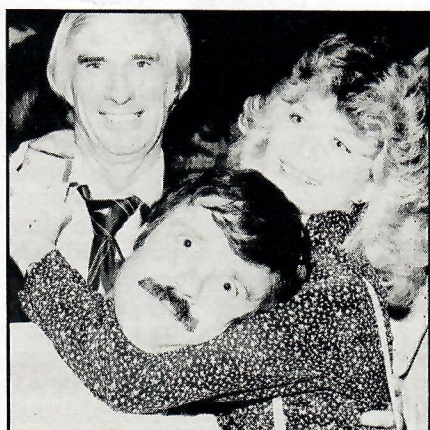
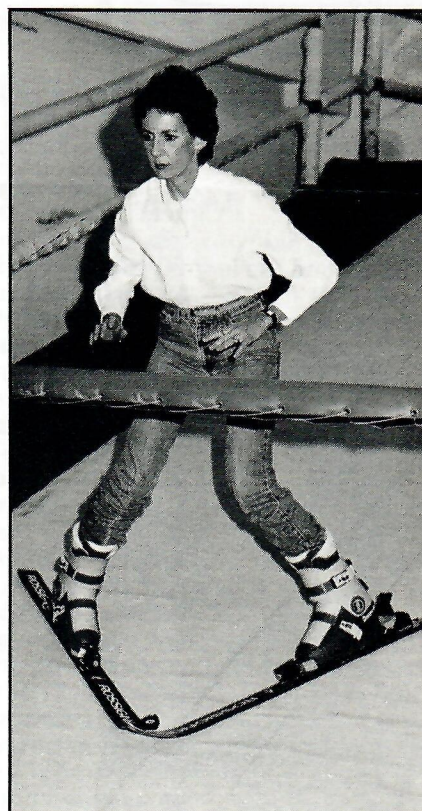
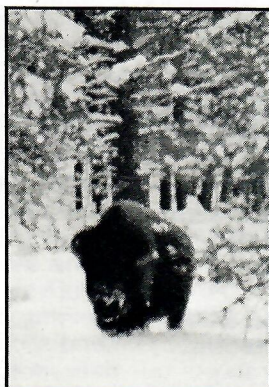


THE

FEBRUARY, 1984

SITZMARKE



**BIG SNOW AT BIG SKY
THE PLUM
SKIING IN NEW ZEALAND**



SKI TRIPS DOMINATE CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR WINTER MONTHS; MARCH MEETING DATE CHANGE

HEAD OF THE LIFTLINE BY TANIA ANDRASKO

I have just returned, with nearly 150 fellow SCSCers, from Texas Ski Week/Sun Valley, and am happy to report that it was a beautifully organized week. Our thanks to **Carl Wilgus** and **Chuck Webb** of Sun Valley, all their hard-working assistants, and all the warm and friendly residents of Sun Valley and Ketchum, Idaho. I don't know if I can remember a Texas Ski Week in which we have felt more welcome.

More thanks go to **Ray Ritch** and **Western Airlines** and one of the most enjoyable flight crews to ever put up with almost a full plane load of happy returning SCSCers.

And the thanks must go on and on - to the **Texas Ski Council**, to our major sponsor **Coors**, as well as SCSC's local Houston Coors Distributor, **Aspromonte Coors**, their representatives **Tom Gamble** and **Joe Sweeny**, and other sponsors **Salomon** and **Rossignol**, and to **Texas Skier Magazine** for the printed schedule and Ski Week magazine.

And for putting together (and putting up

with) all the organization necessary for such a large trip, a pat on the back to TCs **Bill Kirk**, **Kathy Meyers**, and **Linda Licarione**, and ATCs **Billie Nowak** and **Tom Mullins**.

Race Director **Ray Naudain** and his assistants **Tommy Thompson** and **Bob Fried** were able to get the gang out for the races and assure us of our second place win in the large club category. Our five silvers and 22 bronzes were an outstanding showing, but not quite enough to overcome Cowtown Ski Club's two gold, 11 silvers and over 20 bronzes.

As most know by now, the Texas Ski Cup will not be awarded until after all the club races at all five Texas Ski Council trips, and will be determined by dividing the total points accumulated by the total of **TRIP** participants (not just racers), and multiplied by the number of trips in which the club participates.

The number of participants on the trip who do not race (even at the slowest time possible) will hurt our standings in the Texas Ski Cup competition, so all who signed up for the remaining Council trips to **CRESTED BUTTE**, **HEAVENLY VALLEY**, and **BRECKENRIDGE** should keep that in mind when deciding whether to come out for the races. **WE NEED YOUR HELP TO GET**

THOSE NUMBERS UP!

While so many were enjoying Texas Ski Week, it seems that some came to Stouffer's for the General Meeting on the regular second Monday meeting date, not noticing that we had changed the date to the third Monday, since so many (including four of

in time for those 100 participants to attend the Annual Meeting and vote.

