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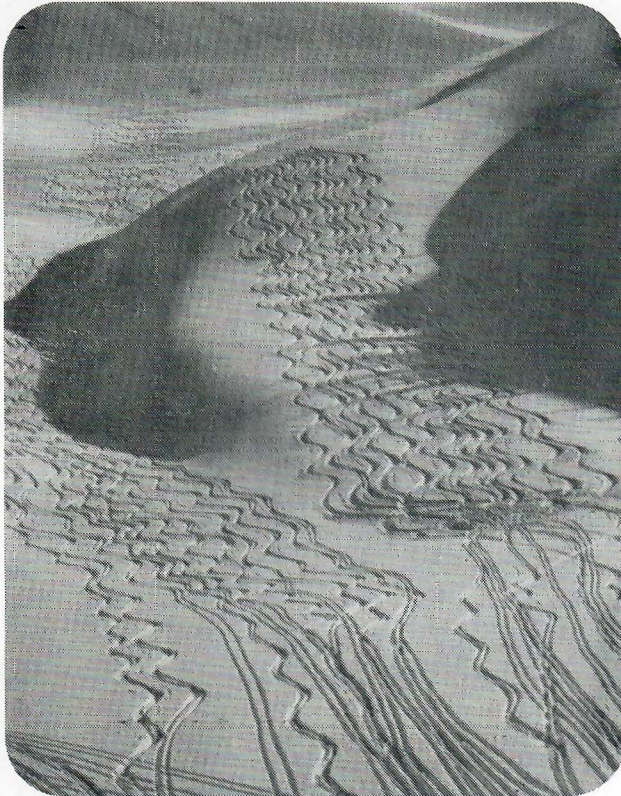
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sign up for a trip*

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September
Meeting!*

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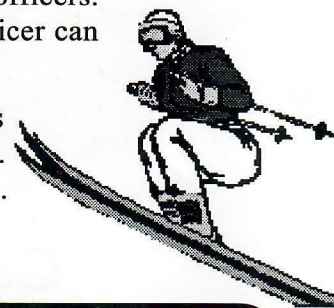
by Richard Hall



Come to the meeting and purchase a chance to **WIN A FREE SKI trip!** Yes, absolutely **100% FREE** including lift tickets. To learn more check out the great raffle opportunity in this issue of the Sitzmarke. You can increase your odds of winning by sponsoring a completely new member. You and the new member you sign up at the meeting will be given one free raffle chance. Do the math.

Sign up 10 totally new ski club members. Get 10 chances to win. Get out that address book and call to invite your friends today!!! Our membership goal is 1400 members. So, help us out. Keep those visitors coming! Introduce yourself and your friends to visitors. Urge visitors to join up. Take them to see John Rice, VP Membership. Tell them about our new web address, **www.spacecity.com**. You can now download a membership application from the website. In addition, don't forget the trip raffle. What could be better? You just may be the lucky member who skis for free and even if you don't gamble remember that proceeds go to charity. Nominating Committee Volunteers! Please give me a call or send an email. I must appoint the committee and its chairperson after the September Meeting. It is important to attract and recruit good officers. Anyone who does not plan to be an officer can serve.

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September Happy Hour City Streets

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CALENDAR

September

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September

- 13 General Meeting
- 23 Happy Hour - City Streets

October

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October

- 11 General Meeting
- 21 Happy Hour - Surfside Sally s

November

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November

- 5 There s No Business Like Snow Business
- 8 General Meeting
- 18 Happy Hour - Elvia s Mexican Pub
- 23-28 Snowbird

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FROM THE SKI DESK

by Kathy Young



September is here and soon it will be time to see everyone's smiling face again at our first meeting of the season.

The summer months passed by in a flurry of trip planning activity capped off by the preliminary mail-in trip sign up during the last two weeks of August. If you missed the early bird special or just could not make up your mind, make plans now to attend the September meeting. All of the trip leaders, their assistants and in some cases the representatives of the resorts will be on hand to tell you all about their respective trips. Read the detailed trip articles in this issue of the Sitzmarke and be prepared to ask them questions. If you have already signed up, then come meet your trip leaders, discover who will accompany you on your trip, and learn about the trip activities planned.

Do not let a full trip stop you. Get your name on those wait lists. The wait list is totally risk free. We take your deposit check but do not cash it. If a spot on the trip becomes available we call you and only after you accept do we then deposit your check. Plans frequently change and wait listed people are often

able to make the trip of their choice.

Commit now! Please understand that taking a group of forty or more of your dearest friends skiing is not as easy as planning a ski trip for just yourself. Arrangements are made starting in the spring. A contract reserving space is signed and deposits are made. Usually sixty to ninety days prior to the trip departure date the refund for cancellation decreases. At thirty days prior there is no refund at all. SCSC does not lose money; we cut back. **DO NOT RELAX AND THINK THAT YOU CAN WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO SIGN UP.** We may no longer be holding your seat and you may not go! Decision time is now especially for Snowbird and Taos. Don't miss the opportunity for a great ski trip.

Come to the meeting and join the fun. We will be raffling a **FREE TRIP TO SNOWMASS** on the TSC Traditional (including lift tickets) at our meetings through November for \$5.00 a chance. As an incentive, every member who comes to the meeting and brings a prospective new members (someone not a member during 1998/99) who pays their dues and joins the club will get one free raffle chance for each new member sponsored.

Welcome our newly appointed club race director, Ken (K.J.) Oldroyd, and learn about the downhill competition planned for December 3rd.

Come hear all the ski activities we have planned. Along with my trusty DOTs, Arlen and Jane, and all of my wonderful TCs and ATCs, I look forward to visiting with all of you at the September meeting.

