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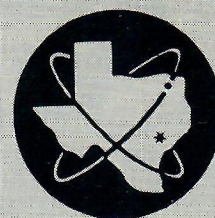
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Space City Ski Club 1980-1981 Season



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Calendar

General Meeting — March 11 - Houston Racquet Club - 7:30 p.m.

Banff, Canada — March 7-14

Happy Hour — March 19 - Jigger's - see ad in Classifieds

Bicycle Outing — March 21 - see ad on next page

Purgatory — March 22-29

Steamboat Springs — March 29-April 5

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Head of the Liftline

by Linda MacFarland Simpson



It's hard to believe, but the year is nearly over as we approach the March annual meeting and elections. We are

now two-thirds of the way through our '81 Ski Season. The weather conditions have been tough on us this year, but as I write, snow is falling in Colorado. Hopefully, easing us through the rest of the season. So if you want to ski — there are still a few openings on the remaining trips.

For those of us who will not be skiing any more this year, but still need some exercise, Bob Petner has planned several activities. Coming up Sat. March 21st — a Bike Trip at Dozier's,

then in April a Car Rally followed by a "Las Vegas Night" in May. Don't forget to check for our monthly "Happy Hours".

The nominating committee has recommended a slate of officers who have both extensive experience in running club activities and the enthusiasm necessary to persevere through all the work and responsibility that goes along with the job they have been nominated for.

Support your club and
VOTE — Wed. March 11th.

BICYCLE OUTING



**Saturday, March 21
1:00 P.M.**

Meet at
'DOZIER'S' BARBECUE in Fulshear.

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1980-81 SCSC Trip Schedule

Trip	Trip Dates	Cost*	Final Payment Date	Trip Chairpersons and Assistants	Home Phone	Office Phone
Banff, Canada	Mar. 7	\$579.	Jan. 14	TC Jerry Pyle	721-7035	662-3000
	Mar. 14			ATC Tracy Fairbanks	981-7607	
Purgatory	Mar. 22	\$465.	Jan. 7	TC Art Camero	772-3534	662-3000
	Mar. 29			ATC Chris Richardson	772-2657	
Steamboat Springs	Mar. 29	\$391.	Feb. 11	TC Jim Franz	933-9130	771-1301
	Apr. 5			ATC Judy Hendrix	871-8284	
Park City	Apr. 4	\$419.	Mar. 2	TC John Hargleroad	980-3000	671-5548
	Apr. 11			ATC Margaret Norris	481-3888 466-4802	

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(H) 781-2957

ATTENTION:

Due to the increasing pressure from all ski areas to make early reservations, it has become necessary that trip chairpersons be appointed at the earliest possible date. To insure that all persons desirous of consideration be included, if you are interested in serving as a trip chairperson or assistant trip chairperson, please fill in this form and return it to:

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PLEASE NOTE: This does NOT replace the membership questionnaire.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NO.: OFFICE: _____ HOME: _____

Number of SCSC Trips you have participated in: _____

WHERE? _____

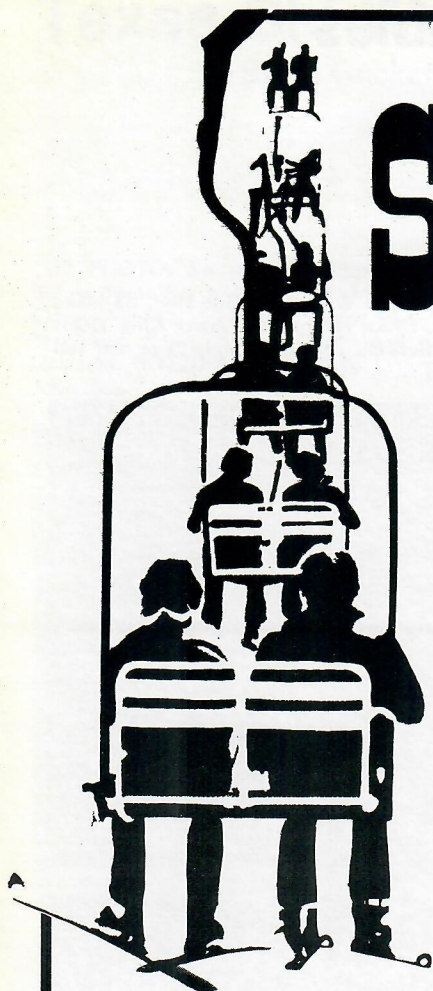
If appointed, do you have any preference where you would want to take your trip? _____

Do you have any preferences as to dates for your trip? _____

Are there any dates that you would not be available? _____

Other than yourself, is there anyone you would recommend to serve as Trip Chairperson or Assistant Chairperson? _____

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February Indoor Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament

by Leona Schroeder

Thanks to **Monique Knox**, the Tournament Director, another successful SCSC Tennis Tournament was held. This event took place on the Indoor Courts of Fleetwood Racquet Club on Sunday evening, February 1. After a very rainy and cold weekend, everyone

was thankful to play indoors. Sixty-four players participated and almost twenty were on the waiting list, most of whom came out to cheer, eat, drink, and be merry. Winners of the four divisions were as follows:

TOP PHOTO: Winners — Bob Huff, Kathleen Haynie, Bruce Maughs and Joyce King. BOTTOM: Between rounds — Judy Felfe and Ted Widmer.

