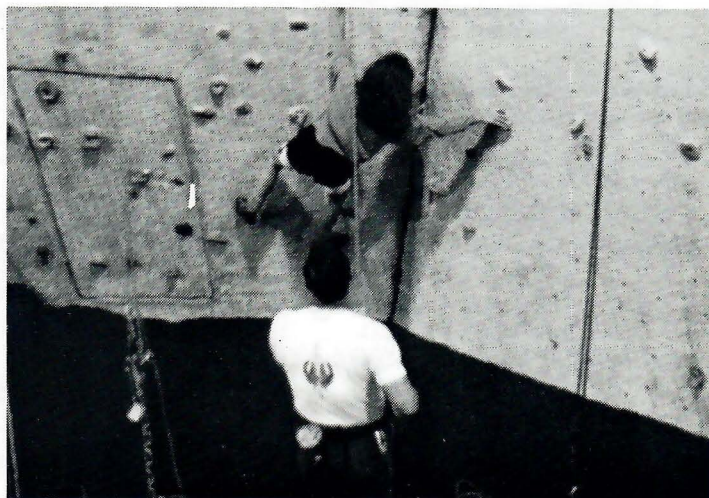
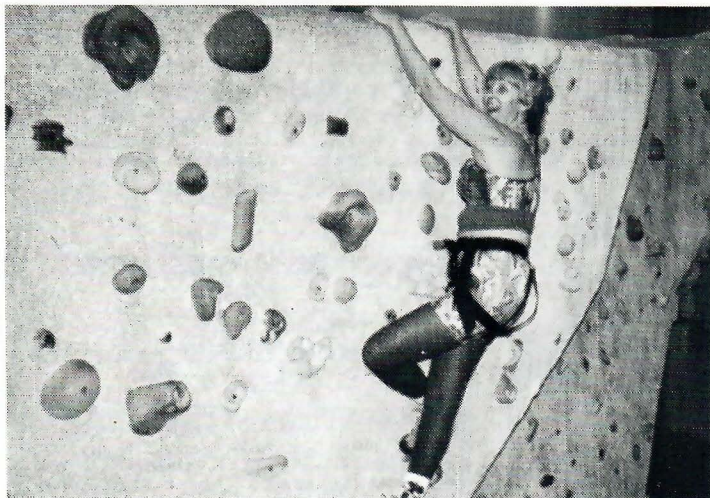
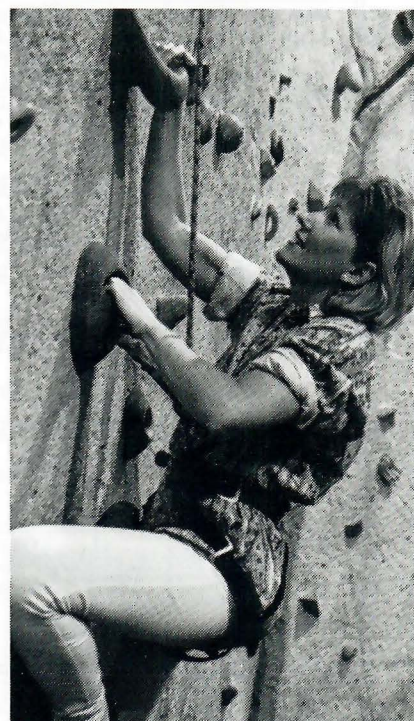
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ROCK CLIMBING

by P. Clay Vollmer



A Gripping Evening... was had by all as Space City Ski Club went Indoor Rock Climbing at Texas Gym, Bunker Hill @ Old Katy Road. About twenty skier/climbers honed their climbing skills to a competitive edge on the walls and boulders, after a brief introductory class/safety course taught by TRG staffers Mike and Sean. Some SCSC members had climbed before. **Sue Salvage** waved off help saying, "This thing is just like a bra except you put it on feet-first!" **Patti Maudslay** and **Harvey Hetzel** are all smiles as they laced up their climbing shoes. **Susan Stanley** passes the belay safety test under Sean's watchful eye. **Patti Maudslay** shows excellent belay technique as she correctly locks off the rope behind her body and keeps her eyes on her climber. **Julie Davis-Raley** smiles as she finds the solution to a tough bouldering problem. **Pam Smith** concentrates on her next move. **Sue Salvage** gets a little off balance on a route. **Clay Vollmer** shows her how. Later **Sue** tops out with **Diane Jamail** on adjacent routes. **Carol Keane** and **Susan Stanley** show what it's all about; having fun!





