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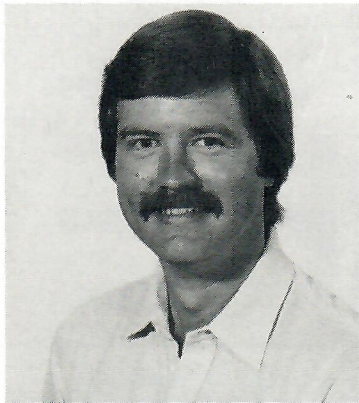
DECEMBER, 1984

# SITZMARKE



**SECOND ANNUAL TRACTOR PULL  
SKI TRIP SPACES AVAILABLE  
CARIBBEAN SAIL**





## BY-LAWS CHANGE PROPOSED

### HEAD OF THE LIFTLINE

BY TOM MERCER

Here it comes from the top, again...

First. There were three By-Law changes proposed at the last meeting. We will be voting on them at the December meeting. The proposed changes are printed in this issue of the Sitz. The current reading of the By-Law is also printed. If you have any questions about these proposed changes, please contact a member of the Board or Gene Turboff. Be sure to come to the December meeting and make your membership count.

The Radisson is changing names. It will be called the Olde English Inn. Be sure to tell all new people coming for the first time about the name change.

The style show was great. Thanks to all the sponsors and thanks to Karen Friedsam for the organization. If you missed the largest giveaway in ski club history. The list of names of winners is located elsewhere in this issue.

Now that we are into the ski season, we tend to

forget that we still need volunteers to man tables and run activities; so contact an officer and get involved. Speaking of some help, we are always looking for articles for the Sitz. So give them to Charla.

If everything falls together, the December Happy Hour should be one you had better not miss. Keep listening.

Once again, there are a lot of trips out there;

**GENERAL MEETING  
MONDAY  
DECEMBER 10  
OLDE ENGLISH INN  
(formerly Radisson Inn)  
7:30 P.M.**

many are full, but there are still several good ones with openings. So, sign up and go skiing with Space City.

By the time you read this, the hearty 60 will be back from Vail, our first trip of the year and the first Texas Ski Council Trip. I'll give you an on-the-spot report at the meeting. See you there.

### SITZMARKE DEADLINE

- December 10
- January 14

## IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

By Gene M. Turboff  
Phone: 977-9828

At the November meeting, the motion was made to amend three sections of the by-laws of Space City Ski Club. The first is Article 2.8, which deals with activity eligibility. Simply stated, what we are trying to accomplish with this amendment is to have a maximum of one family-oriented trip per year. This would allow members who have minor children to ski with their children on an SCSC trip. No person who prefers strictly the company of adults on a ski trip would be required to go, although there would be no restriction against members without children going on the trip. It was the intent of those who supported this amendment that priority would be given to members with minor children. Typically, these trips would be to family-oriented ski areas, rather than to the more popular singles-type places. With the relatively large number of members who have minor children, it was felt that it was finally time to try this approach.

Articles 3.2 and 4.3 are strictly language clean-up amendments that the By-

Law Revision Committee of 1982-83 did not catch prior to publication. All that is being done is to change the word "elected" to "elective." Article 4.3 is a little bit more specific, in that it would allow someone who replaces an elected officer sometime during the term to eventually serve as President. As an example, if someone was elected as Vice President of the club, and one month later was transferred to another city, his or her replacement would not be eligible under the current by-laws to serve as President of the club because that person is an elected rather than an elective officer. The replacement officer would have served 11 months of term, yet would not be eligible, while the original elected officer who served only one month would be. Again, this is strictly a clean-up of language that was missed by the original By-Law Revision Committee.

Your support for all of the amendments is strongly requested, and I will be happy to answer any questions that anyone may have.

### ASK AN OFFICER

Tom.....	988-1075
Rudy.....	466-4802
Dick.....	496-6191
Jerry.....	721-7035
Charla.....	726-0329
Phyllis.....	270-1428
Linda.....	466-1337



# IT'S A DATE!

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## DECEMBER

- 6 Banff Pre-Trip Party. Contact Ann Batten, 558-0381.
- 10 General Membership Meeting. 7:30 P.M. Olde English Inn, 7000 Southwest Freeway. Contact Tom Mercer, 774-3880.
- 12 Copper II Pre-Trip Party. Contact Charles Dutton, 664-1717.
- 13 SCSC Christmas Party. 5:00 - Closing. Renaissance, 80 Woodlake Square.
- 17 Copper I Pre-trip Party. Contact Mike Gerstenberger, 476-4006.
- 20 Ice Skating Party. 8-10 P.M. Sharpstown Ice Rink, 7300 Bellerive.
- 26-1/1 Christmas Skiing at Banff, Canada. Contact Ann Batten, 558-0381 or Bob Cruse, 879-9141 (H) or 783-7520 (O).

