

The **SitzMarke**

SPACE CITY SKI CLUB

AUGUST, 1986

EXCURSION TO REDFISH ISLAND



DOG DAYS

HEAD OF THE LIFTLINE

by Gordon Wise

Most people fail to take August "Sirius-ly." Vacation fever grips us during the month and little that passes for progress is made in most sectors of business and government. People who do business abroad are frustrated by the general unavailability of their European counterparts who are on holiday. Our own wanderlust was recently demonstrated by a newspaper account of an accident involving three R.V.'s. Consequently, this can be a good time to catch the competition napping. Several major moves in the stock market have begun in August, Nixon imposed wage and price controls, and numerous wars have begun.

Fortunately, not all of August's happenings are bad. Since it will be about the last thing on your mind next winter when you are knee deep in powder, you should know that your TC/ATC's are busy catching many of America's better ski resorts napping. Their pictures and personalities as well as the victims of their stealth are documented elsewhere in these pages. While the prices are not shown purposely, we thought we'd tease you with a few: \$459, \$326, \$387. You're gonna love it, so start arranging your schedules now to accommodate at least two trips.

But enough of thoughts of cheap snow. There is nothing every expensive about the here-and-now, and the

events are just as much fun. On the 10th, windsurf on Lake Sommerville. If you don't know how, don't let it stop you, as there will be instructors there to teach you. Then if you have anything left, you can go kicker dancin' the following Friday night. Happy Hour at Drusilla Seafood of Houston rounds out the month on the 21st. Remember to sign up early.

Despite the economic problems facing Houston, membership in SCSC continues to expand at a pace above the rate of the past few years. In July, we mailed a reminder to last year's members who failed to renew and are getting a good response from this. If you have friends who would be interested in joining, do not wait until the September meeting madhouse, but bring them to an event or ask Membership VP **Harold Eaton** to mail them a form. Membership is limited to 1400 and we expect to fill this year. As a further inducement, the membership directory will be published in October so by acting now they'll be included.

By now you know why August should be taken "sirius-ly." Among other things, it is a good month for bad puns. The dog days of summer get their name from the Dog Star, Sirius, which comes into view this time of year.

Chow.

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Please check all information on your mailing label for accuracy. The information to be used in this year's directory is printed on your mailing label.

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Your co-operation will insure a more accurate directory and prevent your name being mis-spelled, etc.

Harold Eaton, V.P. Membership

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• Aug. 11 - September Issue

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AUGUST

- 10 Windsurfing lessons/Outing
- 11 No General Meeting
- 15 Country Western Night
- 21 HAPPY HOUR - Drusilla Seafood (*This is a change*)
- 23 Deep Sea Fishing — *Cancelled*
- 26 TC - ATC meet at The Grand

SEPTEMBER

- 8 General Meeting - TRIP SELECTION
- 13 Sailing outing
- 18 HAPPY HOUR - Cooters
- 24 Board of Directors Meeting
- 25 Photon Party
- 27 Leisure Learning Ski Class

OCTOBER

- 10-12 Mercer's Campout
- 13 GENERAL MEETING
- 18 Tennis Tournament
- 23 HAPPY HOUR

No General Meeting
AUGUST



COUNTRY AND WESTERN NIGHT

Eddie's Ballroom
Manvel, Texas
Friday, August 15
Live Band
Members and Non-Members only

HAPPY HOUR

Drusilla Seafood
of Houston
5046 Richmond in Windsor Plaza
Thursday, August 21
Special Drink Prices
This is a change in location

DEEP SEA FISHING TRIP
A Great Saturday Outing
Saturday, August 23
CANCELLED

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Monday, September 8
THE GRAND HOTEL
7:30 P.M.
Trip Selection and Sign-Up
Come early and expect long lines

REDFISH ISLAND EXCURSION

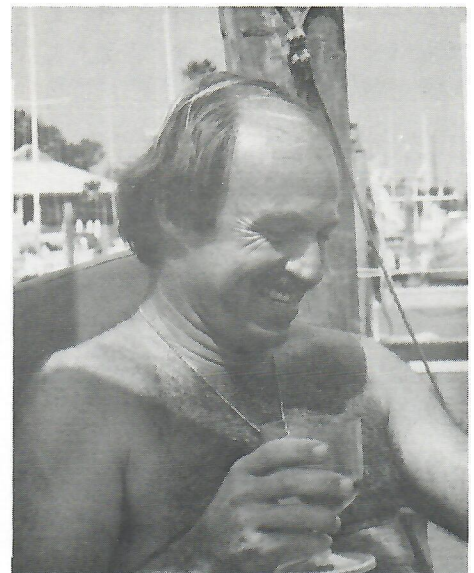
Saturday, September 13
Sail or Motor to Redfish Island
and Picnic
A Relaxing Way to Spend a
Saturday Afternoon

HAPPY HOUR

Cooter's
(in Windsor Plaza)
Thursday, September 18
5:00 - 9:00 P.M.



