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★ 7:30 P.M.

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## calendar

APRIL 9..... GENERAL MEETING

(Vote on By-Law Changes)

April 1-8......Vail

April 7-14..... Banff, Canada

**April 13..... Country Western Night at Gilleys** 

April 29..... Gimmick Road Ralley & Picnic









#### NOTICE:

There is a waiting list to join SCSC. If you are moving out of town and would like to relinquish your membership, please contact Shirley Andries, ph. 621-8898.

#### sitzmarke deadline

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**☆ TENNIS** 

**☆ SOFTBALL** 

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**MONTHLY FEATURES** 

**Bob Allgeier** 

head of the liftline

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# head of the liftline



by Bob Allgeier

By golly, when the ski season ends, it just ends all at once - and the summer activities are simultaneously in overdrive. Since the March General Meeting, three ski trips have gone and come and the last leaves for Banff on Saturday, April 7. What a grand season it has been!

Its a "hard act to follow" but Super Summer is here and its already time to sign up for canoeing on June 8. This outing is very popular, so be sure to mob Nancy Worst as soon as you spot the sign-up table. Also, due to immense popularity, plans are now afoot to run as many as two raft trips on the Rio Grande later in the summer. Be alert for this later.

Unfortunately, the trip to Club Med/Cancun was cancelled after quite a lot of work by Ms. Sam McKnight. This resort area finds itself in a seller's market and insists on a firm manifest of participants ten days after reservations are made, with no substitutions. Obviously, we do not, and

never will be able to, operate in that manner. It appears that the Club will have to make normal travel and hotel arrangements, just like a ski trip, next summer in order to sponsor a Caribbean holiday.

As many of you noticed, we did not vote on the proposed Bylaw changes at the March meeting. That misconception rightfully arose from the published misprint. However, voting will be held on the proposed changes at the April Meeting which allows the Spring Follies to celebrate the last meeting of the season in May.

Article III, Section 5 of the Bylaws currently prohibits a guest from attending more than two meetings. The change proposed is to permit multiple visits if authorized by the applicable Club officer. The original intent was to encourage people to become members but with a membership limit, potential future members and otherwise just good folks, are caught between a rock and hard place.

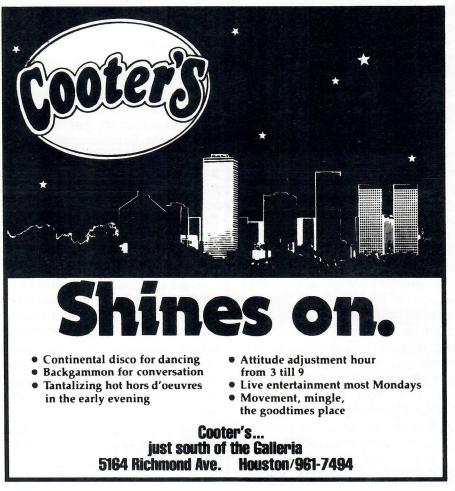
Article IV, Section 5 pertains

to the annual audit and merely formalizes a function that has been performed in recent years anyway but which has not, heretofore, been required.

Article VI, Section 3 refers to reports by outgoing officers and is needed since final reports cannot practically be submitted within the time alloted now. This is especially true of the Treasury Report and segments of the other reports dealing with finance. It just takes time for all the data to come in from lodges, bus companies, airlines, Trip Chairpeople, and other vendors.

We hope you vote them all in. This article is my last as President of the Club. While I'm pleased to throw the anvil of office into **Keith Eastin's** lap, I can assure you that I will miss the office. I have received tremendous support from you and appreciate that support as well as the opportunity to have served. I'm sure that Keith and the other officers will receive that same enthusiastic support.

Thanks very much!



# san francisco, lake tahoe & snow, snow, snow & how deep's the powder, mama? six feet high and rising!

by S. W. King

What can be said for a ten-day ski trip where so much snow fell that eight days were spent on the bus and six days on the airplane! Seriously, after a smooth send-off from Houston Intercontinental Airport and a fantastic two days in San Francisco, the West Coast was hit by the snow storm of the century just as we were partying our way to Tahoe. Total party and travel time was ten hours for a four-hour bus ride. I'm told that Jim Plummer and James Dixon had time to get drunk, sober up and get drunk again.

