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HEAD OF THE LIFTLINE



By the time you read this, the first SCSC ski trip will be over. Apparently all of the snow dancing at the last Executive Committee Meeting (we have to do something to keep the Board Members entertained) helped in getting the snow gods to dust the mountains with snow just in the nick of time.

And speaking of Nick, it's that time again to start leaving out the cookies and milk. A merry group of SCSCers was seen strolling the Strand in Galveston for the Dickens celebration. If you haven't yet had a chance to join SCSCers in this annual tradition of party, party, party - take heart. The biggest SCSC party of the year is about

to take place on December 16th. Come to the General Meeting at The Grand on the 12th and sign up for the Christmas party. If you can't make the meeting, call **Linda Licarione** at 468-2816 or **Vicki Faulkner** at 863-0470 to make a reservation. They will tell you where to send your money. This will be a great party, so come out and join in the holiday spirit.

But even in the lighthearted spirit of the times, your officers have been hard at work "keeping the home fires burning". The business of SCSC marches on. **Ginger Howard**, our Club Secretary, has been hard at work putting the new Directory together with the help of **Bill Vasen**, VP Membership. If you don't have your copy yet, not to worry. I've been assured "It's in the mail."

Board member Jerry Montgomery is chairing this year's Nominating Committee for next year's officers. If you are interested in being an officer, call Jerry at 437-5467. The qualifications for the various positions are listed in Article 4.0 of the Bylaws in your Directory. Every year we remind you that SCSC is a volunteer organization and for the club to endure we need "new blood". The road to being an officer starts with volunteering to run activities and trips. The more you volunteer and participate in this organization, the more you will get out of it. And speaking from experience, that's the truth.



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DECEMBER

General Meeting Monday, December 16 7:30 P.M.

> The Grand Hotel Loop 610 at Westheimer

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Special awards will be presented to SCSC members for long-term membership.

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CONTEST TIME!

Beginning with the July issue of the *Sitzmarke*, we started running a 6-month contest to encourage attentive reading of our publication.

Each month we have printed a brief characterization of a unique skier-type somewhere within the pages of articles and ads. This month is our final characterization. If you can find the corresponding picture elsewhere in this issue that would fit in the box below, clip this picture and paste or tape it in place, along with the previous five. Mail your filled boxes to the Sitzmarke Editor, 11002 Hammerly, No. 194, Houston, Texas 77043. 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**
- ★ January 9, 1989
- ★ February 13, 1989

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- (1) Articles must be typewritten, double spaced.
- (2) Pictures should accompany written article; however, if not possible, may be turned in approximately 7 days after copy.
- (3) Black and white pictures are preferred for clearer printing.
- (4) Pictures should be identified on the back. This helps us put names with faces so we can "meet" new pople and make new friends.

Please mail to:

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FIELD GUIDE Southwest

Southwest Skier Species

by Lynn Amstutz

Part 6



TELE SKIER (A person who skis downhill on cross-country skis.)

Skiing Breakfast: Granola, yogurt and tiger's milk. She is a suspected junk food junkie after dark.

Field Marks: Wool knickers, goretex jacket, alpaca hat, skinny skis and a twenty-five pound pack.

Daily Skiing Log: Eighteen runs down the mountain; eighteen climbs back up the mountain.

Equipment Carried: Vitamins, herb tea bags and a baggie of mung bean sprouts.

Voice: "Groovy!"

Behavior: Frequently quotes her own training and resting heart rates. Carries skis in pack, making her look slightly like a television antenna.

Male of the Species: Identical.

Reprinted from Durango Magazine, Winter/Spring, 1986-1987.

This is the sixth and final skier description reprinted from the Field Guide-Southwest Skier Species.

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President: Principal executive officer of the club

V-P Programs: Responsible for all club programs, and nonski activities

V-P Trips: Co-ordinate all ski trips

V-P Membership: Performs all membership duties.

Computer skills helpful

V-P Publications: Publishes the Sitzmarke

Secretary: Official business recorder of the club

Treasurer: Responsible for financial and accounting functions

of the club. Accounting and computer skills necessary.

Being an officer in SCSC is a rewarding experience. However, you will need to make a two year (one as a board member) committment, of 10+ hours per month.

