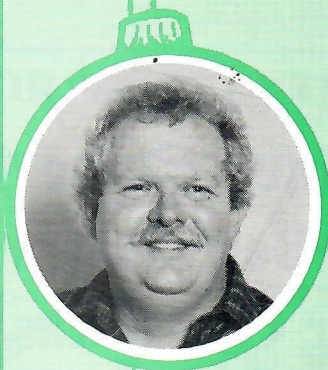


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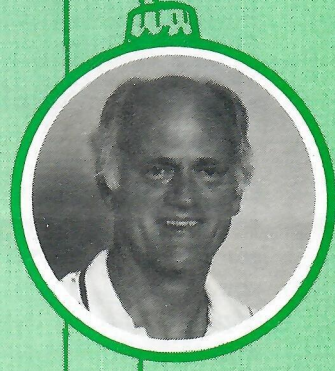
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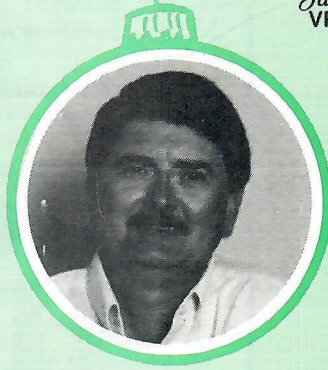
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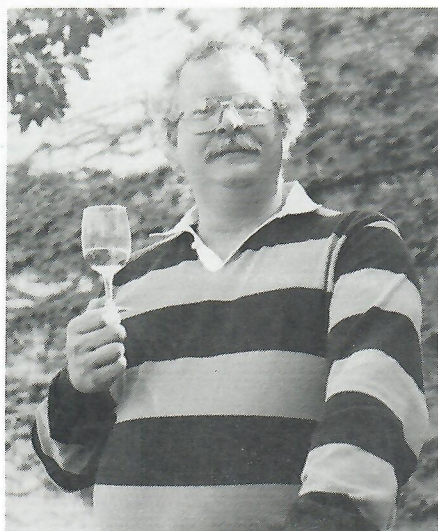


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*Season's
Greetings*



Fine Wines Come from California The Best Skiers from Texas However Christmas Formal Cancels

Head of the Liftline

by RON SMITH

There *will not* be a Christmas Party this year. You, the Club, voted to cancel this activity. "How," you say, "did I vote to stop an activity?" By not sending in your money to go. We on the Executive Committee try to anticipate things you, the Club, may wish to participate in. The lack of response cancelled this activity. My point is, that if you wish to ensure that activity will happen then you must vote with your check early enough to prevent its cancellation.

There *will* be a Happy Hour in December, but you should go only if you want to drink, dance and dine. LeCave will be offering all of the above on the 19th of December. Details on page 15.

Jan Livingston, VP of Programs, has arranged for a visitor from the North Pole to make a stop at Space City's General Meeting, Monday, December 9th, with a bag of goodies. So, mark your calendars for such a unique visitor.

Gordon Wise, VP of Membership, has assured me that by the December General Meeting, he will have worked with Dianne Tully, Secretary, to get out the *first* listing of the directory. You should check your name very carefully to make sure all the information is correct. If you haven't received your directory, then call Gordon. We will try to have extra copies at the meeting for sale should you want a second copy. The second place directory winner's will be the cover sheet, with the first place winner being on the permanent directory.

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






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BANFF

The dates for this year's Banff ski trip are February 23rd-March 2nd. Accommodations for our stay have been made at Chateau Lake Louise and the Banff Springs Hotel (better known as the Castles of the Rockies). We'll spend the first half of our week at Chateau Lake Louise.

In Banff we will ski Mt. Norquay which has an amazing variety of terrain. Also within a short distance is Sunshine Village, located at the tree line along the Continental Divide. Select and enjoy your choice of Banff's more than 30 restaurants. Banff is more than just a ski resort. Swim and soak in the Sulphur Mountain Natural Hot Pool. Ride Banff's sightseeing Gondola. Experience a genuine Western style Hayride and BBQ ... there's more ... Helicopter skiing, night skiing, cross country, and skating...it's in Banff ...Be There!!

January 25-February 1



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PARK CITY

Don't miss this trip to Park City. Forty-four ski loving SCSC members will enjoy a short bus trip (once we get to Salt Lake - 2 hrs.) and those who can't wait will be able to ski the same day we travel, Saturday January 25th.

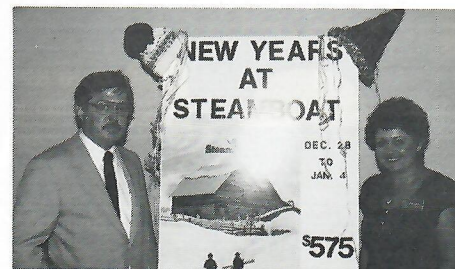
We'll be accommodated at the Park Station Condos, close to the new Town lift; in the old town area, which is central to the shopping and night life. Each two -bedroom, two-bath condo has a complete kitchen, fireplace, cable TV, and there is an ice rink, spa, indoor and outdoor hot tubs, and swimming pool in the complex.

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There is snowcat, helicopter and cross-country skiing; snowmobile tours, hot air ballooning, dinner sleigh rides and even a gambler's tour to Nevada available for extracurricular activities.

