

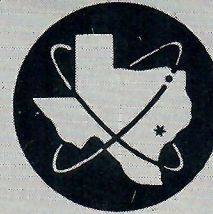


# *The SitzMarke*

May, 1982



# Space City Ski Club 1982-1983 Season



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May 12**

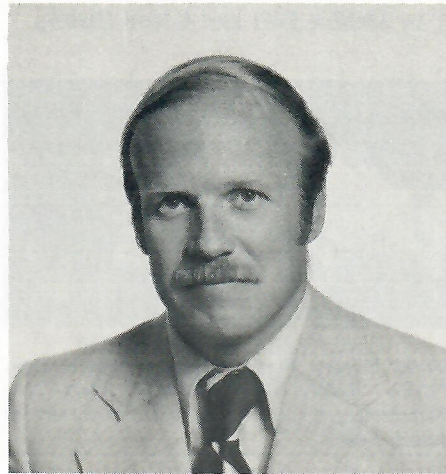
### SitzMarke Deadlines

- May 12
- June 9
- July 14



SCSC is beginning its nineteenth year. This is quite an achievement for an all volunteer organization. I would like to thank last year's officers as well as all other members who generously volunteered their time and efforts. I feel confident that the new officers can serve with the same dedication and enthusiasm.

We will hold our meetings at Stouffers, Greenway Plaza, beginning with the September meeting. The meetings will be on the second **Monday** of each month. I believe this will be a significant improvement to our current situation. The drinks will be cheaper and parking is readily available. One caution, if you are not familiar with the Underground at Greenway Plaza, it would be helpful to make a test run to Stouffers sometime between now and



September. An exhaustive search was made to find better accommodations and I believe an excellent choice was made.

**Eric Holm** has tentatively arranged a schedule of eleven trips for the 1982-83 season. Of course this schedule includes Texas Ski Week, but it also includes four Texas Ski Council Satellite trips including Copper Mountain, Sun Valley, Purga-

tory and Keystone. This will give more people an opportunity to participate in racing and competition among the other Texas ski clubs. If you would like to act as a Trip Chairman or an Assistant Trip Chairman, contact Eric.

**Pam Phillips Pyle** has already scheduled a number of summer activities, including the Summer Bash on July 17. If you would like to help, or have any suggestions, give Pam a call.

Remembering that this is an all volunteer organization, you are urged to fill in the "committee section" of your membership renewal form, or if you have an interest in a specific activity, call the person having responsibility for that function.

*Reminder of the Month* — The May Meeting, "Follies Night", is scheduled one week later than usual, May 19.

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 ☆ **(THIRD Wednesday)** ☆  
 ☆ **Houston Racquet Club** ☆  
 ☆ **Morna Simon, Coordinator** ☆  
 ☆ **(and a cast of thousands ... hundreds ....** ☆  
 ☆ **a whole bunch of folks?)** ☆  
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# RIFF RAFF TRIP

## LAKE TAHOE I

by Debbie Ball and Glenn Bishop

Riff Raff or not, there was our Mayor, Kathy Whitmire, sending us off for seven fun and sun-filled days in beautiful Lake Tahoe.

The first major obstacle of the trip was getting **Rudy Naquin** and **Stan Kuper** through the security guard at Intercontinental. After emptying all pockets and convincing the guard they were innocent of any illegal attempts, all boarded the plane and were ready to depart. But hold up a minute, here comes **Mike Hughes**, who was supposed to be in Reno, and had a last minute change of plans. Not knowing this and not realizing Mike was actually oversleeping, he was almost left behind. Getting him aboard, we were off to Dallas.

During our short layover in Dallas, **Rick Tynes** made a quick run to the bar, much to his wife **Eron Tynes'** chagrin. This was only a foreshadowing of what was to come as 59 SCSC'ers drank the plane dry on our 2 hour trip to Reno.

Upon arrival in Reno, **Jerry Pyle** and **Pam Phillips** were the first big winners as they made the first haul on the One Arm Bandits. At the airport we had our own welcoming committee in the form of **Roger Holzman**, **Victor Robinson**, **Gloria Salinas** and **John Macdonald**. Having rescued luggage, skis, and **Lois McCarnes'** boots, we were off to South Lake Tahoe.

After checking in, everyone was on their own to rent skis, cars, "Adequate Vans", and explore the casinos and shops. The first evening began with a wine and cheese party where **Rick Tynes** and **Beth Nolen** were the lucky winners of two \$50 cash prizes and **Glenn Bishop** was presented with \$54 in appreciation of his 4½ hour "marathon wait"—exchanging airline tickets so we could all save \$53 on the price of the trip. With his money in hand, Glenn went on to hit a \$150 Jackpot at Harrah's to start his week off on the right track.

The first morning of skiing was started by **Debbie Ball** and **Phyllis Sysak** drinking their oatmeal in their



David Howie, Wendy Otsuka, Debbie Ball, Phyllis Sysak, Jim Plummer, Mary Kay Nicholson, Art Camero soaking up some rays at Squaw Valley.

room. It seems they did not read the instructions as to the correct quantity of water to add. By the end of the week though, they had it down pat. Debbie found her rental boots a little uncomfortable, but with a little help from Phyllis, found out she had them on the wrong feet. By the end of the day we had our one and only injury, **Wendy Otsuka** suffered a knee injury trying to get off a chair lift. A simple task it would seem, but made a bit more difficult when husband, **Ron Otsuka** skied over the back of her skis.