## JANUARY

- 2 Executive Committee Meeting. Contact Tom Mercer, 774-3880.
- 3 Aspen Pre-Trip Party. Contact Gordon Wise, 827-1443.
- 5-12 Copper I (Texas Ski Week Traditional) Ski Trip.
- 6-12 Copper II Ski Trip.
- 9-13 Copper III Ski Trip.
- 10 Taos, New Mexico Pre-Trip Party. Contact Ed Barnett, 977-4439.
- 14 General Membership Meeting. 7:30 P.M. Olde English Inn, 7000 Southwest Freeway. Contact Tom Mercer, 774-3880.
- 19-26 Aspen Traditional Ski Trip.
- 22 "Ski-Vegas" Brianhead, Utah Pre-trip Party. Contact Bette Werlin, 780-4311.
- 28 Board of Directors Meeting. Contact Tania Andrasko.
- 30-2/3 Taos, New Mexico Ski Trip.

## WINNERS

Following are the winners of the Style Show giveaways at the November Meeting.

NOTE: If the names are misspelled, it's Mercer's fault.

Joe Jackson	Ski Bag
Gene Holland	Boot Bag
Evelyn Buldier	Goggles
Chuck More	Goggles
Floyd Hanks	Gloves
George Hein	T-Neck
Kathy Senghaas	Gloves
Pam Gillain	T-Neck
Kenda Linden	Fur Ear Muffs
Ron Kapche	Socks
Fred Kahrs	Ski Hat
Marge Morris	Ski Hat
Rich Rose	Ski Hat
Lynn Burch	Ski Outfit
Chris Ginn	\$50 Ski Credit
Barbara Fowler	\$50 Ski Credit
Bob Goggins	After Ski Boots
John Kelly	\$50 Ski Credit
Michell Lamb	\$100 Ski Credit
Sandy Palmer	Stowe Vt. Credit

There will be more \$\$\$\$ giveaways at the December meeting!!!!

# Christmas Happy Hour

Hors d'oeuvres

December 13, 1984

5:00 p.m. - Closing  
at

**Renaissance**

80 Woodlake Square

(N. E. corner of Westheimer & Gessner)

789-2361

Tell Santa  
Your Xmas  
Wishes!



2 for 1 Drinks  
5 - 8 P.M.

Live Entertainment  
Carl Anthony  
Sue Davies  
Peter Isaacson

(Restaurant & Club Reserved for  
SCSC Members & Guests ONLY)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

The following is a tentative list of activities and dates for which volunteer coordinators are required. As a volunteer coordinator, you would be responsible for the overall coordination of the activity, including planning and budgeting, with plenty of help provided by the V. P. Programs.

If you desire to coordinate any of the listed activities or would like to propose an activity, please contact Rudy Guerrero at home, 466-4802, or at work, 679-1624.

### January, 1985

General Meeting - January 14  
Happy Hour - January 17  
Tennis Tournament - January 26 or 27

### February, 1985

General Meeting - February 11  
Happy Hour - February 21  
Raquetball Tournament - Feb. 23 or 24  
Rodeo Night

### March, 1985

General Meeting - March 11  
Photo Contest  
Happy Hour - March 21

### April, 1985

General Meeting - April 8  
Installation of New Officers  
Happy Hour - April 18  
Puerta Vallarta Trip - April 19-21  
Gimmick Road Rally - April 28

### May, 1985

Bike Ride - May 5  
General Meeting - May 13  
Follies  
Happy Hour - May 16  
Tennis Tournament - May 19  
Volunteer Party - May 26

### June, 1985

Windsurfing - June 1  
Guadalupe River Trip - June 15-17  
Happy Hour - June 20  
Golf Tournament - June 23

### July, 1985

Deep Sea Fishing Trip - July 13  
Happy Hour - July 18  
Summer Bash - July 21  
New York Weekend - July 26-28

## RENAISSANCE TRIP

by Susan Goolsby

On November 3 at 9:00, we left the parking lot in front of Ward's for the famous festival in Plantersville. On the way there, we settled in with doughnuts, screwdrivers, Bloody Marys, and some of us, beer.

We arrived in good condition and decided it was **not** going to rain on our parade! We split up into small groups (so we could get around easily) and mingled with the crowd already there. Some of us, **Glenn Bishop, Ann Batten, Jon Hofmann, Marty Matras, Chris Courter, Allen Harris, and Susan Goolsby** started off with the Raspini Brothers jug-gling act. We saw **Ron and Roberta Rambin** there, and sitting up front for the best seats in the house were **Bob Frazier and Melissa Barham**. Some of us quickly moved on to look for the infamous "Snot and Puke" show and managed to get in on a few familiar tunes. The MUD was perfect for this show.

As the day wore on, we saw familiar faces throughout the crowd. **Leilani Kimmel, Jerry Pyle, Maria-Elena Diaz, Barbara Kruntorad, Mary Lou Kennedy, and Herman Kennedy** were all trying to keep warm as well as do some last minute shopping. Some of us had changed appearances because of the face painting that is popular at the festival. First prize went to **John Terzakis** for having his head painted with a dragon. **Katie** looked in the mood, too, with her face painted. **Tina Kendall** and **T. J. Lassiter** had purchased Renaissance hats with plumes and seemed to be in good spirits once back on the bus. First prize for shopping and gift getting goes to **Janie and Joe Dar**, who were nice enough to let their BIG shopping bag be used as a garbage bag. Thank you for your help!

