



MEMBER
TEXAS SKI COUNCIL

The SitzMarke



TEXAS SKI WEEK



This month's cover is dedicated to all those SCSCers that race NASTAR and other TSC races we may have. You are the guys (and gals) that bring back our trophies. Pictured is Susane Funk at the Fall Roundup in Keystone.

HEAD OF THE LIFTLINE

by Gordon Wise

ARTICLE IV

Upon receipt of your new SCSC directory, your first act was to check your name and address for correctness, right? Then you read the ads which helped crystalize solutions to last minute Christmas shopping. Lastly, no doubt, you flipped to page 14 to pour over Article IV of the by-laws which govern the nomination and election of officers.

Think a minute (*or longer if you need to*) of organizations of which you have been a part that flourished in time and then drifted into obscurity. Consider the Roman Empire, the Whig Party, football at the University....all forgotten relics of a glorious past. What causes institutions to fail? Many factors, but apathy and poor leadership seem to be principal ingredients of organizational demise.

At the present time, a committee of seven headed by **Bob Frazier** is hard at work seeking and interviewing people who are willing - no, more than just willing - to serve as the leadership of SCSC for 1987-88. By the time you get this copy of the *Sitz*, it will be too late for you to call Bob and volunteer to be President (*which office, incidentally, the incumbent will gladly relinquish to any qualified applicant*). However, in a few short months, the group who will be presented in February and voted on in March will be looking for volunteers

to run trips, plan activities, and serve in other ways to help prevent SCSC from joining the Whigs in some organizational hall of fame. Be a volunteer, do a decent job, and I'll guarantee that this time next year you'll be in the running.

How does the process work? Each person on the nominating committee takes responsibility for a specific office and interviews those who currently hold the position as well as those from the recent past to determine what particular skills and qualifications are helpful. The process begins by getting appropriate people who are willing to "run." There are some who volunteer, even some who lust in their heart for the power, but most have to be asked. When the final slate is presented in the February *Sitz*, you may be assured that significant and protracted discussions of all the qualified applicants have occurred and that what is presented represents the committee's judgment of "the best and the brightest" who understand the responsibilities of the office and who have expressed an enthusiastic willingness to serve if elected.

So, you haven't been contacted by Frazier and asked to run for office and your nose is out of joint. What should you do to correct this miscarriage of justice? Proceed immediately to Article IV and you will see what the requirements for holding office are. While you're at it, read all of the by-laws and

standing rules, since this is a good way to learn how the club works. Then, if you haven't changed your mind, have your name put in nomination at the February meeting. But, before you do so for yourself, or for anyone else for that matter, be sure you have done some research on what is required and are willing to make the commitment. The quickest path for SCSC into organizational obscurity is for the officer selection process to become simply a popularity contest.

Enough of this.

On to Steamboat. Round two in our quest for the Cup takes place this week. About 120 of us are anxiously waiting to go through the gates to insure that SCSC retains the Texas Ski Cup. We're right on target. At Keystone over the Thanksgiving holidays, we raced 68 skiers, 34 of whom won NASTAR medals (*1 gold, 11 silver, and 22 bronze*) and all who finished scored points toward the Cup.

Good luck to the Steamboat contingent.

ASK AN OFFICER

Gordon Wise.....	827-1443
Ann Batten.....	558-0381
Bob Wilbanks.....	497-4418
Cindy Garrett.....	956-8892
Harold Eaton.....	995-4710
Pete Meaden.....	784-5829
Pam Holder.....	988-1075

IT'S A DATE!

JANUARY						
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JANUARY

- 10-17 Steamboat I } *Texas*
- 10-17 Steamboat II } *Ski*
- 13-18 Steamboat III } *Week*
- 11 Executive Meeting
- 18-25 Aspen Traditional
- 19 GENERAL MEETING
- 22 Happy Hour - JAGS
- 27 Cortina Pre-trip party
- 31 Crested Butte Trip leaves
- 31 Steamboat II Post-trip Party

FEBRUARY

- 7 50's Party
- To 7 Crested Butte Ski Trip
- 2 Taos Pre-trip Party
- 8 Aspen Post-trip Party
- 9 GENERAL MEETING
- 11 Heavenly Pre-trip Party
- 13 Telluride Pre-trip Party
- 14-21 Big Sky Ski Trip
- 19 Happy Hour - San Antone Rose
- 20 Cortina Ski Trip leaves
- 24 Taos Ski Trip leaves
- 25 SCSC Night at the Rodeo
- 26 Crested Butte Post-trip Party
- 27 Bridge Tournament
- 28 Telluride Trip leaves

