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HEAD OF THE LIFTLINE

by Merrel Smith



Well this has been a busy summer already. We're just into July and have put together the trip schedule, and started work on several activities for the year. We had some activities last month that were well received. The weekend camping trip at Lake Conroe was shaping up to be a blast, it's a good thing it wasn't held the previous weekend when the storm blew through. On that same Saturday night we had another group going to WNBA Comets opening game of the season. They were handing out the Championship Rings to the players, I wonder if any of our members got a close look at one.

This time of year is when we formally announce the members who have volunteered and have been given appointed positions:

Texas Ski Council Representative	Jeff Sarff
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I would like to thank everyone who submitted their names for consideration for the various positions. Remember this club is run by volunteers and we always need help with so many different areas. If you would like to help out contact any officer and we can tell you how to go about it. While I'm on this subject there is another position that needs to be filled ASAP.

We need an Auditor!

If you or any one you know likes to work with numbers, and wants to help the club in this position please contact Chairman of the Board, Jim Edwards and let him know. Thank you.

I was at the first training meeting for this years TCs & ATCs last month and they are really excited about our upcoming trips. Check out the schedule and talk to these leaders about their trips at the next Happy Hour. Remember, next month will be your first chance to sign up for the ski trips.

You may have recently found yourself asking, "Who is Cheryl May?" Well our VP of Membership has made a name change (Houge to May) and brought a new member to our Club by getting married last month. Congratulations to Cheryl and Walter. She is ready to accept your membership application.

To try and keep those HOT days cooler, think S N O W and where you will be skiing next season.

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**Do you dream in numbers,
do you fantasize about
taxes?**



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volunteer for Auditor!
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and activities - call the**

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CALENDAR

July

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July

16 Happy Hour @ Sempers

24 Miller Outdoor Theater

August

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August

MAIL-IN SIGN UP

8 Cleo's Comedy Club

15 Mystery Dinner Theater

20 Happy Hour

September

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September

17 Happy Hour

21 First General Meeting of 1998/1999

25 Club Crawl & Comedy Improv

FROM THE SKI DESK

by Barb Erlich



They're heeeere!! Yep your 1998-1999 ski trip calendar is here. The olden days of just skiing Colorado are gone. Well, there are plenty of Colorado favorites such as Aspen/Snowmass, Breckenridge, Crested Butte and Copper Mountain, but we're also really branching out. In fact we are visiting a total of eight states this year (Alaska, California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming). If international travel is more your cup of tea, we'll visit Canada over Christmas and France early February. We have six short trips planned for those of you conserving those precious vacation days. Those of you looking for the perfect Christmas present for the kids, take them to Canada for our Family Optional.

Although it's the middle of one of the all time record hottest summer, your 32 TC's and ATC's might as well keep their heads in the freezer, since they are in a constant think snow mode. There phone lines are buzzing as they busily negotiate fantastic ski deals for you. Prices will be finalized by next month. Now that I've got you all psyched for the August Sitzmark, I want you to think about whether or not you're going to be one of the chosen few who receive this valued mail out. Well check your checkbook. Have you paid your SCSC renewal for next year? **If not you must do so before August 1, 1998 to be eligible for the August early mail in.**

Your asking what mail in sign up is. This is the only way you can secure your spot on the trip of your choice. Two weeks in mid to late August are designated as the mail in period. All the instructions are in the August Sitzmark, so go straight to your check book, do not pass go, write out a check to SCSC and get your membership renewal done prior to August to guarantee first shot at these wonderful trips.

As you review the ski schedule remember, this is a volunteer organization. The trips you see are made possible by your dedicated TC/ATC's, executive committee and board of directors. Next time you see these people make a point to thank them for their efforts. I certainly can't thank them enough. Until next month, relax and leave the ski planning to us!

SCSC Activity

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SCSC Activity

Picnic & Theater

Friday, July 24th
7:00 PM to ????

FREE

Miller Outdoor Theater and TUTS present a new musical - Texas Flyer with Larry Gatlin. We'll meet for a picnic on the lawn at 7:00 PM. Bring your own food and beverage. Play starts at 8:30 PM. Let us know you'll be there - RSVP!

AC: Kathleen Fowler
713-661-1055 (H)

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SCSC Activity

Cleo's Comedy Club

Saturday, August 8th
7:45 PM to ????

\$9.00

Cleo's Comedy Club presents ...
"Eat and Get Gas Here!"

AC: Peggy Schilling
7511 Dogwood Falls Rd.
Houston, Texas 77095
281-859-9068 (H)

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SCSC Activity

Mystery Dinner Theater Dave & Buster's

Saturday, August 15th
\$35.00

AC: Nicky Minear
713-436-9518(H)
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SCSC Activity

Club Crawl & Comedy Improv

Friday, September 25
6:30 PM to ????

\$11.00

Meet at downtown's Market Square for an evening on clubs and comedy! Well start at Spy, then on to Treebeards for the comedy improv, then on to other clubs in the square!

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V. P. PROGRAMS

by Sue Salvage



NEWS FLASH!

Mark Your Calendars Now!

Our meetings will continue to be at the Holiday Inn Select. The September meeting will be the Third Monday, September 21, 1998. Now, don't forget to mark your calendars because we want to see you there! It will be a great meeting with all the ski trips and activities

being at the tables for the first time this club year.

June has come and gone as well as some great activities. Many, many thanks to:

- **Julie Raley** for leading our group on the fun filled Conroe Camping Weekend. We're sure the hot weather didn't stop all those hardy souls from having tons of fun in the sun, big camp fires, good food, good folks, cool water and a great time weather you-they were relaxing or frolicking about.

- **Joanne Fore** for taking on one of our sports activities, the Houston Comets Basketball.

- **Cassie Gittings and Barb Penkala** for working so hard on the Annual Volunteer Party. I'm sure everyone had a wonderful time, as these parties are always fun.

Nicky Minear is heading up the Dave & Busters Murder Mystery Dinner on August 15th. Be sure to sign up soon as this has been a very popular activity in the past and Dave & Busters has so much more you can do after the dinner!

