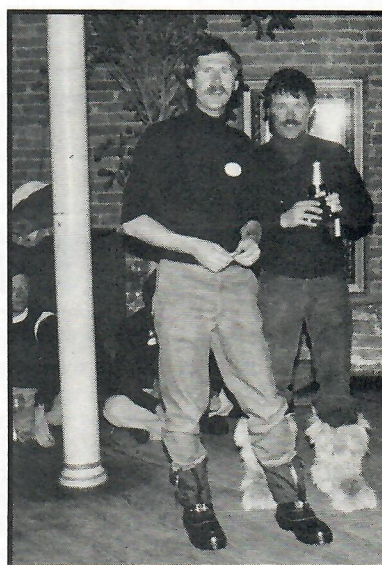


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OCTOBER, 1983

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SUN VALLEY SPEAKER

SKI EQUIPMENT, CLOTHING AND GEAR WILL BE SWAPPED AT OCTOBER MEETING

—HEAD OF THE LIFTLINE—

BY TANIA ANDRASKO

It was fun seeing everyone at the September meeting after the summer break. All of you look like you are ready and rarin' to go skiing!

You certainly were ready to sign up for trips -about 89% of the members in attendance signed up, or got on waiting lists, for this year's ski trips. Several *must* be going on more than one trip this year.

A cursory review of the past few seasons' first meetings produced some interesting facts. Eighty percent of all available trip spaces filled during 1981's September meeting, with waiting lists on three trips.

Available spaces in 1982 were 84% full with five trips having waiting lists. This year, although 50 more spaces were offered than in 1982, 87% of the available spaces were full and seven trips showed waiting lists.

I'd like to believe these improvements are the result of several developments. Apparently, a higher percentage of our total membership is going on ski trips each year, enabling us to increase trip capacity while maintaining a stable

membership level.

In addition, we are constantly striving to improve our balance of trips in price and destination location, while obtaining special offerings that help to increase the desirability of each trip.

In addition to the hard work of Trip V. P., **John Cook**, Trip Directors **Debbie Ball** and **Dick Howard**, our TCs and ATCs, we have the **Texas Ski Council (TSC)** to thank for many of our special and highly successful trips.

Our group "clout" has begun to show in the low prices and the high quality of activities of TSC trips. Plus, the few deals we have been able to use this year in the way of air fares for all our trips are due to TSC efforts. By the way, did you know your membership with SCSC automatically makes you a member of TSC?

Membership V. P. **Glenn Bishop** indicated after the September meeting that our membership is now at 1240 and still growing. We'd like to extend a warm welcome to the 87 new members who filed applications for membership at that meeting and to all our other recently joined friends.

A strong suggestion might be made here. You'll get to know us and better enjoy your time with us at meetings and other activities if you go on a ski

trip as soon as possible.

Praise is due our volunteers for the excellent organization of the September meeting. **Lou Schultz**, **Sherry Lewis** and their **Liftliners** should be commended for directing traffic both outside, in the waiting rooms and inside at the trip tables. The door guards did an outstanding job of holding back the "thundering herd" at the entrance and providing a

trance table barricade.

Please note the changes on this month's trip schedule. Some prices and arrangements on a few trips have been changed due to this year's challenging situation with the airlines. As you may already be aware, airlines are going through a transition period...they're trying to start making money for a change!

Because of this, air arrangements have literally been up in the "air" more than once this summer. We are doing our best to get the lowest fares available under ever-changing conditions and to lock in prices wherever possible.

This year, the first in recent memory, our air arrangements are spread throughout much of the available industry... Western, Delta, United, Frontier, and we are even sharing a charter with Clear Lake Area Ski Club on Air-Cal to Heavenly Valley.

So, while you're "thinking snow" this fall, you may want to "think air-fare price war"...maybe something good would come our way!