MARCH

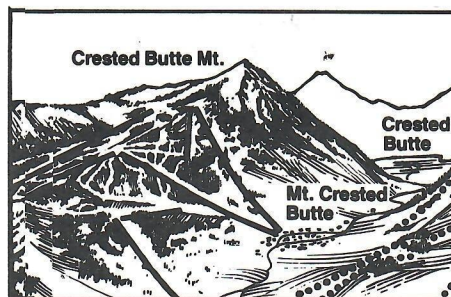
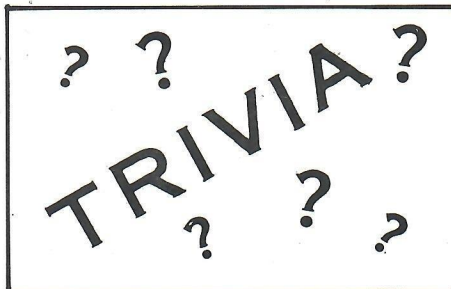
- 1-7 Telluride Trip
- 7-14 Heavenly Ski Trip
- 9 GENERAL MEETING
- 11 Snowbird Pre-trip Party
- 16 Taos Post-trip Party
- 19 Happy Hour - San Antone Rose
- 20 Cortina Post-trip Party
- 28 Heavenly Post-trip Party

SITZMARKE DEADLINE

- January 15 - February Issue

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TEXAS SKI WEEK

126 skiers out to ski, race and party
See story on page 13 by Bill Kirk
January 10 to January 18

ASPEN TRADITIONAL

48 Skiers Fly Direct to Aspen
for a week of fun
January 18 to January 25

GENERAL MEETING

Trivia Pursuit Contest
Monday, January 19
The Grand Hotel
7:30 p.m.

HAPPY HOUR

JAGS
1220 Augusta
Special drink prices and hor'doerves
January 22
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

CRESTED BUTTE

Texas Ski Council
Winter Shoot-Out
January 31 - February 7

50's PARTY

Rock 'N Roll
Melody Lane
3027 Crossview
7:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 7

January

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Club Membership
SKI CLUB (Not valid with any other coupon or sale) EXP 1/31/87

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With Proof of Ski
Club Membership
SKI CLUB (Not valid with any other coupon or sale) EXP 1/31/87

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Ski Equipment not
available at Memorial or Fondren Stores.

WARM-UPS

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WARM-UP SUITS \$10 OFF
\$39.99 - \$89.98
SKI CLUB (Not valid with any other coupon or sale) EXP 1/31/87

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TENNIS & SKI WAREHOUSE

- SOUTHWEST FONDREN VILLAGE, Fondren at W. Bellfort (Next to Palais Royal)
- SOUTHPPOINT CENTER, Gulf Fwy at Fuqua (across from Dan Boone Chevrolet)
- BRIARGROVE PLAZA, 6100 Westheimer (Between Hillcroft and Chimney Rock)

778-0203

481-5217

783-8180

- LANTERN LANE, 12526 Memorial (Between Gessner and West Belt)
- CHAMPIONS VILLAGE I, 6540 FM 1960W (one mile east of Willowbrook Mall)

464-2639

537-0928





Clara Marshall, Jerry Miller, Bernhard Peer, and Wendy Lanan.



Lee Barrier, Mike Gerstenberger, Calle Hudson, Barry Young. Tournament Champions.



Ron Noska, Jahn Rice, Nancy Hoover and Ed Ellis.

Third Annual Space City Golf Tournament

by Ted Bergeron

Golf is a weird sport, and golfers are weird people. I should know; I've been one for nearly 20 years. Golfers take delight in doing things normal people wouldn't think of doing, which, come to think of it, is really one of the great attractions of the game. After all, it is just a game, something we do for fun. Ah, fun, the key word! I think golfers define the word fun a little differently than other people. Golfers think fun is trying to hit a little white ball, with a club (*which is ill suited for that purpose*) to a very small hole in the ground several hundred yards away, over, around and through a variety of obstacles including trees, water, sand, high grass, golf carts and other golfers. Yes, that *IS* fun, if you're lucky enough to have the wonderful mentality of a golfer. And luckily, all those who participated in this year's tournament had that golfer mentality, the mentality that keeps you going when you've just finished hitting your free bucket of golf balls on the practice range to get warmed up, and then find out that your tee time has been delayed by an hour, because of the other tournament in front of Space City that took s-o-o-o-o long to get off the first tee.

It's also to your advantage to have a golfer mentality if you're a male golfer. Why? Because you need it to smoothe that fragile male ego when you find out that the female partner you've been paired with is just as good or probably better than you are. The 17 women who entered this year's tournament certainly proved that. As John LeBarre and Carlos Febles found out on one hole that netted their team a birdie, only Debbie Febles' and Jeri Rotenberg's shots were used. Among some of the women golfers were Nancy Hoover, Shirley Lang, Wendy Lanan, Pat Martin, Cynthia Chandler, Cindy Garrett and Lucy Fred.