Be sure to reserve your seat to ski this fabulous area. The powder should be the best of the year.

December 28-January 4
Next Trip To Leave!



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NEW YEAR'S

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Our **forty-two** SCSC skiers will be staying at Timber Run complete with an **outdoor heated pool, sauna**, popular lounge and three outdoor hot tubs, one of which has been reserved for our private party one night. **Gorilla juice** will be served abundantly! Timber Run's convenient shuttle every fifteen minutes will whisk you to the slopes, the shops or the night life.

We have planned a **gala New Year's Eve party featuring live entertainment**, a wine and cheese party, happy hours most afternoons and an optional group dinner at Steamboat's finest Italian restaurant. Besides the excellent skiing, you will have the opportunity to try hot air ballooning over picturesque Steamboat, excellent cross country trails which include moonlight tours, beautiful sleigh rides down the original stage road, and much more.



**SNOWMASS
TSW**

Since Snowmass is a destination resort, you will not be in competition with local skiers for services. Sixty percent of the runs are rated intermediate level, 15% easy and 25% expert.

If you should get tired of creating memories at Snowmass, you can take a bus to Aspen where you will find over 100 restaurants, two theaters, plenty of off-mountain sports and a night life that is second to none. Aspen is only 20 minutes away by shuttle and Buttermilk Mountain is even closer.

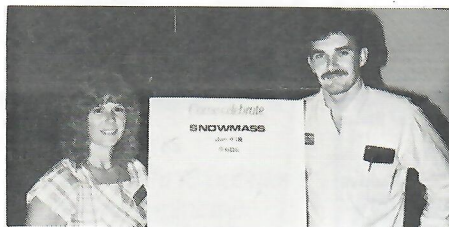
Snowmass offers cross country skiing, sleigh rides, dog sled rides, heated swimming pools, Jacuzzis and 20 restaurants.

Put this all together with full days of skiing, Nastar Races, Fun Race, unlimited free access to Marlboro Ski Challenge Course.

After skiing, you can take pleasure in Texas Ski Week's off-mountain activities which include chili cook-offs, hot air balloon races, and theme parties (ten gallon hat and pajama) with live entertainment.

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SNOWMASS I

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SNOWMASS II
Jan. 11-15



January 15-19

TC - Charles Goodrich
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SNOWMASS III

See page 9 for more
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See September issue for detail articles.

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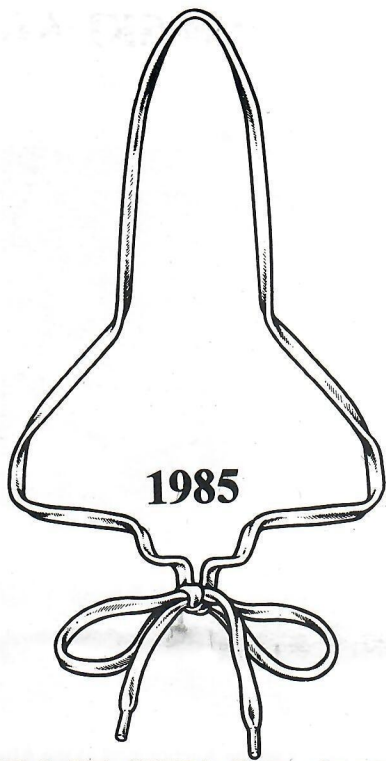
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SPACE CITY SKI CLUB FUN RUN

By Brenda Clary

*On the 9th of November at eight o'clock
One brave group assembled at Bear Creek Park.
Donning our gorgeous space shuttle T-shirts and sunblock,
Beside Pavilion #3 we began to run for fun or walk.*

*Aligned at the starting point, we wondered who would win.
Then the count was given; Jennifer Majors served as timekeeper;
Leading the group was Jan Livingston's son, six-year old Preston Ginn.
But Arlen Isham soon broke away; he was no sleeper.*

*Arlen, a marathoner, led the pack three loops around
And each time declined Gwen Conner's offer for a drink.
Did he fear that Tom Danowski's sprint was too sound?
Mark Russek ran hard too; from competition he didn't shrink.*

*Mike Rooney posted a good time and was cheered on by Gloria,
A woman who was Abel to handle finish-line duty.
Her announcement of "You're finished" brought Marlane Doyle euphoria,
But the first place female honors went to Marlene Vail, a beauty.*

*Our group's other marathoner, Cecil Smith, was quite strong.
He kept up a steady pace, showing no sign of pain.
Julie Mulvaney gave him a good race and was greeted by a cheering throng
While another successful finisher was contestant Ed Cain.*

*Jane Roehrig helped to make the event a success,
Lending her support where needed,
But Gerry Simpson completed the run sans stress;
It was just for a cold drink that he pleaded.*

*Mike Clark also raced without hesitation,
Posting a good time and enjoying his race.
Meanwhile, Don Wilkes' long strides and determination
Earned him an award-winning place.*

*Cathy Travland also won and took home the award
For first-place finisher in her group.
Marlane Doyle's young son, Scotty, however was bored
And questioned the sanity of those running dupes.*

*Then back to the pavilion for rest and cold brew,
Awarding of prizes and discussion of what was sore.
The conversation was jovial; we were glad to be through,
All except Cecil and Arlen, who wanted to run more.*

*And away they ran, on into the day
While we departed and sought other forms of play.*



What does this handsome group have in common? They were present at the 1985 SCSC Fun Run!