**Lou Schultz**, **J. R. Schmeider**, and **Jim Coglin** played the part of restaurant critics. They found the worst restaurant in town with the most well done steaks, but much to their palate's delight, found the best chocolate chip cookie and fudge shop in town and were seen frequenting the place time after time during the week.

The **Hopson** brothers were a sight to behold, with brother **Steve (or is that John)** breaking one of his skis at Kirkwood, brother **Bill** falling from the top of **Siberia** run to the bottom and miraculously walking away, and



Joe A. and Brenda seem to be enjoying the boat ride more than Stan, Ed and Gail W.

brother **Pat (or is that Robert)** hanging in there on his first ski trip. **Cecile Nance** was so impressed with the three that she bought them "end of the trip gifts" for being so nice to her all week.

The second morning found **Tom Mercer's** "Adequate Van" leaving at the crack of dawn for a day of skiing at Kirkwood. After a hard day of skiing, the van made a peaceful stop at Crover Mineral Springs near Markleeville where **Lueann Walter**, **Victor Robinson**, **David Howie**, **Glenn Bishop**, **Tom Mercer**, **Art Camero**, **Beth Nolen**, **Belinda Kelley**, **Jim Plummer**, **John Macdonald**, **Bill "Wrong Way" Kirk**, and **Mike Hughes** took a dip in the springs. Before leaving Markleeville, the van make a quick stop for beer for the riders, and water and oil for the engine. And you wondered why it was just adequate.

At the Tuesday Happy Hour, **Anne Harkness** expressed her amazement at how much food "The Trees", better known as **Mike and Robert Clements**, could eat. It was also revealed that **Phyllis Sysak**, in order to meet good looking single guys, was heard calling "single" in the lift lines.

Was that **Carl Duff** at the poker tables staying up to the early hours of the morning?

To save their energy for the Beach Boys Dinner Show Wednesday evening, **Jimmy (or is that Lewis) Hubbard** and **Rodney and Bonnie Hughes** decided to forego skiing for the day and took to snowmobiling and snowball fights. It was reported that Rodney's aim was not so good, as Bonnie repeatedly escaped his attempts at hitting her with snowballs. **Brenda Marthiljohni** should have heeded the energy saving idea as she and **Joe Armstrong** were seen rocking out at the Beach Boys Concert that evening.

**Mike and Kay Broad** made a side trip to one of the wedding chapels in Lake Tahoe. How much did they want for the rice?

There was no sleeping late on Thursday as most of the group headed for the boat dock for the trip across



Lake Tahoe to Squaw Valley. **Linda Kuper** made the trip but could not ski because of a sprained thumb; husband **Stan** thought that was a pretty weak excuse for not skiing. **Jim Hendrix** came to the rescue of **Debbie Ball**. It seems that **Debbie** took a spill and broke her sunglasses. **Jim** just happened to have some scotch tape in his pocket and quickly mended her sunglasses. We all wondered how **Cecile Nance's** hair always looked so good. It seems she wore pin curls under her ski hat and upon descending the slopes immediately brushed them out. **Roberta Rambin** was easily identifiable to her husband **Ron Rambin** as she always had her SCSC nametag on.

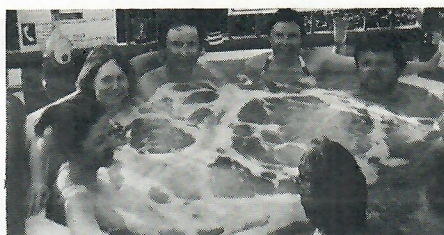
On the boat ride back **Joe Assad** had a little problem with the sliding back window of the boat. **Debbie Assad** and one of the crewmen assisted **Joe** in getting the door back together just in time to dock the boat. **Tom Mercer** was there with the "Adequate Van" to shuttle everyone back to the motel as our memorable excursion came to an end.

Who was that guy behind the camera with the funny looking hat? That was none other than **Bob Wilbanks**. **Bob**, with his three cameras, was always snapping pictures everywhere he went. **Margie "Cecil B." Fanette** was the other shutterbug in the group with her movie camera always ready to shoot.

**Liz Copple** did not realize that people go on a ski trip to ski. **Liz** spent several mornings in bed while her husband, **Bob Copple** was up early heading for the slopes for a full day of skiing.

Is it true the **Lois Danielson** fell in love with a ski run at Heavenly and wanted to marry it? And there was a rumor that **Art Camero** had an affair with a young pine tree at Kirkwood. The "Mad Bombers" even got **Art** ski jumping. **Art** said that once he jumped so high his skis actually left the snow.

Friday found several skiers taking a day off from skiing and relaxing in the hot tub. Those joining in the fun were **Gail Quenneville**, **Robert Clements**, **Billie Nowak**, **Steve Gucker**, and **Joe Jackson**. **Joe** and **Steve** had several x-rated pictures taken of their memorable "outing". While these were enjoying the hot tub, the diehard



"Hot Tub Marathoners" **Billie**, **Joe J.**, **Gail Q.** and **Steve G.**



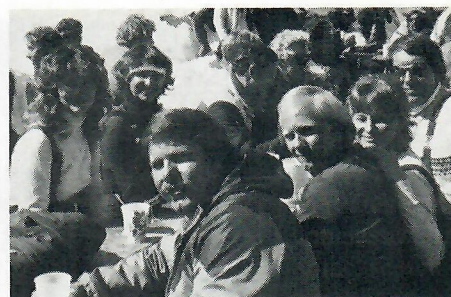
**Tom**, **John M.**, **Gail Q.**, and **Plummer** (with his powder ski cap) enjoying lunch at Heavenly.

skiers were at Heavenly having a picnic on the slopes. **Jim Plummer** had brought all necessities in his backpack, including an ash tray for any smokers and powder ski (*i.e.*, shower) cap.

