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HEAD OF THE LIFTLINE

by Pam Holder



Off To The Races

This month marks the departure of SCSC's first ski trip, Keystone over Thanksgiving. This is also the Texas Ski Council's Fall Roundup, the first of four TSC trips and the first chance for SCSC to earn points in the Texas Ski Cup Challenge Series.

For those of you who have been reading the *Sitzmarke* for years, this will be old hat to you. But for our new members, let me take a moment to explain about TSC and The Cup. TSC, of which SCSC is a charter member, is a non-profit coalition of twenty-three Texas ski clubs with a single purpose: to secure the highest value for your ski dollars. Each year the Council successfully negotiates tremendous savings as evidenced by our trips to Keystone, Steamboat Springs, Telluride and Big Mountain.

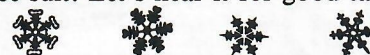
Additionally, all of the TSC trips include a NASTAR race. All of the clubs participate in these races and awards are handed out to division winners at the last TSC trip in March. (There are three divisions based on membership and SCSC, being the largest club in the Council, is in Division I.)

If you have never tried a NASTAR racecourse (NASTAR = National Amateur Standard Race) it is a giant slalom layout typically set up on a smooth, average slope. The whole idea of amateur racing is to improve your skiing ability. TSC couples with that friendly competition among the clubs for the Cup. This year the TSC Race Committee, chaired by our own **Jim McIntyre** (ATC for Big Mountain) has changed the race rules to include a point for each trip participant whether they race or not. Of course, the racers will still earn points based on their times and handicaps.

I hope those of you on the four TSC trips will take the time to run the gates for SCSC. And if you're really not ready for prime time, at least come cheer the rest of us on. Who knows, this could be our year to win the Cup back!

As for other Club business, the November meeting will include a Style Show put on by Sun 'n Ski Sports and Dr. Jeff Ross will acquaint us with the latest advances in ski boot technology. Happy Hour this month is at Studebaker's. And I know your December calendars are filling up, but be sure to mark December 3 for the SCSC trip to Galveston's Dickens on the Strand and December 16 for the really big Christmas Party.

And for those of you who wondered about the shiny balls suspended above my head in last month's article, it was a bit of a faux pas on the part of the close personal friend who has been supplying the editor with nefarious photos deemed appropriate for causing this author a mild case of embarrassment. Actually, it was meant to be a tribute to the spirits of Halloween, but fortunately, the printer thought it best to crop out the Killer Bee suit. Let's hear it for good taste!



NOTICE TO THE MEMBERSHIP

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NOVEMBER

General Meeting
Monday, November 14
7:30 P.M.

The Grand Hotel
 Loop 610 at Westheimer

Enjoy the latest winter/ski fashions in the SCSC Fall Fashion Show, sponsored by Sun & Ski Sports, and Peters Furs, and coordinated by Shirley Lang.

Also, Learn about the latest ski boot technology from podiatrist, Dr. Jeff Ross.

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Listed below are volunteers who assisted in various areas to make the October General Meeting a success:

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It is with great pleasure that we once again welcome the sponsors of the Texas Ski Council. Every year the sponsors are instrumental in supporting all of the Texas Ski Council trips and offer all of us tremendous products at excellent prices. This year we welcome Retail Concepts as a new sponsor. Their stores include Sun & Ski Sports and Sporthaus Lindner. We also are delighted to have Oshman's back again this year. We have also renewed our marketing agreement with World Wide Ski Corp. (NASTAR) for two more years. They bring to us Lite Beer from Miller (our favorite beer) along with Head, Raichle, Aerro, Tyrolia, I Ski, Hotfingers, Obermeyer, Bonne Belle and The Wax Stick as sponsors again this year.