Mary Millsap is putting on not one, but TWO cooking schools for you this year! 1st - October 7th with Peg Lee of the Rice Epicurean Cooking Schools & it's called "Great Tomatoes"! 2nd - October 26th through Rice Epicurean with Neil Daughtery the head chef of the Doubletree Hotels in Houston. We're not sure what we'll have him do yet, but you can bet it will be not only good but also entertaining. Look for the ad in the Sitzmarke and call **Mary** to sign up. When **Mary** last did a cooking school it filled up the 1st night and she had enough on her wait list to do another class. So, don't wait.

NEW MEMBER ALERT - the Ambassador Coordinators are looking for Ambassadors and they especially want new members to volunteer. What a great way for you to meet members and learn about Space City Ski Club. What will you do? You'll work with someone who has been an Ambassador; you'll visit with and introduce around these new members and guests at the meetings and happy hours; you'll help them sign up for activities and ski trips if they need help and you'll answer questions (*don't worry if you don't know an answer, there will always be someone around to ask*). So jump on the bandwagon. Have a great summer!

SCSC Activity Great Tomatoes Rice Epicurean Cooking School

with Peg Lee

Wednesday, October 7th, 6:30 pm

\$22.00



AC: Mary Millsap
14002 Briar Hills Parkway
Houston, TX 77077
281-497-6548 (H)
Final Payment due: 09/28/98

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SCSC Activity Rice Epicurean Cooking School

with the Head Chef of all Houston

Doubletree Hotels

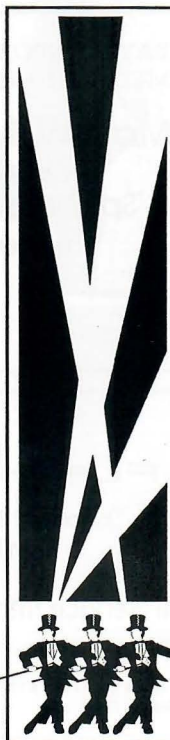
Monday, October 26th, 6:30 pm

\$27.00



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As would be true throughout the ski season for Space City, the Gods of Snow smiled on us, and both Red River and Taos received several inches of snow the week before we arrived. This meant that conditions were almost perfect (especially for early December) and both mountains were almost completely open.

On Thursday, most of our trip enjoyed Taos. Several took advantage of excellent pricing for lessons. In the evening, we enjoyed the nightlife of Red River. Most of the town is within easy walking distance. On Friday, we skied the Red River Resort.


On Saturday, Charles Butler, Gary Butler, Terrance Chamness, Ann Clinton, Gregory Conary, Theresa Tanchak, Joseph Daleo, Ken Harger, Harvey Hetzel, Steve Jaeger, Wayne Kanak, Bruce Lowther, William Vasen, and Robert Wray decided to return to Taos; while Steve Dixon, Karen Alexander, Phyllis Ashley, Linda Branum, Nannette Chapman, C.P. Combest, John Cook, Judy Corke, Diana De Atley, Ronald Geedman, Sharon Geedman, Cecilia Guy, Roger Holzman, Janeen Judah, Joyce Keppinger, Patti Maudslay, Wilard McCracken, Pat McLaughlan, John Mifflin, Jody Olson, Scott Peterson, Catherine Phillips, William Raley, Julie Davis-Raley, Roger Sahni, Carol Kanapa-Sahni, Jennifer Schreck, and Tammy Taylor skied Red River. Willard McCracken tried the cross-country skiing. John Cook and Scott Peterson shredded the mountain on snowboards.

Many of us decided on dinner at an Italian restaurant to watch the fireworks and a torchlight parade down the mountain. We took our departure of beautiful Red River on Sunday.

Spickle and Eggbert
rate this ski trip review
thumbs down
for lack of original material
(or any material, for that matter)!



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PARK CITY

by Janet Arentzen

Early on the last day of February, the Park City T.C. arrived at the airport half an hour before the scheduled meeting time to find 5 eager skiers had beat her there. Things were going great until we wanted to check into our room...4 o'clock check-in and we arrive just after noon. What will we do with 40 skiers and their luggage? Fortunately one condo was cleaned and to answer the question...yes you can fit 40 people, their luggage and skis in one condo. At 4:00 PM only 2 condos were ready, who were the lucky 8 (sorry guys). Finally around 8:30pm after many calls, pestering the housekeepers and several trips to the office, everyone was in their condos. Our patience was tested and we survived. The Saturday meet and greet went really well, especially the food. After a few hours of sitting on what one could, the food and alcohol went down real fast. Thanks everyone!!!

DEER VALLEY (Sunday): Our first day on the slopes and we did it in luxury (wonderfully groomed slopes, great food, top quality services and very friendly people). The first day of races saw 3 bronze medals (**Bill Bomberger, George Hirasaki, and George Sargent**) as the pacesetter set a blistering pace on an icy hill. **Karen Richards** had a grand yard sale that took 4 people to haul her gear back to her. **George Sargent** took a header that was talked about all week. At the end of the day saw the inaugural Hot Tub Club meeting. At this meeting, someone came in and said they had reservations for 20 at the Italian restaurant. When the 20 arrived at the restaurant, no reservations...they did not accept reservations. Oh well, the 20 manage to find space downstairs in the bar and had a great time. **Mike Wolfe, Barry Norman, George Sargent and Roger Holzman** decided to go dancing afterwards...hopefully not with each other.

ALTA (Monday): The beginning of The Canyon Jumpers. 24 skiers bused it to Alta where they skied on a mountain with soul. At the end of the day, everyone was hurrying to catch a chair for one last run. Not quite ready to quit, but aware that the bus would leave them if not on board at 4:15pm. All arrived in time with **Bob Wray and Christine March** making it with just seconds to spare. Quick trips to the liquor and grocery store saw the Hot Tub club furnished with margaritas (Thanks **Mike and George!!!**) For dinner, a group of ten (**Frank Riesenber, Rie Norwood, Mike Wolfe, Bill Bomberger Ceci Guy, Jaime Grana, Barry Norman, George Sargent and Janet Arentzen**) headed to Zoom Road House & Grill with hopes of being served by Robert Redford...no such luck but the atmosphere, food and service were great anyway.