John and Debbie Kelly, Bill Ginder, Karen Hakes, Lewis and Norma Albert, Bill and Mary Scurlock, and Max and Bernice Burkhart escaped from Alcatraz in time to fly and meet the rest of us in Tahoe after visiting Reno's airport. Graham Barnes, Jo Ann Kerr, Gene Turboff, Cynthia and Gilbert Igo and group visited Sabastani winery and were well-stocked for our bus ride. Micheal Kelly and Holli Pretti had such a fun bus ride that they lost one of our ice chests (no pun intended).

On Monday, February 19, Heavenly Valley had 15 inches of new snow and a beautiful sunshiny day. We thought that no one back home would believe 15 inches of new snow. "Wow"! Tuesday and Wednesday brought more snow and on our way to Squaw Valley we found 34 inches of more new white stuff. Bruce Vanderline said that the powder was so deep that the had to climb up to fall down. Bob Brayshaw found the powder so deep that he lost his ski in the powder and had to walk 11/2 miles down the mountain. Joyce King, Sam and Bob McKnight and Charlies Epps were overheard saying "if I ever get out of this powder, I will start going to church."

The powder was so deep that -Jim Guild, John Terzakis, Berndt Schlickeiser, George Budd, Carolyn Wills and Thelda Craven did not want to leave (four guys and two girls - wonder why?). Gail Bitterman and Janice Coons found the bunny slopes so deep that they lost their instructor. Jim Franz said the snow was so deep he could not take pictures with his new camera.

The snow was so deep at Kirkwood on Thursday that we were marooned in the lodge and were prepared to spend the night. We entertained ourselves by having a diving contest out the window of the second story into the powder that we had been skiing in earlier. Jim Plummer and John Terzakis won the diving competition. Bill Eldridge and Clair Turner were the charade champions with help from Lori Schaeffer. The powder was so deep we even had time to celebrate Ron Stevenson's birthday. Janet Morrow gave him his cake - right in the face with white icing.

The only people who found the powder to their metal-winning liking were George Budd- silver, Bill Pipes- bronze, Andrew Johns-bronze, Vic Peterson- bronze, Jim Guild- bronze, James Dixon-bronze, Monica Williams-platinum, Linda Vanderlid-platinum, Chris Winn- platinum, Bob Spencer- \$100. chips, Jerry Chiles- 5d chips, Randy Butler- 10d chips and Jim Benefield- 15d chips.

With an early start (4:30 a.m.) on Sunday to beat the next snow storm out of Tahoe, we arrived in San Francisco Airport ahead of schedule only to find that our aircraft was broken and that the snow storm was late. Again SCSC was able to entertain themselves for a seven hour delay. Tired, weary and frazzled, neither rain, sleet or powder can keep up from going back!



"Powder" and Claire Turner.



Sam McKnight, Charlie Epps, Ira Sandborn and Marilyn Edwards enjoying the disco.



This is Ron Stevenson?





LEFT: The view from the top, as seen by Jim Guild, Pat Gilbertson, Chris Winn, Bill Pipes, Roger and Monica Williams. RIGHT: The long bus ride, featuring Jim Guild, Chris Winn, Barbara Roberts and Graham Barnes.

## **ATTENTION:** ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN BECOMING A TRIP CHAIRPERSON or ASSISTANT TRIP CHAIRPERSON

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:

#### **EASY THAYER**

Vice President-Trips 142 Oyster Creek Dr., #35 Lake Jackson, TX 77566

□ TC	□ ATC	☐ Either
PLEASE NOTE: This	does NOT replace the	membership questionnaire.
NAME:		and the last the same
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Do you have any pr	eference as to date	es for your trip?
Are there any dates	that you would not	be available?
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This Form Must Be Returned No Later than APRIL 16, 1979.

