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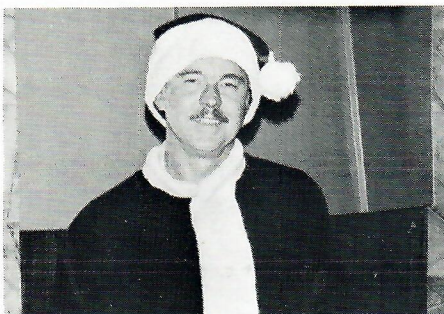
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SPACE CITY SKI CLUB

JANUARY, 1988





HEAD OF THE LIFTLINE

by Bill Kirk

Happy 1988! Time surely is flying; hope the New Year is a great one for everybody. Congratulations to all the participants that raced at Copper Mtn. over Thanksgiving and won the Second place trophy and points towards the Texas Ski Cup at the end of the season. The General Meeting will be January 18 due to the large number of SCSC skiers going to the Texas Ski Week at Winter Park. The large contingent of 184 participants "WILL" be trying to win the First Place Trophy and join the other Texas Ski Council clubs in the week long activities. I wish everybody good LUCK on the race course. The OSHMAN'S DOWNHILL overall trophy was won by a group of SCSC racers. Congratulations to **Ann Ber-tolet** who took FIRST place Intermediate and **Merlin Harger** took SECOND place intermediate and **Bill Vasen** who took FIFTH place. This was the first time in about three years SCSC beat our friends of the Clear Lake Ski Club. Great Going!

A reminder of the up-coming non-ski activities coming up in January. The "Duplicate Bridge Tournament" on January 24th and the "Alley Theater & Dinner" on January 23rd. A little advance notice on scheduled activities for February. An afternoon at the "Rodeo," on Sunday, February 28, which will feature a very popular Country Western singer, and a "B to Z Wine Tasting" is planned for the even-

ing of Sunday, February 28th. For further details on the above mentioned activities look for individual articles in the **Sitzmarke**.

As I announced in last month's issue, the Nominating Committee is currently at work and will be placing their nominations for the 1988-89 slate of officers at the February Meeting. Additional candidates for office may be nominated from the floor at this meeting provided they have agreed to run for office and the election will be held at the March General Meeting.

The 1988-89 ski season will be Space City Ski Club's Twenty-Fifth anniversary. To start getting ready for this outstanding celebration, we are starting an Anniversary Planning Committee now, so watch for further updates in up-coming **Sitzmarkes**.

The SCSC 1987-88 Directory has been turned in to the printer, so you should be receiving your copy sometime this month.

REMEMBER "THINK SNOW."

JANUARY Meeting Agenda

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

7:30 P.M.

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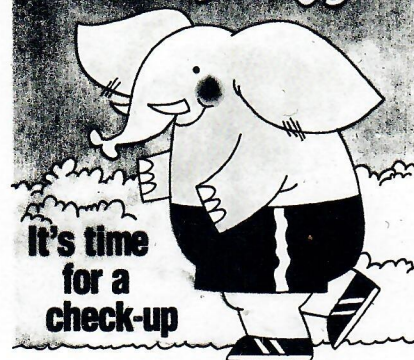
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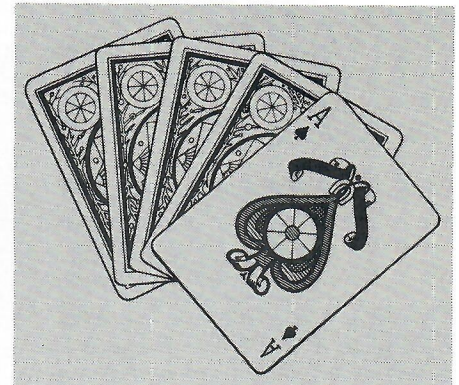
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IT'S A DATE!



ALLEY THEATER

January 23



BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

January 24

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JANUARY

9-16 Texas Ski Week-Winter Park

12-17 TSW-Short Trip

*18 General Meeting

(NOTE: Week change due to TSW.)