SOLITUDE (Tuesday): 18 of The Canyon Jumpers head for Solitude with the rest either at Park City or Deer Valley. According to **Arlen Isham**, they all skied Mt. Everest in vertical feet at Solitude. **Janet Arentzen** did her first black diamond and **Roger Holzman** said he never saw someone go downhill on their back laughing so hard. **Karen Richards, Jane McKimens and Janet** did their first moguls and wanted more. Not more margaritas at the hot tub, what's a skier to do?

PARK CITY (Wednesday): Beautiful sunny day. Racing saw 4 bronze (**Bill Bomberger, Roger Holzman, Philip Nelson and Barry Norman**) and 4 silver (**Arlen Isham, Phil Napolitano, Frank Riesenber and George Sargent**) with the non-racers eagerly cheering them faster down the flat course. Gotcha cut-off certainly got **Vi Napolitano**, as she was following the tricky switch back, she did not turn in time and went over the side and was hanging on the side of the mountain. According to **David Richards**, a nice big strong lady (I can't print his exact words) pulled her to safety. **Karen Richards** led a group of guys down Widowmaker. Hot Tub Club fit how many in the 8 man tub, 14 14 14...15 15 15, or one to many margaritas. 10 venturous souls (**Dan Adler, Roger Holzman, Phil and Vi Napolitano, Donna Hahus, Ceci Guy, Shirley Taylor, Olin Harn, Christie Burke and Rie Norwood**) climbed aboard several sleighs and went jingling all they way to a REAL home cooked meal (Don't ask!!!!!!).

SNOWBIRD (Thursday): The Canyon Jumpers were at it again to sunny Snowbird. Apparently **David Richards** marked the snow in yellow in an upper bowl while **Arlen Isham** had to walk back from "I don't want to do that". **Ralph Barber and Bill Bomberger** found a young pretty mountain guide who said, "follow me"...yeah right over a cliff. I think **Bill** will forever remember **Ralph's** look when they came to the edge and had to go backwards up the trail they just skied down. Racing saw bronze medals to **Ralph Barber, Bill Bomberger, Philip Nelson, Barry Norman and Bob Wray** (first time racer) with **Arlen Isham and Mike Wolfe** (first medal) getting silver. After another hard day of skiing another hot

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tub club meeting was held but not as memorable as the night before. 11 people (**Christie Burke, Rie Norwood, David and Karen Richards, Dale and A.G. Davis, Frank Riesenberg, George Sargent, Ralph Barber, Mike Wolfe and Janet Arentzen**) thought money was nothing but food was everything and headed to the Deer Valley Lodge for a Seafood Buffet... Ever see a four course seafood buffet with everything. How about some crab legs for desert, **George**? As they returned to the condos, it was snowing...prelude for the next day.

PARK CITY (Friday): Boohoo last day of skiing, but HOORAY knee deep powder on all runs. It was hard work but thoroughly enjoyed. **Roger Holzman** didn't complain when **Arlen Isham** told him the girls were just down there. **George Hirasaki** did the Jupiter bowl with the great powder. **David Richards** was launched by a chair lift and made a beautiful back landing thanks to the deep snow. Friday night was the Lasagna dinner in the TC and ATC condo where the following pins were given out: OH Shit! to **Vi Napolitano** and **Ralph Barber** for their cliffhangers. Crash Club to **George Sargent** for his header. Yard Sale to **Karen Richards** for yards of gear on the mountain. Snowboarder to **Jaime Grana** for his first time and only boarder on the trip. Special Award to **Vi** for being the "Energizer Bunny"...Ready to Go. Special Award to **Ceci Guy** for most improved. Hot Tub Club Chairman to **George Sargent**. Snowball Award to **Ceci** to remember throwing her first snowball (which the TC so graciously let her throw at).

OTHER THINGS OF INTEREST: **Ralph Barber, Christine March and Bob Wray** made a new friend during their condo wait, seems while shopping on main street, they met Bill Clinton (The President) and must have impressed him as they all received post cards from him several weeks later. Vertical feet skied...**Mike Wolfe and Barry Norman** 41,470 in one day and **Arlen Isham** 160,280 for the 6 days. **Christie Burke and Rie Norwood** pushing a full grocery cart down the side of a 5 lane highway in the snow and slush. **Shirley Taylor and Olin Harn** had a great trip without skiing, just ask to see what the skiers missed doing and how they got down the mountain without skis. **Olin** making pancakes and bacon for his condo mates (all ladies) in the morning. **Vance Usher** was our smoothest skier. The Canyon Jumpers saw plenty of Elk, Mule Deer, and Moose during their jaunts through the canyons. **A.G. and Dale Davis** skied mainly Deer Valley. 5 girls (**Carrie Niemeyer, Mary Weinert, Cheryl Juneau, Sharmae Kray, and Debra Barber**) missing in action but not missing any fun. The new six passenger detachable chairs are an experience, especially the starting gates... and they're off. **Donna Hahus** went home with new artwork. **Steve and Judith Brown** took time to enjoy some snowmobiling and sightseeing. Watch out for the ceiling fan, **Ken Feaster**. **Fred Kars** joined **George and Darlene Hirasaki** for a few days of skiing and partying. Special thanks to **Bill B.** for organizing the 3 races, helping with the parties and the foot massages. Also to **Arlen** for writing things down.

Ski The Big Mountain Whitefish, Montana

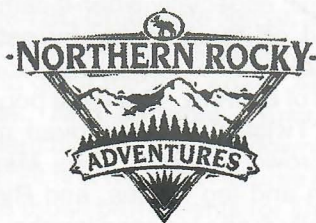
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LAKE LOUISE

by Mary Favre

As you read this article, and it's hot outside, try to imagine what Canadian Rocky Mountain air feels like rushing against your face as you ski down from "On Top of The World" Lake Louise ski run. The TSC Final Showdown at Lake Louise will definitely go down as the best the TSC has ever offered. A big part was due to the unsurpassed hospitality the Chateau Lake Louise personnel extended to the Texas skiers.