Birthdays were celebrated on the trip by **Jimmy Hubbard** and **Alma Duff**. Each was presented a Riff Raff T-shirt at the airport as a souvenir of their trip.

The last night **Bill Young**, **Mitzi Grove**, **Gloria Salinas**, **Joe Jackson**, **Steve Gucker**, **Phyllis Sysak**, **Billie Nowak**, **Lou Schultz**, **Art Camero**, **Debbie Ball** and **Gail Quenneville** were seen having a good time at the Joe Cannon Show at Ceasar's. Another group headed for the casinos and stayed at the Blackjack tables until it was time to head back to the motel for a quick shower and to join the rest for the bus ride back to Reno.

The buses headed to Reno with everything and everyone very quiet as most everyone was back in dreamland



Picnicing at Heavenly (clockwise) **Debbie**, **Phyllis**, **Mike**, **Anne**, **Steve** (or is that **John**) **H.** and **Bill H.**

before the buses left the motel. After the bags were checked in at the airport, everyone headed toward the gate with a few making a last minute stop at the slot machines. Everyone boarded the plane, but a last minute check found that **Ed** and **Gail Williams** were not in their seats as they were still at the slot machines. **Ed** and **Gail** made a mad dash for the gate and managed to board the plane just in time.

With everyone finally aboard, with the exception of the **Trees**, who relinquished their seats, we headed for **Houston**, with a brief stop in **Dallas**. This was the end of a great week of skiing, gambling and enjoying the beauty of the Lake Tahoe area. Thanks to all for making it so enjoyable.



Last minute at Reno Airport — **Rudy**, **David**, **Art**, **Beth**, **Roger**, **Pam**, **Kay**, **Lueann**.

It was **Cooter's** Fate... celebrate!

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# WINTER PARK

by Bill Krell



Well, we tried to tell you that our trip to Winter Park was going to be a blast, but only 27 of you listened. And, it looked like only 25 of us were going to make the plane. But, **T. J. Lassiter** and **Tine Kendall** finally taxied out in time to win the honorable "Bill Krell" award. Once in Denver, we connected with the party flight of **Eddie** and

**Janice Robbins**, who joined us for the party bus to WP. And, what a party bus it was! Ever tried to ski after beer, Bloody Mary's, Fritos, screwdrivers and oatmeal cookies? Well, **David Merrick**, **Diane Yarberry** and **Pam Zylstra** did, and lived to tell about it. Oh, by the way, Sunday was the only day that **Nelda Garcia** was not sick.

Hope you are better, **Nelda**. That night we had a welcome get-together party.

Monday morning's donuts and coffee got **Al Mumma** and **Jo Anne Paladini** off to Idlewilde in style. No guts, no glory, **Al**. All those who did ski on Monday were treated to a beer and wine happy hour at West Portal Station. **Bill** and **Sallye De La Garza**, with the help of **Shirley Smith** and **Mike Lynch**, prepared Huevos Rancheros on Tuesday for everyone on the trip...Now you know where we got the jet fuel to win 28 NASTAR medals! That's more medals per person than TSW. And, to sooth all those sore muscles, **Jim St. Claire** and others actively enjoyed the pool/alias jacuzzi party Tuesday night.

By Wednesday, **Bill DLG**, **Mo Granda** and **Bill Krell** were seen skiing the trees on Mary Jane. Mo's comment, "Everybody does not like to ski this kind of stuff, Beely". Twenty-one of twenty-seven people enjoyed



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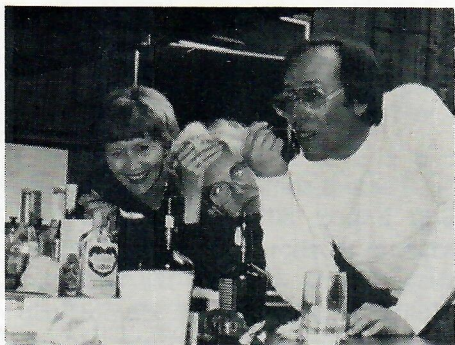
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**Joyce (Smith), are you sure you don't want any more of Janice's snow ice cream?**

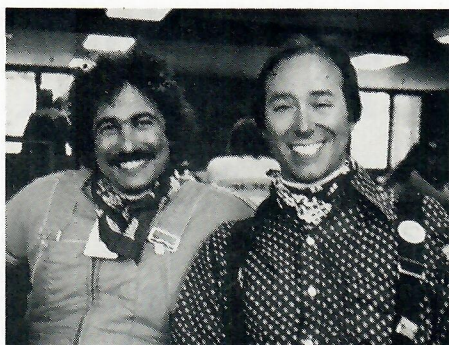
our night tubing party at some mountain. What's that Sallye? Roll em over on their butts???

