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GOOD NEWS / BAD NEWS

By Tom Hogle

It was really good to again see so many familiar faces missed during the passing of the summer. It was also good to see the look of eager anticipation on these faces as they signed up for their next ski adventure.

With only a few exceptions, I thought that the September meeting went very smoothly considering the agenda. One of our visitors was overheard saying "Are all your meetings like this? Wow!" Also overheard muttering was

one of our disgruntled, long-standing (no pun intended?) members, Charles Morgan, as he waited impatiently in line - "Well, Buffie, how come you didn't use that mail in form so we wouldn't have to stand in this line?" I agreed not to repeat what Buffie said. The GOOD NEWS is that they got on the trip of their choice and so did most of our members. If your 1st choice was full, think about a 2nd choice. There are still excellent opportunities to choose from. For the yet uninitiated, be not of faint heart, our wait lists do turn over and most everyone has a shot at their favorite trip.

One to consider, one to think about, if you're still undecided - BIG - THINK BIG - THINK BIG MOUNTAIN. Big Mountain is a very special, very unique ski area. Everything is all together. There are no buses, no waits, no wasted time shuttling back and forth. You can stand in front of your condo, throw a snowball and hit everything that's important - ski lifts, restaurants (12), shops, hot tubs, places to dance (6). I have very good memories of Big Mountain and if you go there, I'm sure you'll come back with them too.

Terry McGuinness, our VP of Membership, happily reports that our membership is rapidly approaching our limit, that magic number of 1400.

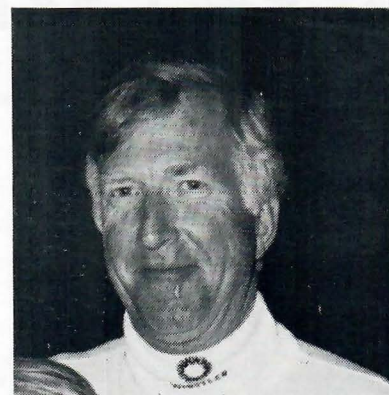
The GOOD NEWS, if you received the most recent Sitz, is that you are currently a member. If any of your friends haven't signed up yet, you might give them a gentle nudge and tell them that time is running out.

MORE GOOD NEWS - Our creative VP of Programs, Sue Salvage, and her very able assistant, Mel Tawney, are continuing with their endless variety of new and interesting activities. Check the pages of this Sitz for what is currently available (and even more to come). If there's something new, or not new, that you would like to do, call 690-5551 - NOW!

STILL MORE GOOD NEWS - Countries have them, states have them, cities have them, and now SCSC has them - SCSC AMBASSADORS. As is the case with all Ambassadors, their function is to project the virtues of SCSC, extol the benefits of membership and, in general, facilitate a smooth and festive atmosphere at our meetings and happy hours. Have a question about a trip or activity, have a question about our club, have a question about club policy, ask an Ambassador. They're all waiting to be helpful.

There is no BAD NEWS. Charles and Buffie were last seen leaving together, and Charles was once more over heard muttering "*Well, Buffie, where did you park the car?*" Buffie's response "*&H*T!^Z*M&F!!*". The GOOD NEWS is that they're still talking???

See you at the Happy Hour. *



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COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 2 RACE OF THE CURE
- 6 EX. COM. MTG.
- 11 GENERAL MEETING (SKI SWAP)
- 15 BRIDGE PARTY
- 21 HAPPY HOUR
- 23 BRAZOS BEND BIKE RIDE
- 30 HALLOWEEN PARTY
- 31 PORT OF HOUSTON TOUR

NOVEMBER

- 3 GOURMET COOKING
- 4 SUN & SKI SPORT (OPEN DECK)
- 7 MAX ADVENTURE & DINNER
- 8 GENERAL MEETING (Fashion Show)
- 10 OSHMAN SKI (Extravaganza & Style Show)
- 11 RADIO MUSIC Theatre/Comedy
- 14 FALL TENNIS (TOURNAMENT)
- 17 OSHMAN DOWN HILL
- 18 HAPPY HOUR
- 20 H.I.S.D. PAINT-A-SCHOOL DAY
- 23-28 BRECKENRIDGE SKI TRIP (TSC Fall Round up)

DECEMBER

- 4 DICKENS ON THE STRAND
- 10 CHRISTMAS PARTY
- 11 CHRISTMAS CAROLING (Texas Children Hospital)
- 11 TSC QUARTERLY MTG
- 13 GENERAL MEETING
- 16 HAPPY HOUR
- 26-1 JAN SUNLIGHT SKI TRIP

FOR UP-TO-DATE CLUB INFORMATION CALL

688-SCSC

General Meeting

October 11, 1993

at

HOLIDAY INN

(Crowne Plaza)

2222 West Loop South

Meeting Agenda

- 6:00 Activity Table & Ski Sign up Opens
- 8:30 Announcements
- 8:45 Door Prize Drawings

Thursday, October 21

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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Happy Hours



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From the Ski Desk..

by Angie Westergren, VP-Trips



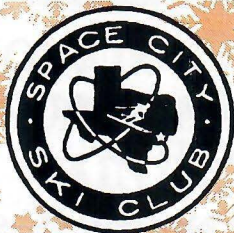
THANKS to all you SCSCers who helped make mail in sign up a success this year. I appreciate all of you who take the time to read the Sitzmarke articles and follow instructions!!!! Neither Nancy, Jim or myself received one single envelope with mail in sign up requests!!!! Your cooperation makes our job as volunteers a lot easier (and rewarding). Around 500 out of a possible 716 spaces filled up through early sign up. By the time you read this article, though, the September general meeting will already have occurred. Hopefully, the remaining 216 spaces will be filled. And.... If you have not already signed up for a trip be sure to do so, SOON!!!

On August 30th, the final training session was held for the TCs and ATCs. There was a SUPER turn out at this meeting, and I owe much gratitude to my DoTs Jim Edwards and Nancy Sarff for their help in making this meeting a productive one. All the TC and ATC VOLUNTEERS are doing a GREAT job organizing trips for the benefit of the general membership of SCSC. Let them know you appreciate their efforts!!!!