So remember, the February meeting will be the usual second Monday, March will change to the third Monday, and in April we will return to the regular second Monday schedule.

The Nominating Committee has completed its work. You will find their proposed slate of officer candidates for 1984-85 on page three. The slate will be formally presented at the February Meeting and nominations from the floor will then be in order. If anyone plans to nominate someone, please have his/her prior consent.

In order to hold office a nominee must have been as SCSC member for the twelve months prior to the March meeting, and any nominee for president must have been or currently be an elected officer of the Executive Committee.

Written ballots will be used in voting at the March Annual Meeting, unless there is only one candidate for each office. The elected officers will take office on May 1.

Special thanks to the nominating committee for performing a necessary yet difficult job. Chairman was **Anne Benefield**. Others on the committee were **Lou Schultz**, **Eric Holm**, **Jan Livingston**, **Ron**

(continued on page 8)

**GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY
FEBRUARY 13
STOUFFER HOTEL
SOCIAL HOUR
7:30 P.M.
PROGRAM
8:30 P.M.**

your seven officers) would be gone to Ski Week. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by not bringing the date change more clearly to your attention in the December **SITZMARKE**, rather than the January issue.

We have another date change coming up for the March meeting, which is a very important event... it is the **ANNUAL MEETING**, at which 1984-1985 officer elections will be held. Due to a conflict in schedule for Stouffer's, the March meeting will be on the **THIRD MONDAY OF MARCH** (March 19). We are lucky in one way about this date, since the **HEAVENLY VALLEY** trip will be returning March 18,

ASK AN OFFICER

Tania..... 776-9754
Kay..... 499-4710
John..... 448-5012
Glenn..... 729-0065
Jean..... 974-0456
Karen..... 682-5426
Art..... 772-3534

NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS '84-'85 SLATE

The Space City Ski Club Nominating Committee nominates the following candidates to serve as the Club's 1984-1985 Officers:

President - **Tom Mercer**
Vice President for Programs - **Rudy Guerrero**
Vice President for Trips - **Dick Howard**
Vice President for Membership - **Jerry Pyle**
Vice President for Publications - **Charla Merrel**
Secretary - **Phyllis Sysak**
Treasurer - **Linda Licarione**

These candidates are nominated in accordance with the Club by-laws and the following criteria:

1. Time availability
2. Business experience
3. Previous contributions to the Club
4. Creativity
5. Enthusiasm and active participation in Club and related activities
6. Accessibility (living in greater metropolitan Houston)
7. Stability in employment location
8. Balance of male/female ratio
9. Team work ability between other nominees

In addition to the above, the Nominating Committee considered the following special criteria for each office.

President was considered for the ability to conduct meetings, previous offices and positions held within the Club and the ability to work well with all types of people. The Vice President of Programs should be able to find and develop new leadership potential within the Club and show the creative ability to plan and organize interesting programs and activities.

The Vice President of Trips was considered for his organizational abilities, business sense and abilities to negotiate with vendors and the ability to work well with all types of people. The Vice President of Membership was considered for his accessibility to the telephone, ability to handle details, familiarity with computer operation and organizational skills.

The Vice President for Publications was considered for writing, creativity and organizational skills.

Secretary needed communications skills, ability to type and organize. The Treasurer must have a strong business sense, ability to plan and help implement a budget and head off potential financial problems in relation with trips and activities.

It should be noted that the by-laws allow additional nominations from the floor at the February meeting. The election will be held at the March annual meeting.

This report was respectfully submitted by the 1984-85 Nominating Committee which was chaired by **Anne Benefield**. Other members of the Committee were **Charles Dutton, Eric Holm, Jan Livingston, Ron Rambin, Lou Schultz** and **Leona Schroeder**.

**NOTICE OF MEETING
DATE CHANGE
MARCH
GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 19
ELECTION OF '84-'85 OFFICERS**

IT'S A DATE!

FEBRUARY						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

MARCH						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

FEBRUARY

- 13** General Membership Meeting. Social Hour, 7:30 p.m. Program 8:30 p.m., Stouffer Hotel, 6 Greenway Plaza East. Contact Tania Andrasko, 776-9754.
- 15** Happy Hour. 4:30-7 p.m. ChiChi's, 6353 Richmond.
- 16** Heavenly Valley II Pre-trip Party. 7 p.m. Contact Harold Eaton, 995-4710, or Bob Frazier, 777-0261.
- 18-25** Telluride Ski Trip. Contact Peb Rock, 850-0655, or Suzie Volz, 492-1702.
- 19** Jackson Hole Pre-trip Party. 6:30 p.m. Contact Elizabeth Braun, 783-2719.
- 22** SCSC Night at the Rodeo. 7:45 p.m. Astrodome, Loop 610 South & Kirby. Contact Joe Dar, 940-1707, or 981-5510.
- 29-4** Vail Ski Trip. Contact Penny Chancey, 686-4863.