19 Banff I Pre-Trip

20 Banff II Pre-Trip

21 Banff III Pre-Trip

23 Alley Theater & Dinner

23-30 Aspen Traditional

24 Bridge Tournament

28 Happy Hour - Studebaker's

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FEBRUARY

8 General Meeting

10-15 Keystone Trip

18 Happy Hour - San Antonio Rose

20-27 Breckenridge Trip

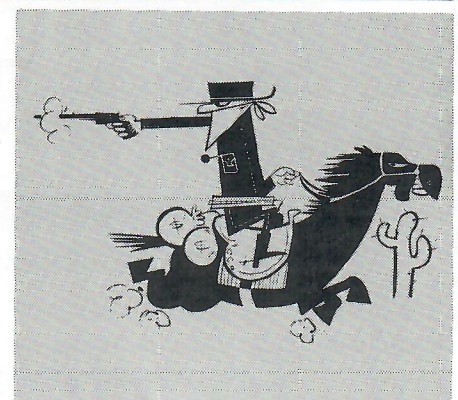
28 Rodeo - Matinee

28 Wine Tasting



HAPPY HOUR

January 28

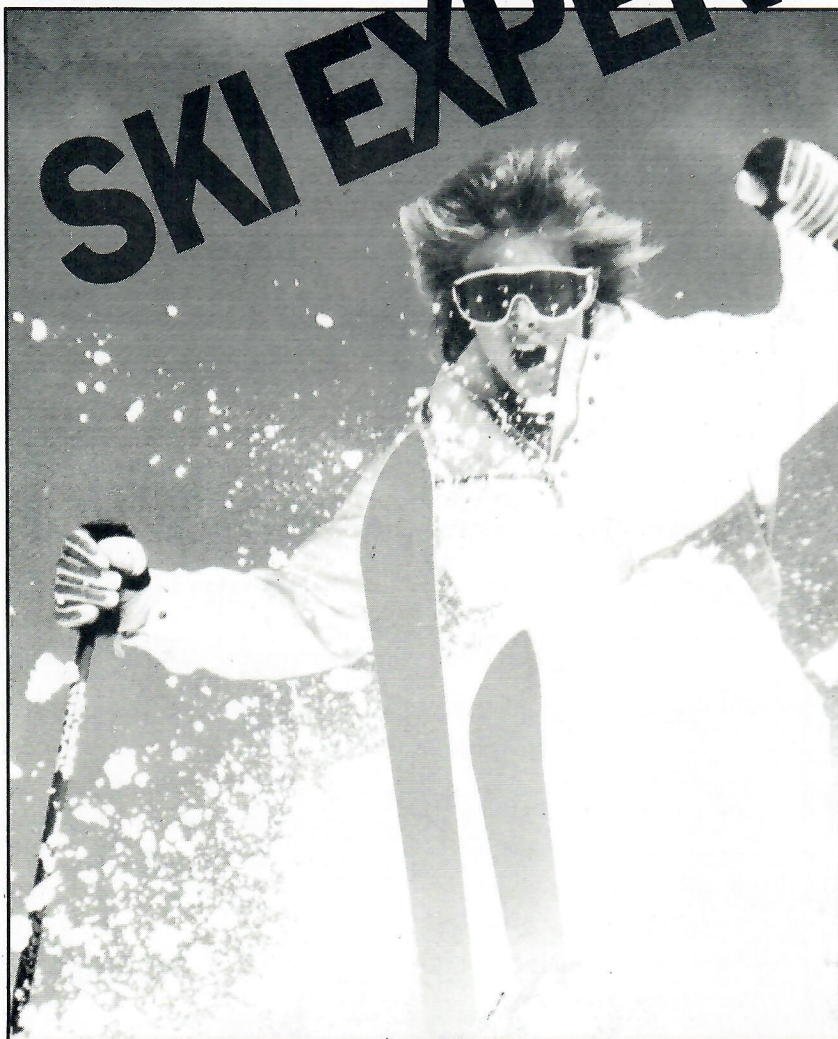


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It's hard to believe, but our first two trips of the year have come and gone. Copper Mountain was the first of the Texas Ski Council trips and Space City captured second place in the Club Races. Now the challenge will be for Space City to go for FIRST at Winter Park! Be sure to come to the January meeting for the latest news of our standing.