GROUP 1

First Place: Bob Huff Kathleen Haynie
Second Place: Bruce Maughs Judy Felfe
(Tied with Lovie Beard and Monique Knox)

GROUP 2

First Place: Lee Bollinger Joyce King
Second Place: Howard Goldstein Barbara Roberts

GROUP 3

First Place: Jeff Ezell Linda Kinney
Second Place: Jim Sirois Stephanie McDonald

GROUP 4

First Place: Mick Mikuenski Janice Berger
Second Place: Graham Barnes Ginnie Dahlen

Interesting Observations: Bruce Maughs, TC for Aspen, got home early from Aspen, Sunday morning, and still played and won 2nd in the tournament. What happened to **Gene Turboff** at Aspen, who came back all "stoved up" in the back? **Dale Englefield** has played in the last couple of tournaments with broken strings in his racquet, but still took home trophies; not this time—why not? Some of the players in Group 4 were mad at **Mick Mikuenski** for showing off his prowess. However, we were

glad to have all of the subs.

Common Courtesy: If you are unable to play in a tournament you have signed up in, **please, please** let the Tournament Director know as soon as possible, so a sub can be arranged to take your spot, even if it is the day before or a couple of hours before. All of you have a phone, so let us know. Thanks!

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Trip Reviews



Sunday, January 11, 1981, all TSW I skiers arrived at Intercontinental Airport to find victory and recapture the Texas Cup at Crested Butte. Trapped on an oil platform, **Randy Parker** and **Pam Larson** came in from the Gulf of Mexico to join us. **Downing Wilson** met us in Crested Butte. No, he didn't miss the flight but actually lives in Wisconsin!

Our journey to Crested Butte had begun. Baggage, skis, and spirits were jostled and juggled onto Continental Flight 983. Upward in the sky we were greeted by our flight attendants with congeniality and abiding spirit.

The Ray brothers — **Ray Hodge** and **Ray Tully**, alias X-Ray and Gamma — started their morning with smiles, jokes, and their Sunday morning foot fetish, winning the admiration of flight attendants. **Steve Van Pelt** helped the appreciative Continental girls by serving lunch before our landing on Denver ground.

Our bus arrived soon, but the complimentary drinks helped our wait. The six hour bus ride gave us time to check out some Colorado scenery, and build strong hand grips on assorted refreshments. Games were played, Bloody Mary's spilled, po-boys eaten, and songs sung. Willie was heard and some of us did a little dancin' in the bus aisles. Lukewarm beer was enjoyed by all, most especially by **George Nixon**, a new member, who fit in very well with the veterans!

We arrived at The Buttes — after a small tour of the mountain — received our room keys, and hauled luggage and spirits. That Sunday we had a small Welcome Party and received our Texas Ski Week badges, lift tickets, and T-shirts (designed by TSW II Chariman, **Steve Gucker**). We were ready for skiing! Yet, some were ready for more partying at the Rafters which hosted daily "Happy Hours" and Night Hours and which became a **Classic** for us Texans. We were becoming acquainted with our competitors as **George Hirasaki** frequently reminded us of the Individual Races and Nastar Events scheduled during the week. **John Hargleroad** was busy recruiting females from our competitors.

Billy Carter was forced to sleep in the loft to avoid possible raids from **Art Camero**, **Craig Meyer**, and **John Gay**. By the way, we missed John on the return trip.

Monday we skied cautiously — avoiding some icy patches and holding heavy heads. **Robert Hoyle** enjoyed the sunshine and snow bunnies from the Warming House. Some smart participants — **Bob Dornak**, **Sandy McGaugh**, **Karla Stevens**, and **Dennis Stockton** — were using the hot tubs conveniently located in their rooms. Others learned of the availability of snow mobiling, sleigh rides, cross-country skiing, ice fishing, and Schnapps. Some ventured into the

town of Crested Butte, discovering the town's quaintness and epicurian delights. **Tinka and Janice Cole** enjoyed the Happy Hour at the Rafters. Also at the Rafters were **Jim Hendrix**, **Linda Muncey**, **Barbara Roberts**, **Aleta Derksen**, **Janet Holt**, **Diane Evans**, **Norma and Bud Dealy**, **Joyce and Spencer King**, **A. J. Marshall**, **John Cartwright**, **Patty Smith**, and **Al Lopes**. Some of the above, with most other SCSCers, closed the Rafters on Awards Night!

Tuesday's Individual Try-Outs and Fun Race were hosted by Benedictine. **Sy Liebergot** and **Caryl Lubkeman** were stars on the Denver news while eating jalapeno peppers chased with Benedictine. While Denver newscasters were filming, our very own video artist, **Dale Allbritton**, gave a Live-Eye Report of the races and much, much more. Several finishers had a taste of **Robert McAnelly's** own concoction of tequila, Schnapps and orange juice?!

Jerry and Joyce Jones monitored the incoming skiers from the Warming House and anxiously watched an unknown skier (with skis in hand?) make her way down to the bottom slope.

Midweek snow was scarce so Crested Butte hauled in a sixpack of Ute Mountain Indian Dancers for a successful Snow Dance! Before the arrival of the Ute Indians, **Mickey Mikuenski** donned his Indian headdress after a great afternoon with friends in the hot tub. **Katie and John Terzakis**, **Karen Peterson**, **Jeri Rotenberg**, **George Sproles**, and **Ken Moredock** heated the water while the steam rose. **Linda MacFarland** surveyed the land and hot tub area. The Hot Tub Group asked if they could see more of their President, but Linda gracefully refused. From the Gothic Building, the Rafters swayed. **Sue Allbritton** tried on **Mickey Mikuenski's** headdress while the rest of us Texans, in our cowboy attire, admired **Jr. Youngblood's** biggest, baddest belt buckle you've ever seen.