Don't forget our upcoming activities and make a note that the **Renaissance Festival** date has been changed from October 15 to the 22. Then there's **Mercer's Campout** on November 4-6, always a "special" event. And, November 19 is the **Casino Party**, a great chance to

**GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY
OCTOBER 10
STOUFFER HOTEL
7:30 P.M.
DOOR PRIZES**

smooth, steady flow to the membership tables.

Glenn Bishop and his membership table volunteers got everyone checked into the meeting in an orderly fashion. Program VP **Kay Broad** arranged for the meeting room layout and entertaining ski films in the waiting areas. **Linda Licarione** and **Linda Henderson** coordinated the personnel working the drink ticket tables and the SCSC logo items that are on sale.

And last, but certainly not least, thanks to all the current officers and Board members who provided help wherever needed, especially the "body wall" at our one gap in the en-

ASK AN OFFICER

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- 10 General Membership Meeting. "Annual Ski Swap." 7:30 p.m. Stouffer Hotel, 6 Greenway Plaza East, Contact Tania Andrasko, 776-9754.
- 17 Executive Committee Meeting. 7:00 p.m. 10611 Sandpiper. Contact Tania Andrasko, 776-9754.
- 18 Happy Hour, 4:30 - 8:30 p.m. Bavarian Gardens, 3926 Feagan.
- 22 Texas Renaissance Festival. 9:00 a.m. Magnolia, Texas. Contact Susan Guild, 782-8366.
- 29 Halloween Party benefitting U.S. Ski Team. 8:00 p.m. "Haunted House," 611 West Gray, Contact Bob Olsen, 524-2730.

NOVEMBER

- 4-6 Mercer's Campout. Mercer Family Ranch, Chappell Hill, Texas. Contact Jean Marshall, 861-3890, or Mike Brown, 869-9008.
- 8 Board of Directors Meeting. 7:00 p.m. 5004 Dickson, #2. Contact Bruce Maughs, 861-2037.
- 14 General Membership Meeting. "Skiwear Style Show." 7:30 p.m. Stouffer Hotel, 6 Greenway Plaza East. Contact Tania Andrasko, 776-9754.
- 16 Executive Committee Meeting. 7:00 p.m. Contact Tania Andrasko, 776-9754.
- 17 Happy Hour, 4:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- 19 Casino Party. 8:00 p.m. Harmony Hall, 3931 Ann Arbor. Contact Lynn Burch, 556-8402 or Tina Kendall, 497-0654.
- 23-27 Fall Round Up at Keystone. Thanksgiving Skiing. Contact Bill Krell, 778-9603, or Bill DeLaGarza, 996-1212.

BRONZE NASTAR MEDALISTS

If you won a Bronze Medal during the last ski season (1982-1983), please wear it at the October meeting. The Race Committee would like to see how many members won a Bronze Medal last year.

win a free ski trip, plus many other outstanding prizes!

Those who signed up for the Sun Valley trip should really enjoy the program for the October meeting. **Carl Wilgus**, a Sun Valley representative, will show a film to whet our appetites for the outstanding program getting organized for Texas Ski Week, 1984.

October will also be the time to do a little

swapping and shopping. For most, it will be a chance to clean our closets of all those "too big," "too tight" or "too whatever" ski outfits, boots, skis and other gear we've been saying we need to get rid of.

And, those who are just getting started skiing will find this an excellent opportunity to get some really good deals on all that ski gear you're just starting to collect.

See you October 10!

SEPTEMBER SIGN-UP SMASHING SUCCESS

To those who came to the September meeting, thanks in helping have a record sign up. Deposits were received for 87% of the trip seats offered. A smaller number of members showed up for the meeting compared to the past, but a higher number signed up for trips.

For those who missed the initial sign up meeting, be sure to get in touch with the coordinator of the trip of your choice as soon as possible. The remaining seats will go quickly. There are only a total of 78 seats left among the 13 trips scheduled for this year.

Those that have openings are Big Sky, Switzerland, Crested Butte, Telluride, Vail and Breckenridge. Act fast or you may miss out this year on a ski trip with SCSC. You will never realize the true comraderie and fun of this club until you have taken one of its ski trips.