The Texas Ski Council club race on Thursday was close, but no cigar. Cowtown won, but we had more fun. Like, **Frank Smith's** first medal -- a silver! and, **J. D. Brogan's** disability -- too many hot chocolates and Schnapps. But, everyone, including **Mary Quinn** and **Marsha Rinaldi**, was handicapped by the heavy-duty spaghetti dinner that night. Marsha, who was that asking directions at your door, anyway?

We had a traditional SCSC picnic at Ski patrol headquarters on Friday, complete with oxygen tanks, wine, granola bars, bandages, and group photos. Everyone came, except Shirley and Mike. (*gee ...*) Roasting in the sun were **Mark "Fred"**, **"Frank" Sadler** and his sidekick Mo "deaf" Granda. Wait a minute! **Joyce Smith** forgot her armpit vibrator, but she did remember to cleanse her palate. The picnic primed all of ous for Friday night's awards party, except for **Marsha McNeese**, who'd already been primed by our ski instructor. (*But all week, Marsha?*)

**Pete Meaden**, our Race Coordinator (*Thanks Pete, you did an excellent job!*) and 20-plus trip participants were seen scarfing crab legs, linguini, and fondu at the Swiss House in a non-conversant stupor Friday night. Why is it T.J. makes a party everywhere he goes? Just ask the ten people he brought to the table that night at Moffat's station! After, **Carlotta** was seen doing face plants into the snow banks. Who was that white faced woman anyway?

Mo Granda and **Russell Streetman** hit the big numbers Saturday night and a party was held in their honor, complete with cake and margaritas. The

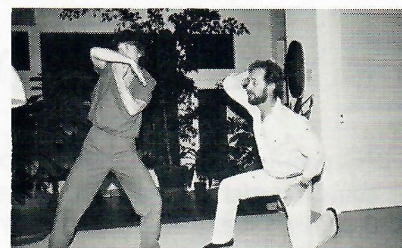


**A couple of our trip deviates, Walter Winchell and Howdy Doody.**

first marg's were real short on mix (*thanks to Bev Fecel and Bill DLG*), so when they ran out, Frank Smith and Eddie "hold 'em" Robbins were ready for their special recipe .. gin, rum and triple sec killers. Bye, bye brains! The Stud Hotel even stayed late to compete in the Sex Charades! **Janice Robbins** was making snow ice cream after everyone left -- too bad, ya'll missed it.

Other fantastic highlights of our trip: **David Merrick** -- our only Gold Medal winner!!! **Pam Zylstra** -- third fastest woman (*racer, that is*). And Janice Robbins -- slowest at what she did on the slopes.

My thanks to **Shirley Smith**, a SUPER trip Chairman, and Otto Tschudi, our slow Olympic pacesetter!



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# TREASURING

by Bob Marwin

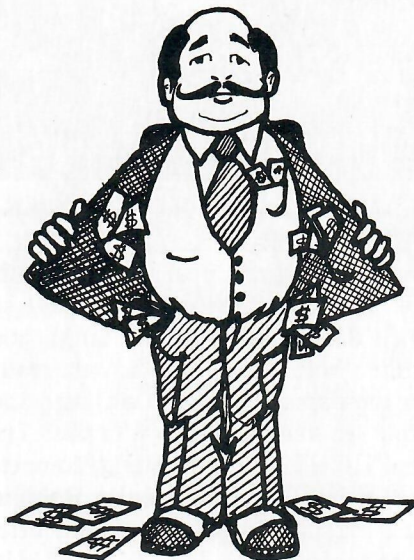
It's post-Income Tax time, so what could be more appropriate than an article on Treasuring? Everybody knows what the treasurer does, he keeps the Club checkbook balanced. *(There never having been a female SCSC treasurer, I get to use those familiar male pronouns, instead of those ludicrously clumsy ambisexual ones.)* He has two other major tasks. Prepare the budget at the beginning of the year, and file the tax return at the end of the year. So that's it; prepare a budget for the Club, keep the checkbook balanced, and puzzle out the latest incarnation of IRS Form 843.

*"The treasurer has access to the most meaningful data sources, allowing the creation of likely scenarios with eventual outcomes, which can be presented in nonambiguous statistical, graphical or tabular form"...*

Sy Liebergot, ex non-treasurer.

Fortunately, no treasurer has ever done any of the above. Most treasurers are content to keep the books balanced, and drink a lot during the Executive Committee meetings. So there sits the treasurer, getting blissfully stoned, while the president, v-p trips, and 2 members of the board of directors are getting red in the face arguing how many members can sit on the head of a pin during low season.

Treasuring is a lonely, high pressure world, filled with arcane jargon ("the cpu's down," "the check's in the mail," "I will gladly pay you Tuesday for a hamburger today").



*"The job doesn't take brains, just lots of time; and I'm running out of time"...* Jim Plummer, ex treasurer.

As you can see, there's not much to the job, which is why I'm running out of things to say, and I've still got a few quotes to slip in. **Bob Olsen** said the neatest thing about the job was seeing those checks bounced. **Gene Turboff** loved flirting with the cash tellers in the basement of Western Bank. **Ed Taylor**, **Craig Meyer**, **Bob Tripp** and **Bruce Maughs** didn't have anything quotable to say. **Barry Kumins** has left town. That mentions everybody.

*"The treasurer is the fabric that holds the club together. Year in and year out, this vital function can, does, must go on"...* Keith Eastin, ex hibitionist.