The original trip anticipated 40+ members going to Canada, but when the demand grew so strong, airfare and hotel accommodations were made to enable two groups to travel to Lake Louise from SCSC. TC **Ladye Freitag** led Group I from Saturday to Saturday, and ATC **Mary Favre** led Group II from Sunday to Sunday.

Upon arrival you began to sense that this was the trip where it would all happen, planned or unplanned...

It started at the check-in at the Chateau; virtually hassle free. A skier's Welcome Party in the Tom Wilson room early Sunday evening was where SCSC members began to experience the beginning of the ski week. Most members of Group I headed out to experience the much-talked about Train Station Restaurant: **Curt Marsolek & Barb Goist, Neal & Leona Pleasant, Ladye Freitag, Karl & Lotty Gautschi, Jan & Phil Dowlin, Alan Bitzer, Greg Roberts, Charles Butler, Ray Herndon...** to name a few. From all accounts they were not disappointed in the cuisine. Their advice was well taken and reservations for Group II were made for next Saturday evening. Fortunately, most everyone was very relaxed after dinner, for coming back from the Train Station, the bus ride back to the hotel was so good, they did it twice. They had to back all the way down the hill because of having no traction—no problem, just get us to the slopes on time! Luck was looking kindly on **Takemi Koike** as her roommate had to return home leaving **Takemi** with a room to herself for the rest of the week. But unfortunately, Lady Luck did not visit **Mike Ruck**, as he was injured skiing. Enough to hurt him, but not enough to keep him out of the good times

Monday morning breakfast on SCSC started the "get in gear we are here to ski attitude". *Friends of the Mountain* helped skiers get acquainted with various runs and experiences that normally one would not try without guidance. Race Clinics were open and practices started. Lake Louise was not the only mountain to ski. Several took advantage of the lift tickets and went to Sunshine Mountain. **Peggy Schillinger, Marsha Lutz, Susan Blome, Alan Bitzer and Neal & Leona Pleasant** were some of the members who gave others sage advice, that if the sun is not shining—don't ski Sunshine (i.e. the flat light makes Sunshine more difficult). Later that evening it was TSC Get Acquainted Party in the Tom Wilson Room with live entertainment. The food was a great Italian buffet, and as **Susan Blome, Marsha Lutz and Peggy Schillinger** in unison agreed "we're on vacation and calories don't count!" Even our members, **Kurt & Karin Schidlowski and Helmut & Martha Zenger** who are world travelers concurred that it was excellent food and drink!

Tuesday was, weather wise, the first really spectacular day of skiing. Now, we could see why it was voted number one for breathtaking alpine scenery in western North America. Everyone was going to ski all day and save some energy, because the Mini Olympics would be conducted that evening. As participants gathered, we wondered if we were too old. **Ladye Freitag, Russell Benham, Greg Roberts, Bill & Julie Raley, Lynne & Walter Hester, Gary Butler, Charles**

Butler, Ray Herndon, Jerry Montgomery, Alan Bitzer, Marc & Mimi Markel, Byron Davis, and Carl and Mary Favre pursued the Gold by running (more like puffing) in the snow in a variety of games. **Peggy Montgomery** acted as the unofficial referee for SCSC, especially when it came to the tug-of-war. We finished off the evening by getting acquainted over pizza in the Lakeview Lounge, and followed it up by more games (indoors of course). The most popular game of the evening was "Twister" which proved most challenging to the over 40 crowd. **Marc & Mimi Markel** were fit to be tied up in arm and leg moves, and **Byron Davis and Ladye Freitag** really made for good laughs. We even invited two of the Chateau staff who did not fare better!

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LAKE LOUISE (continued)

Wednesday, a day off for touring Banff or whatever your heart desired. **Jan & Phil Dowlin** took to snowmobiling and experienced beautiful scenery, good food and a hike to spectacular waterfalls. **Bonnie Ernst, Ann Woods, Carmen Mikhail, Curt Marsolek, Barb Goist and Gloria Lopez** took to the dogs. Reportedly the dogs were eager, energetic and ready to ride! Though upon their return **Curt and Barb** had to sanitize their gloves due to the rank odor the dogs imparted. **Lila Davis and Irma Rosendahl** were the veteran cross-country skiers paving the way for newcomers like **Jane Jolly and Jan Dowlin**. They tried it first at Lake Louise, and both say they would do it again! **Chip & Llona Doubet** blazed the trail around the lake up to the glacier and came back by way of the Lake. Only to find that walking in thigh high snow takes quite an effort, which they rewarded themselves by indulging in an adult beverage upon their safe return. **Walter & Lynn Hester** took their snowshoes and ventured around the lake. Unfortunately, their shoes broke (not that they were a big help anyway) and upon their return were looking for that adult beverage the **Doubet's** were speaking about.

The rest of us were lucky enough to be entertained and educated on the way into Banff by a great humored bus driver. The weather was picture perfect, and just prior getting into Banff we observed a herd of Elk grazing on the



roadside. The shopkeepers in Banff were gracious and if you ever heard that men don't shop—say it isn't true! **Ray Herndon and Greg Roberts** are professional shoppers and were heard asking others if the golf shirt matched their eyes! **Gloria Lopez** was discovered to be the trip's expert on beanie babies and found two in all of Canada that she didn't have. Most everyone went to the famous Banff Springs Hotel. **Neal & Leona Pleasant and Marc & Mimi Markel** took the early bus into Banff so they could enjoy the spa facilities and discovered the mineral bath pool played music underwater. **Ann McIntyre and Gloria Rooney** were said to have enjoyed the fine dining at the Rob Roy Restaurant at the hotel. The Hotel has a million-dollar view, and Wednesday night proved no exception. **Joe & Paula Selle** also took time to enjoy the amenities of the hotel and beheld the infamous view from one of the hotel lounges.