Space City Ski Club 1997 - 1998 Trip Schedule

As of December 13, 1997

Trip Dates	Nights / Ski Days	Trip Destination	Cost (See Notes)	Final Payment	Lodging	No. Skiers	Status / Wait List	TC/ATC (DOT)	Home Phone
Jan. 10-17, '98 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	STEAMBOAT I Colorado (TSC Traditional)	\$789	Oct. 6, '97	Timber Run (Condo)	64	Full 1-WL	Kathy Young Stacey Ronczy Marvin Volz (EAB)	(281) 497-5339 (713) 861-6470 (713) 782-7118
Jan. 13-18, '98 (Tue.--Sun.)	5 / 4	STEAMBOAT II Colorado (TSC Traditional)	\$685	Oct. 6, '97	Timber Run (Condo)	44	Full	Joan Henke Beth Wood (EAB)	(281) 367-4614 (281) 489-8304
Jan. 18-25, '98 (Sun.--Sun.)	7 / 6	ASPEN Colorado (Club Favorite)	\$856	Oct. 13, '97	Chateau DuMont (Condo)	40	Full	Alan Bitzer Evangeline Ressler (EAB)	(281) 480-3107 (281) 558-0784
Jan. 24-31, '98 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	BIG MOUNTAIN Montana (Return to Big Mountain)	\$865	Oct. 13, '97	Edelweiss (Condo)	42	Full 23-WL	Jeff Warren Steve Amy (BAE)	(281) 859-5812 (281) 870-0762
Jan. 31-Feb. 8, '98 (Sat.--Sun.)	7 / 4	SIERRA NEVADA Spain (TSC Winter Expedition)	\$1,186 (See note)	Oct. 23, '97	Luna De Granada (Hotel)	60 (10-L)	Full	Gene Soo Lee Swords (EAB)	(281) 530-8559 (713) 973-1183
Feb. 14-21, '98 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	TELLURIDE I Colorado (TSC Winter Shoot-out)	\$795 F \$507 L (See note)	Dec. 8, '97	OreStation/ Sprial Stairs (Condo)	42 (7-L)	Full 12-WL	Ann Clinton Sharon Broughton (BAE)	(713) 785-6732 (713) 526-5783
Feb. 17-22, '98 (Tues.--Sun.)	5 / 4	TELLURIDE II Colorado (TSC Winter Shoot-out)	\$699 F \$410 L (See note)	Dec. 8, '97	Sundance/ Smuggler/ Boomerang (Condo)	40 (7-L)	Full	Jean Jackson Diane Keane (BAE)	(713) 977-8918 (713) 953-9654
Feb. 21-Feb. 28, '98 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	WINTER PARK Colorado (Skiers Retreat)	\$608	Nov. 10, '97	Snowblaze (Condo)	32	24	Angie Westergren Sarah Granbery (EAB)	(281) 847-1070 (713) 523-7054
Feb. 28-Mar. 7, '98 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	PARK CITY Utah (Ski Utah)	\$677	Nov 10, '97	Sun Creek (Condo)	40	Full 3-WL	Janet Arentzen Christie Burke (BAE)	(281) 367-2617 (713) 973-0130
Mar 14-21, '98 (Sat.-Sat.)	7 / 6	LAKE TAHOE Nevada (Spring Break)	\$657	Dec. 8, '97	Forest Inn Suites (Condo)	42	Full 14-WL	Leona Schroeder Anita Gentry (EAB)	(713) 468-4609 (713) 468-8575
Mar. 21-28, '98 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	LAKE LOUISE Canada (TSC Final Showdown)	\$998 F \$617 L (See note)	Dec. 8, '97	Chateau Lake Louise (Hotel)	42 (7-L)	Full 26-WL	Ladye Freitag Mary Favre (EAB)	(281) 855-4110 (281) 265-7525
---Mar. 22-29, '98 (Sun.-Sun.)						18			
July 24-Aug. 1, '98 (Fri.-Sat.)	7 / 5	QUEENSTOWN New Zealand (TSC Summer Expedition)	\$1,731 F \$1,431 L (See note)	Apr. 13, '98 (See note)	Q'Town Park Royal (Hotel)	42	Full 4-WL	Larry Christie (BAE)	(713) 802-9801