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FALL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

BY Pat Scarber



Winners: (Back row, left to right) Harry Gaston, Lanny Lamb, Melanie Michaelson, Dave McGehee, Dale Englefield. (Front row, left to right) Lottie Gautschi, Diane Porter, Sue Landis, Louise Bradford, Buddy Soland.

The October, 1988 (Sunday, the 9th) SCSC Tennis Tournament held at the Fondren Tennis Club of Houston was a successful event. If you like to play tennis and didn't play in this tournament, you really missed out on a great day of fun and competition. I want to thank Pam Pailet for assisting me with the tournament and also Craig

Tomas for his great art work on the

We had a couple of no shows, but were lucky to have Dave McGehee and Howard Rodriquez show up as extras and gave us a helping hand. Jim Plummer said he only wanted to play with girls and naturally Bob Van Orden agreed.

The awards were as follows: FLIGHT 1:

Men

Dave McGehee, 1st Place Buddy Soland, 2nd Place Bob Fried, Honorable Mention Women

Lottie Gautschi, 1st Place Louise Bradford, 2nd Place Pat Highet, Honorable Mention

FLIGHT 2:

Men

Pete Meaden, 1st Place Harry Gaston, 2nd Place Craig Tomas, Honorable Mention

Women

Sue Diane Porter, 1st Place Melanie Michaelson, 2nd Place Carolyn Jagou, Honorable Mention

FLIGHT 3:

Men

Lanny Lamb, 1st Place Dale Englefield, 2nd Place Howard Rodriquez, Honorable Men-

Women:

Sue Landis, 1st Place Lucy Fred, 2nd Place Carol Wilks, Honorable Mention

There was plenty of beer and snacks, plus full use of the premises. Everyone enjoyed the day and I hope to see you all at the next tournament.



Houston bids farewell to longtime SCSC member, Ed Taylor, who has (again!) moved to South Carolina. We wish you well in your new job, but hope to see you back in Houston someday soon.

Best wishes for a complete and speedy recovery to Art Camero who underwent back surgery last month. Hope to see you back on the slopes next season!

IN MEMORIAM

SCSC mourns the death of fellow member, Patrick Snell, who died November 15 of injuries received in an accident the day before.

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TEXAS RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

by Anita Yeomans



Bill Cohran, Anita Yeomans, Diane Yarberry and Jan Eifert.

On the twenty-second day of October in the year of nineteen hundred and eighty-eight, thirty noble SCSC lords and ladies ventured to the magical kingdom of the Fourteenth Annual Texas Renaissance Festival.

As the merry group departed, they were skeptical as to whether their hired "chariot" would deliver them to the desired destination. Rose, the bus driver, was unable to turn the bus around as they left Windsor Plaza, and was unable to locate the Circle K one block away. Furthermore, Manuel Valle informed Rose that he knew a more efficient way to Plantersville than the route that was planned. Indeed, it was discovered that Manuel does not have a keen sense of direction!

Jerry Pyle was quite hospitable, as he served breakfast even though there were no screwdrivers available. What a sport!

The group was greeted by the Beefeaters at the gate. Many of the participants were entertained by the chariot rides, sword swallowing, mud throwing, fencing, belly dancing, and a



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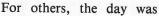
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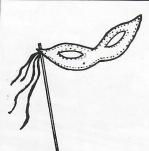
variety of other games. For some, the best part of the trip was watching mighty **Tom Okamoto** swing the sledge hammer at the Power Tower. **Jerry Crumpton** enjoyed the land of gypsies, where there were no morals...he even gave an impromptu performance dancing with a seductive gypsy.

Carol Tapal and Sylvia Peters were seen searching for Tarzan while riding an elephant. Jerry Rotenberg and Anita Yeomans tugged at the Ogre, who was so delighted he "green slimed" them with pickle juice. Irene Whitt had to run to avoid the Ogre's big foot.

Bill Cochran and **Diane Yarberry** were so enticed by the mud wrestling contest they were even tempted to do some muddy kissing. **Ron** and **Stephanie Sykra** enjoyed eating turkey legs and trying to find the rest of the group.







