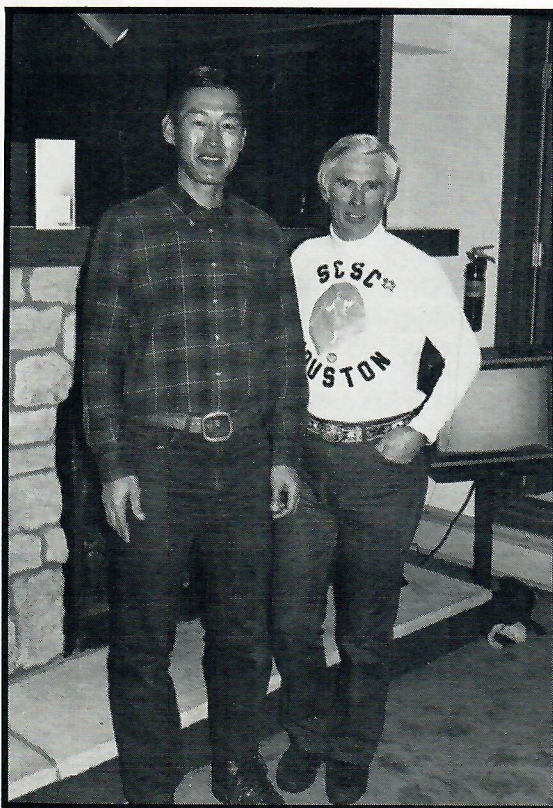


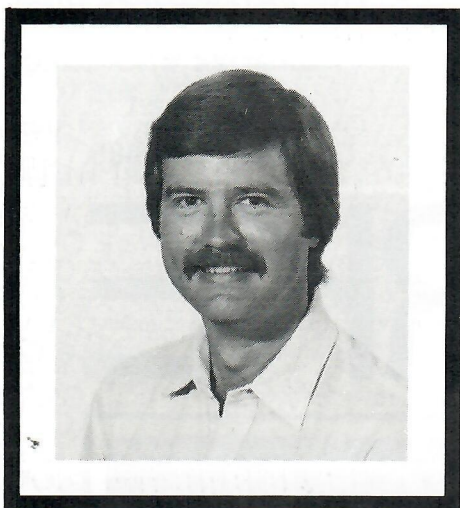
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MARCH, 1985

SITZMARKE



**OFFICER NOMINEES
TEXAS TREASURE AT COPPER MOUNTAIN
SILVER AND BRONZE WON IN ASPEN**



OFFICER ELECTIONS THIS MONTH

HEAD OF THE LIFTLINE

BY TOM MERCER

At the February meeting, the nominating committee officially put their choices for office into nomination.

Nominees were called for from the floor; there were none received. At the next general meeting, I will call for the membership to vote the nominees to office by acclamation.

I would like to express my appreciation to **Linda Licarione** for her work as Treasurer this year. For those who don't know, she is leaving us for Dallas – mergers are fun, right Linda? **Jim Plummer** has been asked by the Board, and has accepted, to fill the remaining term as Treasurer – thank you, Jim. Once again, **thank you, Linda, we'll miss you!!!!**

There are several activities coming in the near future. Please sign up early so the coordinators can properly plan for the correct number. Several activities depend on the number of

people signing up, so if you plan to go, either sign up at the meeting or call the person in charge.

Some changes were made at the last Board meeting in our standing rules. Tania will have a full report in next month's issue.

**GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY
MARCH 11
OLDE ENGLISH INN
(formerly Radisson Inn)
7:30 P.M.**

At this time of the year, we begin thinking about spring and summer activities, but don't forget some of the best skiing is spring skiing. We still have trips on the books and there might be some openings. Check them out.

Well, that's about all the short takes from the top. We'll see you at the next Happy Hour – Activity – Meeting T.T.F.N

ASK AN OFFICER

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Dick..... 496-6191
Jerry..... 721-7035
Charla..... 726-0329
Phyllis..... 270-1428
Linda..... 466-1337

SITZMARKE DEADLINES

- March 11
- April 8

IT'S A DATE!

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MARCH

- 6 Executive Committee Meeting. 6:30 P.M. Contact Tom Mercer, 774-3880.
- 10-17 Final Showdown at Big Sky, Montana Ski Trip.
- 11 General Membership Meeting. 7:30 P.M. Olde English Inn, 7000 Southwest Freeway. Contact Tom Mercer, 774-3880.
- 21 Happy Hour. 5:00-8:00 P.M. Bentley's, 64 Woodlake Square.
- 23 Texas Ski Council Meeting, San Antonio, Texas. Contact Jim McIntyre, 686-7809 (H).
- 24-31 Lake Tahoe Ski Trip.

APRIL

- 8 General Membership Meeting. 7:30 P.M. Olde English Inn, 7000 Southwest Freeway. Contact Tom Mercer, 774-3880.
- 18 Happy Hour.
- 28 Gimmick Road Rally. 1:30 P.M. Contact Chuck Moore, 583-1456 (H) or 931-9936 (O).

ATTENTION!

You need not be an SCSC member to participate in non-ski activities. So, share the upcoming activities with friends, or bring them with you.