Ray Hodge, **John Cook**, and **Mike Kowis** came back from the crystal

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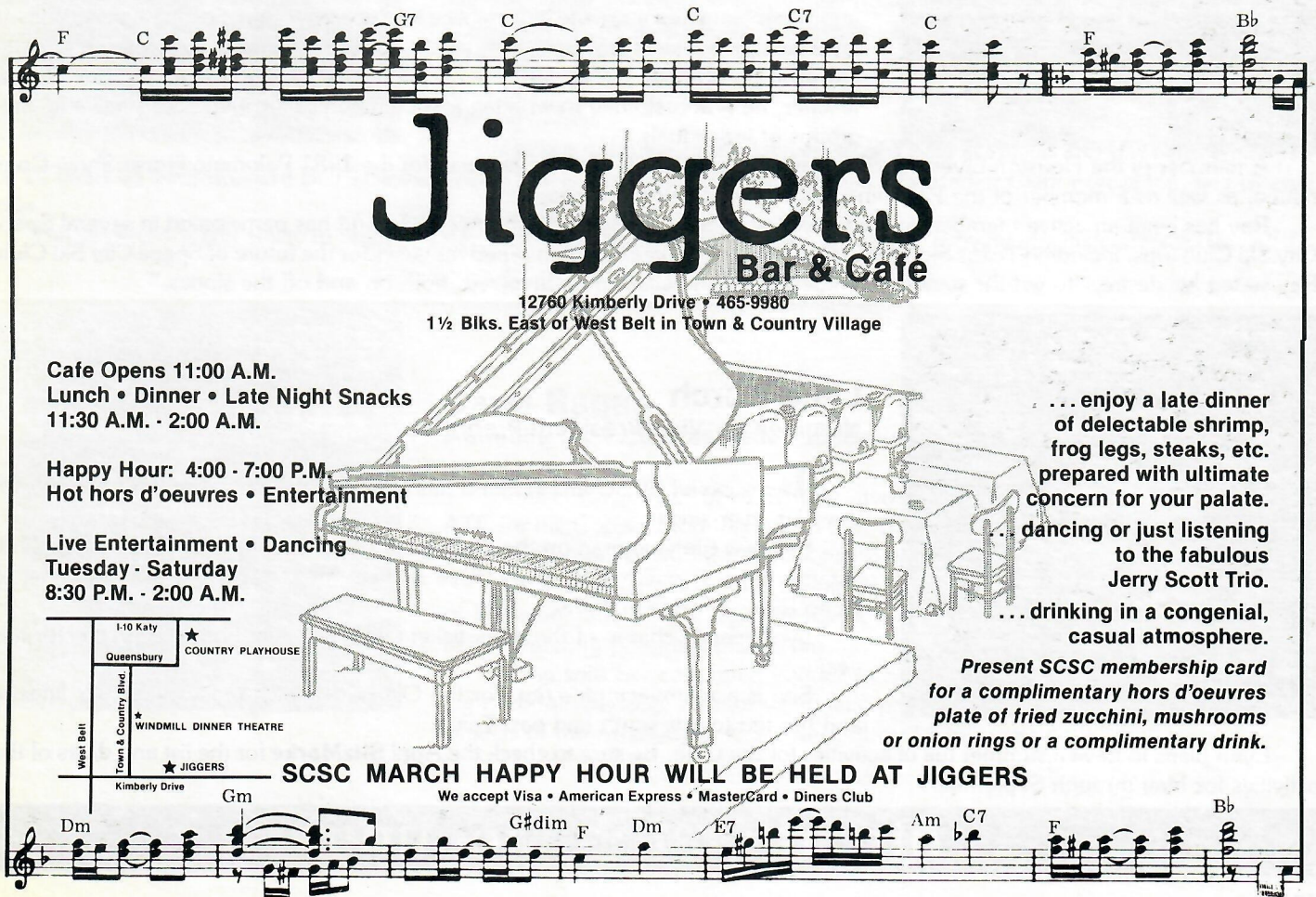
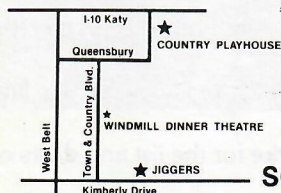
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Officer Nominees for 1981-82 Season



Anne Benefield
Nominee for President

Anne has been a member of Space City Ski Club since 1973, participating in numerous ski trips as well as non-ski activities. Because of her prior experience in SCSC, Anne believes she is well qualified to be your President. She has served as Trip Chairman of the 1976 Aspen Christmas trip (cancelled — no snow) and the Texas Ski Week I trip in 1979. She has also served as a member of the Club Audit Committee, as Trip Director assisting the Treasurer, and as the current Vice President of Trips.

Anne is a native Texan. She attended the University of Texas, graduated from the University of Houston with a BA in Finance, and is employed by Shell Oil Com-

pany.

Space City Ski Club is a serious business which should be responsibly run. Anne would like to work with you to keep SCSC the outstanding club it has always been.



Ray A. Hodge
Nominee for President

During the February, 1981 general meeting, there was a nomination from the floor placing the name of Ray A. Hodge as a candidate for the office of President of Space City Ski Club for the 1981-1982 election.

Ray is a graduate of the University of Houston and South Texas College of Law, and has maintained a private law practice in Houston for the past nine years. With an emphasis in business law and real estate, Ray is an associate professor for the Houston Community College and American College of Real Estate. As a lawyer and teacher, he is accustomed to working and communicating with both small and large groups of individuals.

A member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Ray is a committeeman for the 1981 Palomino Horse Show Committee, as well as a member of the Palomino Horse Breeders of America.

Ray has been an active member in good standing of Space City Ski Club since 1976 and has participated in several Space City Ski Club trips, including Texas Ski Week for the past three years. When asked his views for the future of Space City Ski Club, Ray stated his desire, "to get the general membership of the Club more involved, both on and off the slopes."



Lynn Burch
Nominee for Vice President-Programs

Lynn joined SCSC in 1972 and has gone on one to two ski trips a year with the Club ever since.

She was trip chairman on the Steamboat Christmas trip in 1978, and ran both summer trips — one to Club Med Playa Blanca, Mexico in 1971 and the other to Ocho Rios, Jamaica in 1978.