LEFT: On your mark, get set, go! RIGHT: Fun run volunteers. Front: Gwen Conner, Jan Roehrig. Back: Gloria Abel, Jennifer Majors.



LEFT: 1st place finisher Arlen Isham makes running look deceptively easy. RIGHT TOP: Marlene Vail relaxes after winning first place in the women's race. RIGHT BOTTOM: Our youngest competitors: Scotty Doyle (left), son of Marlane Doyle, and Preston Ginn (right) son of Jan Livingston.

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HOUSTON SKI PRIX DINNER & SKI AUCTION

By Sandra Palmer

The United State Ski Team has received help from our Club members. However, **Bob Olsen** is one member that has been devoting a lot of his time hosting parties for their benefit. This year, for the first time, Bob worked as hard as ever with a Steering Committee of the Houston U.S. Ski Education Foundation.

On November 6, approximately 200 people gathered at the Houstonian, North Post Oak Lane, for a Black Tie Dinner and Ski Auction to raise funds for the 1988 U.S. Ski Team.

The special guests were the Honorable and Mrs. Donald P. Hodel, Secretary of the Interior, Ross Dierking, U.S. Team Fund Raising Coordinator, Jim Page, Nordic Program Director, Bill Johnson, Team Member and 1984 Olympic Downhill Gold Medalist and Holly Flander, Team Member and 1982 World Cup Downhill Winner.

Thanks go to **Sue Bonnert**, **Layna Adams** and **Leona Schroeder** for checking everyone in are collecting from the lucky bidders in the auction. **Dr. Warren Cross** and his lovely bride **Kathleen** were high bidders for a trip as was **Robert Sheridan**. Ask **Easy Thayer** about how



to bid, but before you take his advice, ask **Dick Howard** about how to quit bidding. **Sandra Palmer** tried to bid on a trip to Acapulco but her hubby, **Ron Smith**, just kept smiling. (The bid cards were stuffed safely away in his pocket.)

Other SCSCers such as **Merlyn Harger**, **Michelle Lamb**, **John Ohit**, and **Terry Cummings** had a memorable evening at the Cham-

pagne Auction and at the After-Banquet Celebration Party to discuss skiing with the pros.

Over \$40,000 was raised at the Houston Ski Prix. Our country needs to promote snow skiing and our U.S. Ski Team, so hopefully we'll have an annual event for our members to help support the team. Hope to see you there next year. Thanks, **Bob Olsen**!

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PARTY ANIMALS SHOT DURING CALIFORNIA WINE SAFARI

By Wine Leader, Bob Olsen

Rolls and rolls of film were used for priceless shots of Space City oenophiles on the October Napa Valley Wine Safari. The Natives proved friendly. They made offerings of the local beverage, an intoxicating brew made from the juice of small grapes which grow in abundance in this beautiful valley. The trophy shots that accompany this article do not do justice to the fall colors, the morning mists or the elixir of fresh country air.

What a dilemma...how to choose from more than ten dozen excellent wineries offering samples of the finest wines California has to offer. We had to resort to the many guide books on the subject. One book has 139 entries for Napa alone. Friends at Key Distributors and at American Wine were also helpful in arranging VIP tours at our first three stops: Sebastiani, Mondavi and Whitehall Lane.

Sebastiani, actually located in Sonoma, impressed us with their beautifully carved doors and barrel heads. The giant redwood vats used for decades to do the initial fermentation contrasted greatly with the ultra modern Robert Mondavi facility. **Ron Smith** was even more impressed with his late harvest taste of a Cabernet Sauvignon grape right off the vine. These large wineries annually produce about 3,000,000 and 300,000 cases of wine respectively. Their size alone precludes the personal attention given to wines and visitors at a small winery such as Whitehall Lane.

Dr. Alan Steen is one of the owners of Whitehall Lane Winery. His wines and hospitality were the highlight of our winery tours. The low 20,000 case production obviously receives meticulous and loving attention at every stop of the wine making process. Many of our group made purchases here.

Shirley Andries and **Greg Yokell** sacrificed a winery tour and a dart match to shop at one of the many Napa delicatessens for a memorable pre-tour picnic at the Louis M. Martini Winery. Martini is a strange name for a wine company, don't you think? Thanks to Caroline Martini for providing very pleasant surroundings and great wines for our sunny picnic in the park.

The afternoon provided an opportunity to explore other wineries on our own. **Bob Olsen** was disappointed to learn that Joseph Phelps had changed the style of the Syrah, but excited for the chance opportunity to try a late harvest wine right from the barrel. **Sandy Palmer** merely enjoyed the valley view from the patio of this hillside winery. Heitz Wine Cellars are located nearby off the Silverado Trail. Outspoken patriarch of the family winery, Joe Heitz, greeted our visit with his proud Cabernet Sauvignon and Grignolino wines and a few personal comments on the business of winemaking. He grows no grapes, preferring to concentrate on making wine. The second generation does the hand work but, a slight purple tinge on Joe's hands indicated he still gets into handling the grapes!