Our next meeting is October 10, but you don't have to wait for the meeting to sign up. Contact the TC or ATC of your trip preference and mail your check to them to hold your spot.

The airline fares are still fluctuating upward. There have been two price increases this summer with another threatened for October. We have worked hard to stabilize these prices and, for the most part, have been able to negotiate some excellent air fares.

There will be a few changes in air fare prices which may affect some of the trips. We hope to counter those increases with other innovations to keep our trip prices as stable as possible.

Keep watching the *Sitzmarke* for any changes. Again, thanks for your response and remember, reserve your space early! - **John Cook, Trips, V. P.**

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8 P.M.**

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UNDERWATER BIRTHDAY HIGHLIGHTS CAYMAN TRIP

On August 5, some 30 SCSC members flew to Grand Cayman to find out if divers really do "do it" deeper.

Of course, just leaving the airport was rather suspenseful....would **Bill Krell** make it before the plane took off??? Would **Mike Broad** show up with the tickets? Yes to both, but barely.

Bill made amends by bringing carnations for all the ladies. The flight to the islands was made more pleasurable through the vast quantities of rum punch supplied by Cayman Air.

After going through Customs and paying duty on the various food and liquor brought in (don't even talk to **Mel Tawney**, **Charles Goodrich**, **Rick Wilkins** or **Bob Van Orden** about paying duty!!!), the would-be divers found their various ways to the Paradise Manor Condos.

That night, several intrepid adventurers tested the island cuisine at the Blue Marlin. The turtle steaks and turtle stew were excellent, but it was our first introduction to the laid back service.

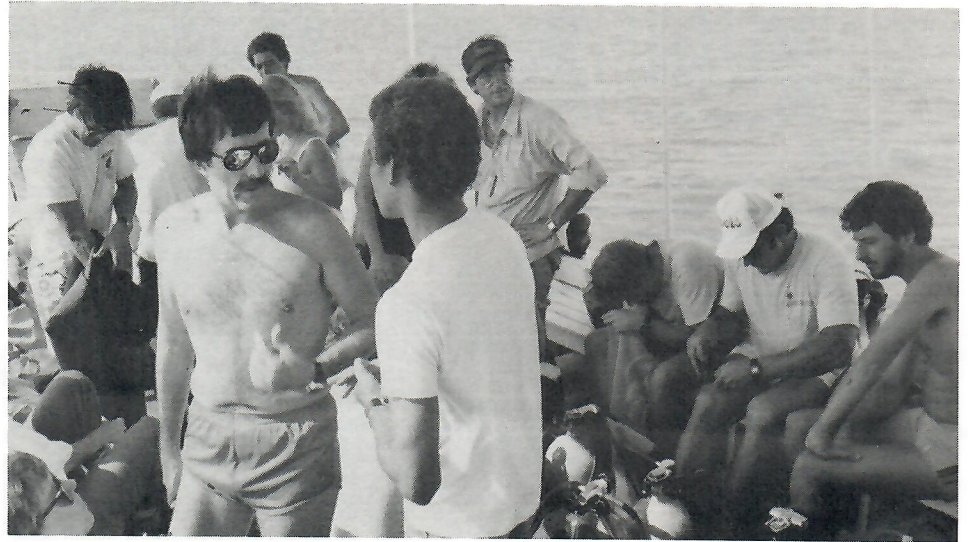
The first day of diving saw 18 SCSCers pile aboard the *Queen Angel*, under dive master **Clint Ebanks**, who took spectacular care of everyone. The first dive of the morning saw the new untested divers performing admirably around the wreck of the *Oro Verde* in 50 feet of water.

Ron and **Roberta Rambin** tried out their underwater camera as did **Krell**, who became known as the "underwater flasher."

The second dive of the day took the group to the Aquarium, a marvelous site displaying fantastic coral and lots of unusual fish.