There is some good data from the files. Expect 80% of the trip participants to show up for the pre-trip party. Expect 40% of the trip participants to show up for the post-trip party. Expect over half of the officers and board members to show at the first 5 or so pre-trip parties. Expect none of the officers or board members to show at the last 5 or so post-trip parties. The liquor breakdown is: 40% scotch, 20% bourbon, 20% vodka, 20% gin, plus 1 jug of white wine. Buy no club soda or Perrier; let 'em drink water.

In the last few years, the treasurer's job has broadened somewhat to include investing the club's cash assets to maximize the rate of return. This cash asset, plus a bank loan, have been used to purchase airline tickets in advance of ticket price increases. Investment vehicles such as CD's, commercial paper, US Treasury Notes, preferred subordinated debentures, etc., comprise the bulk of SCSC's holdings, with a small portion being placed in investments of a more speculative nature. But if one of those Irish Sweepstakes tickets pays off, we'll all ski for free.

**\*\*Editor's note:** This is the fifth in a series of articles describing the various aspects of each office. Still to come are articles on the offices of V.P. of Programs and President. It is hoped that SCSC members will be better informed of the workings of the club after each office has been covered. (Although we're not too sure we hit the "Marke" on this one, a little comic relief is always welcome.)

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 Robert Scott  
 Don Shelton  
 Morna Simon  
 Allan Simpson  
 Linda McFarland  
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 Bette Smith  
 Ron Smith  
 Shirley Smith  
 Karla Stevens  
 Sharon Stodghill  
 Ed Taylor  
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 James Tolliver  
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 Bob Tripp  
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# THE ORIENT EXPRESS - ULTIMATE SKI TRIP

by Bob Olsen

"You have *Carte Blanche*, go anywhere in the world" was Trip V.P. **Mo Granda's** response to my offer to run a ski trip. What a challenge...*the ultimate ski trip*. But where to go? Europe? it's been done; New England? I broke my leg skiing ice there; Portillo or New Zealand? too much lead time required; Japan? do they ski there?

It was not easy to find out about skiing in Japan. The 1972 Winter Olympics were held in Sapporo and a World Cup event took place in Furano in 1980. However, the American press has avoided coverage of the inscrutable Japanese skier. English descriptions of the ski areas were virtually impossible to find. Only an occasional travel writer, who didn't know a lift line from a waist line, would mention the million plus visitors to the Sapporo Snow Festival, and wonderful skiing at near-by Olympia. Our man in Tokyo, **Gene Holland**, provided the best information: a snow report listing more than 100 ski and skating areas, ski articles and pictures published for English speaking residents of Japan and reports from the Tokyo American Club with prices and helpful hints (*don't plan on renting large size boots*).

Other first hand reports conflicted: crowds vs. no crowds, reckless skiers vs. polite lift line manners; \$100 dinners vs. inexpensive little restaurants. There was only one way to find the truth! Round up sixteen adventurous Texans and head further west.

Around every corner there was a new experience, sight or adventure, **Betty Pierce** took her first ski lessons from an instructor who could not speak English; **Bobbet Olsen** interrupted a formal Japanese dinner to feed a wild fox; **Roy and Alice Kuchera** learned to eat sashimi (*sliced raw fish*); **Jay Castille** tinkled the ivories at world famous hotels in Tokyo and Hong Kong; **Harold Eaton** studied late night culture in Kyoto and was locked out of the inn; **Kim Geary** learned to avoid the evil pachinko parlors while husband **Dec** practiced his kamikaze act on the slopes; **Sadie Madole** found the camera bargain she was seeking while



Sixteen tourists show off yakutas at hotel backdoor.

**Lou Erdelyan** searched the Orient for an acupuncturist; **Sheryl Rogers** struck gold in Hong Kong while hubby **Bob Tripp** ran interference through the crowds; **Duff Trimble** discovered Kentucky Fried Chicken while wife **Angie** discovered department stores; **Connie Hinshaw** found new opportunities to practice her negotiating skills on Hong Kong merchants. Finally, **Bob Olsen** found enough other things of interest to fill twenty rolls of film.

We found most of the good reports about Japan to be true and the bad reports to be untrue. Our hosts were indeed gracious, helpful, courteous, friendly...the Boy Scouts could not find better role models. Meals were quite reasonable: \$8.50 for beef Sukiyaki and drinks in Furano, \$12 for two hours of beer and Genghis Kahn feasting at the Sapporo Bier Garten, \$13 for dinner, whiskey and floor show at a night club in Sapporo, free samples of delicacies in the Tokyo department stores and \$5 to \$10 dinners in the small restaurants. The above prices include tax and service charge (*no tipping in Japan*). Gourmet eating adventures were easy on the pocketbook.

Even the lift tickets were reasonable at about \$12 and lift lines were nonexistent! Despite five days of

holiday skiing, we waited in short lift lines only 3 or 4 times.

The ski runs at Furano, Tiene Olympia and Tiene Highlands were more than adequate for beginner **Betty** and hot dog **Harold**. Olympia lacked challenging runs while neighboring Highlands had plenty of the steep stuff, powder and trees ... sometimes all on one run. these areas both afford an ocean view and panorama of the city of Sapporo. The City has a population nearing that of Houston, a working transit system (*including a modern subway*) and night life for every taste.