1984 - 1985 SCSC TRIP SCHEDULE**

| TRIP | DATES Depart Hou. Depart Area | Ski Days | Price | Final Pmt. Date | No. Skiers | Lodgings Name Bedrm/Bath | Lift Ticket Prices | Special Activities | Trip Coordinator Asst. Trip Coordinators | Home Phone | Office Phone |
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| *TEXAS SKI WEEK FINAL SHOWDOWN "BIG SKY" "ASSIGNMENT MONTANA" | Mar. 10 Thru Mar. 17 | 6 | \$446 | Jan. 14 | 42 | Huntley Lodge 1/1 | \$13 per day for 3 consec. | TSC Activities TSC Races Parties Explore N.W. Territory | Lydia Miller Jerry Montgomery | 840-1822 437-5550 | 461-0527 498-0810 |
| LAKE TAHOE | Mar. 24 thru Mar. 31 | 6 | \$530 | Feb. 1 | 84 | Harvey's Resort Hotel | \$100 for 5 Days | Cross-Country Skiing Excursions to Squaw Valley & Kirkwood "OPT" | Gar Bering Brenda Peavy | 669-0896 497-1290 | 749-2848 ---- |

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

All prices include a \$15 Club ski trip subsidy for 1984/85.

* 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".

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APRIL MEETING
Contact
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or sign up at the March Meeting. This is an excellent opportunity for newer members to become involved in SCSC.

WANTED!
TCs and ATCs for 1985-1986 SKI SEASON
Fill out this form and return no later than MAY 1, 1985.
☐ TC ☐ ATC ☐ Either

PLEASE NOTE: This does NOT replace the membership questionnaire, but will help in the selection process.

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
TELEPHONE NO.: OFFICE: _____ HOME: _____
Number of SCSC Ski Trips you have participated in: _____
TRIP(s) and YEAR: _____

If appointed, do you have any preference where you would want to take your trip? _____
Do you have any preferences as to dates for your trip? _____
Are there any dates that you would not be available? _____
Previous SCSC Volunteer work: _____
Give brief description of background/experiences/attributes you feel you have to offer SCSC: _____
TC's should have served as ski trip ATC, SCSC activity coordinator or other comparable experience and participated on at least two SCSC sponsored ski trips.
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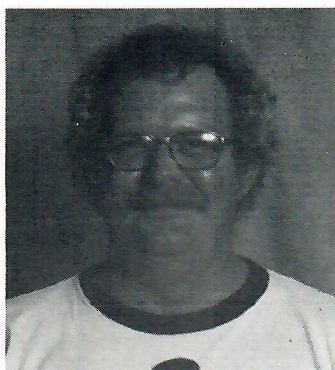
The price includes the following:

Signup deadline - May 13 meeting

- Round trip transportation from Houston to the Guadalupe River
- Sandwiches on board the bus
- Reserved campsite with flush toilets and shower facilities
- All camping fees
- Tarps for sleeping on
- Drink of the day on Friday, plus lemonade and iced tea
- Breakfast on Saturday morning
- Rafting instructions before we start down the river
- Certified guide in every raft
- All rafting equipment (life jackets, paddles, raft etc.)
- Lunch on river
- Hors d'oeuvres before dinner on Saturday
- Margarita party
- Supper Saturday night
- Talent night (you and Texas River Expeditions will provide)
- Breakfast on Sunday
- Admission and parking at Landa Park for tubing
- Inner tube rental

Contact Becky Hall (H) 783-9990 or (O) 666-0282, or see her at the Meetings.

SCSC MEMBERS TO VOTE ON OFFICER NOMINEES AT MARCH MEETING



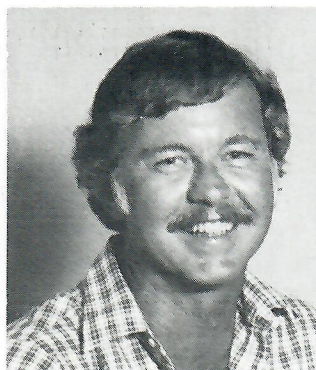
RON SMITH
President

Ron has been a member of SCSC since 1975. He had skied with one of the "bank" clubs, but after staying on the wrong side of I-70 while SCSC was staying at Mountain Hass, he decided the best trips in Houston were with SCSC.

During his association with SCSC, he has run the "Tube the Guadalupe Trip," the Summer Bash, and Mercer's Semi-annual Campout and has been ATC to Vail, TC for Texas Ski Week at Copper Mountain and Vice President of Membership.

Born in San Rafael, just north of San Francisco, Ron grew up in east Texas and Louisiana. After graduation from Louisiana Tech with a Chemical Engineering Degree and completion of a tour of duty with the Air Force, he accepted a job with Brown & Root in Houston and has been a "Native" Texan ever since.

Ron would like to see the Club continue its course of providing excellent trips which are cost effective and satisfy the membership's requirements of desirable locations, both from ski area and lodging point of view. He will try to get more of the membership involved in club activities through use of the Volunteer list generated from the membership forms.



BILL KIRK
Vice President for Trips

Bill Kirk joined the SCSC in 1977 and has participated on at least one ski trip a year and enjoys the non-ski trip activities, such as bike rides, road rallies, canoe trips and campouts. He has served the club as ATC for the 1983 Snowmass trip, TC for the 1984 Sun Valley trip and is currently serving on the executive committee as Director of Trips. This year, as Direction of Trips, Bill has worked with training the Trip Coordinators to promote new ideas and camaraderie for their trips, which creates friendship and enthusiasm among the participants. The end results encourage new members, and old, to attend the meetings and volunteer to run a trip or other non-ski trip activity.

The greatest personal reward a TC receives after the trip returns, is when a participant walks up and says, "Your trip was terrific," or "We sure had fun on your trip." The current TCs and ATCs are making the trips fun and really have put forth the effort in planning and organizing their trips. The participants remember the trip and will go again on future SCSC trips.

As Vice President for trips, Bill plans to continue work with the DOTs, TCs, ATCs, and provide good fun trips at reasonable prices for the ski season 1985-86.