MARCH

- 3-10** Jackson Hole Ski Trip. Contact Elizabeth Braun, 783-2719.
- 6** Breckenridge Pre-trip Party. 7:30 p.m. Allen Park Inn, 2121 Allen Parkway. Contact Rudy Guerrero, 466-4802, or Janie Dar, 981-5510.
- 11-18** Heavenly Valley I & II Ski Trips. Contact John Galloway, 627-3013, or Harold Eaton, 995-4710.
- 19** General Membership Meeting. Social Hour 7:30 p.m., Program 8:30 p.m. Stouffer Hotel, 6 Greenway Plaza East. Contact Tania Andrasko, 776-9754.
- 25-1** Breckenridge Ski Trip. Contact Rudy Guerrero, 466-4802, or Janie Dar, 981-5510.

TEXAS SKI WEEK RACE RESULTS

Sherry Lewis and **Michael Dziuba** were the fastest female and male racers for SCSC for the 1984 Texas Ski Week at Sun Valley. Sherry placed sixth overall with the female racers and Mike placed twelfth with the males.

Bronze Medal Winners

Shirley Andries
Robert Basch
Bill Brooks
Tim Coen
Keith Eastin
Michael Flash
Mike Gay
Jim Guild

Merlyn Harger Ron Honefenger

Dick Howard
John Kelly
Bill Krell
Sherry Lewis
Bob Marwin
Marty Matras
Gwen Miller
Ray Rich

John Stumph Easy Thayer

Steve Van Pelt
Diane Yarberry
Silver Medal Winners
John Cook
Michael Dziuba
Fred Kahrs
Sy Liebergot
Tom Mercer

The breakdown of racers were as follows:

Racers Entered.....	146
Racers Started.....	110
No-shows.....	36
Racers Finished.....	105
Did Not Finish.....	2
Disqualified.....	3
Total Club Points.....	2194



PRICE BREAK

It's A Record Ski Year. Oshman's Wants To Sell Out To The Walls And Start Over Next Year. We've Cut Our Prices. Come In And Save On 1983-84 Ski Equipment and Apparel While Quantities Last. All Items Are Subject To Prior Sale. No Rainchecks. Hurry For Best Selections.

SKI EQUIPMENT

EVERY SKI
IN OUR STOCK REDUCED
UP
TO **50%** OFF Orig. Prices

Rossignol, Fischer, Dynastar, Head and more. Skis for all levels of ability...now on sale at big, big savings!

EVERY BOOT IN OUR
STOCK
UP
TO **50%** OFF Orig. Prices

Nordica, Raichle, Dynafit. From the finest makers in ski boots. Recreational, sport and high performance models now on sale.

EVERY SALOMON, LOOK,
& TYROLIA BINDING
IN STOCK REDUCED
UP
TO **50%** OFF Orig. Prices
Models for beginning to advanced skiers.

SKI ACCESSORIES
UP
TO **50%** OFF
Orig. Prices
Goggles, Gaitors, Totes, Racks.



SKIWEAR

ENTIRE STOCK OF
SNUGLER & WHITE STAG
SKIWEAR

20 to 40% OFF

OBERMEYER, TYROLIA,
HEAD, OSSI & MOTHER
KAREN

Men's & Ladies' Skiwear

15 to 35% OFF
Reg. and Orig. Prices

ENTIRE STOCK OF MEN'S
& LADIES' SKI SWEATERS

15 to 33% OFF
Reg. and Orig. Prices

ENTIRE STOCK OF
JR. SKIWEAR REDUCED

UP
TO **35%** OFF

OSHMAN'S®

POST OAK • SHARPSTOWN • 7729 WESTHEIMER
ALMEDA SQUARE • CHAMPIONS FOREST

IN446

THE PLUM

By Phyllis Sysak

His favorite beer can is a 1940 "Southern Select" lone top that **Tom Mercer** found in a dump. He owns nine pairs of running shoes, one pair of which was on his swift feet as he qualified for the coming Boston Marathon.

He stays in love to stay young. He's **Jim Plummer**.

No, Margaret, Jim doesn't guzzle beer all the time.

Just because he has enough brew in his pocket to offer extras to chairlift companions...just because he has never been known to do without his favorite beverage during any ski club activity...just because he tends to fall asleep at 9 p.m. each night...just because his house is decorated with thousands of empty beer cans in every imaginable brand...

Well, he doesn't drink while training for the "iron-man Triathalon" under Coach **Mo Granda**. And, his head is clear of hops during the day while he is an engineer liaison between Fluor and Texaco on a gas construction project.

Jim is a collector. He just cannot seem to toss out *Sports Illustrated* or *Playboy* magazines, the aforementioned beer cans or plants.

His patio is covered with containers of babies from spider plants, aloe



vera and ivy. Stacks of magazines line the hallway between living and dining rooms. Beer cans adorn the walls (right behind the Arkansas razorback hat) on homemade shelves in the living room and upstairs bedroom/den.