As long as the beer holds out, a

golfer can endure anything. Because of our one hour delay at the start and Central Standard Time at which total darkness falls at 5:45 p.m., my team, which was the last to tee off at about 1:00 p.m., found ourselves on the 18th tee at 6:00 p.m. (*Fast moving tournament, huh?!*) We couldn't see the green, we couldn't see the fairway, and could just barely see the ball we had just teed up. Luckily, some of the other golfers who had already finished drove out to the 18th fairway to listen for our golf ball to hit the ground. (*Yes, I said to listen for our golf balls; no one could see them.*) M. D. Fielden found Max Cothran's drive about 75 yards from the green. Leslie James and my drive were nowhere to be found. As we stood about to hit our second shots, someone (*I think it was Glenn Bishop, it was too dark to see*) stood on the green waving the flag stick trying to give us a line on where the green was. Somehow, we finally made it to the green and thanks to someone holding a burning cigarette lighter just above the hole, Ben Pearce sank a 15-footer for par! Not bad in the dark! Thanks to all the help of about ten other people, our group did get to finish. We were like to thank all of them, but we don't know who they were; it was too dark to see them. That's the great thing about golf; although it is highly competitive, golfers will help their opponents in time of need. Truly a gentleman's (*gentleperson's?!*) game.

As I am running out of clever ways to get everyone's names in this article, I will list the final results of the tournament.

Door prize Winners:

Glenn Bishop - Mini Mag Lite, donated by P.D.Q.

Barry Young - "Ping" putter -donated by Ameraflex

Craig Carbon - Longest Drive Hole 6

Tom Mercer - Longest Drive Hole 13

Scott Sanders - Closest to Pin Hole 2

Mike Gerstenberger - Closest to Pin Hole 15

TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS:

9 Under Par (each won a trophy)

Lee Barrier, Callie Hudson, Barry Young, Mike Gerstenberger
8 Under Par - Second Place

Craig Carbon, Phyllis Allman, Marty Matras, Carol Dutton
Three teams tied for Third Place at 4 Under Par:

M. D. Fielden, Robert Garrett, Doug Petersen, Cindy Garrett

John LaBarre, Jeri Rotenberg, Carols Febles, Debbie Febles

Bernhard Peer, Wendy Lanan, Jerry Miller

Sixth Place - 2 Under Par

Don Ewing, Patricia Martin, Howard Paillet, Eric Holm

Three Teams tied for Seventh Place at Even Par:

Scott Sanders, Lucky Fred, Joe Lemmo, Sheila Newlin

Ed Rubenstein, Alan Gow, Ruth Dunnam, Shirley Lang

Ted Bergeron, Max Cothran, Leslie James, Ben Pearce

Tenth Place - 1 Over Par:

Ed Ellis, John Rice,

Ron Noska, Nancy Hoover

Eleventh Place - 2 Over Par:

Gary Eckhardt, Tom Mercer, Cindy Chandler, Glenn Bishop

Twelfth Place - 3 Over Par:

Sharon Sumpter, Graham Barnes, Ted Stanzel, Dieter Finch

All in all, everyone had a great day of fun, however you define the word.

My thanks to Mike Gerstenberger, the Assistant Tournament Director, who did a great job, Clara Marshall who "chauffered" the beer cart, and Eric Holm who took some great photographs to preserve this event place in Space City's history.

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BALANCE OF SEASON SCSC 1986-1987 TRIP SCHEDULE