Karin Perkins and five others made a third dive that afternoon, looking for the famous moray eel, **Waldo**, who declined the invitation to appear. The gang had to satisfy themselves with feeding several enormous groupers.

That night a large group went to the Holiday Inn to hear **Barefoot**,



Bob Goggins goes over some last minute details with a diver as others on the Grand Cayman trip prepare their gear for diving.

a singer specializing in diving songs.

Sunday morning saw a few casualties as the dive boat headed to the Tunnels, an 80-foot dive into crevasses, tunnels and canyons, with **Dick Howard** confined to deckhand with a cold and **Layna Adams** suffering from "mal de mere" momentarily.

While **Linda Ross** took terrific photographs and **Marianne Pearce** attracted a school of divemasters, **John Cook**, **George Hirasaki** and **John Marsh** made a 100-foot dive proving at least *they* can do it

deeper.

The second dive saw a birthday surprise for **Diane Yarberry**, an underwater birthday party. Organized by **Layna** and **Lydia Miller** through the Mother Goose Company, the divers donned plastic hats, leis and blew up balloons underwater. **Bobby Janowiak** played "Happy Birthday" on a kazoo and Diane received a styrofoam cake which promptly tried to float back to the surface while she was blowing out the candles (waterproof, of course!).

CASINO PARTY PRIZES

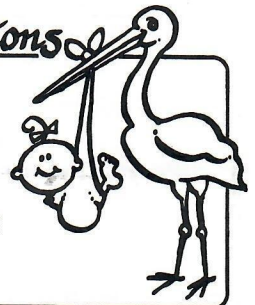
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October 18

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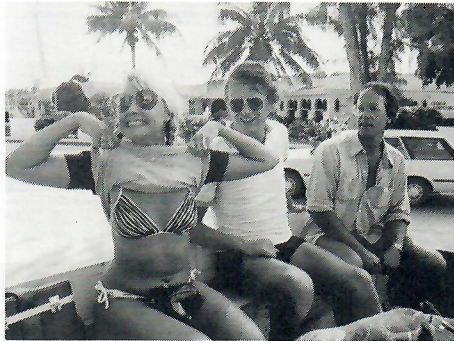
4:30 - 9:00 p.m.

SPECIAL DRINK PRICES AND HOR 'DEORVES

Must show membership card at gate for free admissions



Left, John Cook and Diane Yarberry enjoy the boat ride out to the reefs. Below, Marianne Pearce shows Ron Rambin (center) and Bill Krell her newly acquired tan.



The last dive for most was a shallow dive to the famous and beautiful Eden Rock. Meanwhile, a party was being planned by **Kay Broad** and **Pixie Cook** when John and George decided to go to the Sunset House for a night dive, looking for octopussy.

They ended up being rescued empty-handed when they forgot to turn off their headlights. A late night snorkel dive from the condo beach by Kay and **Rhonda Ross** found the octopus that John and George sought so gallantly.

A hungry group left the party and headed for the Periwinkel Restaurant. Lydia found herself stuffed into the car trunk and saw life backwards for a while. **Paul Anderson** educated the restaurant owner on how to shake a can of beer....a gentle tap in the right place and it's opened without a disaster.

The next morning found everyone reluctant to leave, but Kay rounded up last minute shoppers before departing to the airport for the flight to Houston and out of the deep. - **Mike Broad**

POST-CAYMAN PARTY HELD DESPITE HURRICANE ALICIA

Wednesday, August 17, calls rang out at **Karin Perkins'** house asking "Is the party cancelled?" OH, NO!!! A hurricane is all the more reason for SCSC to party.

Thanks to **Mike** and **Kay Broad's** insight in bringing back five gallons of 151 proof rum punch from Cayman and **Paul Anderson's** case after case after case after....of Budweiser beer, the party got off to a liquid start.

Food galore was supplied by all. **Scott Cameron** brought barbeque and **Keith Tenney** provided homemade stew, while **Rhonda Ross** made a watermelon basket of fresh fruit and **Layna Adams** brought a quiche. **Diane Yarberry's** brownies were gobbled up as soon as they were passed out.