**Notes: L=Land Package-excludes AIR ONLY and is available only on selected trips. Sierra Nevada, Spain - Price is dependent on the exchange rate & current taxes at time of departure; includes daily breakfast & dinner at hotel. Telluride I & II-42/40 total each which include up to 7 land. Lake Louise 42-total which includes up to 7 land. Also, additional 18 spots available for Sun-Sun. Queenstown, New Zealand- Price is dependent on the exchange rate, current taxes at time of departure, and firm airfare to LAX. Land Package on this trip is for round-trip from LAX to/from Houston, since trip to New Zealand originates in Los Angeles, CA. Also, additional payment of \$ 300 due Feb. 15.

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LastChance! Ski Winter Park

by Angie Westergren

Last 8 Openings for 1998

February 21-28

If you haven't signed up for Winter Park, yet, WHY NOT? What skiing could be better the last week in February than the Continental Divide?

Even "Skiing" magazine is excited about Winter Park. The September issue had an article on "Winter Park's Wild Side" about the opening of Vasquez Cirque. Another article is promised in November, too. You hard core skiers shouldn't miss this trip!

Beginners, not to worry! There are plenty of beginner trails and quality instructors. Winter Park has enough to satisfy every level skier, plus it boasts the second largest lift system in Colorado.

This trip is going to be FUN! (*The timeframe doesn't include a holiday, either.*) DON'T MISS IT

TC: Angie Westergren

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"I'd like to enroll."

WINE TASTING PARTY

by Nicky Minear

On November 8th, 58 of us gathered at Leibman's on Memorial for a wonderful evening of fine wines, food, conversation, and a little shopping. The first to arrive was **Marsha Morrow**, a new member from Amarillo. Other early arrivals were **Dorothy Miller**, **Marvin Volz**, **Lee Swords**, **Sandy Cox**, new member **Dave Taylor**, **Bill Bomberger**, **Marsha Lutz**, **Susan & Frank Stanley**, **Beth Nolan**, and **Lari Paradee**. Mrs. Leibman presented us with a wonderful selection of wines for our tasting and her staff served us a marvelous selection of the exquisite foods that they have. Crowded the tables with the wonderful food items were **Mike Montgomery**, **Nora Corke**, **Joe Kulpinsky**, **Irma Rosendahl**, **Carol Cain**, **John Baron**, **Jeanie De Muth**, **John Flatten**, **Sue & Jim Edwards**, **Will McCracken**, **Lynn Gaines**, **Ski Mom Patti Maudslay**, **Jean Jackson**, and **Margaret & Gary Schoonover**. Seen browsing amongst the lovely gifts and large wine selection were **Lucile & Richard Hall**, **Manolo Valle**, **Cassie Gittings**, **Helena Mejias**, **Klaus & Noni Pratschker**, **Nancy Bryan**, **Barb Penkala**, **Diane DeAtley**, **Stan Broniak**, **Sharon Podraza**, **Deborah Gagnon**, **Debi Altenbern**, and **Judy Katany**. Enjoying the desert table were **Steve Benson**, **Sue Barnett**, **Susan Blome**, **Louella Steller**, **James Barbee**, **Lucy Fred**, **Julie Butcher**, **Bill Perks**, **Jennifer Schreck**, **Sharon Inman**, and **Ellen Manhard**.

I would like to thank my cousin and her husband, **Jill & Jimmy St. Clair** for helping me. Also I want to thank my son **Garrett**, for the name tags, and my son-in-law, **Don Laws**, for the fliers. I especially want to thank **Connie Stutters** who said she would host another Wine Tasting in the spring. A big round of applause definitely goes to Mrs. Leibman and her staff, **Vicky**, **Jenny**, **Pepe**, **Del**, and **Kris** for doing such a good job serving us. A good time was had by all.