TRIP	DATES Depart Hou. Depart Area	Ski Days	Price	Final Pmt. Date	No. Skiers	Lodging Name Bedrm/Bath	Lift Ticket Prices	Special Activities	Trip Coordinator Asst. Trip Coordinators	Home Phone	Office Phone
*STEAMBOAT I Texas Ski Week	Jan. 10 Jan 17	6½	\$416	Nov. 3	42	The Lodge at Steamboat 2/2 & 3/3	\$16/Day	TSC Activities Welcome Party Group Dinner Outdoor Hot Tub Party	Becky Hall Kevin Hill	783-9990 680-2003	781-5860
*STEAMBOAT II Texas Ski Week	Jan 10 Jan. 17	6	\$406	Nov. 3	42	The Lodge at Steamboat 2/2 & 3/3	\$16/Day	TSC Activities Theme Party Group Dinner Pizza Party	Bill Vasen Lynn D. Eaton	482-5501 995-4710	486-8151 792-3335
*STEAMBOAT III Texas Ski Week	Jan. 13 Jan. 18	4½	\$353	Nov. 3	42	Sheraton Village 1/1	\$16/Day	TSC Activities Mountain B-B-Q Group Dinner Champagne Hot Tub	Elaine Cole A. G. Davis	977-2040 433-6231	
ASPEN TRADITIONAL	Jan. 18 Jan. 25	6	\$590	Nov. 3	48	The Gant 2/2	OPT \$121.50 6/7 Day	Mountainside Picnic Fun Race Sauna Dinner Sleigh Ride	Cheryl Clements Gloria Able	879-5691 981-1273	658-8881 274-3540
*CRESTED BUTTE Winter Shoot Out	Jan. 31 Feb. 7	6	\$526	Dec. 1	36	Grande Butte Hotel 1/1	\$18/Day	TSC Parties Ski In / Ski Out Wine & Cheese Jacuzzis	Elaine Barnett	977-4439	
BIG SKY, MONTANA	Feb. 14 Feb. 21	6	\$588	Dec. 1	36	Stillwater Condo 1/Loft/2 Bath	\$18/Day	Happy Hours Group Dinner Snowmobiling Yellowstone	Ray Naudain Ginger Howard	683-3890 772-2196	488-1200
CORTINA, ITALY TSC Sanctioned	Feb. 20 Mar. 1	6	\$882	Dec. 1	52	Hotel Savoia 1/1	Included	Sauna Heated Pool Breakfast & Dinner Meals Disco Ski	Jerry Montgomery Carol Dixon	437-5467 524-5458	498-0810 226-6588
TAOS	Feb. 24 Mar. 1	4	\$340	Dec. 1	42	Sagebrush Inn New Condos Exe Suite	\$22/Day	Hot Tub & Fire Place Wine & Cheese Michael Murphy Dinner	Woody Shiflett	568-1436	241-3682
TELLURIDE	Feb. 28 Mar. 7	6½	\$549	Dec. 1	38	Riverside Condo 2/2 & 3/3	\$18/Day	Chili Dinner Cocktail Party Wine & Cheese	Carlos Febles Hall Goodson	666-3669 785-2447	
*HEAVENLY VALLEY TSC Final Showdown	Mar. 7 Mar. 14	6	\$563	Jan. 5	84	High Sierria 1/1	\$88.00 4/5 Day Interchng	TSC Parties Cross-Country Skiing Opt Wine & Cheese Party	Dana Wardell Floyd Hanks Shirley Lang	497-8552 485-6135 474-5873	652-0811 645-4141 486-1712
ALTA/SNOWBIRD UTAH	April 1 April 5	4	\$459	Feb. 2	42	Cliff Lodge 1/1	\$17/Day	Party Every Day Mountain Wine & Cheese Free NASTAR	Joe Murphy Cindy Chandler	468-1638 782-9055	

***Any information shown on this sheet is subject to change.

All regular trip deposits are \$75. due at the time of signing. All or part of the deposit is non-refundable in accordance with the 'Standing Rules.'

**Cortina, Italy requires a special \$300 Deposit, a \$100 cancellation fee, or \$35 transfer fee.

*Texas Ski Council sponsored Trips.

CINDY GARRETT

Vice President of Trips (H) 956-8892

BOB CRUSE

Director of Trips (H) 879-9141

BLAISE GUERRERO

Director of Trips (H) 479-1678

CRESTED BUTTE

Jan. 31-Feb. 7
\$519

TC, ELAINE BARNETT - 977-4439

- TSC Trip
- Ski In - Ski Out
- Wine & Cheese Party



BIG SKY "SKI THE SKY" Feb. 14-Feb. 21 \$588

TC, RAY NAUDAIN - 683-3890

ATC, GINGER HOWARD - 772-2196

- Two major mountain ranges - two gondola systems
- 40 trails and 55 miles of skiing
- 400 inches of snow so light they call it COLD SMOKE
- SNOWMOBILING in Yellowstone



TAOS

Feb. 24-March 1
\$340

TC, WOODY SHIFLETT - 568-1436

- Limit 42 fun skiers
- 4 full days of skiing
- Michael Martin Murphy Show
- Ambiance of New Mexico



Future Activities

MARCH:

Coordinator

- Horse Races.....Mike Rooney
- Photo Contest.....Tina Lassiter

APRIL:

- Gimmic Road RallyDebbie Bergeron
- Tennis Tourney....Adeara Alosson
- Spring and Summer Style Show.....Karen Gibson

MAY:

- New Orleans Jazz Festival.....Jeff Brogran

- Volunteer Party.....
- Follies.....Sue Bohnert
- Cozumel Getaway..Debby Chrissinger

JUNE:

- Raft Trip.....Jeri Hartman
- Golf Tourney.....Lucy Fred

JULY:

- Summer Bash.....Glynda Addicks

If you are interested in assisting with any of these activities, contact these coordinators.