There was no rowdiness on the way back to Houston, so the report will stop here. For further questions, see your T. C. We all had a good time and promised to go again the next week-end. (Next Year?)



ABOVE: Susan Goolsby after face painting.  
BELOW: Left to right: Jon Hofmann, Leilani Kimmel, Susan Goolsby, Allen Harris. Goin' back home to Houston.



### CLASSIFIED ADS

**TAHOE CONDO** - \$600 per week.  
Special rate for 2 weeks. Comfortably sleeps six. 1/2 minute to lift at Heavenly Valley. Squaw Valley nearby in area. TV, firewood included. Call ERIC, 956-1000 or home 558-1553. You'll love it.

**FOR RENT - VAIL / LIONSHEAD CONDO**  
One block from gondola. Fully furnished 2/2 sleeps six with sauna, fireplace, phone & color TV. \$150/night. Special rates for Christmas. Ed Rubenstein, 682-4894 (days).

**FOR RENT - CONDO.** Lake Tahoe, Heavenly Valley Ski slope, Stateline, NV, Sleeps 4, March 3 thru 11, 1985, \$490, Call R. Hanner, 954-2661 days.



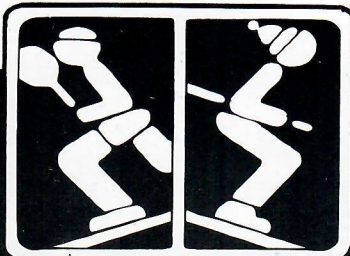
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# SAVINGS!

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## SKI-WEAR

- **Ski Bibs**  
by Chalet  
Compare at ..... \$70 **\$39<sup>99</sup>**
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Name Brands  
Compare at ..... \$100 **\$59<sup>99</sup>**
- **Ski Sweaters**  
100% Wool  
Compare at ..... \$62 **\$29<sup>99</sup>**
- **Ski Gloves**  
Gordini All-Leather  
Compare at ..... \$32 **\$24<sup>99</sup>**
- **Ski Goggles**  
Anti-fog by Bollé  
Compare at ..... \$25 **\$19<sup>99</sup>**



# TENNIS & SKI WAREHOUSE

- **SOUTHWEST FONDREN VILLAGE**, Fondren at W. Bellfort (Next to Palais Royal)
- **SOUTHPOINT CENTER**, Gulf Fwy at Fuqua (Across from Dan Boone Chevrolet)
- **BRIARGROVE PLAZA**, 6100 Westheimer (Between Hillcroft and Chimney Rock)

**778-0203**  
**481-5217**  
**783-8180**

- **LANTERN LANE**, 12526 Memorial (Between Gessner and West Belt)
- **CHAMPIONS VILLAGE I**, 6540 FM 1960W (one mile east of Willowbrook Mall)

**464-2639**  
**537-0928**



# SKI TRIP STATUS REPORT

Dick Howard, Vice President of Trips

The following is the status of our ski trips at the time of the November 12 General Meeting.

TRIP	SPACES	STATUS	APPROX. WAIT LIST	COMMENTS
Vail	54	62	20	Trip expanded to 62.
Banff	42	Full	10	Pre Trip Party - December 6.
Copper I	42	Full	18	Texas Ski Week.
Copper II	42	Full	—	Texas Ski Week.
Copper III	42	Full	10	Texas Ski Week.
Aspen	48	Full	20	Hang in there.
Taos	30	25	—	Space available - short trip.
Park City	42	40	—	Trip will fill - sign up ASAP.
Steamboat	44	Full	15	Texas Ski Week.
Ski Vegas	36	16	—	Don't miss the fun.
Stowe	30	6	—	Trip under revision - price reduction.
Snowmass	42	31	—	Springtime in Aspen.
Big Sky	42	28	—	Texas Ski Week - don't wait.
Lake Tahoe	84	45	—	Last change to ski.

## Other reminders:

- On a waiting list? Don't panic! Be patient, space will most like open up.
- Do not play "wait and see" for the later season trips. If the trip fills slowly, space will be cancelled early and you may not get on the trip when you make up your mind.
- Do not miss your final payment. You will be replaced or dropped from the trip. Remember your TC has her final payments to make for lodging and air fare.

## TAHOE

### WHERE THE ACTION IS

This year the trip that has the most action, both on the slopes and off, is the TAHOE trip, March 24-31. We will be skiing more ski areas than any other trip (you can ski a different mountain each day). We will have more off-slopes parties, functions and ACTION than any other trip (two ATC's guarantee it!). Best of all, there is space available!

