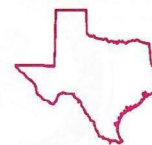




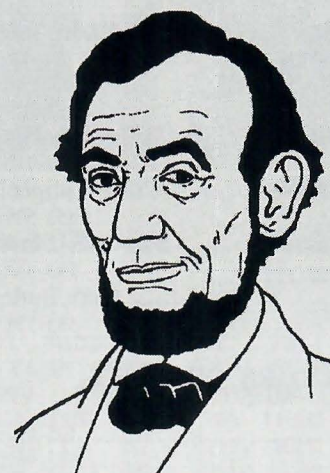
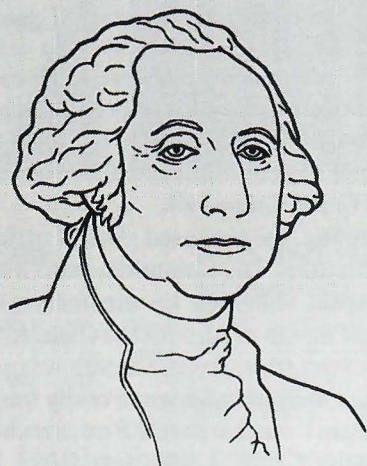
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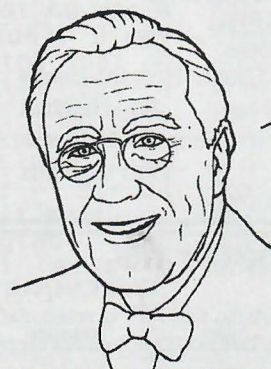
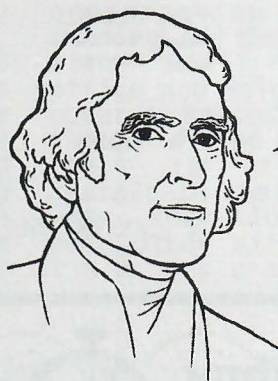
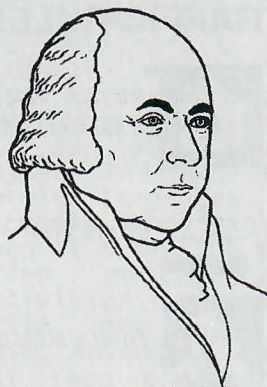


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Head of the Liftline

by Ed Cain

WHAT WINTER ??????



I'm glad you got here early for our fireside chat, I hope you brought your fan and ice tea. Celebrate in Houston the 1994-94 winter that wasn't. Today I played golf in 70 degree weather (*of course with Houston weather, it may be in the teens by the time you read this*).

We have completed 9 of the 15 ski trips scheduled for the year. If you have the last minute HOTS to go on a ski trip call the TC of the trip, occasionally someone has to cancel at the last minute and it is hard to find a replacement with so little notice.

The Membership Directories were mailed out at the end of the year. If you did not get yours, contact **Sharon Smith**. I think the directory looks great. Thank you Sharon and **Craig Campbell**.

At the February meeting, the proposed slate of officers will be presented by the Nominating Committee. The Committee had two challenges this year, the first months were spent searching for members willing to volunteer to provide the necessary leadership needed for the Club. After getting an average of three volunteers for each office, the last month was spent deciding who to propose for each office. I understand it was a really tough job because of the quality of the candidates. I want to thank **Ray Naudain, Chairman; Jeri Hartman; Cheryl Houge; Craig Liebergot; Joyce Ryan; Sue Salvage; Gary Sequeira and Debbie Bergeron** for volunteering for a tough task.

Congratulations! to the SCSC racers for their efforts during Texas Ski Week in Vail. We came in second and Lone Star won again, but I understand they are not sending many people to Whistler or Bachelor. We'll need a lot of effort and luck to pull this one out.

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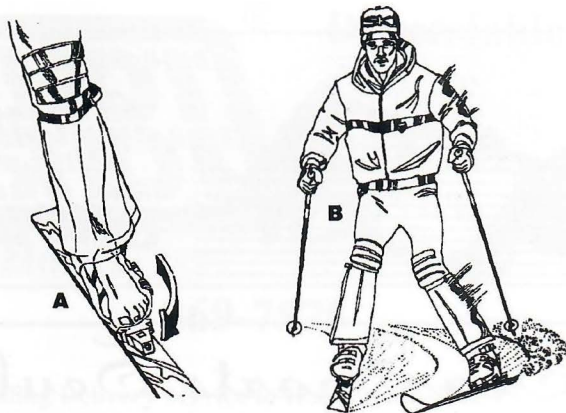
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By Annie Emich Black, Clinic Leader, Keystone