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Jerry Rotenberg and the Ogre.

spent shopping. Barbara Rauch had to rescue Lynn Eaton from the shops, trying to buy out the festival's potters. Sue Moehring bought herself a birthday present. Who knows what Marie Turner, Jan Eifert, Gloria Fendrick, or Terry McGuinness bought? Gloria Briseno spent all her money on a leather cap. Glenn Bishop and wife Ann shopped until they literally dropped.



Carol Tapal and Jerry Crumpton.



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GUEST'S NAMES:		

Shirley Hrabovsky wanted her picture taken with a knight in tight pants but her husband Andy claimed he ran out of film.

A man named Michael delivered the most wonderful 15-minute massage for 10 pounds to **Barb Niland**; she said it was "the best she ever had". Gloria Fendrick had her fortune told by a tarot card reader and was informed that she would meet a handsome stranger on November 12 in Laredo. (Did she get there?...)

Mindy and John Rowland were not seen anywhere; rumor had it they took private belly dancing lessons. All Doug Langley wanted to do was grab for the belly dancer's G-string, but Penny Chancey insisted that he accompany her shopping.

All in all, everyone had a good time. The group made sure Manuel Valle did not assist Rose with directions on the return trip, for they were afraid that the bus could still be driving around Texas!



Lynn Eaton almost was beheaded.

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There were many apparitions at the Morgans' Castle the eve of October 29th, many of whom danced around the cauldron till dawn (5:00 A.M.). All feasted on fowl, witches brew (soup) and guzzled hops and wine. Many paid homage to the great witches in the sky by dancing and singing around the bonfire and making burnt offerings (marshmallows). All the costumes were outstanding and everyone deserved a prize for their imagination and creativity. The official prize winners were: Best Couple - Walter and Edna Nurd (Michael Moldofsky and Gene Michaels); Best Male - Dracula (Bob Fried), and Best Female - The Elviras (Dona Repka and Glynnda Addicks). The surprize is that the last prize has not been awarded. Everyone is eligible! Just match the names to the costumes (use the pictures to help) and send your answers to: Kathy Morgan, 1811 Stoney Brook #106, Houston, TX 77063. The first member with the right answers wins the final prize.

Pimp looking for Stable

Sheik

Friar (__)uck

Mercury

Pussy Cats

Peter Pan

Father Guido

Dog in Love with Moldofsky's leg

Babies

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Pumpkin

Guard Dog

Roman Goddess

Not so "Cool Cat"

Princess Bride

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Tinker Bell

Clowns

Zorro

Cleopatra

Flappers

Pregnant Pumpkin

Teen Wolf

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Cigarette Girl

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Upstairs Maid

Downstairs Maid

Ms. Dirty Leg

Bathroom Wall

Back to the Future Model

Clown with Child

Ring Master

Gumbo/Rambo

Unicorn

UnFortune Teller

Vampire

Convict

Mother Nature

Buddy Holly

Peggy Sue

Oden the Viking God & Son

Hoola Girl (she's been seen

Winner will be announced.

playing in the pumpkin patch)

Vampiress

- 1. Bill Kirk 2. B. J. Day
- 3. Camille Jordan
- 4. Tom Williams
- 5. Billie Nowak
- 6. Bob LoStracco
- 7. Shirley Lang
- 8. John Cook
- 9. Linda Licarione
- 10. Terry Jackson
- 11. Lynn Eaton
- 12. Dana Wardell
- 13. Olga Moya
- 14. Barbara Niland
- 15. Harold Eaton
- 16. Carol Ahlgren
- 17. Dianne Usry
- 18. Ray Naudain
- 19. Woody Shiflett
- 20. Ted Bergeron 21. Karen Friedsam
- 22. Debbie Bergeron
- 23. Charles Morgan
- 24. Jerry Chain
- 25. Michelle Lamb
- 26. Jeanette Chain
- 27. Jerry Montgomery
- 28. Peggy Donley
- 29. Merlin Harger
- 30. Melinda Jelks
- 31. Janet Eifert
- 32. Debbi Chrissinger
- 33. Ann Batton-Bishop
- 34. Van Miles
- 35. Cissy Dutcher
- 36. Dennis Bentley
- 37. Mike Altman
- 38. Glenn Bishop
- 39. Ray Davis
- 40. Lee Reed
- 41. Rhonda Ross
- 42. Suzan Miles
- 43. Trixie Usrv
- 44. Terri Conatore
- 45. Joe Jackson
- 46. John Guy
- 47. Llona Wicks
- 48. Nick Morgan
- 49. Freddie