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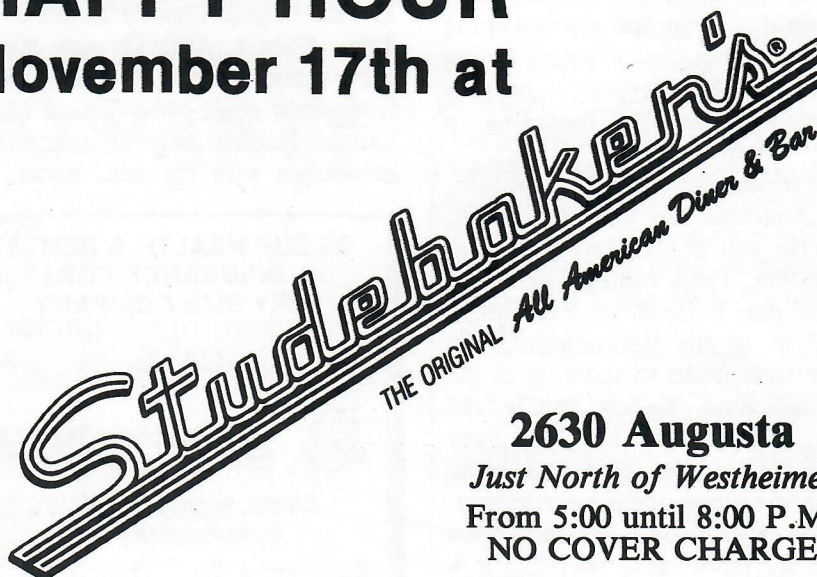
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PROGRESSIVE MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

By: Peggy Donley

The night of September 10, 1988 not only had intrigue and drama, but proved to be entertaining for all! The evening of suspense began at the NEW home of **Harold and Lynn Eaton** - but from the harried look on Lynn's face when we arrived, she was definitely having second thoughts on why she volunteered to have an "unscheduled open house" so quickly after moving in! As **Billie Nowak** commented, though, maybe we did them a favor by imposing because it forced them to unpack. Their new home is wonderful for entertaining!

As the "suspects" began to arrive it was fun to observe the various individual's getting into their character. **Ruth Dunnam** and **Janet Pickell** came dressed to the hilt for their character of **Laura Maitland, M. D.**, even down to the doctor's "house call bag". Ruth Dunnam's attire had an interesting "kick" -- she still had flowers in her hair from being in a wedding that afternoon. **Ruth Fowler**, on the other hand, perceived the attire of **Laura Maitland, M. D.** a little differently and because the murder occurred at a party, she came dressed casual and chic!!

Bill Kirk's character was the bodyguard for **Lynn Eaton**, a lawyer named **Michael Maitland** who was head of the Department of National Defense. **Bill Kirk** dressed appropriately enough for his part - right down to his "pistol". **Lynn** had an interesting time playing her "male part"; hiding her obvious pregnancy with an oversized shirt and somehow managing to "grow" a moustache.

Interestingly, two other women, **Tania Andrasko** and **Ginger Howard**, played the part of **Michael Maitland** at other tables. **Tania** willingly agreed to play the part beforehand, but **Ginger** subbed in at the last minute when **Robert Mills** failed to show up at the appointed time. **Robert** finally did appear, but since he had been very capably replaced, he spent the evening eating and being a sideline participant.

Two other people, **Karen Gibson** and **A. J. Davis**, also subbed for a couple of last minute cancellations. I'm glad I had people on the waiting list who willingly attended just for that



Left to right: **John Gilbert**, **Linda Strickland**, **Ruth Dunnam** and **Karen Gibson**. People with backs to camera: **A. G. Davis**, **Layna Adams**. Standing: **Jerry Montgomery**.

reason.

The people who seemed most pleased with their parts were **Ray Nau-dain**, **Ed Cain** and **Manuel Valle** (who by the way makes a great salad). The reason --- their character was **Buzzy Reinhardt**, the local ski resort playboy whose description said he had been with just about "every girl in town!" None would admit whether their excellent playing of the character came from true life experiences!

The character "Matt" Westin, private detective, was portrayed by **Harold Eaton**, **Charles Goodrich** and **John Gilbert**. **Harold** and **Charles** came rather casually and conservatively dressed, while **John** looked like he had just finished an investigation in the mountains with his vest, boots, and

cap, which identified him with the San Diego Police Department.

Cissy Dutcher, dressed for her part to the hilt as "Barry Ellis", began the fun and got the ball rolling at her table quickly by throwing accusations at the other suspects. **Cissy**, along with **Ted Bergeron**, the "Barry Ellis" at the second table, made a big issue of the location of their tree house!!!

Pat Dobbs as **Tiffany Enderly**, the airline stewardess, gave the people at her table some interesting moments when she would *not* divulge her true identity as an FBI agent. Pressure from **Harold Eaton**, **Bill Kirk** and **Ed Cain** finally pulled the truth out of her!!! **Layna Adams**, as **Tiffany** at another table, supplied her group with her true identity, so I guess not all agents of the government stay undercover!!