Our Chillicothe, Mo. native skier is always into mischief, but claims he is smart enough to avoid trouble. At 16, the Plum tasted a Glauksteit beer and fell in love with the concept. Today, he isn't partial to any brand, just as long as it's a light beer.

Jim says, "Yes, I went to a one-room school with an outside three-holer for

girls and one for the boys. Yes, son, I walked miles through the snow to get to school." But he came to Houston as a graduate of Georgia Tech and the University of Missouri.

It was in college he learned to ski, among other activities. His college roommate took him to Aspen, to the top of Highlands, showed him a snowplow, and left. Jim says, "I cried. But, I learned."

A gleam lights this perennial bachelor's face when you mention college days. At the University of Missouri, he waited tables for the Delta Gamma

Sorority (imagine the Plum with all those nubile coeds). Only Jim would acquire one pin-mate and 99 sisters!

Since his initial introduction to the art of skiing, Jim thinks his best ski experience is any day he can keep up with **John MacDonald, John Terzaks** or **Gene Turboff**. Jim, of course, wears Tom Mercer designer outfits for skiing (Levis and a baseball cap with a tractor emblem).

Jim joined SCSC in 1971 at the advice of "Gourmet's Unruly," aka **Bob Olsen, Bill Brooks** and **Sy Liebergot**, the inventors of popcorn omelettes and hosts of Aspen spaghetti feast. One of our more visible members (before 9 p.m., that is) Jim has served as trip coordinator for Aspen, treasurer, a member of the Board of Directors and annual participant in the amazing Follies.

For someone who says his favorite movie is *Debbie Does Dallas*, Jim particularly loves listening to soft music, such as Jimmy Buffett and Emma Lou Harris tunes. He can be very romantic.

If you think of Jim Plummer next time you pop a top off your favorite fermented barley-and-hops, remember, you, too, could lower your blood pressure and qualify for the Boston Marathon. Maybe it's the beer...

WITH A BANG TEXAS SKIERS SPEND NEW YEARS IN MONTANA

By Dianne Tully

*T'was the day after Christmas and all thru
the bus
All the creatures were stirring and making a fuss.
The skis and luggage were loaded with care
In hopes that they would all make it there.
The Space City skiers were snuggled all warm in
their beds,
While visions of short lift lines danced in
their heads.
The next morning there arose such a clatter,
As they grabbed their skis and began to scatter.*

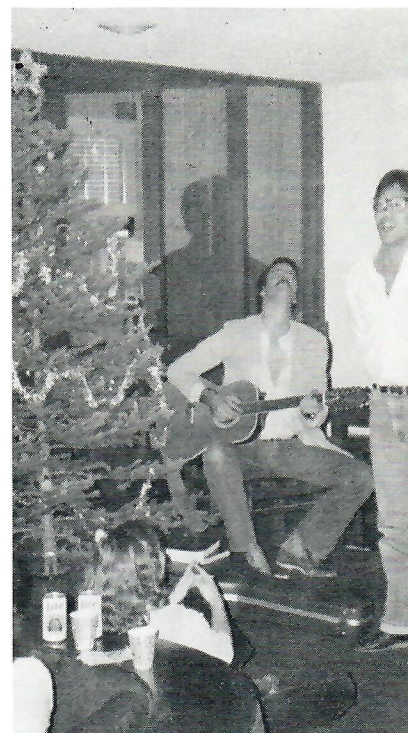
As December 26 dawned over Houston Intercontinental Airport, there sat **Myron Kolpack**, patiently waiting since 7 a.m. for the 3:10 p.m. flight to Big Sky, Mont. It seems Myron had come all the way from Corpus Christi on the early bird flight.

And, then there was **Barbara Munger** who came strolling in at 2:45 p.m. from Austin. Finally about 4 p.m. Western Flight 453 took off into the wild blue yonder with 35 SCSCers aboard.

Mother Nature was kind to us. Contrary to local weather reports, it was warmer in Big Sky than in Houston. The next morning we were met by ski hosts Mark and Lori Havel, who were going to show us the mountain.

Mark took "the big boys and girls" up to the top to ski powder, while Lori got the rest of us. On the way up we spotted **Charlotte Raves**, **Susan Manger**, **Susan Goolsby** and **Susan Fini** practicing their snowplowing on the Mighty Mite slope.

That evening the Lodge held a wine and cheese party for us and everyone had a chance to swap war stories about their first day on the slopes. **Anna Till** and **Roger Rowe** didn't think there were enough black runs!!! We discovered that Anna us-



ed to be a ski instructor.

Don Shelton and **Stephanie Lefes** decided to try cross country skiing... it seems Don has a size 14 foot, but managed to find boots and skis to fit.

Finally, the wine ran out and everyone headed for the Lodge restaurant, where **Gerry Simpson** was spotted dining with not one, but three women!

Wednesday morning everyone hit the slopes again, literally! Spotted coming down their favorite slope, Mr. K, were **Judy Rogers**, **Sandra McCunnis**, **Sergei Fogel**, and **Don Wilkes**, guarding the rear.