Bill grew up in Lake Delton, a small village in Wisconsin, with plenty of snow and small hills to begin learning to ski at the age of twelve. Many years later, while touring the countries which border the Mediterranean Sea, via a Navy destroyer, he went skiing in the French Maritimes Alps and has enjoyed the sport since that time.

He considers Houston his home, but still manages a trip to Florida to visit with his family and also to go sailing. He is currently employed with Channelview Independent School District as Assistant Business Manager.

Bill is a bachelor and occupies some of his free time going to hear "Bluegrass Music," is actively involved in chili cook-offs and many other outdoor activities.

Bill encourages the SCSC members to get involved in the many different SCSC activities by participating and volunteering to assist when needed.

Vice President for Programs

JANIE DAR was originally nominated for this position. She has asked that her name be removed from the ballot because her husband, Joe, has accepted a position in Midland, Texas.

The Nominating Committee had not yet selected a replacement at the time of printing. The Committee will have a selection by the March Meeting.



GORDON T. WISE

*Vice President for
Membership*

Gordon was "born again" in 1969 when he first experienced the exhilaration of going down the mountain on the edge of control. Since that mountaintop experience, he has been skiing at least twice a year and discovered Space City Ski Club in 1978. He has participated in a half dozen trips and was T C for this year's Aspen Traditional and A T C for the 1984 Crested Butte Shootout. He also plays tennis, some say just beyond the edge of control, and has participated in several of the SCSC tourneys.

A native Texan, Gordon was graduated from Princeton and served in the USAF as an instructor pilot. Since there was no war, he left to do battle with Wall Street and has been fighting for his investment survival ever since. He is a Chartered Financial Analyst and a partner in an investment counseling firm. On the civic side of the ledger, he has served as Chairman of several committees of the Houston Chamber of Commerce, is an investment advisor to the Board of Directors of the Teacher's Retirement System of Texas, and assists Texas A & M in the management of its endowment funds.

As is apparent from the above, Gordon is a consummate joiner with



LYDIA MILLER

*Vice President for
Publications*

As a Theatre Arts teacher, it is natural that my first introduction to SCSC was when I attended the '81 Follies. I immediately applied for membership. Since then, I have taken a good bit from the club - not only by participating in activities, but also by meeting people who have become valued friends. So now it's time to give something back through donating time and effort to the Sitzmarke. But like every other function of SCSC, this can't be done by one person. So if I yell for "Help," please answer. SCSC and the Sitzmarke can always use another helping hand.

extensive experience in being a member. It seems fitting, therefore, that he be Vice President of Membership. His priorities include a more timely presentation of the membership directory and implementation of procedures which will put the organization back at its 1400 member limit.



DIANNE TULLY

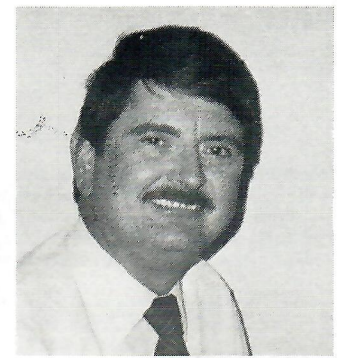
Secretary

A native of Mississippi, Dianne's first experience with snow was in the "flatlands" of Illinois. She came to Houston in 1962 for a 2-week visit that has lasted 23 years.

Dianne was introduced to Space City in 1980 by Ray Tully. At the tender age of 38, she put on her first pair of skis at Copper Mountain during Texas Ski Week 1981. Undaunted by her first encounter with snow snakes, she caught the skiing bug and has been active in the club ever since. Last year she was ATC for Big Sky, Montana and this year served as TC for the Park City / Deer Valley trip.

Dianne has 20 years experience in the investment industry. She is currently employed as Operations Manager for Sunstrand Securities Corporation, dealing in stocks, bonds, and tax shelters. She has a real estate license and plans to obtain her securities license this year.

When they are not skiing, Dianne, husband Ray, their dog and 5 cats head for their lake house on Lake Livingston.



ED BARNETT

Treasurer

Ed Barnett has been a member of SCSC since moving to Houston in 1978. He has served as ATC on the Aspen Traditional, TC on this season's Taos trip, has helped with the follies, participated in innumerable club events and is always willing to help where needed. It is a family affair as wife, Elaine, is an active Lift Liner and club supporter.

Ed, an attorney in real life, wants to maintain the present club quality and does not believe in change for the sake of change. He does want to encourage better attendance at monthly meetings and more participation in non-ski activities. He has previously served as treasurer of a non-profit civic organization.

TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING IS



by Gordon Wise

We knew that we were in trouble when we ran out of booze at the pre-trip party. Truly, we had assembled 44 SCSC mad dogs who live life with a gusto and believe in maximizing the moment. We arrived on Aspen Air's new jets, ahead of schedule, with only one, very temporary, luggage casualty which forced **Debbie Epps** to use her full length fur coat as a bathrobe. Poor girl. Actually, there were so many furs that mentioning the owners would only embarrass the have-nots.

What a reception we got! We've been going to Aspen as long as we've been alive as a Club, which is why the word Traditional is used to modify the trip. They finally decided to honor us. We were given a parade, as parachutists floated down around us, and fire works exploded after dark. Aspen now has a word that means Space City Traditional: Winterskol. It has a nice ring. But it may play games with your mind. At 2:00 A.M. the next day, **Mike Moldofsky** hailed a cab, not so much to get home as to find out where he was. There is a six-hour void in his life, courtesy of Winterskol.