Since I am writing this article before the September general meeting, I only have the results of early sign up. As far as TSC trips go, Breckenridge and Snowmass are full or at least within a few people of being full. Banff and Jackson Hole are almost full but have a few more spaces available, so if you want to go on a TSC trip (and you didn't get on Breckenridge or Snowmass), please consider Banff or Jackson Hole. Other trips that filled up through early sign up (or at least nearly did) are Telluride, Vail and Chamonix. Lake Tahoe and Crested Butte are about half full. That leaves Sunlight, Big Mountain, Taos, Purgatory and Snowbird/Alta that have a number of spaces still available. All of these trips should be SUPER trips. Don't forget that Sunlight is a "family optional" trip. What a great opportunity to take your kids skiing at a reasonable price..... Even if you don't have a family to take this should be a fun trip. After all, two "childless" single men (Bill Vasen and Fred Wright) are running this trip!!!! Give them a call and find out more about this new SCSC destination. Big Mountain is another trip you may want to consider. Montana is supposed to be beautiful, and the condos are slopeside with easy access to/from the mountain. Linda Licarione and Eric Prentis promise to make this an exciting trip. I expect the Taos (short) trip will fill up quickly, because it is truly a bargain with the lift tickets included in the trip price. Purgatory (short) and Snowbird/Alta are the last two trips of the season, so I feel confident these trips will fill up at the next several general meetings. I sure hope so!

Just a reminder about trip cancellations and transfers..... If you cancel from a trip (prior to final payment), you must submit a request (in writing) to the TC acknowledging a \$30 cancellation fee will be withheld from your initial deposit. If you cancel after the final payment date you lose the full trip price unless you can be replaced from the wait list. This cancellation must also be in writing, and if you are replaced, you only lose the \$30 cancellation fee. If you wish to transfer from one trip to another, you must complete a trip transfer form which the TC will help you with. You can only transfer TO a trip if there are spaces available and will incur a \$10 transfer fee. (You cannot transfer to a wait list.) Also, a transfer FROM a trip will not be considered after final payment date unless a replacement can be secured. For more specific details on cancellations and transfers, please read Section 5.0 of the SCSC Standing Rules which can be found on page 22 in the 1992-1993 Directory. Reading the Standing Rules might save you several phone calls, not to mention TIME!!!!

When you come to the monthly meetings, please be sure and check at the trip tables for any updated information your TC/ATC may have for you. This will give your TCs and ATCs a chance to get to know each of you more personally. Plus..... It helps the trip budgets/prices to save on postage!!!! *



Space City Ski Club 1993 - 1994 Trip Schedule

Trip Dates	Nights/SkiDays	Trip Destination	Trip Price	Final Paymnt	Lodging	No. Skiers	TC/ATC (DoT)	Home Phone
Nov 23 - 28, 1993 (Tue to Sun)	5 / 4½	BRECKENRIDGE Colorado <i>TSC Fall Roundup</i>	\$ 580	10/4/93	Beaver Run 2/2 condos	60	Lorna Jones Gunnar Heyne (JE)	575-9057 729-9872
Dec 26 - Jan 1, 1994 (Sun to Sat)	6 / 5½	SUNLIGHT Colorado <i>Family Optional</i>	\$ 645	11/1/93	Hotel Colorado	42	Bill Vasen Fred Wright (JE)	482-5501 953-7933
Jan 8 - 15, 1994 (Sat to Sat)	7 / 6	SNOWMASS Colorado <i>TSC Traditional</i>	\$ 753	11/2/93	Stonebridge Inn Hotel	60	Gary Butler Phyllis Anders (NS)	583-7515 861-1850
Jan 8 - 15, 1994 (Sat to Sat)	7 / 6	SNOWMASS Colorado <i>TSC Traditional</i>	\$ 753	11/2/93	Stonebridge Inn Hotel	60	Sharon Smith Elizabeth Steinmann (NS)	583-9627 335-0666
Jan 11 - 16, 1994 (Tue to Sun)	5 / 4½	SNOWMASS Colorado <i>TSC Traditional (short)</i>	\$ 586	11/2/93	Stonebridge Inn Hotel	40	Frank Mangum Sara Green (NS)	499-3930 466-5448
Jan 16 - 22, 1994 (Sun to Sat)	6 / 5	BIG MOUNTAIN Montana	\$ 743	11/4/93	Edelweiss 2/2 condos	40	Linda Licarione Eric Prentis (JE)	468-2816 681-7433
Jan 21 - 29, 1994 (Fri to Sat)	8 / 6	CHAMONIX France <i>TSC Expedition</i>	\$ 1189	11/8/93	Hotel Des Aiglons	26	Bob Olsen	524-2730
Jan 29 - Feb 5, 1994 (Sat to Sat)	7 / 6	TELLURIDE Colorado	\$ 719	11/1/93	Riverside 3/3 & 2/2 condos	42	Peb Rock Scott Keller (JE)	850-0655 480-3161
Feb 9 - 13, 1994 (Wed to Sun)	4 / 3½	TAOS New Mexico	\$ 537	12/1/93	Kachina Lodge Hotel	42	Cary Faden Jon Trevelise (JE)	667-0111 668-0081
Feb 12 - 19, 1994 (Sat to Sat)	7 / 6	VAIL Colorado	\$ 715	1/5/94	Vail International 2/2 condos	44	Lynn Burch Larry Christie (NS)	933-2169 688-1434
Feb 19 - 26, 1994 (Sat to Sat)	7 / 6	BANFF Alberta, Canada <i>TSC Winter Shootout</i>	\$ 919	12/1/93	Banff Springs Hotel	60	Cheryl Houge George Flournoy (JE)	493-0016 621-7174
Mar 2 - 6, 1994 (Wed to Sun)	4 / 3½	CRESTED BUTTE Colorado	\$ 493	1/7/94	Mountain Lair Hotel	32	Leona Schroeder Dick Anderson (NS)	468-4609 621-1488
Mar 6 - 13, 1994 (Sun to Sun)	7 / 6	LAKE TAHOE Nevada	\$ 715	1/3/94	Harvey Hotel & Casino	40	Karen Putney Jack Oney (JE)	495-4999 641-4048
Mar 12 - 19, 1994 (Sat to Sat)	7 / 6	JACKSON HOLE Wyoming <i>TSC Final Showdown</i>	\$ 787	1/7/94	Wind River 4/4 & 3/3 condos	44	Merrel Smith Maggie Paull (NS)	583-9627 461-7937
Mar 24 - 28, 1994 (Thu to Mon)	4 / 4	PURGATORY Colorado	\$ 512	1/20/94	Purgatory Village 2/2 condos	42	Barb Huey Ann Clinton (NS)	975-7605 785-6732
Mar 27 - Apr 2, 1994 (Sun to Sat)	6 / 5	SNOWBIRD / ALTA Utah	\$ 692	1/17/94	Cliff Lodge Hotel	42	Robert Reichek Charlotte Lynn (JE)	661-2151 777-1064