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Coming Events

FEBRUARY

- 4-11 Whistler/Blackcomb
- 12-19 Mammoth/Reno
- 13 General Meeting
- 16 Jeckyll & Hyde
- 18-25 Steamboat
- 23 Happy Hour

MARCH

- 1-6 Breckenridge
- 10 Aeros Hockey Night
- 11-18 Ski Utah
- 13 General Meeting
- 15 Board Meeting
- 18 St. Patricks Day Parade Party
- 18-25 Mt. Bachelor
- 23 Happy Hour

APRIL

- 1 Dart Tournament
- 7-9 TSC Bid Meeting
- 10 General Meeting
- 20 Happy Hour

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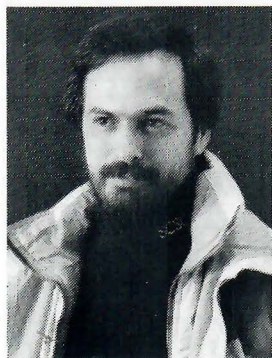
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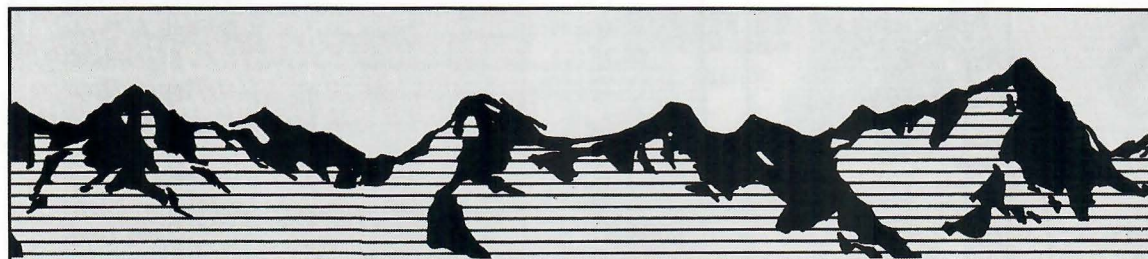
Half Empty? By the time you read this missive, one-half of the season's scheduled trips will be history. Does that mean that your glass is half empty? Take another look at the trip schedule (*in this Sitzmarke*). With exciting trips like Angel Fire, Whistler, Steamboat, Mammoth, Park City, Breckenridge, and Mt. Bachelor still to go, I think you must agree the glass is at least half full!

How is everything? For some, Keystone, Crested Butte, Beaver Creek, Vail, Aspen, and Interlaken provided just a tasty appetizer for the season. For others, one of these was the main course. Some others ordered late and have been watching with interest as the early birds dined. So far, the wait staff (*TCs and ATCs*) report that most of you have thoroughly enjoyed the fare; although Keystone was slightly underdone and a few of you "choked" on your Vail (*hope you recover soon!*).

The Specials. We've negotiated with our suppliers (*airlines*) and have been able to offer you two menu selections at greatly reduced prices. Whistler and Mt. Bachelor are both being offered at around \$200 off the original price. See the menu (*trip schedule*) for details.

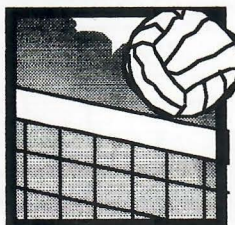
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Dessert Anyone? For those who've not sated their appetite, or who just wanted to sample something sweet to finish off the season, take another good look at the menu and pick one of our guaranteed low-fat, no cholesterol selections. I'm sure you'll find something that satisfies!



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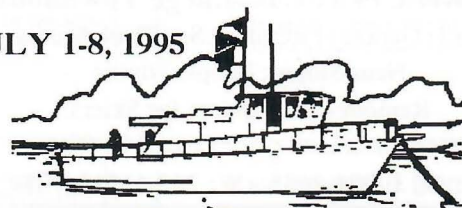
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Feb 4 - 11, 1995 (Sat to Sat)	7 / 6	WHISTLER/BLACKCOMB British Columbia, Canada (TSC Winter Shootout)	F: \$682 L: \$480	12/09/94	Nancy Green Lodge Hotel	64	full wlist: 12	Larry Christie Stan Broniak (KP)	802-9801 531-6147
Feb 12 - 19, 1995 (Sun to Sun)	7 / 4½	MAMMOTH/RENO California (2 nites of fun in Reno)	\$638	12/5/94	Mammoth Mtn Inn/ Reno Hilton 2/2 condos / Hotel	30	3 openings	Pat King Jim Schrock (KP)	556-8066 367-9291
Feb 18 - 25, 1995 (Sat to Sat)	7 / 6½	STEAMBOAT Colorado	\$724	12/1/94	Shadow Run 2/2 condos	44	full wlist: 7	Eric Prentis David Stotz (MS)	681-7433 862-9486
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Mar 11 - 18, 1995 (Sat to Sat)	7 / 6	SKI UTAH Utah (Park City, Deer Vly, Snowbird)	\$819	1/9/95	Park Station 2/2 condos	44	13 openings	Mike Gerstenberger Debbie Warren (KP)	476-4006 859-5812
Mar 18 - 25, 1995 (Sat to Sat)	7 / 6	MT. BACHELOR Oregon (TSC Final Showdown)	F: \$503 L: \$314	1/19/95	Sun River 2/2 condos	44	full wlist: 5	Jeff Sarff Sue Edwards (MS)	461-9665 955-6675