Dinner in Banff was great as **Jane Jolly & Gary Quinn** enjoyed fish and chips with **Carl & Mary Favre** and enjoyed discovering Canadian brew. Banff shopping was good, but let's not overlook shopping at the Chateau Lake Louise as **Miriam Glover and Judy Vaughn** could testify. **Miriam** found a coat she had to have and **Judy** found herself in seventh heaven after she discovered a "Murtle". It's a piece of candy 4 inches in diameter made of pecans, chocolate and caramel, and the bonus is that it has no calories if it's eaten in Canada. Wednesday night was a celebration for **Cheryl DeWitt** as her fiancé, **Steve Kenny** helped her bring another candle to her cake at the Post Hotel



The TSC Challenge Races were held on Thursday. Silver medals were awarded to **Kurt Schidlowski and Helmut Zenger**. Guess you should have seen their faces—yes, they would have preferred gold medals, but come on guys you are doing great for your ages! Additionally, TSC awarded six bronze metals to SCSC members **Ted Bergeron, Curt Marsolek, Ann McIntyre, Jerry Montgomery Bob Porter and Fred Zahnow**. **Bill Raley** demonstrated great sportsmanship when racing downhill and crashing into the fence, only to get back up to finish—good show! **Julie Raley** finished her first NASTAR course in 84 seconds that made her eligible for a pin that she intends to wear to every meeting! Kudos to those participants for showing such SCSC spirit! Speaking of spirit, **Kevin Foster** was not thinking of racing when he filled out his NASTAR form. Instead of putting an M (male) or a F (female) in the box marked sex, **Kevin** put a Y for YES! Additionally, there was one other contest, not on the agenda. Who could drink more kinds different kinds!

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LAKE LOUISE (continued)

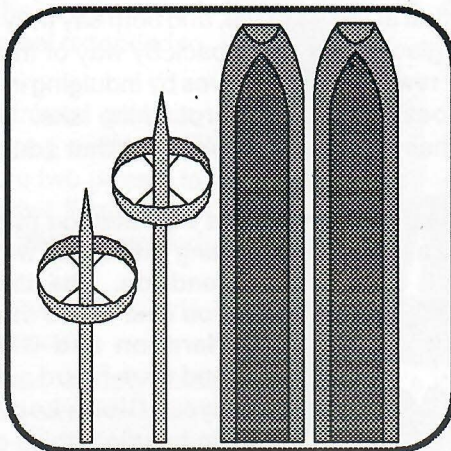
Most SCSC members had never experienced a Torchlight Dinner. Initially it sounded a little scary; skiing in the dark down the same mountain you might have trouble with in the daylight, but why not try something different. After arriving at Whitehorn Lodge, a live band was willing to entertain a 150+ Texans unwind from a day of racing and skiing. The staff, after cooking all afternoon, danced the dinner out to the buffet and an exceptional dinner was served as the band played on. It was a great place to get to know other **Woods** dancing with all night? Getting challenge for some, and a gold star goes in helping members trail through the night. fact, the highlight of the trip for many. A and if you didn't know it before, you do boots on!

On Friday the TSC Individual went to **Kurt Schidlowski** and **Helmut Bergeron** and **Lotty Gautschi**. **Judy** one hundredths of a second. Lady Luck **Markel** attempted snowboarding for the The Final Frontier Evening came all to full-blown event, not only with great food, shoot out! The dancing was also great, who showed that his true talent was on A big applause to **Lotty Gautschi** taking the senior women's gold in the ladies division! Of course, **Karl Gautschi** immediately began bragging that he got to sleep with SCSC's only gold medallist. Not to be overlooked, SCSC received the Gold Boot for first place in the Mini Olympics, beating out the "busty" Flatlanders by only seconds. A big thanks to all the participants and those who cheered the SCSC team. **Debbie Bergeron** celebrated her birthday Friday night with a cake and the SCSC's rendition of happy birthday!

As Group I members were boarding the bus on Saturday morning, Group II was hitting the slopes. Saturday proved to be a fine day for skiing and adventure. **Carl Favre** took the ladies skiing. He took **Bonnie Ernst** and **Ann Woods** down their first black run, as **Margaret Walker** and **Mary Favre** watched and took pictures. Group II finished their week eating at the Train Station restaurant in the Train Car with a first class dinner. The conversations were great and the atmosphere very intimate. We toured the other train cars and really got the feel for the historical significance. **John Gealy** and **Margaret Walker** engaged one group by entertaining us with tales of their recent trips. **Margaret** recently returned from trekking the Himalayas.

On the bus ride to Calgary airport, **Greg Conary** took to the microphone and surprised his wife **Theresa Tanchak** by leading the group in singing happy birthday to her. Once we got to the airport, we were all willing to be bumped if the call came and **Rose Cohen**, who was laid over in Calgary (returning to Ohio) was gracious enough to offer sharing her hotel room (to a lady), if someone was bumped. But, alas, it didn't happen and we all arrived back in Houston looking forward to the next TSC trip and developing our pictures to share at the post trip party.

Looking over the comments, it looks like the hospitality, food, shopping, parties and making new friends could not have been done in a better place than Lake Louise. The skiing wasn't bad either. See you on the slopes!



Texan skiers too. Just whom was **Ann** down the mountain was a serious to **Joe Kuplinsky** for his great assistance Was it a great party? Most definitely; in group of Texans acting middle-age crazy, now: Texans can do it all—all with their

Challenge Races were held. Silver medals **Zenger**, and bronzes went to **Ted Katany** barely missed the bronze by a few will get you next time, **Judy**. **Marc & Mimi** first time, and perhaps the last as well? quickly. Again the Chateau pulled off a but entertainment to boot. A real cowboy just ask **John Moss**, the trip's race director the dance floor! Awards were presented.



A NIGHT AT CLIVE'S

From the mouth of a babe: Connie Stutters

Forgive me for taking so long to write a wrap-up on our never to be forgotten wine, cheese, and food tasting extravaganza at Clive's. As you may have found out, I am a fairly new member and have had to burn the night oil reading some of the Sitzmarke bingo sheets that you turned in. For some unknown reason, they were drenched in wine, and some of the facts were faded out. As a result, you may see your name as you will never see it spelled again. Just ask **Stan Broniak**. He went as an alias the night of the party.