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Director of Trips
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Director of Trips
955-6675



*Look,
Read,
Get Ready!*

WHAT: SKI SWAP

WHEN: OCTOBER MEETING

Go through your ski gear and clothes. What do you want to recycle? Pull them out. Figure out a price you would sell them for to a friend!! And bring them to the October meeting.

Also, be thinking about what you want to get. This could be the right place, at the right time, at the right price!! Please bring items tagged with price and owner's name.

For more details, please call Susan Rock at #850-0655.

OSHMANN ANNUAL DOWNHILL TEAM COMPETITION

Post Oak Store

Wednesday, November 17, 1993

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Space City will compete with other clubs for fun and Trophies



No Cost

Coordinator: Dale Allbritton

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OSHMANN'S SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA Wednesday, NOVEMBER 10, 1993

We need people to man a booth to give out information about SCSC from

5:30PM to 9:00PM

Volunteer at the

October and November

General Meetings or

call **Peggy (Donley) Montgomery**
at 437-5467(home)

--the more **VOLUNTEERS**
the more fun we will have!!!



*Look,
Listen!*

WHEN: DECEMBER MEETING

WHAT: SKI EQUIPMENT EXPO

It's time to prepare for the upcoming ski season. If you are thinking about replacing any of your ski equipment you won't want to miss this EXPO.

They will have all the latest and greatest, as well as information for those beginner and first-time skiers. You will have a wealth of information free - come take a look!

PROGRAMS SCOOP & POOP

By Sue Salvage



YES, *fall* is upon us, we have completed the early ski sign up, the September ski sign up and it's time to think seriously about all our fall and winter activities (see below). Speaking of winter activities, don't forget THE SKI SWAP at the meeting this month.

Get your stuff ready to sell, swap, or give away. Also Dr. Mosley will be back this month to report on the results of the study the SCSC skiers participated in and to talk about conditioning and skiing.

PAST - Two very popular, fun filled activities were again successfully completed in September and congratulations go out to GARY SEQUEIRA for the week-end Beach Blast and to JIM SCHROCK for the Guadalupe Raft Trip. Thanks guys for a job well done!!

If you are looking for something to do take a look below:

PRESENT - (This month)

- 10/02 Race for the Cure - JOE DALEO
- 10/15 Party Bridge - PAT KING
- 10/23 Brazos Bend Bike Ride - ARLENE BRADLEY
- 10/30 Halloween Party - DON CRABTREE
- 10/31 Port of Houston Tour and Dinner with a belly dancer - NONI PRATSCHKER and ELLEN MANHARD

FUTURE

- 11/03 Rice Epicurean Gourmet Cooking - MARY MILLSAP
- 11/04 Sun & Ski Open Deck Party - TED BERGERON
- 11/07 Imax Adventure and Dinner - GLYNDA LUCAS and DANA WARDELL
- 11/10 Oshmans Ski Extravaganza - PEGGY MONTGOMERY
- 11/11 Radio Music Theater (Comedy) - DEBBIE CORSON
- 11/14 Tennis Tournament - BOB DICKERSON
- 11/17 Oshmans Annual Downhill - DALE ALBRITTON

When I started thinking about this article I decided I would not mention the word VOLUNTEER this month. Well, maybe next month. I want to share with you excerpts of a letter from Lou Schultz printed in the Jan. 1993 Sitzmark. Lou has moved to Chicago, and among other things, he joined a ski club there (as large as ours). He wrote to let us know how fortunate we are, as a club, to have the volunteers we have. The club in Chicago is similar to SCSC only in their size. Their monthly newsletter has no pictures, no informational articles on members or trips or activities, no ads, etc. - just basic information on upcoming events, meetings, etc. Their trips have no pre-trip functions for members to get acquainted. There was more, but you get the picture. Lou wanted us to know we have a rare organization that exists only because people volunteer. SO, EVERYONE OF YOU VOLUNTEERS hold your heads up, put a smile on your face, know that you do make a difference, and be proud of the contribution you are making in building this club. Thanks for the letter, Lou. And Thanks to all you volunteers. *

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TEXAS SKI COUNCIL REPORT

by Ed Cain, TSC Representative

On August 10, 1993 the quarterly meeting of the Texas Ski Council was held in Austin. The SCSCers attending were **Ted & Debbie Bergeron, Kim Page, Jerry Montgomery, and Ed Cain.**

Promptly at 10:00 am TSC President Rhonda McGree called the meeting to order. First of all the "official stuff" i.e., Roll call, minutes, etc. was done, 17 of the 20 clubs were represented. The roster and mailing list was updated — if any of the SCSC officers or trip coordinators fail to get the TSC Newsletter, let me know.

The "Summer Vacation" in Corpus Christi was a big success and will be held in CC again next year. Pres. McGree is looking for an official name for this function. The original name of the "Summer Triathlon" which sounded as though we were really putting our bodies to the test (I think some of us were) when we danced, drank and played volleyball has been changed so many times that we want to standardize to get name recognition for this activity. Call me with any good suggestions I can pass along. The club officer training program held the day before in CC was a great success and will be repeated next year.

Kim Page, TSC VP Winter Shoot out, reported the Never-Ever Ski Program was a big success last year and will be repeated this year with special emphasis on the Snowmass trips. Each NEW skier on all TSC trips will receive a pin, and the trip coordinator with the highest percentage of NEW skiers will get a special prize.