Super Bowl fever gripped the group and **Mike "The Creek" Volgaris** and **Glen Gill** quickly assembled a pool. The pool was as bad as the game with **Susan Fini's** numbers winning three-fourths of the pot. **Darie Donovan** arrived at game time with two wild men she found on her plane from Dallas. They provided the comic relief after Montana anesthetized Miami. **Kay**



McKeough was another Sunday arrival and she wisely elected to ski and skip the Super Bowl party, as did **Patti Richards** who had the idea in the first place.

Even the weather man accommodated us. While Aspen basked in the 20's, most of us called neighbors to drain pipes and cover outdoor plants as Houston froze. **Kathy Harris** made plans to use her cat as a doorstep, figuring that it had frozen solid. We got fifteen inches of fresh powder on Monday and even the novice skiers behaved like hot dogs. **Flo Prince** did a headplant while negotiating a "most difficult" lift exit and got to ride the basket down. She joined Moldofsky as a missing link, having no recollection of the next six hours. Since **Dana Wardell's** back kept her from skiing, she and Flo cleaned out the shops.

Since ours was not a Ski Council trip, we created our own com-

petition, by challenging the Atlanta, Georgia and Clear Lake Ski Clubs to a private NASTAR. The pacesetter made it tough. Atlanta got one silver and five bronzes. **John McDonald** won a silver and **Jim Plummer**, **Bob Tripp**, **Gordon Wise** (T.C.) and **Sherry Lewis** (A.T.C.) got bronzes. Race Chairman **Arlan Isham** accomplished a double release just ten feet short of a bronze and **Ken Moredock**, who had won a silver at Aspen Highlands the previous day, barely missed also. **Bill Knoble**, another sure medalist, attempted a backward one and a half from the pike position through the fifth gate of the Marlboro race course. He finished out the day and part of the evening before treating his broken ribs.

That evening we looked at pictures made by the course photographer. The firm set jaws and determined looks of the SCSC skiers showed the depth of our com-

S JUST RIGHT...Aspen Traditional



TOP ROW (left to right) "Bring on cow town!" Medal winners Gordon Wise, Bob Tripp, John McDonald, Sherry Lewis and Jim Plummer. "As noted in the text, seeing Charlie Epps is prerequisite to believing." Debra and Charlie Epps.

"Yes, those snow flakes were that big!" Bob Tripps, Neva Shepherd, Sherry Lewis, Joe Jackson and Patty Richards.

BOTTOM ROW (left to right) "Ginger Lyons with those who requested anonymity." Bruce Maughs, Ginger and Sherry Lewis.

"But there is no smile on the duck." Glen Gill and friend.



petitive spirit. Except, that is, for **Marilyn Turboff** who swished through the gate looking directly at the camera with a big smile on her face.

We are indebted to Miller's Outpost for contributing identical scarves for each participant. While the lovely hues of black and pink failed to completely coordinate with anyone's outfit, they certainly stuck out and made us more visible to each other and the envy of the mountain. The color choice was ours and proved very effective. Qualitatively they were great and we appreciate Miller's generosity.

We had other winners too, beyond the NASTAR. The Equal Opportunity Award went to **Sherry Lewis** who got **Ray Delune**, **Rudy Naquin** and **Bob Tharp** in substantially over their heads in the crusty powder on "Sheer Bliss." **Kathleen Magruder** and **Kevin Hill** were the

most improved female and male. Their skiing got better, too. **Jim Dickson** won the John Riggins' "Loosen Up" Award for his devil may care approach to skiing. **Sam** and **Bob McKnight** won the Don Rickle's Diplomacy Award for their skillful handling of the personnel at Breeze Ski Rentals. **Margie Fanette** never crossed her tips, but she did rear end a car on her way to the post-trip party, thereby losing her Safety Award. **Karen Friedsam**, who was on and off the trip at least five times, was awarded the Putty Cup. Anytime she was inclined to drop off, **Bruce Maughs** and **Ginger Lyons** and/or **Gene Turboff** would create a magnificent picture of how much fun everyone was going to have without her and she'd be back on the trip. And last, but by no means least, the Casper the Friendly Ghost Award goes to **Ed Tribble** who everyone knew was around, but no