As we walked in to a mesmerizing display of white linen tables, crystal glasses, and soft music, we were greeted by waiters handing us a welcome glass of champagne. As we signed in, we were handed a bingo Sitzmarke card, with instructions to find a person who fits each of the categories for the chance at the grand prize. There was a little confusion at the sign in table, as members tried to find their names (I purposely misspelled them to add to the intrigue of the evening).

Clive was excellent in his presentation of the wines, as he cleverly compared the wines to a marriage. He said that opposites attract. Apply this theory to wines and you need a salty item to go with a sweet wine and vice versa. I turned three shades of red when he asked what the main ingredients of a successful marriage are, and without a pause, "SEX" popped out of my mouth.

As Clive acquainted us with the different wines, we were given a full course meal from salad, to main meal, to dessert, with waiters giving us the appropriate wines for the particular course. It's no wonder the noise level went up ... we were happy campers! **Bob Fulweiler** can attest to this. **Bob** had to drink double the wine, because the feline next to him couldn't handle more than two glasses.

The proud winners of the Sitzmarke bingo were **Judy Katany** and **Stan Broniak**. We were horrified to learn that there were so few virgins in our group. Only two of six stood up, and a poll dictated that they be taught some seduction skills. It was mandated that they dance the Macarena, to everyone's delight!

It was music to our ears to learn that we had members in our group that sing A Capella and got up and entertained us. Hats off to **Bob Fulweiler**, **Dell Davidson**, **Susan Blome**, **Bob Hinsley**, and **Kris Rogge**. Above and beyond that, we also have lustful singers that sing love songs to the opposite sex; **Karen Mozisek**, **Sandy Allen**, **Kris Rogge**, **Rebecca Wolf**, and **Bob Hinsley**. No classy event is complete without its celebrities. Were you aware that **Sue Barnett**, **Steve Bronsue**, **Doug Ford**, **Bob Fulweiler**, **Brenda Reusser**, **Ann Odegard**, **Carolyn Rolsten**, and **Connie Stutters** were stars in a real movie? **Linda Walters**, **Sue Salvage**, **Concietta Ruggiero**, and **Karen Mozisek** appeared on TV!

As we were leaving, it is rumored that **Dale Albritton**, **Stephen Amy**, **Steve Brown**, and **Jack Dutton** were asking the waiters for their all time favorite delicacy – SNAKE. On the other side of the coin, **Carol Cain**, **Carol Greene**, and **Myron Wolf** were craving Dom Perignon and caviar. However, **Volde Manolo**, **Diane Keane**, and **Concietta Ruggiero** were more interested in getting to their homes with visions of nude bubble baths dancing in their heads.

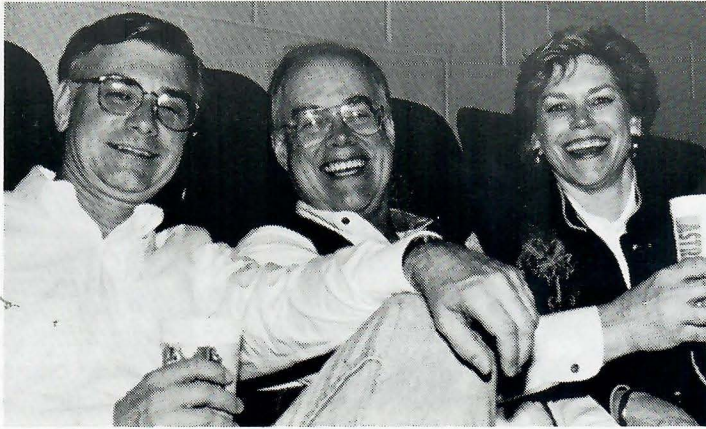
James Barbee, our green eyed member, along with **Louella stellar**, **Judy Brown**, **Sandra Cox**, **June Cullum**, **Kevin Foster**, **Chuck Gore**, **Margaret Johnson**, **Steven Tech**, **Gene Soo**, **Bill Clinton**, **Robert Lang**, **Victoria Logge**, **Marsha Lutz**, **Caroline McGinnis**, **J. Baron**, **Karen Mitzer**, **Michael Odegard**, **Jacqueline Reynard**, **Jerry Sadler**, **Peggy Schilling**, **Jim Schrock**, **Lee Swords**, and **Patricia Van Tassel** were happily wishing all a good night.

Thanks to all who were a part of this great night, and to those who didn't come – We'll see you next time!