Margie McIntyre prayed daily to the Utah Snow Gods for Christmas snow. I know that all of her participants appreciate her hard work on making this year's Christmas/New Year's trip a success.

The Aspen trip departs on January 23. Any of you last minute people who are STILL trying to make up your minds, call **Sue Bohnert**. She can give you the last minute status on this trip.

The Keystone trip that takes off over the long President's Day weekend is full with a short wait list. This is truly one of our best trips for the money. This will also be SCSC's next opportunity to run the poles again for the Texas Cup race. If you even think that you might want to go on this trip, call **Woody Shiflett** for a place on the wait list. Remember, every trip has people who at the last minute have to cancel and YOU could be next in line!



Ginger Howard is running the SCSC trip to Breckenridge this year. Breckenridge continues to be a favorite spot for skiing with numerous mountains to choose for skiing. The town is certainly a great place to be for apres skiing and night life. Ginger has lots of fun activities planned to keep everyone involved.

Now, I know many of you are still wondering about the Banff trips. We have had few cancellations on these trips, so you may want to consider an alternative trip. We understand from the Texas Ski Council that all the clubs are experiencing the same level of interest in this trip and we have been unable to secure additional air and lodging to accomodate everyone that wants to go. We are still polling the other Houston area clubs to see if any of their seats open up and will let you

know if some of our people could go on with another Texas Ski Council member club.

Beth Nolen continues to plot and scheme for the final trip of the season to Purgatory. Remember, this is the *only* SCSC trip this year that allows children. If some of you are ready to teach your kids the fun of skiing, this is a great place to get them started. And the price is RIGHT!

As a final note, I have heard some rumblings about the possibility of a Rift Raft Trip. For those of you who have not experienced such a trip, this is the "pot luck" trip. We look for the area with the best late snow, the cheapest air and "adequate" lodging. So, if you are a spur of the moment kind of person with a few extra dollars in your pocket, call **Shirley Andries** at 879-96763 and share your ideas of where you'd like to finish out the ski season.