Needing a break from all the fun, **Layna Adams** tried a taste of the native olive. However, her jaws were no match for the hard olives she found on the local trees. **Nancy Thomas** tried hard to find a mud bath in Calistoga, but could not find a group facility! Hence no one took advantage of the mineral spas or hot springs found at the upper end of the Napa Valley. Restaurant critic, **Nancylee Lyles**, had her wish come true at the elegant Domaine Chandon Restaurant where they

produce sparkling wines of the same name. **Jim Benefield** solved the riddle of riddling champagne bottles but could not imagine twisting 30,000 bottles per day with the pros.

Jan Livingston and Austinites, **Bruce and Judy Hord**, led the Party Animals on night hunting expeditions. Sleeping late proved to be the cure for what they found. Nevertheless, **Carlos Febles** was up early to run in the cool morning air. **Bobbet Olsen** led the shopping safari, pausing at every opportunity to pick up a T-shirt here and a trinket there. Jim Benefield found a room to his liking at our headquarters: the Cornerstone Bed and Breakfast Inn. We monopolized 11 of the 12 rooms of this vintage 1891 original. **Dick Howard** was seen enjoying the fresh baked muffins that inn keeper, Margie Hinton, prepared each night.

Out of town club members **Judy Hendrix**, **Judy Combs**, **Peggy Widaman** and **Gary and Cathy Elston** met us for tastings and a roast pig dinner at Anesti's. **Ron and Roberta Rabin** got up early to get tickets for the mass winery tour at Beringer. These caves and the tasting room were interesting, but we voted this the most overrated tour and tasting of the weekend. An earlier visit to Sterling Vineyards more like a ski trip. This hilltop winery overlooks a beautiful valley and is accessed by cable cars. Our VIP guide treated us to a very special vertical (sequential vintages) tasting of Cabernet Sauvignons. **Diane Yarberry** still cannot decide which she likes best.

You cannot do justice to San Francisco and environs in just a few days. However, first time visitors like **Glynnda Addicks** were treated to a sampling of cable car rides, Chinatown, breakfast with the locals at the Easel Cafe on Fisherman's Wharf, giant Redwoods, hillside living and shopping in Sausalito, winding down Lombard Street and several good views of the Golden Gate Bridge (actually painted orange).

Meanwhile, the Party Animals ended the weekend at a downtown pub. The rest of us watched the sun set over the Pacific. Yes, we left our hearts in San Francisco.



Roberta Rabin admiring Sebastiani's barrels.



Dick Howard inspects barrels at Joseph Phelps Winery.



Joe Heitz pouring his proud Cabernet Sauvignon for Bob Olsen, Wine Leader, and Nancylee Lyles, Restaurant Critic.



ABOVE LEFT: The Party Animals at Martini. RIGHT: Expatriots Judy Combs (Colorado), Peggy Widaman and Judy Hendrix (Californians), join Jan Livingston for shopping in St. Helena.

BELOW LEFT: Sterling Vineyards won the beauty awards. On the hilltop, reached by cable. RIGHT: Jan Livingston, Greg Yokell and Sterling guide check the barrels.



(See page 14 for more pictures.)

The lucky participants are back from the Keystone trip talking about the great skiing and the Texas Ski Week Roundup activities. I bet the SNOW was great. I'll have to admit I'm a bit envious. The Steamboat, Snowmass I, II, III trips may have some last minute cancellations, so call the respective TC. Remember, the full payment will be required immediately.

A word about NASTAR. Many beginning and intermediate skiers unfortunately avoid participation in NASTAR because of fear or shyness. You envision an Olympic course, down an advanced slope, full of moguls and close gates. This is NOT true. The course is normally layed out on an **easy** intermediate run. It can be completed by almost any skier who can accomplish a wedge turn. The ski areas offer race clinics and individual NASTAR races for practice.

The Texas Ski Council trips have a special NASTAR race. The different clubs race against each other for points. I believe one year a girl in our club took almost 5 minutes to run the course, but it was a point for SCSC. So it doesn't matter how fast you run the course, but crossing the finish line counts. The individual TSC trips are awarded trophies. At the end of the season, the Texas Ski Cup is awarded to the club having the most points. I encourage all participants to fill out the NASTAR card given to you by your TC and help your club win a trophy. It is fun, believe me.

However, if you sign up for a Lite NASTAR race, you can add points for our club. Be sure and put the club name on the card if its the Lite NASTAR. See opposite page for the Grand Prix winners as published in December's Ski magazine.

Remember to start exercising NOW. Walk, ride your bike or run and you will be ready for the slopes. THINK SNOW.

NEWS FROM THE SKI DESK

By Bill Kirk

The Lite NASTAR Ski Club Grand Prix Winners

For the third consecutive year, Lite Beer from Miller will be sponsoring club NASTAR races at ski areas across the country, and your ski club can pit its members against other regional recreational clubs. In order to be eligible for the overall national competition, your club must register at least 15 adult members, and then enter any NASTAR race or call a participating area to arrange a private NASTAR race. Clubs compete against each other according to size, with two divisions — over 1,000 members and under 1,000 members. The Best Team handicap is based on an average of all your club racers' handicaps (eliminating the five highest handicaps). The Best Medal Point Average is based on the total points for each medal earned by the club (gold = 4, silver = 3, bronze = 2 and one point for competing) divided by the number of club racers. The Greatest Number of NASTAR Club Races goes to the club that has competed most often between November and March 31.