Volunteers are still needed to coordinate meeting programs as well as other activities. Volunteering is the best way to meet new people.

If you have any ideas for any activity, or wish to coordinate an activity, contact:

Ann Batten - Ph. 558-0381

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3/21/87 - 3/28/87
Call SCOTT
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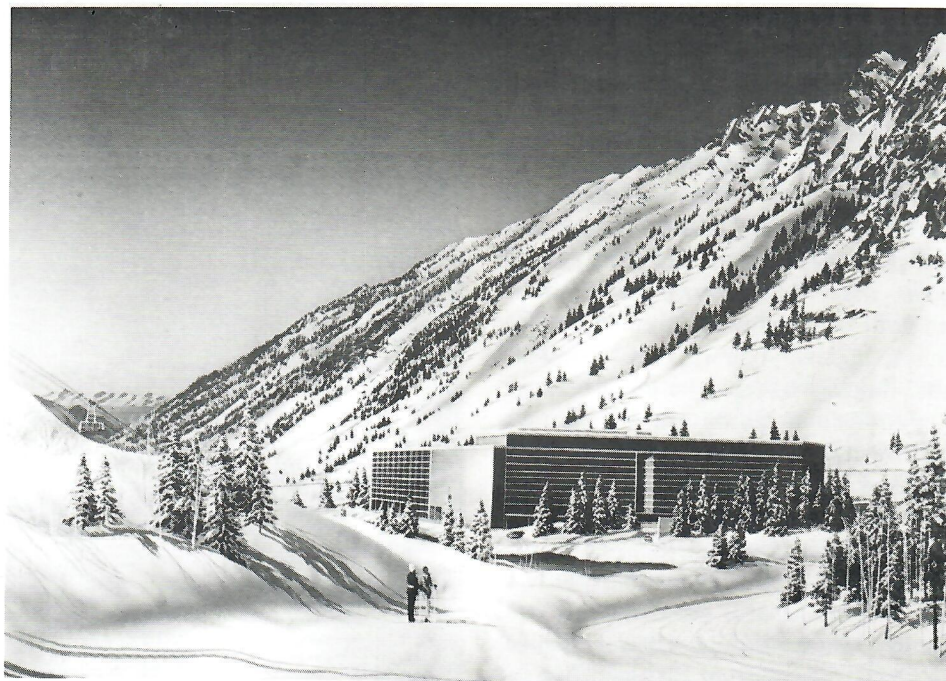
SNOWBIRD / ALTA

April 1-April 5
\$459

TC, JOE MURPHY - 468-1638

ATC, CINDY CHANDLER - 782-9055

- 16 lifts and 50 plus trails, 2500 acres of skiing
- Party every day and NASTAR race Friday
- Sports Illustrated said "this may be the Louvre of the world's ski resorts."



SNOWBIRD / ALTA

APRIL 1-5

Offers world class spring skiing on over 2,500 acres. Weather and snow conditions are usually superb (160" base - April, 1985). A big plus - 4 full days of skiing for only 2 vacation days. Leave after work Wednesday, arrive back early Sunday evening. Short travel time, only 4 hours from Houston to Snowbird. Excellent accommodations in Cliff Lodge, two queen-size beds per room, ski-in, ski-out access and easy walking distance to 17 restaurants and bars. A club party every day, discounted lift tickets, free NASTAR and lots of fun. All the above - only \$459.

T. C. Joe Murphy (H) - 468-1638

A.T.C. Cindy Chandler - (H) 782-9055

Annual Photo Contest

March General Meeting

MARCH 9

REGISTRATION: 6:00 - 7:00

RULES:

- (1) The photographs (no slides) may be black and white or color.
- (2) Picture size must be a minimum of 8x10 and a maximum of 11x14.
- (3) Your name, address, and category must be on the back of each photo.
- (4) Entry limit is three photos per person per category.
- (5) Picture matted and unframed.

CATEGORIES:

- (1) Scenery (all seasons)
- (2) Portraits (people)
- (3) SCSC Activities (pictures of our members at various events)
- (4) Architecture
- (5) Animals and Wildlife
- (6) Still Life

Judging will be done by SCSC membership at the March Meeting. All entries will be returned to owners. First Place winners leave their pictures for publication.

GET THOSE PRIZE WINNING PHOTOS READY FOR THE CONTEST!