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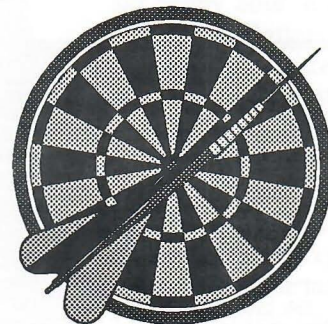
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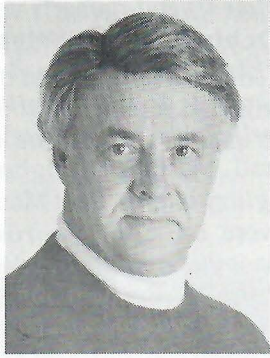
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The SCSC contingency has just re-turned from Vail with the second place trophy in hand! This is quite an improvement over our last-place disaster at Keystone in November. The results are as follows:

Lone Star	4272 pts.	(3473)
SCSC	2854 pts.	(2854)
Los Amigos	1996 pts.	(1901)
Clear Lake	817 pts.	(380)

I'm glad to see that we made a good showing in this event after that dismal performance on our last TSC event. Of the 90 racers who ran the course, 4 won gold medals, 26 captured silver and 19 garnered bronze; not a bad day by any standard even if we missed first place by 1418 adjusted points. *(Those pesky skiers form Lone Star are really taking this thing seriously!)*

In the Individual Races, Senior Division, **Cheryl Houge** was the fastest of all women TSC contenders while **George Hirasaki** took second place honors in the men's Senior Division.

Our Trip Race Director, **Gary Sequeira**, **Randy Hassebrock** and **Steve Benson** deserve a hardy slap on the back for their time and management skills before and during this contest.

1993 - 1994: A MIGHTY FINE YEAR

Did you know that we have five racers who are members of the State **BUDWEISER CHALLENGE ALL-STARs**? They are: **Kayleen Kill**, **Lotty Gautschi**, **Karl Gautschi**, **Harry Gaston**, and **Alex Potter**. Skiers were ranked in one of six age

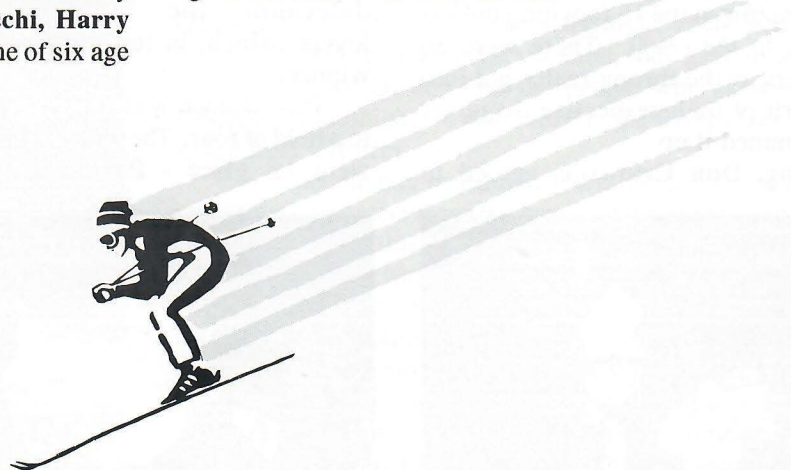
groups, based on their single best handicap of the 1993-94 season. I dare not reveal which age bracket each is attached to. You'll have to find that out for yourselves.

In addition to these individuals who have distinguished themselves, I'd like to brag on our club being cited by the 1993-94 **BUD CLUB SERIES** national ski competition for clubs over 1000 members. SCSC placed sixth in the "Most Club Races" category and tenth in the "Best Team Handicap" category. Approximately 400 ski clubs raced in the competition at one of 180 NASTAR ski areas. Add to this the TSC Silver Cup that we won in Division I and you must agree; we had a mighty fine year!

TSC WINTER SHOOTOUT

As you are reading this month's *Sitzmarke*, the members of the Whistler/Blackcomb trip are preparing for departure to the North Country. Having been present at their pre-trip party, I am aware of no less than six potential gold medalists not to mention silver and bronze. We will need these expert skiers to "set the pace for the race." However, history dictates that the supporting cast of average, moderate and even novice skiers will, as always, be required to push our point totals to the very top. Without their participation, our fate is sealed. Therefore, everyone's help will be required if SCSC is to prevail in this or any other TSC competition.

