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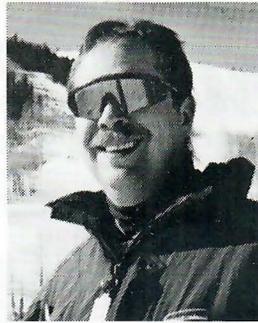
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Head of the Lifeline

by Merrel Smith



Happy Holidays, all! Thanksgiving is the usual beginning of the ski season but it's December and the holidays that get people thinking about snow. We will have had three trips by New Years and many more after. I know many are filled but there are a few destinations with space available. Check the Trip Schedule in this issue and call the TC of the trip you're interested in for up to the minute details.

Don't forget our Holiday Gala, Friday, December 11th. We will all be dressed up to dance the night away. It promises to be an evening to remember. If

you haven't signed up yet and are interested give **AC Steven Teoh** a call to check on available space.

We have a lot of new members this year and I would like to welcome each of you to the club. I hope you get as much enjoyment being a member as I have through the years. You'll find that the more you do the more fun you have. Being a volunteer organization, the members are our strength. Everyone you see helping/working are volunteers; Officers, trip leaders, activity coordinators, ambassadors, check-in assistants, even those in our programs. If you have any questions/suggestions talk with any officer about what it takes to help out and keep Space City strong and vibrant.

Our monthly meeting will be December 7th, a week earlier due to the holidays. Our VP of Programs **Sue Salvage** has arranged for entertainment by the **Spring Branch Elementary School Bell Choir**, they should be entertaining. Don't forget that we will also be hosting a fundraiser for the **Sunshine Kids**. We have a lot of great gift ideas, some collectibles and several big auction items. Be sure to bring your checkbook, and remember all money collected goes to a good cause.

Even if there isn't anything you want to buy or bid on, you can contribute to the cause in another way. I have promised to cut my hair to the length determined by contributions to the **Sunshine Kids**, to the tune of an inch for each \$200.00. So far, as of early November, there has only been \$440.00 pledged. Well, that means at least two inches are going to get cut. I feel pretty certain it will be twelve inches long by the meeting. So save your nickels and dimes and give to a good cause. Don't forget someone will cut my tail on-stage that night.

Here's to a great ski season and I'll see you at the December meeting.



*Season's Greetings
and a hope for peace and goodwill
throughout the Holidays*

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Coordinators Needed**

Please Contact Sue Salvage

Applicants for Officers

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Committee*

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and activities - call the**

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CALENDAR

December						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

December

- 1 Oshman's Downhill
- 7 General Meeting - Sunshine Kids
- 8-13 Red River/Taos
- 11 Holiday Gala
- 17 Happy Hour - Roxy
- 26-2 Whistler

January						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

January

- 1-2 Whistler
- 9-16 Park City I & II
- 17 Houston Marathon
- 12-17 Park City III
- 16-23 Snowmass/Aspen
- 18 General Meeting - Art Exhibit/Slides
- 23-30 Sun Valley
- 28 Happy Hour - Black Swan
- 29-6 France

February						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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February

- 1-6 France
- 6-13 Breckenridge
- 8 General Meeting
- 18 Happy Hour
- 20-27 Jackson Hole



We're rounding the corner and heading for that final stretch toward the start of **SKI SEASON**. As you read this many of our skiers have already been. The Thanksgiving and the Red River trip are now ski club memories. Whistler is scheduled for Christmas vacation. The trip is full but remember the wait list and emergency wait list for those last minute cancellations.

This is absolutely amazing, but there's still room on the long and short trips to Park City. This offers a once in a life time opportunity to ski an Olympic ski area just prior to the Olympics. Sun Valley, Crested Butte, Breckenridge, and Heavenly III (short trip) all have a few select slots, or at least they do as I write this article, there are no guarantees as to availability when you read this. Last month we did extend the Heavenly I & II trips to include 30 land packages, hopefully this can accommodate some of your ski plans. Several trip prices have changed slightly, so be sure to check this Sitzmarke for the latest numbers. As usual, don't forget the wait lists. There's always something that comes up forcing members to cancel plans.

Final payment dates are listed in the Sitzmarke, are on the trip posters at the ski club meeting, and are on trip literature. It is the member's responsibility to get payments to the TC by the final payment date. Payments can be made at meetings, happy hours, or by mail as long as you leave sufficient time. It is O.K. to send your money in early, however it is **not** O.K. to mail your check late. In fact, if you miss the final payment date without contacting your TC, you may be replaced. If you intend to cancel, you must notify the club, **in writing**, on or before the final payment date of your intention. Failure to do so may incur the loss of all or part of your money. Any cancellation fees will be deducted from the refund. Normally we have good luck in replacing participants as they cancel, but it is not guaranteed and after final payment, if no replacement is found you are responsible for the entire trip payment.