Susan Looney received a deep dose of trouble from her table as she played the strong, manipulating wife of **Wendall Trugman**, "the wimp", played by **John Guy** who was so convinced he committed the murder, that he changed his "wimpy, subservient" character to an intimidating forceful one - **John**, that really wasn't a part of the script!!

By the way, had it not been for **Susan Looney** and **Carol Wilks** bringing along their friend, **Gary Sequiera**, no one would have guessed the

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murderer in the "Water Game". **Bob Frazier** and **Jim McIntyre** were, in fact, the culprits as they played the part of Thomas Banks, but only Gary figured it out. An interesting sidenote, though, was even after Bob learned he was the murderer, he never divulged the information to **Melissa Frazier** (*who played the fiance of the deceased*). Also at their table, **Llona Wilks**, as Melissa's (AKA "Mary Ellen") and Cissy's (AKA "Barry") mother, "Pat Ellis", tried to keep the blame from her two children as well as herself.

At Jim McIntyre's table it was **Rita Tucker** who unknowingly kept the group from suspecting McIntyre. She played her part as "Pat Ellis" to her detriment, as most of the table named her as the culprit. Of course, the rest of the table, consisting of **Debbie Bergeron, Ted Bergeron, Dan Bergeron, Lisa Smith** and **John Rice**, were at a little bit of a disadvantage since they'd spent the afternoon partying in Galveston. Their "partying" in the afternoon may have assisted McIntyre in keeping them off-track. Ted and Dan claimed Debbie wouldn't let them start drinking beer until they got to the Eatons. (*Do you think any of us believed that story?*)

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Each month from July until December, we will print a brief characterization of a unique skier-type somewhere within the pages of articles and ads. If you can find the corresponding picture elsewhere in the same issue that would fit in the boxes below, clip this picture and paste or tape it in place. After the December issue, mail your filled boxes to the *Sitzmarke* editor. Prizes will be awarded to the three top finishers. In the event of a tie, a drawing will be conducted from all the correctly completed forms.

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- December 12, 1988
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COMEDY NIGHT AT SPELLBINDER'S

By Debbie Bergeron



Ty Smith, Rose Tortorici, Lisa Smith and John Rice

Would the threat of Hurricane Gilbert lurking in the Gulf keep a bunch of fun-loving SCSCers from their plans for TGIF at SCSC Comedy Night? Not this group! About 46 brave souls headed over to Spellbinder's Comedy Club on Friday, September 16th for a night of lighthearted entertainment. Aleata LeMaire and Myra Fontenot journeyed in from Spring, and Anne Murray made the long trek in from Kingwood. SCSC's resident world traveler Woody Shiflett was even in town from a recent business trip to Canada (or was it Kuwait, or Singapore this time?). Jerry Montgomery was trying to get back into town, but because of flight delays into Houston, arrived just as the final act was ending!

The lead-in comic warmed up the audience -- most of the audience, that is -- apologies to Rose Tortorici for all the Alabama jokes! While Debbi Chrissinger sympathized with Rose, Lynn Eaton laughed so much, I ex-

pected her to go into early labor! Hubby Harold kept a close and watchful eye on her.

The headliner, David Strassman, put on a fantastic show using a unique form of ventriloquism. His wise-cracking "Chuck Wood" was not your

ordinary dummy (sorry, couldn't help the pun). Portraying a range of personalities from a hip guy of the 80's to his rendition of Linda Blair in "The Exorcist", you could almost believe that this wooden dummy was for real. Pam Williams and Claire Miller seemed a little concerned during the "split pea soup" episode since they were

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Sign up at the
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NEWS FROM THE SKI DESK *by Cheryl Clements*



With the onset of cooler weather, one's mind starts to wander and dream of that first snowfall and making tracks through virgin snow. With the first trip of the '88-89 season upon us, I find it hard to believe that it's still 90 degrees.