Meet you faithful DOTs (Directors of Trips)



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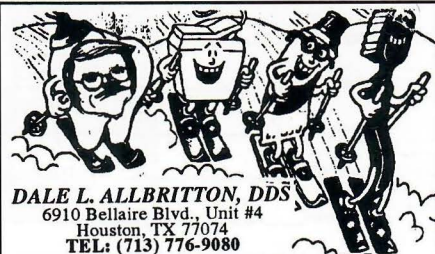
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We will be selling the tickets at the
September - November meetings

Drawing will be at the
November meeting

You need not be present to win

SCSC ANNUAL DATES

Meetings:

September 13, 1999

October 11, 1999

November 8, 1999

December 13, 1999

January 17, 2000

February 21, 2000

March 13, 2000

April 10, 2000

May 8, 2000

No Summer Meetings

Happy Hours:

September 23, 1999

October 21, 1999

November 18, 1999

December 16, 1999

January 27, 2000

February 17, 2000

March 23, 2000

April 20, 2000

May 18, 2000

June 16, 2000

July 20, 2000

August 17, 2000

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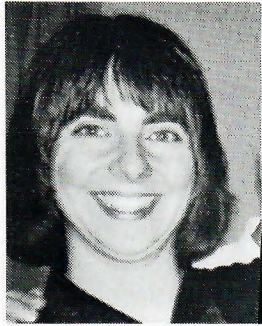



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V. P. Programs

by Stacey Ronczy



Stacey Ronczy

August was a great month for activities. Don't forget to read about them in the October Sitzmarke. As you can see there are no activities in September. I am very sad about that. We try to bring you activities every month, but if no one steps forward to volunteer to run the activities, then we all lose. On a brighter note, I have had someone step up to investigate/run the following activities:

Caribbean Cruise
Ski Stuff garage sale
Astros Game
Main St. Theatre

Check the upcoming Sitzmarke's for further details on these fun activities. We are also working on a Christmas Party and a 35th Anniversary Party in April. Both of these activities need immediate attention and someone to take



Kim Page

charge.

If you have never run an activity before, don't be afraid! There are lots of people who you can turn to for help. We never leave you out there hanging. FYI — volunteering to run an activity is a stepping stone for being considered to run a trip!

Looking forward to seeing you all at the September meeting!!!!

Thanks to:

Joe Daleo who brought you Bring Your Own Wine and a Guest
Dana Wardell who entertained us with Shakespeare's 12th Night at Miller Outdoor Theatre
Joanne Fore the Houston Comets biggest fan!

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 23 Happy Hour @ City Streets — don't forget to bring the coupon!
Oct. 21 Happy Hour @ Surfside Sally's SandBar and Grill
Nov. 18 Happy Hour @ Elvia's Mexican Pub
Nov. 5 Check out There's no business like snow business at Miller Outdoor with Nora Montgomery

Activities we would like to see:

Ice Skating, Camping, Beach Bash, Golf, Tennis, Aeros Hockey, Paint Ball

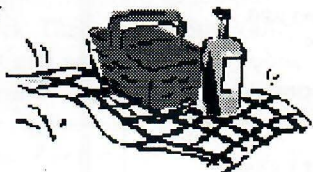
SCSC Activity

There's No Business Like Snow Business

Miller Outdoor Theatre
November 5th
7:30 pm - 11:00 pm
Free

*Jazz Version of Tchaikovsky's
Nutcracker Featuring
Swing & Tap*

BYO Picnic Dinner/Drinks
Lawn Seating
AC: Nora Montgomery
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Family Optional

SCSC Activity

Look for further details in
a future Sitzmarke, but be looking
through your unwanted ski gear.
Or maybe you have new gear and
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We will be having a ball room sale
at the Holiday Inn possibly
at the November meeting

Details coming soon.

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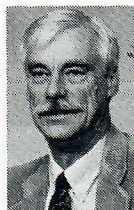
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Trip Dates	Nights/ Ski Days	Trip Destination	Cost (See Notes)	Final Payment	Lodging	No. Skiers	TC/ATC (DOT)	Home Phone
No v 23 - 28, 1999 (Tue. - Sun.)	5 / 4	SNOWBIRD Utah (TSC Fall Roundup) Family Optional	\$662. C-\$414	9/13/99	Cliff Lodge (hotel)	32 (42)	Mike Montgomery Heidi Hughes (JIO)	281-282-0922 281-362-9931
Dec. 8-12, 1999 (Wed-Sun)	5 / 4	TAOS New Mexico	\$398.	10/01/99	Sagebrush Inn (hotel)	32 (42)	Nicky Minear Sue Behnke (ARI)	713-436-9518 281-575-9727
Jan 8-15, 2000 (Sat- Sat)	7 / 6	SNOWMASS I Colorado (TSC Traditional)	\$877.	11/01/99	Wildwood (hotel)	32 (42)	Karen Mozisek Phillip Vice (JIO)	713-856-8015 713-771-4104
Jan. 9-16, 2000 (Sun- Sun.)	7 / 6	SNOWMASS II Colorado (TSC Traditional)	\$877.	11/01/99	Wildwood (hotel)	32 (42)	Jeri Wilson Charles Allen (JIO)	281-497-2686 281-578-6804
Jan. 11-16, 1999 (Tues--Sat.)	5 / 4	SNOWMASS III Colorado (TSC Traditional)	\$741.	11/01/99	Wildwood (hotel)	32 (42)	Cindy Overton Curt Frisby (JIO)	713-782-3530 713-807-0102
Jan 22-29, 2000 (Sat- Sat)	7 / 6	VAIL Colorado	\$789.	11/08/99	Vail International (condo)	44 (60)	Tom Hogle Mary Kay Kitchens (ARI)	713-789-9194 281-558-9736
Jan 29-Feb 6 (Sat-Sun)	7 / 6	SÖLL Austria (TSC Expedition)	\$1231.	10/11/99	Tyrol Hotel	32 (42)	Barb Penkala Sean O' Brien (JIO)	713-432-0989 713-787-9762
Feb 5-12, 2000 (Sat-Sat)	7 / 6	MAMMOTH California	\$718.	11/20/99	Sierra Park Villas (condo)	32	Mike Dawson Karla Darden (ARI)	281-438-5428 409-851-2829
Feb 12-19, 2000 (Sat.—Sat.)	7 / 6	WINTER PARK Colorado (TSC Winter Shootout)	\$735.	11/08/99	Hi Country Haus (condo)	32 (44)	Patti Maudslay Geoffrey Eastham (ARI)	713-532-1610 281-499-2752
Feb. 19-26, 2000 (Sat.-Sat.)	7 / 6	TELLURIDE Colorado	\$857	11/08/99	Boomerang/ The Plunge (condo)	32 (44)	Diane Stotz Jessica Halter (JIO)	713-862-9486 281-364-9972
Feb. 26-Mar 4, 2000 (Sat.-Sat.)	7 / 7	STEAMBOAT Colorado	\$807	12/11/99	Timber Run (condo)	32 (44)	Angie Westergren Roger Sahni (JIO)	281-847-1070 281-493-4414
Mar 4-11, 2000 (Sat.-Sat.)	7 / 6	BANFF/LAKE LOUISE Canada	\$949. L \$637.	1/04/00	Chateau Lake Louise & Banff Springs Hotels	32 (44)	Dorann Valka Judy Katany (ARI)	713-782-0871 713-864-7531
Mar 11-18, 2000 (Sat.-Sat.)	7 / 6	SUN VALLEY Idaho (TSC Final Showdown)	\$824. *L\$433	12/13/99	Elkhorn Resort (hotel)	32	Jerry Montgomery Mary Simpson (ARI)	281-437-5467 713-436-0957
Mar 24-28, 2000 (Fri - Tues)	4 / 3	THE CANYONS Utah	\$599.	1/19/00	Sundial (hotel/condo)	32	Gary Sequeira Christine Redfield (JIO)	281-955-2336 713-464-1898
Aug 19-29, 2000 (Sat-Tues)	7 / 6	BARILOCHE Argentina South America	\$1949.	4/1/00	Pan Americano Hotel	32 (42)	Deborah Christie Lynda Henry (ARI)	713-802-9801 713-956-0853