RACE DIRECTORS REPORT

'OH THE SWEET SMELL OF VICTORY' SCSC 378 CLSC 209

On Friday November 21 forty six people from SCSC and Clear Lake Si Club (CLSC) gathered at the Oshman's store carpet slope at Gessner and I10 to commence battle in the annual Oshman's Downhill Challenge. Everyone enjoyed a superb food and drinks buffet, free drawing with wonderful prizes, TV cameras, ski equipment discounts, a great competition and a fun atmosphere. All this and a new Tophy was provided courtesy of Oshman's and organized by their Ski dept. supervisor **Brad Miller**.

The CLSC were strongly represented and captained by their own Race Director **Bob Neill**. SCSC's contingent of 17 racers was inspired and captained by **Howard Schoenike**. **Steve Amy**, **Steve Tacconelly**, **Dave Stoltz** and **Howard** eased nerves by leading off the racers with four solid performances. **Larry** and **Deborah Christie**, **Ralph Barber**, **Sam Schagrin** and **Susan Blome** followed with performances that caused concern only in the CLSC camp. CLSC were down but not out, their own **Doug Griffith** responded with an impressive performance of 54 gates out of a possible 68, but this did not phase Howard as he knew our best was yet to come. **Jeff Warren**, **Sue Salvage**, **Billie Nowak**, **Merlyn Harger** and **Bill Bomberger** clicked up more points for SCSC making CLSC position impossible. Howard played his aces, **Robin Tran** delivered a solid 51 gates only to set the scene for **Jim Dilger's** devastating 66 gates winning the top man Ski Jacket. **Susan Wicker** took top woman and claimed her choice of ski jacket with 41 gates.

Other events of note:

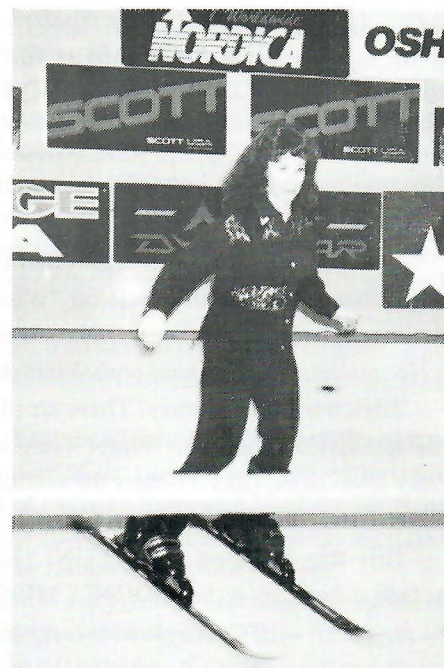
- ✓ Shopping champions: **Diane Jamail, Debbie Warren**
- ✓ Cheer Leaders: **Jeri Hartman, Kim Page, Elyse Turla, Patricia Synatsch**
- ✓ Coach: **Tom Danowski**
- ✓ Photographer: **Marsha Lutz**

In all, no injuries, a great result and most importantly a lot of fun.

Hot off the press for the first TSC race results from the Breckenridge Fall Roundup Division 1 results : SCSC 936 pts, Los Amigos 942 pts, Lone Star 1710 pts. Well done all racers and thanks to **Darlene Hirasaki**.

LET'S GO GET EM AT STEAMBOAT!!

by Rod Hope



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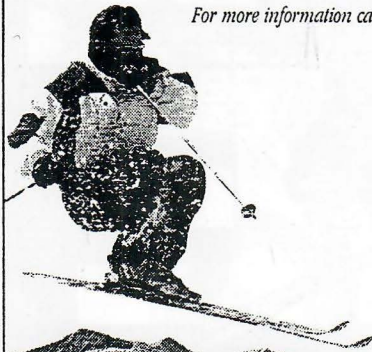
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And also for Sandy Fowler and her family with the loss of her mother in December.