Japanese skiers exercise great control while sliding by in their designer outfits. No blue jeans on the slopes in Japan; interesting because casual attire was appropriate everywhere else. We were the only ones observed screaming down the slopes or crashing tips over tops in the powder. Looking good, or putting on a good show, is important in Japan. One student explained that his countrymen feel shame, as well as discomfort, from a tumble in the snow. Hence, the natives practiced their superb racing form while we had the deep powder to ourselves.

The memories are plentiful. Here are just a few: our first taste of the Orient from the demure Japan Airlines hostesses; looking for our always reliable guides among the throngs at international airports; a walk among the blooming trees in the Japanese garden at the Takanawa Prince Hotel in Tokyo; Spring skiing in Furano ... rain, ice, corn snow changing to powder and packed powder; lunch at the cozy mountain restaurant; backless single chairs on the lifts and hanging on for dear life; new friends waving good-bye as we left Furano.

That's just the beginning. Who could forget the holiday crush of crowds in Tokyo?...at the temples, shopping streets, the zoo or in the subway. Modern architecture contrasted with traditional pagoda roofs. Learning the correct characters for "exit", "men's" or "ladies" room. Sleeping in the balcony at the Kabuki play. Riding the 130 mph Bullet Train to Kyoto. Participating in a tea



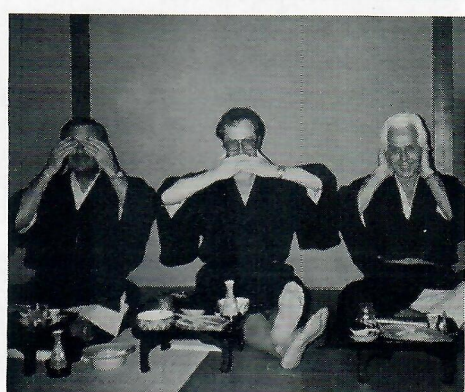
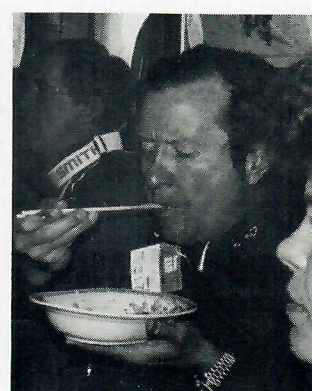
ceremony. Watching crafts people make wood block prints, weave silk and decorate cloisonne' vases. Whirlwind visits to an assortment of palaces, temples and shrines. Nearly missing a flight.

Seen along the road: children in school uniforms; grocery stores with otsumi (*snacks*); and beer and saki vending machines; fish hanging out to dry; hillside rows of tea plants; Mt. Fuji in the haze, modern harbors and bridges, old tile roofs.

The dinners were memorable...sukiyaki in Furano, hairy crab in Sapporo, udon lunch in Tokyo, sashimi and tempura in Kyoto and a ten course Peking Duck banquet in Hong Kong, but those were only the highlights. The noodle shops, bakeries, department stores and specialty shops all tempted our easily seduced palates.

The greatest experiences were our interactions with new acquaintances. We certainly got to know each other well. But the folks who made our trip such a success were new friends. They were helpful, friendly and interesting people like Karrou, call me Carol, who gave us an introduction to Hokkaido. The Prince Hotel desk people who were always happy to write out directions in Japanese to ease communications problems with cab drivers. It seemed all our hosts were willing to laugh with us at our language difficulties. The Japanese we met had a terrific sense of humor and a ready smile. We will long remember Mama San and the lavender bouquet gifts that were our send off from her restaurant in Furano; who could forget the staff at the Ikumatsu Inn in Kyoto? Of course, we could use the family bath but be ready for dinner at 7. We will especially remember two boys and two girls on Spring break in Furano. On the eve of our departure, they left a message: *we wish you a safe and peaceful journey.*

We found a side of the Orient that the typical tour or business traveller does not get to see. Spending time in the ski areas and off the beaten track allowed us to experience another culture from the inside. The universal camaraderie of skiers opened doors for a unique adventure on the Orient Express. May all your journeys be as safe and peaceful.



That's a trail sign? Bob Olsen and the Olympic Torch at Sapporo.

Dec Geary, Harold Eaton, Bob Tripp look for direction in Sapporo.

Roy and Alice Kuchera and hammer welding waiter in Hong Kong.

Jay Castille at the Steinway in Hong Kong (Royal Garden Hotel).

Bob Tripp eats soup with chop sticks.

Duff Trimble, Connie Hinshaw, Betty Pierce, Lou Erdelyan and Sadie Madole check out the beer vending machine in Tokyo.

Three monkeys in Kyoto.