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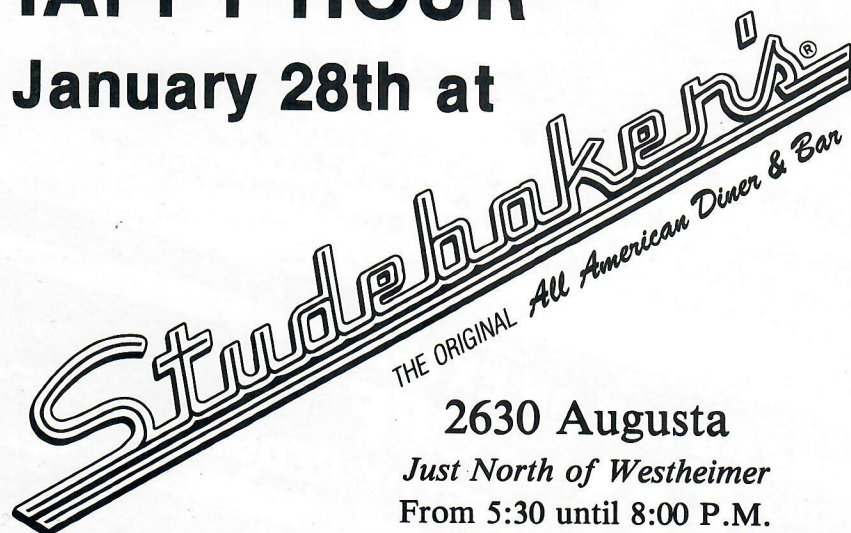
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ASPEN TRADITIONAL	Jan. 23 Jan. 30	6	\$652	Nov. 4	42	Chateau Roaring Fork 2 Bdrm/2 Bath 3 Bdrm/3 Bath	Group Breakfast 4 Mountains Group Race	6/7 Days \$150.00	Sue Bohnert Chuck Ratliff	467-5027 870-9126	868-0448 988-4720
*KEYSTONE TSC Winter Shootout	Feb. 10 Feb. 15	4	\$344	Dec. 9	42	Lodgepole 3 Bedrm/3 Bath 2 Bedrm/2 Bath	TSC Activities Valentine's Party TSC Club Race	\$15/Day	Woody Shiflett Diana Altrichter	568-1436 558-7304	
BRECKENRIDGE	Feb. 20 Feb. 27	6	\$497	Dec. 9	42	Sawmill Creek 2 Bedrm/2 Bath	Mystery Activity Dacquiri Party Pot Luck Supper	\$18/Day	Ginger Howard Randy Pavelka	772-2196 879-9998	
*BANFF TSC Final Showdown	Mar. 4 Mar. 12	7	\$699	Jan. 4	30	Banff Springs Hotel Lodge Rooms	TSC Activities Dr. Zhivago Day SCSC Group party	Included in price of trip	Cindy Chandler Jeri Hartman	782-9055 392-5823	
*BANFF TSC Final Showdown	Mar. 5 Mar. 12	6	\$669	Jan. 4	50	Banff Springs Hotel Lodge Rooms	TSC Activities Dr. Zhivago Day SCSC Group Party	Included in price of trip	Floyd Hanks B. J. Scott	485-6135 489-7407	
*BANFF TSC Final Showdown	Mar. 6 Mar. 13	6	\$669	Jan. 4	46	Banff Springs Hotel Lodge Rooms	TSC Activities Dr. Zhivago Day SCSC Group Party	Included in price of trip	Lynn Eaton Bob Erdman	995-4710 466-5211	
PURGATORY Family Optional	Mar. 12 Mar. 19	6	\$402	Jan. 13	42	Cascade Creek 3 Bedrm/3 Bath 2 Bedrm/2 Bath	Trivia Party Snowmobiling Wine & Cheese	\$24/Day	Beth Nolen Nelson Turner	468-4268 474-4290	237-0800

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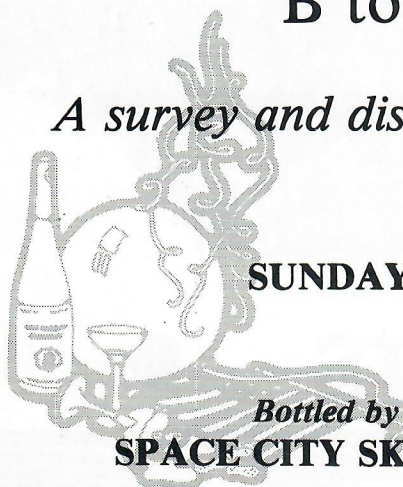
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TCU vs. UT FOOTBALL GAME

by Lorrie Inkles

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After a unanimous vote for parimutual betting, collections were taken for a football pot. The winners were **Bill Brooks/Anne Benefield, Dennis Pokrzywnicki, Lynn Crim and Kathy Butler**. I'm sure they will claim their winnings on their tax returns!



Once we got to Austin, there was a tailgate party prior to the game. **Connie Henshaw, Charles Dougherty, Anne Benefield, Bill Brooks, and Jerry Montgomery** couldn't decide which way it was to the stadium.



After the grand tour of Memorial Stadium, we finally found our seats and settled in for some good college football. **Tamara Wolda, Doreen Darwin, and Theresa Kirby** really looked like they were concentrating on the game....waving at the camera?



After the game, our bus driver, Hubbard, (he's the one in the middle) escorted us to 6th Street to celebrate the UT victory and **Philip Jorden's** birthday.



It was an enjoyable day in Austin and, as you can tell by **Deana Stroud's** and **Allison Nalwick's** faces, we were all ready to find the closest bus back to Houston.