The snow snakes were

everywhere. **Lois Carey** was seen practicing her ballet lessons on skis... such hidden talent going to waste.

That night everyone enjoyed a homemade lasagna dinner imported from Texas and personally prepared by that little Italian mama **Charla Merrel**. After-dinner entertainment was provided by our very own **Tim McGregor** and **Frank Riesenber**. Tim brought his guitar and we sang every song they knew and some they didn't!

For the closing finale **Takashi Sawade** and **Hiroshi Tomita** sang the Japanese National Anthem in Japanese. About that time **Mariann**



Top row (left to right):
The Huntley Lodge at Big Sky.
Takashi Sawade sings the Japanese National Anthem, accompanied by Tim McGregor at the Lasagna dinner.
Snowmobilers line up for the trip into Yellowstone Park.

Bottom row (left to right):
Susan Goulsby, Charlotte Raves, Mariann Perry and Suan Manger at the Bucks 4-T Restaurant.

Snowmobilers stopped for a group picture (l to r) bottom, George Simpson, Sergei Fogel, Hiroshie Tomita, Kathryn Daley, Lois Cary, Takashi Sawade; top, Charla Merrel, Frank Riesenberger, Mariann Perry, Gary Evans, Susan McCunnis, Jo Crouthers-Evans, Jim Kane, Kathy Senghaas, Susan Manger and Patrick Snell.

Celebrating New Years are Mariann Perry, Dianne Tully, Geoff Darby and Patrick Snell.



Yellowstone Park. The Park Rangers were not far behind as Takashi discovered when he wandered off the trail.

Frank Riesenberger entertained everyone by making angels in the snow (giant angels!) Charla and Susan Manger kept stopping to check their fuel, which smelled suspiciously like peppermint schnapps.

After watching Old Faithful spout off, everyone raced back to get ready for a gala New Years Eve party at the Huntley Lodge. Everyone was dressed to the nines and champagne was really flowing... from a fountain. Was that **James Dickson** standing there with this mouth open?

The dance floor stayed busy all night... Charlotte Raves was seen doing a mean jitterbug, **Kathryn Dailey** was kicking up her heels and Sergei Fogel finally let loose, too! Tim McGregor was a quick learner with spoon hanging while Frank Riesenberger played *Ole Lange Syne* on water glasses.

Not only did the group celebrate New Years in Montana, but we celebrated the Texas New Year at 11 p.m. After the Torch Light parade and all the fireworks, we started heading home, already thinking how good those Bloody Marys were going to taste.

Sunday was a picture postcard day, and we had to leave. Fortified with Bloody Marys and Screwdrivers, we headed for home. A good time was had by all, especially Jo Crouthers and Gary Evans who ended up as Mr. and Mrs. Evans.

Perry arrived fresh from Iowa and ready to party, only to be met with yawns and garlic-flavored burps.

Thursday morning we awoke to a new layer of powder on the mountain. **Patrick Snell, Geoff Darby** and **Bill Caldwell** decided it was time to take Charla and **Dianne Tully** to ski powder at the top. After a horrendous, but hilarious trip to the bottom we discovered **Barbara O'Neal** had been bitten by a snow snake. X-rays showed nothing serious and she was feeling great by New Years Eve.

That evening a busload rambled on down to Buck's T-4 Saloon for some grub and suds. We spotted **Jim**

Kane and Eileen Kendrick, Jo Crouthers and **Gary Evans** cutting a rug on the dance floor.

Friday morning and another fresh layer of powder ready to ski. Mariann Perry finally discovered why she couldn't ski... her boots were on the wrong feet!

We had a sleigh ride planned for that evening, but the mules skidded off the road earlier and were in no mood to pull a sleigh full of rowdy Texans. So, we headed for happy hour at the Huntley Lodge.

Saturday morning started off with a roar as 23 SCSCers went wheeling off in their snowmobiles headed for Old Faithful in

COUNCIL ANNOUNCES SCSC RACE STANDINGS

At the December Council meeting the point totals toward the "Texas Ski Cup" were announced. After the Keystone Fall Round Up the top clubs based on points per participant are:

1. Los Amigos	20.23
2. Cowtown	17.69
3. University of Texas	17.42
4. Flatlanders	15.87
5. Lone Star	14.28
6. Space City	13.65
7. Alpine	9.37
8. Clear Lake	8.34
9. San Antonio	3.88

Remember, there is a new formula this year. The total points are divided by the total number of participants. The new race rules and formula were formally approved at this meeting with Space City casting four votes "NO." If you don't know why, please read on.

If a club has fewer people on its trip, but all race, the club stands a better chance at winning the cup. For example, Los Amigos had only 13 members at Keystone. University of Texas had 21. Flatlander had 23. Lone Star had 18 and Space City had 50.