TC: Gar Bering

(H) 669-0896 - (O) 749-2848

ATC: Brenda Peavy - 497-1290

ATC: Jay LaViolette

(H) 270-4178 - (O) 966-5511

## SNOWMASS

\$540.00

March 3-10

Four mountain ranges to explore. Nightlife of Snowmass and Aspen. Crystal Palace, breakfast on the mountain, Snowmobile, Sleigh rides, Partying, Dancing and More! Sign up next meeting.

Contact:

TC - Mike Broad  
780-1169 (W)

or

ATC - Diana Mills  
463-1042



## SKI VEGAS

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February 16-23

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T.C.: Bette Werlin  
(H) 780-4311



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# 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
BANFF, CANADA	Dec. 26 thru Jan. 1	6	\$575	Oct. 15	42	Banff Springs Hotel 1/1	\$17 per Day \$85 per 5 Days	Welcome Party Natural Hot Springs Daily Happy Hour New Years Party	Ann Batten Bob Cruse	558-0381 879-9141	---- 783-7520
*TEXAS SKI WEEK TRADITIONAL COPPER I	Jan. 5 thru Jan. 12	6	\$420	Nov. 6	42	Village Square 2/2	\$16 per day 3 or more	TSC Activities Welcome Party TSC Races	Janie Dar Mike Gerstenberger	981-5510 476-4006	---- ----
*TEXAS SKI WEEK TRADITIONAL COPPER II	Jan. 6 thru Jan. 12	5	\$382	Nov. 6	42	Mountain Plaza 2/2 & 1/1	\$16 per Day 3 or More	TSC Activities Wine & Cheese Party TEXAS NIGHT	Charles Dutton Peggy McLane	664-1717 774-0025	664-1717 ----
*TEXAS SKI WEEK TRADITIONAL COPPER III	Jan. 9 thru Jan. 13	3½	\$305	Nov. 6	42	Copper Mt. Inn 5/5 & 3/3 1/1	\$16 per Day 3 or More	TSC Activities Daily Happy Hour Welcome Party	Beverly Fecel Pam Holder	270-0759 988-1075	661-8700 ----
ASPEN TRADITIONAL	Jan. 19 thru Jan. 26	7	\$584	Nov. 7	48	Aspen Alps Condo 2/2	\$14 per Day \$82 6/7	ASPRES Ski Parties Group Dinner	Gordon Wise Sherry Lewis	827-1443 771-9606	827-1443 ----
TAOS, NEW MEXICO	Jan. 30 thru Feb. 3	3½	\$320	Dec. 3	30	Sagebrush Inn 1/1	\$18 per Day	Wine & Cheese Party Prime Rib Dinner "OPT" at \$16	Ed Barnett Winkie Puryear	977-4439 493-5995	868-6361 ----
PARK CITY, UTAH	Feb. 2 thru Feb. 9	6	\$520	Dec. 6	42	Three Kings Condo 2/2 & 1/1	\$20 per Day	Mexican "Fiesta" Casino Trip "OPT"	Dianne Tully Donald Shelton	466-6359 463-2062	952-6229
*TEXAS SKI WEEK WINTER SHOOT-OUT STEAMBOAT	Feb. 9 thru Feb. 16	6	\$425	Dec. 6	44	Kutuk Condo 2/2 & 3/3	\$15.75 3 or more	TSC Activities Valentine Ski Party	Sandra Palmer Blaise Guerrero	879-8240 479-1678	---- 487-8130
"SKI VEGAS" BRIANHEAD, UTAH	Feb. 16 thru Feb. 23	4½	\$422	Jan. 7	36	Giant Steps Condo 3/3 & 2/2 Imperial Palace 1/1	\$11 per Day	Wine & Cheese Party Chili Party Snowmobiling "OPT"	Bette Werlin	780-4311	
STOWE / NYC "ROMANTIC VERMONT"	Feb. 24 thru March 3	5	\$784 inc. meals at Stowe	Jan. 7	30	Stowe Flake Inn 1/1 Doral Inn 1/1	\$90 per 5 Days	Cocktail Party 2 Day Stay in NYC	Sue Bohnert Joe Dar	467-5027 981-5510	880-8300 940-1707
SNOWMASS	Mar. 3 thru Mar. 10	6	\$540	Jan. 8	42	Woodbridge Condo 2/2	\$82 6 of 7 Days	"BUS IN FLY OUT" Evening in Aspen Parties	Mike Broad Diana Mills	---- 463-1042	780-1169 ----
*TEXAS SKI WEEK FINAL SHOWDOWN "BIG SKY" "ASSIGNMENT MONTANA"	Mar. 10 Thru Mar. 17	6	\$505	Jan. 14	42	Deer Lodge Condo 2/2 & 3/2	\$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 Jay LaViolette	669-0896 497-1290 270-4178	749-2848 ---- 596-4194

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

\* Texas Ski Council sponsored trips.

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

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".