Welcome Aboard!



Gary Anderson

EXCURSION TO REDFISH ISLAND

Saturday, September 13

\$11.75 per person

Boats will meet at Red Fish Island - 12 Noon

Fried Chicken, * Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks

SCSC SAILORS DAY — LIMITED SPACE FOR PASSENGERS

ALL BOAT OWNERS WELCOME

PASSENGERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY CAPTAINS BY SEPTEMBER 12

CAPTAIN:

CAPTAIN _____ Yrs. of Service _____ Boat (Sail _____ or Motor _____)

Address _____ Apt. No. _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Size of Boat _____

No. of passengers willing to take aboard other than crew _____ No. of passengers already scheduled as Crew _____

Names of Crew _____

I have room to carry _____ Windsurfers. I will bring Ski Equipment Yes _____ No _____

Amt. Enclosed: _____ (\$11.75 per person)

SPECIAL NOTE: IF YOU DO NOT KNOW WHERE RED FISH ISLAND IS LOCATED, PLEASE FILL OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW:

PASSENGER:

I would be interested in being a passenger on Motor Boat _____ Sail Boat _____

I would be intersted in bringing a Windsurfer _____

I understand that I will be notified by the Captain if I can go and that I will leave from his usual boat slip or mooring at his specified time and that Space City Ski Club or the Captain is not liable for any accidents while on the boat, island or traveling.

NAME _____

Address: _____ Apt. No. _____ Zip _____

Office Phone _____ Home Phone _____ Amt. Enclosed \$ _____ (\$11.75 per person)

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GARY K. ANDERSON, P. O. Box 957, Seabrook, Texas 77586

Ph. 668-6609 or 474-7580

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***Available starting at mealtime and until consumed!**

HAPPY HOUR PICTURES FROM JUNE 19, VIVA CANTINA



A good time was had by all.



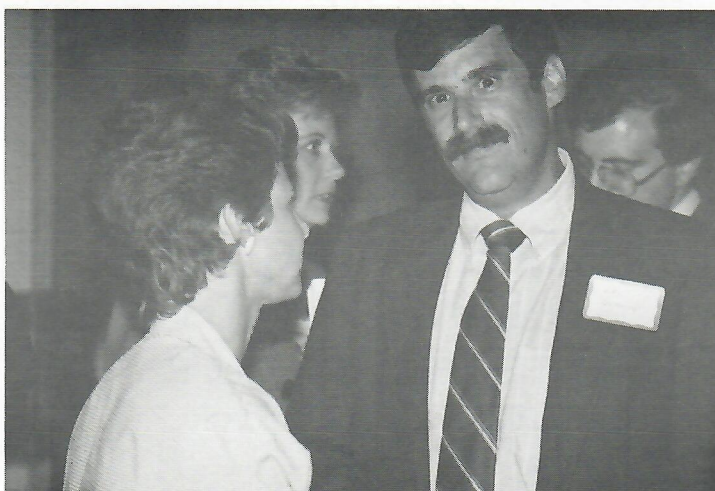
Jan Livingston, Carolyn Lowry (ex-member now living in California), and Pat Burchette.



Rick Wilkins working on his line.



Kathleen Magruder, Elaine Cole.



Whatever Sharon told Lou, it blew his mind.

BEGINNERS: *How to Get the Most Out of a Ski Trip*

by Beth Nolen

Editor's Note: *Beth is a past trip coordinator and past officer of SCSC. She will also be teaching Beginners' Skiing Lessons this fall through Leisure Learning.*

Bob Wilbanks

So you're toying with the idea of taking a ski trip .. but you've never been before. Friends tell you how exciting it is, and how glamorous their favorite ski area is. But if this is an absolute first try at the sport, what are some basic considerations that are imperative to your enjoyment and satisfaction for money well spent? First of all, ignore *all* advice from friends. Of course, they are well-meaning and probably genuinely interested in cultivating your participation in "their" sport. But what is simply fantastic for one person may be a nightmare for another.