#### copper mountain II

by Martin Matras

Sunday morning while most people were sleeping away the early hours, twenty-five blurry-eyed Space City skiers were waiting for their Continental flight to Denver and a weeks' skiing at Copper Mountain. Last minute problems -always, **Ken Moredock** was a last minute arrival, almost missing the plane and making the already nervous ATC more nervous.

At Denver we were met by our Colorado Charter bus for the two hour ride to Copper. The time passed quickly as refreshments were passed around. Jerry Worley, Dean Fisher and Roy Nice were just some of the winners of the trivia contest held on the bus. Such brain twisters as: "Who played the lead role in 'I was a Teenage Werewolf"; Who was the original voice of Matt Dillon; and Who is the current president of SCSC."

For those anxious skiers like - Joe Assad and Jimmy St. Clair we arrived in Copper early enough for them to get in a half day of skiing. The rest of the group just unpacked or took a walk around the village area.

Monday, the first full day was met by twenty-six (yes, 26 now as Harry Gaston joined our band of skiers) for a beautiful blue bird day. Some skiers, like Beth Nolen were up the mountain so early that she was the first one up to the top of the mountain -- lonely feeling, Beth? At night the fun continued at the first of several Club parties. Just a little get-to-gether for all of us to get to know each other or a chance to learn the best runs on the mountain. For Tim and Belinda Parker it was a chance to relive their first experiences at skiing.

After a hard day of skiing on Tuesday, Dean Fisher, Christina Villarreal, Mary K. Nicholson, Yvonne Larue enjoyed the wine and cheese party thrown by Copper Mountain. We were also joined by some "old" Club members, Pat McLaughlan and Ron Crossman and their families who had skied the day at Copper.



At the ramp transfer, Debbie Willis, Merrilyn Vernon, Jerry Woolf, Mary Kay Nicholson, Joe Assad, Ike Hoffman and Steve Lavoot.

Summitt Country offered a variety of mountains as Ike Hoffman, Roy Nice and Trisha Gow drove to Vail to try thier luck. Others like Beth Nolen and Bill Kirk could be seen on the slopes of Keystone. Our only injury that day was to Roy as he slipped on some ice, after skiing. He also managed to slip away from the rest of the trip as he had to go back to Houston early. For those lucky skiers who stayed at Copper, Harry Gaston, Jack Rawitscher and Jerry Woolf found their way to run 221/2. The easy part was going up, the hard part was coming down. Jack found a new way with the help of the snow fence. Through the trees was never like this.

Even in Colorado we can get a touch of home. Thursday night was our Margarita Party at Companijros. The liters of margaritas flowed freely before some of the people sat down for some serious eating. Jimmy St. Clair got an early start with a birthday carrot cake. We all sang Happy Birthday as Jimmy was trying to figure out who talked. Jimmy, remember the Trivia Contest on the bus? Thursday was also our first day to try out our skills in the 8" of new snow from

the previous night. For Ray Fitz-gerald, Merrilyn Vernon and Sonny Tholken, it gave them a chance to practice all those skills they had learned in their lessons. For the old experienced hands like Jack Rawitscher, who played like a snowman and Marty Matras, who married, or was it buried himself in a snow fence, it gave them a chance to also sharpen their skills.



ABOVE: Belinda Parker, Merrilyn Vernon, Debbie Willis, Dean Fisher in the snow, Yvonne Larue, Sonny Tholken and Harry Gaston. BELOW: Enjoying the sound at Companeros are Trisha Gow, Ike Hoffman, Tim Parker, Joe Assad, Debbie Willis, Jack Rawitscher, Joan Hendricks and Jerry Woolf.



Not everybody took advantage of the many fine restaurants in the village; Jim and Joan Hendricks fixed a spaghetti dinner for some of the group one night. There were also loud noises from Debbie Willis' room...something about a chili dinner. As for breakfast, Jimmy and Ken would have put the International House of Pancakes to shame.