It is conceivable that a club could develop a race team of ten or twelve and send them to the Texas Ski Council trips to compete in the races and win the Texas Ski Cup under this point system.

Jim McIntyre was appointed to a Development Committee to study the future planning of the Texas Ski Council. Let him know what your thoughts are on future TSC efforts.

Space City is also on the pre-selection committee to narrow down all the bids and select which five ski areas will make presentations to the Council to select next year's trips. If you have any prejudices or favorites, let Jim know.

- Jim McIntyre.

NASTAR MEDAL WINNERS REPORT YOUR WIN!

Many are racing NASTAR outside the Texas Ski Council Club races on the Council trips as well as on our other trips. Please report your medals and handicaps to **Steve Van Pelt** and the Race Committee.

They are maintaining records throughout the ski season and will be presenting an award to the man and woman who have the lowest handicap for the season. We also want to know how many races you enter, and how many medals you win.

HEAD OF THE LIFTLINE

(continued from page 2)

Rambin, Leona Schroeder and Charles Dutton.

After we take care of business and nominations at February's meeting, we will be entertained by a tennis and casual wear style show presented by Tennis and Ski Warehouse, with members acting as models. Sounds like an entertaining evening so be sure to come.

By the time you read this, over 340 will have departed/returned on one of eight ski trips. We hope you have been enjoying this ski season and that you can see the hard work of your officers, TCs and ATCs paying off.

We have been lucky in having some of the best snow conditions in years and we know many are eager to go skiing. If you haven't already signed up for a trip, remember that there are still six trips left to go, with (as of this writing) a little space left on the VAIL and BRECKENRIDGE trips. Plus, we traditionally have last minute cancellations on full trips and it will be to your advantage to get on the waiting list for any trip holding your interest. You may just get to go!


HAPPY SKIING!

.....

You'll fall for our LOW PRICES!

20% to 60% OFF REGULAR RETAIL

- Sportscaster
- Mother Karen
- Gerry
- Alpine Designs
- Aspen
- Everything for After-Ski, too!
- Cevas



TENNIS & SKI WAREHOUSE

• Southwest Fondren Village
11191 Fondren (Next to Palais Royal) 778-0203

• Briargrove Plaza
6100 Westheimer Rd. (Between Hillcroft and Chimney Rock) 783-8183

• Lantern Lane
12526 Memorial Dr. (Between Gessner and West Belt) 464-2639

• Champions Village I
6540 FM 1960 West (One mile east of Willowbrook Mall) 537-0928

• Southpoint Center
12819 Gulf Freeway (Across from Dan Boone Chevrolet) 481-5217

meet me at...



Windsor Plaza
Richmond at Loop 610 West
South of the Galleria
961-7494

Edgebrook Plaza
Gulf Freeway Exit Edgebrook
South of the Hobby Airport
941-1412

Cooter's
DANCING, GAMES, & SOCIALIZING

SCSC RODEO NIGHT

FEBRUARY 22

Waylon Jennings

Lacy J. Dalton

7:45 P.M.

\$8.00 a ticket

Meet at 6 p.m. for a Pre-Rodeo warm-up at the Roundup on Main at the South Loop

CONTACT JOE DAR

940-1707 (Day)

981-5510 (Nite)

CLASSIFIED ADS

LOST - On Sun Valley Trip one sack of trinkets containing one large size Texas Ski Week T-Shirt, one Sun Valley turtle neck and one cap that was highly prized. Last seen at the Little America Hotel sale table 2 a.m. Call Mike Brown at 869-9008.

FOR RENT - Breckenridge condos well furnished and within walking distance to downtown and lifts. 10% discount to ski club members. Call Everett at 236-5453.

FOR SALE - Lovely 3-bdrm patio home one mile from SW Frwy & Bissonnet. Large kitchen with open concept living area. Large wood deck perfect for ski club member who likes to entertain. For sale by owner willing to help with necessary financing. Call Chuck at 776-9141.

FOR RENT - Vail/Lionshead Condo one block from gondola. Fully furnished 2/2 that sleeps six with sauna. Discount for SCSCers - \$150 per night. Special rates for Christmas & holidays. Call Ed Rubenstein at 682-4894 (days).

HAPPY HOUR

February 15

CHI CHI'S

6353 Richmond

4:30 - 7:00 P.M.

Two for One Drinks

Hors D' Oeuvres

A SONG IS BORN

The celebration during our return from Texas Ski Week/Sun Valley seemed to call for a new Club song and **Vicki Blanchard** was kind enough to put her pen to paper and come up with a composition even those who can't hold a tune in a paper bag could have fun with.

So, try to remember it, practice it, and let's hope we hear it next time we're all together with all the other Texas clubs. Let's let them know SCSC is there!

**"Unofficial" Space City Song
by Vicki Blanchard**

(To the tune of "If They Could See Me Now" from *Sweet Charity*)

"If they could see us ski,
That gang from old Space Town.
Coming down the powder lane
in record time.

We came to SKI!