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As your new V.P. of Trips, I would like to give you a preview of our exciting 1982-1983 ski season. Through the efforts of the Texas Ski Council and its member clubs, we have a **partial** schedule of trips ready for the coming season:

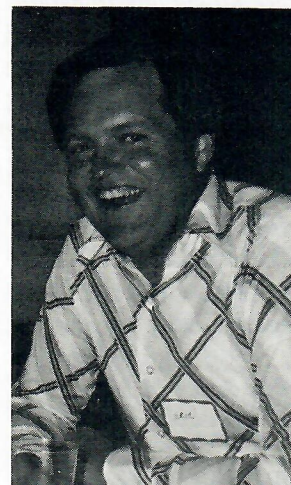
<b>November 24-28</b>	<b>*KEYSTONE at Thanksgiving</b>
<b>January 9-16</b>	<b>TEXAS SKI WEEK I — SNOWMASS</b>
	<b>ASPEN TRADITIONAL</b>
<b>January 11-16</b>	<b>TEXAS SKI WEEK II — SNOWMASS</b>
<b>February 6-13</b>	<b>*COPPER MOUNTAIN</b>
<b>March 13-20</b>	<b>*PURGATORY</b>
<b>April 3-10</b>	<b>*SUN VALLEY</b>

**\*Texas Ski Council Satellite Trips**

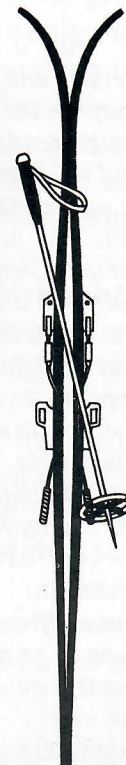
As you can see, we plan to combine Aspen Traditional with Texas Ski Week, allowing this trip to participate in the Texas Ski Week activities.

In addition to the Texas Ski Council trips, which promise to be cost saving, we are currently negotiating with other ski areas and will consider any proposal that will hold down our costs without sacrificing the quality of our trips. Your input is welcome, so drop me a card if you have any suggestions.

Start making your trip plans now. Look for this column to keep you posted on further plans for an outstanding '82-83 ski season!



**ERIC HOLM**  
5630 Bent Bough Lane  
Houston, Texas 77088



## By-Law Amendments Election Results

Both proposed amendments were passed at the April General meeting. As amended, the By-Laws will read as follows:

**ARTICLE III: Membership: Section 6, first sentence shall now read:**

*Section 6. MEMBERSHIP LIMITATION. The membership of the Club shall be limited to 1400 members; however, after such limitation is reached, the membership may be enlarged for the then present fiscal year by individuals who may be accepted for membership after paying in full for a Club sponsored ski trip after the final payment date for such trip.*

**ARTICLE III: Membership: Section 7, shall now read:**

*Section 7. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL. Membership in the Club shall be for a period ending April 30 in each year. Applications for renewal of membership may be accepted through May 31 of the respective year; applications received by the Club thereafter shall be treated as though received from an individual seeking to become a new member.*

## New Summer Softball/ Volleyball!

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**Contact: JEAN MARSHALL**

**1722 Haverhill, Houston, Texas 77008, (H) 861-3890 - (O) 790-7256**

***or see her at the May Meeting***



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

## Space City Ski Club:

Just a short to club to say Hi. Beverly and I are now living in Milan, Italy, in the shadow of the Alps. This assignment came up rather suddenly and we didn't have a whole lot of time to say goodbye to all of our friends. We also had to cancel our plans on the famous Glenn Bishop's Riff-Raff Trip, but, with any luck, our ski equipment will arrive in February, and we'll try to make up for it. We've already made trips to Innsbruck, Austria; Zurich, Switzerland; and Ljubljana, Yugoslavia. We're going to join a local ski club that makes one day bus trips to the nearby Alps.

We have a large, two-bedroom apartment with plenty of sleeping space. If any club member just happens to be passing through Milan and wants a guided tour of the town or of the nearby Alps, just give us a call.

We will probably be at this address until the summer of 1983...at which time we'll decide to go on to Abu Dabi or home to Houston.

Bev & Charlie Ursell  
E. Via Mattei 32  
20097 San Ponanto Milanese  
Milan, Italy  
(02) 527-3946

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

As one of the few remaining Charter Members of Space City Ski Club, I hereby request that this letter be read at and included in the minutes of your next meeting.

In my many years with the Club I once served as V.P. of Trips, and was also a participant on many, many Club trips. In all of these years, I have never seen a job done by a Trip Chairman anywhere near as outstanding as that

performed by Bob Olsen, Chairman of the recent Orient Express trip to Japan and Hong Kong.

Bob's advance planning and research were exhaustive. His attention to every detail was almost unbelievable. Transportation and lodging (with one minor exception beyond his control) were truly superb. To please the group he even managed to change the itinerary in mid-stream in order to give us more time in Tokyo to allow for a side trip Kyoto. His shepherding of the group throughout the trip and his many acts of kindness and help to individuals were way and above the call of duty.

This has to be the greatest trip the Club has ever undertaken, and if ever an award should be granted for Trip Chairman of the Decade, the recipient should automatically be Bob Olsen.

Sincerely yours,  
JAY CASTILLE

# FROM THE EDITOR:

This is the first SitzMarke publication of Space City Ski Club's 1982-83 season. The SitzMarke is published *BY* the members of SCSC and *FOR* the members of SCSC. As you have seen in the extensive listing of volunteers elsewhere in this issue, many, many people work to make SCSC the outstanding organization we all enjoy. But the number of volunteers in this listing represents only a small percentage of our membership total of 1400 potential volunteers.

The only way to keep SCSC strong is to constantly strive to include more of it's members in even more activities. You get out of any organization as much as you want to get out of it, and one of the best ways to get as much as you want out of SCSC is to **GET INVOLVED**.

Carol Ragan, past V.P. of Publications, has volunteered to handle the major commercial advertising for this year's SitzMarke. We are looking for volunteers to work with Carol on obtaining additional advertisers. If you have any leads or would like to volunteer to help, call Carol at

664-1717 or 497-1183.