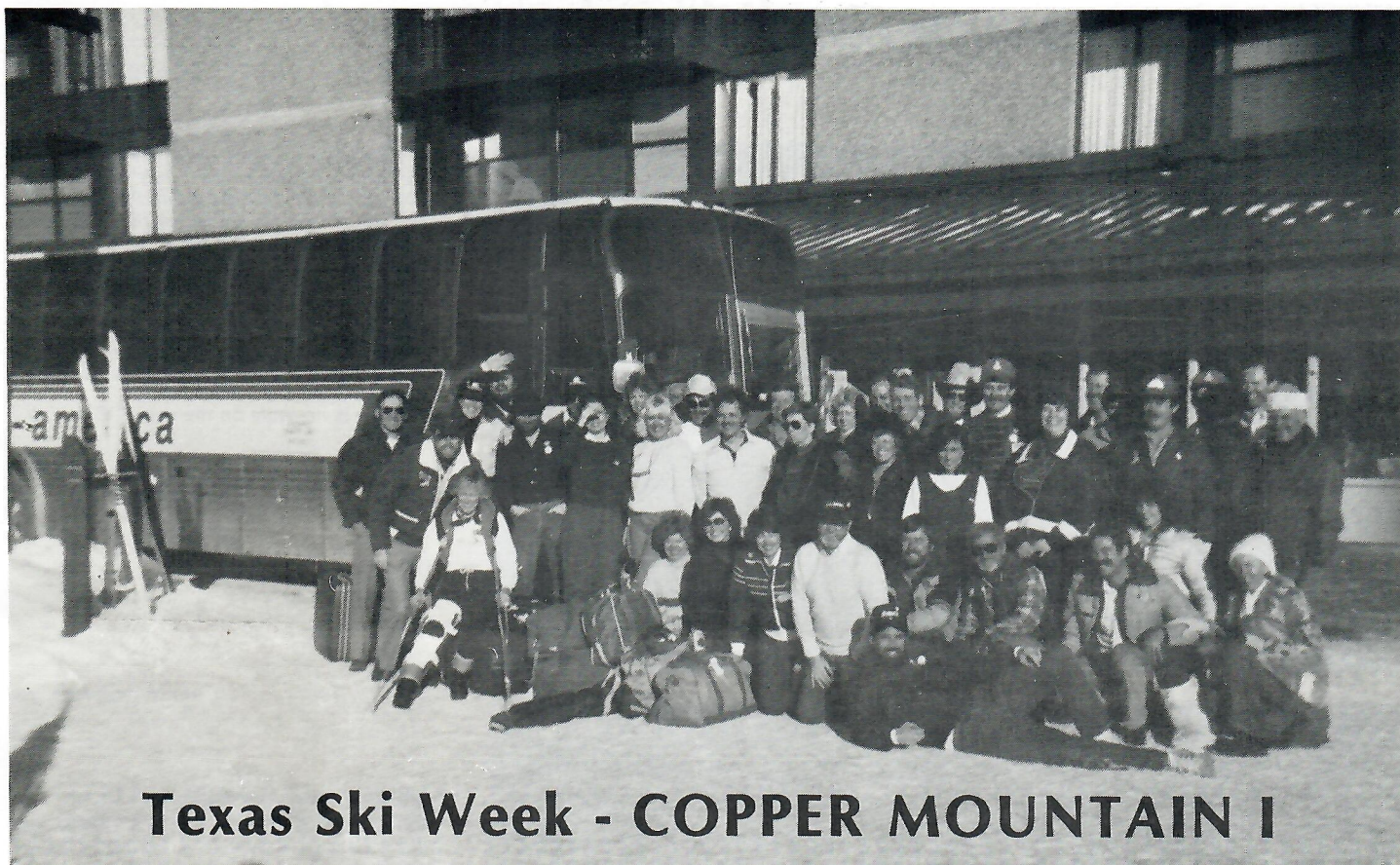
one ever saw. It was noted by Volgaris as Ed slept on the plane home that this was the longest he had slept in any one place all week. He asked for a refund on his room.

While Tribble's was a feast, famine gripped **Derek Hankins**, **Fred Schaffert** and **Glen Gill** who complained of D. S. B., whatever that was. Gill did manage to fall in love with the duck that was on the Clear Lake trip and we have the picture to prove it. The duck has not written, and hasn't called...

Half of the group had mountainside condos with a view and also a walk. The infamous walk up through the 800 building proved that **Norm Prince**, **June Crossly** and **JoBeth Isham** were in better shape than the rest of us. **Neva Shepherd** rode the van and saved her energy for the night life.

We had two trip cocktail parties, two group dinners, and several impromptu events. **Joe Jackson** warmed the group's heart on Thursday morning with an Irish coffee breakfast. **John Pruitt** was a consistent early riser and breakfast cook, which was appreciated by Alice and the other suitemates. Following our NASTAR success, we had a "drink up the rest of the booze so we won't have to take any home party." Needless to say, it was successful.

Now, I've mentioned everybody on the trip except **Charlie Epps**, and you've got to see him to believe him. For this reason, we have attached a picture which is worth at least a thousand words.



Texas Ski Week - COPPER MOUNTAIN I

by Janie Dar

Texas Ski Week started out with a party attitude which continued right through to the Post-Trip Party. To "be rested and eager to rise" for the 7:00 a.m. flight on January 5, **Bob Fried, Sy Liebergot, John Rice, Ted and Debbie Bergeron, Carol Ramirez, Linda and Rob Stewart, Lisa Steckley, Becky Hall, Floyd Hanks, Mike Crawford, Dale Allbritton, Jeri Rotenberg, Janie and Joe Dar** spent the night at the Sheraton Crown-Intercontinental. The party was great fun, but the group failed to accomplish getting a good night's sleep.

Early Saturday morning, 42 SCSC'ers boarded United Airlines ready for a week of skiing. With the aid of SCSC, the flight attendants instructed the passengers on procedures for an emergency. After a successful flight, the group landed in Denver and boarded a Colorado Charter bus bound for Copper Mountain. During the ride, everyone got acquainted and participated in the "Wheel of Fortune" game led by Joe Dar. When the bus finally pulled into Copper Mountain, **Tommy Thompson** was the lucky winner of \$53.00.

A "little" delay with check-in "allowed" some time for shopping, an afternoon of skiing or visiting the Trade Fair Center provided for the purchasing of lift tickets, ski rentals

or race clinic registration and more importantly, the "tasting" of free margaritas and munchies. **Dale Frisby** joined our group at Copper Mountain. He recently moved to L.A. from Houston.

Saturday evening, the group gathered together for a wine and cheese party where everyone shared their afternoon adventures and findings. **Mike Gerstenberger** learned the Condo furnished towels, so he didn't need to bring the extra bag of linens. The party didn't end there; it continued at the Center where SCSC entertained the other patrons with the infamous "line dance," cartwheels by Becky Hall and Sy Liebergot, cheers for **Robert "Rudy," Neighbors'** dancing ability (he can do any dance you name and do it well), and lots of drinking.

Sunday was a wonderful day for skiing, especially for beginners **Carlos Febles and Nancy Harder**. Carlos was "heard" all over the mountain with his "ohhhhs" and "ahhhhs."