The most important decision for a beginner to make (*once you've passed the hurdle of whether or not to go at all*) is WHERE to go. Some areas are designed to accommodate beginners much more comfortably than others. For instance, such resorts as Taos, Jackson Hole, Alta, and Snowbird cater to the higher intermediate and advanced skiers, and therefore would not be advisable locations for first-time

skiers. (Even though your very best friend has made you drool with anticipation to ski powder at Alta, that's no place to begin!) Picking an area with a higher percentage of beginner and intermediate runs will maximize your skiing enjoyment by speeding your progress and boosting self-confidence. Think in terms of, "*Wow! In only three days I've skied ¾ of the mountain!*"

Also check into the ski school for the area you choose. Most resorts which have predominately beginner and intermediate runs have excellent beginner classes, and lessons should be an absolute priority for a first-timer ... even if it's only for two or three days. These instructors are trained to teach you the *right* way to ski, for the ultimate in pleasure and precision. Don't cultivate poor form and bad habits by trying to teach yourself, or learning from a friend. Lessons will also teach you to watch out for the other guy ... you know, the one who knew too much to take lessons himself. Most serious injuries are caused by skiers who ski out of control. In simple terms, this happens when you don't know what you're doing!

(\$ TIP: In calculating ski trip expenses, ski lessons -- to my knowledge -- usually include your lift ticket cost.)

Resort areas which offer a variety of activities would also be an advisable consideration. It is not at all uncommon for any ski buff to decide to take a day off mid-week to take in sightseeing, shopping, snowmobiling, skating, or just lolling around in the hot tub. Some areas offer shuttle bus service to nearby towns for shopping as well as to other ski areas for a change of scenery. These options are also nice to fall back on if (*Heaven forbid!*) you decide you don't like skiing.

Space City offers trips of varying tenure throughout the ski season. Together with all the other considerations addressed, this would have to be a decision of preference. As for timing, thanks to snowmaking equipment, mid-November trips are no longer dependent on Mother Nature. January and February are excellent months for skiing. (*Believe it or not, you can ski while snow is falling!*) Spring skiing is often referred to as the most nearly perfect, weatherwise; however, since this thought is wide-spread, so are the crowds, particularly during Spring Break. Unless your employment restricts your vacation time to holidays, I would personally recommend that a true beginner stay home at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring

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Join other SCSC warriors in a new and unique experience on September 25, and play **PHOTON**, Houston's latest craze! Your team will use laser guns to defend your home base, capture your opponents' base, and "immobilize" anyone who gets in your way. Work out your hostilities with laser guns or just come for the party. Call **DEBBIE STARNES** for details at 827-0698 (H) or 652-7380 (O).



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AUGUST SKI UPDATE

by Cindy Garrett

TRIP COORDINATORS -- who and what are they? partial requirements include "...*having a self image that allows one to be mother, father, counselor, nurse, scapegoat, shepherd, and occasionally 'God.'*"

Well, to the many newcomers among SCSC's ranks, the T.C.'s, as they are better known, are a special breed. Unique in the fact that the T.C. "...*must be a self-starter, early riser, go-getter and a little goofy.*" All this rolled into one, they create a special experience, whether on a ski trip or for a non-ski activity. They want to do it

better, they feel they can do it better than it has been done, and they want to get involved with people.

That "*people involvement*" is a trademark of the SCSC Club trips. Before being considered for T.C. material, it is necessary that you experience a SCSC trip, assist on a trip as A.T.C. and possibly run one of our non-ski activities. Again, because SCSC is an all volunteer-run organization and one of the largest in the U.S., enthusiasm and reliability are essential characteristics.

Our SCSC Club members are uni-

que in that they want to experience the challenge of "*packaging a trip*" and making it work. Under the direction and guidance of the V.P. of Trips, two Directors of Trips, and the entire Executive Board, the T.C. arranges the various aspects of travel -- air, bus, and lodging. The T.C. then begins planning budgets, marketing, activities, and finally running of the trip. Over the Club's 20 year history, our past trip experiences have been recorded in what has become known to T.C.'s as the "*Ski Trip Bible.*" This updated version is passed on from each generation of T.C.'s so that we can learn about future trip planning to those areas. Lastly, the T.C. is responsible for reporting back his experiences on the trip so future T.C.'s may benefit.