Just as advertising helps to defray the expenses of the SitzMarke, so can postage add to the cost of each issue. We have discovered that by changing to a slightly lighter weight paper (*you may have noticed this lighter issue*) we will be able to run issues with extra pages when necessary, without the extra postage previously required. Since the summer bulk rate mailings allow for much greater weight, our printing service will be using up the older, heavier paper through those summer issues and will go back to this lighter weight in September.

I will be needing volunteers to write **Markmaker** columns (*talk about a great way to get to know someone!*) and a variety of other articles on ski safety, favorite ski areas, etc. (*I'm open to suggestions*).

Remember, the SitzMarke is the main communications link between the club members. "Letters to the editor", of negative or positive nature, will be accepted and printed. News of interest will be published - weddings, births, special events, happy occasions. Call

me or write - let's keep the lines of communication open!

We're off to a good start with lots of activities planned. Enjoy your year with SCSC and start planning on **THINKING SNOW** while **STAYING IN SHAPE!**

Tania Andrasko, Editor  
10611 Sandpiper  
Houston, Texas 77096  
(H) 776-9754



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# PERSONALS / CLASSIFIED

## PERSONALS

CONGRATULATIONS to PAM PHILLIPS and JERRY PYLE, who made it legal on April 24th!

Best wishes to DIANA SCHOWE and KEN CAREY, who tied the knot April 10th!

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Carol Ragan  
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## ATTENTION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

*Corrections in Your SCSC Directory:*

Don McCutchen.....  
2137 Broadlawn, (H) 480-5583  
Gene Turboff.... (O) 451-0126

To submit a personal ad to the SitzMarke, print and mail with \$5.00 (checks payable to SCSC) to:

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## PERSONALS

ROOMMATE WANTED to share 2 bdrm. townhouse in close-in area at 1201 McDuffie, behind River Oaks shopping center. Non-smoker desired. Male or female. No girls under 12 need apply. Must have shots. Call John Hargleroad - (W) 644-5338, (H) 524-4141.

RANDY WHITE was telling everyone goodbye at the April meeting. Seems he's been transferred to Chicago! Congratulations on the promotion, Randy, and come back to see us soon - we expect to see you on some trips this coming season!

## NOTICE!!!

If you or someone you know is not receiving the Sitzmarke, notify RON SMITH. Use this form:

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## GENERAL MEETING

**SPECIAL MEETING DATE  
MAY FOLLIES ONLY  
Wednesday, May 19  
7:30 P.M.**

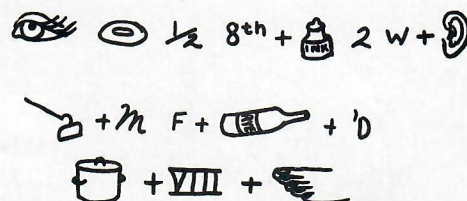
## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Don't forget the Sour Kraut MDA BBQ Cook-off! See ad, page 7.

## ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES:

- Charity begins at home.
- Straight A student.

*Now, try these!*



## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

### MAY

- 15-16 MDA Sour Kraut BBQ Cook-Off
- 19 General Meeting - Follies
- 22 Bowling - Randy Butler
- 23 Tennis Tournament - Joyce King, Roger Williams
- 27 Happy Hour - Chi Chi's

### JUNE

- 5 Booth, Texas - Bonnie Lloyd
- 13 Volunteer Appreciation Party
- 24 Happy Hour - The Bear and Ragged Staff
- 25-27 Upper Guadalupe Canoe/Camping Trip - Jean Marshall

### JULY

- 17 Summer Bash - Kay Broad

### AUGUST

- 14 Redfish Island - Ed Barnett

### SEPTEMBER

- Padre Island - Norm Rund











# SCSC Scrapbook



## STARS SHINE with SCSC'ERS

Jan Livingston found John Denver checking out of Harrah's during the Tahoe II trip. Looks like they got to be best buddies! And Glenn Bishop, Sy Liebergot, Ron Smith and Tom Mercer invited Avery Shriver over for a little chili tasting when he visited a March cookoff with friend Howard "Baby Huey" Paillet.

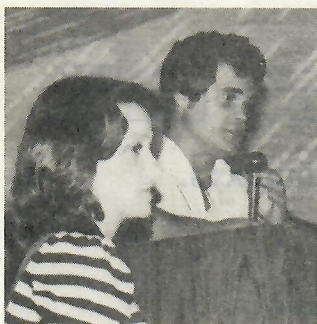


Also seen at recent cookoffs - Dave Walter with his own special chili (*watch the salt next time, Dave!*) and Charla Merrel at Mariann Perry's Rail Spike Chili cooksite.

Nicest thing about cookoffs, besides the fun and general good times, is the pleasure gained from contributing to charities such as the Depelchin Faith Home, P.D.A.P., M.D.A., ... sooo -

**DON'T FORGET TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP IN THE SOUR KRAUT M.D.A. BBQ COOKOFF!**

SCSC'ers on the Sour Krauts - **Jim Benefield, Graham Barnes, Steve Van Pelt, Ray Tully.**



## SCENES FROM THE APRIL MEETING...



Thanks to **Bob and Cindy Finch** and the lovely young ladies they brought out on a school night for a gymnastics demonstration. Fewer thanks from the SCSCer they involved in the training demonstration.



**AND HAPPY HOUR at PARK AVENUE...**