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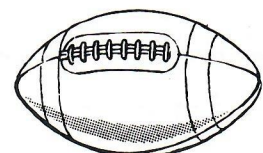
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LETTER TO THE STIZMARKE EDITOR

The December issue of the *Sitzmarke* contained Bill Kirk's Head of the Liftline column, which included a description of the process of nominating officers. It was timely and certainly informative. While his article appears to encourage folks to volunteer, I believe it is misleading in that members may believe that a volunteer must have run a trip to be considered for an office. Nothing is further from the truth.

Quoting Space City Ski Club By Laws Article 4.0, Nomination and Election of Officers, Section 4.3, Eligibility: "The only persons eligible to hold office shall be those who have been members in good standing for the

twelve months preceding the Annual Meeting." Additionally, candidates for President shall have been or are currently an elected officer of the Executive Committee.

There is no requirement stating that potential officers must have run an activity or a ski trip. The By Laws do require that persons elected to the Board of Directors must have previously served as a Club Officer, Director of Trips, or Ski Trip Coordinator.

This experience is valuable for understanding the interworkings of the club, but as Bill states, outside experience also helps qualify people for a position.

Space City Ski Club NEEDS volunteers to remain successful. We should encourage all interested and qualified folks to volunteer. These individuals can bring a fresh viewpoint to the club regardless of their previous level of involvement.

If in practice we only want or elect officers who have run trips, then change the By Laws. Otherwise encourage interested members to volunteer for any position. In that light, I would rather see the By Laws changed to allow any member in good standing to be elected to the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,
John Thayer

WHAT WOULD YOU GET IF YOU LINED UP TEXAS SNOWSKIERS END TO END?

by Cindy Garrett, TSC Representative

Well, in answer to the burning question, you get a line which would consider total number of skiers, total skier-days and total expenditures, not to mention ski destinations and favorite resorts.

Accordingly, the Texas Ski Council's recent survey of its member ski clubs on each club's 1986/87 season's programs (76% of TSC member clubs participated in this survey) shows that Texas skiers still get in their ski time, despite the economy in Texas. Excluding the very large trip taken to Badgastein, Austria in the 1985/86 season, skier-days produced at domestic resorts (including Canada) an increase of 20% in 1986/87. On all trips taken, a total of 3,890 skiers from those clubs responding, skied for a total of 18,683 skier-days.

But what does this mean to me, a participant? Well, last year the "Texas Ski Week - Traditional" trip alone represented only 1 of 4 of the TSC trips and generated 6,474 skier-days or 35% of the total. This volume is of extreme interest to ski resorts who want our business. It helps "save you money!!!" by keeping the trip and lift ticket prices low. Doing this keeps the Texas skier on the slopes enjoying this sport.

Ranking the ski destinations by states, Colorado is the most popular for our Texas ski clubs, followed by California and New Mexico. Colorado captured over 70% of the Texas ski week trips in the 1986/87 season and remains very competitive as shown by three of four TSC trips that are going to Colorado.

This 1987/88 season as well, the

top four ski resorts were Steamboat, Keystone, Heavenly, and Crested Butte (all hosted the Texas Ski Cup Challenge series), Taos and Breckenridge following. The Winter Park resort, site of the 1987/88 "Texas Ski Week - Traditional" has proven to be a popular destination as evident by our five trips, or approximately 182 skiers to the area. This trip proves to be a good ski value for the Texas skier.

In summary, this survey data helps the Texas Ski Council work as a large buying block to show airlines our destination airports; ski resorts our skier-days and ski rental info, and ski club area summaries. This data is used to depict the potential impact the TSC clubs have within the ski industry, help the industry make informed decisions in dealing with the Texas ski market as well as to keep the Texas skier skiing!



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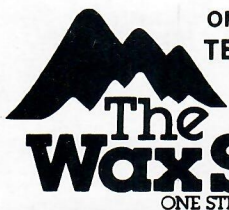
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