

The **SitzMarke**

SPACE CITY SKI CLUB

SEPTEMBER, 1986

**1986-87
THE SKI
SEASON
WITH
BARGAIN
PRICES**

**10th NON-ANNUAL,
MAYBE THE LAST,
MERCER'S CAMPOUT**



HEAD OF THE LIFTLINE

by Gordon Wise

Pssst...

meetings grew enormously as last year progressed and we knew we had achieved the pinnacle of success when at the May meeting, the President's remarks at the podium were drowned out by the cocktail cacophony.

Anyway, back to the meeting in September. Since many of the popular ski trips "sell out" the first night, it will be necessary to arrive early if you are serious about wanting a specific trip. When you arrive, be sure to get a ticket, as admission will be by ticket number. Then, proceed to the membership table, check in and get your name tag. Admission will be in numerical order of ticket numbers beginning at 7:30 in groups of 25 or so every several minutes. A diagram showing the location of the various trip tables will be available outside the ballroom.

If you have questions, there will be officers available with white name tags and lift liners with the familiar star to help you.

By now, you are undoubtedly *thinking snow*. Step outside into the ninety degree heat and it will bring you back to September, where we have a number of activities planned for this special time of year. First of all, be sure to wear your Met's baseball cap and let's go to Cooters for the happy hour on the 18th. Actually, you are probably better advised to wear your 100 sticker on your forehead. On the weekend of the 13th, we have some conflicting events. If you missed sailing Elissa to Manhattan, you now have an opportunity to ride a short ship to Redfish Island. **Gary Anderson** is running a flotilla to this exotic resort. To avoid the pitfalls experienced by the boat people, there will be a limitation on attendance so you might sign up early. On the 25th, we have Photon all to ourselves. If you have never experienced this, stop by the table and pick up some information. It sounds like fun.

Looking into October, keep the weekend of the 10th open for Mercer's Camp Out and the 19th for a tennis tournament.

Shifting back to the conflict we had on the weekend of the 13th, Retail Concepts, which is the parent of Ski & Tennis Warehouse and Sportshaus Linder (among others), is sponsoring a very ambitious undertaking entitled the First Annual Ski Show and Sale. It will be held at the Astroarena and is very

properly advertised elsewhere in this issue of the Sitz. We will have a booth there to elevate our existence in the eyes of the community and hopefully to drum up a few members. Tickets are reasonable and it is a good opportunity to do some early shopping and get your adrenaline going for the upcoming ski season.

Those of you who like the idea of spending an evening alone reading a good book are, I am sure, periodically drawn to the bylaws of the Space City Ski Club. Article I, number 1, says that the object of the Club is to promote and encourage individual and group interests in the sport of snow skiing. Something new that we are doing this year to implement this is sponsoring a class on Introduction to Snow Skiing at the Post Oak Y on Saturday the 27th from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. This is a program directed at the first time skier and will include information on equipment, exercise, and trip economics with advice on the various ski resorts, how to go about getting lessons and tips for successful trips. The cost is nominal and includes door prizes and a wine and cheese party. **Beth Nolan** is the Space City member in charge of the event and as with our presence at the Ski Show, we hope to elevate the community's understanding of what Space City Ski Club is and perhaps drum up a few more members.

Finally, to give equal time to an old friend of Space City and a frequent advertiser in our Sitzmarke, Oshman's has made a deal with Texas Ski Council to give members discounts on some brands of ski merchandise. To learn about the specifics of this program, simply present your Space City Ski card to representatives in the ski department of the various Oshman's stores and ask. Your membership card should have been attached to this issue of the Sitzmarke. If it wasn't, see Vice President-Membership **Harold Eaton**.

Think snow, but not until after the sailing trip.

SITZMARKE DEADLINE

• Sept. 8 - October Issue

Mail to:

BOB WILBANKS
11555 Riverview Drive
Houston, Texas 77077

Pssst...hey, buddy, can you spare \$6,887? If you have 88 spare vacation days and are agile, since some trips overlap, and only \$6,887, you can go on all the the Space City trips this year. Now, this breaks down to 78 and a half ski-days which amounts to \$87.73 per day which just may be cheaper than you can live in Houston.

If you are normal, your attention in the September **Sitzmarke** is always initially directed to the material descriptive of the trips, so it is not necessary for me to reiterate the good news on prices. Certainly, the slow Texas economy and the airline price wars have worked to our advantage in the values we are receiving for this year's trips. However, this is not to take anything away from the trip coordinators and their assistants who have done a good job of getting us special deals. Despite the relatively inexpensive pricing, all trips, even ski council related, have budgeted sufficiently for trip related parties, particularly early in the week, to assist in the get-acquainted process. A lot of person hours have gone into the planning for these trips, and it is our intention to make each one maximum fun. After all, about 40% of our membership is new each year.

If you are new, you may not realize the zoo-like circumstances that prevail at the September meeting. You will be glad to know that this year's meetings will again be held at the Grand Hotel (corner of Westheimer and Loop 610) in a lounge and ballroom that have been recently redecorated. To digress a moment, I would like to say a few words about attendance. The summer bash this year was the best attended we have had in four or five years. The happy hours have been attracting record attendance for about the past four months. The numbers attending the monthly

IT'S A DATE!