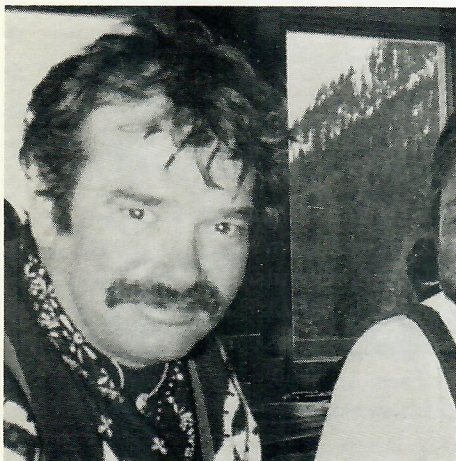
Lynn was in charge of the drink ticket tables last year and is Trip Director this year.

She is a manufacturer's rep. for the Olga Co. which makes women's lingerie and her territory is south and east Texas.

Lynn plans to have a summer full of activities for the Club. Be sure to check the April **SitzMarke** for the list and dates of the activities for May through September.

Vote at March Meeting

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Mo Granda

Nominee for Vice President-Trips

Mo Granda has been a Space City member for seven years, but became really active during the summer of 1977. That was the time of tubing trips down the Guadalupe and Sunday afternoon softball. He was chariman of the trip to Banff, Canada two years ago, and was the assistant on this year's trip to Zermatt, Switzerland.

Mo may best be remembered for his portrayal of Charlie Brown in "You're a Good Skier, Charlie Brown," SCSC's follies production two years ago. Last year, he and Marwin put on "Monday Night Live," for the spring show.

Employed by Brown & Root, Granda spends a lot of time on business travel.

Trips are his forte. He also spends a lot of time with one of his favorite friends, Dude, his dalmation.



Janet Livingston

Nominee for Vice President-Membership

Jan Livingston and husband, Chris Ginn, have been SCSC members since 1976. Both have been familiar faces at meetings and on trips to Salt Lake City, Vail, Aspen, Copper Mountain, Steamboat Springs, Banff, Park City, and Crested Butte. Jan has been an active volunteer on numerous committees, serving as Lift Line Chairman, 1979 Road Rally Chairman, **SitzMarke** contributor, and last season served as Trip Chariman for the 1980 Spring Fling in Park City, Utah. Four months prior to the Park City trip, Jan took time out to give birth to a son, Preston, now a thriving toddler.

She is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and has been employed for 12 years by Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. She is currently in charge of scheduling Repair Clerk Forces for the 713 area code.

Her experience and ability to organize and coordinate details are necessities in order to provide quality leadership for SCSC.



Carol Ragan

Nominee for Vice President-Publications

Carol Ragan has been actively involved with the ski club since 1976 being ATC for the Copper Mountain trip, TC at Telluride, not to mention being involved in many of the non-ski SCSC activities such as the follies, softball, and river tubing trips.

Carol received her B.S. at Lamar University and her Master's at the University of Houston. She taught high school biology, geology, and golf in Spring Branch before entering pharmaceutical sales.

Along with her continued interest in SCSC, perhaps her years' experience as high school newspaper editor will finally pay off in helping with the organizational aspects of the **SitzMarke**. Carol says, "Lou Grant, watch out!"

Vote at March Meeting

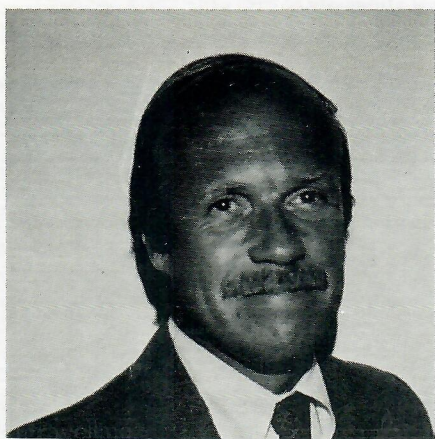
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Sue Bohnert
Nominee for Secretary

Sue has been a member of Space City Ski Club since 1977. A converted Texan, she has lived in Houston since 1971, graduated from University of Houston in 1976 with a BBA in Accounting--and, yes, she can type too! She has been Co-Chairman of the 1978 Summer Bash, Follies member (remember TITS and ASS from the 1978 Follies? She was the one with the lopsided tits--er balloons).

Among her other credits are ATC for Taos and TC for Breckenridge. As secretary she will try to do the best job possible to make the 1981-82 year the best ever for the club. (THINK SNOW)



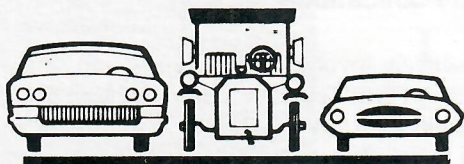
Bruce Maughs
Nominee for Treasurer

Bruce was born in 1946 in Springfield, Missouri. He attended SMU for undergraduate school and both New York University and South Texas College of Law to get his law degree. Currently, Bruce is employed by the Pennzoil Company as Tax Manager.

A member of Space City since 1974, Bruce has made at least ten ski trips with the club, including six out of the last seven Aspen Traditional trips. He was the Trip Chairman of this season's Aspen trip.

Other interests which Bruce spends time on are tennis, sailing, and travelling.

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Fuel for Skiing

Cold weather sports demand special nutritional attention. Whether for alpine or nordic skiing, mountaineering, tubing or snowshoeing, the basic caloric and nutritional requirements are the same. Special consideration must be given to factors such as maintaining body heat, circulation, body stress, dehydration and altitude. The quantity and quality of what you eat is just as important as dressing for the cold, for the body may demand three to four times its usual amount of food for maintaining body heat from the inside, and providing enough energy to function. Skimping on food supplies or failing to maintain necessary blood sugar levels can quickly curtail a person's appetite for winter recreation.