DICK HOWARD, VICE PRESIDENT OF TRIPS (H) 496-6191

BILL KIRK, DIRECTOR OF TRIPS (H) 774-5474

CINDY GARRETT, DIRECTOR OF TRIPS (H) 956-8892





**PRESIDENTS:** Back Row: Bob Olsen, Sy Liebergot, Jim Benefield, Linda MacFarland-Simpson, Anne Benefield, Tania Andrasko, Tom Mercer. Front Row: Miles Anderson, Ron Crossman, Jerry Maley, Jim McIntyre, Harry Gaston.



**VICE PRESIDENTS of PROGRAMS:** Back Row: Judy Allen, Tom Mercer, Lynn Burch, Rudy Guerrero. Front Row: Harry Bristol, Jerry Kearby, Layna Adams, Linda MacFarland-Simpson.

Candid scenes from the successful and fun evening celebrating the Club's 20th Anniversary. Many years have passed since you were a member? Long enough to recognize some of the

## 20th Anniversary



**VICE PRESIDENTS of PUBLICATIONS:** Back Row: Diane Yarberry, Beth Nolen-Hall, Carol Ragan-Dutton. Front Row: Charla Merrel, Cynthia Lackey, Linda McDuffy, Tania Andrasko.



**SECRETARIES:** Back Row: Jane Kearby, Margaret Norris Guerrero, Janet Pickell, Linda Judge, Leona Schroeder, Karen Friedsam. Front Row: Mary K. Nicholson Fruth. Bob is just another pretty face!





from the wildly  
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space City Ski  
versary. How  
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nough to  
of these folks?



**VICE PRESIDENTS of TRIPS:** Back Row: Jim Benefield, Easy Thayer, Jim McIntyre, Dick Howard. Front Row: Miles Anderson, Anne Benefield, Eric Holm, Pat McLaughlin, Harry Gaston.



**VICE PRESIDENTS of MEMBERSHIP:** Back Row: Sy Liebergot, Jerry Pyle. Front Row: Shirley Andries, Marty Matras, Jan Livingston, Ron Smith, Glenn Bishop.

# ersary Party



**TREASURERS:** Back Row: Bob Olsen, Linda Licarione, Don Lackey. Front Row: Craig Meyer, Bob Tripp, Jim Plummer, Barry Kumins. ...and we trust people like these with our money???



Birthday Boy gets an eye-full from Eastern Onion belly dancer.



# MERCER'S CAMPOUT A SPLASHING SUCCESS

by Pam Paillet  
and Don Wiedeman

The eighth non-annual Mercer's Campout got under way on Friday, October 19th, at the Mercer Family Ranch in Chappell Hill, Texas.

Forty-three brave souls ventured out under clear skies to partake of Texas chili, cornbread and a weekend of camaraderie.

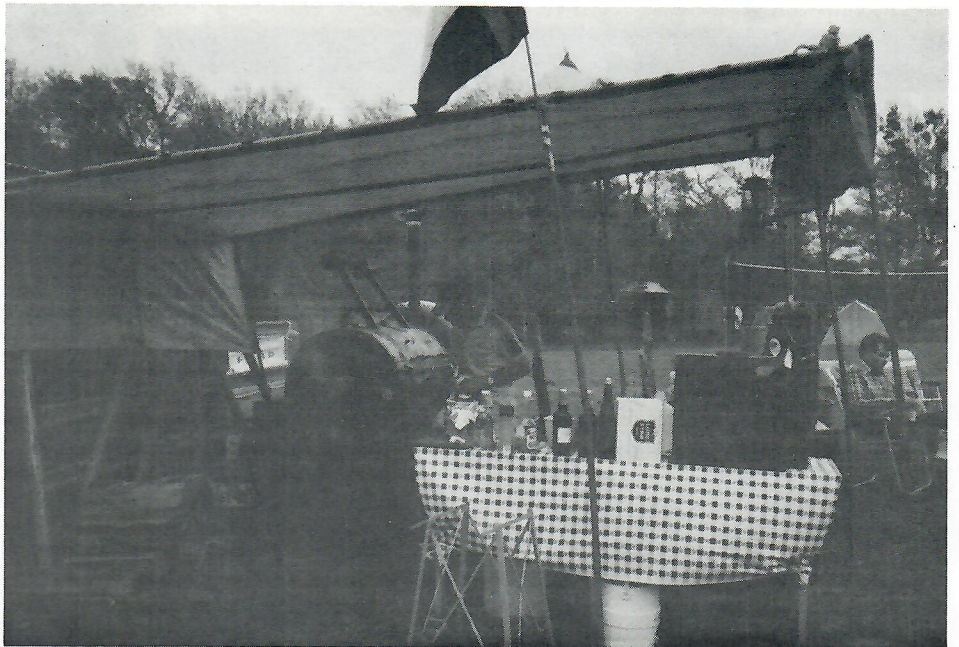
To start the evening off, **Bill Kirk** and **Pam Perkins** gave reciprocating lessons on the fine art of sitting in a chaise lounge.

Arriving after dark can be hazardous. **Dick Howard** and **Laura Goldman** got everyone's attention by driving over a horseshoe stake.