NEEWOLI



Dennis Bentley

Lynn and Harold Eaton





Bob Fried

Gene Michaels a



Glenn Bishop and Ann Batton-Bishop



Dona Repka and (

AH (Halloween) AT LAKE LIVINGSTON by Kathy Morgan



Bob LoStracco and Dianne Usry



Suzan and Van Miles



Barbara Niland, Camille Jordan, Shirley Lang, B. J. Day, Linda Licarione, Glenn Bishop, Glynnda Addicks, Dona Repka, Janet Eifert, Carol Ahlgren, Cissy Dutcher, Billie Nowak and Dana Wardell.



nd John Cook



Peggy Donley and Jerry Montgomery



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Have you ever skied before? yes.

What did you expect to happen? All those women!

What did happen? Met a few, but had more fun with people on the trip.

What surprised you the most? The ski lift. It was a Poma lift and I couldn't get a hold of it and kept falling.

What was your most unforgettable experience on any SCSC trip? When we had to do two passes over the Aspen airfield (different trip) because there was too much snow there to land.

NEWS FROM THE SKI DESK

by Gloria Rooney



LIFT TICKETS --STILL A VALUE?

So, you've picked your resort destinations, patronized the local ski sales and maybe even begun your preski season exercise program. The next step is to attend your Trip's Pre-Trip Party. It is at this event that one invariably hears moans and groans concerning the price of lift tickets! Even though SCSC trip leaders and officers and the TSC representatives have been able to secure sizable group discounts, there is the age-old question regarding the price of the lift ticket. Prices have risen steadily over the last several years; are we getting more or just paying more?

"Sticker Shock" is very much in the news when it comes to lift tickets. The local and National press publish the posted daily lift ticket prices, which

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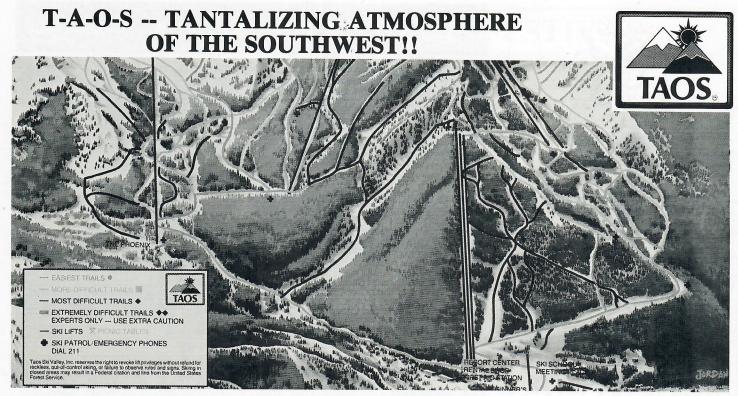
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Resort	Price	Price	070
Keystone	\$26	\$17	35
Steamboat	32	19	41
Vail	35	23	34
Telluride	32	19	41
Taos	29	26	10
Breckenridge	31	21	32
Winter Park	28	21	33

So even if you are on only one SCSC trip, you've already saved more than our annual SCSC dues through lift ticket discounts!

There's no question that the price of lift tickets has risen over the last few years. Most of us can remember when the daily price was in the mid-teens and I bet that we have some club members who can remember sub-teen lift tickets. Why have those prices increased so steadily? Because we the consumer have become more demanding! Typically, the price of a lift ticket includes snowmaking equipment and services, ski patrol services, trail maps and Kleenex, places to eat, places to get warm, places to go to the bathroom, an expanding number of trails with grooming services, free shuttle buses and parking, as well as a way to get up the mountain quickly and safely.