Last year, 800 clubs tested their mettle at 135 ski areas in the Lite NASTAR Ski Club Grand Prix. The top ten clubs country-wide are listed below.

Article from December Ski Magazine

CLUBS WITH OVER 1,000 MEMBERS

MOST CLUB RACES

- 1 Kansas City Ski Club, MO
- 2 Ski Club of Wash. D.C., VA
- 3 Atlanta Ski Club, GA
- 4 Heart of Texas Skiers, TX
- 5 Lakeshore Ski Club, IL
- 6 Tulsa Ski Club, OK
- 7 Dallas Ski Club, TX
- 8 Texas Ski Council, TX
- 9 Cincinnati Ski Club, OH
- 10 Santa Barbara Ski Club, CA

CLUBS WITH UNDER 1,000 MEMBERS

MOST CLUB RACES

- 1 Oak Park Ski Club, IL
- 2 Trenton Ski Club, NJ
- 3 Picadilly Ski Club, IL
- 4 St. Louis Ski Club, MO
- 5 Elmhurst Ski Club, MO
- 6 Toledo Ski Club, OH
- 7 Springfield Ski Club, IL
- 8 Satellite Ski Club, CO
- 9 Knoxville Ski Club, TN
- 10 Austin Skiers, TX

BEST CLUB HANDICAP

- 1 Kansas City Ski Club, MO
- 2 Lakeshore Ski Club, IL
- 3 Cincinnati Ski Club, OH
- 4 Capitol Ski Club, D.C.
- 5 Pine Point Ski Club, IL
- 6 Atlanta Ski Club, GA
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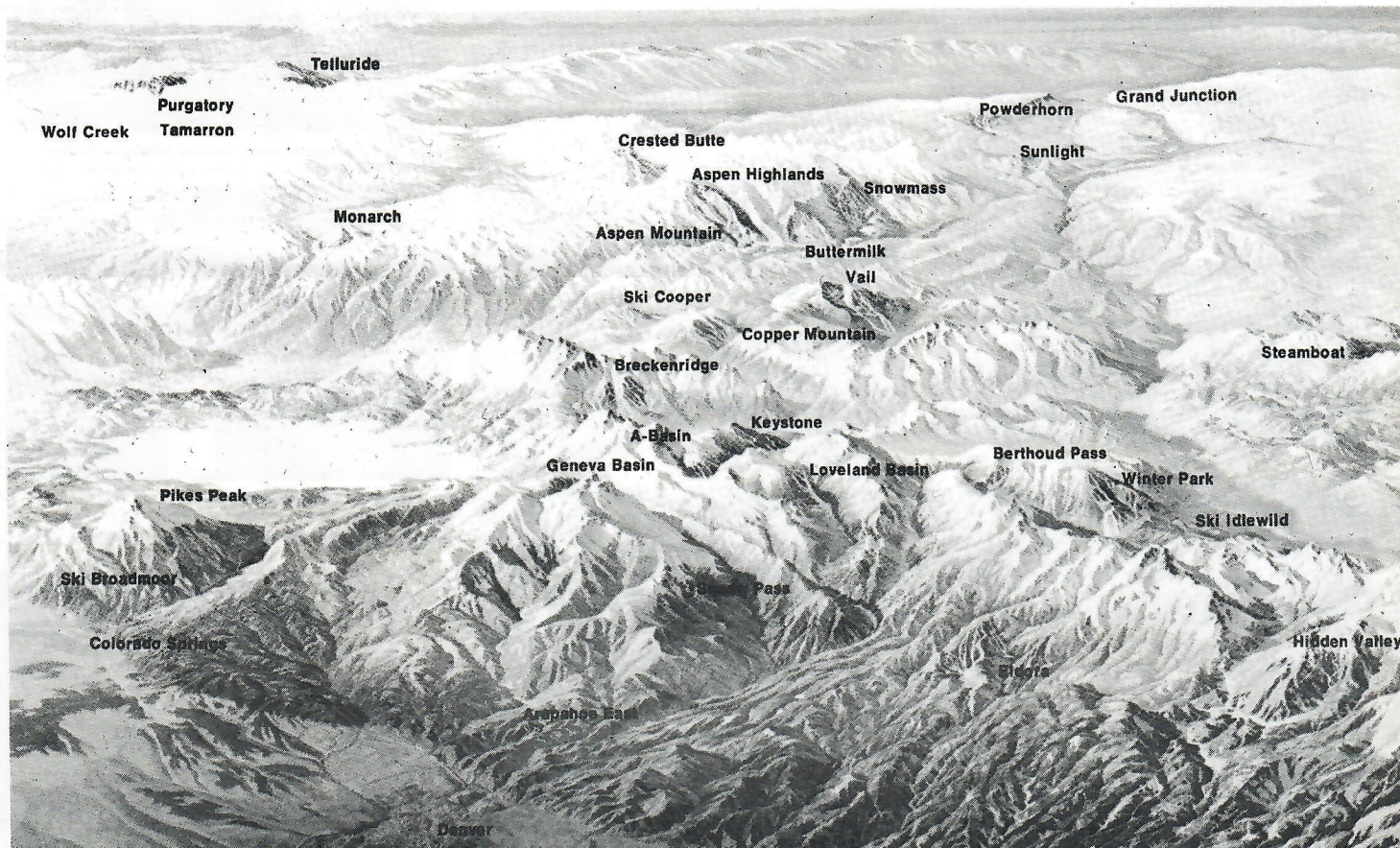
- 1 Toledo Ski Club, OH
- 2 Mogul Ski Club, IL
- 3 Springfield Ski Club, IL
- 4 Snow Blows II, NY
- 5 West Bend Ski Club, WI
- 6 Dayton Ski Club Inc., OH
- 7 Chicago Town Ski Club, IL
- 8 IBEX, IL
- 9 Sno Cat Ski Club, NY
- 10 Grumman Ski Club, NY