Jerry Montgomery, TSC Treasurer, gave his report and presented the new TSC pins which can be purchased for \$5. They are the shape of Texas, white outlined in gold, and look great. You can get your very own from the logo ladies at the September meeting!

Dave Corbin, TSC VP Marketing handed out the 93-94 Ski Season

Survey Forms. The 92-93 TSC skier days and revenues were up slightly over 91-92. He reported that the ski areas have complained that the ski show was poorly attended at last years bid meeting. Dave wants to increase the participation this year so the areas will be willing to buy a booth which helps support the council. Budweiser is a TSC sponsor again this year. They made two banners with SCSC and Bud on them. We were asked to display them prominently and take a picture and send it to TSC to promote sponsor relations. TSC is also trying to promote an article in Texas Monthly, look for it in coming months.



It appears SCSC is the only club that isn't struggling for increased membership. Daniel Hutton with Texas Ski (no affiliation with TSC) proposed a 1-800 hotline that would have information about TSC and the individual clubs. If we are interested in a slot we should contact him or Dan Raley.

A copy of the guidelines for trip leaders was handed out by Billy Lynam. Each SCSC TSC TC (like them letters) should have one.

Discussion of other clubs prebooking airfares and booking lodging outside the bid package will be discussed at the Dec. delegates meeting after discussion by the TSC Board of Directors.

Racing.. Ted Bergeron, Race Director, distributed the revised race

director's manuals. Ted also proposed a 20th year pin for each skier that starts a race this year. Rollo Gurss proposed race rule changes. Both the pins and the rules were approved. The revised race rules will be mailed to each club. Ted proposed additional metals for racers that failed to win a NASTAR metal but scored 9, 16, or 25 points for their clubs according to TSC rules. After discussion the proposal was tabled for future consideration. It was approved to raise the TSC trip activity fee from \$25 to \$30 starting with the 94-95 season. This fee goes directly to the ski resort to spend on parties and racing. Most clubs felt this increase was necessary to maintain quality activities.

Ski Trips..

Fall Round Up - 18 Clubs - 561 skiers. Since Ralston Purina bought Breckenridge, lift tickets will be interchangeable with Keystone and Arapahoe Basin. Race order drawing SCSC - 12th.

Traditional - 15 Clubs - 842 skiers. Continental will add flights from Denver and says, "No Problem". Race order drawing SCSC - 13th.

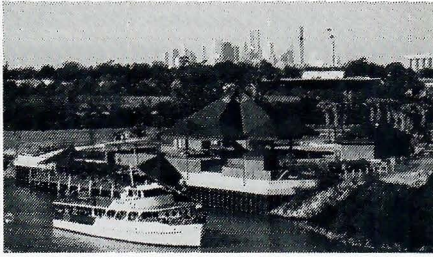
Expedition - 5 Clubs - 132 skiers. Brochures have been prepared to help sell trip. Extensions to London and Paris are being offered.

Winter Shoot out - 12 clubs - 304 skiers. The cost of the trip increased over that estimated in the bid package because Continental quit serving the area.

The resort preselection guidelines for 94-95 were handed out by Dave Corbin. The guidelines use the cost of lodging and airfare most clubs will use. The bid package will include instructions for the resorts to propose for a long and a short trip for Traditional.

Happy ski trails 'til we meet again!

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BRAZOS BEND BIKE RIDE

October 23, 1993

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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(or "Wild Tales of the South Pacific")

by Rich Henderson, Trip Leader



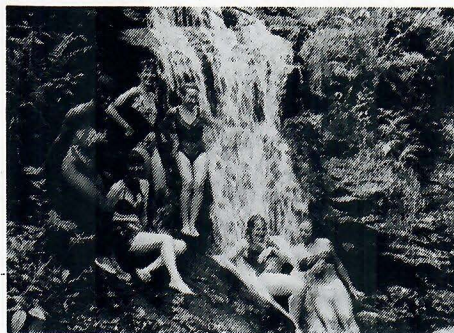
When Captain Cook, in 1778, guided his ships through the mouth of Kauai's Waimea River, he no doubt had little understanding of what the opposite, or windward, side of this most northern of the Hawaiian Islands had to offer. Having developed over 3-6 million years, Kauai is the oldest of the Hawaiian Islands. Its summit, Mt. Waialeale is the wettest spot on Earth with an average of nearly 500 inches of rain a year, and its northwestern side has been carved by wind, rain, sun and surf into one of nature's most spectacular venues -- the Na Pali Coast! The attraction of the foregoing notwithstanding, what then possessed 13 SCSC adventurers to commit their bodies and minds to a grueling five day hiking and backpacking expedition in the jungles and mountains of Kauai? Was it:

- A) A desire to unite with nature?
- B) A longing to sweat unmercifully with some of your closest friends?
- C) A self-test of mental and physical prowess?
- D) A secret fantasy to have sex with jungle natives?

NO. It was none of the above, it was stupidity!!

In a nutshell, the Kauai Backpacking Trip turned out to be adventure it was supposed to be -- and then some. The participants hiked 30 miles of some of the toughest terrain in the world. At times we found ourselves on a trail 8-10 inches wide, with 40 mph winds, with 40 pounds backpacks, and a drop 1,000 feet straight down to the Pacific below. Scary

and very demanding? Yes, but the tradeoff was some of the most awesome scenery in the world--bar none!! The trek included Waimea Canyon, the magnificent upper Na Pali Coast, and the world famous Kalaulau Trail. Since, however, we could tell stories that could go on forever, may I suggest you visit with one of our explorers to get the details. Needless to say, such strenuous and difficulty duty brought out the best - - and worst -- in all of us. Yes, there's nothing like the warmth one feels for one's fellow hiking buddies once the experience of being scraped, bruised, maimed, cursed, lost, confused, teased, psychologically-traumatized, and