A slide show of underwater adventure was produced by **George Hirasaki** while **Bill Krell** provided an entertaining sensuous narration. Others showing products of their underwater cameras were **Linda Ross** and **Ron** and **Roberta Rambin**.

Bob Frazier hobbled around missing his scheduled surgery because of a little unpredicted high water and wet streets, but he didn't seem to mind since he had nurse **Melissa Barham** to lean on. And, **Marianne Pearce** seemed to have survived the long, deep dives of her diving masters.

As the evening weathered on, by 2:30 a.m., a few participants braved the white caps in the pool before calling it a night. - **Karin Perkins & Mike Broad**

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

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(Final Payment Deadline
October Meeting)

1983 - 1984 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
*FALL ROUNDUP KEYSTONE	Nov. 23 P.M. thru Nov. 27 P.M.	3½	\$377	Oct. 5	42	The Pines 2/2	\$12/Day	TSC Races TSC Awards Party Thanksgiving Dinner	Bill Krell Bill DeLaGarza	778-9603 996-1212	661-8700 486-7007
CHRISTMAS BIG SKY, MONTANA	Dec. 26 P.M. thru Jan. 1 P.M.	6	\$516	Oct. 5	40	Deer Lodge 2/2	\$64 for 4 Days \$80 for 5 Days	New Years Eve Party Day Trip to Yellowstone	Charla Merrel Dianne Tully	726-0329 466-6359	--- ---
*TEXAS SKI WEEK SUN VALLEY A	Jan. 8 P.M. thru Jan. 15 A.M.	6	\$468	Nov. 9	62	Lodge Apts. 2/2 & 3/3	\$90 for 6 Days	TSW Welcome Party Western Night Race Clinics	Bill Kirk Billie Nowak	774-5474 861-8581	452-8013 792-3335
*TEXAS SKI WEEK SUN VALLEY B	Jan. 8 P.M. thru Jan. 15 A.M.	6	\$468	Nov. 9	64	Lodge Apts. 2/2 & 3/3	\$90 for 6 Days	Snow Sculpture Contest, Broomball Tourney, Mountain Picnic	Kathy Myers Tom Mullins	960-9286 931-0116	658-0509 235-2453
ASPEN TRADITIONAL	Jan. 28 A.M. thru Feb. 4 P.M.	7½	\$555	Nov. 9	42	Lift One Condo 2/2 & 3/3	\$95 for 6 Days	Two Wine & Cheese Parties Optional Dinner Crystal Palace	Phyllis Sysak Ed Barnett	270-1064 977-4439	552-2360 868-6361
GRINDELWALD, SWITZERLAND	Feb. 9 A.M. thru Feb. 19 P.M.	6	\$1275	Dec. 7	44	Sunstar Hotel 1/1	\$85 for 6 Days	Fondue Party Nightclub in Zurich	Lotty Gautschi Zeev Vogel	622-6820 721-6882	--- 266-0198
*WINTER SHOOT-OUT CRESTED BUTTE	Feb. 12 P.M. thru Feb. 19 P.M.	6	\$485	Dec. 7	42	Chateaux 2/2	\$13.50 per Day	NASTAR Races TSC Parties	Cindy Garrett Gordon Wise	847-2506 827-1443	781-4732 ---
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	42	Enzian Lodge 1/1	\$17 per Day	Continental Breakfasts	Penny Chancey Bryan Siegel	686-4863 665-8323	462-4516 228-8611
JACKSON HOLE	Mar. 3 A.M. thru Mar. 10 P.M.	6	\$525	Jan. 10	30	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	---	TSC Parties Group Feed Fun Run Cocktail Party	Rudy Guerrero Janie Dar	466-4802 981-5510	671-7258 627-7000 X513

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COMMITTEE ENCOURAGES SKIERS TO ENTER NASTAR

The Race Committee has been established to promote ski racing within the Club. Initially, this involves getting more people involved in NASTAR races offered at the various ski areas.