If you're looking to get on a trip, don't forget the emergency wait list. For five dollars your name and number will be placed on a list used by TC's in the last week before a trip when unexpected vacancies occur. You will discuss trip price directly with the trip participant canceling.

During the next few months we will be having our pre-trip parties. Your TC's will remind you of your party date. It is very important that you plan to attend this meeting to receive important trip information. This is where you choose your roommates, sign up for lift tickets sign up for NASTAR races. If you cannot attend this meeting please contact your TC before hand to determine how you will be able to get the needed information, sign appropriate releases and most important pay for your lift tickets and activities.

You may have noticed that I'm dwelling on the financial aspects of the trip (or more succinctly put nagging you about your trip payments). Your TC has some difficult months ahead. It's almost like keeping track of 40 separate checking accounts. They have numerous forms to fill out, payments to make, and numbers to balance along with decisions regarding trip size. You can make their job a little more bearable by adhering to our deadlines, thus allowing the TCs to order lift tickets, pay fees and maintain the trip size in a timely fashion. It goes without saying that we do appreciate your participation and prompt responses.

Well, for those of you who actually read my whole article, thanks again for your participation and as usual I need to thank this years great ski planning team of DOT's, TC's, ATC's, Excomm, Board and race director. Until next month, have a great Holiday Season!

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Space City Ski Club 1998-1999 Trip Schedule

As of October 8, 1998

Trip Dates	Nights/Ski Days	Trip Destination	Cost (See Notes)	Final Payment	Lodging	No. Skiers	Status / Wait List	TC/ATC (DOT)	Home Phone
No v 24 - 29, 1998 (Tue.—Sun.)	5/4	COPPER MOUNTAIN Colorado(TSC Fall Roundup)	\$535	Sep 21, 1998	Mountain Plaza (2br/2ba)	44	44 3-WL	Patti Maudslay Barbara Brescian (KCY)	713-532-1610 713-706-3192
Dec. 8 -13, 1998 (Tue.—Sun.)	5/4	RED RIVER/TAOS New Mexico (Learn to Ski / Tune-up)	\$384	Oct. 2, 1998	Riverside (varies)	42	42 2-WL	Marvin Volz Julie Davis-Raley (GWS)	713-782-7118 281-873-8730
Dec. 26, 1998 - Jan 2, 1999 (Sat.—Sat.)	7/6	WHISTLER CANADA (Christmas-Family Optional)	**\$894	Nov. 2, 1998	Tantalus (2br/2ba)	42	42 2-WL	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)	\$802	Nov. 2, 1998	Park Station (2br/2ba)	40	31	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)	\$802	Nov. 2, 1998	Edelweis Haus (2br/2ba)	36	36	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)	\$599	Nov. 2, 1998	Empire Coalition (2br/2ba)	32	30	Jane Orr Karen Mozisek (KCY)	713-771-4104 713-856-8015
Jan. 16-23, 1999 (Sat.—Sat.)	7/6	SNOWMASS/ASPEN Colorado	F:\$775 L:\$446	Oct. 12, 1998	Woodbridge (2br/2ba)	44	44 16-WL	Beth Wood Jennifer Schreck (GWS)	281-489-8304 713-855-4656
Jan. 23-30, 1999 (Sat.—Sat.)	7/6	SUN VALLEY	\$777	Nov. 19, 1998	Sun Valley Lodge(2br/2ba,3br/ba)	40	39	Christie Burke Russell Benham (KCY)	713-465-5644 713-460-8094
Jan. 30-Feb. 7, 1999 (Sat.—Sun)	7/6	LES 3 VALLES France (TSC Winter Expedition)	\$1320	Nov. 19, 1998	Grande Hotel des Therme	47	47	George Flournoy Barb Penkala (GWS)	713-789-0654 713-432-0989
Feb. 6 -13, 1999 (Sat.-Sat.)	7/6	BRECKENRIDGE Colorado	\$665	Nov. 3, 1998	Pine Ridge Condos (2br/2ba)	44	39	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)	F:\$816 L:\$458	Dec. 8, 1998	Wind River Condos (4br/4ba)	48	48 6-WL	Sarah Granbery Jeri Wilson (GWS)	713-662-0493 281-497-2686
March 2 - 7, 1999 (Tues.—Sun.)	5/4	CRESTED BUTTE Colorado	\$628	Jan. 7, 1999	Snowcrest (2br/ba)	32	22	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)	\$633 L:\$318	Jan. 18, 1999	Horizon Hotel (1br/1ba)	42	42 23-WL	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)	\$633 L:\$318	Jan. 18, 1999	Horizon Hotel (1br/1ba)	42	42 25-WL	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)	F:\$562 L:\$262	Jan. 18, 1999	Forest Inn (2br/2ba)	44	30	Sharon Broughton Nancy Gentzel (GWS)	713-526-3572 713-952-4652
March 20-27, 1999 (Sat.—Sat.)	7/6	ALYESKA Alaska	F:\$937 L:\$454	Jan. 18, 1999	Prince Hotel (1br/1ba)	44	44 12-WL	Gary Haley Nicky Minear (KCY)	713-984-9884 713-436-9518