BEST MEDAL PT. AVERAGE

- 1 Kansas City Ski Club, MO
- 2 Lakeshore Ski Club, IL
- 3 Cincinnati Ski Club, OH
- 4 Atlanta Ski Club, GA
- 5 Capitol Ski Club, D.C.
- 6 Ski Club of Wash. D.C., Va.
- 7 Pine Point Ski Club, IL
- 8 Tulsa Ski Club, OK
- 9 Heart of Texas Ski Club, TX
- 10 Oklahoma Ski Club, OK

BEST MEDAL PT. AVERAGE

- 1 Toledo Ski Club, OH
- 2 Mogul Ski Club, IL
- 3 Springfield Ski Club, IL
- 4 MAPS Med. & Prof. Soc., CA
- 5 Dayton Ski Club, OH
- 6 Fourwinds Ski Club, IL
- 7 Single Group, CA
- 8 West Bend Ski Club, WI
- 9 Grumman Ski Club, NY
- 10 Satellite Ski Club, CO



1985-1986 SCSC TRIP SCHEDULE

Trip	DATES Depart Hou Depart Area	Ski Days	Price	Final Pmt. Date	Lodging Name Bedrm/Bath	Lift Ticket Prices	Special Activities	Trip Coordinator Asst. Trip Coordinator	Home Phone	Work Phone
Steamboat	Dec. 28 Jan. 4	6	\$575	11/4	Timber Run 3/3	\$23.50/Day 6 Day Min.	Opt. New Years Eve Party Hot Tub Party (Gorilla Juice) Wine & Cheese Party	Bob Wilbanks Dana Wardell	497-4418 497-8552	932-4337 652-0811
PTP - DEC 3										
* Snowmass Texas Ski Week I	Jan. 11 Jan. 18	6	\$602	11/11	Enclave 2/2 & 3/3	\$15/Day 6 Day Min.	TSC Activities Races & Awards Dinner Marlboro Ski Challenge Outdoor Hot Tub Party	Peggy McLane Carlos Febles	774-0025 785-3066	757-4581 1575-3505
PTP - DEC 16									783-4555	
* Snowmass Texas Ski Week II	Jan. 11 Jan. 18	6	\$602	11/11	Enclave 2/2 & 3/3	\$15/Day 6 Day Min.	TSC Activities Races & Awards Dinner Marlboro Ski Challenge Outdoor Hot Tub Party	Ted Bergeron John Rice	367-7534 783-3066	
PTP - DEC 13										
* Snowmass Texas Ski Week III	Jan. 15 Jan. 19	4	\$545 \$560	11/11	Stonebridge Inn 1/1	\$18/Day 3 Day Min.	TSC Activities Fly In/Fly Out & Party With Jake & Elwood	Charles Goodrich Rick Wilkins	977-1171 784-3500	961-5009 650-1464
PTP - DEC 5										
* Aspen Traditional Texas Ski Week	Jan. 12 Jan. 19	6.5	\$650	11/4	The Gant 2/2	\$15/Day 6 Day Min.	TSC Activities Fly In/Fly Out Winter-Skol Fireworks Sat.	Betty Werlin Jim Woody	780-4311 460-4163	780-4311 895-7700
PTP - DEC 12										
Park City, Utah	Jan. 25 Feb. 1	6	\$520	11/14	Park Station Condos 2/2	3 Areas \$16 to \$22 /Day	Hot Tubs Ice Skating Side Trip to Nev.	Chris Ginn Cheryl Clements	460-4337 879-5691	681-1524 658-8881
PTP - DEC 19										
Purgatory, Colo.	Feb. 5 Feb. 9	3.5	\$379	12/5	Cascade Village 3/3 & 2/2	Incl. in Price	Ski Area Parties Group Dinner In-door & Out-door Jacuzzis	Bob Goggins Debbie Kempler	984-0012 782-4324	
PTP - JAN 9										
* Crested Butte, Colo. Winter Shoot Out	Feb. 15 Feb. 22	6	\$464	12/5	Mountain Edge Condos 2/2	\$65 5 of 6 Day	TSC Parties Paradise Dinners ?? Snowmobiling & Inner-Tubing	Blaise Guerrero Sharon Griffin	479-1678 783-1717	487-8130
PTP - JAN 16										
Banff/ Lake Louise	Feb. 23 Mar. 2	6	\$580	12/5	Chateau Lake Louise & Banff Springs Hotel 1/1	\$85 /6 Day	Ski Area Parties Hot Tubs Night Skiing Dog Sledding	Brenda Peavey Vic Stah	497-1290 981-4679	875-1110
PTP - JAN 30										
* Badgastein, Austria Austria Challenge	Feb. 28 Mar. 9	7	\$818	1/6	Germania Hotel Haus Mirt Inn (4 Star Hotels)	\$58 /6 Day	TSC Parties Opt. Side Trips Health Spa Casino	Bob Cruse Melissa Frazier BECKY HALL	789-1922 777-2061 783-9901	877-6362
PTP - JAN 7										
Jackson Hole, Wyoming	Mar. 8 Mar. 15	6	\$570	1/20	Sojourner Inn	\$17/Day 6 Day Min.	Heli-Skiing Gran Targhee Trip Snowbiling	Sherry Lewis Fred Kahrs	171-9606 896-7440	
PTP - FEB 13										
Breckenridge (Spring Break Family Trip)	Mar. 22 Mar. 29	6	\$531	2/4	Beaver Run 2/2 & 3/3	\$16/Day 6 Day Min.	Game Night Family Chile Dinner Family Activities	Diana Mills Elaine Cole	463-1042 1977-2040	463-1042