Though the trip for the T.C. is a freeby, they "...*must perform their task out of love. Forget the 'free trip', it will net ... about 16 cents per hour.*" This is especially true with SCSC since the T.C.'s training starts in May the year before the next ski season and meets all summer in preparation for our big sign-up meeting in September.

So what is this all about? It's just to recognize those individuals who already are working for your ski trips next year and to say this is what SCSC is about. Here is one "*Atta Boy*" for those new volunteers who approach a new work challenge and who look forward to the rewards of doing a travel job well done!

The teams have already been working hard the month of June and July preparing for the best ski trips yet! Check them out, as well as their trips!

**Excerpts from "The Trip Leader's Absolutely Essential Information and Survival Kit" by Glen Adkins, V.P. Travel, Far West.*

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TC, Anne Benefield

Ph. 780-4019

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- First trip of the year - virgin snow
- 7 days of skiing
- 24 participants
- Best snow of the year for the last 3 years



TC, Bob Van Orden

CHRISTMAS GIFT yourself and the kids a trip in Copper Mountain, skiing - 50 miles of trails - Adult Parties - Family Eve Party. Bring the kids and have a Great Holiday!



STEAMBOAT III TEXAS SKI WEEK Jan. 13 - Jan. 18

TC, Elaine Cole

Ph. 977-2040

This is the shortest of the Texas Ski Week Trips which means we will have to *ski harder* and *party harder!!* We're staying at the Sheraton Village Hotel, SKI-IN/SKI-OUT, and all of the Texas Ski Week activities will be held at the Sheraton - so we won't miss a thing!

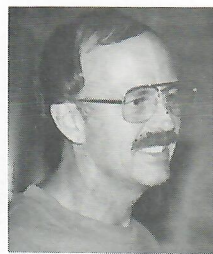


ASPEN TRADITIONAL Jan. 18 - Jan. 25

TC, Cheryl Clements

Ph. 879-5691

Break away from the hustle and bustle of the big city for six glorious days of the best skiing and partying in where else? ASPEN, of course! For the most spectacular skiing of the season, four mountains and a new gondola on Aspen Mountain, sign up at the September meeting.



CORTINA, ITALY Feb. 20-Mar 2

TC, Jerry Montgomery

Ph. 437-5550

YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE IT in the beautiful Italian Alps and stay at a 4★ ★ ★ ★ hotel. Don't miss out on the fun! Skiing! European Side Trips! Parties! 3 week optional return available. YOU CAN HAVE IT ALL IN '87!

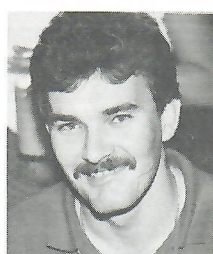


TAOS, NM Feb. 24 - March 1

TC, Karin Perkins

Ph. 266-9036

IF YOU LIKE ... Hot Jacuzzis, Prime Rib, Lobster, Authentic Southwestern Dishes, PARTIES, Cozy Pinon Fireplaces, Adobe Suites, The Pueblo, Museums, SANTA FE, MICHAEL MURPHY, Art, Jewelry, Authentic Indian Rugs, Skiing FOUR FULL DAYS, NASTAR Racing, Mountains more challenging than Colorado, then TAOS is for you!



TC, Carlos Febles

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Colorado. Six days of
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Parties - New Year's
kids or come alone and

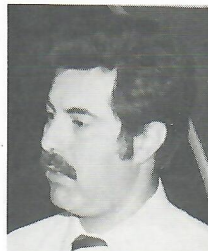


STEAMBOAT I TEXAS SKI WEEK Jan. 10 - Jan. 17

TC, Becky Hall

Ph. 783-9990

Come join us for the NUMBER ONE ski and party trip of the year. Steamboat offers a true state-of-the-art ski experience and is home to Billy Kidd. TSW activities promise a fun filled week including the Texas Cup Challenge Race, mountain scavenger hunt, evening parties, happy hours and a few surprises along the way. Don't be left out, sign up early!



STEAMBOAT II TEXAS SKI WEEK Jan. 10 - Jan. 17

TC, Bill Vasen

Ph. 482-5501

Do you dream of ballooning high above the Rockies, riding a snow-cat toward the Continental Divide, or snuggling beneath a blanket on a sleigh ride in the crisp mountain air? Then Texas Ski Week invites y'all to experience the pleasures of Mt. Werner. Ride the Silver Bullet and dare to be a little bit wild.