SEPTEMBER						
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OCTOBER						
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SEPTEMBER

- 8 General Meeting -
TRIP SELECTION
- 11-13 Ski Show
- 13 Sailing outing
- 16 Executive Meeting
- 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 - Old
Heidelberg

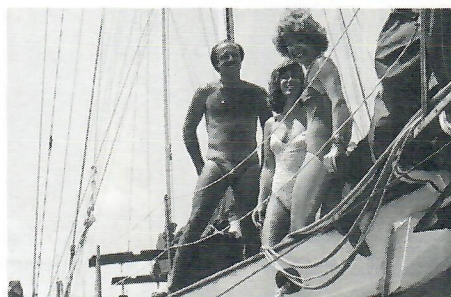
NOVEMBER

- 1 Renaissance Festival
- 10 General Meeting
- 15 Golf Tournament
- 16 Introduction to Snow Skiing
- 20 Happy Hour - the Ocean Club
- 22-29 Keystone II
- 25-30 Keystone I

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

Cover Photo: Bonnie Lloyd and Glenn Bishop at Mercer's Campout.



THE ULTIMATE
GAME ON
PLANET EARTH



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.

PHOTON PARTY

The Ultimate Game on Earth
Laser Gun Fun
Thursday, September 25
7:00 P.M.

INTRODUCTION TO SNOW SKIING

Leisure Learning Class
taught by SCSC's Beth Nolen
Saturday, September 27
2:00 - 5:00 P.M.

10th NON-ANNUAL, MAYBE THE LAST, MERCER'S CAMPOUT

If you have not been there,
ask someone who has
October 10-12



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MEETING or Call:

GLENN BISHOP at 855-1615
or
BONNIE LLOYD at 859-0183



EXCURSION TO REDFISH ISLAND

Saturday, September 13

\$12.00 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

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MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO SCSC AND MAIL TO:

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

Ph. 668-6609 or 474-7580

PASSENGERS AND CAPTAINS SIGN UP AT SEPTEMBER MEETING

ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS AFTER SEPTEMBER 10 UNLESS SPACE NOT AVAILABLE FOR ENOUGH PASSENGERS.

*Available starting at mealtime and until consumed!

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THE ULTIMATE GAME ON PLANET EARTH

SEPTEMBER 25 • 7:00 P.M.

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DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 10**

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DEBBIE STARNES

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(H) 827-0698

(O) 652-7380

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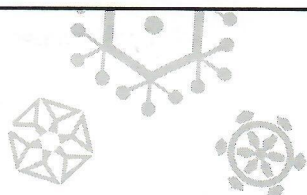
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Bart Tuthill



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Leisure Learning Class Announced

INTRODUCTION TO SNOW SKIING

Join some of Space City's seasoned skiers for an introductory class on snow skiing. Their experience in the sport will lend to providing the beginner skier with advice on picking an appropriate ski area, what to look for and expect from ski lessons, and other useful tips for a successful trip. Also receive information on equipment, exercises, and trip economics. In addition, there will be a ski film, skits, door prizes, and a wine and cheese party.

Whether you are a first time skier or have been on a trip or two, this class can give you valuable pointers in picking and planning for the most enjoyable ski vacation.

Invite your friends to join us, too. Non-club members are welcome.

For only \$8.00, pick from two scheduled class dates: September 27 or November 15. Both classes will be from 2-5 P.M. at the Post Oak YMCA, Augusta at San Felipe. Make checks payable to SCSC.

Sign up at the September meeting.

Beth Nolen - Ph. 468-4268

11002 Hammerly #194, Houston, TX 77043

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1986-1986 SCSC SKI SCHEDULE

KEYSTONE I

NOVEMBER 25 - NOVEMBER 30
TSC FALL ROUNDUP



TC: MELISSA FRAZIER (H) 777-2061
ATC: SCOTT PETERSON (H) 626-5283

\$329

Back by popular demand! Due to the great hospitality of Keystone, the Texas Ski Council has decided to return for their annual fall round-up.

You will be swept away from Intercontinental on Tuesday evening to Denver Stapleton where your party bus will whisk you away to your deluxe 2-bedroom, 2-bath condos.

This trip offers 4 full days of skiing at the low price of \$15 per day for prepaid lift tickets. If that's not enough skiing, you can also enjoy night skiing for an additional \$5 per night.

As the holder of the Texas Cup, we will have the opportunity to show the other Texans how to ski in the club races, individual races and fun races. Save some energy for Apres Ski. Evening activities include, but are not limited to, a hot tub/wine and cheese party, home-cooked Thanksgiving dinner just like Mom's (*if Mom had been out skiing all day*), Margarita and nacho party, TSC awards dinner and final night party. Optional activities include dinner and dancing at the nearby Snake River Saloon, and excursions into Keystone Village, Breckenridge, A-Basin and Copper Mountain.

It will be an early morning rise on Sunday for the trek back to Houston with time to rest up and recover before work on Monday. In sum, you get 4 days of great skiing and partying for the price of 1 day's vacation and avoid the risk of no snow with Keystone's massive snow-making capabilities.

KEYSTONE II

NOVEMBER 22 - NOVEMBER 29
TSC FALL ROUNDUP



TC: ANNE BENEFIELD (H) 780-4019

\$390

This is no snow job - just the basics without superfluous material. SCSC skiers don't need to be sold on the skiability and convenience of Keystone which is just 70 miles west of Denver.