exhausted permeates throughout one's soul. To lie on a beach and be served margaritas was not for this group. No, only pain, LOTS OF PAIN, would satisfy their longing to unite with nature. What then did we learn about the brave participants on this mighty adventure? Here are some of the highlights. Our exploration of the jungle at Hanakoa was enhanced by the head-first approach of Dick Howard (being upside-down stuck between tree trunks is not the way to go through life, Dick). Other leadership roles elsewhere on the trails were assumed by Bill Deniger who demonstrated that gourmets can indeed enjoy the outdoors, by Sue Salvage who kept wondering why everybody else was tired, by Marijo Cathey who was looking for the next C&W dance place (Hawaiians don't Cotton Eye'd Joe", Marijo), and by Bobbie "smiles" Sellers. Bobbie, a veteran of the Kalaulau Trail (why oh

why would she go back?), was overheard singing that new hit song "I Love Pain" while the rest of us grabbed a new handful of Ibuprofen tablets. Then we were fortunate to have our two resident botanists Ivan Butterfield and Sue Shirley. There wasn't a flower among us which could spare the blistering identification of these two academicians. In the "caretaker" department we had two standouts" Ed Kanyuck and Milt Kramer. Ed, it is rumored, was at some point counseling and dragging certain participants up the mountain. Conversely, while Ed was helping humans, Milt was helping dogs, having rescued a stray but adorable puppy from the ravages of Hawaiian canine civilization. Lassie would have been proud. Of course, there are those who seek only the pinnacle of excellence along the trail such as Robin "rat woman" Young who came face to face with an island rat during a lovely night at sleep. We're not sure who screamed louder: Robin or the rat! Then there was the award for the most physical abuse on the trail won by Dianne Blanchet. Besides receiving the world's largest bruise while jousting with a waterfall, Dianne's feet hold the world record for the most "mole skin" per centimeter. Ultimately, however, the "excellence in backpacking" award must go to Winette Stone. After creeping around the most dangerous of cliffs clinging by her fingernails (as did we all), Winette became filled with exhilarance -- her confidence soaring -- and raced ahead of the group. To insure that she didn't pass



KAUAI



our stopping point which was Hanakoa Stream, yours truly swiftly pursued her only to find her sitting on a rock in the middle of the stream in a bikini, banging her chest, and hollering jungle calls. It was enough to make Tarzan's Jane beg for a replacement! What lessons, therefore, can we learn from this incredible journey? Initial conclusions include the following:

- (A) People who would do this lack certain brain cells which control judgment.
- (B) There are no restrooms, hot showers, valet parking, nor after-dinner mints in the jungle.
- (C) Romantic fantasies can become completely replaced by dreams concerning survival.
- (D) Spam, oatmeal, and canned tuna can remind you of an evening at "Tony's."
- (E) You'd never believe how close you can get to someone although they smell so bad.

BUT....the number 1 thing that we can conclude and be thankful for is that **NOBODY DIED!!!!!!** *

DINNER WITH FLAMENCO DANCING

By Ken Moredock

Twenty Five Space City Skiers enjoyed an evening with a different type of agility on May 13th at Tio Peppe Restaurant in Bellaire. We were entertained by Flamenco Guitarist and Dancers, as well as feasting on excellent Spanish cuisine prepared, as in Spain and, as only Tio Peppe can do.

Assistant Activity Coordinator, Manolo Valle ambitiously escorted 2 ladies that evening. To celebrate Mother's Day the previous Sunday, his mother, Filomeno Valle, joined in the festivities along with Mary Kowis.



Not to be outdone by Manolo; Activity Coordinator, Ken Moredock also escorted 2 ladies, Pam Cummings and Roxanna Reynolds. John Harrison, who was visiting Ken and who is also a flamenco guitarist happened to be in town just at the right time to join the group. Some SCSC'ers may remember John from the Aspen Trip last year where he entertained at the BBQ. He plays a regular gig at the Silver Tree Hotel in Snowmass during the ski season.

Jimmy St. Clair escorted Jill Hebl and they dined with John Raines and Deborah Kelly. Ed Kanyuck, Joy Hamer, Ron Shifley, Roxanna Reynolds, Pam Cummings, John Harrison, and Ken sat very near the priest of the parish who had the only other ring side table other than ours. Elizabeth Campbell, the flamenco dancer, joined their table for dinner.

Karl and Lottie Gautschi, enjoyed the fun filled evening with Bonnie O'Shea, Pat Van Tassel, Ellen Manhard and Elaine Crockett at the table.

Jim Felker and Patty Brennan, shared the evening of food and entertainment with Landon Kelsey and Barbara Nesmith.

Manolo, his mom, Mary were joined by Joe Kuplinsky. The guitarist, Carlos Roda; and dancer, Elizabeth Campbell, put on a magnificent show that was thoroughly enjoyed by all of us.

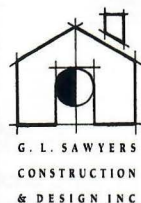
The group had a surprise after the program. Professional flamenco guitarists, Carols (from Barcelona) and John Harrison, continued the entertainment. What a fine performance of flamenco guitars that was!!



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RACEY NEWS

As the 1993-94 ski season takes shape we are painfully reminded of our bird-like legs and shortness of breath. Century mark temps punctuated by an unbearable lack of rain inspired sunbaked brains to fantasize in vain about mountain sized skiable 'rita' flavored tetons thrusting savagely into a waiting eager and willing sky. Pass the salt I'm low. The very first race of the season for SCSC actually took place by mail. Run by Westergren's Unabridged Rules for Ski Trips by Mail sales were brisk and without DQ's and DNF's. Most happy contestants quickly won the coveted slot on the trip of their choice. First season trip TC Lorna Jones tells me that her TSC Fall Roundup trip to Breckenridge is near capacity at 56. ATC Gunnar Heyne has just returned to report that the rocks are great. Nice work Gunnar.

OK sports fans it's official. Put it on your calendar. The OSHMAN'S DOWNHILL great carpet caper is on for WEDNESDAY, November 17, 1993 at OSHMAN'S POST OAK STORE (Galleria area). Registration will be 5:30 to 6 p.m., followed by racing 6 to 10 p.m. Take note all you reluctant rug racers. Prepare to get called down on the magic carpet to join the SCSC Ski Team against Clear Lake and Skijammers to capture the trophy. Refreshments, great buys on ski stuff and a rousing good time will be had by all. Look for our NASTAR RACING TABLE at the General Meeting. I am told by Oshman's Stan Polaski that complimentary practice time will be made available to those who sign up early. Look for a similar event to occur at SUN & SKI SPORTS.