The campers enjoyed an evening of good food and laughter. A game of "99" followed under the direction of **Harold Eaton** with the aid of **Linda Licarione**, **Lynn Danhauser**, **Jeri Rotenberg**, **Landon Patschke**, **Becky Hall**, **Al Bertoni**, and **Pam Paillet**. These were the die-hards who stayed up until 2:00 A.M. hoping to win a whopping \$21.00. They finally succumbed to the winning ways of Al.

Skies were still sunny on Saturday morning as the group enjoyed a breakfast of sweet rolls and coffee. A group of campers ventured to the metropolis of Chappell Hill to view the remains of the previous weekend's Scarecrow Festival and to tour the local cemetery. The greatest of all was an exhibit that advised all to "SKI CHAPPELL HILL." There was a great game of volleyball for the athletes in the bunch.

Lunch was served with the cook (**Tom Mercer**) ending covered with ashes from the Campout Grill. Assistant cooks were **Glenn Bishop**, **Pam Holder** and **Jerry Pyle**.







PHOTOS: Opposite Page, top to bottom

Gamesmaster **Bob Cruse** instructing the yellow team members **Howard Paillet**, **Carol Weise**, **Karen Gibson**, **Ali Karimaghaee**, **Ray Naudain**, **Billie Nowak**, **Landon Patschke**, **John Stumph** and **Linda Licarione**.

**Sy Liebergot** getting things ready.

Cornshuckers **Lynn Danhauser**, **Ali Karimaghaee**, **Ray Davis** and **Glenn Bishop** at work.

PHOTOS: Top to bottom

Red team members **Bob Clements**, **Peggy McLane**, **Lynn Danhauser** and **Don Wiedeman** hard at work.

On-lookers **Bill Kirk**, **Ann Batten**, **Sharon Griffen**, **Jim Plummer**, **Dick Howard**, **Glenn Bishop**, **Glynnda Addicks**, **Eileen Kowis** and **Ray Naudain**.

A close call between the team of **Joe Dar**, **Ruth Fowler**, **Mike Broad** and **Laurie Jo Homberg** and the blue team of **Becky Hall**, **Ray Davis**, **Pam Paillet** and **Mike Fielden**.



After lunch, the games got underway with heated war chants by all four teams. Coached by Games Master **Bob Cruse** and his trusty Scorekeeper **Barbara Cruse**, the teams headed for Lake Mercer for the exciting Boat Race.

Only two able bodied boatsmen failed to make a successful crossing without a plunge into the "drink." **Ted Bergeron** and **Toni Locke** can vouch for their success at falling into the murky waters of Lake Mercer. **Ali Karimaghaee** and **Nancy Harder** took the long way around zig-zagging their way from start to finish. The honors went to **George Hirasaki** and **Becky Hall**.

In the Egg Toss, **Jeri Rotenberg** and partner **Ken Reding** battled it out with **Easy Thayer** and partner **Anita Kopynski** to the "Eggy" finish with the honors going to **Jeri** and **Ken**.

Between showers the teams began preparing for the 5-Legged Race. The Blue Team was triumphant with the cadence of 1-2-1-2 of **Mike Fielden** for team members **Becky Hall**, **Ray Davis** and **Pam Paillet**.

The Tug-O-War was a fight to the death with the Green Team winning the honors. The consolation pull between the Red Team and Yellow Team ended with **Cheryl Clements** claiming her vengeance over all the members of the Red Team, whether standing, sitting or lying on the battlefield until she made her way to hubby **Bob Clements** at the other end of the rope.

In order to meet Head Cook **Sy Liebergot's** deadline for getting the

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## MERCER'S CAMPOUT (continued)

PHOTOS: Top to bottom

The troupes gather for the beginning of the Boat Race.

Gayle Speck and Patty Swick stay aboard as Toni Locke holds onto the boat 'till partner Ted Bergeron can regain his balance.

Sunday in the rain - Bob Wilbanks, the Unknown Soldier and Linda Licarione. Ray Naudain, Tom Mercer and Easy Thayer on the tractor.



corn in the pot for Saturday's Dinner, four teams shucked 60 ears of corn into "cobbettes" in 5 minutes.

The "Lantern Light" dinner prepared by Sy and his assistants, **Ron Smith, Jerry Pyle, Cheryl Clements, and Howard Paillet**, was a royal feast, followed by **Morna Simon's "Famous Apple Cobbler"**.

The Bonfire rainout was followed by a late night of dancing in the barn under last year's Christmas Lights. The golden sound of Michael Jackson and others was heard with the rain pounding on the roof in the background and seeping under the dance floor. Those who dared or were desperate enough had to walk the plank to the beer.

Sunday Brunch prepared by **Glenn Bishop** at the mixing bowl, **Gayle Speck** at the frying pan, **Jerry Pyle** on the sausage grill and **Easy Thayer** dishing up the eggs was a welcome treat to the die-hards of Saturday night and those who died early.

Toward the end of breakfast the sky caved in again. So out came the tractor as everyone prepared to leave. **Tom Mercer** demonstrated his 2nd Annual Tractor Car Pullout, assisted by **Becky Hall, Ray Naudain** and **Easy Thayer**. Sunday's spectator sport of Hill Climbing was attempted by many and accomplished by few.