We as ski consumers have become very demanding — we want more groomed skiing areas and we want to spend less time in lift lines (even though there are more and more of us each year). That demand translates into big expenditures for ski areas. For example, the last high speed quad lift installed at Winter Park cost \$2 million! The summit express lift at Winter Park gobbles up about \$10,000 per month in electricity. That equates to about \$50 per hour. Maintenance of such equipment is fairly intense; about

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For brilliant New Mexican sunshine glistening on an abundance of featherlight powder, for spicy Southwestern cuisine and "martini tree" cocktails of Al's run to set your taste buds tingling, for the history of the 900 year old Taos Pueblo and the magic the Indians say is in that mountain, for stimulation of ALL your senses -- TRY T-A-O-S!!

True, Taos is not famous for its glittering nightlife... But if you have the energy to be entertained when the sun goes down, "No Problem!" Your TC, Rose, has the perfect "Club Red" solution, with options for each evening. A trivia fact--Taos is the Indian word for Red Willow Place. (There may be a test later.) Our lovely modern adobe architecture lodging, Quail Ridge Inn, has all the amenities you may not wish to leave after a hard day at the slopes. Cozy fireplaces in each room of each condo, color cable TV with movie channel in each unit, fully equipped kitchens, queen-sized beds, huge hot tub for our group picture,

20-meter heated lap pool, covered tennis courts, racquetball and squash courts, sauna, yoga and aerobics classes, massage available, Carl's French Quarter fourstar Cajun cuisine restaurant and Pete's Pub on the premises--and, there's more. At the end of our first day in Taos Ski Valley, there will be an optional visit to the local supermarket for supplies to stock our condos. followed by a "Red Willow Wildfire" jacuzzi party (a what?), with all enthusiastic souls trekking about a block to award-winning Chile Connection for dinner, complemented by Margarita Pie. And that's just the first day! Thursday evening provides us the option of a free shuttle to historic Taos Plaza, a quaint Mexicanstyle open park surrounded by art galleries, souvenir shops, restaurants and pubs. Better be taking notes for the Taos Trivia Test. Friday evening there'll be our (included) home-cooked group dinner followed by games (?).

Following optional NASTAR races, there will be a

wine and cheese party on the slopes. Our final evening we have choices for a group dinner excursion to the Stakeout steakhouse on legendary Outlaw Hill or to the historic Sagebrush Inn dining room, winding up our visit in the Sagebrush Lounge where we will be entertained by live C&W music, where there is always a possibility that Michael Martin Murphy may take the stage. Transportation will be provided by Pride of Taos for a reasonable fee.

Oh my, did we forget this is a ski trip? And in that department, Taos has all you could want and more. Admittedly, your first view of the mountain may cause you to gasp. But, "Don't Panic!" reads the sign at the base, reminding us that the near vertical Al's Run directly in front of us represents only 1/30th of Taos Ski Valley. There are plenty of runs for the beginner and intermediate skier, about half the total runs available. There are, however, rewards for the more daring and skilled skier who can tackle



challenging Al's Run because hidden half-buried in the snow at the base of certain trees are handblown Mexican glass porrons filled with ice cold martini cocktails. These magical mountains reach a height of 11,800 feet, with 2,700 feet of glorious descent to the base. A representative of Taos Ski School will be on hand at our group breakfast on the first morning to explain their program. While all skiers from inexperienced to advanced can benefit from the excellent ski school. they teach almost twice as many expert level classes as beginner, covering steep, deep, touring, moguls, cornice and chute skiing. Another advantage of skiing Taos Ski Valley are the uncrowded conditions and the absence of lift line waits. There are one triple, six double-chair and two surface lifts. Taos hospitality shines brightly when the area reaches capacity and the lift lines stretch out to a five-minute wait. The Mountain Services group, nicknamed the Smiling Wavers, hands out hot chocolate to warm those in line.

Time and weather conditions permitting, we will make a brief stop in beautiful, historic Santa Fe on the return bus ride to the airport Sunday morning. You still have a chance to be one of the thirty special skiers who will spend five days in exciting Adobe Country, experiencing Indian, Spanish and artistic cultures, four days of exhilarating skiing with only three days of vacation. Drop by the Taos table at the December meeting for some Southwestern blue corn tortilla chips and green chile salsa, and taste some of the the reasons this is an adventure not to be missed. We depart late evening Tuesday, February 21, and return early evening Sunday, February 26th, all for \$389. Your TC, Rose Tortorici, is ready to answer any questions. Call 772-7610 or 447-1700.