** Notes: L=Land Package-excludes AIR ONLY and is available only on selected trips.

Les Trois Valles, France and Whistler, Canada - Price is dependent on the exchange rate & current taxes at time of departure. Les Trois Valles pricing includes daily breakfast. Whistler - Family Optional, some discount pricing available for children, see TC or ATC for details.

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V. P. Programs

by Sue Salvage



Happy Holidays everyone! As you know the holidays include our annual Sunshine Kids fundraiser at our December meeting. We hope you will be at the meeting as well as participate in the fundraiser. We also have a TREAT for you before the fundraiser, the Spring Branch Hand Bell Choir will perform.

I have great news - Dana Wardell has agreed to be our "DOP" AKA Director of Programs. She has jumped right in and has been lining up volunteers with the activities they want to run.

From all the wonderful comments I've heard the Halloween Carnival was a huge success! My THANKS goes to a very special group of individuals who were instrumental in bringing this event to you, and they are, in alphabetical order: Bill Bomberger, June Cullum, Joe Daleo, Kathleen Fowler, Linda Hysell, Ricki Mckenna, Nancy Meier, Joanie Osbourn, Marianne Pearce, Concietta Ruggiero, Judy Vaughan, Marilyn Wade, Jeff Warren, and Susan Wicker.

My THANKS also goes to the November Activity Coordinators:

Sandy Cox for running the Chancellor's Tennis Tournament

Llona Doubet who presented us with another fine annual Fashion Show with SUN & SKI fashions

Millie Cagle who put together the fun and free Country & Western Dance Lesson at the Longhorn Saloon

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 7th - Meeting - FIRST MONDAY - MARK YOUR CALENDAR
- December 11th - HOLIDAY GALA at the Briar Club
- December 17th - Happy Hour at ROXY
- January 17th - HOUSTON MARATHON VOLUNTEER to work and party at the "last mile".
- January 18th - Meeting - THIRD MONDAY - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Watch for details: SUPER BOWL PARTY 1-31-99 and an I-MAX ADVENTURE, and there's more in the works. Don't forget you too can volunteer for anything at any time. Is there an activity you'd like the Club put on or if you just want to volunteer and want help in deciding what to do, just call Dana Wardell or me and we'll help you get it set up!

Dana - 281-497-8552 - home and/or Sue 281-870-0762 - home

Food for thought: In only 13 months we'll be in the new millennium - year 2000!!!!



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Oshman's Downhill

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Meetings:

December 7, 1998

January 18, 1998

February 8, 1999

March 8, 1999

April 12, 1999

May 17, 1999

Summer - No Meetings

September 13, 1999

October 11, 1999

November 8, 1999

Happy Hours:

December 17, 1998

January 28, 1998

February 18, 1999

March 18, 1999

April 22, 1999

May 27, 1999

June 17, 1999

July 15, 1999

August 19, 1999

September 23, 1999

October 21, 1999

November 18, 1999

Subject to change, check your
Sitzmarkes Monthly

Ski Club Ambassadors

by Ex-Com

What is a Space City Ski club Ambassador? Well, there are two types. The first type is: Those folks you see at the meetings and happy hours with yellow badges. They have signed up for the Club year. The second type is YOU - if you are a member of Space City Ski Club then you should consider yourself an ambassador.

We all recall our few months in the club. Most experiences weren't good, so we won't go into details, but what we all would have appreciated would have been a guiding hand.

We, and that means all of us, could do so much with just so little time expended to make our new members and guests feel good about their participation in our club. What a great way for you to give back to the club.