As most of you are aware, by the time that you get your Sitzmarke each month, things that appear in that issue

have already been acted upon. Last month I wrote about investigating the expansion of the Vail trip. Well, before the October publication, Vail II was formed with the addition of 36 new participants. One thing you should be aware of though. This trip was created *solely* from the Wait List of the first trip. So if you stood in that awesome line at the September meeting, your patience may very well have paid off. Just remember, being number 50 or 60 on a wait list does not necessarily mean that you will not make a trip. The turnover of trip participants after final payment date ranges anywhere from 30 to 50 percent. So, if you have not been called from the Vail (or any other trip) wait list, hope is not lost. And don't forget: At this writing (sometime in early October) we still have vacancies on the following trips:

Kitzbuhel (we still have the ability to add space);

**Taos; and
Winter Park.**

There exists only small wait lists for the Steamboat trips, Breckenridge, and Telluride.

I reiterate. If you want to go on a trip that is presently full, please sign up on the wait list. The possibility exists to move up the wait list onto the participant list.*

Now I've heard some rumors about our DOTS. **Gloria Rooney** has been seen partaking in other activities outside of cracking a whip at all of her TCs and ATCs. On the other front, **Floyd Hanks** is rumored to have been seen herding his TCs and ATCs into line while assisting in locating adequate sites for pre-trip parties and encouraging all trip participants to race for the infamous Texas Cup.

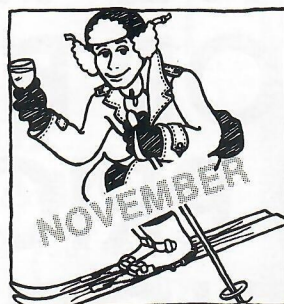
This brings to mind another subject -- racing. Although I personally would like to see 100% participation in all of the Texas Ski Council races, I do not want you to injure yourself or feel that you are racing under duress just because SCSC wants to beat Cowtown and bring home the Texas Cup. The Texas Ski Council Challenge is not intended to be a downright bloodbath between the Clubs. The intention is to

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December General Meeting

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promote team competition for fun and to encourage skiers at all levels to contribute their ability and support for the other participants on their respective trips. As such, the Texas Ski Council has implemented a new Race Rule this year which awards one point to each participant on a trip. So, if you're a first-time skier, don't feel compelled to race if you are not comfortable with racing -- you have still contributed one point to the Club just for going on the trip. If you are so inclined to race, you will earn more than the one point already awarded you provided you complete the race course. Again, I would like to see all of you race, but please, do so in caution and ski within your abilities.

Lastly, I, the DOTs and the other officers wish the very best of luck to the participants on the inaugural trip of SCSC's '88-89 ski season -- Fall Roundup at KEYSTONE. Have a wonderful trip and BEAT THE PANTS OFF COWTOWN!



* TESTIMONIALS

Or... "Don't let the length of the waiting list intimidate you!" These people have moved up from the waiting list to the trip of their choice after only one month:

Bob Baker	Vail I
James Wayne	Vail I
Ted & Debbie Bergeron	Breckenridge
Melinda Jelks	Big Mountain
Dennis Deavenport	Big Mountain
Shirley Lang	Big Mountain
Chuck Ratliff	Big Mountain

No waiting list should be considered "too long"; as time passes, plans change, and many of those who thought they wanted to go on a particular trip have made alternate plans by the time they are called.

REMINDER: When you ask to be put on a trip's waiting list, don't forget the \$75.00 deposit check...it will be held (*as in "not deposited"*) by the TC until you are officially placed on the trip. **THIS IS A REQUIREMENT!**

FALL ROUND UP

by John E. Cook

ED. NOTE: John is a member of SCSC, also serving a third term as TSC Vice-President of a Council-sponsored trip. This year he's VP for the TSC Fall Roundup to Keystone.

Thanksgiving, Keystone, Colorado, and skiing have become a Texas Ski Council Tradition. Why? I'll give you a one word answer: **DEPENDABILITY!** Early in the season that word is extremely important to a skier. If mother nature fails to provide the moisture (*which is very evident this summer*) Keystone's snowmaking takes over where she leaves off.

Besides having the highest ski area in the U.S. at Arapahoe Basin, where early snows accumulate, the Keystone group has the most extensive snow making facilities in the world. One way or another you can **DEPEND** on Keystone to have a full mountain of snow.

For those of us who start getting itchy feet in August and September, November comes just in time to avoid a nervous breakdown. We need a place

to ski that has a good mountain, is easy to get to, has lodging, and has plenty of lifts in operation. Keystone scores A-Plus in all categories and we don't have to worry about a no snow policy, or cancelling because of lack of the white stuff.