DANCE!

And have a good time.

Space - City - Ski - Club!

ONE MORE TIME!"

*Subject to further additions and revisions.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT HAS GOOD RESPONSE DURING HOLIDAY RUSH

It's only fitting the last tennis tournament of the year should be the best. By pulling some strings **Edith Lewis** persuaded Don King, head PRO, to let SCSC use the University Club tennis facilities.

The overwhelming response and high level of participation made the competition tough. The patience everyone showed for the time delays was much appreciated.

Special thanks should go to **Merilyn Stinson, Mike Cronan, Carl and Lottie Gautschi** who are University Club members and co-sponsors of the event. Also special recognition to **Fred Kinat** for his artistic ability and help in coordinating the event.

Winners of the four divisions were:

Aspen - **Bruce Maughs, Susan Lacey, Lee Bollinger, Monique Knot**
Vail - **Sandy Smith, Monica Williams, Carlos Silliman, Jean Marshall**

Snowmass - **Harold Green, Sherry Lewis, Tom Fitzpatrick, Marilyn Smith**

Snowbird - **Bob Nash, Stephanie Refes, Geoff Darby, Rita Brockstein**

After the tournament, some stayed on to watch the football game, while others strayed over to Edith Lewis' for turkey, trimmings and other gourmet delights.

FINAL SHOWDOWN FULL OF SURPRISES

I know you... you've been sitting back, taking it easy, making me nervous while you held on to that \$75 deposit check until the L-A-S-T minute to reserve your spot on the very last ski trip of the season to Breckenridge.

Well, have I got a surprise for you. There were more of you handing in \$75 deposits than you thought and now that the time is near, it's going to be first come, first serve for the seven remaining spots, unless you want to get on the waiting list.

Those who have signed up for the trip are feeling mighty secure. We are staying at Beaver Run (where else??) in three and four-bedroom condos. We're considering a time management course to help allocate time to make use of the hot tubs, saunas, indoor/outdoor pool, restaurants, bars and clubs at Beaver Run.

That doesn't include the time needed to ski the miles of beginner, intermediate and expert runs of Peak 8 and 9, and attend all the SCSC and Texas Ski Council planned activities. And, if that is not enough, ATC **Janie Dar** has additional surprises that will be unveiled at Breckenridge that even I am not privy to yet.

To help you get out on the slopes with ease, we have consummated deals for ski rentals of \$6.50 a day and lift tickets for \$13 a day (at four or more days).

So, if you're not one of the secure ones, you better (using the terms of a local deejay) get those lazy A__S up and get motivated to contact either **Rudy Guerrero** at 466-4802 or **Janie Dar** at 981-5510 for your spot. - **Rudy Guerrero**



Waiting for court time are (l to r) Margie Cook, Ann Lewis, Melissa Barham, Betty Forey, Rick Wilkes and Bob Henderson.

1983 - 1984 SCSC TRIP SCHEDULE**

TRIP	Depart Area	Days	Price	Pmt.	Skiers	Lodgings Name	Prices	Activities	Coordinators	H Phone	O Phone
TELLURIDE	Feb. 18 P.M. thru Feb. 25 P.M.	6	\$495	Dec. 7	36	Coronet Creek West Willow Boomerang 2/2	\$14.50 per Day	Wine & Cheese Parties Taco Party Spaghetti Party	Peb Rock Suzie Volz	850-0655 492-1702	432-0303 777-3212
VAIL	Feb. 29 P.M. thru Mar. 4 P.M.	3½	\$440	Jan. 5	20	Enzian Lodge 1/1	\$17 per Day	Continental Breakfasts	Penny Chancey	686-4863	462-4516
JACKSON HOLE	Mar. 3 A.M. thru Mar. 10 P.M.	6	\$525	Jan. 10	36	Sojourner Inn 1/1	\$80 for 5 Days	A Day of Skiing at Grand Targhee	Elizabeth Braun	783-2719	---
*SPRING CLASSIC HEAVENLY VALLEY I	Mar. 11 A.M. thru Mar. 18 A.M.	6	\$488	Jan. 10	50	Sahara Tahoe 1/1	\$16 per Day for 3 Days	TSC Parties Wine & Cheese Party Bar-B-Que	John Galloway Lydia Miller	627-3013 840-1822	--- 461-0527 X64
*SPRING CLASSIC HEAVENLY VALLEY II	Mar. 11 A.M. THRU Mar. 18 A.M.	6	\$488	Jan. 10	50	Sahara Tahoe 1/1	\$16 per Day for 3 Days	TSC Parties Races Gambling	Harold Eaton Bob Frazier	995-4710 777-2061	--- 877-6296
*FINAL SHOWDOWN BRECKENRIDGE	Mar. 25 A.M. thru Apr. 1 P.M.	7	\$459	Feb. 8	42	Beaver Run 3/3 & 4/4	\$65 for 5 Days \$45 for 3 Days	TSC Parties Group Feed Fun Run Cocktail Party	Rudy Guerrero Janie Dar	466-4802 981-5510	671-7258 627-7000 X513

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

*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".