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TSC FALL ROUNDUP
November 23—28, 1999
(Tuesday — Sunday)

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If you have room on your plate this Thanksgiving for generous portions of awesome skiing, convenient accommodations and great family fun, then pull up a chair and join us in Snowbird/Alta. TSC is offering it's Fall Roundup trip to Utah on Tuesday, November 23rd through Sunday, November 28th. This will be a family optional trip and we'll be staying at the luxurious Cliff Lodge. The Cliff Lodge boasts 3 distinctive restaurants, 2 heated pools, an ice rink, ski school, ticket office, game room, ski-out, ski-in accommodations, and a hot tub on the roof. The family atmosphere is topped off by easy access to the Salt Lake City airport, only 29 miles away and a short bus ride to Snowbird-Alta, for those who want to ski both of these beautiful mountains.

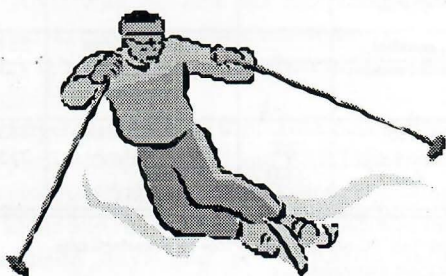
But enough about the digs, let's talk skiing! Snowbird has a vertical drop of 3240 feet, that's Utah's largest. The 2000 acres of varied skiing terrain have something to offer every skier. All lifts access blue runs with plenty of blacks for those who love a challenge. The combination of mountains, canyons, and adjacent salt flats make Snowbird/Alta one of America's most beautiful ski destinations.

As usual, TSC has a fun time planned for all. Thursday night we'll be hosting a bountiful Thanksgiving feast and of course there'll be the NASTAR races and the traditional Saturday night awards banquet. Oh, and did we mention kids 12 and under ski free?

If you are like most of us, you're already chomping on the bit to hit the slopes. This reasonably priced outing is going to be your first chance to get your face cold. So sign up now, this trip

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ATC: Heidi Hughes

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TAOS



December 8-12, 1999
Wednesday — Sunday

\$398

Great deal, great price! Sign up early for this popular trip. We leave at 9:30 am on Wednesday, non-stop, from IAH to Albuquerque via Continental. The bus will take us from Albuquerque to the hotel with complimentary lunch. We arrive at the hotel about 2:00 p.m., with plenty of time for hotel registration, relaxation, and ski rental. The Sage Brush Inn hotel rooms are decorated with hand-carved furniture, Mexican tiled baths and local art work to add authentic Taos atmosphere. Rooms include great mattresses, coffee makers, and many have small refrigerators. Hotel offers free fully cooked breakfast each morning, has 2 hot tubs, restaurants, and a Country Western Cantina with live entertainment nightly.

Who likes to Boot Scoot? Taos offers 72 runs, 24% beginner, 25% Intermediate, 51% expert. Sorry, no snowboarding. More snow than Aspen: 312, more vertical drop than Breckenridge: 2,612. More sun than Sun Valley: 120 days. More room than Telluride: 1,094 acres. Plus, shorter lift lines and fewer skiers per acre than just about anywhere else you are thinking of skiing. Fast Facts: Kachina Peak 12,451', Top of lift #2 11,819', Base elevation 9,207', Vertical Drop 2,612'. Snowmaking 95% Beginner/Intermediate slopes. Lifts 13 total, 4 Quads, 1 Triple, 5 Doubles, 3 Surface. Two shuttle buses leave each morning from the hotel to the slopes and return each afternoon. Ski lessons are available for the Never-Evers at Ernie Blake's Ski School. Optional activities are: snowmobiling, ice skating, trip to the Hot Springs or Pueblo, and Christmas shopping in town.

Join us **Wednesday** evening at the hotel for a complimentary Wine and Cheese party, followed by a group dinner at the Sage Brush Inn Steak House or venture on your own into town via the local shuttle. Shuttle picks up each hour during the day until 9:00 at night, at the our hotel. **Thursday** we suggest group dinner at the Mexican Chili Connection. **Friday** evening is our complimentary group party at the hotel, followed by a group dinner or go on your own to visit one of many restaurants within walking distance. **Saturday**, we'll have a group picture on the mountain, Saturday evening, farewell complimentary margarita and hors d'oeuvres party at the hotel. **Sunday** we leave the hotel at 10:00 a.m. for a 3 hour stop in Santa Fe. Christmas shop until you drop or enjoy a nice lunch. We return to Albuquerque for a 5:30 p.m. flight, arriving

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Are you ready to party and celebrate the first ski trip of the millennium with all of the TSC Clubs at the most popular resort in Colorado? Of, course you are! Then be one of the first 32 participants to sign up for Snowmass I.

Snowmass alone has over 3,000 acres of great skiing. Add Aspen, Aspen Highland and Buttermilk in your multi-mountain lift ticket and it promises to be an incredible skiing experience. Snowmass s highest run has been renamed Rocky Mountain High in honor of John Denver, a long time resident of the Aspen area. The lift serving the run is operated solely on wind power.

Step out the door of your accommodations at the Wildwood Lodge and you are close to all of the functions and parties. The parties will begin early with the Welcome Party and build up through mid-week races to the Final Awards at the 35,000 square foot Conference Center. There will be Pub Crawls, apres ski parties, club parties, and the all important shopping trip to Aspen. If you are looking for other activities, try heli-skiing, snowcat trips, snowmobiles, ice skating, cross-country skiing and sleigh rides.