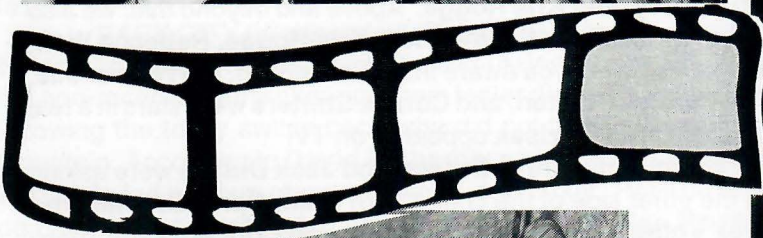
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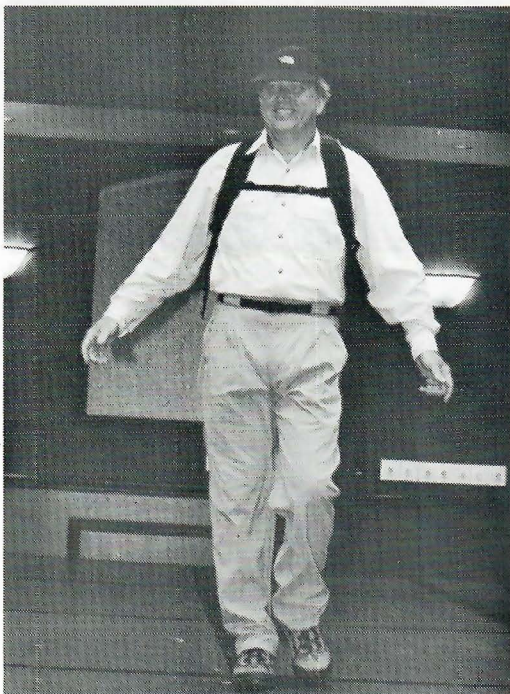
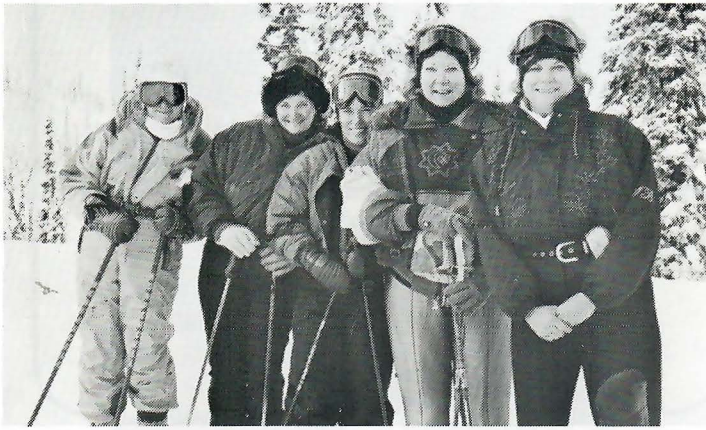
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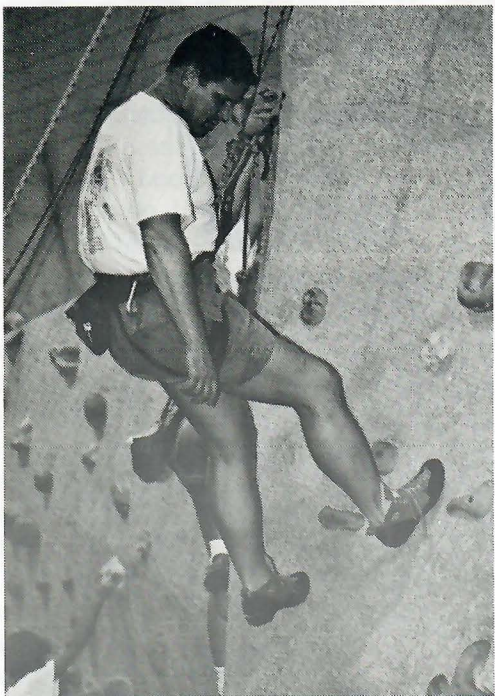
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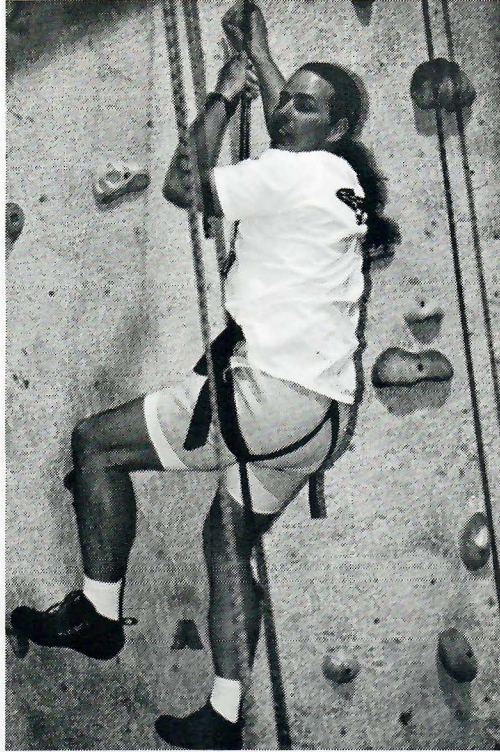
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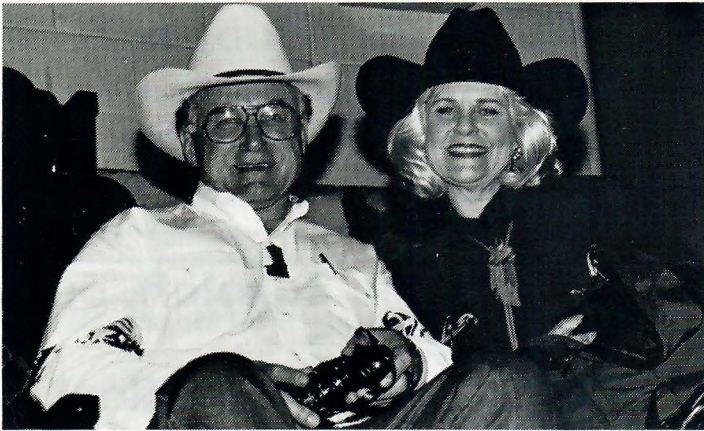
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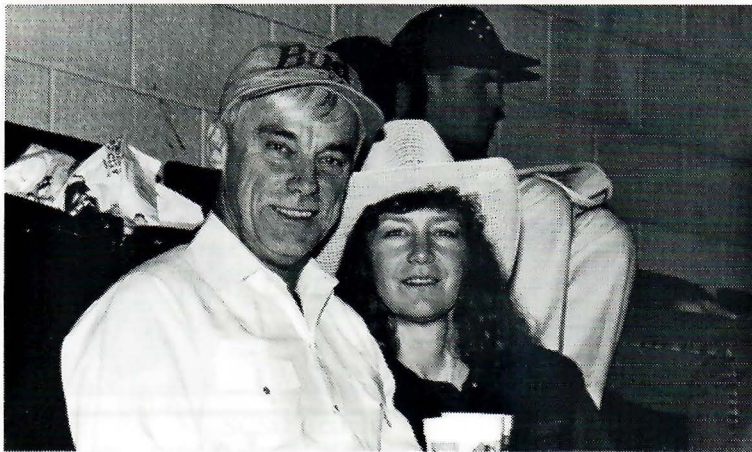
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AS OF JUNE 1, 1998