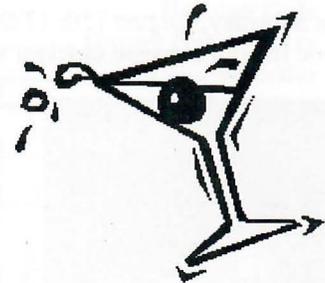
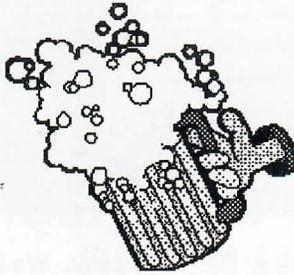
What you can do to help is to seek out our new members and introduce yourself to them and ask them about why they joined the ski club. Ask if they have signed up for a trip or activity yet? If they have not, help them by getting them involved in something, since you have had experienced the activities and trips within the club. Explain to them that this is the best way to meet other members in the club. If they have questions that you can not answer, take them to any one of the members that have volunteered for running a trip, an officer, or a board member. (They are the ones with the White Plastic Name Tags). It's as easy as that. Yes, it's hard too, but once you do it a couple of times you'll feel comfortable and good about making this contribution to YOUR Ski Club. Remember what you felt like when you first joined the club, and make the new members want to be a part of the club.

Market Square Comedy Improv / Pub Crawl

by *Miranda Kelly*

The night began at Club Spy where the group participated in the "Passport Party". Several Space City dancers, **Tim Malone**, **Sue Salvage**, **Alesha Elrod**, **Stormy Kahler**, **Miranda Kelly**, and **Joe Daleo** tried out the dance floor. The group finished up at Club Spy by doing the "YMCA". The next stop on the crawl was Comedy Sports at Treebeards where the group enjoyed good food and fun. The "Chuckleheads" and "Wiseguys" competed to provide an evening of laughs for **Lydia Heard**, **Jay Gilbert**, **Sean O'Brien**, **Debbie** and **Jeff Warren**, **Linda Walters**, **Kris Bogge**, **Alan Bitzer**, **Julie Butcher**, and **Marianne Pearce**. The comedy teams recruited some help from **Tim Malone** as a celebrity judge, **Stormy Kahler** as an assistant guesser, and **Margaret Schillinger** as an assistant announcer. The "Chuckleheads" won the

evenings events at Comedy Sports. The evening was completed at Cabo's enjoying the night air on the balcony.



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Go Figure

Mystery Dinner Theater

by Nicky Minear

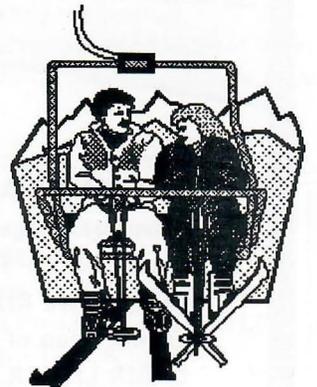


On Saturday, August 15th 17 SCSC amateur sleuths gathered at Dave & Busters for the Mystery Dinner Theater. We feasted on prime rib and tarragon chicken while the cast entertained us with murder and mystery. Unfortunately none of our four teams proved to be professional detectives.

Sylvia Davis was telling us about a Mystery Cruise she hopes to take. She was on a team with Sean O'Brien and John Weber. Ladye Freitag, Marsha Lutz, Peggy Schillinger and Skip Lang formed another team.

Sue Salvage, Steve Amy, Chris Skirius, Milt Kramer, Vickie & Bruce Houff were all head huddling trying to decide whether the business partner or the daughter did poor daddy in. Jill & Jimmy St.Clair, Jerry Sadler and I thought the nanny was the guilty one. It turned out the secretary was guilty as sin.

We all finished with wonderful chocolate mousse parfaits. The food was good, the entertainment great and the company fabulous.



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Wanted: Six New and/or First Year Members who have not volunteered yet.

For What: Volunteer Party?!?! This is our annual "Thank You" party for all of those who have volunteered their time and efforts during the year.

Why: You are perfect for the job - you are new!
You have the opportunity to get involved, and what a way to get to meet and know several people right away!
"NEW BLOOD" brings new ideas to incorporate with the proven fun and games, making the party even more fun.

When: May or June 1999

Help: Of course you will have help. We'll have folks who have been there, done that to help you.

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Art Exhibitors Wanted for January's Meeting

We're offering local artists the opportunity to show their work at the meeting. This includes YOU!

Remember those photo contests we've had in the past? That qualifies!