The Wildwood Lodge combines a casual atmosphere with the comfort and convenience of being just steps away from the ski slopes, Snowmass Village Mall, and Snowmass Conference Center. Lodge amenities include a swimming pool, hot tub, and laundry facilities. The Village Steakhouse is the premier restaurant serving the biggest and best salad bar in Snowmass Village, as well as a variety of steak and seafood. A complimentary hot buffet breakfast will be served each morning in the Village Steakhouse.

You will also have access to the Silvertree Hotel s fully equipped health club. Each room has a mini-refrigerator, coffee-maker, humidifiers, hair dryer, cable TV, iron and ironing board, voice mail, Nintendo, and on demand in-room movies.

We will be flying on American Airlines and scheduled to arrive in Vail at 12:23PM. After a short two-hour bus trip, we

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ATC: Charles Allen

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SNOWMASS II



TSC TRADITIONAL
January 9 - 16, 2000
(Sunday - Sunday)

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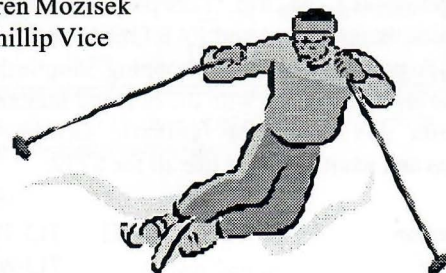
Come ski with us! From green to extreme.. and everything in between. Snowmass II is offering a fun-filled, exciting week of skiing at one of America s premier ski stops. With 3,010 skiable acres and a vertical drop of 4,406 feet, Snowmass leaves nothing to be desired. We leave Sunday the 9th of January, on American Airlines. We land in Vail and proceed by bus to Snowmass. Wildwood Lodge provides our lodging for the week. There are no bus rides and no long walks to the lifts. The lodge is within 50 yards of Fanny Hill lift. This is considered ski-in ski-out. A complimentary hot buffet breakfast is served each morning in the Village Steakhouse. The shuttle service is within easy walking distance of the Lodge and a free shuttle runs every 15 minutes.

Down the road from Snowmass are the other 3 mountains, Buttermilk, Aspen Highlands, and Aspen Mountain (Ajax), and all are available by shuttle. The 4 mountains make a total of 4,775 skiable acres. Knee pounding excitement can be found at Ajax or Highlands. Newer skiers will enjoy Buttermilk. There is enough terrain here to satisfy even the most avid skier. Snowboarding and Cross-country skiing is available on all 4 mountains. Snow-mobiling or a cozy evening sleigh ride (with dinner) are being planned for more adventure.

Aspen is where it s at in the evening. For dining, partying and shopping no place else comes close. From gourmet dining to burgers you ll find it in Aspen. You can easily go over-board partying in Aspen. It s got everything from Rock n Roll to Country. You will not be disappointed. Bring your boots. Shopping .what can I say, bring your credit cards. This is a TSC event so don t be left out. Snowmass Trips I and III will be staying with us at the Wildwood Lodge, so there will be plenty of your Houston buddies there. There will be the usual TSC parties and awards dinner. We will be racing for the Challenge Cup against the other Texas ski clubs. So . come one, come all, dig out your long johns and get ready to party. Don t miss out on the fun, excitement, and adventure - this

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SNOWMASS III



TSC TRADITIONAL
January 11-16, 2000
(Tuesday - Sunday)

\$741

Y-2, says who? Begin the millennium with the ski experience of the century! This trip s for those serious skiers and partiers that want to maximize their skiing, party hard and minimize hassle. Try this: 4 full days of skiing! Only 3 vacation days! Fly into Aspen airport! Texas Ski Council Activities! FUN!!

Plug in the cell phone, turn off the PC and don t look back! You ve put in a full day at the office and can look forward to 5 ß days of pure fun at Snowmass and Aspen! Traveling Tuesday evening via Denver, we ll fly into Aspen airport, arriving early enough to check out the night life or just take in the ambiance of the area. But don t stay out too late — we ll be starting early with our complimentary hot breakfast provided daily by the Wildwood Lodge. Our deluxe ski-in ski-out rooms at the Wildwood Lodge are equipped with coffeemakers and fridges, along with pool and hot tub. Gear up for the Holy Grail of snow skiing — 4 incredible ski areas within a 10-minute shuttle. Explore them by yourself or take one of the mountain tours offered daily at each area. Snowmass, our ski-in/ski-out headquarters for the trip, is known for its long, cruising trails — some over 5 miles long. The mountain base rises to over 11,200 ft. Don t let anybody tell you size doesn t matter - its 4400 vertical feet offer ski trails for everyone: 7% beginner, 55% intermediate and 38% advanced. You ll find challenge, steepes and bumps at Aspen, only 8 miles down the road. Aspen has no beginner slopes, but offers a mix of 35% intermediate and 65% advanced and expert ski trails. Did you think your chance to make first tracks was fantasy? It s real! Aspen opens early to allow you to make first tracks — before the lifts officially open. Aspen Highlands is a favorite with locals and offers half groomed/half natural trails — With 3600 vertical feet, its trail mix is 20% beginner, 33% intermediate, and 47% advanced/expert. It s got the best of both—steeps and long cruisers! Finally, there is Buttermilk/Tiehack with a reputation as a great learning mountain for beginners and for its long-lasting powder in the advanced areas. At Buttermilk, 35% of the trails are beginner, 39% intermediate, and 26% are advanced. AND with the new ski equipment transfer service between all the ski mountains, there s no reason to lug skis back on the bus. They ll be waiting for you wherever you choose the next morning!

Don t forget this is a TSC trip. Take part in the competitive club races, picnics, happy hours and PARTIES! You ll want to find time to visit Aspen for spectacular shopping, sample the world class party scene and rub elbows with the rich and famous! Take only 3 vacation days and get fantastic skiing, deluxe accommodations and exciting night life all for \$739.

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 ATC: Curt Frisby

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VAIL



January 22-29, 2000
(Saturday - Saturday)

\$789

Don t be a Vail wanna be! For just \$789 you can experience all the wonders of Vail from January 22-29, 2000. This will be the trip of the year.

We ll be staying at Vail International Condominiums situated between Vail Village and the gondola base at Lyonshead. That means no shuttles to catch to ski, shop, eat, or party! The resort offers a heated swimming pool, two saunas, whirlpool, and elevator access for those of you who have skied too hard to take the stairs up to your 2 or 3-bedroom condo. Coffee and pastries will be served in the morning so you can meet other skiers of you ability for the 4 minute walk to the lifts.