Throw in extremely low lift ticket prices, a free race clinic, parties, dinner, races, sponsor prizes, and the beginning battle for the 88-89 Texas Ski Cup Challenge Series with some great comraderie of fellow skiers from all over Texas and you have the ingredients for a Texas Size Happening. Don't miss this Never-to-be-forgotten Texas Ski Week run by the old Party-Master, JEC. See you at Keystone for Thanksgiving.

P.S. For those of you coming in two or three days early, we have worked out some good rates for race clinics or a Mahre Brothers ski training session (*sans Mahre Brothers*). Contact your TSC representative or me to make arrangements.

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- (If you are interested in becoming an instructor, sign up for the Instructor's Clinic.)



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Sign up at the November meeting, or contact **Ann Bertolet** by December 9 if you want to attend so plans can be made to have adequate instructors on hand.

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TRIP STATUS



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 (W) 853-3031 (W) 622-7733

Dates of Trip: November 22-27, 1988
 Trip Cost: \$449.00
 Final Pmt. Date: October 3
 Skier Limit: 32
 Sign-up Status: Full — 6 on Wait List



NOVEMBER

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Santa Fe Holiday Adventure

TC / ATC: **Karen Friedsam** **Ed Kanyuck**
 (H) 682-5426 (H) 644-4432
 (W) 932-3768 (W) 643-8770

Dates of Trip: December 26, '88 - January 1, '89
 Trip Cost: \$378.00
 Final Pmt. Date: October 3
 Skier Limit: 42
 Sign-up Status: Full — 3 on Wait List

*STEAMBOAT I - TEXAS SKI WEEK

TC / ATC: **Dick Bryant** **Mike Rooney**
 (H) 937-7533 (H) 499-4413
 (W) 751-7846

Dates of Trip: January 7-14, 1989
 Trip Cost: \$475.00
 Final Pmt. Date: November 7
 Skier Limit: 44
 Sign-up Status: Full — 21 on Wait List



*STEAMBOAT II - TEXAS SKI WEEK

TC / ATC: **Jeri Hartman** **Dave McGehee**
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 (W) 924-5567

Dates of Trip: January 7-14, 1989
 Trip Cost: \$475.00
 Final Pmt. Date: November 7
 Skier Limit: 44
 Sign-up Status: Full — 17 on Wait List

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TC / ATC: **A. G. Davis** **Peggy Donley**
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Dates of Trip: January 10-15, 1989
 Trip Cost: \$403.00
 Final Pmt. Date: November 7
 Skier Limit: 45
 Sign-up Status: Full - 11 on Wait List

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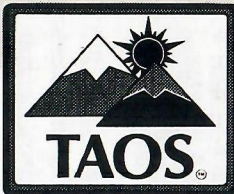
Dates of Trip: January 7-14, 1989
 Trip Cost: \$475.00
 Final Pmt. Date: November 7
 Skier Limit: 44
 Sign-up Status: Full — 19 on Wait List

VAIL I

TC / ATC: **Chuck Ratliff** **Kim Page**
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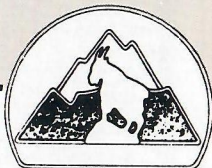


(W) 988-4720 (W) 877-6146
Dates of Trip: January 14-21, 1989
Trip Cost: \$424.00
Final Pmt. Date: November 7
Skier Limit: 60
Sign-up Status: Full — 41 on Wait List



TC / ATC: **Rose Tortorici** **John "Gil" Gilbert**
(H) 772-7610 (H) 333-5552
(W) 483-7266

Dates of Trip: February 21-26, 1989
Trip Cost: \$389.00
Final Pmt. Date: December 5
Skier Limit: 44
Sign-up Status: 26 — 7 on Wait List



*BIG MOUNTAIN TSC FINAL SHOWDOWN

TC / ATC: **Debbi Chrissinger** **Jim McIntyre**
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(W) 556-3283

Dates of Trip: March 11-18, 1989
Trip Cost: \$562.00
Final Pmt. Date: January 3
Skier Limit: 60
Sign-up Status: Full — 39 on Wait List

WINTER PARK - FAMILY OPTIONAL

TC / ATC: **Bob Nielsen** **Craig Tharpe**
(H) 496-1345 (H) 665-0189
(W) 493-7326 (W) 789-7950