That evening Linda Stewart, **Roberta Rambin** and Janie Dar prepared spaghetti, garlic bread and salads for the entire group, plus some. Complete with wine and drinks, everyone enjoyed themselves, including Jeri Rotenberg, who was seen with her own toothbrush and toothpaste.

Dale Allbritton was busy looking for his lost TSW pin - luck was with him, someone found it in his pants leg.

Monday morning, bright and early, Chief Detective Joe Dar, started the search for the Texas Treasure. Elsewhere, **Jerry Pyle** was doing his own search, through the trees, when he was surprised by a buried root and ended up with skies in one direction and Jerry in the opposite direction.

SCSC appeared to be dominating the TSW activities, including the Race Clinics. Most of the group took advantage of the opportunity to get a few pointers on racing, including **Karl and Lotty Gautschi**, who were able to give some great pointers themselves. The pointers worked - Mike Gerstenberger, John Rice, **Charlie Naff, Ron Noska**, Ted Bergeron, Dale Allbritton and Rob Stewart, could be seen on the NASTAR course winning medals all afternoon.

John Rice was appointed Racing Director for SCSC and did a great job.

The Texas Ski Council brought the various groups together Monday evening for a dinner and dancing. Copper I moved the party over to O'Shea's where John Rice, Mike Gerstenberger, Charlie Naff, Carol Ramirez, Dale Frisby, Ron Noska,



Joe Dar preparing for "Wheel of Fortune" game.



Hot Tub Party.

Roz Exley, Margie Lord, Linda and Rob Stewart, Ted and Debbie Bergeron, Janie and Joe Dar had a peanut throwing contest.

Tuesday, Chief Detective Dar and his assistants Janie Dar, Ron Noska, Mike Gerstenberger, Linda and Rob Stewart, Charlie Naff, John Rice and Carlos Febles, continued "the search." Mike G. got stuck in a waist-high snow bank and couldn't get out, while Rob S. and John Rice overturned a picnic table, all looking high and low for Clue #2. Nothing found - Detective Dar phoned the ski patrol for an "All Points Bulletin." The crime was solved - someone had stolen the clue. Thanks to the Ski Patrol we were off and running again.

Tuesday night, approximately 35 tired skiers headed for the Hot Tub Party. Wine and beer cooled the insides while soaking in the tub warmed the outsides. **Mike Crawford,** Joe Dar and Ted Bergeron get A+s for the jokes they provided. Becky Hall gets the "Worst and Longest Joke Telling Award" for her 5 minute 22 second joke.

Wednesday, everyone practiced their racing techniques and weathered the heavy snow. Later that evening, Lisa Steckley demonstrated to Becky Hall, **Gayle Speck** and **Vern Oliver,** how to make a Vodka Slush. It seems you search for just the right tree, climb tree to make certain of location, then bury your drink in the snow, go back next day and retrieve. It must work - but beware - the foursome was later escorted off the ice skating pond by

the local police. They were accused of ice skating without skates and disturbing the nearby sleepers. They left peacefully - Lisa on her knees - she dislocated one, but probably didn't feel much pain until the next morning.

While all the activity was going on at the Ice Skating Pond, Tommy Thompson generously hosted a Pina Colada Party to Copper I with his winnings from the "Wheel of Fortune" game. Munchies were provided by Roz Exley, Margie Lord and Janie Dar.

At 8:30 Thursday morning, Detective Dar, Ted and Debbie Bergeron, Linda and Rob Stewart, Floyd Hanks, **Cindy Chandler,** Becky Hall, Lisa Steckley, Carol Ramirez, Ron Noska, Charlie Naff, Mike Gerstenberger, John Rice, Ron and Roberta Rambin, Dale Allbritton and Dale Frisby withstood 1° temperature to get a "jump" on the final day of searching for the Treasure. SCSC'ers were the first in line, the first off the lifts and the first down the mountain. All was looking good until TC Janie Dar fell and hurt her leg. But not to worry - Bob Fried and Linda Stewart got it all on film. As Janie and the Ski Patrol went down the hill, their cameras were in full force.

All was not lost though, the hard work paid off. Ted Bergeron, Charlie Naff and **Bob Marwin** and **Harry Gaston** (from Copper II) found the Texas Treasure. After a short celebration - it was off to the races. Copper I made a fine showing, winning several medals. Special recogni-

tion to Beginner Carlos Febles for a courageous showing in the race. He started and finished the race with only 4 days skiing behind him.

Many thanks to Margie Lord for her efforts to help with the scorekeeping. Margie doesn't ski, but she didn't let that stop her from participating. The Ski Patrol took Margie up the mountain on a snowmobile. The afternoon ended with only a few additional injuries - Mike Crawford hurt his rib and Debbie Bergeron hurt her wrist, her ankles and got a splinter in her hand.

At Farley's Restaurant that evening, Mike G., John Rice, Ron Noska, Charlie Naff were among several who participated in the well-known spoon-hanging contest. Jerry Pyle came in a close second to Nancy Harder.

Tommy Thompson had a rude awakening on Friday morning at 9:00 with a fire alarm. Everyone rushed down the stairs and out into the snow. Tommy didn't mind the stairs or the snow - but that was the earliest Tommy had gotten up all week!

Floyd Hanks, Cindy Chandler, **Janet Pickell, Dick Howard,** Jerry Pyle, Ted and Debbie Bergeron could be seen on the Obstacle Course. Ted B. finished backwards, Dick H. took down 4 poles and lost his skies, and Jerry P. drank out of his own ski poles instead of the designated bottle.