The premier ski trip of the year is limited to 23 SCSC skiers and their Trip Chairman. We are scheduled to depart on Saturday, November 22 at 7:00 a.m. and to return the following Saturday, November 29 at 6:00 p.m. - 7 days of skiing, if your body can stand it.

This year, we will be staying at new condos for us, the "St. Johns," and all have 2 bedrooms/2 baths. At mid-week, we will be joined by SCSC Keystone I trip and the full complement of Texas Ski Council clubs. TSC activities begin with the Club races on Thursday and Friday, individual races on Saturday a.m. and parties Friday and Saturday.

Thanks to the TSC, we can enjoy \$15/day lift tickets at Keystone and "A" Basin from the time we arrive on Saturday, if purchased in advance. However, I know that many of us will want to take advantage of the close proximity of Copper Mountain, Breckenridge and Vail before the crowds arrive on Thanksgiving Day. We'll have our standard fare of parties, and what would Thanksgiving Day be without a turkey and a party?

Need I remind you - over the past four years, the best skiable snow of the year has been at Thanksgiving.

COPPER MOUNTAIN

DECEMBER 28 - JANUARY 4
CHRISTMAS FAMILY TRIP



TC: BOB VAN ORDEN (H) 461-3336
ATC: PEGGY BAILEY (H) 975-1378

\$600

Join us for 6 1/2 days of a fun filled Holiday Vacation at Copper Mountain Resort. Continental Airlines will fly us to Denver where a chartered bus will transport us 75 short miles west to the resort. 44 lucky Space City Singles, Couples and Family members will be able to ski 69 award-winning trails. The trails are designed for continuous runs from top to bottom for beginner, intermediate and advanced skiers and are supported by 17 lifts.

Two New Year's Eve Parties: one for adults and one for offspring will highlight the festive week. An adult's night out and an afternoon out for the children will also be included.

After the lifts close, the hot tub, racketball, tennis, swimming pool, sauna, steamroom and more are available for our enjoyment. Fine restaurants and eateries are close by for filling ourselves up or out!

Our condominium is a luxurious high rise with TV in every room. Each unit has two bedrooms and a central living area with a full kitchen. A sofa sleeper will be used for the kids in the central living area.

The main ski lift, with access to beginner run and fantastic expert runs, are within easy walking distance from our condominium. Come join the SCSC "FUNFAMSKIGO" and have a great holiday at Copper Mountain.

Call for more information and ask about ski-the-summit options, group lessons, snowmobiling, cross country skiing, ice skating and others.

1986-1986 SCSC SKI SCHEDULE

STEAMBOAT I

JANUARY 10 - JANUARY 17
TEXAS SKI WEEK



TC: BECKY HALL
ATC: KEVIN HILL

(H) 783-9990
(H) 680-2003

\$416

Steamboat I promises you an unforgettable week of skiing and adventure. Steamboat, renowned for its fabulous powder skiing, is the second largest mountain in Colorado, with a vertical drop of 3600'. The mountain is serviced by 20 lifts, including a new high-speed gondola, quad chair and seven triple lifts, which makes lift lines almost nonexistent! The 98 trails and 1400 acres of skiing ensure you a wide variety of terrain. 15% of the trails are rated beginner, 54% intermediate and 31% advanced.

We will arrive in Steamboat in the early afternoon on January 10 and depart in the late afternoon on January 17, giving you 6½ days of skiing. We will be staying at the Lodge at Steamboat, located only 250 yards from the gondola. The Lodge has two outdoor hot tubs and an indoor Jacuzzi/sauna, and each unit has all the amenities.

Texas Ski Week activities will include a welcoming champagne party, fun race, mountain scavenger hunt, plenty of parties and, of course, the Texas Ski Cup Race. In addition, we have planned several group activities including hot tub parties, a group dinner and hot air ballooning.

Come with us for a memorable week at this beautiful Yampa Valley resort. Enjoy the camaraderie of Texas Ski Week - traditionally the #1 party trip of the year. **And, remember, 6½ days of skiing.** Let's help SCSC retain the Texas Ski Cup. We'll see you at the September meeting for sign-up.

STEAMBOAT II

JANUARY 10 - JANUARY 17
TEXAS SKI WEEK



TC: BILL VASEK
ATC: LYNN D. EATON

(H) 482-5501
(H) 995-4710

\$406

Since everyone knows that the Silver Bullet is ready and waiting to whisk us up Mt. Werner to experience the 2500 skiable acres of Steamboat Springs, is there really anything else we need to know? If you have participated in any of the Texas Ski Week trips, then you already know that the answer is a resounding YES. If not, then you owe it to yourself to experience the madness and mayhem that we call TEXAS SKI WEEK.

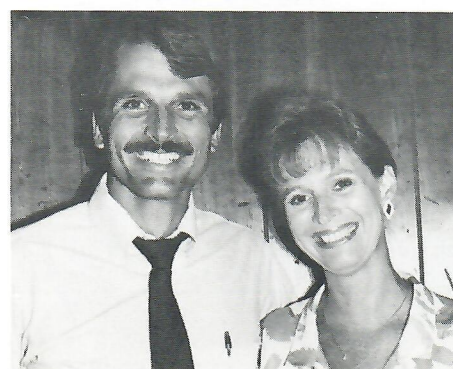
Steamboat - it's a touch of class and a little bit wild. From the bottle of wine in each unit and the coffee and donuts each morning (compliments of The Lodge) to the pizza party, group dinner, theme party (we're open for theme suggestions), and those oh-so-popular hot tub gatherings - two outdoor hot tubs as well as an indoor whirlpool and sauna are available. The forty-two SCSC skiers who are brave enough to challenge the fun and excitement planned for this trip will have stories to tell for years to come. Need we even mention the options: the sleigh ride and dinner, the balloon rides, the snow cats off to the hot springs, and so much more? There will be no rest for the wicked (are we sure there will be time to ski??)!