Hang on beginner and intermediate SCSC racers! Even as I write fantastic race doing are underway of special interest to you. To get details be sure to stop by our NASTAR RACING TABLE at the meeting and keep an eye on this column. Call me in the middle of the night and the deals off! So are you busy waxing your poles and adjusting your brakes or just doin' research on the difference between race gates and snowfences. Drinkin the blood of virgins helps but the blood bank tells me there is a shortage and they are definitely on the endangered gender list.

Racer ready! 3-2-1.

Dale L. Allbritton
Space City Race Director

Sun & Ski Sport Open Deck Party

(Briargrove Center - Westheimer)

Thursday, November 4, 1993

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

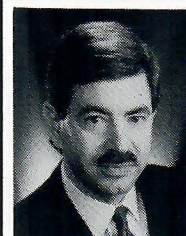
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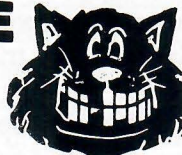
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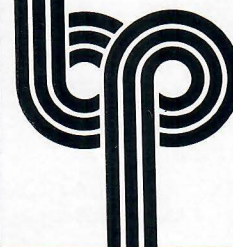
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

Per Article 8.0 of the By-Laws, the following proposed amendments, presented at the September meeting. Will be discussed and voted on at the October meeting:

3.2 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

C. (1)

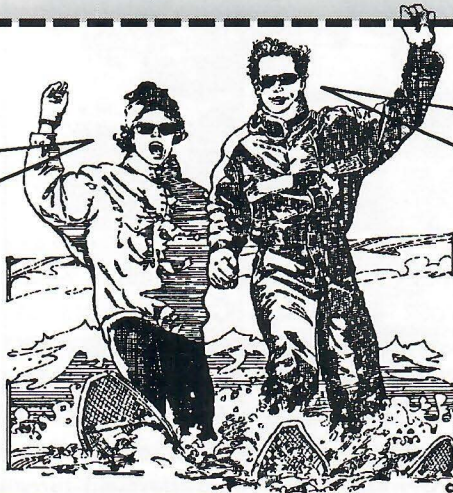
Now Reads: "The Executive Committee shall approve not more than two Directors of Trips and all Trip Coordinators. Assistant Trip Coordinators and Activity Coordinators".

Change to Read: "The Executive Committee shall approve not more than two Directors of Trips, not more than one Assistant to each of following officers (Treasurer, VP-Programs, VP-Membership, VP-Publications) and all Trip Coordinators, Assistant Trip Coordinators and Activity Coordinators"

E. (9) Add the following:

"ASSISTANTS. The Assistant(s) to Treasurer, VP-Programs, VP-Membership, VP-Publications, appointed by the Executive Committee and approved by the Board of Directors is a non-voting member of the Executive Committee.

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SUMMER GOLF TOURNAMENT

By: *Don Crabtree*



For the first time ever, the annual SCSC Spring Golf Tournament actually took place in July, thus the first SCSC summer golf tournament! Because of the unrelenting sun, this event should have been called the fire cracker scramble. Pinecrest Golf Club was the site of this torrid but delightful sporting contest, 48 brave competitors made up the twelve teams. Team #4 composed of Graham Barnes, Roanna Lovett, Howard Paillet and last minute entry Matt Matheson won first place (low net), narrowly edging out Team #3 by less than one stroke. That team consisted of Henry Kana, Matt Clark, Stacy Thrash and Bridget Bratton. Low gross score was claimed by the team of Fred Wright, John Mills, David Murphy and yours truly, Don Crabtree, Carolyn Delano and Beth Lemon were the consensus winners of the best hat awards, sporting their best straws and bright ribbons. This, however, did not prevent them from shooting the next to highest gross score. Speaking of gross scores, Team #5, Richard Hall, Greg Roberts, Patricia Spanihel and Eddie Bayersdorfer claimed the high gross score by five strokes, shooting a 7B. Richard Hall also distinguished himself by earning



the dreaded "Smiling Golfball Award." If you are unfamiliar with this dubious prize, just ask Richard. Ted Bergeron received the "Lost Golfball Award" symbolic for those frequently misplaced little white orbs. (Most unusual for a low handicapper like Ted).

The men's longest drive award was garnered by Joe Rougeau with a respectable smash of 285 plus yards. Mynde Eison won the ladies long drive and her playing partner Bill Taylor, took closest to the pin honors. Gene Turboff was presented the unique "closest to Clay Road Trophy" for his superlative "Duck-Hook" from the 11th tee box. I heard that the unfortunate motorist who was on the receiving end of that shot wanted to award him with



something other than a trophy! Keep your guard up, Gene! Lots of merchandise was donated for this event and was given away as door prizes. I'd like to pay special kudos to the following contributors: Jerry Montgomery, four dozen golf balls; Ivan Butterfield, three dozen gold balls; Nevada Bob's (Bear Creek), one dozen golf balls; Oshman's golf bag; Sportstown (Westheimer), fanny paks; and Sun and Ski, ski tune-ups. Special thanks also to Fred Wright, my assistant tournament coordinator. Jeff Sarff and Debbie Bergeron, sign-in and to Tom Mercer, our "expert" photographer. In spite of the overbearing sun, the tournament was lots of fun and comradely prevailed. I'm sure we all look forward to our next tournament. ✱



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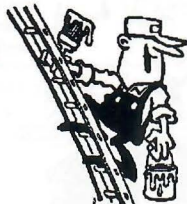
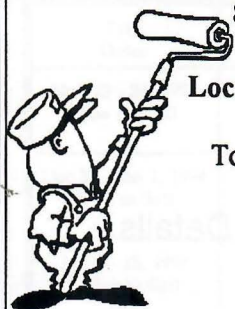
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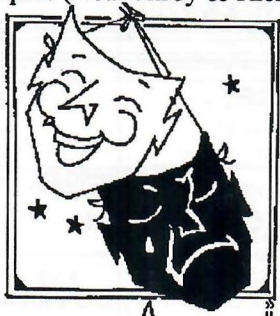
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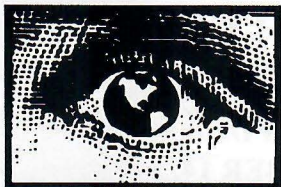
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Phone: 973-8455



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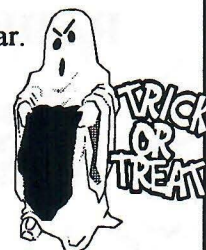
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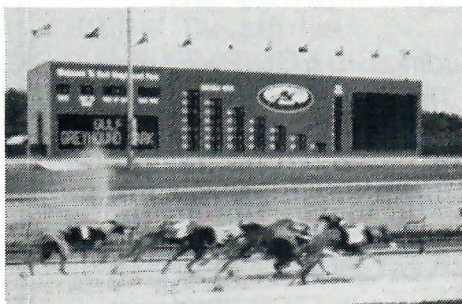
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SCSC GOES TO THE DOGS!