We could not leave Copper







LEFT: Enjoying the Champagne Party are Jim Hendricks, Trisha Gow, Dean Fisher, Sonny Tholken, Marty Matras and Ken Moredock. CENTER: At Companeros are Dean Fisher, Jimmy St. Clair, Cristina Villarreal, Ray Fitzgerald, Merrilyn Vernon, Tim Parker, Yvonne Laws and Sonny Tholken. RIGHT: Sightseeing at Loveland Pass are Belinda Parker (photographer), Jerry Worley, Yvonne Larue, Trisha Gow, Ken Moredock, Steve Lavoot and Jimmy St. Clair.

without a farewell party. So, Saturday night saw the group gather for a little champagne. Little you say... the whole case of twelve bottles didn't last very long! By this time everybody was getting to be real friendly.

Like most good things, they must come to an end and ours ended on Sunday when we had to pack up the bus for the trip back to Denver. Instead of the usual trip back, we convinced the bus driver to go by way of Loveland Pass. We even had a chance to stop at the top for a look around. We had all of fifteen minutes, but our brave group suddenly got cold feet and we were on our way in five. In keeping with our long standing tradition, we had a contest to guess the altitude of the pass. Unfortunately,

the altitude marker was missing. I was later informed that **Beth Nolen** had the winning guess but because of her position she was disqualified. Too bad, the list of guesses was lost.

The rest of the trip home was quiet and enjoyable, giving us all a chance to remember the good times of the week. Maybe some of us will return to Copper Mountain one day to relive those good times!

NOTICE: Read Carefully. These By-Laws will be voted on at the April Meeting.

#### PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

#### TO BE VOTED ON AT THE APRIL MEETING:

Article III - Section 5 - Guest - Change to:

No person may attend the meetings of this Club as a guest more than two (2) times unless authorized by the Membership Vice President or the President.

Article IV - Section 5 - Audit - Change to:

The Board shall appoint an Audit Committee at its first quarterly meeting. The Committee shall report to the Board at each of the following quarterly meetings regarding the accuracy of the annual financial statement and the adequacy of the current financial systems.

Article VI - Section 3 - Annual Reports - Change to:

All officers shall file written reports documenting their activities while in office in a manner and form acceptable to the Board of Directors no later than the second quarterly meeting following the end of their term of office.

## 1979-1980 space city ski club officers

**Keith Eastin** 

**President** 



Keith has been a member of the Club since 1973 and last year served as Vice President-Trips. In prior years he has acted as Trip Chairman of the Club's Innsbruck, Austria trip and earlier Trip Chairman of the 1977 expedition to Lake Tahoe. Keith believes the Club to be one of the best-run volunteer organizations of its size in the country and pledges to continue its efficient operation.

Tiny Aitken
Vice President - Membership



Tiny Aitken has been an active member of SCSC since 1969, serving in such capacities as assistant trip chairman, trip chairman, in charge of drink ticket sales for two years, liftliner for four years, By-law and Standing Rule Committee for two years and has gone on ten Club ski trips. Professionally she is office manager for Reed Shaw Stenhouse, Inc. of Texas.

John "Easy" Thayer
Vice President - Trips



Easy has been an active member of SCSC for six years participating in both winter and summer activities. His qualifications for Vice President-Trips include twelve years of skiing at sixteen different areas including the famous Terry Peak, eight Club ski trips, assistant trip chairman for Aspen Christmas in the "year of the rock", trip chairman for Texas Ski Week at Copper Mountain, and one of this year's Trip Directors.

Easy promises to schedule trips that do not lose money but are economical and fun for the participants. He will also only occasionally bore anyone with how he became "easy" on his first SCSC trip. Trips can only be as good as the volunteers (TC's and ATC's) who are in charge of them. Anyone interested in running a Club trip next year should fill out the notice found elsewhere in this sitzmarke.

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**Tom Mercer** 

**Vice President - Programs** 



I'm Tom Mercer, and I have been nominated for Vice President of Programs. I'm a part-time worm farmer and a pretending analytical chemist at Shell Development Company.

During the last five years I've been an assistant trip chairman to Winter Park, Colorado; trip chairman to Jackson Hole, Wyoming; and currently holding the position of trip director under the office of treasurer. I've participated in and organized such activities as summer softball, campouts, follies and digging latrines from the Rio Grande at Big Bend to the hills of Chappel Hill at the campout at my farm (what some people won't do!)