It has been shown that muscular efficiency is increased and endurance greatly improved after foods high in carbohydrates are consumed. Starches and sugars (the sources of carbohydrates) are easier to digest than proteins and fats, providing energy and body heat quickly, but using a minimal amount of calories for digestion. For *sustained* energy, carbohydrates must be backed up by smaller amounts of protein and fat, eaten at times when there is no demand for physical strength in the near future. This is because oxygen uptake is critical to physiological activity, and sources of protein and fat such as eggs, cheese, and meat greatly limit the oxygen supply to the tissues.

This need for oxygen is compounded by factors such as altitude and cold (in breathing cold air, heat is exchanged for cold, further taxing the body). The longer the trek, the more careful the dietary planning must be. Training and conditioning can increase

the body's ability to make use of energy stores. *Nutrition For Athletes* states, "Untrained persons in athletic ventures have been shown to use only a little more than drate reserves." This information is of particular merit for those in alpine and nordic competition, but even the recreational skier can watch his or her endurance improve markedly over a season of steady skiing. For the individual beginning mountaineering, wilderness skiing, snowshoeing or hunting trips in adequate conditioning means imminent danger. Conditioning should be a year round pursuit.

"Stacking carbohydrates" is a popular technique used to maximize work capacity. Through this technique, work capacity could be increased by as much as 300 percent. To do this, the body's store of glycogen (stored carbohydrate) must first be emptied. This is done by heavy prolonged exercise, followed by rest and a carbohydrate-free diet for four days. At the end of this period, the individual must consume as many carbohydrates as possible, while continuing to eat ample proteins and fats.

Nutrition may also play a vital role in thwarting the dangers of the two biggest spoilers of winter sports: frostbite and hypothermia. A series of similar events preceed both these problems. Heat is lost through insufficient insulation, perspiration, panting, and low blood sugar levels. In order to keep the body's vital organs functioning, it slows blood flow to surface blood vessels in an attempt to keep the heat in the body's core. It is then that frostbite occurs. Hypothermia occurs when more heat is lost than is produced. The body's core cools to the point that metabolic functions cease to work normally. This can occur at temperatures considerably above freezing, and it's killer.

In addition to external attempts to generate more heat, ingesting carbohydrates can be of tremendous help in more than one way. Since heat loss is associated with exhaustion and low blood sugar, it may be followed by the

downward psychological spiral of fear, panic and finally despair. These same symptoms have been recorded in cases of low blood sugar alone. The smart outdoors person knows the value of a hot drink loaded with carbohydrates such as honey or sugar (hot lemonade or hot chocolate is excellent) followed by a snack containing some more complex "carbs" such as cereal. Between the lift in spirits, and the increase in heat production and energy (coupled of course with better insulation and externally produced heat), a person's life can be saved.

The body can easily lose a gallon of water a day in dry climates during physical activity. Drinking plenty of fluids should be emphasized to prevent dehydration, which can cause exhaustion, nausea and muscle cramping and aching. In perspiration, salt is also passed. It is wise to carry some well-salted foods, and even salt tablets in case you have problems. If you're obtaining your water by eating snow, it is best to warm your mouth before swallowing to prevent lowering core body temperature. It takes a lot of snow to make a little water.

Many cold enthusiasts minimize the importance of vitamin and mineral supplements on longer treks, since it's a "temporary situation" that the body can endure. This is foolish. Sports, in cold weather, especially at high altitudes produce body stress. Vitamins B (complex) and C, neither of which are stored in the body, are depleted by stress. Vitamin C safeguards the immune system and the B vitamins prevent adrenal exhaustion among other things. It is also known that they interact with each other and with other vitamins. Dehydrated rations cannot provide the necessary vitamins and minerals due to damage of these and enzymes during processing. Carrying a hi-potency multiple vitamin formula from natural food sources is well worth the extra weight.

by Laurie LeMauviel
from **Mountain States Recreation**,
September 1979

clear waters of Colorado with a great catch of trout for a fish fry later that night.

TSW II arrived on Wednesday and we all got together in the Buckley Room. Video was shown and laughter was heard. Afterward some moved in on the Rafters and ended the night with a goodnight plug at the band area — beautifully done by our own **Mr. Cook**.

Thursday arrived early for some of our skiers who were competing in the Individual Races — **Sy Liebergot, John Cook, Steve Van Pelt, John and Katie Terzakis, George Hirasaki, Bob Fried, and Robert McAnelly**. The idea of racing, speeding past the gates, making the tight turns and crouching for the long sweeps is the **stuff** for many skiers, the dreams become reality. For Friday, the interclub races of Nastar became the Main Event of Texas Ski Week and Space City. Thanks to **George Hirasaki** for a beautiful job in organizing our racers in the Texas Cup Race. Thanks to **Easy Thayer** for his total coordination of all clubs involved. And then, Friday night was Award Night, headed by **Sy Liebergot**, our man who

did a terrific job. Awards were given: A special congratulations for **George Hirasaki's** Gold! Winners of Silver were **Steve Van Pelt, Bernd Schlickeiser, Bob Fried, Sy Liebergot, Jim Guild, John Terzakis**. Winners of Bronze were **Easy Thayer** and **Cliff Zapfel**. SCSC received a Second Place Trophy for the second highest score in the A club. Yes, we, Space City, were all winners! Thank you, trip participants, for your efforts.

Gene Ross is a good prospect for some skis — if **Beverly Ross** concedes to the idea. More of us should have been involved with **Bob Copple's** trivia and, believe it or not, **Janet Livingston** returned without a broken toe and **Chris Ginn** returned without worrying about being a true servant!

Thanks to **Sandra McCunis** for her help to the TC and ATC. Ask her about Telephone Answering Service experience. A special "Thank You" to **Caryl Lubkeman** for all help and support!!

It was rumored that **Lori Schaeffer** had a contact with a well-known Houston paper. Whatever the reports,

we SCSCers made the best of Texas Ski Week.