This will be done by bringing more attention to the results of the NASTAR racing at each trip, not only at the meetings, but also in the *Sitzmarke*.

It is hoped that one person from each trip (excluding Texas Ski Week) will volunteer to be a race coordinator for that trip. That person's responsibility will be to gather all the race results for that trip and to award the trophies at the next club meeting, based on the race results.

There will also be various trophies awarded for Texas Ski Week as well as overall trophies awarded at the end of the year.

Eventually, a SCSC ski team will be formed to possibly represent the Club at some of the national races, like the United States Ski Association races or Grand Mariner Ski Challenge Race.

Any comments or ideas are very welcome. Contact Steve Van Pelt at 497-0193 (h) to convey them.

MODELS NEEDED SKIWEAR STYLE SHOW NOVEMBER MEETING

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GUD PARTY OUT-FOXES MA NATURE

On August 14, a beautiful sunny Sunday afternoon, about 40 people overcame the geographical handicap to enjoy the first annual GUD burger and pool party held at **Flo Prince's** house in the Clear Lake area.

All the ingredients for a successful party were in evidence....sunshine, water, refreshments and the warm and friendly spirit of SCSC members. Some of those braving the distance were **Lou Schultz, Sandy Bilas, Taylor Mayou, Clarice Coffee** and **Dana Wordell**.

Our more active guests who kept the volley ball game going with a flat ball, no less, were **Jean Marshall, Mike Brown** and **Billie Nowak** while **Karen Friedsam, Tommy Jacobs** and **Jean Ubico** cheered them on.

At the other end of the pool, **Shirley Andries** and **Flo Prince** did their version of Esther Williams. Esther did back flops and belly flops? Whatever it was, it was a spectacular....flop.

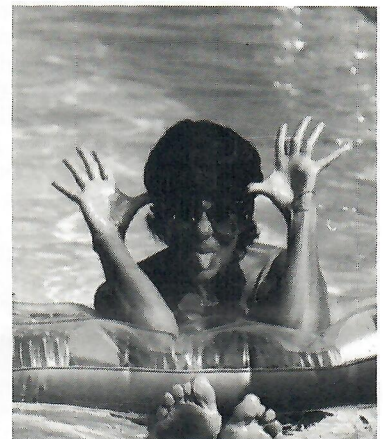
The party was a reunion of past trips and events for some, such as **Yvonne Haaksman** and **Fran Marwin**. **Kathy Myers** showed us her expertise cooking hamburgers until **Jack Farris** offered his services. Looking on were **Karin Perkins, Ray Naudain** and **Sue Edwards**.

Catching a few rays were **Easy Thayer** and **Sue Bonnert**. Also, seen catching a few ZZZ's was **Mike Moldofsky**. The party wasn't too much for him...the night before was!!! Taking in all of the activities with camera was **Linda Hall**.

Mike Broad was most helpful checking everyone in and directing them to the refreshments. Others who helped were **Jeri Rotenberg, Kay Broad** and **Shirley Lang** who spent hours slicing, chopping and giving encouragement.

When the party was over, everyone felt we "out-foxed" mother nature who hasn't been generous with nice days.

Through the combined efforts of our congenial guests and friends who helped, and the friendliness of SCSC members, the first annual GUD party was a huge success. We all agree it should be an annual event, and perhaps we should talk to **Yvonne McMahon** who lives in the 1960 area, about next year's party!! - **Flo Prince**.



Clockwise from upper left, SCSCers soak up the sun at the GUD Party; Flo Prince serves Fran Marwin (left) and Sue Bonnert something cool; Kathy Myers floating along; Jean Marshall (left) and Jeri Rotenberg hanging out.

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by Phyllis Sysak

When November leaves turn golden and temperatures turn wintry, Ray Naudain wishes he still lived in Utah to be close to the slopes.