In closing, I want to say that our "stumble-out-of-the blocks" in Keystone can still be overcome with stellar performances in the remaining TSC NASTAR races. Let's "give 'em hell," whatever the odds!



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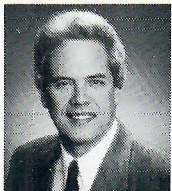
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SCSC HALLOWEEN PARTY

by Kay Cain

It was a dark and dreary day, the creatures were restless as they made ready to attend their annual Gruesome Ball. (SCSC HALLOWEEN PARTY) Their cave (West Side Tennis Club) was resplendent with terrifying bats hanging from the ceiling and spiders crawling from their webs. Hideous Jack-o-lanterns and ghosts adorned the dark and frightening interior of the cave. (Party Room)



clown!) and runner's up **Debbie Kumbalek (Elvira)**, **Bengie Guajardo (a really believable Snow White)**, and **Valerie Vaughn (glitzy alien)**. Best Men were 1st - **Lee Swords (another great clown!)**, **John Eaton (Merlin)**, **Gary Butler (impressive Viking)**, and **Stan Broniak (a grizzly accident victim)**.

Best Couples - this category was really tough - Winners **Sara and Buddy Soland**

It was quickly apparent that the creatures were ready to PARTY! The creative juices were obviously flowing as our creatures dressed themselves in various degrees of beguiling disguises. There were a lot of really great costumes this year!

The band (ok, it was a DJ) started and the floor was quickly filled with a very strange assortment of dancing partners. Those that were not dancing were grazing at the 15 foot long buffet! (Kodos to the chef). There were no strangers as the throng really got into the spirit of their respective disguises and hammed it up.

King, **Don Crabtree**, agreed to

repeat his outstanding job as Host of the annual Halloween Costume Award. The categories were Best Women's Costume, Best Men's Costume, Best Couple, and (always a hard choice), Sluttiest. The crowd was charged with picking the winners by making loud and obnoxious sounds promoting their favorites and the Judges, **Ed Cain / Denise Loos / Kay, Cain**, were there to (scientifically) determine the highest noise levels...which, in turn produced the winners.

Best women was finally reduced to a field of four. The winners in order were 1st place - **Pat King (great**

(repeat winners) - as a clothes line (comprised of two tree costumes connected by a rope which functioned as a clothes line), **Sharon and Merrel** (also repeat winners) as "Catch of the day" (Mermaid and Fisherman), **Sandy Hoffman & Ken Balache ("old Money Bags' and Lotto Winner)**. There were a lot of other "notables" in this category ...too many to name them all!

The coveted SLUTTIEST award went to **Bruce Kilgore** as **Wayne Bobbitt (he said it was all Marsha Davis's idea - guess who she was)** and **Joan Fore** as the pregnant Nun. **Georgette Taylor and Debra Edwards**

(Continued on page 9)



(very, very convincing as "Hells Angels / Biker Babes") definitely deserved mention in this category.

The Party lasted until "way late" and the Annual SCSC Halloween Event lived up to it's reputation as one of the best in town! Thanks to the Halloween Helpers Susan Wicker, Don Crabtree, Denise Loos, Cheryl Houge, Debbie Kumbalek, Frances Smith, and Pat King for making things run smoothly.



ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW

by Fred Arbuckle



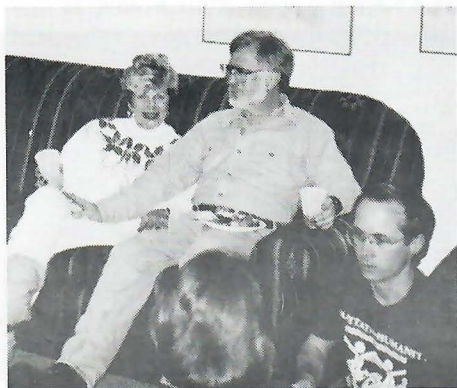
I had severe misgivings about exposing our ski club members to The Rocky Horror Picture Show but at the urging (*also severe*) of our Activities Coordinator I plunged ahead. Most of the people who signed up had heard of Rocky Horror but had never actually attended a performance. If you are still one of those people, I recommend you go with a large group. First time participants in our group will probably echo my sentiments. For those of you that have never been exposed to the concept, what happens at these midnight showings is that the management of the theater lets performers into the theater to act out the parts being shown on the screen. Simultaneously, people in the audience shout out very modified dialogue and insults at the characters. It sounds weird (*it really is*) but it makes for a fun evening, especially if you are looking for something out of the ordinary.