The desire to give the members of this Club a varying selection of activities during the winter and summer months requires any officer to perform his/her responsibilities to the best of his/her ability, I intend to do this.

As with any large club, volunteers are the key to the smoothness at which it runs. If anyone desires to help on currently scheduled events or may have new ideas which the Club might enjoy, please feel free to call me at anytime. (Now be reasonable!)

Again, I'm looking forward to working with you and for the Club in the upcoming 1979-1980 ski season.

NOTE: Articles and photographs of Sheryl Rogers, Secretary and Craig Meyer, Treasurer, not received by **sitzmarke** deadline.

#### markemaker

By Carolyn Lowrie



**Judy Hutton** 

In trying to choose a markemaker for this month, I wanted someone who was interesting. A lot of people fill that bill, but I believe one stands out a little stronger than most ... may I present this month's markemaker, Judy Hutton. As some of you may remember, her first appearance to the Space City Ski Club was in last year's Follies. I kept telling Linda MacFarland I had a friend who was a belly dancer. Everyone said, "Sure, Carolyn!" Well, the night of the Follies came and "Judith" went on stage. I can honestly tell you, it was a hard act to follow.

Judy is originally from Baltimore, Maryland, and has been dancing since she was about eight vears old. She attended nursing school and is now a Nurse Anesthetist for Alief Hospital. She began belly dancing lessons in 1975 and started teaching a year after that. Professionally, she has danced in Washington, D.C., at the Astor Restaurant and more recently for a gubernatorial candidate of Maryland, at the Greek Festival in Baltimore Harbor, Within the last year Judy has mastered the art of rolling quarters on her stomach

(she is up to 7 now). If you think that is easy, just ask **John McDonald.** 

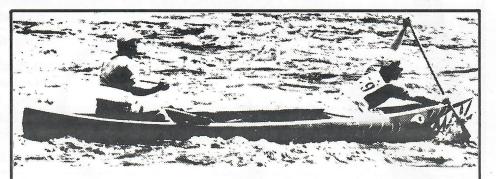
Dancing still takes up a big part of Judy's time. She takes lessons 4 to 5 nights a week at Asbury Dance Studio, consisting of ballet, tap and jazz and is also a member of the Houston Roxyettes, which is a group of dancers started by an ex-Radio City Music Hall Rockette, Joan Jacobs. The group has just gone professional and has performed at the Rockets games, Main street Festival and has been on local television. Judy has also won the "Gong Show" at Cooters. (There is hope for us all).

Judy's skiing background started about six years ago and she has skied in such areas as the Grey Rocks (St. Jovite, Canada), Aspen, Vail and most recently Steamboat Springs, Colorado, in March. She recalls one of her more humorous tales about the Back

Bowls of Vail. It was like "the blind leading the blind." Judy knew it was trouble when she fell and her pole would not touch ground. A new technique was developed at this time and it was called "Traversing the Bowls." Judy said she was struggling just to get to the bottom as beautiful skiers were whizzing by ...

In her personal life, Judy is a gourmet cook, and loves collecting antiques and has a houseful of plants which all have names. In summer she switches from snow to water skiing and one would get tired from watching her. She was on last year's canoe trip to the Guadalupe River and really loves Marwin's Margaritas.

Next time you hear the Greek music start and someone yell, "Make way for the belly dancer," chances are it will be Judy dancing around the room with a glass of water on her head.



#### A SCSC

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#### markemaker

By Cynthia Lackey



Theresa Pizzitola Sweeris

This month's Markemaker is well known to most of us, but for those of you who don't know Theresa Sweeris, meet her at the

next meeting! Theresa is a native Houstonian, a rare find these days in Houston. She is part-owner and Manager of Regal Food Service, Inc. Theresa has two children, Larry, 10 and Tammy, 4. Both of her children are very active in sports, including snow skiing.