Sunday, July 25, proved to be a dog day of Summer as 41 club members and guests went to the greyhound races at the Gulf Greyhound Park in LaMarque. It was almost 40, but we got Ken Moredock to go at the last minute when Barb Huey had to cancel. The weather did fit the pattern of dog days as we met at the Plaza on Richmond to meet our bus. Denise Loos was the first to arrive and won the honor of getting everybody to sign their release. Assistant Edna Ashby arrived early with several of her friends and family members and made sure everybody got checked in. Three party poopers got left in the doghouse as they were no-shows. Several men were fortunate to be invited by ladies. Jimmy St. Clair by Jill Hebl, Dale Albritton by Barbara Materanek, Milton Lazarone by Barbara Niland, and Fred Arbuckle and Gary Butler were both invited by Bonnie Mims. That's a Daily Double! Bill Risinger kept traditional male chauvinism alive by inviting Bev Kollkamper. The trip to LaMarque defied the hot weather with a combination of air conditioning, cold beer and the

infamous "Mr. Handicapper Dog Racing Seminar." Cold blush wine was added just to keep Connie Cook cool. Our own pari-mutual pool was formed. At the track, we were seated in the skybox area with an excellent view of the track. Our pari-mutual pool put dogs with names similar to people on the trip and skiing terms in our selections. Three dogs had skiing related names - MB's, Ski Hi, Face First and Continuous Party. Nine



dogs had the name, Bob, as did our Bob Bowers (is that a human or dog name?). Bonnie Paddy described our good looking Irish Membership V.P. Terry McGuinness. Unfortunately, only a few of us had good luck! John and Barbara Weber were smart to bring their mother, Dorothy Baker, who hit a big exacta to make them the big winners of the day. On the trip back, everybody put a losing ticket (there were plenty of them) in a bag for a prize drawing. The bus driver drew for the grand prize - a Gulf Greyhound Park T-shirt. Nancy Boelsen instructed her to draw her name - which she did. At least the losers were able to find plenty of

by Craig Campbell, A.C.

cold beer waiting for them on the bus. Club members on the trip who your A.C. could not keep track of were Frank Anders, Jeri Hartman, Barbara Johnson, Joanie Osbourn, Patti Richards, Margaret Rohde, Carol Tapal, Fred Wright and Judy Youens. Why couldn't I keep an eye on them to report their activities in detail, you ask? Well, you know how difficult it is to keep a SCSCer on a leash. How did the pari-mutuel pool fare? Going into the final race, Mr. Handicapper decided on a Superfecta (pick the first four dogs in the exact order of finish). Our dog story is like the fish that got away - would you believe the No. 2 dog, Ol's Home Alone, was knocked for a loop coming out of the gate and our money was history. Oh, well, there's always tomorrow. The track is open six days a week, 52 weeks a year.

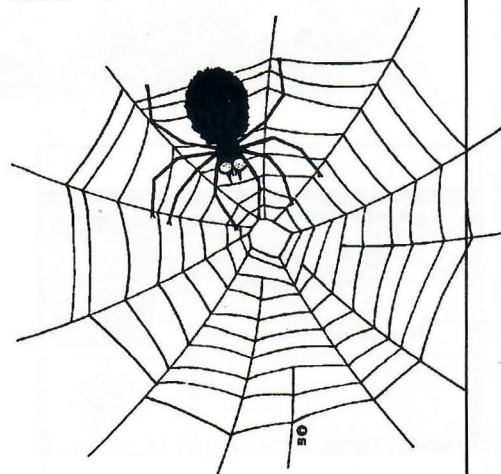


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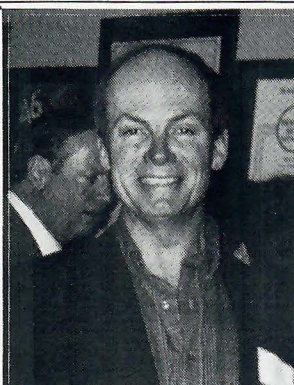
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SKIING LEVEL	Adv. Intermediate	Intermediate	Whatever it takes to get down	Intermediate
PREVIOUS SCSC TRIPS	Colorado, Sun Valley, Lake Tahoe, Banff, Jackson Hole, Big Mnt.	Park City, Aspen	In the Mountains	Guadalupe Raft Trip
I FOUND OUT ABOUT SCSC BY	Friend - Cathy Coasts; Trica Page	B.J. Scott, work associate and SCSC member	Reading the restroom wall at Bubba's	Talking with friends
I JOINED SCSC TO	Snow Ski, Meet People	Ski my buns off	I'm not telling	Meet new fun seekers
HOBBIES	Skiing, Camping, Wind Surfing, Rodeo, Working on my 15 acres - Jewitt, TX	Reading, Gardening and Skiing	Skiing, Tennis, Biking and Honey do's	Cooking, Travel
PREVIOUS NASTAR MEDALS	Gold, Silver, Bronze	None, Yet!	Goold!	None
VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE IN SCSC	ATC, TC(2), Dot, VIP Trips, President(87-88), Texas Ski Council Rep. etc. (Still Volunteering)	Volunteer party, Messina-Hof winery, Oshman's 93 Women and sports promotion	TC, AC Summer Bash, VP Membership, TX Ski Council Alternate, TSC Delegate, Board of Dir.	Follies



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Editor's Note:

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For your consideration,

The following are opinions expressed, both for and against the proposed amendment to the By-Laws outlined on page 13 of the October 1994 Sitzmarke,

RATIONALE FOR THE PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE

CLARIFICATION: The proposed bylaw change as printed in this issue, was incorrect as to the proper sections that are referred to. At the October meeting, the motion will be amended to refer to the correct sections. The words "and Assistants" should be added to 3.1 C.(8) and to 3.2 A. Section 3.2 E.(9) will not be added. These changes give the Board responsibility for approving the appointments of the Assistants, and make the Assistants non-voting members of the Executive Committee, which was the intent of 3.2 E.(9).