But let's not forget the Ski Week activities: the Challenge Race, the fun race, the on-mountain picnic, the infamous "Cowboy Downhill" (don't ask) and, of course, THE PARTIES.

Are you sure you can stand it???
How can you miss it!!!

STEAMBOAT III

JANUARY 13 - JANUARY 18
TEXAS SKI WEEK



TC: ELAINE COLE
ATC: MIKE DZIUBA

(H) 977-2040
(H) 785-2527

\$353

JUST \$353.00 for 4½ days of skin and partying!! We have everything from champagne hot tub parties to happy hours to NASTAR racing to a mountain BBQ - even 2 parties with a live band!

Steamboat is one of North America's premier ski destinations. Steamboat offers skiers of all abilities the finest skiing found anywhere. Surrounded by working cattle ranches, the town of Steamboat Springs was founded over 100 years ago, and its Western traditions live on today.

This will be a Tuesday night through Sunday night trip. We will be staying at the Sheraton Village Hotel, SKI-IN/SKI-OUT, 5 hot tubs and 2 heated pools, saunas, restaurants and two bars. All of the Texas Ski Week activities will be held at the Sheraton - so we won't miss a thing!! The resort is adjacent to the Gondola and a mere 25 yards from the Ski School, lift tickets, numerous shops and restaurants located in Gondola Square.

For the 1986/87 ski season, the Steamboat Ski Corporation is pleased to announce an \$8,000,000 expansion program which includes: a new gondola, The Silver Bullet, increasing the gondola's capacity from 1,000 to 2,800 skiers per hour; one new major trail, Valley View and new restaurants. Steamboat has 100 total trails on 700 acres which are 15% Beginner, 54% Intermediate and 31% Advanced.

This is TEXAS SKI WEEK so we are going all out to WIN!!



SCSC 1986-87 TRIP SCHEDULE



Trip	DATES		Ski	Final	Pat.	No.	Lodging	Lift	Special	Trip		
	Depart	Return								Coordinator	Asst. Trip	Home
	Area		Days	Price	Date	Skiers	Name/Bath	Ticket	Activities	Coordinator	Phone	Phone
* Keystone I TSC FALL ROUNDUP	Nov. 25 Nov. 30		4	\$329	10/6	44	ST. Johns 2/2	\$15/Day	Tsc Club Race Awards Dinner Special Dinners	Melissa Frazier Scott Peterson	777-2061 626-5283	659-6551 966-5235
* Keystone II TSC FALL ROUNDUP	Nov. 22 Nov. 29		6	\$390	11/3	24	ST. Johns 2/2	\$15/Day	Tsc Club Race Awards Dinner	Anne Benefield	780-4019	241-6318
Copper Mt. Christmas Family Trip	Dec. 28 Jan. 4		6	\$400	11/3	44	Copper Mt. Resort 3/3	\$21/Day	New Years Eve Party Family Ski Trip Jacuzzi Sauna Heated Pool	Bob Van Orden Peggy Bailey	461-3336 975-1378	622-5232 795-4411 Sta 885
* Steamboat I Texas Ski Week	Jan 10 Jan 17		6 1/2	\$416	11/3	42	The Lodge & 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	
* Steamboat II Texas Ski Week	Jan. 10 Jan. 17		6	\$406	11/3	42	The Lodge & 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		4 1/2	\$353	11/3	42	Sheraton Village 1/1	\$16/Day	TSC Activities Mountain Bar-B-Que Group Dinner Champaign Hot Tub	Elaine Cole Mike Dzuiba	977-2040 785-2527	
Aspen Traditional	Jan. 18 Jan. 25		6	\$590	11/3	60	The Gant 2/2	OPT \$121.50 6/7 Day	Mountainside Picnic Fun Run Sauna Dinner Sleigh Ride	Cherly Clements Gloria Able	879-5691 726-1537	658-8881 724-3540
* Crested Butte Winter Shoot Out	Jan 31 Feb. 7		6	\$519	12/1	44	Grande Butte Hotel 1/1	\$18/Day	TSC Parties Ski In /Ski Out Wine & Cheese Jacuzzis	Jim Woody Elaine Barnett	776-0041 977-4439	
Big Sky Montana	Feb. 14 Feb. 21		6	\$525	12/1	36	Stillwater Condo 1/Loft/2Bath	\$18/Day	Happy Hours Group Dinner Snowmobiling Yellowstone	Ray Naudain Ginger Howard	683-3890 772-2196	
Cortina Italy Tsc Sanctioned	Feb. 20 Mar. 1		6	\$882	12/1	42	Hotel Savoia 1/1	Included	Sauna Heated Pool Breakfast & Dinner Meals Disco Ski	Jerry Montgomery Carol Dixon	437-5550 437-5625	498-0810 226-6588
Taos	Feb. 24 Mar 1		4	\$340	12/1	42	Sagebrush Inn Inn Condos Exe Suite	\$22/Day	Hot Tub & Fire Place Wine & Cheese Michael Murphy Dinner	Karen Perkins Woody Shiflett	266-9036 568-1436	
Telluride	Feb 28 Mar. 7		6 1/2	\$506	12/1	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	1/5	84	High Sierra 1/1	\$88.00 4/5 Day Interchn	TSM Parties Cross-County 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	2/2	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.