PTP = Pre-Trip Party

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MERCER'S NINTH NON-ANNUAL CAMPOUT WET AND WILD!

By Ginger Howard and Joe Jackson

In keeping with tradition, early arrivals on Friday were greeted by the opening of the heavens. Cow huddling, the highlight of the afternoon, was directed by **Jim Plummer**. **Becky Hall** came prepared with her ten-man tent and instructions for tent raising, but failed due to the rain. About 30 hearty (*or was it foolhardy?*) souls gathered for a delicious chili dinner prepared by **Sy Liebergot**. Then the search was on for a dry place to sleep. It was reported that **Joe Jackson** had a major wet dream while sleeping in **Bill Kirk's** fashionable and weather-proven tent, while **Jerry Pyle** slept on, oblivious to everything. **Floyd Hanks** knew how to have more fun, faster than anyone, but made a remarkable recovery by Saturday morning. **Robert** and **Cheryl Clements** parked high on the hill, avoiding the flooding down at the barn. **Ron** and **Roberta Rambin** decided their motor home would travel only to Brennam and then home.

All night long the rain continued, even into Saturday morning.... But nothing stopped the early morning breakfast crew of **Glenn Bishop**, **Jerry Pyle**, **Bill Kirk**, **Tom Mercer**, **Howard Paillet** and others, making a terrific showing with blueberry pancakes (*who asked why they were green?*) and sausage. The day was off to a great, wet start! Techniques for mud walking were refined as demonstrated by **Mike Brown** and **Catherine Long**, who came well prepared in full elegant rain gear. **Ann Batten** was already out fishing, knowing how well they bite in the rain. Fair weather campers began arriving by mid-morning, Saturday, with "excuses" for not showing up Friday. **Ken Redding** and **Lesa Oliver** rolled in (*but no one topped the 180 by Elyse Robbins Friday night.*) **Cissy Dutcher** re-arrived after an unfortunate incident on Friday evening with **Nancy Bolsen** and **Eula Griffin** involving a stubborn trunk containing rain gear and warm clothing.

And it was still raining....

Bill Kirk organized a rousing corn husking event (*dinner's vegetable*). Team member **Ray Davis** lead his shuckers, winning by one year.

And the rain stopped....

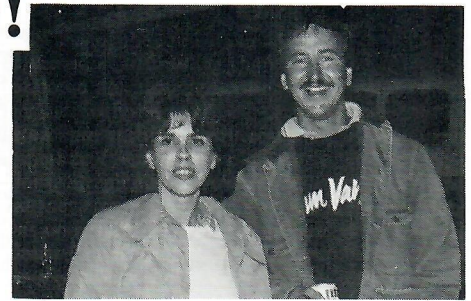
Bob Cruse arrived after lunch, ready to organize the teams and conduct the games. With his innovative ideas and appropriate changes due to the mud, the races were on (*chariot, that is*). The five-legged race provided cheap thrills for some when tying the upper thigh tie. **Penny Chauncey's** team was seen practicing diligently, with **Bob Wilbanks** always seeming to be on the wrong foot. (*Incidentally, Bob, why didn't you ever change clothes?*) The egg toss provided even more excitement. The final event required great oral dexterity with spoons. As usual, SCSCers proved themselves in this area. The suspense was high as teams wondered who would receive the coveted prizes (*Mickey Mouse rings?*)!

Relaxing afternoon activities included **Layna Adams** leading a nature walk, and another group walked to town. **Lynn Danhauser** and **Harold Eaton** were seen at the local cemetery. **Ron Smith** was intensely involved in therapeutic chair re-webbing, while **John Hargleroad** opened the barn for automotive repairs. **Pam Holder** surfaced when the weather improved. **Ray Naudin** seemed very proficient at tractor driving for car and trash hauling. **Ginger Howard** was distressed over a cold shower