Dates of Trip: March 18-25, 1989
Trip Cost: \$487.00
Final Pmt. Date: January 3
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VAIL II

TC: **B. J. Scott**
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Dates of Trip: January 14-20, 1989
Trip Cost: \$397.00
Final Pmt. Date: November 7
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Dates of Trip: January 28 - February 4, 1989
Trip Cost: \$1,010.00
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(W) 666-8443

Dates of Trip: February 11-18, 1989
Trip Cost: \$536.00
Final Pmt. Date: December 5
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BRECKENRIDGE

TC / ATC: **John Rice** **Kathy Walsh**
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(W) 877-2411

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by Carol Ragan-Dutton

Going on your first ski trip? Know what you need to take?

Do you need to take as much as this poor guy? Believe me, if you do, you'll look about like he does after your second time of loading and unloading your luggage.

Some additional helpful hints - especially for the first timers:

- You may want to rent your equipment at the resort so you won't have the hassle of carrying your equipment until you see what skiing is all about.
- If you do carry skis and boots and have the carrying bags for them, stuff these with socks, underwear and other non-crushable clothing to save more room in your suitcase.
- Try to line up your roommate before your trip and see if you can't combine some items: hair dryer, hot rollers, travel iron, etc.
- Ladies, think about leaving your purse at home. You probably won't be needing all the stuff you usually have in it for this one week. When you go out at night, all you'll need is a small billfold for money and charge cards, lipstick, compact and comb. These fit very nicely into zip up jacket pockets. See? One less thing to wag around!

New to the club?

Unless your TC or ATC tells you differently, assume that your condo will have 4-6 people in it with two people per bath. Condos will vary considerably in the arrangement of beds and rooms. There may be one room with a double or queen bed, one with

twin beds and a fold-out couch in the living room. Most condos have kitchens and fireplaces with the kitchens being well enough equipped to fix a pot of coffee and cook a breakfast. You and your roommates may want to combine efforts in a run to the grocery after your arrival for a week's worth of coffee, breakfast items and fire starter. Don't forget your bathing suit since most resorts offer access to jacuzzis and pools.

After you have your things packed, stand back and re-evaluate your bags. Can you comfortably handle them yourself? Is there anything you can leave behind? Most people find that they take too many clothes. Washers and dryers can be found if you run out of something. Dress comfortably! This is not a style show week and ski areas welcome people dressed in jeans and sweaters at night.



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Long Johns	2	1
Parkas	2	1-2
Ski Pants	1-2	1
Turtleneck Shirts	4-6	2-3
Gloves or Mittens w/liners	1-2	1
Outer (wool) Socks	3-4	2
Inner (silk) Socks	2-3	2
Warm Up Pants (optional)	0-1	0-1
Face Mask (optional)	0-1	0-1
Head Band (optional)	0-1	0-1
Ski Hat	1	1
Ski Sweaters	2	1
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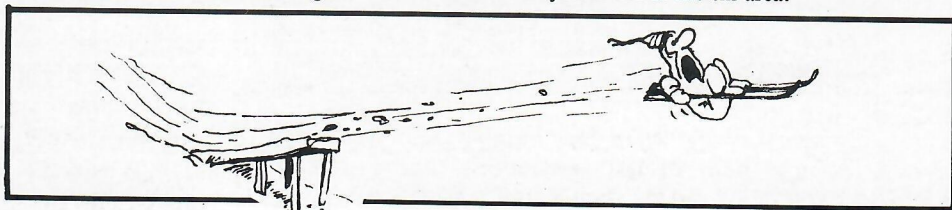
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COMEDY NIGHT

(cont. from pg. 6)

seated at one of the front tables and were within target range. Those who frequent comedy clubs know that it is usually best to arrive early and avoid the front tables. **Llona Wicks, John Guy, and Donna Naskrent** must have been to a few comedy clubs in their time.



Debbie Chrissinger, Wood Shiflett, Eugene Walker, Pam Williams, Claire Miller. John Guv. and Llona Wicks.



Ted Bergeron, John Rice, Rose Tortorici, Lisa Smith, Linda Licarione and Lynn Eaton.

At one point in the show, ventriloquist Strassman stormed off the stage after Chuck "fired" him. After sitting motionless and all alone until Strassman was out of sight, Chuck blew the audience away when he eerily looked out of the corner of his eye and in a sly voice asked "Is he gone yet?" A wooden dummy doing his own solo act -- what will they think of next?