The Awards Party on Friday night was a big success. Not only

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COPPER MOUNTAIN I (continued)

was the TC carried to the Party, she was carried around the dance floor. Copper Mountain provided a spectacular torch parade with fireworks for all to enjoy. **Bill Kirk** had a drawing for all race participants. Winners were **Donna Repka**, Bob Marwin, Ted Bergeron, **Eileen Kendrick**, **George Nixon** and **Tom Fleps**. After the medals were distributed and recognition given to the winners, the group moved the party over to the Columbine Club for a toga party. Linda Stewart was seen trying to drink up all the margaritas in Copper Mountain. Joe Dar was playing his guitar (really Janie's crutch), Debbie Bergeron danced in the crowded aisle with an unknown ski instructor and Mike Crawford got lost (under the bar).

The last and final day came way too soon for most. Margie Lord led **Easy Thayer**, **Joe Murphy**, John Rice, **Karen Peters**, Ron Noska, Charlie Naff, Cindy Chandler, Floyd Hanks, Mike Gerstenberger and Carlos Febles to a morning of snowmobiling. Others went shopping for last minute souvenirs and lunching while Linda Stewart napped. It seems Linda **did** drink all the Margaritas in Copper Mountain the night before. (Her condo key was found somewhere and slid under her door during the night).

After much picture taking and searching for places to put all the luggage, we were off! Entertainment on the bus was provided by Margie Lord, Debbie Bergeron and Becky Hall singing "The Sound of Music," while Carlos Febles did hand stands in the aisle.

Needless to say, United Airlines attendants were **not** ready for 85 SCSC'ers for our flight home. **Peggy McLane** and Mike Gerstenberger provided Copper I and II with oxygen masks (made with styrofoam cups and strings from the racing bibs) for the "instruction" part of the flight. The attendants and the remainder of the plane were taken by "surprise" with **all** their assistance.

Many thanks to: **George Hirasaki** for his race clinics; **Gene Murphy**, TSC - V. P. Texas Ski Week; **Easy Thayer**, TSC - President; **Janet Pickell**, TSC - Secretary/Treasurer; **Eve Steffin** and Group Services and the Ski Patrol of Copper Mountain. The TSW was great fun and a big success because of all the efforts and hard work of the Texas Ski Council and Copper Mountain Resorts. Both the TSC and Copper Mountain were very receptive and responsive to our needs, which made our trip that much more enjoyable.



ABOVE: Group giving assistance to Flight Attendants.

RIGHT: Texas Treasure.



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FOURTH ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST MARCH GENERAL MEETING

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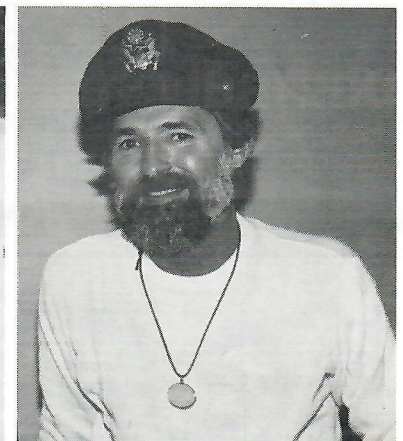
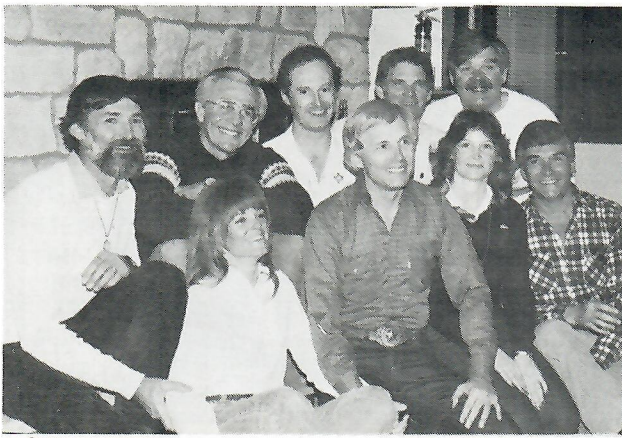
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1. Scenery (all seasons)
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4. Architecture

Judging will be done by SCSC membership at the March meeting.
All entries will be returned to owners.

Contact **RUDY GUERRERO**, 466-4802 (H).



The group got an early start at 6:00 a.m. Sunday morning at Intercontinental Airport, anticipating an exciting week.

We arrived at Denver Airport hours later and made our transfer to the bus for an overland trip to Copper Mountain resort. **Charlie Craig** helped get the trip off on the right foot by keeping the champagne flowing and **Merlyn Harger** kept us entertained with his song books and kazoos. And, of course, **Billie Nowak** was displaying everything in her makeup case!!

Check-in was a hassle and **Harold Eaton** and **Lynn Danhauser** were very grateful for the change in room, "From servant quarters to regular condos."

We had a great lasagna dinner Tuesday night, thanks to **Carol Dutton**. Also, for the extra help from **Bob Marwin**, **Pat Lamberti**, **Trish Page**, **Dick Rogers**, **Monica Williams**, **Beth Nolan**, the **Gillespies**, **George Hirasaki** and **Debbie Oliver**. Is it true Debbie learned something about cooking on this trip?? And, of course, they could not have done it without Trish and Dick's supervision!!!

Trudy Brown decided to take a shortcut through the trees and ended up in a deep embankment, but was saved by George. George Hirasaki was nicknamed "Ambassador of Japan." Also, George, is it true you wax your clothes the



TOP ROW (Left) Bronze Winners: (front row) Terri Case, Mike Birowski, Monica Williams, Howard Gillespie; (back row) Merlyn Harger, Jim May, Harold Eaton, Charles Dutton, Bob Marwin. **(Right)** First time racers. **CENTER ROW (Left)** "Divine Wind" Kamikasi Hirasaki. **(Center)** Ken Redding, Peggy McLane, Pat Lamberti, Bob Fried. **(Right)** "Hat of the Day Club" Merlyn Harger. **ABOVE:** Awards party group.