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

*Texas Ski Council sponsored Trips.

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."

CINDY GARRETT, Vice President of Trips (H) 956-8892

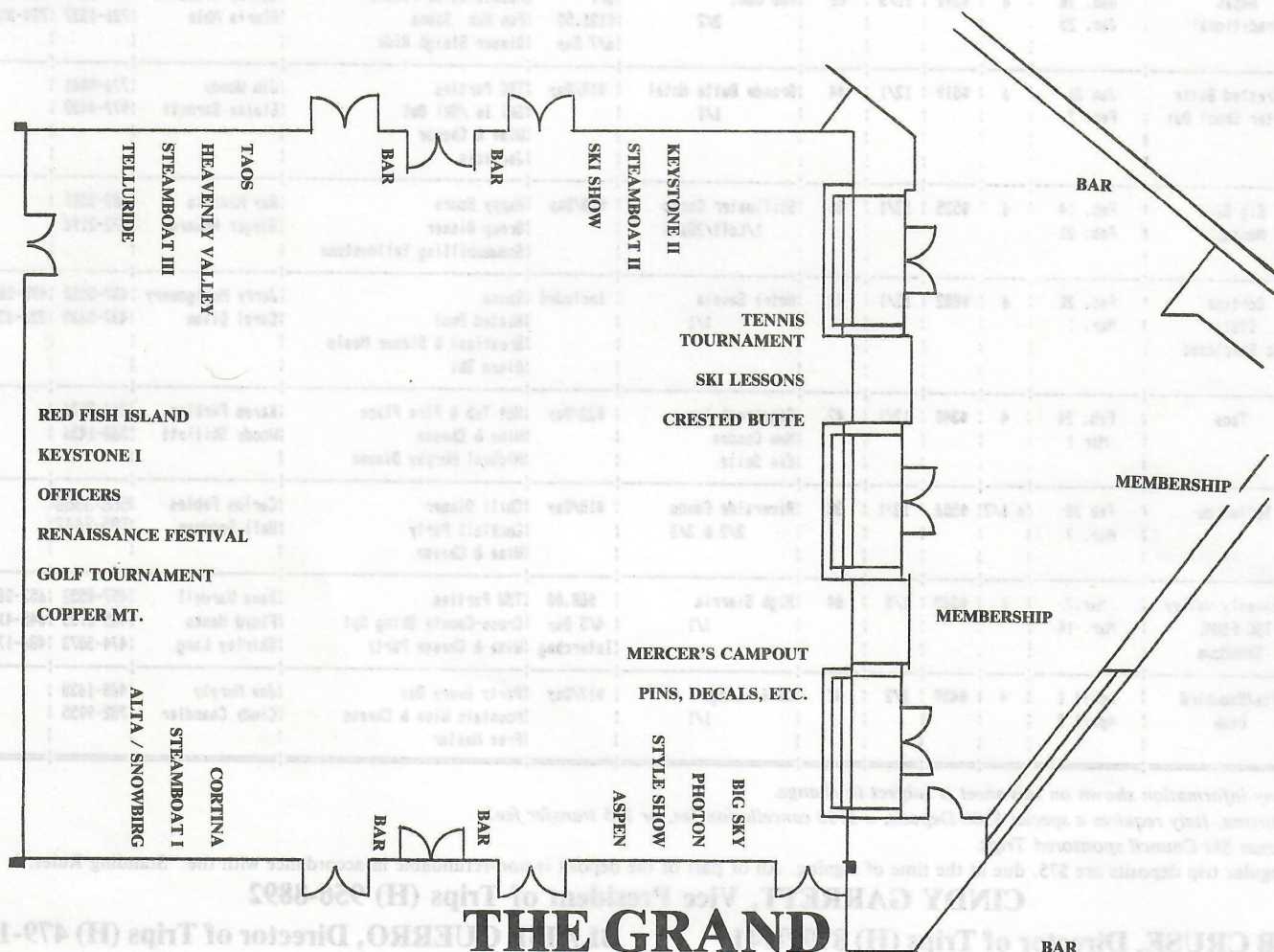
BOB CRUSE, Director of Trips (H) 879-9141

BLAISE GUERRO, Director of Trips (H) 479-1678

Please remember that we have 8 Fall non-ski activities available for sign-up at our September Meeting, as well as our 14 ski trips. Bring plenty of checks and come early to see what SCSC has for you this fall and winter.

Please use the check lists on both sides of this page to note which activities you wish to sign up for.