Crested Butte, one of Colorado's most challenging ski mountains and one of the most charming old Victorian mining towns, hosted our Space City participants. It was friendly, beautiful, and surprisingly uncrowded. We all missed the ones who returned early. As many of us know, they missed the opportunity to experience the many varied activities around the mountain other than downhill skiing.

A 7:00 a.m. wake-up and loading of the busses came too early on Sunday. **Bill Krell** finally cleaned up the remnants of spaghetti and we were *On the Road Again* to Houston.

Poker games on the return trip involved losses and gains by **Monica Williams** (super winner), **Roger Williams, Gordon Wise, T. E. Fitzpatrick, Jim McIntyre, and David Kee**.

Thank you all for your great competitive spirit, having fun, weathering the slopes, and enjoying the atmosphere of the trip!

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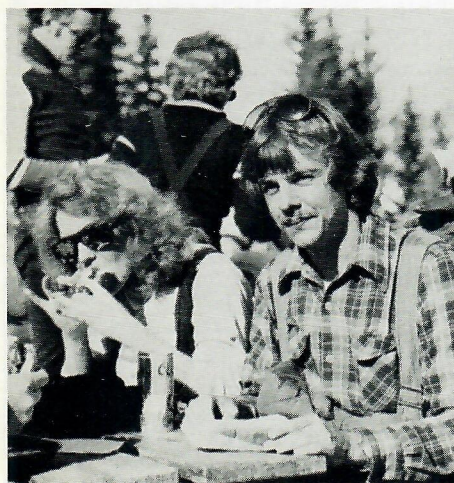
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Texas Ski Week II

by Steve Gucker

Imagine there's no winter.
Imagine there's no snow.
Imagine where we all went.
Imagine it could be Colorado?

TOP PHOTO: En route — Shirley Smith, Robert Scott, Steve Gucker, Ann McGown and Cindy Pilgreen. CENTER: Looks like snow here! Bob Keith, Shirley Smith and Roger Holzman. BOTTOM: Ah, food! Jill Legler and John Baker.



Truth is, 40 adventurous but apprehensive souls decided to try and have a good time at Texas Ski Week and seemed to succeed. From a smooth, on-time departure on Continental Airlines (which **Bill Krell** miraculously made) to **Linda Levens'** ability to navigate a Continental baggage train searching for the TC's missing skis, strokes of luck found us somehow. While picking up a hitchhiking **Bernd Schlickeiser** in front of the Denver airport, **Graham Barnes** and **Cliff Zapfel** made the astute discovery that the cooler with most of the beer hadn't made the bus. Finding the beer and Bernd, we managed to speed our way all the way across Denver before stopping for more beer and ice. **Jim Benefield** and **Robert Scott** assisted in securing more beer and ice while **Roger Holzman** and Company inspected the parking lot of the Safeway store. Finally rolling, the party began in earnest with **Bob Keith**, **John Baker**, **Lee Eriksen**, **Ann McGown**, and **Anne Benefield** leading the cruising of the bus aisles. How **Susie Volz** and **Bert Lary** got any work done I'll never understand.

However, many good lines and lies later we made Wood Creek Condos in Crested Butte in time to join the long trip for a little more, much-needed party. It was at this party that we viewed video tapes of that afternoon's Hot Tub party and were able to see that there were indeed, other things to do in Crested Butte when the snow was lacking. Our luck seemed to continue however, for while we were partying, the Indians of Crested Butte were doing their snow dance. Lo and behold, Thursday morning brought snow flurries which continued until late Friday night.

Thursday found beginners **Faye** and **Robert Mays**, **Cindy Pilgreen** and **John Baker** in lessons where Cindy began her daily ritual of strategically placing multitudes of bruises on her body to be viewed nightly in the hot tubs of the Wood Creek Condos. It seems the hot tubs became the place to

socialize. At least once daily **Steve Gucker**, **James Weiskopf**, **Joe Brothers**, **Anne Benefield**, **Bernd Schlickeiser**, **Jill Legler**, and **Shirley Smith** joined Cindy in the tub. After **Penny Chancey**, **Charla Merrel**, **Pam Johnson**, and **Winkie Puryear** heard the noise through their balcony window, they sometimes joined us.

Friday, the day of the Texas Cup Races finally arrived with Space City's hard core and not-so-hard core racers chomping at the bit. Despite many no-shows, disqualifications and did-not-finishes, Space City took the second place trophy, awarded at Friday night's Awards Party. Seen feeding their faces with the excellent munchies provided by Continental Airlines and Coors Beer were **John Vetter** and **Marilyn Andrews**, **Lee Bollinger**, **Bill Landfield**, **Nancy Worst**, **Ira Sanborn**, **Mike Gay**, **Ron Schmidt**, and **Carla Bishop**.

While many of us took on the fresh powder Saturday morning, **Nancy Worst**, **Ray** and **Mary French** decided to try the renowned Crested Butte X-C tracks. Saturday evening **Graham Barnes**, **Bill Krell**, and **Cliff Zapfel** hosted a spaghetti party for both Space City trips which met with great approval thanks to Ragu and **Steve Van Pelt's** cooking.

Before the rooster could crow Sunday morning we were on our way in joining the busses of the long trip for the return to Denver and Houston. We persuaded Continental Airlines to let us have the entire aft cabin to ourselves to avoid ending the party begun on Wednesday. (Could be they were also thinking of the non-Space City passengers). Two hours and one giant air pocket later we arrived in Houston safe and sound and happy to find the edges still attached to our skis. In spite of marginal snow conditions, Space City's 1981 Short Trip managed somehow to have a pretty good time in Crested Butte.

More Trip Reviews

Aspen

by Pam Phillips

There's NO Snow!! So why are we going?? Can't we cancel?! Such were the sentiments as we left Houston bound for Aspen.