Vail is North America s largest ski area and offers something for everyone. You can ski the untouched powder of the back bowls with six miles of wide-open and gladed terrain, or ski one of the other 76 runs on the front side of the mountain.

If you get bored with this, your \$35, yes \$35 lift ticket also gives you access to three other great mountains; Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, and Keystone for more than 10,500 acres of skiable terrain.

For those of you with extra energy, and lack of fear, Vail also offers ice skating, tubing, ski biking, snowmobiling, luge, and more.

Vail Village offers dozens of shops, boutiques, and galleries. Nightlife abounds with more than 110 restaurants and bars throughout the Vail Valley. This should be enough to handle SCSC! We are planning one night with the nationally known Steve Meyers. He puts on a show you won t soon forget!

With an average snowfall of 28 feet and 300 days a year of sunshine a year how can you say no? Vail is a bargain at any price, but for just \$789 it s a steal! So get your deposit in now, don t stay a wanna be. Vail - once is never enough - we know!

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 ATC: Mary Kay Kitchens

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Söll



**TSC WINTER
EXPEDITION**
Jan. 29 - Feb. 6, 2000
(Saturday - Sunday)

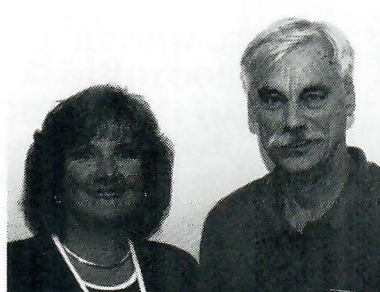
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There s no better way to start the millennium than by touring and skiing Austria. The Tyrol region in Austria contains some of the best snow skiing in the world. S ll (which means home) is a charming Tyrolean village that is located in the heart of this region. This trip offers a wide choice of activities for the outdoor enthusiast or tourist. In addition to skiing, there are optional day excursions, beautiful walking paths, cross-country skiing, tobogganing, ice curling, ice skating, horse-back riding, paragliding and hang-gliding. The Ski World Wilder Kaiser area in the Kitzb hel Alps is Austria s largest interconnected ski area. It consists of 9 ski areas (90 lifts, 165 miles of ski runs and 4,900 ft vertical drop) and a Ski World Pass is available that is good for all 9 areas. A Kitzbuheler Alpine Ski Pass is also available that is good for 20 ski areas (260 lifts). Other famous ski areas can be accessed within an hour's drive of S ll. Our lodging will be at the luxurious, 4-star, Hotel Tyrol in S ll (a 3-minute walk from the center of town). The hotel has modern accommodations, a dance bar, heated outdoor swimming pool, sauna, steam bath, fitness center, solarium, massage and whirlpool. Evening activities during our trip include a Welcome Party, a Tirolean Folklore Evening, a Toboggan Party, a Midweek Party, a Horse-drawn sleigh ride, a Ski Instructor s dance party and a Farewell Party. Optional day trip excursions offered include Swarovski Crystal World, Salzburg, Innsbruck, Venice, Vienna, Munich and Berchtesgaden and Chiemsee. Innsbruck is located on the River Inn, is the Capitol of the Tyrol region, and has hosted two Winter Olympics (1964 and 1976). Sites to visit in Innsbruck include Old town, the Golden Roof, the Court Church and Palace. The Swarovski Crystal factory is located in the small town of Wetten and is where to world famous Swarovski Crystal is made. Salzburg is the birthplace of Mozart and its sites include the Mirabell Castle, Domplatz, the Cathedral, the Residence Palace and Mozart s birthplace. Vienna, the capital of Austria, is home of the former Hapsburg Empire that dominated this region of Europe for several centuries. Sites to see in Vienna include Ringstrasse, the State Opera House, Houses of Parliament, City Hall, Hofburg Palace and St. Stephens Cathedral. If you wish to begin your adventure early or extend you adventure later, optional pre and post trips are available to Vienna and Budapest. S ll has had a historic reputation of an over-rowdy night life with drinking holes a-plenty. Of particular interest are the Whiskeym hle (a disco bar housed in a building in the shape of a barrel) and Buffalo s Western Saloon. There is no doubt that our club will maintain this town s historic reputation. The 2000 TSC Winter Expedition promises to be a memorable trip.

TC: Barb Penkala
ATC: Sean O'Brien

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MAMMOTH



February 5 - 12, 2000
(Saturday - Saturday)

\$718

WE NEED HELP!! We can t possibly ski this entire mountain by ourselves! Please come and help us ski the slopes at Mammoth Mountain, California! There are 3,500 skiable acres with 150 trails for snowboarding! There are 30 lifts and a new gondola opening in 2000. It will take about 40 people and 8 days and 7 nights to ski this huge beautiful mountain! Volunteers must have stamina and the ability to endure a wonderful week in ski paradise!

We won t ask much of you.. Your job is to join us and have as much fun as you possibly can in a week. There s something for everyone! In addition to the great skiing, the area offers snowmobiling, sleigh rides, snowboarding (they hold national snow-boarding contests there), ski and snowboard lessons, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, Nastar races, outdoor ice skating, tubing, bobsledding, and plenty of places to go shopping. And of course, if your prefer just relaxing and taking in the beautiful surroundings, we need people to do that also!

We have reserved 2 bedroom/2 bath condos in a great location in town. Each condo actually has 3 baths, a kitchen and fireplace, and other usual amenities. You can walk to 10 ten of the 50 restaurants in town, to a theatre, and to the grocery store if you run out of goodies during the week. The shuttle bus picks you up right outside and will get you to the slopes in about 10 minutes and to restaurants and any of the 8 nightclubs and bars in minutes.

How do we get there? We ll be flying United Airlines to Reno. From there we will cruise 170 miles on a luxury bus to Mammoth Mountain. We promise this to be a beautiful relaxing ride and a great opportunity to get to know each other before the real fun begins. You should arrive early enough in the day to have time to take care of ski rentals, etc. Then get an early start on the slopes the next morning!

AND...we thought we would throw in a special treat! How about spending the last night in Reno, Nevada where you can end the week with a bang? Take in a show or do a little gambling before returning home to reality. This trip will have something of interest for everyone and is tailored for people who enjoy great skiing and having a good time! So join us in tackling this awesome mountain and having a wonderful winter vacation!

TC: Mike Dawson
ATC: Karla Darden

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WINTER PARK



**TSC WINTER
SHOOTOUT**
February 12 - 19, 2000
(Saturday - Saturday)

\$735

GET UP HERE! Winter Park, Colorado! Are you ready? This is not just another ski trip. During Valentine's week 2000 you can expect to have the time of your life!