**Bob Wilbanks** gets the award for following the most pretty females in the dinner lines. **Janie Dar** gets the "Brave Non-Camper" award for having a great attitude about it all. In spite of the weather, she professed to be having a great time.





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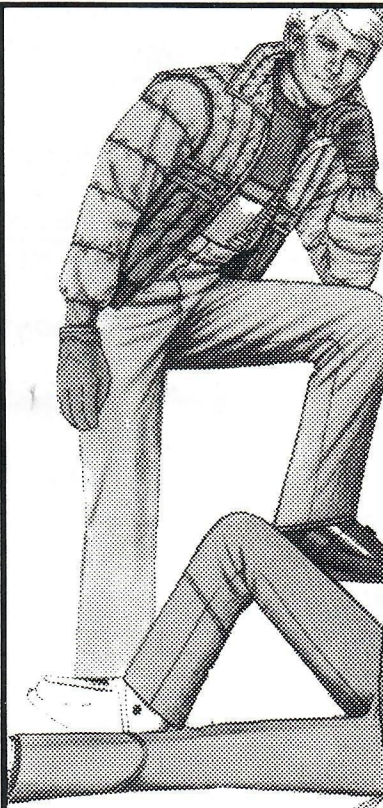
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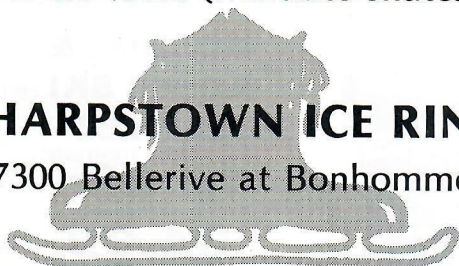
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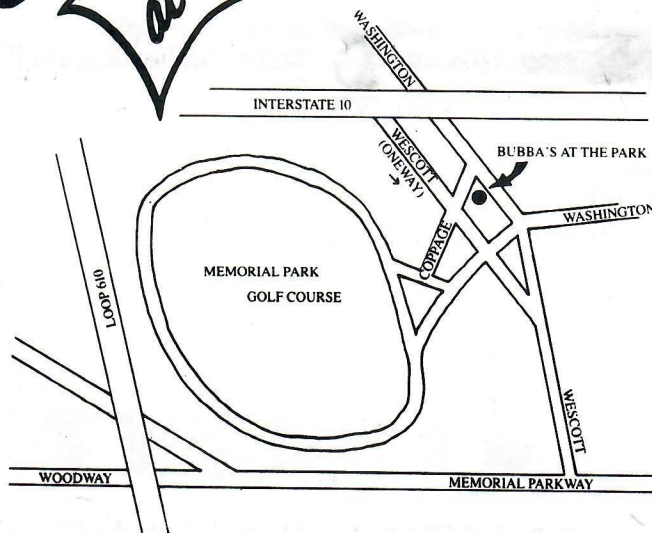


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# HALLOWEEN SPOOKS SHORT SKI TEAM

By Bob Olsen

Ghosts were scarce as snow in Houston at the Annual Goblin Parade and U. S. Ski Team Benefit. The better half of the one-hundred expected goblins rose from the dead to revel at the Gray Cafe.

Terrific costumes made choosing winners a ghastly chore. **Easy Thayer** took top honors as a trick or treat Bag Lady...very convincing. **Flasher Merlin Harger** pulled out second-prize with his impressively long entry. **Stan Ferguson** sucked up third place with his version of Dracula. Apple Bobbers were few and far between, every wet head that emerged from the murky waters received the Wooden Apple Award for their efforts. **Terry Cummings**, a one person team, carved the top pumpkin.

The larger crowds at prior parties were missed but the lasagna from Chicago Pizza and the Gray Cafe ghosts of Halloweens past and future made for a great party. And we still managed to raise a few bucks for the Ski Team.



*Terry Cummings, Easy Thayer, Ray Naudain and Merlyn Harger.*

BELOW: Stan Ferguson and Kathryn Bellis.



## SKATE ESCAPE PROVES GOOD PRACTICE FOR SKIING

by Harold Eaton

At 2:00 P.M., October 28, the day after the annual Halloween Party, we see fifteen hardy SCSCers up, and yes, even moving. But, these aren't skis strapped to their feet! These fools have wheels on - roller skates to be more precise.

Why are they doing this, you might ask? Let's say they are practicing their skiing skills. Not skiing itself, you understand, but moving at high speeds out of control, falling, and stopping for a beer break, all important skills to be practiced before skiing. No Sitzmarkes were left, but some of the skaters tried

their best. **Peggy** claims there was too much ice??

Ah!! but the sunshine was wonderful, and the nice folks at the Back Street Cafe opened an hour early. I guess we looked needy. I've closed bars before, but never opened them. **Marlene** says she came to town for a Halloween party the night before, but I know she really came to escape on skates. **Bill Kirk** had been on skates before, about 20 years before.