For more information, contact: TINA LASSITER
1903 Mayweather, Richmond, TX 77469, Ph. 341-8365

KEYSTONE I

by Melissa Frazier

The Keystone I trip got off to a great start with everyone making it to the airport on time, including the plane. In the SCSC tradition, we drank the plane dry of beer and wine (*you'd think they would learn*). After about an hour of fighting the mob in Denver Stapleton, everyone was able to find all their luggage except one piece belonging to **Donna Hanaford**. We headed out for our next traditional stop at the Apple Jack Liquor Store. We almost had mutiny when we arrived at 10:35 and they had locked the door at 10:30. Fortunately, we had a patient bus driver who drove around until we could locate another liquor store. Could you imagine an hour and fifteen minute bus trip with only 3 cases of beer and 1 box of wine?

The snow was not overly abundant, but there was enough for some fun on the slopes. In spite of his "minor" accident during his first day on skis, **Mackie Deese** insists he had a good time. It seems **J. J. Dinorscia** was standing where Mackie wanted to ski. Although they weren't seen on the slopes very often, **Kim Page**, **Lorrie Inkle** and **Deana Stroud** said they thought that skiing was fun. It was a case of too many men and not enough time. The converse was true for **Mary Hernandez** and **Nick Conrad**; they didn't get enough just skiing all day, they also continued on for night skiing. They were wondering where everyone was when they were at the Summit House drinking hot chocolate after night skiing. (*The answer is Last Chance Saloon.*)

Terri Wander wins the most alert skier award. She couldn't understand why the lift tender was chasing after her with a ski in his hand. She kept trying to get out of his way but it was difficult because her left ski wouldn't slide. It turns out it was her left ski that was in the lift tender's hand. She had lost it coming off the lift.

Some of the more adventuresome in the group skied some of the other resorts in the area. Rumor has that it took seasoned skiers **Tom Mercer**, **Pam Holder**, **Mike Brown**, **Cathy Long**, **Glenn Bishop** and **Marty Matras**

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KEYSTONE II

by Ed Cain

Early, very early, Saturday morning, almost everyone arrived at the airport. At the last minute **Graham Barnes** arrived with a "what's the big hurry" look and a happy grin on his face. The plane ride to Denver was smooth with Pat Scarber and others finishing their visit with the sandman.

At the Denver airport, **George Hirosaki** was wondering how everyone else on the trip could get lost. We got George an airline children's I.D. tag for the trip home. While cramming the rental cars, **David Lindsay** was fearful of riding on top of the car because of bags belonging to three ladies in his car. **Sy Liebergot**, **Gordon Wise** and **Ed Cain** had an easier time loading their cars because the airline graciously sent some of their bags to Seattle, only to be returned in the middle of the night.

When we arrived, Keystone Resorts smoothly checked us in and we started the first of our 8 days of skiing (an SCSC record of recent years).

Saturday evening we came in from the slopes to a wine and cheese party where **Charles Goodrich**, **Joe Murphy** and 21 others sipped 17 bottles of wine. We assumed **Bill Caldwell** enjoyed the party as he arrived to night-ski wearing sunglasses. Sunday evening found all of us in a hot tub, complete with bar.

Early in the week we checked out the surrounding ski areas as **Bonnie Ambrose** and **Roberta Rambin** further developed their fine art of shopping.

Suzan Funk suggested that **Joe Lemmo's** turns might look better if he would take a few of them on the way down the mountain. **Marlene Vail** said that after a spectacular oops at Copper Mountain, **Nelson Turner** was more concerned about split pants than broken bones.

Thursday we shared Thanksgiving dinner with the Keystone I trip. With **Bob Marwin** as our head chef, we had a great meal. **Debbie Starnes** and **Diana Stoddard** were overheard discussing the pains of overeating. A special thanks to **Jerry Montgomery** for all of the pies, candy and goodies he brought.

Friday was race day. While **Roy**

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KEYSTONE I

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three different buses and a couple of hours to make the 20-mile trip to Breckenridge.

When it came time to get serious on the slopes, Space City showed why they are the best Ski Club around. Our combined groups scored 1720 points to finish second to Cow Town's 2064 points. Not a bad showing considering Cow Town had over twice as many racers. 80% of members raced and half of those racing received medals. **Mike Dziuba**, **Tom Mercer**, **Marty Matras**, **Ron Honefinger**, **Calvin Doody**, and **Scott Petersen** received silver medals. Bronze medals went to **Ann Bertolet**, **Glenn Bishop**, **Bob Frazier**, **Melissa Frazier**, **Pam Logsdon**, **Pete Meaden**, **Jerry Montgomery** and **Joy Riggs**.