Your hosts for the week are Ski Mom Patti Maudslay and Love to Party Jeff Eastham. We earned our reputations for having fun through hard work, diligent play, and great entertainment. So what's in store for you at Winter Park? Get ready for five fantastic mountains ranging from beginner to expert-only. Enjoy 2,886 acres covered with an average snowfall of 370 inches a year, 134 trails (the longest run is 5.2 miles) and a vertical drop of 3,060' from a top elevation of 12,060'.

Twenty lifts, including seven high-speed quads, offer an uphill capacity of 34,910 skiers/hour, that means no lines and you can zoom up the mountain fast. Snowboards are welcome at Winter Park with great Terrain Parks. Jeff, too, may join with the boarders, but first he needs to pierce his ear, is it the right or the left? Great bargains! Lift tickets are just \$34 a day for Texas skiers. Ski lessons are FREE for first-time skiers, and discounted for other levels. Race clinics will also be offered along with free NASTAR races.

A ski trip wouldn't be complete without lots of parties. The Texas Ski Council plans to have over 200 skiers with a Welcome party, Mountain lunch, Return to Woodstock awards party, and a pub crawl nearly every night. SCSC will have a Get Acquainted breakfast and a Valentine's dinner to go along with the Kiss your Sweetheart theme. Of course, there will be Texas ladies and men just begging for a chance to participate in this event. A sweetheart is not required, unless you already have one. Maybe you will even meet one there!

A trip to the mountains is not complete without a castle and we have one of the best. Ski Mom has reserved Hi Country Haus, two bedroom/two bath condos with full kitchens. We'll have sauna, hot tubs, and a special condo where Patti and Jeff will serve Snow Margaritas, breakfast rolls, coffee, and lots of love. Mountain access is easy with free public and private shuttles. We can walk to the numerous restaurants, pubs, and shops in downtown Winter Park and visit the NEW pedestrian village at the base of the mountain, including the Zephyr Mountain Lodge due to be completed January 2000.

Other areas of enjoyment include Hot Sulphur Springs Spa, sleigh rides, tubing, snowshoe tours, cross-country skiing, snowmobile rides, ice skating, snowcat tours, and dog sled rides.

Don't be heartbroken because you missed this awesome trip **SIGN UP NOW!** Schedule Winter Park for February 12—19, 2000. Remember — Be There or Be Square.

TC: Patti Maudslay
ATC: Jeff Eastham

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TELLURIDE



February 19 - 26, 2000
(Saturday - Saturday)

\$857

Escape February 19-26 to the top of Telluride's 14,000 ft. snowcapped peaks overlooking a box canyon that is hidden away from the rest of the world! Once a rough mining town in the 1870s where Butch Cassidy made his mark, today's Telluride boasts of invitingly easy to incredibly steep slopes, fantastic restaurants, shopping opportunities, and entertaining night life. After all, this is where Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman hang out, along with Oprah Winfrey, and Darryl Hannah! But the real stars on this trip will be the SCSC skiers! With more than 3,500 vertical feet, beginner skiers can cruise the scenic glades while learning the revolutionary new Telluride Teaching System for skiing. Beginner packages include free lift ticket and rentals with the purchase of a lesson. Trails are 21% beg., 47% inter., and 32% advanced. The seasoned skier will find open bowls, and narrow chutes, while the snow boarder grooves on big riding and sweet pipes in the 16 acre Surge Air Garden Terrain Park. With an average annual snowfall of 300" and an average of 300 days of sunshine yearly, Telluride is truly a skier and rider paradise. For the EXTREME adventurer, Telluride is home to the only helicopter skiing operation in Colorado. For the more traditional, the area is served by 13 lifts including two high speed quads and a comfortable enclosed gondola. Two new lifts are currently under construction and will be operating this season, so lift lines should not even exist! Additional activities available in Telluride, besides shopping in the quaint Victorian town, include backcountry tours, cross country skiing, glider rides, horse-drawn dinner sleigh rides, hot springs, snowmobile excursions, and hot air ballooning. The possibilities are ENDLESS! The lodging, which was selected by personal site visit, is 150 yards from Chair 7 and just a few short blocks from the heart of downtown. If walking isn't in your plan, not to worry, the Galloping Goose, Telluride's city wide shuttle service will be just outside your door every ten minutes. The 2BR/2Bath condos all have full kitchen, and most include a washer and dryer in the unit. The best part is that Boomerang Lodge features a large commons area similar to a big community living room with huge fireplace and wet bar. This will house LOTS of meeting, greeting, and partying for our group. Of course, that is after we all enjoy a nightly visit to the outdoor hot tub. Your TC, Diane Stotz, and ATC, Jessica Halter, will have lunches, dinners, and other adventures planned for the duration of the trip. You can choose to join in the group fun, or freelance on your own. But we PROMISE you will NOT be bored or lonely for company! This is a PARTY trip. Don't miss it because the stories will be guarded what happens on the mountain, STAYS on the mountain. Escape to Telluride!!!

TC: Diane Stotz
ATC: Jessica Halter

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STEAMBOAT



Feb. 26—Mar. 4, 2000
(Saturday - Saturday)

\$807

...SKI TOWN USA

WOW!! This is the only trip out of the fifteen this ski year which offers you **seven full ski days** and, of course, seven majestic exciting nights. The Mountain sets Steamboat's standards of excellence. Renowned for its season-long **champagne powder**, the ski area has an average yearly snowfall of 27 feet. It has a vertical drop of 3,668 feet, 141 trails spread over nearly 3,000 skiable acres and one of the Rockies' largest lift systems, including the Silver Bullet 8-passenger gondola (500 yards from our condos) and four high-speed quad chair lifts. The system virtually assures us of little or no lift lines. For the more advanced skiers, Steamboat has a **new mountain**: imagine an entire area just for yourself....a place where the powder seems to linger longer and every rhythmic turn through the evergreens and aspen groves is forever etched in your mind. Nestled below Storm Peak is just such a place, Pioneer Ridge - Steamboat's newest mountain.

There are a lot of other activities available besides skiing: hot air balloon rides, a therapeutic soak in the natural springs (a mid-week afternoon trip is planned.), tubing, sleigh ride, snowmobiling, and everybody's favorite, shopping in old town Steamboat. There's plenty to do for non-skiers and sightseers. In the evening we will find over 70 bars and restaurants to put the finishing touch on a glorious winter day (Pub crawl is planned for Monday night).