Theresa joined SCSC in November 1977 and immediately became an active member. She has taken Club trips to Steamboat Springs in 1978, and Texas Ski Week in 1979. In addition, she has skied Red Lodge in Montana and Breckenridge with her children. Other activities concerning SCSC include summer softball, Mercer's Campout 1978, Liftliner 1978-79, Co-ordinator of Spring Follies, 1978 and Summer Bash coming up in July 1979.

Theresa is also an active member in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. This year she was approved as a "Committeeman" for the 1979 show by the Poultry Auction Committee. She was awarded as "Rookie;; of the year and tied for overall sales with over \$5,000.00 worth of pre-sale donations. In addition, she served on two sub-committees, "Sales" and the "Rehearsal/Refreshment" Committees.

Thesera is an avid sports enthusiast, participating in tennis, racketball, water and snow skiing, dancing and swimming. She also enjoys fishing and hunting - deer, dove and quail.

As all of you can tell by now, Theresa Sweeris is not a person who allows grass to grow under her feet. If you don't know her, make it a point to meet her at the April meeting. She is really a terrific person with an outstanding personality. SCSC needs more people like her!

# Country Western Night at GILLEY'S CLUB

WHEN?

Friday, April 13, 1979

WHERE?

Gilley's Club, 4500 Spencer Highway, Pasadena

WHY?

County Western Dancing to the music of Kitty Wells and

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HOW?

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THE SPECIAL SCSC CHARTERE

beer and wine!

Bus will depart from parking lot of Oshman's on Post Oak at 7:30 p.m. and return about 1:00 a.m.

Send checks for \$6. for the bus ride to **Bob Tripp**, **811 Heathcliff Ct.**, **Houston**, **Texas 77024**, **Phone 467-0569**.

COST?

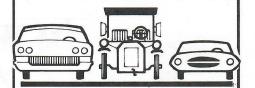
Cover charge at Gilley's will be about \$6. (to be paid at the door) plus whatever you eat and drink.

\*According to the "Guiness Book of World Records", Gilley's Club is the largest nightclub in the world with a total capacity of 5,500.

#### **SECOND**

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# ANNUAL Gimmick Road Rally & Picnic

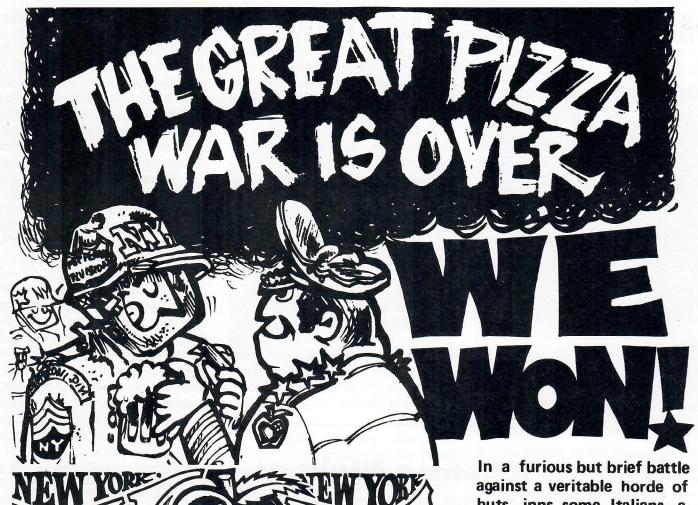


SUNDAY, APRIL 29

\$5.00 per Person. Sign up at next meeting or contact:

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## treasurer's report - (money talk\$)

by Gene Turboff

As the end of the fiscal year approaches, we are able to get a fairly good picture of what our financial results are for the year. SCSC is budgeted to make neither profit nor loss, but rather, to operate at breakeven.

Turning first to trips, thanks to an excellent job of planning by Keith Eastin and Easy Thayer, and to excellent management by the TC's and ATC's, we have had only two trips this year that have shown any kind of loss, and both of those are very small losses. On two of the trips so far this year, we have refunded what would otherwise have been a profit on the trip to the participants who are members of SCSC. It appears that refunds may be issued on one or two additional trips this year, but at the time of writing this article, the final reports are not yet in.