JOHN COOK, Vice President of Trips (O) 999-0070

DICK HOWARD, Director of Trips (H) 496-6191

DEBBIE BALL, Director of Trips (H) 840-0276

A New Service For Travelers

***PARK FREE** * Up to 3 Days FREE Parking With
Purchase of Out-of- State Airline Ticket

PARK 'N FLY®

HOUSTON INTERCONTINENTAL
AIRPORT LOCATION

- Lowest air fares
- Drive-thru ticket pick-up window
- Avoid airport ticket lines & congestion
- Continuous FREE shuttle service to and from
terminals every 3 to 5 minutes — 24 hours a day
- Instant door-to-door service
- No walking, no waiting
- Maximum security



A drive-thru Travel Agency

591-0900

15850 Drummet Blvd.
Houston, TX 77205

A
SERVICE
OF
WTA

NO TREES

MOUNTAINS IN NEW ZEALAND CHALLENGE JAPANESE SKIER

The following is an excerpt of a letter from Ako Kawamura, a Japanese member of Space City Ski Club. Members of SCSC met Ms. Kawamura while skiing in Japan. She expects to join the Club skiing in California in March.

My skiing trip to New Zealand was a very enjoyable one. I stayed during the first week of August in Christchurch to ski at Mt. Hutt and four nights during the second week in Queenstown to ski at the Coronet Peak.

The best part was that there were no trees in the mountains; therefore, I found it easy to choose my favorite routes, even though the number of lifts were limited compared to the other areas.

The slopes of Mt. Hutt were quite challenging. While I was there the international ski competition was held. It was fun to see the dynamic way of skiing, particularly from the seat of the chair-lift.

The great drawback was the two-hour bus ride from Christchurch to Mt. Hutt. Of course, there are places to stay much closer to the mountains, but the accommodations are rather uncomfortable and not adequate to our standards. Also, I didn't like the washroom or cafeteria. They are not as clean and almost always over-crowded.

Whereas, those buildings at Coronet Peak are nice and clean. Its slopes are much milder than those of Mt. Hutt. The best part was that it is situated close to one of the most beautiful cities, Queenstown. It takes only 40 minutes by bus to the skiing areas.

Queenstown has beautiful lakes surrounded by the snow-covered mountains and looks like a mini Swiss village. I was fascinated by this little city. If I have a chance to revisit, I will stay much longer in Queenstown than in Christchurch.

The Boeing 747 of Air New Zealand flies directly to Christchurch from Tokyo via Fiji and Auckland. It is good to stay in Christchurch where the city itself is like a mini-London. I must change planes anyway to the propeller plane in Christchurch to visit anywhere else in Southern Island.

On the way to Queenstown from Christchurch, the plane stops at Mt. Cook where people have to take helicopters to ski because there

are no lifts. To stay at Mt. Cook might be a bit boring, particularly after skiing, even though the mountain is so majestic and adventurous to ski.

I was amazed there were so many good eating spots, both in Christchurch and Queenstown and, the prices were quite reasonable. The New Zealanders are very warm, kind and amiable. I didn't see any grumbling and long-faced New Zealanders while I was there. They really made me feel right at home.

While I was skiing those two mountains, I came across many Australians and the North Islanders of New Zealand. I was told that their mountains were not so good to ski. They were either so little snow, too many trees or too low to have fun to ski.

The most vital fact is that New Zealand is the only place in the world, if we want to ski during our mid-summer, that has powdery snow and modern, comfortable hotels.

I'd prefer to ski in Switzerland or Austria where everything is so large-scaled and better equipped during our winter. As for the type of snow in New Zealand, I got both powdery and icy days while there. To compare the Japanese skiing resorts, the New Zealand ones were larger scaled and less crowded.

...

WELCOME NEWCOMER

ED KNIGHT

Ed just returned from two months in Saudi Arabia working for ARAMCO as an insurance advisor administrator. His company sponsors a softball team on which Ed played left field. The team won the division tournament last spring. Although Ed has never skied, he is enthusiastic about learning. He claims he was inspired to join the club by Debbie Ball. An Atlanta, Ga. native, now 28 and single, Ed has lived in Houston for two years.

Congratulations

Diane Skor
and
Fred Kinat

December 31, 1983



SCSC ANNUAL FUN RUN

APRIL 21

BEAR CREEK PARK

9 A.M.

\$7 per Person — \$3.00 without T-shirt

Fill out and mail entry form along with check made payable to SCSC to:

Carlos Febles
P. O. Box 772592
Houston, Texas 77215

NAME _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

Contact Carlos Febles at 679-3505 (O) or 783-9555 (H)

Deliver or mail entries to **Carol Ragan, 2429 Goldsmith, Houston, Texas 77030**. Look for Carol or any officer at the February SCSC meeting.