We first met at Birraporetti's Restaurant for a pre-movie libation. Birraporetti's assured us before hand that they had a special place set aside for us but on the night we showed up they forgot. Quickly rectifying the situation, they gave us a private room where we all admired the people who showed up in costume. At midnight we proceeded to the River Oaks Theater to see Rocky Horror.

Many people had heard that it was customary to dress as one of the characters from the movie and wanted suggestions. Trying to explain this movie and its characters to anyone who has never seen it was impossible but I did the best I could. Several brave souls did, in the spirit of fun, show up in what they hoped was an appropriate costume. I'm not going to follow conventional *Sitzmarke* routine and try to name everyone. Suffice to say, there were two that warrant (*demand would be a better word*) mentioning. Deborah Purdin and Larry Christie came as incestuous brother and sister Magenta and Riff-Raff, aliens from another galaxy. Are you starting to get the picture? In the photograph accompanying this story you can see them molesting Marianne Pierce.

I must tell you that the performers who do this show week in and week out (*usually for years*) try to dress as faithfully for their parts as possible but Deborah and Larry had them beat hands down (*I loaned them a video of the movie weeks in advance*).

To be honest with you, I expected to be beat up outside the theater but everyone seemed to have a good time. There were a few who looked a little shell-shocked but they quickly recovered. Anyone wanting to do this activity next year has my sympathy and blessings - I think a good time was had by all.



With a mixed group ranging in ages from 9 to 60 - teachers to lawyers, and newlyweds **Jonathan and Heather Aldis** - we followed leader **Blaise Guerrero** and headed for Beaver Creek. All 36 SCSCers, except three, were present - someone had to miss the plane! Boarding Delta around 5 p.m., we were headed for



The next morning we awoke to beautiful, sunny, "cloudless" skies, almost like Spring skiing. Our never-ever skiers, **Jill Perkins** and **Scott Holland**, were escorted to the base of

the mountain by their ATC for "orientation." Regrouping in stages, we rubbed shoulders with the rest of our now rested group at Christy Sports Rental, along with our three missing "Smith's," who missed the plane. They had complications - it wasn't their fault. First time skier, **Carol Buck**, took private lessons all week and was given first-class treatment by her instructor - dinner out and free transportation, etc.

Finally, reaching the slopes by late morning, we enjoyed a beautiful day of skiing, occasionally running into each other, sometimes accidentally or on purpose. Trying to reach the group at McCoys, ATC **Maxine Kellogg** skied fast and furious, without the aid of a map on unknown back slopes, missing the lunch bunch altogether.

Happy Houring, we regrouped again at the ATC's condo, discussing trails, conditions, basic ski talk. **Frank Stanley** provided the unattached men, **Bill Bonberger**, **Scott Holland**, **David Schein**, and **Darrell Way** with escorts. Thanks, Frank! Gathering up the "kids" led by **Shane Hagood** and assisted by the ATC Maxine, we "disced" the kids down nearby slopes. A busy and fun day was held by all.

Wednesday was basically a copy of Tuesday - same weather, not a cloud in the sky, and sun lotion needed! We occasionally ran into SCSCers on the mountain and we gathered in small clumps for lunch at Red Tail restaurant, mid mountain. The "PHANTOM SMITH's" were even there, braving altitude, sickness and icy slopes.

Returning to the condos, we "happy houred" in the indoor hot tubs.

Hitting the restaurants at night and using the "mystery" bus system was a real experience. The food at the Fiesta Restaurant in Edwards was worth the wait. There were stories of "no" waiting lines and waiting lines and waiting list several days long at some restaurants. As Tom Hanks was spotted at a Chinese restaurant

at Avon, but he pooh-poohed autographs requests, so we were told. But, it was another day of skiing and on to another the next day.



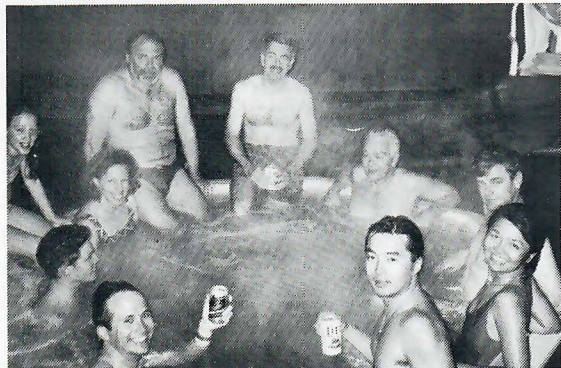
Vail day, not. There were as many "don't go" as "must go" stories floating around, and we were waiting for the Friday snow as promised by the weather channel. Those who braved the lines and ice at Vail had positive remarks, especially **Susan Stanley**, who was oh-so close to skiing with "Lady Di" (just missed her by a chair or two)! **John Kelly** soloed to Vail - deciding not to wait for snow and enjoyed skiing the bowls.