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TIPS FOR SKI PHOTOGRAPHY

by George J. Hirasaki

There are no set rules on how a photograph should be taken. I will discuss how you can achieve certain effects and then let you be the artist.

Composition

A common fault when photographing your friends is that they are too far away to see their facial expressions. Bring your subject close and adjust shutter speed for desired depth of field. Distant peaks, trees and rock formations make a good background. In most cases, snow makes a bland background and may result in underexposing your subject if you have an averaging meter (see section on lighting). An exception is if you want to draw the attention of the viewer to the subject such as in action shots. Beware of ski lifts in the background. Scenery is best photographed early or late in the day when shadows give depth to the snow.

• Lighting

Beware of the harsh shadows at high altitudes; your friends are usually best photographed with front lighting to avoid shadows across the face. Side lighting creates beautiful shadows for scenes but when photographing your friends, have them face toward to sun to avoid a shadow from the nose. Artistic silhouette photographs can be taken with backlighting. Shade the lens if possible. If your camera has an averaging meter (as opposed to a spot meter) your subject may be underexposed if sunlit snow is in the background. This can be avoided by metering close to your subject and setting your meter on manual operation.

Action Shots

If possible, plan the spot with your subject and then ski over a specified spot on the snow (e.g. a mogul). This way you can prefocus your camera and your subject can look their best at the right moment. In additon to using a faster shutter speed, action can be stopped more easily if your subject is moving directly toward you rather than passing beside you. If your subject is passing beside you, pan your camera, i.e. follow your subject in your viewfinder. A vision of speed

can be achieved by using a slow shutter speed (e.g. 1/60 sec.) and panning your subject. The background will be a blurry streak.

Special Problems

Rewind slowly. In extremely cold, dry conditions, static electricity can leave tracks on the film. Check camera for snow inside case *before* entering a warm room. To avoid condensation, avoid opening case in warm room until camera warms.

Final Note

Film is inexpensive compared to the total cost of a ski trip. Experiment with several different effects and/or exposures and show your best shot to your friends.



THAT'S JAKE/by Jake Vest



'This ain't much more strenuous than running up and down a flight of stairs with a small cow under each arm.'



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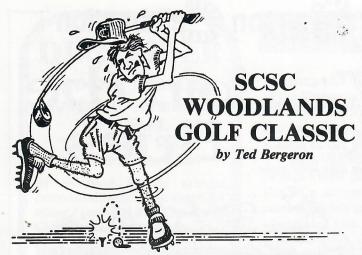
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It was a perfect fall day, clear skies, mild temperatures, and a beautiful setting, The Woodlands Country Club. At 10:00 a.m., as **Lisa Smith** and **Debbie Bergeron** set up the registration table, the golfers started arriving. **Howard Pailet** and **Graham Barnes**, however, had arrived much earlier, around 8:00 a.m., and waited in the coffee shop (until they were "thrown out") for their 11:30 a.m. tee time! (Next time they might read the Sitzmarke to find out the correct time of a Ski Club event!)

Tom Mercer was decked out in new golf attire, looking like he just stepped off the PGA Tour. Charles Goodrich was walking around with his hand out asking, "Where's the beer?" The team of Phyllis Allman, Carol Dutton, Eric

Holm and Craig Carbon headed directly for the practice tee because they were scheduled to tee off first. Mike Gerstenberger, Ron Noska and Jerry Pyle headed for the practice putting green, realizing that good putting was going to win this tournament. G. R. Doty and Mark Godleski were seen driving around the parking lot for twenty minutes trying to find a parking space. Arlene Bradley was the last to arrive, looking a bit ruffled -- she must have had a late night.



Graham Barnes, Arlene Bradley, Lucy Fred, and Howard Pailet.

The tournament started on time and all was going well until **John Rice** stepped up to the first tee. He blasted his tee shot, but unfortunately his ball went as far right as it did forward.

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IN PREPARATION FOR OUR 25th ANNIVERSARY...

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Back row, left to right: Jane Kearby, Margaret Norris Guerrero, Janet Pickell, Linda Judge, Leona Schroeder, Karen Friedsam. Front row, left to right: Mary K. Nicholson Fruth (Bob O. 's just another pretty face!)