ACTIVITY	DAY	DATE	TIME	PRICE	FEATURE	ACTIVITY COOR-DINATOR	PHONE NO.
Ski Show	Friday Sunday	9/12 9/14	See Adv.	See Adv.	Need SCSCer's to work Booth	Connie Hinshaw	789-4040
Excursion to Redfish Island	Saturday	9/13	Noon	\$12.00	Sailing, Drinks Dinner	Gary Anderson	668-6609 W. 474-7580 H.
Photon Party	Thursday	9/25	7 p.m.	\$17.50	Houston's newest Space-age Game	Debbie Starnes	827-0698
Class Intro. to Skiing	Saturday	9/27	2-5 p.m.	\$ 8.00	Leisure Learning	Beth Nolen	468-4268
Mercer's Campout	Friday Sunday	10/10 10/12		\$25.00	Fun, Food, Drink	Glenn Bishop Bonnie Lloyd	855-1615
Tennis Tournament	Saturday	10/18	3-6 p.m.	\$15.00	48 Player Limit	Bill Brooks	468-7411
Renaissance Festival	Saturday	11/1	9 a.m. 7 p.m.	\$21.00	A day with King Arthur	Rose Tortorici	980-4961
Golf Tournament	Saturday	11/15	11 a.m.	\$36.00	4 Man Scramble	Ted Bergeron	367-7534



THE GRAND

1986-1987 SCSC SKI SCHEDULE

ASPEN TRADITIONAL

JANUARY 18 - 25



TC: CHERYL CLEMENTS (H) 879-5691
ATC: GLORIA ABEL (H) 726-1537

\$590

If this doesn't wet your whistle, nothing will! We're off once again to the beautiful town of Aspen. The ambience is overwhelming. By popular request, we're staying in the luxurious condos of The Gant and, if that's not inviting in itself, what about flying directly into Aspen! The Gant offers two heated pools, three Jacuzzis, two saunas and locker facilities. Now if I still don't have your attention, what do you say about having a choice of skiing four different mountains. You simply can't go wrong. Six great days of skiing, Nastar Races, a Club Fun Race, maybe a mountainside picnic, a dinner sleigh ride and much, much more. Add the flare of the marvelous shopping and you get one exciting week in Aspen. Aspen also offers groomed cross-country ski trails, indoor ice skating, hot air balloon rides and even dog sled rides. Sixty smiling faces will be making this trip more than a tradition! Tempting? Try it out. You can't ask for anything more exciting than Aspen - and what a bargain!

PHOTOGRAPHERS:

PLEASE NOTE Oshman's has asked us to provide a few ski-actions photos for possible inclusion in their advertisements. Both the photographer and SCSC would receive a by-line. If you are interested, please see me at the September or October meeting.

Bob Wilbanks, Editor

CRESTED BUTTE

JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 7
TSC WINTER SHOOTOUT



TC: JIM WOODY (H) 776-8861
ATC: ELAINE BARNETT (H) 977-4439

\$519

Leave on Saturday morning and be on the slopes by noon. Sound great? Well, come and join us at CRESTED BUTTE. We leave Saturday morning, fly into Gunnison, Colorado, a short 35 miles away from the slopes. No long bus rides on this trip! We will be staying right on the slopes, in fact, at the Grand Butte Hotel. This hotel offers for your convenience and relaxation in every room, a kitchenette, Jacuzzi, and a cable TV.

Ever go on a trip and not get to know everyone until the plane trip home? Not on this trip. We are starting off Saturday night with a get-acquainted wine and cheese party. After that we will have a planned function each evening - just to be sure no one gets left out. There will also be Texas Ski Council functions during the week to add to the entertainment.

It won't be hard to have a good time after skiing, either. No need to worry about transportation to restaurants and clubs in the evening. There are 4 restaurants and 2 clubs right in the Hotel. Other places to go are just a short walk away. Pick your spot and have a great time.

So, return with us to the site where SCSC won the Texas Ski Cup in 1986 and to the ski resort that has as great a mountain, but much lower prices, than the "name" resorts. Crested Butte, it sure ain't the same ol' ski town.

THINK SNOW!

BIG SKY, MONTANA

FEBRUARY 14 - FEBRUARY 21



TC: RAY NAUDAIN (H) 683-3898
ATC: GINGER HOWARD (H) 772-2196

\$525

Big Sky offers two major mountain ranges, two gondola systems, over 55 miles (40 trails) of skiing for all levels and more area to ski than people in line. With an average snowfall of 400 inches per year, wide open meadows, perfectly groomed continuous slopes, mogul fields and long, long runs, there surely is something for every skier. Temperatures compare to Sun Valley and Vail and low humidity promotes light dry snow, known as "cold smoke."

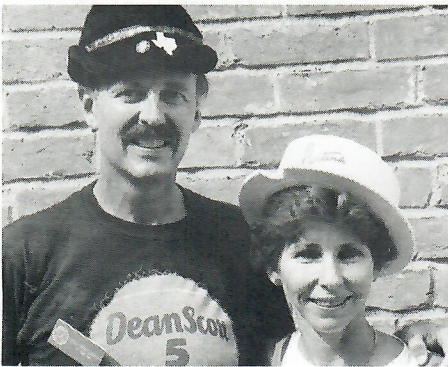
We'll fly to Bozeman, Montana, and after a short bus ride (approximately 1 hr!), arrive at Big Sky. Our accommodations at Stillwater Condominiums are across the street from the ski lifts. We'll be in one-bedroom with loft units; each bedroom and loft has its own private bathroom. We have been extended the use of the outdoor heated pool, sauna and Jacuzzi at the distinctive Huntley Lodge. A get-acquainted wine and cheese party, as well as organized bar hopping during Happy Hour throughout the week, will be part of our after-ski activities. A group dinner is also planned at one of the outstanding local restaurants. Midweek, we'll be offering an optional all-day snowmobiling trip in Yellowstone National Park. This unique experience will take you as far as Old Faithful in just 2-3 hours, stopping along the way to see buffalo herds, elk, eagles and other wildlife in their natural setting. A great week of skiing - plus unique other activities.