It's not that Ray learned to ski as a youngster; indeed, he was born and raised in Hockessin, Del., within an hour's drive of Spring Mountain in the foothills of the Poconos. (Spring Mountain has a 150-foot vertical and has the audacity to publicize itself as the "Mt. Everest of the East.")

Besides being home to Ray, Hockessin is known for producing DuPont executives and mushrooms. It seems Hockessin also uses superlatives - "Mushroom Capitol of the World." But, Ray is definitely not the type to hide in underground caverns, stay in the dark and thrive on horse manure.

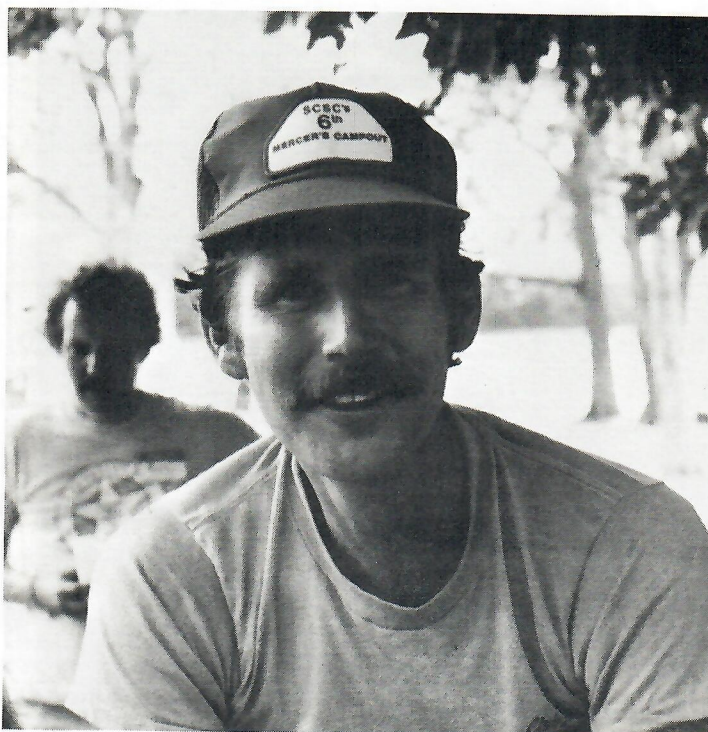
And, Ray did not learn to ski at Davis and Elkins College in Maryland, where his dream was to become an officer in the U. S. Air Force. Ray did, however, join R.O.T.C. and march around a lot.

Upon receiving his commission to Administrative Management School, the Air Force flew Ray to "scenic Biloxi, Miss." Ray spent two and a half years learning the lingo, but he says he just didn't find enough of a challenge.

"Armed forces are like one gigantic barter system," Ray claims. "You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours." Then the U.S.A.F. did Ray a big favor. They sent him westward.

They sent him to Ogden, Utah. Like Ray says, "When you're in Ogden, there's not much else to do except ski!"

Our 35-year-old bachelor learned to ski at Snow Basin and Park City. When he left the U.S.A.F., Ray joined the firm of Appliance Buyers Credit Cor-



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poration as an operations manager. They relocated Ray to Michigan. Dauntless, Ray actually liked living there. Where else can you cross-country ski right outside your own frontdoor?

Ray prefers being outside. He says growing up on a farm not far from the Atlantic coast gave him an appreciation for nature that is evidenced by the earthtones and country scenes decorating his home in Houston. "I like anything outside, particularly near water."

Although Ray doesn't remember exactly when he learned to swim, he is an avid sailor, windsurfer, waterskier....just about all water sports. Ray has some advice to novices of all sports.

"Just picture yourself doing the activity well. Put your mind into the sport. Mentally picture yourself

doing what you see the experts do, and pretty soon, you'll find yourself improving."

That's why Ray describes his best skiing experience as "every area, every level." Ray psyches himself into doing everything well. Except for maybe when he looks down between his skis and all he sees is sheer ice.