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July 24-August 1, 1998	7/6	New Zealand South Pacific Adventure (TSC Summer Expedition)	22 (42)	Larry Christie (GWS)	713-802-9801
Nov 24 - Nov. 29, 1998 (Tue. - Sun.)	5/4	COPPER MOUNTAIN Colorado (TSC Fall Roundup)	44 (52)	Patti Maudslay Barbara Brescian (KCY)	713-532-1610 713-706-3192
Dec. 8 - Dec. 13, 1998 (Tue. - Sun.)	5/4	RED RIVER/TAOS New Mexico (Learn to Ski / Skier Tune-up)	32 (44)	Marvin Volz Julie Davis-Raley (GWS)	713-782-7118 281-873-8730
Dec. 20-26, 1998 ?? (Sat. - Sat.)	7/6	BIG WHITE ?? CANADA (Christmas-Family Optional)	32 (42)	Rick Wasson Barb Tuley (KCY)	713-664-8329 281-469-0821
Jan. 9-16, 1999 (Sat. - Sat.)	7/6	PARK CITY I Utah (TSC Traditional)	44	Mike Montgomery Dorann Valka (KCY)	281-752-0522 713-782-0871
Jan. 9-16, 1999 (Sat. - Sat.)	7/6	PARK CITY II Utah (TSC Traditional)	44	Stacey Ronczy Bruce Lowther (KCY)	713-861-6470 713-785-5196
Jan. 12-17, 1999 (Tue. - Sun.)	5/4	PARK CITY III Utah (TSC Traditional)	44	Jane Orr Karen Mozisek (KCY)	713-771-4104 713-856-8015
Jan. 16-23, 1999 (Sat. - Sat.)	7/6	ASPEN/SNOWMASS Colorado ()	32 (44)	Beth Wood Jennifer Schreck (GWS)	281-489-8304 713-855-4656
Jan. 23-30, 1999 (Sat. - Sat.)	7/6	SUN VALLEY ()	32 (44)	Christie Burke Russell Benham (KCY)	713-465-5644 713-460-8094
Jan. 29-Feb. 6, 1999 (Fri. - Sat.)	7/6	LES 3 VALLES France (TSC Winter Expedition)	42 (60)	George Flourmoy Barb Penkala (GWS)	713-789-0654 713-432-0989
Feb. 6 -13, 1999 (Sat. - Sat.)	7/6	BRECKENRIDGE Colorado ()	32 (44)	Arlen Isham Ken Spalding (KCY)	713-455-4858 713-461-1224
Feb. 20 - 27, 1999 (Sat. - Sat.)	7/6	JACKSON HOLE Wyoming (TSC Winter Shoot-out)	48	Sarah Granbery Jeri Wilson (GWS)	713-662-0493 281-497-2686
March 2 - 7, 1999 ?? (Tues. - Sun.)	5/4	CRESTED BUTTE Colorado ()	32 (44)	Louella Steller J. R. Ronczy (KCY)	713-723-6713 713-861-6470
Mar 13-20, 1999 (Sat. - Sat.)	7/6	HEAVENLY I Nevada (TSC Final Showdown)	42	Kim Page Elyse Turla (GWS)	713-271-4912 713-981-0359
Mar 13-20, 1999 (Sat. - Sat.)	7/6	HEAVENLY II Nevada (TSC Final Showdown)	42	Lee Swords Diane Stotz (GWS)	713-973-1183 713-862-9486
March 17-21, 1999 (Wed. - Sun.)	4/3	HEAVENLY III Nevada (TSC Final Showdown)	40	Sharon Broughton Nancy Gentzel (GWS)	713-526-5783 713-952-4652
March 20 -27, 1999 (Sat. - Sat.)	7/6	ALYESKA Alaska	32 (44)	Gary Haley Nicky Minear (KCY)	713-984-9884 713-436-9518

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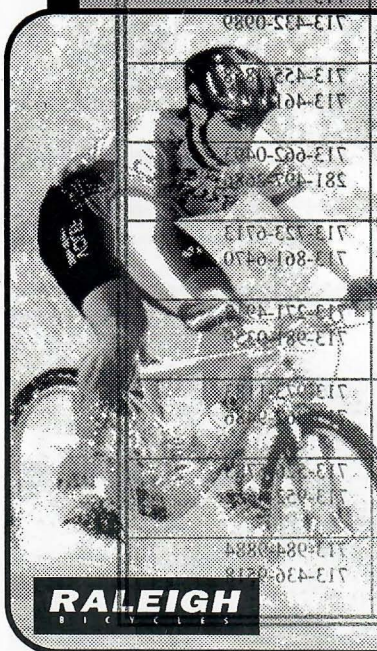


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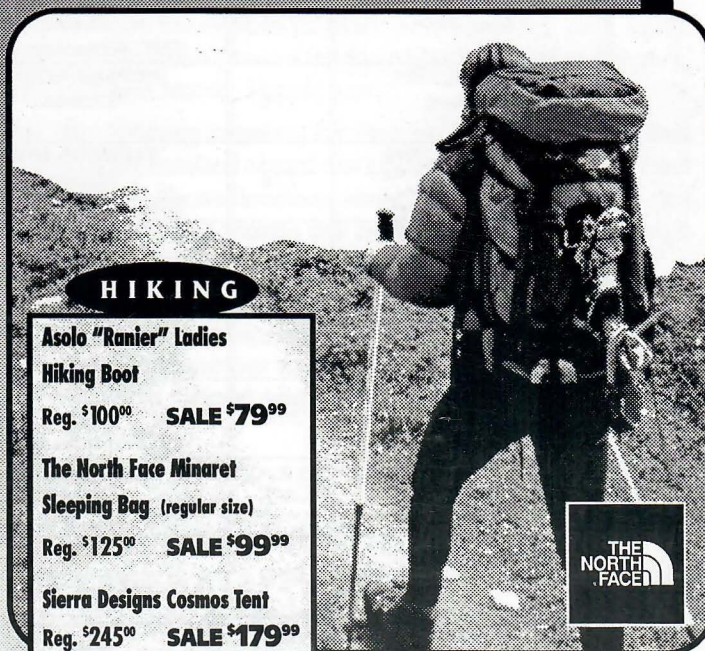
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