CRESTED BUTTE Jan. 31-Feb. 7

TC, Jim Woody

Ph. 726-0061

Remember the excitement last year when Space City won the TEXAS CUP. Come and relive that fun and excitement. There will be plenty of SCSC parties plus Texas Ski Council activities. Add to that an inexpensive ski area and that spells great fun on one of the lowest priced 7-day trips. Be there early for the September meeting and sign up for CRESTED BUTTE.

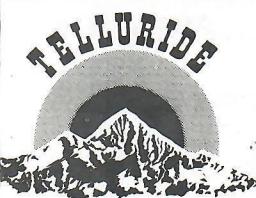


BIG SKY "SKI THE SKY" Feb. 14 - Feb. 21

TC, Ray Naudain

Ph. 683-3890

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Ph. 783-9555

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ky Mountains, offers
ange of skiing terrain,
ne state's most spec-
with us while you can
rustic elegance or ski it
ne else.



HEAVENLY SOUTH LAKE TAHOE March 7-14

TC, Dana Wardell

Ph. 447-8552

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OCTOBER 10, 11, 12

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THIRD ANNUAL SCSC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, Nov. 15

11:00 A.M.

\$36.00

WORLD HOUSTON GOLF CLUB
Four-Man Team Scramble

For Further Information, Call

TED BERGERON - 367-7534

Sign Up At September Meeting

FINAL PAYMENT DATE OCTOBER 21, 1986

HAPPY HOUR

AUGUST 21



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5 - 8 P.M.

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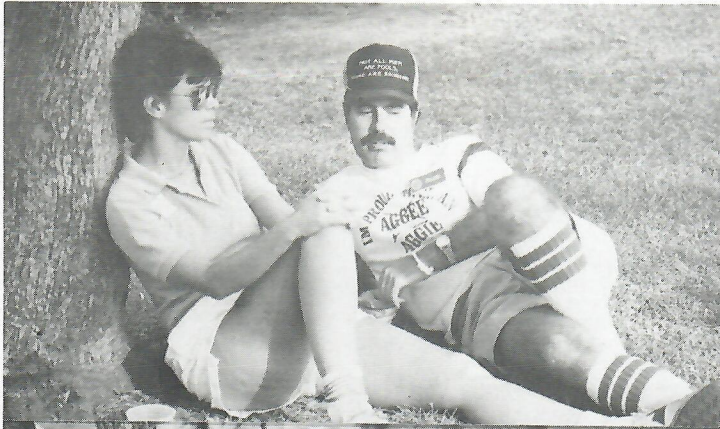