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December Meeting

(cont'd from pg. 13)

10 minutes of every hour, winter and summer, is dedicated to maintenance/repair. Grooming equipment is essential to provide quality skiing. One piece of equipment sells for between \$120,000 and \$160,000. Add some attachments and the sticker price escalates (a tiller is \$40,000 and a powder maker runs \$15,000). Cost for the 60 gallons of diesel fuel it uses each night and the salary of the operator are additional expenses. As lift ticket prices have doubled, the cost of the equipment used by the ski areas has tripled.

How do the prices of lift tickets compare to your other entertainment expenses? The per/hour expense of 1988-1989 lift tickets ranges from \$2.83 to \$4.33 (based on a 6-hour ski day and the SCSC discounted rates). I think that a comparison will indicate that the per/hour expense of a lift ticket is comparable to or a better value than a number of local favorites, such as tennis, golf, live entertainment, sailing, racquetball, first run movies, Oilers tickets, Rockets tickets, etc.

So when you write that check out for lift tickets at the pre-trip party, don't just think about it in terms of a few more dollars out of your pocket; think of it as your investment in a ski area -- an investment which will give you many hours of pleasure on relatively uncrowded slopes and lift lines along with panoramic views of some of the most spectacular scenery on earth!

(Based on information contained in "The National Ski Club Newsletter" August, 1988 - Bob Wilbanks, Editor, in a reprinted article entitled "Lift Ticket Prices and Perception" by Dr. Charles Goeldner, originally printed in the May 1988 issue of Ski Management Magazine.)

Golf Classic (cont'd from pg. 17)
Must have been first tee jitters with the large crowd watching. That's okay,
John, we've all been there. Anyway,
the whole point of this tournament is to have a good time and, win or lose,
everyone did just that. The final standings were as follows:

TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS:

7 Under Par - 65; 1st Place Trophy
Ted Bergeron Kyle Bergeron

Dan Bergeron Glenn Gable

SECOND PLACE - Decided by a score card playoff

Robbin Anderson Bill Anderson Bill Harding Melissa Frazier

THIRD PLACE: 5 Under Par - 67
Phyllis Allman Carol Dutton
Eric Holm Craig Carbon



Above: Third Place Team: Phyllis Allman, Craig Carbon, Carol Dutton and Eric Holm. Below: Jerry Montgomery, Glenn Bishop, Tom Mercer and Jerrry Pyle.



FOURTH PLACE: Three-way tie at 1

Under Par - 71

Joe Murphy

Charles Goodrich

Jerry Montgomery

Jim Davis Tom Okamoto Rick Wilkins Graham Barnes

Tom Mercer Jerry Miller Glenn Bishop Pete Meaden



Tournament Champions: Glenn Gable, Ted Bergeron, Kyle Bergeron and Dan Bergeron.

SEVENTH PLACE: Even Par - 72
G. R. Doty Woody Shiflett
Mark Godleski Dorothy Shiflett

EIGHTH PLACE: 1 Over Par - 73

Mike Gerstenberger Ron Noska

Callen Pasak John Rice

NINTH PLACE: 11 Over Par - 83

Arlene Bradley Dennis Davenport

Lucy Fred Howard Pailet

LONGEST DRIVE: Ted Bergeron
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CLOSEST TO PIN:

Hole #5 Tom Okamoto
Hole #17 Tom Okamoto
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Woodlands Pro Shop for each hole

DOOR PRIZE DRAWING:

Winner: Ron Noska
Prize: Caddy Cooler

As always, there are many other people to thank for a successful activity. Thanks to Lisa Smith and Debbie Bergeron for handling all the administrative paperwork of getting everyone properly registered, and for keeping all informed of where to go and when. But most of all, I want to thank all the participants for driving all the way to The Woodlands to be part of this tournament, and for making it a great day of fun.

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ANON

SKI PATROL



Name: GORDON WISE

When did you go on first ski trip? 1978. Where was it to? Thanksgiving trip to Salt Lake City.

Had you ever skied before? Yes.

What did you expect to happen? Ha ha ha... Had high and low expectations. Heard it was a kinky organization. Expected to encounter clichish groups at activities.

What did happen? Everyone was very friendly.

What surprised you the most? How friendly the whole group was--every-one met everyone.