TEXAS SKI WEEK COPPER MOUNTAIN II by Peggy McLane

night before a big race?? **Charlie Craig** was running NASTAR a new way, head first. By the way, **Tom Fleps**, what is a "Tree Bash??"

Does everyone know that **Peggy McLane** (ATC) and **Pat Lamberti** invite strange guys from bands over

to their place at 3 A.M.? What was **Ron McGullion** doing on the ice rink on his hands and knees at 3:30 A.M.?? Ask Debbie?

While **Ken Redding** and **Ray Davis** were playing racquetball at the health club, Ken returned a great shot on Ray's behind, splitting his shorts and turning them into a stylish skirt - was he wearing undies???

On Friday morning, before the big race, George H. set up a practice course "with balloons" for first-time racers so they could get an idea of what to expect. Thanks George, it was very much appreciated.

I would like to acknowledge first-time racers **Dave Ross**, **Howard and Lanelle Gillespie**, **George Nixon**, **Dorothy McCraw**, **Pat Lamberti**, **Peggy McLane**, **Laurie Homburg**, **Ron McGullion**, **Debbie Oliver**, **Mary Box**, **Jim May**, **Charlie Craig**, **Bill Morgan**, **Ray Davis**, **Donna Repka**, **Trudy Brown**, **Marysia Skorska**, **Lynn Danhauser** and **Pam Evans**.

Congrats to SCSC's only gold medal winners **George Hirasaki** and first timer **Harry Gaston**.

Many thanks to **Bob Goggans**, Copper II Race Coordinator, for his time and effort.

On Saturday morning, **Ron**, **Harry**, **Peggy**, **Debbie**, **Mary**, **Norm** and **Charlie** were energetic enough to go snowmobiling. We all had a great time.

ARE WE HAVING FUN YET?

TEXAS SKI WEEK
COPPER MOUNTAIN III

by Beverly Fecel

That's one question seldom heard on the Copper III trip. After a late night arrival and a short rest, we all fueled up on race day with coffee and lead donuts. **Barbara Roberts, Paul Wottring** and **Charles Dougherty** were so eager to hit the slopes they even managed to convince 1st-timer **Gene Buck** to take an intermediate run before his lesson. Perhaps he should have listened to **Leona Schroeder**, who opted for a short nap instead. **Jaime Grana** was anxious to see how Colorado runs compared to Utah. **Bonnie Lloyd** was determined to deserve a trip to the sauna that afternoon.

We made a good showing at the Texas Cup Race. **Fred Kahrs** was one of the fastest men, while **Eileen Kendrick** was competing for slowest woman with a 3-digit time. **Doris Hemsworth** kept slowing herself down, but still won a medal. Rumor has it that **Gary** and **Jo Evans** really did ski, but nobody remembers seeing them. **Ron Honefinger** was usually seen as a blur as he whooshed by. **Bill "trust me" Brooks** led a brave group of **Anne Benefield, Tania Andrasko, Charles Goodrich, Pam Holder, Tom Mercer, Glenn Bishop** and **Bob Marwin** on a detour through the trees, whereby Anne and Tania opted for runaway truck ramp, while Pam chose an eye-level view of 1-foot fir trees. Did a tree give **Jim Kane** his cracked ribs? Did **Chris Richardson** hurt her back on a reckless detour? We may never know.



TOP ROW: (Left) Who is that guy between Sandra McDunis and Dara Capell?? (Right) Fred Kahrs and Marjorie Lygas at pre-trip party. BOTTOM ROW: (Left) Getting ready for pajama contest (left to right) Joan Carpenter, Unknown, Dara Capell. (Right) Penny Chancey demonstrating downstairs sled ride.

Everyone was alive and well at our own happy hour. **Bob Steffey** took time off from skiing to socialize, winning the sickest joke award. **Tonia Hemsworth** put listeners asleep with the longest Aggie joke. **Marjorie Lygas** did her best to make up for the 24 hours she lost due to a bug. **Penny Chancey** and **Dara Capell** instigated a new sporting event, the downstairs sled ride, along with the two League City "crazies" **Joan Carpenter** and **Pam Crum**. Egging them on were **Patricia Thomas** and **Harold Eaton**.

After cocktails, **Chris "head chef" Courter** cooked super spaghetti for the masses, which in combination with the cheap rose' wine gave **Marcia Dugas** plenty of boogying energy. Most of these folks made it to the Pajama Party at the Columbine Bar later. Noted contestants were **Jim Safstrom, Ron Gaudet,**

Lynn Adamson, Sandra McCunis, and a few others who are pleading the 5th Amendment. How come **Ron** and **Joe Garner** didn't enter? And where was **Bill Landfield**? Ya'll wear pajamas, don't you? Everyone tried convincing **Mike Gay** to relax and have fun, but he just wasn't in the partying spirit. Cheering from the sidelines were **Bill Krell, Robert Scott, Cliff Zapfel** and **Kamron Kirkconnell**. **Bob Olsen** was missed, but was resting up for his trip to Vail.

We had a great time on this trip and want to thank **Bill Kirk** for all his help and extra efforts, and **Pam Holder** for her hard work and support. Thanks to United Airlines, Colorado Charter Line, and World Travel Advisors for the travel arrangements. And special thanks to Robert Taylor of Cody's Restaurant & Bar for a great post-trip party.

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