We are flying in to Hayden, the local airport, which is only 25 miles from our condos, Timber Run. Timber Run is only 500 yards from the base. It offers free private shuttle service to the slopes, shopping, dining and entertainment. It is also on the free local shuttle route. Get ready for hot tub parties - a happy hour is planned for Sunday night. Timber Run offers all the amenities usually offered by a ski resort, including complimentary donuts and hot coffee every morning.

Did you know..... Steamboat has the distinction of sending more skiers to the Olympics than any other community in the world. It is truly a premier international ski resort offering skiing for **all levels** with an acclaimed ski school. (13% Beg, 56% Int, 31% Adv)

This will be a **GREAT** trip to meet new friends, so even if you don't know anyone else going to Steamboat, sign up with us! Your TC and ATC plan to create an environment where people get to know each other. You can do as much (or as little) as you want with the group. Whether you're a never-ever skier or an expert, **COME JOIN US FOR A WILD TIME IN THE OLD WEST!**

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ATC: Roger Sahni

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BANFF/LAKE LOUISE



March 4 - 11, 2000
(Saturday - Saturday)

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SNOW, SCENERY and SUNSHINE! We have it all! An early afternoon, non-stop Air Canada flight will get us to Calgary. From there, an incredibly scenic two-hour ride through majestic Banff National Park will pave our way to the luxurious Chateau Lake Louise. After a good night's rest in our European-style double rooms, we'll be ready for some wonderful skiing. With frequently scheduled transportation available to any of three outstanding ski resorts, we'll experience fabulous skiing in the Canadian Rockies. Lake Louise, Canada's largest ski area, has over 11 square miles of terrain across four mountain faces. There are over 100 named runs and thousands of acres of wide-open bowls, which receive an annual snowfall of 140 — 205 inches. With close to 30 ft of snow each year and the longest season in the Rockies, Sunshine Village has earned Snow Country Magazine's rating for Canada's Best Snow. A quick gondola ride will whisk us to upper alpine terrain and thousands of vertical feet of wide-open bowls and tree-lined runs. Skiers and snowboarders alike can enjoy the recently renovated Mt. Norquay. Its expansive terrain is spread over 25 tree-sheltered runs and boasts of being the best kept secret in the Rockies. Catering to all levels of experience, these venues provide the best skiing has to offer with thousands of acres of groomed trails and the most awe-inspiring scenery anywhere in the world. After our first day of skiing, we'll return to the Chateau for some R&R and a Welcome Party where we will learn about other available activities: NASTAR races, a pub-crawl and lunch on the mountain. We're on our own Sunday and Monday to enjoy dinner and drinks at any number of great restaurants in Lake Louise. On Tuesday, while we ski, Chateau Lake Louise will automatically transfer our belongings to the Banff Springs Hotel. This breathtaking Castle in the Canadian Rockies will be our home for the remainder of the week and puts us within walking distance of downtown Banff. Tuesday and Thursday are free nights in Banff so be sure to sample some of the international cuisines. Wednesday night we're planning a pub-crawl to some of the most interesting watering holes in Banff. Places like an authentic Irish pub, a pub specializing in international beers, and a karaoke lounge. Want to do a little shopping? With its favorable exchange rate and wide selection of clothing and gifts, Banff will provide happy hunting for both the seasoned and novice shopper. Banff shops stay open late and Thursday night is free to enjoy. After more skiing, dining, partying, and shopping, we will finish off our glorious week in Banff/Lake Louise with a fun get-together Friday evening. Saturday morning, we head back to Calgary for our non-stop flight home and talk of how soon we can return to visit this Jewel of the North.

TC: Dorann Valka
ATC: Judy Katany

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SUN VALLEY



TSC Final Showdown
March 11 — 18, 2000
(Saturday — Saturday)

L\$433

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What are you looking for in a Winter vacation? Skiing? Snow boarding? Fine Dining? Sleighing? Ice Skating? Shopping? Partying? Or perhaps just relaxing at the original American winter resort? Come join us at Sun Valley for the TSC's final trip of the year and enjoy all of that and more! Located in central Idaho, Sun Valley was originally developed in 1936 and was America's First Destination Ski Resort. Hollywood stars and European royalty flocked to the area, where the mild, sunny winters added to the natural beauty. This resort area has prospered and grown into what has been rated as the number one winter resort in America. The fact that Sun Valley has more uphill lift capacity per skier than any other ski area means less time in lift lines and more time coming down the mountain. Or make that plural, mountains: Dollar Mountain and Bald Mountain. Dollar Mountain is a beginner's paradise with gentle, sunny slopes, groomed to perfection. The base at 5,750 feet means you do not waste time acclimating to the altitude. The summit elevation on Baldy is 9,150 feet. Sun Valley is considered by many to be the country's single best ski area, with 2,054 skiable acres and a vertical drop of 3,400 feet, 17 lifts, including 7 high speed quads. Sun Valley's lift capacity reaches 28,180 skiers per hour servicing 78 ski runs, of which 36% are easiest, 42% more difficult and 22% most difficult. Sun Valley has an excellent ski school and offers group or individual lessons.

When you are ready for lunch or a quick snack between runs, you will notice a stunning contrast to most other ski areas: Sun Valley's on-the-mountain menu. Award winning Day Lodges are waiting to reward you with fresh offerings such as mesquite-grilled chicken, salmon, swordfish or prime rib. Or visit Sun Valley's newest addition, Bald Mountain Pizza & Pasta. Several other restaurants at the mountain are available as well. And with over 80 restaurants of every description in the surrounding area, you are sure to enjoy your evening culinary experience.

Sun Valley offers the usual non-ski activities such as sleigh rides, dog sledding, snowmobiling, paragliding, ice skating (indoor and outdoor), etc. Visit the art galleries, fine shops, or the Chocolate Foundry in the Village. Catch a classic or first-run movie at the Sun Valley Opera House.

There will, of course, be TSC parties, including a fabulous St. Patrick's Day party to end a great week. The towns of Sun Valley and Ketchum, located a mile away and served by free public transportation, offer diverse entertainment. There are three microbreweries in the area, numerous cocktail bars, wine bars, etc. You will only have yourself to blame if you do not have a great vacation while in Sun Valley! Come join us for an action packed fun filled week at America's #1 ski resort.