Happy Houring in the "enclosed" hot tub, our members exchanged ski stories, that increased as the beer and wine decreased. **John Kelly** hot tubbed fully clothed, who said you had to get in the tub? The kids enjoyed a hot dog supper in



a "family" ski vacation through New Years. The group was unusually quiet - probably due from after shocks of Christmas. After retrieving our luggage and skis from baggage (except for **Blaise's**



skis), we quietly boarded the bus and set off for Beaver Creek. Stopping at King Soopers, we shopped for "emergency" groceries or grabbed "subs" for the road. Given a choice of movies to watch (*Flintstones* or *Flintstones*), we decided on *Flintstones*. Yaba daba doo. Arriving at Beaver Creek around mid-night, we un-loaded quietly and hit the sheets exhausted.



the ATC's condo, with **Gary Guille** turning out batch after batch of chocolate chip cookies, that "sometimes" slipped by **Jill Perkins** and **Jane Guerrero** and actually made it to the kids! Another successful day of skiing was enjoyed by all.

Friday - AAAHHU - the snow as promised! It was definitely a goggle day!



Powder skiing was wonderful, and the Beaver Creek lines were always minimal. We gathered at the ATC's condo for our Pot-Luck Dinner, with a great turnout by most everyone. The dishes were warm and filling with quite a selection. **Lynn Hester** provided spaghetti. **Nancy Daugherty** and **Joe Chernow** brought chicken. **Deborah Kelly** brought lasagna. **Janet** and **Khoi Tran** and **Bill Bomberger** brought three mystery meatloafs. **James Wayne** and **Jan Vann** provided guacamole salad. **Gary Guille** made vegetable soup and **Maxine Kellogg** provided cabbage-patch stew, along with **Jane Guerrero's** chili. One dish arrived minus seasoning and received seasoning a-la-carte. What was that? We chowed down big time, and exchanged ski stories. Never-ever skier, **Carol Buck** stating she was ready to "go again," along with her five ski outfits.

The kids, the three Musketeers (**Haylee Kellogg**, **Ashley Guerrero**, and **Allison Kelly**) and **John Vann**, **Jane Guerrero**, **Blaise Guerrero**, **Maxine Kellogg**, **Scott Holland**, **Jill Perkins**, and **Deborah Kelly** braved the dropping temps, and falling snow to experience "real" ice skating on a huge frozen pond. **Blaise** and **Deborah** laced skates, but not their own (*in case someone needed to be carried*). **Lauren Kelly** and her sister **Kathleen**, both found pond skating a little different from the Galleria, and **John Vann** showed us "really" hot to skate, going fast

forward and backwards. **Shane Hagood** and **Slade Kellogg** "waxed" the discs, but had few takers with the exception of **John Vann**, he'll try anything! Another busy and great skiing day was experienced by all.

Saturday, five down and one to go! New Year's Eve! As usual, the lines at Beaver Creek were short and the powder hounds were howling! The snow was dumping, too. I believe around noon the "high" was an even ZERO - and dropping! BRRRRR—Lunching as a group at Spruce Saddle, we saved spots, gathered food, and of course, "swapped" ski stories. **Lynn Hester** and **Bill Bomberger** had been hitting the blacks, while **Lynne's** hubby-poo, **Walter**, had a great time taking snow-board lessons. **Janet** and **Khoi Tran** were improving techniques. **Nancy Daugherty** and **Joe Chernow** were blazing marked territory, and **Shane Hagood** and **Slade Kellogg** made new trails through the trees. Ahhh - to be young again! Skiing the wonderful powder trails was great buy, **ATC Maxine Kellogg** whimped out at 2-ish, complaining of "frostbite." Her kids could not believe it! Mom turned in early. OK, it was her first time to "wuss out." But the bus was full of SCSCers "wusses" too - she was not alone! The bitter cold was winning.

New Year's Eve we gathered at the ATC's condo - the dress code wasn't. It was anything from ski bibs, to "gold" lame, accessorized with "real" Christmas light earrings by **Nancy Daugherty**. Her

companion, **Joe**, had best hat - a furry thing purchased by **Nancy**. We munched and exchanged ski stories and looked forward to starting a new year. Some partying until the wee hours at Vail or Beaver Creek. **Jill Perkins** had stories about Dr. "X" from Dallas, a Lexus and lots of money. **Shane Hagood** and fellow "ski" bummers at Beaver Creek, partied "hearty." And some of us just made it till midnight, in order to toast in the new year to celebrate with champagne! (*Dave Schein left the group altogether, having a better deal in Denver.*)

We came, we saw, we conquered — not even one broken bone! Boarding the bus back to Denver, quietly, (*some recouping from New Year's Eve*), we headed back home. Eating our snack lunches (*no two were alike*), leftovers, maybe! - we reflected on the week, watched the movie and arrived back at Denver. Some caught earlier flights and some later. But arriving back in Houston, a good time was had by all.