Many thanks to the staff at Skate Escape, especially for the free pads. They were well used!





# CARRIBBEAN SAIL

by Eric & Shirley Holm

Sunday morning all 21 trip participants gathered at the Houston Intercontinental Airport eager to embark on their 7-day cruise in the Caribbean. All went smoothly, except next time **Lorilei Ragan** will probably be more careful where she sets down her carry-on case while checking her other luggage curbside.

At the Miami Airport we were greeted by Royal Caribbean Cruise Line's representative. Returning passengers looked longingly at the new group coming to take their place for a week full of fun and non-stop activities and entertainment. After retrieving Lorilei's bag, we boarded the buses to take us to the Port of Miami where our luxury liner awaited our arrival. Upon boarding, several members of our group managed to find their way up 12 stories to the Viking Crown Lounge where they proceeded to quench their thirst. Others went directly to make final seating arrangements for the dining room—apparently not wanting to miss a single meal which they had heard so much about. As we all went out on deck for the life-boat drill, we waved goodbye to an empty dock and threw streamers into the air.

Upon rising the next morning, we were docked in Nassau. **Ron Rambin** and **Eric Holm** stopped at a casino for a few lessons in gaming while others went shopping or toured the city. **Carol** and **Charles Dutton**, **Marty Matras**, **Phyllis Allman**, **Roberta Rambin**, and **Shirley Holm** took their snorkeling gear and headed for the beach. Someone should have told Charles that this was not a nude beach.



ABOVE:  
Shuffleboard was  
enjoyed by Eric  
Holm and Ron  
Rambin.

RIGHT: Marty  
Madras drives a  
mean ball. Note  
how he's tied to the  
boat so his power-  
ful swing doesn't  
land him in the sea.



The second night at sea proved to be interesting watching everyone try to get their sea legs as they weaved their way to the Captain's cocktail party, then on to a superb dinner. How many desserts did you have Charles – we lost count after two key lime pies.

There's nothing like a little healthy competition – and the cruise staff made sure we had plenty of tournaments throughout the week to keep us busy. **Trish Royal** and **Gail Edmiston** tried their skill at ring toss and shuffleboard. Eric managed to win a second-place trophy in ring toss – and I think some will agree

that he should have gotten first place for his unique form alone. Others tried their hand at these activities as well as golf putting and driving and skeetshooting, winning points to earn their ship shape T-shirts and hat.

For late night activities, **Bob Fried**, **Marty Matras**, and **Ed Dykers** danced till their legs were weak trying to keep up with **Betty Dorman**, **Sibyl Dykers**, **Janey Daub**, **Patty Rooney**, **Patti Richards**, and **Peggy McLane** till the disco closed at 3:00 A.M. each morning. When the group felt the need for a less strenuous exercise, many could be seen chair





ABOVE LEFT: Betty Dorman displays her singing ability in the ships' talent contest.

ABOVE: Contestants enter the Halloween costume party. Are these members of our group?

LEFT: The one-armed bandits attract Shirley Holm and Bob Fried.

dancing in the piano bar, led by **Phyllis Allman**.

At port, once again in San Juan, we had many choices on how to spend our day, such as touring the old fort. Those who took the Bacardi Rum Factory Tour had good reports, especially about the free samples. The evening found most of us in the casinos or the clubs. With the winning streak Ron was having at the Blackjack tables, we were surprised to see him back on board the ship at sailing time.

At our next port, St. Thomas, most of us just couldn't work in all the things we wanted to do. The

beautiful, clean, clear waters around the island were too inviting for most of us to pass up. Ron and Roberta went scuba diving, while several others went snorkeling. Shopping for all the bargains was fun – just ask **Isabel McGuffin**, **Bambi Sylvest**, and **Trish Royal** how hard it was to hold onto their money, which I understand they let go of fairly easily. Speaking of letting go of things, I hope Phyllis has been able to hold onto her purse and credit cards since returning home.

Back on board ship again, we geared up for non-stop fun again. We were represented in the mas-

querade and talent contest by Betty Dorman. Do you have a case for your trophies yet, Betty? We had constant entertainment provided to us, even in the dining room. This was usually provided by the cruise staff, but the last evening, in the true SCSC fashion, our group hung spoons at dinner as a cake was presented to our Trip Coordinator. Other people in the dining room were no doubt amazed by our talented group, as many of them tried to follow our lead.

Upon our return to Miami, most of us didn't seem to have an ounce of energy left. After seven days of playing hard, not one of our group would take the denied boarding compensation for a flight two hours later in return for free passage anywhere on Eastern Airline's system.

Everyone seemed to have a great time. For most, this was their first cruise, but definitely not their last.



Front Cover Photos (clockwise from upper left). The 20th Anniversary crowd watches an unsolicited entertainment extra. Barry Kumins, Joe Dar and Bobette Olsen dance the twist at the Anniversary Party. Cruise members button up for the life-boat drill. True to form, the SCSC cruise group hangs spoons.