TC: Jerry Montgomery

ATC: Mary Simpson

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THE CANYONS



March 24 - 28, 2000
(Friday - Tuesday)

\$599

NEW NEW NEW

Come and ski with us at The Canyons. Where the heck is The Canyons, you say? Two years ago it didn't even exist. Do you remember Park West in Utah? The owners of Steamboat Springs and Heavenly Valley bought Park West and have spent \$30 million expanding and upgrading the ski resort into a world-class resort with nearly 3,000 skiable acres, added four NEW peaks and is now covering eight spectacular mountain peaks. There's now a NEW 8-passenger gondola and nine NEW lifts (including five new high-speed express quads). Now the Canyons is Utah's NEWEST and largest alpine resort and is right next door to Park City. The Canyons is incomparable. Considering its trail and lift design — this is the very best way to enjoy the natural wonders of the Rockies Wasatch Range. Thanks to the uniqueness of The Canyons, experts can satisfy their appetites for more challenging trails while intermediates in the same party choose great cruising terrain - All from the same lift. (And there are beginner runs too.) There simply is no better way to share a great day of skiing. This is the place you want to be with your SCSC buddies. Now I know I have your interest.

We're planning to leave Bush Intercontinental Airport about 8 p.m. on Friday, March 24 on United for Salt Lake City, and then take the 35-minute bus ride to The Canyons aboard a NEW European tour bus voted Motor Coach of the Year in Europe. We'll be leaving Salt Lake City around 10:00 am on Tuesday, March 28. Did you catch that? Three days of skiing and you only have to take two days of vacation. What a deal!

We'll be staying at the brand NEW Sundial Lodge in The Canyons. It's so new it's not even open yet. It's opening in December. The rooms will have kitchenettes, TV, washer/dryer, whirlpool tub, and coffee makers. There's also a sauna on site, daily housekeeping service, ski check and shuttle service. It is conveniently located just across the NEW plaza from the gondola.

It doesn't get much better than this. For only \$599 come join 31 of your fellow SCSC'ers for the last quickie fling of the ski season (in the U.S.). (Final payment date is January 10, 2000.) Remember the only thing fresher than the Rocky Mountain air is the snow! These are the things that new traditions and memories are made of.

TC: Gary Sequeira

ATC: Kristine Redfield

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BARILOCHE



August 19 - 29, 2000
(Saturday - Tuesday)

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While Texas is 100°+, we found adventure for a great millennium summer! The Argentina Andes, where it takes days to ski off the powder. The Southern Hemisphere's winter attracts us Northerner skiers, especially since the 1985-86 World Cup downhill events. 8 Nights & 9 Tour Days. We have 5 ski days and nights to tour the Andes from San Carlos de Bariloche (Bariloche, Argentina). Plus a 3/night weekend in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Flying into Bariloche, we are minutes to our hotel and the panoramic views of Lake Nahuel Huapi. Bariloche is the center of the Northern Lake District, in the Nahuel Huapi National Park, and is perched on a glacial moraine at the base of the Cerro Otto mountain. The restaurants range from fondue and trout, to venison and wild boar. For a special view, take the cable to the restaurant on top of the Cerro Otto hill. Ready to ski? The best ski discovery is South Americans love to party very late, this leaves the fresh snow packed Bariloche 44 mi ski terrain and slopes open and uncrowded all morning! Bariloche has a regular bus service to the surrounding ski areas and the apres-ski actions. There are 4 big ski hills close to our hotel. Cerro Catedral is 12 mi from town. This mountain has a tram, a sextuple high-speed covered chair, and 11 other lifts. The mountain's ridge is a jump-off point for several popular alpine trails and the heart of Nahuel Huapi's high country. The countryside is the attraction, with most summits above the timberline. To explore a wide open ski area, there's a 60/km circular tour. Excursions? There are many half and whole day tours. A bus tour an extinct volcano where you see the glaciers ice fall onto the mountain's three peaks. If you want a Patagonian experience, try a horseback trek with an 1889 Texas pioneer granddaughter, whose home was a refuge for Butch Cassidy and Sundance Kid! There's a boat tour to Victoria Island on the Quetihue Peninsula to see the array ns, rare mytle-like trees. Then we fly into Buenos Aires for a full 3/night weekend, where music and dance are one: whether it's a classical ballet or a sultry tango. As South America's Paris, its boulevards, stylish boutiques and colorful cafes will charm us. We'll sample the lifestyle, foods, Sunday Market, and tango in this sizzling city. There's the Presidential Palace, the seven-story Teatro Colon opera house, and Evita Peron's subterranean vault in the Recoleta Cemetery, along with many other sights. Our late night flight home gives one more day to see a few more memories. This trip includes airfare, transfers, and transportation. Plus daily buffet breakfasts in our downtown 5/star Bariloche and Buenos Aires hotel. Add-ons? Maybe, Iguazu Falls is still #1 wish. Finally, there's no big time zone jet-lag! Bariloche is only 3 hours ahead of Houston.

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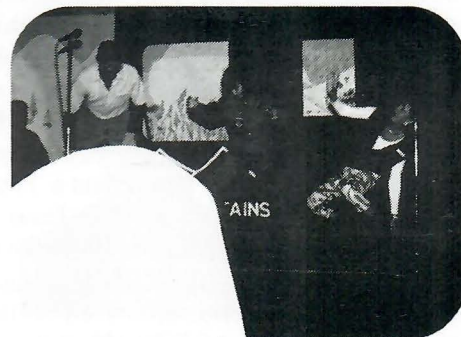
The Sitzmarke Editor apologizes to the Trip
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I accidentally put the wrong dates for the trip
on the article in the August Sitzmarke. The
trip is scheduled for March 4 - 11.

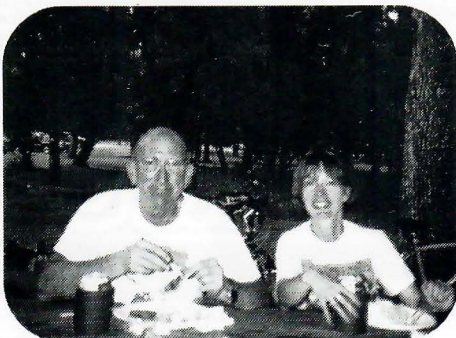
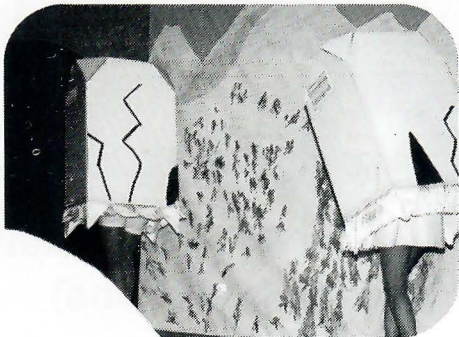
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