1986-1986 SCSC SKI SCHEDULE

CORTINA, ITALY

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 1



TC: JERRY MONTGOMERY (H) 437-5550
ATC: CAROL DIXON (H) 437-5625

\$882

S.C.S.C.'s premier 86/87 trip will be to Cortina, Italy, home of the 1956 Winter Olympics, and contender for the 1992 Games.

February 20 through March 1 forty-two lucky participants will travel via Air Italia from Houston non-stop to Venice. A three-hour bus ride to the beautiful Savoia (four-star) Grand Hotel, located in Cortina's central business district; across the median from the ski shuttle. Available hotel amenities include a heated swimming pool, solarium, sauna, and dancing. Your all inclusive price includes:

- Air and Ground Transportation
- 7 nights lodging (double occ.), continental breakfast and dinner
- 6-day lift pass
- Ski equipment
- Get-acquainted party the first night
- Texas Ski Council welcoming party
- Closing party
- Post-trip party

And many more extras and surprises

Your air return will be honored for 21 days. There will be side trips available throughout Italy, Austria, and Switzerland.

Update or apply for your Passport, and buy a Berlitz Guide. Come early to the September meeting, as this trip will be sold out quickly.

THE PRICE? An "UN-BEAT-ABLE" \$882.00

Deposit: \$300.00

Cancellation: \$100.00

Final Payment: December 4, 1986

THINK SNOW!

TAOS

FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 1



TC: KARIN PERKINS (H) 266-9036
ATC: WOODY SHIFLET (H) 528-1436

\$340

February is high season in Taos, New Mexico. Skiing any of the 71 trails (36 expert, 18 intermediate and 17 beginner) provides challenges and thrills as you race down from the 11,819 ft. peak. Four full days of skiing will satisfy even the most intrepid skier. But beware the martini tree!

But skiing is only half the fun. We'll be lodging at the Sagebrush Inn in their newly built executive suites. The early twentieth century design, graceful portals, and the soft lines of adobe blend with the art and culture of Taos. The Sagebrush Inn is located just south of Taos, close to downtown and the ski slopes by shuttle. The Sagebrush also provides two large hot tubs, a BAR and two dining rooms, featuring complete menus serving lobster to hamburgers, not to mention the local native specialties.

You'll find everything you'd want in a SCSC Ski Weekend. Ski lessons, equipment rental, tours of Taos and even a three-hour excursion through Santa Fe to examine the native arts, crafts and culture are all available on what will be a fabulous, long weekend. And topping the weekend will be an optional dinner show with MICHAEL MARTIN MURPHY - specifically arranged for SCSC!

Small groups wanting to "get away" have available transportation compliments of the Sagebrush Inn!

So for a ski vacation apart from the ho-hum Aspen routine - one with some real excitement - come with us on our Taos Ski Weekend!

TELLURIDE

FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 7



TC: CARLOS FEBLES (H) 666-3669
ATC: HALL GOODSON (H) 776-9754

\$506

Why should you go skiing to Telluride? Why you don't even know where the hell it's at. Because this is the place to ski in '87! You should come skiing with us to Telluride because it's the:

1.) BEST VALUE FOR YOUR MONEY - For a measly \$506 you get air travel to Montrose (Colorado, not Houston), a one-hour bus ride with lots of partying, six days at the one-year-old Riverside Condos, 3 mountain parties, and a dinner.

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3.) BIGGEST SKIING MOUNTAIN IN THE AREA - 3,155 feet of vertical drop with over 735 acres of skiable terrain of which 14% is for beginners, 54% for intermediates and 22% for experts.

4.) BEST FOR LOVEBIRDS - A romantic vacation is waiting for you and your loved one - or someone you're trying to allure. You can't go wrong at Telluride with its astounding skiing, phenomenal scenery and rustic Victorian town.

5.) BEST "YOU WENT WHERE?" RESORTS - There are very few great ski mountain resorts left that aren't a household word. Telluride has been described as "Aspen before Hollywood hit."

Sign up in the September meeting and come skiing with us this year.

1986-1986 SCSC SKI SCHEDULE

HEAVENLY VALLEY

MARCH 7 - 15

TC SC FINAL SHOWDOWN



TC: DANA WARDELL (H) 497-8552
ATC: FLOYD HANKS (H) 485-6135
ATC: SHIRLEY LANG (H) 474-5873

\$563

Join us for a devilish good time at the final showdown for the Texas Ski Cup. This is our last chance to show Texas that SCSC intends to hold on to that cup!

What better place to ski than Heavenly Valley with over twenty square miles of ski terrain, nine mountain peaks, and the panoramic sights of Lake Tahoe, and the surrounding deserts. With an average snowfall of 300 to 500 inches, this should be spring skiing at its best. Along with NASTAR races, there will be club races and costume skiing. Fully interchangeable lift tickets are available so we can ski Heavenly Valley, Squaw Valley, Kirkwood, Alpine Meadows and Northstar.