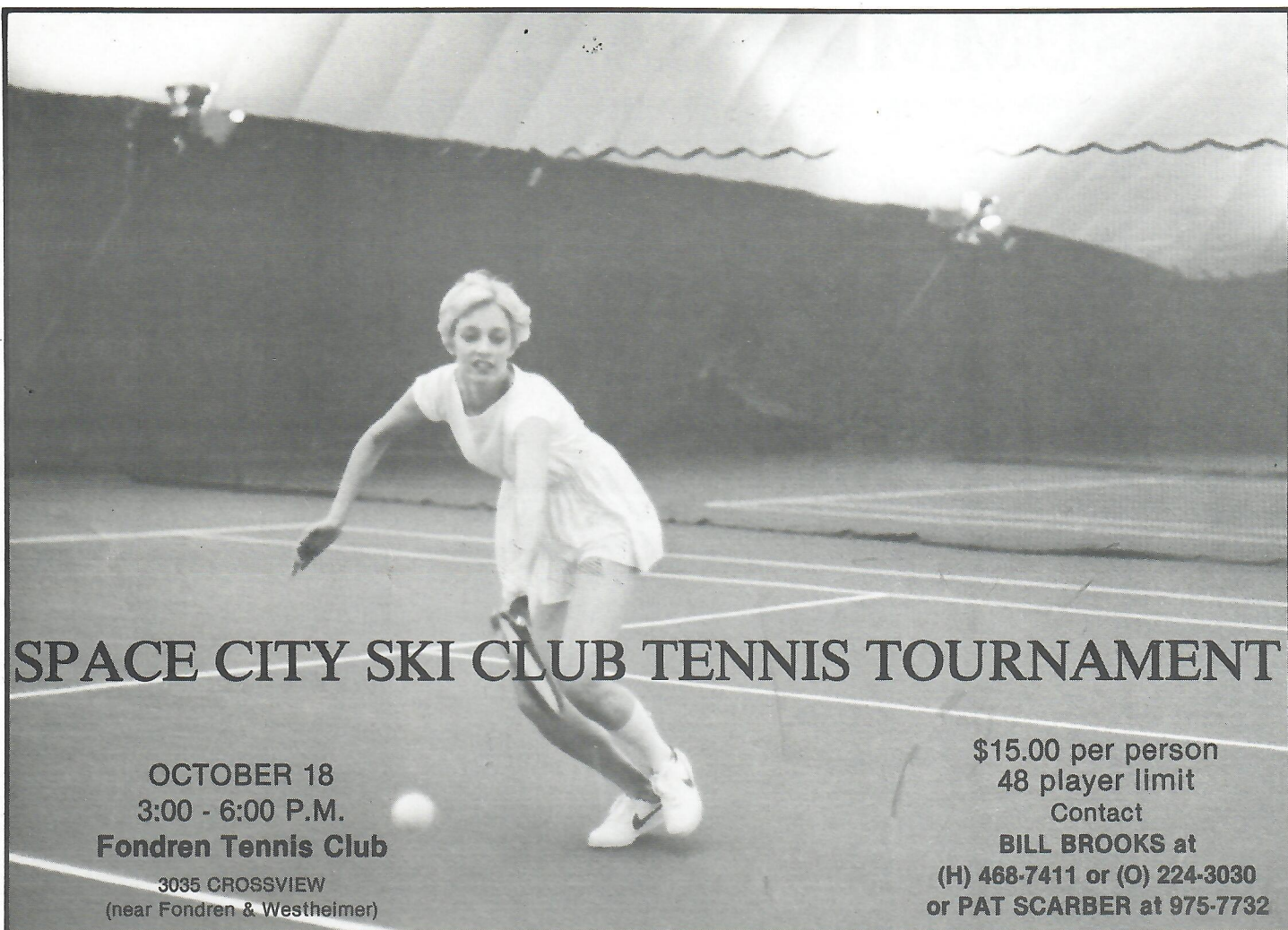
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1986 SUMMER BASH





SPACE CITY SKI CLUB TENNIS TOURNAMENT

OCTOBER 18
3:00 - 6:00 P.M.
Fondren Tennis Club
 3035 CROSSVIEW
 (near Fondren & Westheimer)

\$15.00 per person
48 player limit
 Contact
BILL BROOKS at
(H) 468-7411 or (O) 224-3030
or PAT SCARBER at 975-7732

BEGINNER

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Break. If these times are unavoidable, try to pick a more remote area --somewhere less readily accessible to local cities' skiers.

The last major consideration should be that of gear and equipment. Unless you're already convinced that you're going to absolutely *love* skiing for the rest of your life, proper clothing should be begged, borrowed, or..rented..along with your equipment. Don't spend big bucks trying to look like something out of *Ski Magazine*. After all, it's a well-established fact that beginners fall a lot, and an expensive, color-coordinated outfit is going to be extremely noticeable .. think about it! Skis, boots, and poles are a package rental, and should definitely be fitted to a beginner according to his/her specific needs. *To me, properly fitted equipment is the singly most important prerequisite of a beginner's success or failure to reach personal satisfaction in skiing achievement.*

TENNIS LABOR DAY WEEKEND AT NEWK'S.

Three fun filled days and nights of tennis parties and relaxation at John Newcombe's Tennis Ranch in New Braunfels.

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\$55 deposit required. Make payable and mail to Andy Fitzpatrick.

PRE-TRIP PARTY August 9th at the Fondren Tennis Club, 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. Free for trip participants (\$5 for guests).

For more information, call Andy Fitzpatrick at 975-7452

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Since Space City is a ski club, we want to encourage each and every member to participate in this sport. A first impression is a lasting impression, so this is our effort to impart our knowledge and experience to those just

starting out so that they may become the future skiers and promoters of this organization and carry forward our traditions and accomplishments for generations to come.

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Eddie's Ballroom
Manvel, Texas • August 15



\$4.00 Cover

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Live Band

Member's Friends and Guests

Directions: Hwy. 288 South, Left on Hwy 518, Right on 1128
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or for additional information
Please RSVP by August 10, 1986

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