On the non-ski activities, we have had some that have made a little bit of money and others that have lost a little bit of money, but it appears that they will just about break even in total.

We have had several very favorable things happen to us this year, and the net result is that it appears we will end up with a profit for the year of approximately \$6,500 or more. (Your Board of Directors is currently considering how best to distribute the profit to the members, and some ideas currently under consideration are a major contribution to the Summer Bash, an extremely nice volunteer party for those who worked so hard during the year, and several other possibilities.) Based on previous history, we had budgeted a 1500 bad debt loss for this fiscal year, but in fact, were able to not only not lose any money in bad debts. but actually recover over \$2,100 of previous bad debts, giving us \$2,600 more income than we had forecast. Because of higher interest rates, we were able to make approximately \$2,700 of interest in-

come, when we had only budgeted about \$1,500. The next major item is one that unfortunately produced an awful lot more revenue than we had forecast, and I wish we had fallen way short. We had forecast about \$1,900 of cancellation fees. and it looks as though we will have about \$3,000 worth of fees. (More discussion will follow on this in a little while.) Based on our current information, it looks as though our total sitzmarke cost will come in about \$1,000 under budget. Most of the other items are a little over or a little under budget, and the net result is the roughly \$6,500 of profit I mentioned earlier.

Turning to cancellation fees, we have had a number of people who were not able to go on ski trips this year because the trips were filled at the September or October Meeting by people who were just trying to reserve a space to see if their friends were going. Next year, very strong consideration is being given to having a cancellation fee which increases monthly based on the time an individual stays on the participant list. Hopefully, then, people will sign up for only those trips they really plan to go on, and everybody will have a better chance of going. Needless to say, the tremendous number of refunds that are issued works a hardship on the TC's, ATC's, and most of all, the Treasurer. The Club is a halfmillion dollar per year business run by volunteer workers, and unfortunately, abuses by some members are making it necessary to effect certain changes such as the increased cancellation fee. By doing this, we can have a realistic participant list and relatively strong waiting list, rather than having TC's go through an entire waiting list and then end up short on a trip.

If any of you still have checks which SCSC has issued, please cash them promptly, as they are

void after 60 days. I appreciate all the cooperation I have gotten during the past year, and hope next year will be an even better one for the new Treasurer, **Craig Meyer**.

# Girl's Softball Team is in City League "SPACED OUTS"

Wednesday
SHARPSTOWN FIELD
in April & May at
6:30 - 8:00 P.M.
Practice This Sunday
Tanglewood Field
12:00 - 2:00 P.M.

BREAK OUT
YOUR
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#### SUMMER SOFTBALL IS JUST AROUND

THE CORNER!

**BEGINNING IN MAY** 

FOR MORE INFORMATION.

BE AT THE NEXT

SCSC MEETING!

Merc

### winter park ski trip

by Leona Schroeder

On Sunday morning, March 4, 1979, a small but compatible group of SCSCers took off for the Winter Park ski resort. Upon arrival at High Country Haus, there was a delay before anyone could get into their rooms, which prompted Chuck Sheedy to entertain us with readings from the Condo Book of Words. This brought on a quick exit and expedition to the nearest ski shop, led by Leona Schroeder. Sue Walker who immediately wasted no time in putting on the move for the Ski Shop Manager to start her week off right.

The first day of skiing commenced with a fight between **Ann Pipes** and the chair lift. Of course, the chair lift won and left Ann wounded with a beauty mark cut over the bridge of her beautiful nose. Please ask her about this incident as it led to her consumption of many hot buttered rum drinks.

It was soon evident that Hirsch Scholl would take the award for the "best cook" for his imaginative breakfasts and unique way of playing "Prince Charming" to wake up his suitemates, Alan Bitzer, John Martin, and Chuck Sheedy. Be sure and ask Chuck how it feels to be served pudding and cookies while in the bathtub after a hard day of skiing. Hirsch also took the award for being the quietest sleeper (the one who never snores). Does anyone know what happened to Hirsch's stolen toast?