Our eighty-four skiers will stay in South Lake Tahoe at the High Sierra Hotel and Casino complete with outdoor hot tubs, casino, restaurants and lounges with twenty-four hour entertainment. We will have nightly happy hours, a wine and cheese party on the mountain, discounted tickets to a casino show one night, and an optional day trip to ski Squaw Valley aboard the Tahoe Queen, which provides breakfast going across Lake Tahoe and a prime rib dinner complete with live band on our return that evening.

There's something for everyone on this trip - long runs, slopes for all levels of skiers, an internationally known ski school, races, parties, casinos, and live entertainment. Heavenly's angels are calling, you devil you!

SNOWBIRD/ALTA

APRIL 1 - APRIL 5



TC: JOE MURPHY (H) 468-1638
ATC: CINDY CHANDLER (H) 782-9055

\$459

Snowbird/Alta are considered by many to be the best WORLD-CLASS ski areas in North America. Snowbird is the only U. S. ski resort with a sister resort in Europe (Zermatt, Switzerland).

We are staying at the Cliff Lodge. Each room will feature queensize beds and a mountain view. This allows easy ski-in/ski-out access - in fact, everything in this self-contained ski village is within easy walking distance, including the 17 restaurants and bar lounges, the open air heated pool, hot tubs, steam rooms and saunas.

There is plenty of skiing for every ability level. 15 chairlifts service 50 runs and three huge bowls containing 2,500 acres of super skiing. The runs are rated 55% novice-intermediate and 45% advanced. Snowbird also has the world's most powerful aerial tramway - taking 125 passengers to the 11,000 foot summit in 8 minutes. Ski conditions should be superb. Last April they reported: 160" base, 5" new powder, noon temperature 40°.

We will have a Club party every day, including a mountain wine and cheese following our free NASTAR race on Friday. We have also arranged a 15% discount on lift tickets.

Our trip leaves after work Wednesday with cocktails and dinner served on our non-stop flight. This is a very short travel-time trip - about 4 hours from Houston to Snowbird. This allows 4 days of skiing for the expenditure of only 2 vacation days.

NEWS FROM THE SKI DESK

by Cindy Garrett

SIGN UP TIME IS HERE! Here are some suggestions for getting on your favorite ski trip this 86-87 SKI SEASON. Arrive early at the "Grand" Hotel; the doors will open at 7:30 p.m. While you are waiting, socialize with your ski buddies from last year, get additional trip information, or membership info and look over the SITZMARKE TRIP SCHEDULE.

FOR TRIP SIGN-UP, HERE ARE SOME HELPFUL REMINDERS:

YOU MUST BE A CLUB MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE ON A SKI TRIP

Renewals and new members can fill out an application at the membership table. A LIFTLINER CAN HELP - those members with the Sheriff's badge.

BRING YOUR CHECKBOOK

A \$75.00 deposit is required for each trip - \$300.00 for the Cortina, Italy trip is required (all checks payable to S.C.S.C.)

KNOW THE RULES

This September meeting marks the beginning of Trip sign-up for the 86-87 season. Read applicable standing rules regarding sign-up, deposits, transfers, cancellations, etc. See your directory and the back of the Sitzmarke Trip Schedule. TRIP RELEASE FORMS are now acknowledged through your membership form.

BECOME INFORMED ABOUT THE TRIP BEFORE YOU SIGN UP

ASK A LIFTLINER - if you are in the right line for the trip you want to sign up. Read information concerning trips in the SITZMARKE's TRIP SCHEDULE. This insert can be pulled out to bring to the meeting. Read TRIP HANDOUT information sheets. Ask Trip Coordinator any questions before sign up.

HIT THE EARLY TRIPS FIRST

Then go sign up for later trips if signing up for more than two trips.

BE READY TO SIGN UP

DEPOSIT - CHECK READY - Note name of trip and your membership number on check. FILL OUT your TRIP QUESTIONNAIRE application.

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SPACE CITY SKI CLUB TENNIS TOURNAMENT

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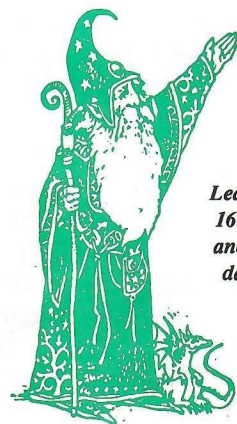
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Please contact: **Rose Tortorici**

15700 Lexington, # 1216, Sugar Land, TX 77478, (H) 980-4961, (W) 781-8871, x6242



SKI DESK NEWS

(continued)

CAN'T MAKE THE MEETING

A friend can sign up for you. Each member can sign up ONE other member for a trip. Contact your T.C. after the meeting - you can sign up via the mail, too.

ALL in ALL, just be patient. The T.C. will be very busy and will try to take care of everybody. LIFTLINERS are there to help, too, - so ask. Try to keep in straight lines and do not cut in line. If going for a drink or whatever, tell the person to hold your place - not too long though; you may lose your place to another ski enthusiast.

I look forward to seeing you at the Sign-up meeting in September - we've planned a great program and the trips are even better - so be there!

MODELS NEEDED for SCSC's ANNUAL WINTER STYLE SHOW of Ski Wear and Furs to be held at the NOVEMBER MEETING

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