All the fun was not found on the slopes. We had at least one party every night. Wednesday night started with a happy hour and most of the group invading the Snake River Saloon for drinks, dinner, drinks, dancing and some more drinks. Thursday night was our traditional Thanksgiving dinner. We tried to see how many people (about 70) and turkeys (4 + 1 ham) we could stuff into one condo and how much turkey and dressing we could stuff into each person. A note of thanks to all those people who helped prepare the food and especially to **Deana Stroud**, **Bob Frazier** and **Scott Petersen**, who manned the kitchen and kept dishing food out as fast as the hungry skiers could eat it up. **Jerry "the candy man" Montgomery** was especially popular for having brought 12 boxes of rice, 18 pies and more candy and nuts than we could possibly consume in the 5 (or 6) days of our trip. Just ask Jerry what kind of success he has offering candy to one little girl (**Ann Bertolet**).

Friday evening began with a nachos and margarita party at Keystone lodge and continued on to the Last Chance Saloon for a part of the group. **Sharon Griffin** and **Donna Hannaford** were rumored to have had two dates for the same evening, but were seen accompanied only by each other at the Last Chance. I wonder how it got its name? The **Tom Mercer**, et al group mentioned above again ventured far from home for a gourmet meal at the Keystone Ranch. The management didn't approve of their

exuberant nature, but several of the guests appreciated the entertainment.

The group gathered at the "party condo" for a little anti-freeze before venturing out in the cold to the awards dinner. The awards dinner included BBQ, a little Country and Western Music, all the Miller Lite we could drink, the second place trophy and 32 medals for the combined Space City group.

Throughout the trip there were four things you could always count on: 1) **Bob Wilbanks** would be there with his camera cocked and ready, 2) **Woody Shiflett** would always have one more joke to tell, 3) **Cindy Gates** would not understand the punch line, and 4) **Ann Batten** could be seen recruiting new members. The only person that we know for sure got any sleep was **Ron Honefinger**, and that was because his snoring drove **Mike Dziuba** out to the couch.

It seemed our trip was going too well to be true. The only thing we could have wished for was more snow. Well, on Sunday, our wish came true, just as we were ready to leave. Due to slush on the runway, the airlines was forced to reduce the capacity on our flight by about 40 seats. They looked around for the most convenient group of about 40 they could see and we lost. Seventeen members of our group did manage to get on our original flight, eleven got out later that day and the remaining 16 decided to go check in to the Sheraton for a nice dinner, good night of sleep and a 6 A.M. flight Monday morning. Those of us that did not get on our original flight did have some consolation, a free coupon good for a round-trip ticket anywhere that United flies in the continental U.S. Most of the 16 that stayed over sold their coupons to a broker for \$350. Let's see, a trip costing \$329, less a reimbursement of \$350... Yeah, I'd do it again for a profit of \$21.

EDITORS NOTE: Kim Page's mother died in Midland, Texas while she was on our Keystone I Trip. Our condolences to Kim and her family.

Bob Wilbanks

Dear Friends on Keystone I,

I want to thank all of you for the kind words and support you extended to me after the loss of my mother. Knowing that you cared helped me get through the hours before I could get home to my family. Thanks for everything.

Kim Page



Racers at Keystone

KEYSTONE II

(cont. from pg. 9)

Caviness was recovering from the fierce attack of a snow snake and **Hall Goodson** had her skis safely locked in her locker without a key, the rest of us raced. We challenged other trips to match us with 96% of the able-bodied racing and 59% of the racers winning medals. **Marty Ambrose** was attacked by the dreaded snow snake after crossing the finish line. It was very interesting hearing him describe this event on the radio traffic report Monday morning. **Siri Duecker** excitedly described the race, "I finished."

Ron Rambin and others enjoyed great skiing on the warm Saturday morning before we left. By eleven o'clock they made ten runs top to bottom of the mountain. As **Ron** and **Ed** stopped for an outdoor lunch in the sun, the temperature dropped at least 30°F and the snow started. This made returning to warm sunny Houston somewhat bearable.

SKI DESK UPDATE

by Cindy Garrett

"How was the snow?" is one familiar question a snow skier asks of those who were lucky enough to have already been to the slopes. It's like a weather report to hear the excitement of that skier's ski trip. Well, the Keystone trip over Thanksgiving usually gives us the gist of the season and from the many reports, it is only "Great!"

Of course, Space City Ski Club placed second in the racing for "The Texas Ski Council Prized Cup." Many



Scenes from Oshman's Downhill — SCSC participation. THANKS OSHMAN'S!

thanks go to the participants that have made this their first annual "Ski Trek."