PURPOSE: To add additional appointed positions requires a bylaw change. The proposed bylaw change gives the Executive Committee the **OPTION** to add additional assistants. Because the appointment must also be approved by the Board of Directors, there is a check and balance to the system. The Executive Committee and Board are interested in adding some positions on a trial basis. The current bylaws give us no way to do this. With the new bylaw, positions can be added (and removed) if there is a need, and there are sufficient funds.

NEED: For several years, the outgoing Treasurer has expressed the need for an assistant in their final report. In addition, an Audit Committee was appointed to look at some problems we've had in the past with the books and the IRS. This Committee made several recommendations, one of which was to add an Assistant Treasurer. This recommendation was also one of three alternatives proposed by an independent service that evaluated our books.

The Assistant Treasurer's main duty is to manage the computerized accounting system. The Treasurer will continue to be responsible for the timeliness and accuracy of the accounting records, as well as the handling of all funds. This will allow the Treasurer more time to look at financial issues, rather than being overwhelmed with the day to day entry of information. The Assistant Treasurer's term will run from November to November to eliminate the problems of transferring the computer system prior to closing out the previous year's financial records.

The **EXCOM** and Board were also receptive to an Assistant to the VP of Programs. Programs has responsibility for the monthly meetings, happy hours, and all activities. Over the last several years, the number of activities has increased, and the recruitment and training of activity coordinators has taken much time. Because being activity coordinators is training for the trip and assistant trip coordinator positions, the importance of improvements to the training has been emphasized. The VP of Trips has two DOT's to assist, whereas the VP of Programs has no one. At the monthly meetings, the VP of Programs must oversee not only all the meeting arrangements, help the Ambassadors, and answer "a million questions," but also oversee all the activities represented at the meeting. No one person can do this well.

The **EXCOM** and Board are not now in favor of adding any of the other Assistant positions, but a case may be built in the future to do so. If so, with this bylaw change, there is no need to go back to the membership to add other positions; they can be added as needed with the approval of both the **EXCOM** and Board.

REIMBURSEMENT: The Standing Rules state what the reimbursement is to all officers and appointed positions. These Standing Rules are amended by the Board. A motion will be made at the upcoming Board Meeting, contingent upon the bylaw change passing, to reimburse the Assistants for actual trip or activity expenses not to exceed 3/4 that of the elected officers.

This year's approved budget included reimbursement to the Assistant Treasurer and Assistant to the VP of Programs. Even with these additional costs, the year's budget has a net profit. In addition, a study was done to determine if the Club has any excess funds. Using the most conservative estimates of cash needs, we have \$15,600 in excess. The Board is looking at some other ways to use this money for the members benefit, but there are obviously enough funds to allow a few additional appointed positions on at least a trial basis.

Kayleen Kill

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AN OPINION

As Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, I want to report that this Committee was surprised to learn at the September meeting that a proposed change in the By-Laws was being submitted to the Membership by an existing officer without submittal to our Committee for study or evaluation. The subject of "Assistants" to officers was discussed at our August 10th By-Laws Committee meeting and it was the consensus that ways should first be explored to reduce the existing work load of officers by eliminating unneeded work and spreading the work load more evenly between the existing officers and volunteers.

I was a Trip Chairman, Vice President of Trips, and President of this Club when there were NO Director of Trips to assist the officers, there were no computers to aid the treasurer, and one TC and ATC ran trips with up to 100 persons. The Club had approximately 1,300 members and ran 12 to 14 ski trips per year, with a trip counted as one trip if it went to the same place at the same time.

SCSC prospered by providing quality ski trips at the lowest possible cost. As stated in the By-Laws, the Club's object is to "promote and encourage....interest in the sport of snow skiing." This has been accomplished over the years by keeping ski trip costs low and bringing in young new members who must watch their budget, but who are willing to volunteer their time to make the Club work. Adding more overhead to the operation of the Club by creating more "compensated" positions, which will be paid for by the members, is contrary to the principals under which the Club has prospered.

I strongly urge you to vote to defeat or table until May '94 this proposed change in the By-Laws so that a more thorough evaluation of this proposal and its effects can be made. If the Club could be operated at the same level of membership and ski-trips 18 years ago with no computers and less officers and trip leaders, maybe unnecessary work has been created over the years.

Harry Gaston

A COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

While studying the proposed bylaw changes, I was aware of the intent of the changes, but I noted technically the proposal did not achieve that intent. I spoke to the proposer and suggested changes to achieve their objective in the proper manner, and I understand the proposal will be amended at the October meeting prior to discussion.

The increase in non-ski activities has placed a burden upon the treasurer. The Board of Directors studied the problem and determined an assistant treasurer was in order. To create this assistant would require a bylaw change. The club is prospering financially and the Board of Directors decided to give all the officers that felt they needed help, an assistant. This is the basis for the proposal.

A surprisingly large number of members feel the equity in the club belongs to the members and any excessive profits should be returned to the membership. This club has, for the most part, been managed very professionally by volunteers for going on thirty years. Twenty years ago the club's membership was approximately 1200 and managed fourteen ski trips and numerous non-ski activities, and, as you can see, not much has changed.

In a year when the state of Texas showed the Federal Government how to trim wasteful spending and trim manpower, I am surprised to see a volunteer organization wishing to increase the Executive Committee trip budget by 35% and increase its manpower by 44%. Is this wise?

Many of us feel there are alternatives that have not been explored to alleviate any short term over loads in the Executive Committee. I am not convinced this proposal was thoroughly examined and I think it should be properly studied in great detail.

Jim McIntyre