Would you believe a talking, stuffed teddy bear? "Ted E. Bare", Chuck's roommate, was so convincing about Chuck having put him into the microwave that **Lisa Smith, John Rice, and Ted and Debbie Bergeron** have been going around ever since, reciting "I hate Chuck" in Ted E.'s woeful tone of voice.

After the show concluded, Ty Smith disappeared into the evening without a trace, but **Sharon Griffin, Bill Freeman, Ruth Fowler, Cissy Dutcher, Eugene Walker, Don Wiedeman, Elaine Olesen, and the rest of the group** moved into Spellbinder's new lounge, where Peggy Donley

and friends threw a surprise birthday party for **Jerry Monttgomery**. The surprise was almost on Peggy, though, since Jerry's flight was delayed so long that he missed the entire show and almost his own party! Thanks to Peggy for bringing enough French Gourmet cake to let the entire group join in the celebration.

The night was still young, so newlyweds **Suzan and Van Miles**, **Bill Vasen**, **Linda Licarione**, "shy" (or should we say "sly") **Dan Bergeron**, **Rose, Lisa, John, Ted, Woody, Debbi, Aleata, Myra** and yours truly ventured across the parking lot into **Sherlock's Pub** to check out the band. Most of us went just to see what a band named "Guppies From Outer Space" looked like. All in all, everyone had an enjoyable evening, and it was a great way to spend a TGIF.

One final comment (and a plug for *Spellbinder's*) -- the BEST is yet to come! *Spellbinder's* has scheduled the return of Comedy Hypnotist Extraordinaire **Ken Whitener** from November 8 through 20th. If you enjoy comedy clubs, **DON'T MISS THIS SHOW** -- it is one you will NEVER forget! And don't (and I really mean don't) volunteer to go on stage. That would be an experience you would also NEVER forget! Just ask **Loren Gullede** some time.



Peggy Donley hosting Suprise Birthday Party for Jerry Montgomery after the show.



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FIELD GUIDE Southwest Skier Species

by *Lynn Amstutz*

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OLD TIMER

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Voice: "Have a nice day."

Behavior: Takes a morning coffee break (while ski school gets its students on the lifts), and apres ski break for wine and cheese. Carries skis over shoulder.



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This is the fifth of six related skier descriptions reprinted from the Field Guide-Southwest Skier Species. Don't miss the last episode next month.

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RED FISH REEF SAILING EXCURSION

by Arlene Bradley

Neptune smiled upon October 2, and blessed the day with abundant wind and sunshine. The weather couldn't have been better for a cruise to Red Fish Reef. Thanks to our telephone committee, **Debbie Bergeron, Sharon Inman, Bev Johnson,** and recruit **Jane Mellin,** and the coordination of **Al Bird,** all one hundred of us were able to meet at Waterford Harbor or a preassigned yacht.

Speaking of yachts--many thanks to our captains who supplied not only the vessel, but expertise and manpower to take us to our destination. We were fortunate to have **Gloria Rooney, Jim McIntyre, Al Bird, Ted Widmer, Mike Hughes, Bob Simmons, Scott Petersen, Doug Miller, Tom Campbell, Dennis Rodenbach,** and **Dick Dinwiddie** at the helm. **Ed Kanyuck** and **Jim Richter** (*whose first mate was Ed Cain*) supplied the power boats to transport not only **Karen Friedsam,** but the provisions and a few stragglers who arrived a little late. **Paul Wyles** and **Buck Rodgers** were the captains recruited directly from Waterford Harbor. I really



Party Time!

wonder if they knew what they were getting into. For their effort, patience, and good sportmanship (*most of the time*), each captain received a fifth of champagne.

The sailing to Red Fish Island was fast and furious, thanks to the winds, captain's skill and nimble crew. All were winners though, 'cause everyone arrived in record time. Gloria Rooney's *High Spirits*, Jim McIntyre's *Sun Babe*, and Tom Campbell's *Donsent*, that launched from Watergate, were already at Red Fish and had no trouble spotting the rest of the fleet. Bob Simmons' *Sunrise* and Doug Miller's *Loki* dropped anchor--straight away--followed by Ted Widmer's *Fast and Cool*, and Al Bird's *Miriah*. Rafting together is not an easy task as several captains reported. We were, however, successful, and the party began, complete with catered lunch. Joining us was **Mike Moldofsky** on the chartered *Dreamscape*, complete with his own ski club crew. Seems to me there were a few sailboards in our midst also.