Boy! Were we wrong and did we have a GREAT trip! It actually snowed on us the night we arrived, there was ample congenial company, no lift lines, and slopes without crowds!!

Bill De La Garza was all ready to go even if it meant leaving a new baby and wife at home. **Cindy Wolma** from Galveston and **Warren Redmond** from Austin were actually at the airport on time.

Once we reached Denver, **Ted and Sharon Widmer** decided to fly on to Aspen instead of joining us for the five hour bus ride. **Stafford Davis** and **Wayne Yates** perched on arm rests to play poker with disastrous financial results for Stafford, he lost all his pennies. **Belinda Parker** eagerly and successfully played while **Tim** tried to sleep through it all.

Once we arrived in Aspen, we had a two hour wait in a conference room before we could check into our rooms. **Ron Steiger** and **George Zupp** spent the time watching TV and their watches.

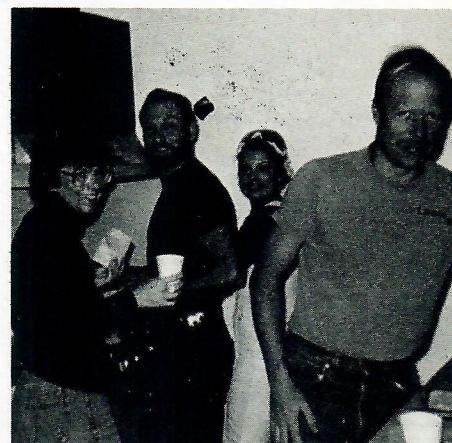
Our first injury of the trip was **Gene Turboff**, as he was yelling at **Mary Kay Nicholson** that if she wanted to ski with him and **John McDonald**, she was going to have to ski faster.

Rosemary Garbett was sick for two days, but with the TLC of **Roger McKillip**, she was back up later in the week. **Brent Smith** is to be congratulated for not breaking his leg this year.

As always, the sauna was a popular place after a hard day skiing and falling. **Gail Quenneville** and **Frank Riesenber** were two of the regulars seen there. **Jim Plummer** pulled his regular mooning trick on the way home from the sauna, but this time **Alma Schneider** was ready for him with a snowball square in the seat! **Jerry Pyle** was photographed pinching **Carleen Buchanan**, but he swears he was just helping her out of the sauna and into the pool. **Carolyn Lowrie** told **Pat Burchett** that, "if she couldn't get it at night she would get it during the day," meaning, of course, sleep.

Very early one morning **Diana Mills** and **Brenda Villaseñor** helped to fix rolls and sausage for everyone. **Bruce Maughs** tried, but couldn't convince them to serve him in bed. **Joe Jackson** and **Bill Young** provided Irish coffee fixin's later in the morning.

Cathie Childers and **Jane West** took beginner lessons for several days; successfully so, from all reports. According to **Merlyn "Wings" Harger**, **Michell Lamb** has one thing in her favor (besides him) about learning to ski: she's not afraid to go fast. We need



you next year at Texas Ski Week! Speaking of racing, **Cindy Stepchinski** beat everybody at our fun race, even **Don McCutchen**, **Chuck Lechliden** and **Dave Van Rooy**. **John McGowan** decided to take her picture instead of racing. **Bob McKnight** reluctantly beat **Sam** when they raced.

Jim Sikes had a birthday while we were at Aspen and **Stella** knows what to buy him when they get home: a new pair of skis. He trashed his midway through the week; yes, there were rocks



LEFT TOP: Too many cooks? Jerry Wilfong, Rudy Naquin, Brenda Villasenor, Bruce Maughs. BOTTOM: Barbara Munger and Frank Riesenbergs at Little Nell's, with Gail Quenneville and Bruce in background. BOTTOM LEFT: We came to Aspen to sit in a conference room for two hours. BOTTOM RIGHT: Pam Phillips, Merlyn Harger, Michelle Lamb — partying hard!

on them thar slopes!

Paula Boughter knows Ruthie's Run like the back of her bibbers.

"The SmokeHause" became the name of the condo housing **Lou Schultz**, **James Coglin**, and **Spero Criezis** after they discovered that the fireplace flue didn't work but the smoke detector did.

Rudy Naquin was seen with **Judy Bertrand** at the Steak Pit, one of the better steak places in town.

Jean "The Machine" Marshall was nicknamed by those who skied with her, **Dick Bryant** and **Mike "MF" Brown**.

MJ Stumpf didn't have as much trouble with the ice on the slopes as she did with that in the steeply sloping driveways between her condo and the buses. **John Stumpf**, on the other hand, had absolutely no trouble skiing anything and partying among the most enthusiastic and loudest.

Other activities enjoyed and still reportable were snowmobiling by **Jo and Don Hill** with **Leon Apostolo** and **Theresa Dreista**. **Judy Swasey** found an ex-ski instructor to pal around with. **Sue Walker** skied the longest without a bathroom break.

Barbara Munger thought she had lost her baggage on the return to Denver, but the airline people helped her to find it.

Our post-trip party at **Jerri Wilfong's** was a rowdy success. There we were treated to **Bob Wilbank's** slides that he finally took after snapping madly for two days without film. **Manuel Valle** showed us pictures of, among other things, bus doors. **Jay Castille** was voted by **Billie Nowak** and numerous others to have the best looking legs on the trip. **Marvin Sondock** missed the party due to his catching the flu. **Joe Chernow** and **Kay Adams** missed for a better reason — a trip to Winter Park.

Pam Phillips, who wrote this article, congratulates **Dan McLean** as the last person to be mentioned in it!



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Exercise Day in the Park

by Dale Englefield

The Saturday was beautiful! (No, it wasn't on Sunday!) sorry you missed it. As for missing things, **Pam Phillips** first missed the flying beer, then recovered it and poured it all over the volleyball court.