Sy Liebergot presented a memorable feast Saturday night to over 75 campers, which was followed by delicious desserts prepared by **Jean Williams** and her team of piemakers. The night was yet young when the evening festivities began. **Debbie** and **Ted Bergeron** seemed to be leaders in the game of Sexual Trivia. **Easy Thayer** selected suitable dancing music and the dance floor was packed. A group gathered outside around the campfire under a beautiful star-filled sky. **Karen Gibson** was involved in an intellectual conversation with **Tom Mercer** about limited toilet paper usage in the women's porta-potties, and then moved on to discuss with **Carlos Febles** the significance of bandana wearing. **Jane Roerhig** entertained a group with her guitar and singing. **Marlane Doyle** was concerned that she had sat in something and her coat was in need of the "big B." **Dan Mauk** seemed calm, obviously not wanting to outdo any of the past legends about him. Prizes were distributed by **Bob Cruse**, with the Red Team being the overall winner. **Yana Bane** graciously received a bottle of champagne which was "tastefully" presented by **Joe Jackson**. **Jeri Hartman** seemed to be comfortably relaxed around the fire, while **John Stumph** was mesmerized watching the dancing--or maybe the dog who became an official party person when **Karen Gibson** tied a bandana around his neck. **Joe Jackson** continued trying to compile valuable statistical data from those around the campfire and concluded with his fire-walking routine. The barn became a dormitory as everyone without a dry place to sleep nestled in. However, **Billie Nowak** was comfortably housed in her own private suite in the "Pigeon Hilton."

Sunday morning brought sunshine and another great breakfast, after which most were drying out and packing up. Football between **Greg Yokell**, **Becky Hall** and the dog was entertaining, as well as soccer with the crab-apples. **Dick Howard** led a major clean up crew in dishwashing at the cabin. If **Gayle Speck** had lost his keys one more time, we were really going to wonder about him. **Eileen Kowis** had so much fun, she's already planning for next year. **Don Wiedeman** and **Sharon Griffin** stood around smiling a lot--maybe it's because he ran this event last year.

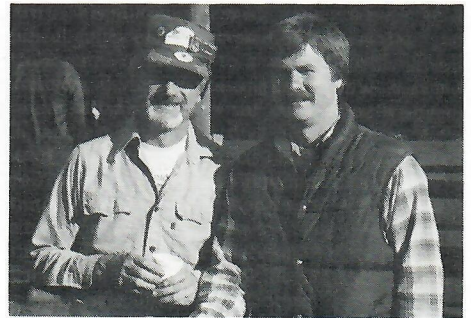
Many thanks to all who helped--especially **Sy**, **Howard**, **Glenn**, **Tom** and all the others. **Bill Kirk** and **Karen Gibson** were ready for any job they were asked to do. Special thanks go to **Tom Mercer** and his family for sharing their hospitality in a beautiful, even when wet, natural setting.



Ginger and Joe - "Are we having fun yet!"



Lynn Danhauser, Jerry Pyle, (middle), all the way from Mississippi to cook pancakes!



King Sy convincing Mercer that authority still has to help!



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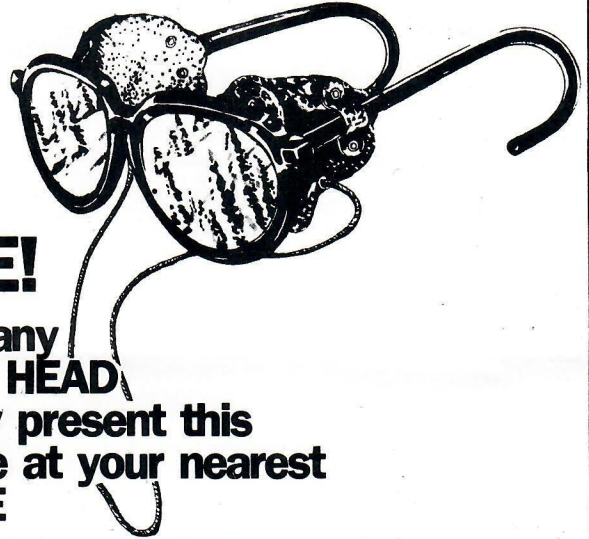
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By Karen Gibson and Gayle Speck

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CENTER: The Hardcore wear their rain boots.
BOTTOM: Five legs or the end!

PARTY ANIMALS' WINE SAFARI (continued from page 7)



TOP LEFT and RIGHT: Who's heart is in San Francisco? Shirley, Craig, Bob or Glenda's?

ABOVE LEFT: Spring Mountain Vineyards is the location of Falconcrest.
ABOVE RIGHT: Riddlers? Ron Smith and Jim Benefield at Domaine Chardon.

LEFT: 100 barrels of wine on the floor, 100 barrels of wine....



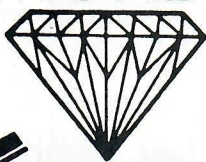
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DECEMBER

- 2 Executive Meeting
- 3 Steamboat Pre-Trip Party (PTP)
- 5 Snowmass III PTP
- 6 Wine Safari PTP
- 7 Texas Ski Council - Grand Hotel
- 7 Christmas Formal - CANCELLED
- 9 General Meeting - Grand Hotel
- 11 Wine Safari
- 12 Aspen PTP
- 13 Snowmass II PTP
- 16 Snowmass I PTP
- 19 Happy Hour - Le Cave
- 19 Park City PTP

JANUARY

- 5 Executive Meeting
- 7 Badgastein Pre-Trip Party (PTP)
- 9 Purgatory PTP
- 13 General Meeting
- 16 Crested Butte PTP
- 23 Board of Directors
- 23 Happy Hour - Bubba's
- 30 Banff PTP

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