Several parties were hosted by Bill and Ann Pipes, Leona Schroeder and Vickie Rodgers. A chili cook-off was held one night and a wine and cheese party followed by a trip to the tubing hill in Frazer. Tubing has to be rated as number one in laughs and entertainment and should not be missed. After renting innertubes and staring down the steep hill, Bob Meyer had to set Ann Pipes, Leona Schroeder, Vickie Rogers, and Evelyn Meyer in motion by shoving them gently down the hill. On this well groomed hill, you fly down the



The Winter Park Group boarding the bus for Denver.

incline about 30 miles an hour. With the help of Alan Bitzer, Chuck Sheedy, Bill Pipes, and Bob Mever. races soon followed in chains of two, four and eight. Somehow, no one noticed the sign saying not to form chains larger than four. Anyway, a chain of eight flew down the hill and a mountain boy employee greeted the group and told of a similar incident in which one person flew off the chain and kissed his lips off a telephone pole which in turn ruined his "snotbox". We could not understand why this same boy joined on Chuck Sheedy's tube and rode down with him until Chuck explained that he had told him that his group was made up of "gays" from Space City in Houston. After leaving the tubing area, on the way home a snow fight ensued and found Leona Schroeder being thrown into the powder snow followed by Chuck Sheedy, Alan Bitzer, Vickie Rogers, and Ann Pipes. Somehow Bob Meyer escaped by sprinting up the hill.

Trememdous strides were made by skiers John Martin, Gladys Langson, and ever patient



ABOVE: Bob and Evelyn Meyers at the wine and cheese party on the mountain. BELOW: Vickie Rogers and Leona Schroeder.



Carol Brown who was always waiting for John, Gladys, and Jill Ferrel. Donna Swearingen gave up his skis after a couple of days and could not be persuaded to return to the top of the mountain. Lois Danielson made history by trying to fly down the moguls on Mary

Jane Run. John Martin found out how easy it was to navigate a black diamond on Bradley's Bash through the careful guidance of Leona Schroeder at the bottom of the run. Adventures were found by Nick Prosch at Devil's Thumb Ranch when he went cross-country skiing.

Sue Walker earned the "Search Award" by the end of the week for her continuous search for an eligible bachelor. She even made passes at the contestants in the National Handicap Championships. We must not forget the efforts Gladys Langston made to try and remove some of the Winter Park trees by skiing stright into them to stop herself. She also liked that powder snow off to the sides of the chair lifts as she was there so many times. We were told that Joe Chernow and Lisa were excellent skiers but we never got to see their skills in action as they were always skiing on "the other side of the Mountain".



Vickie Rogers, Hirsch Scholl and Sue Walker.

Does anyone know why Evelyn Meyer left early from skiing on Wednesday with Bob Meyer close at her back? We understand that Bob brought her some new ski pants to cheer her up. This was a tremendous trip and though the group was small, everyone had a great time. The only sad note came when we returned to Houston and Chuck Sheedy's skis did not return and a claim had to be filed with T.I. 'Till next year!



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If you would like to help or lead a program, give me a call, drop me a line, or just corner me!

Thank you!

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by Leona Schroeder

This month's feature gourmet dining establishment is Jeremy's Restaurant and Quinchry at 5203 F.M. 1960 W. It is owned and operated by none other than SCSC member, Hirsch Scholl, who has been in the restaurant business in Houston for a number of years. This finely decorated new restaurant specializes in prime rib. steaks, seafood such as scallops. shrimp, rainbow trout, Alaskan king crab, escargots, and many more entrees. A super salad bar is also available. Crepes are also featured. It is open daily from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. except Saturday, when it is open from 3 p.m. to 2 a.m. There is a beautiful lounge and bar (the Quinchry) along with a disco dancing area which is open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The price range is reasonable up to \$9.95. The Chef is Jerry Couvillion, from the Woodlands and the Manager is Larry James from Brazil and Argentina, Reservations are not required but are desirable. Hirsch welcomes all SCSC members to come out and have a beautiful dining and dancing experience, and he will personally greet and entertain you with his many fascinating stories and jokes.

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