Volleyball was the major activity, if beer drinking was not. Enough people came to have a great game for several hours. Thanks to **Jerry Pyle**, we had a round ball. The other one was somewhat elliptical.

This is what we remember about the players:

Billie Nowak helped collect the money. Couldn't have done it without

her. **Glenn Bishop** kept the net in place. Was it **Jeri Rotenberg** that pretzelized the pole? **Patti Cwalinski** took photographs. **Jim Franz** hit the ball once. **Tracy Fairbanks** quit softball long enough to distract the volleyball game. **John Hargleroad** did a good job for his team.

Who had the bright yellow tennis shoes, **Karen Berndt** or **Martha Huebel**? **Wayne Yates** was a real tiger on the court. **Dale Englefield** kept hitting other people who played his position. **Pat Burchett** helped with the beer concession and supervision of the game.

Letter to the Editor

I was approached in January by a group of members of SCSC, several of whom asked me to run for President of the Club. Their request was, I believe, caused by unhappiness on several issues which will be discussed in this letter. After careful and deliberate consideration, I decided that my running for President would serve no useful purpose this year. I did feel, however, that the dissident group had some very valid points to make about how SCSC operates, and wanted to discuss some of those points in this letter.

The catalytic factor in rallying this group together apparently was the unfortunate turn of events at Texas Ski Week in Crested Butte this January. Ski conditions ranged, according to reports I have heard from trip participants, from "minimal but skiable" to "totally unskiable." People who are long-time members of SCSC have told me that they have done Thanksgiving and/or spring skiing in conditions worse than Crested Butte, and members who have skied the East Coast resorts consider Crested Butte's conditions good. I don't mean to make the conditions for TSW sound less unfavorable than they were, but am just trying to point out the fact that judging ski conditions is a very subjective type of judgment. According to my information, members of the TSW trips were told that conditions were minimal but skiable, and from the majority of participants on the trip, these conditions have been verified. Those members who have skied Colorado for the last four years prior to this year have been blessed with near-perfect conditions, but unfortunately, the current year did not have that to offer.

What I was not aware of at the time I met with the dissident group was that the current Executive Committee had already started trying to obtain refunds for those trip participants who signed up for the trip but did not attend. This action is being coordinated by the current VP of Trips. Your Executive Committee will also do whatever possible to obtain some compensation from Crested Butte's property owners, resort operators, etc., for the people who attended under the impression that there was no real alternative. I do not wish to

appear optimistic about the possibility of refunds of any sort for this group, but pressure will be applied as much as possible. I would like at this point to leave behind the TSW problems with the promise that, as a member of your Board of Directors, I will follow up in every way possible to insure that SCSC has done everything it can for its members.

Another issue raised by the dissident group was the feeling that there exists within the Club a "clique", and that only members of this clique are able to obtain positions as TCs, ATCs, Lift Liners, etc. By way of answer, no one can deny that the most active members of **any** organization tend to become good friends and bond together because they do so many things as a group, but hopefully no one is excluded from working for the organization. Our membership application asks if members want to volunteer to help in any functions of the Club, and many members indicate that they do. The problem arises frequently, however, that when many of these members are called to do some work, it is no longer convenient or they are simply no longer willing to serve. The Officers, needing help, after calling and being unable to find new volunteers, simply turn back to the people who have proved in the past that they **will** work, so the same people are used repeatedly. Possibly what is needed is a "Volunteer Table" at each general meeting so that people who are interested can check each month to see how they can help. Meanwhile, any member who wants to volunteer should call an officer and offer his or her services. As far as the "clique" is concerned, several tongue-in-cheek references to it appeared in the **SitzMarke** earlier, but those references were intended in a purely joking manner; unfortunately, some members took the comments seriously, thus aggravating the situation. The Executive Committee, at virtually every meeting, emphasizes the need for bringing new people in. It is also worth mentioning that no one I have spoken to can remember a person ever being nominated by a Nominating Committee for any office other than President if that person has ever served as an officer of

the Club. This is not a Standing Rule or By-Law of SCSC, but merely a practical way of preventing an "in group" from perpetuating control.

The next major point raised was that members have no way of voicing their grievances or of just expressing their feelings about how the Club should be run. Let me assure you that the Exec Committee wants to run the Club in the way in which the members will benefit most, so your opinions are needed. You are welcome to attend any Exec Committee meeting (they occur monthly), and all you need to do is call the President or Secretary of the Club to set up a time for you to make your comments or presentation.

Another issue raised is that there are a number of people who attend the monthly general meetings with no consideration for those who are trying to hear the program. I suppose people join SCSC for various reasons, one of which is to meet people and to develop their social lives. Certainly we don't want to discourage this, since SCSC is a social club as well as a ski club, but we want to allow those interested in skiing to be able to hear and see the program — we also want to be respectful and courteous to our guests who have given their time to present various programs. Possibly we need to segregate those members who want to socialize into a different room while the program is in progress. If that is not feasible, we need to ask their consideration for the rights of those who do want to see the programs. Any suggestions which might alleviate this problem are welcomed by the Exec Committee.

The final major point raised was that there are a lot of people who want to complain constantly, but who are unwilling to work to solve any problems. That is the whole point of this letter — there are **plenty** of people willing to work, and we are always ready for more. Let's not destroy the Club by bitching or by sympathizing with those who do. Let's **work** to keep SCSC the outstanding organization it is — let's elect officers who have **proven** their willingness to work by doing good jobs in the past — let's be active by giving to the Club instead of just taking from it.

Sincerely,
Gene Turboff

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A little girl - Meredith Claire
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March 21..... Bicycle Outing
March 19..... Happy Hour
April 16..... Happy Hour
April 26..... Gimmick Road Rally
May 2..... Las Vegas Party
May 16..... Hilltop Herb Farm
June. Tubing the River/Booth, Texas
July. Horse Race Trip/Summer Bash
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All Dates subject to change.

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