That can be any place on any mountain. The key is to be smart enough to walk around the spot or ski down another trail. Good advice, Ray.

You can see Ray out on the slopes in his comfortable, well-worn vest and ski pants. For the last few seasons, Ray has been skiing on Olin skis and wearing Salomon boots that he recommends for people with narrow feet.

Why did Ray join Space City Ski Club? "Well, I like to ski with a group of

people and the club offers better prices and opportunities to meet new folks." He and Dan Mauk had been in the Lubbock Ski Club together, so when Ray was moved to Houston, Dan brought Ray into SCSC.

Of all the clubs in cities where Ray has lived, he likes SCSC the best. "Some cities' ski clubs were the pits. They weren't well-organized with planned activities. In comparison, SCSC is run like the IBM Corporation. I can see this club progressing over the years to refine, adjust and change to be the most efficient club in the country."

Ray is especially happy with SCSC because of his new friends. He regards Houston as particularly clique-ish. In Houston, for any activity you can name, there's a club to do it with.

One of Ray's greatest pleasures has been traveling for his firm. When he graduated from college, he had hoped to see Europe with the Air Force, but he hasn't made that journey, yet.

He's still looking over the U. S. He thinks the only states he's missed are South Carolina and Alaska. (He was a travelling auditor for offices in 65 cities.) His pleasure is in getting the flavor of each city, meeting new people. "It's become second nature to make the best of new situations."

Like the time he was en route to Charlotte, N. C., then on to Billings, Mont. for a winter vacation. Ray was surprised at the looks he got while carrying onto the plane a long, thin package.

"Wierd-looking water skis you got there, son." Bet Ray managed to make friends and explain all he knows about snow skiing to that co-traveler.

Once, at Sun Valley with the Salt Lake Ski Club, Ray took another razzing. He almost fell out of the chairlift, dropping his poles

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TEXAS SKI COUNCIL URGES SUPPORT OF SPONSORS

At the August Texas Ski Council meeting held in Dallas, some needed changes to the By-Laws, and additions to the Standing Rules, were approved.

The rapid growth of the Council necessitated the changes and will allow for smoother operations. The only disappointment to

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into a restricted area. "An experience like that sure teaches you to be attentive when getting on and off a lift."

Whether you see Ray outside at a ski area or skimming the surface of the water on a sailboard, just remember that his smile broadens when you mention Utah....or mushrooms. Here's a question you can ask Ray....What part of Pennsylvania is Delaware in. Or ask him to tell you about his hero, John Wayne. Or offer him a Tastycake.

Space City was the failure to appoint an audit committee.

Two awards were presented at the meeting. Alpine Ski Club was given a duplicate first place trophy for tying the Austin skiers at Lake Tahoe last year, and the University of Texas was given a plaque for duplicating Space City's feat of winning the Texas Ski Cup three times in a row.

A change in format has been made by the Texas Ski Council for winning the Texas Ski Cup. In the past, the winner of the Texas Ski Week races was awarded the Cup.

This year the Council has decided to allow more clubs the opportunity of winning the Cup by accumulating the most points in all TSC sponsored trip races. The Cup will be awarded at the conclusion of the "Final Showdown" in Breckenridge, which is

the fifth and final TSC sponsored trip of the season.

This ski season the Council has, once again, amassed an impressive list of sponsors for its trips. Listed below are many of those sponsors who will make the trips not only more affordable, but also more enjoyable.

Because of the gratuitous donations of their time and money to the Council, SCSC, as a member of the Council, should patronize these sponsors in our local activities. All events coordinators should make an effort to utilize the products of those sponsors.

An example of how members can say "thanks," to a frequent sponsor is to use that sponsor's product whenever possible.

Coors Beer has sponsored many events but is making an effort to involve its local distributors more.

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If we all work together in patronizing these sponsors, we not only will be helping the Council, but also SCSC at the same time. Everyone knows the old saying "If you will scratch my back, I will scratch yours."

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