NOMINEES FOR 1995-96 OFFICERS

It is with a great deal of pride that your Nominating Committee presents the slate of SCSC officer nominees for 1995-96:

President	Marti Toomer
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Many thanks to all of the members who volunteered to be officers. Serving on the Nominating Committee is truly an eye-opening experience and is not an easy task: especially when we are lucky enough to have so many well-qualified volunteers willing to serve this club as an officer. Unfortunately, there are only seven officer positions. After many interviews, the Nominating Committee believes that this slate represents an energetic, talented team of people who will work well together and be a real asset to Space City Ski Club.

The slate of officers will be presented at the February General Meeting at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor (*with consent of the nominee*) per By-Law 4.5 (*found in your SCSC directory*). All officer nominees need to bring a brief biography to the meeting for inclusion in the March *Sitzmarke*.

Elections will take place at the March General Meeting.

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee.

Ray Naudain, Chairperson

Jeri Hartman
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CRESTED BUTTE

by Fred Wright

After last minute cancellations and an addition from the wait list, our small but adventuresome band of 15 travelers departed IAH Saturday night for a short overnight stay at the Hyatt DFW. Early Sunday morning we were on our way via Adventure Tours charter flight direct to Gunnison, CO airport; from there, we took a short bus ride arriving in Crested Butte around 10:15 a.m. The Woodcreek condo staff



stored our gear and some of us went skiing, shopping, and generally exploring until we were able to check in that afternoon. **Gloria Rooney** and **Ann McIntyre** ventured into town to have brunch at Penelope's and to do some serious shopping. While most of us go shopping, Ann just goes in and buys whatever she wants; definitely saves a lot of time that way.

We only had one mix-up in the room assignments: seems one of the condo owners had forgotten to inform the management that he had moved out two twin beds and replaced them with only one queen size bed; the two guys assigned to that bedroom opted to have one sleep on the queen and one on the extra sleeper sofa in the living room. **Glenn Goode** got the queen and **Frank Adams** volunteered to take the sofa; the only complaint was that Frank tended to make a lot of noise when he slept. In the same condo, **Steven Slade** had to adjust to his roommate, **Alex Bunsch's** need to have fresh air all the time, thus opening

the windows every night even when it was minus 14 degrees outside!! Everything worked out for the best; thanks, guys!

Monday morning, everyone came over to the TC's condo for a light breakfast of croissants, orange juice, and coffee. Free lift ticket passes good for the whole week were passed out and we all went skiing, with the exception of Glenn, who was our one snowboarder. Glenn was a welcome last minute addition to our group, enabling us to study these snowboarder creatures more closely. We discovered that it takes skill and the ability to be infinitely flexible to be a successful snowboarder. We had snow the first few days we were there, with nine inches on Monday night, four more inches on Tuesday and Wednesday, making for great powder and great skiing the whole week. The sun finally came out on Thursday and stayed out the rest of the week.

Best ski hat went to **Michael** and **Barbara Carr**, with Michael wearing a buffalo head with horns and Barbara in a koala head hat; Michael was known as "Tonka" (*Dances With Wolves*) for the rest of the trip. Best ski outfit went to **Ann McIntyre**, I think; no one ever saw her or **Gloria Rooney** for most of the trip; while most of us were up on the slopes early, they preferred to sleep in late; something about being on vacation? Their condomates, **Ward Jones** and **Judy Stringer**

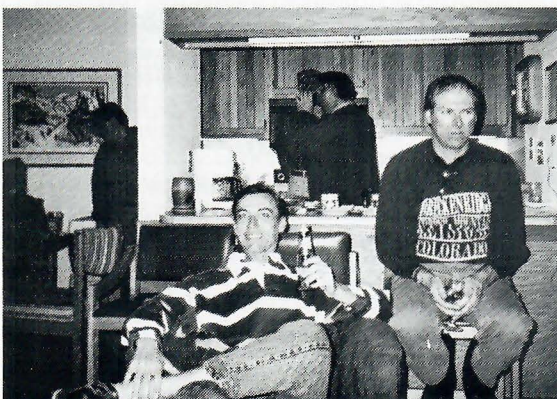
were our only contact with them. We did run into them at a planned apres ski happy hour at a spot called the Rafter's; **Ken Neef** demonstrated his pool shooting ability to **Mike Carr** and then gave us some conundrums to solve: *a short mystery game you try to figure out.*

The only unexpected expenses anyone had was a broken coffee carafe in the TC's condo; seems yours truly can't operate a coffee maker properly without breaking some-

thing. We had to rely on **Robert Bowers** to make coffee from then on. We all had wonderful condos at the Woodcreek Condos: plenty of room, all the wood you needed for your fireplace. **Mike Carr** set a record for having a fire going 24 hours a day for seven straight days in his condo. **Dale Handlin's** roommate, **Dennis O'Brien**, borrowed Dale's ski pants by mistake for a ski lesson and did not even notice the difference; Dale's waist is 34", Dennis' is 32", and Dale is 3" taller.