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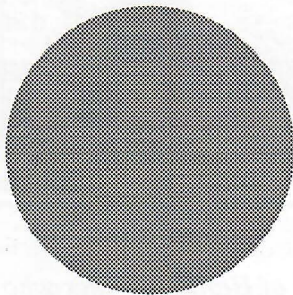
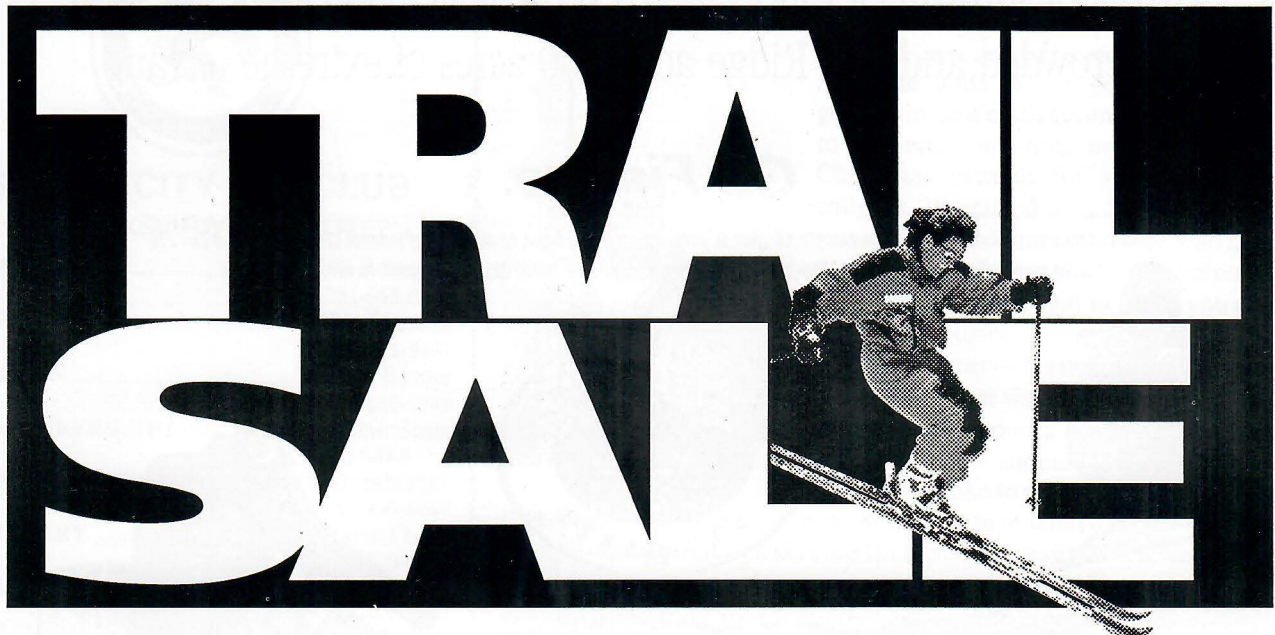
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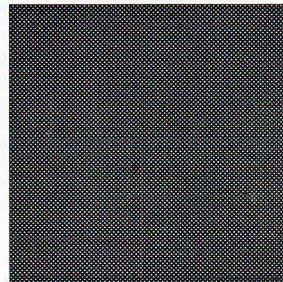
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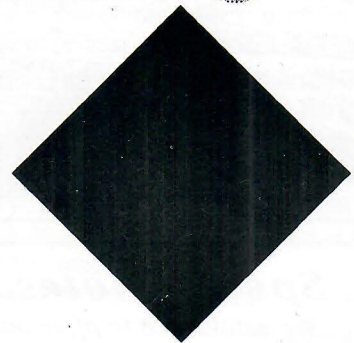
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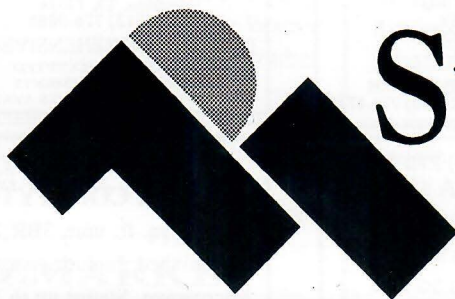


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