What was your most unforgettable experience on any SCSC trip? Hahaha...
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SCSC 1988-1989 TRIP SCHEDULE

(Any Information Shown On This Sheet Is Subject to Change)

TRIP	DATI DEPART DEPART	HOU	SKI DAYS	FINAL PAYMENT DATE	NO. SKIERS	LODGING NAME #BDRM/BATH	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	LIFT TICKET PRICE	TC/ ATC	HOME PHONE	WORK PHONE
SANTA FE Christmas Vacation	Dec. 26 Jan. 1		5	11/7	42	Pueblo del Rosario 2 Bdrm/2 Bath	Group Breakfast Spaghetti Dinner Side Trips	\$27/day	Karen Friedsam Ed Kanyuck	682-5426 644-4432	932-3768 643-8770
*STEAMBOAT I Texas Ski Week	Jan. 7 Jan. 14		/ 6	11/7	44	The Lodge 2 Bdrm/2 Bath	TSC Activities SCSC Group Party Awards Dance	\$19/day	Dick Bryant Mike Rooney	937-7533 499-4413	751-7846
*STEAMBOAT II Texas Ski Week	Jan. 7 Jan. 14		6	11/7	44	The Lodge 2 Bdrm/2 Bath	TSC Activities SCSC Group Party Awards Dance	\$19/day	Jeri Hartman Dave McGehee	666-8575 975-6417	924-5567
*STEAMBOAT III Texas Ski Week	Jan. 7 Jan. 14		6	11/7	44	The Lodge 2 Bdrm/2 Bath	TSC Activities SCSC Group Party Awards Dance	\$19/day	Tom Williams Patrice Reed	526-1059 781-6623	750-8013
*STEAMBOAT IV Texas Ski Week	Jan. 10 Jan. 15			11/7	60	The Lodge 3 Bdrm/3 Bath	TSC Activities SCSC Group Party Awards Dance	\$19/day	A.G. Davis Peggy Donley	433-6231 328-8609	656-6864
VAIL I	Jan. 14 Jan. 21		6	11/1	60	Simba Run 2 Bdrm/ 2 Bath	Club Race Hot Tub Party Group Breakfast	\$23/day	Chuck Ratliff Kim Page	870-9126 952-7212	988-4720 877-6146
VAIL II	Jan. 14 Jan. 20	Mr. and	5	11/7	36	Simba Run 2 Bdrm/ 2 Bath	Club Race Hot Tub Party Group Breakfast	\$23/day	B.J. Scott	489-7407	663-5414
*KITZBUHEL** Texas Expedition	Jan. 28 Feb. 4		6	11/14	21.	Scharzer Adler 4* (Incl. Continental Breakfast & Dinner		\$25/day	Shirley Andries	879-9663	579-4700
*TELLURIDE TSC Winter Shootout	Feb. 11 Feb. 18		6	12/5	44	Lulu City 2 Bdrm/ 2 Bath	TSC Activities Valentine's Party TSC Club Race	\$19/day	Corky Ament	568-7212	666-8443
TAOS	Feb. 21 Feb. 26		5	12/5	44	Quail Ridge Inn 2 Bdrm/3 Bath	Group Dinner HOt Tub Party Wine & Cheese	\$26/day	Rose Tortorici	772-7610	
BRECKENRIDGE	Feb. 25 Mar. 4		6	12/5	44	Christiana/The Loft - 2Bdrm Loft/3 Bath	Pub Crawl Group Dinner Hot Tub Party	\$21/day	John Rice Kathy Walsh	530-2517 498-4944	797-3038
*BIG MOUNTAIN TSC Final Showdown	Mar. 11 Mar. 18		6	1/3	60	ANAPURNA/ALPINE VILLAGE HOMES	TSC Activities Street Dance Group Meal	\$18/day	Debbi Chrissinger Jim McIntyre	568-4929 558-5617	556-3283
WINTER PARK Family Optional	Mar. 18 Mar. 25	12 25 27	6	1/3	44	Beaver Village 2 Bdrm/3 Bath	Tubing Party Italian Dinner Game Night	\$21/day	Bob Nielsen Craig Tharpe	496-1345 665-0189	West, 7, 52,777

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