Wednesday night we had a lasagna dinner in the TC's condo with everyone attending; we also had two Space City Ski Club members join us, **John** and **Diane Wilhite**, who had flown up separately when they waited too late to get on the trip. They went back on Saturday. Early Thursday morning, at 8:00 a.m., 10 brave and hardy souls met at the lift and rode up to Paradise Warming House for a First Tracks Breakfast. We were met by the Ski Patrol at the top of Keystone lift and skied down an icy blue slope, with no accidents amazingly enough. Inside, along with 30 other venturesome types, we had an all-you-can eat breakfast and enjoyed being warm again before heading out to the slopes for another great day of skiing. NASTAR was canceled due to lack of interest and difficulty of reaching the course.

Other adventures included riding the Teocalli Chair lift with a Ski Patrolman, having the lift shut down and hearing the Ski Patrolman tell me how they would get us down if the lift shut





down completely. Luckily, the lift started back up in 15 minutes, but **Ken Neef** and **Frank Adams** had to walk back up to another lift when Teocalli shut down completely later. The outside hot tub was the scene of some serious relaxing; cold beer and hot water seem to work wonders on the body after a hard day of skiing. When it is snowing at the same time, it is interesting to see your hair freeze, but with enough beer, who really cares? We had a great week of skiing at Crested Butte; most everyone skied on Saturday, our last morning, and then started packing later in the day. Our bus ride was very scenic Sunday morning, with the driver giving us a guided tour along the way: we saw bald eagles, black yak, and even an albino buffalo on the trip back to Gunnison. We arrived back in Houston by 3:30 p.m., remembering the good times we had on a beautiful mountain. With this small of a group, everyone got to know each other and some friendships were formed. Let's go back next year!!!



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TERRY'S TIDBITS

by Terry McGuinness

St. Valentine's Day is February 14th. To celebrate all the lovers in the club, a sampling of couples who met and married in the club were asked, "What first attracted you to your mate?"



Frank and Sue Stanley

Frank and Sue met on the '89 Angel Fire trip and married on New Year's Day, '91. They both claim that it was love at first sight. Frank's line was to challenge Sue to a ski race. Sue admitted that she was so nervous and uptight that she slid right off her barstool when she first spoke to Frank. Frank, from Dallas, TX, joined SCSC in '89 and likes to scuba, windsurf, ocean kayak and bike. Sue, from Cleveland, TX, an '85 SCSCer, enjoys history and foreign languages. As a couple, they can be seen at many club ski trips, parties and activities looking still very much in love. Anyone up to a ski race challenge?



Ron and Halene Crossman

Ron and Halene first met in the club in 1966, just when things were getting started. They have both been interviewed previously in this column as part of the longest members groups, but were included again in this Valentines' issue as probably the longest married couple that met in the club. They were married in 1968, for a total of 27 years. They both were very active in the organization and running of the club, with Ron holding office and Halene the power behind the throne. Even today there is still a sparkle in their eyes when they look at each other after all the years.



Jimmy and Jill St. Clair

Jimmy and Jill are real careful people. They do not rush into things. They first met in the club on the Crested Butte '87 trip and were married in Sept '94. Jimmy joined SCSC in '67 and Jill '84. Jimmy is from Mt. Vernon, TX and Jill from Alton, IL. Jimmy loves gardening and scuba, and Jill enjoys reading, and wine tasting. Jill was attracted to Jimmy's sense of humor, intellect and popularity. She also thought that he was a "neat person". Jimmy simply stated that he thought Jill was a "cute girl". No more need be said. Today, they still act like two star struck lovers first meeting, all giggles and smiles.



Dick and Sue Howard

Dick joined the club in '79, and Sue in '87. Dick was born in Binghamton, NY and Sue from Dallas, TX. They met on the SCSC trip to Cormayeur, Italy in '91. Dick proposed to Sue two years later in the same ski location, but on a heavily moguled double black diamond run. He said to Sue that he would give her the engagement ring at the bottom of the run! Talk about commitment, and a test in faith, Sue had to really want that ring! Dick's hobby is volleyball, whereas, Sue enjoys sailing, reading, camping, backpacking and hiking, coincidentally activities that Dick does too. Sue also enjoys challenges!





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