Alas, a true sailor cannot remain anchored for very long and by mid-afternoon Doug Miller's and Dennis Rodenbach's crew had convinced their respective captains it was "time to cruise". The sailboats one by one unraveled and hoisted sail into the setting sun. By all reports, a good time was had by all--till next year!!



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PROGRESSIVE DINNER

(continued from page 4)

There are still some unanswered questions to resolve: 1) Did Manuel Valle as "Buzzy the Playboy" ever get Linda Strickland, (AKA "Sam Westin") to explain how her lipstick got on the "deck"? (*It's all in the pronunciation.*); 2) Did Jim McIntyre ever find his way out of Rose's condo complex; 3) Did Carmen Flores divulge her background correctly, since she lost her information sheet; and 4) Did Ted Bergeron and Cissy Dutcher ever resolve the issue of the location of their tree houses?

The good sportsmanship award goes to Sandra Wehner, Nancy Weil, Cynthia Etter, Charles Goodrich, Tania Andrasko, Janet Pickell, Billie Nowak and Ray Naudain for agreeing to take the outside table.



Front left to right: Gary Seguiera, Carol Wilks, Bilk Kirk, Ruth Fowler and A. G. Davis.

Everyone needs to be praised for the food. It was plentiful and great. Fortunately Carol Wilks, Susan Looney and Gary Sequiera arrived with terrific reinforcements just as the appetizers were running low. By the way, for any of you who didn't sign up for this activity because you didn't want to cook - you missed out because you didn't have to cook. Just ask Rita Tucker who gratefully contributed funds to Carol Jagou's lasagna. Rita raved all night about Carol being able to cook. Another food note - everyone is ready for another "bring dinner" activity involving Chris O'Donohue so they'll have the opportunity to partake of more English Trifle.

On a final note, my sincerest thanks goes to Lynn and Harold Eaton, Bob and Melissa Frazier and Rose Tortorici for their willingness to allow us to invade their respective homes for the evening. A further thanks goes to Rose for agreeing to forgo participating in the game when I added another table and needed someone to help keep the game moving. I would like to extend a special thanks to Jerry Montgomery who more than responded when I needed help getting invitations out, tables, chairs, etc. ready and assisted in keeping the various games on tract toward solving the murder. I believe the evening was a true success because of the cooperation and help of all the above people and all the participants.

HOT GNUS



Remember Hurricane Gilbert? An unforgettable time in particular for Jane Dunbar and David Healey who were married September 10, and spent their honeymoon in the "breezy Bahamas"!

Congratulations also to Lorrie Inkles and Rodger Swink on their marriage October 1. Yes, Rodger is the guy last seen by (other) SCSC members on the Canadian Highway wearing SCSC Moose Horns!

SCSCers send best wishes for a complete and speedy recovery to fellow member Landon Patschke who was recently hospitalized due to illness.

Thanks to Sporthaus Lindner for donating three door prizes that were given away at our October General Meeting. The proud winners of \$25 ski tuning packages were Chelita Stidham, Sy Liebergot, and Cindy Overton.

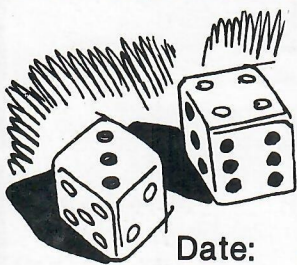
Greetings and salutations to Denver-based Bob Wilbanks, (our former VP-Publications who went the way of the "big time"), who was in town on business mid-October. Too bad you missed SCSC's General Meeting - you might have won a door prize.

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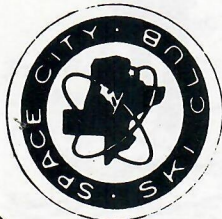
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December 8.....Steamboat I Pre-Trip Party
December 12.....GENERAL MEETING

December 13.....SCSC Night - Sun & Ski
Sports Skideck
December 14.....Vail I & II Pre-Trip Party
December 16.....Christmas Party
December 19.....Keystone Post-Trip Party
December 26-Jan. 1....Santa Fe Holiday Trip

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