A few words about your "Trip Coordinator" and "A.T.C." Some minor situations happening in ski season with the travel aspect are to be expected by any trip participant. Remember that your T.C.s and A.T.C.s are all volunteers and will do their best to make sure the trip runs smoothly. We are a "Club," not a travel agency, so if any problems arise concerning transportation, lodging or other problems, your T.C. and A.T.C. will handle them to the best of their ability, even better than a travel agency, because they care about you. As a participant on any trip, you can volunteer to help any time the need arises, such as handling luggage, passing out information and name tags or, better yet, you may be asked to help --so do!

Have yourselves a great ski vacation - exercise pre-season. That means now. Don't forget corkscrews, sun block, aspirin.

And a bathing suit! Think snow!!!!



LEISURE LEARNING CLASSES HELD

The beginner skier class was held on Saturday, November 15, at the Post Oak YMCA. Those enrolled for the class were evenly split between SCSC members and non-club members who had registered through Leisure Learning. Presentations were made and printed material handed out on such topics as ski areas, ski lessons for beginners, exercises, and ski equipment and gear, after which door prizes were awarded as the group enjoyed cheese, fruit, and hot apple cider. Accolades to **Bill Kirk**, **Sy Liebergot**, and **Ray Naudin** for their informative contributions, and to **Vicki Faulkner** and **Michele Musmanno** for their exemplary performance and generous assistance.

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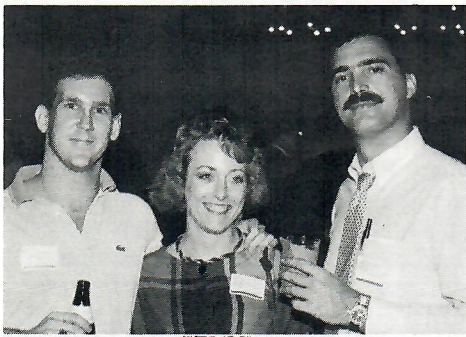
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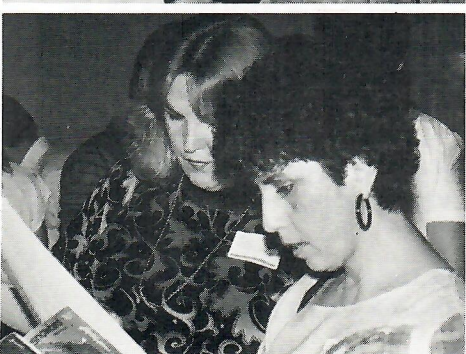
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Bob Wilbanks, Editor

WHERE ARE THEY???

In today's transient society and with our turbulent economy, many of our members have moved out of town --some have retained their memberships and can be located through our new directory, but others have "vanished" in the eyes of most of us. We would like to publish an update of members and ex-members that have moved away in the past year or so. Please give me the addresses of anyone you know who has moved out of town, so their friends will know how to contact them. Either mail the names and addresses to my home or give it to me *in writing* at the January Meeting.

Bob Wilbanks, Editor

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TEXAS SKI WEEK

by Bill Kirk

The second week in January is always **TEXAS SKI WEEK**. Starting in 1973, when the member clubs of the Texas Ski Council sent 150 skiers to Vail ... through 1986 when approximately 1200 skiers from Texas inundated Snowmass, Texans have enjoyed this tradition in Vail, Crested Butte, Sun Valley, Winter Park, Steamboat, Snowmass, and Copper Mountain. As this issue of the *Sitzmarke* goes to press, Steamboat is hosting the **1987 TEXAS SKI WEEK**.

The days will see recreational skiing and competitive ski racing non-stop. The Council has developed a point system which gives points for the fastest skiers as well as for the highest percentage of attending skiers who race. Trophies are given to the best club of the week. These point totals as well as the point totals of the **Fall Round-Up, The Winter Shoot-Out, and The Final Showdown** are totaled at the end of the year to determine the winner of the **TEXAS CUP**. (*This is the same cup sitting in Gordon Wise's living room -- so I need not press the point of which club won the TEXAS CUP in 1986.*)

The nights will see partying non-stop. Previous **TEXAS SKI WEEKS** have seen such activities as Welcome Night, Pajama Parties, Texas Night, Ten Gallon Hat Night, etc., etc., etc.

It's a great week of skiing, racing, parties, and a great chance to meet other skiers from throughout Texas. Join us next year for **TEXAS SKI WEEK** -- it's the club's most popular trip almost every year.

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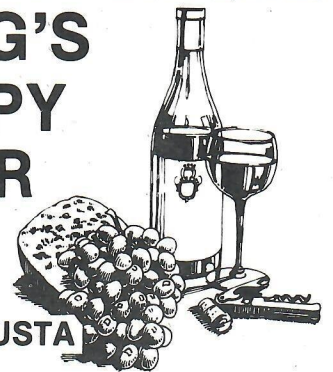
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