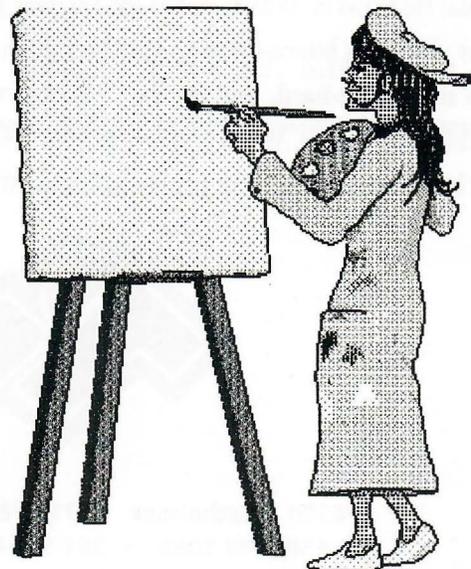
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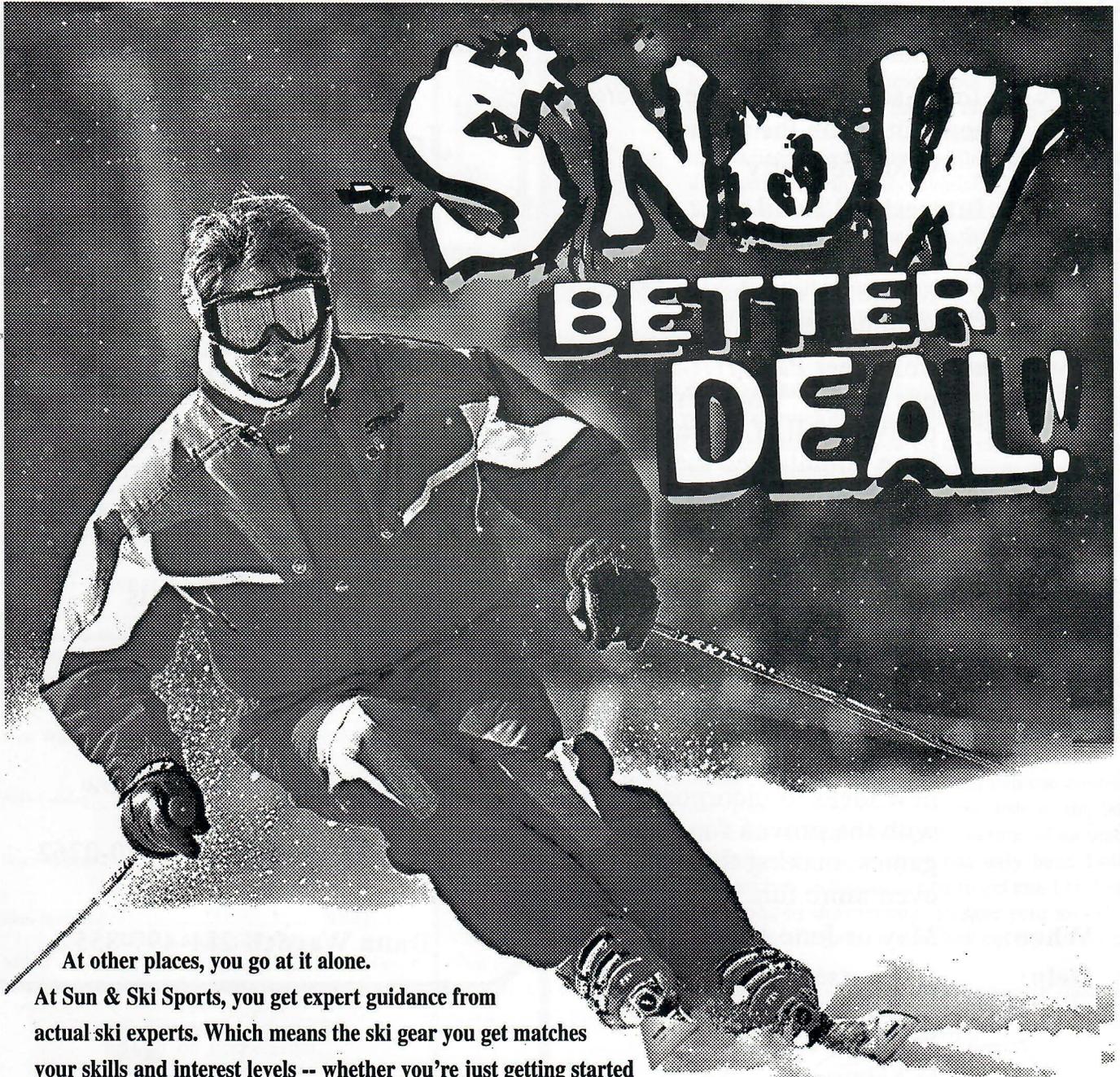
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