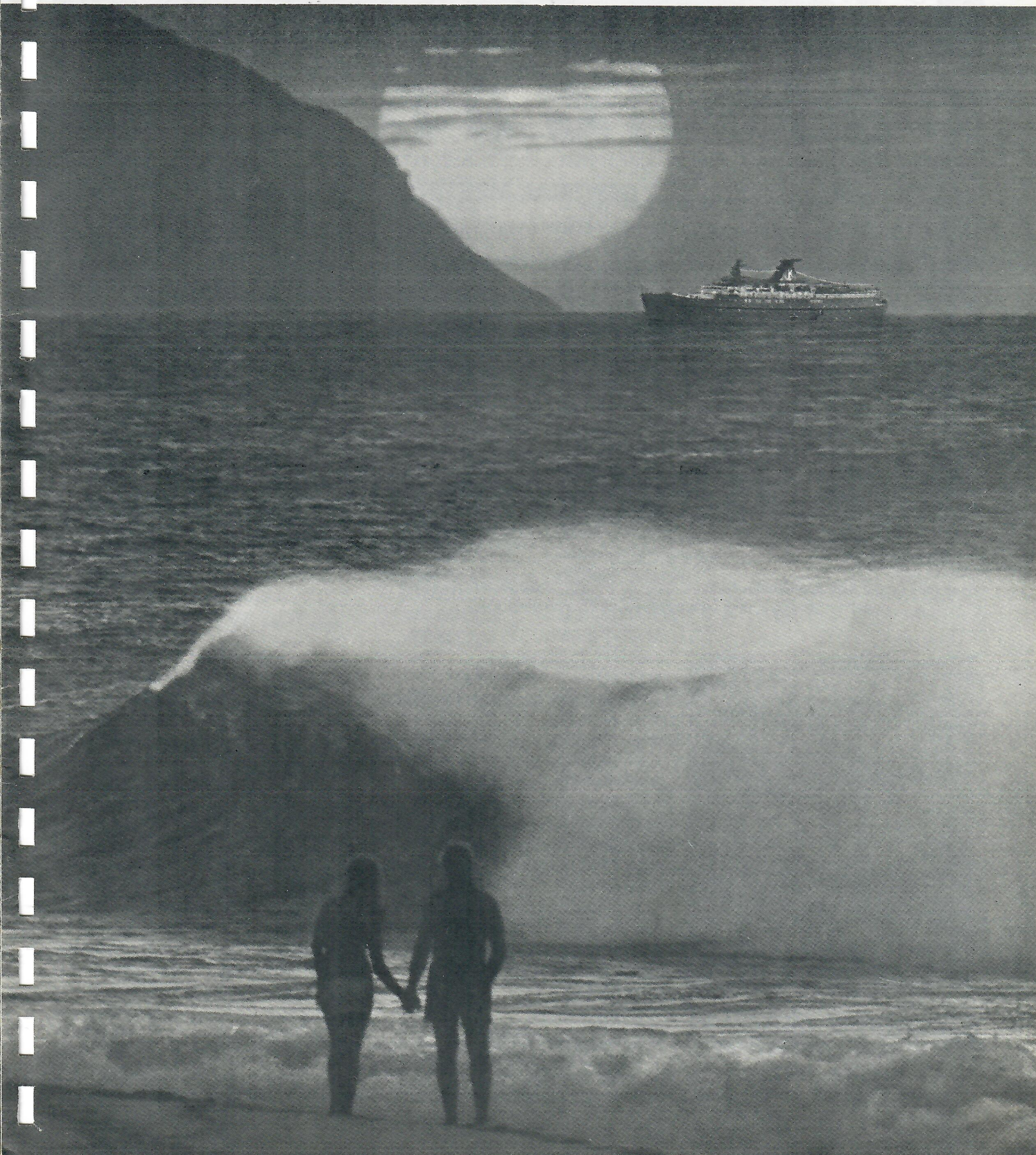


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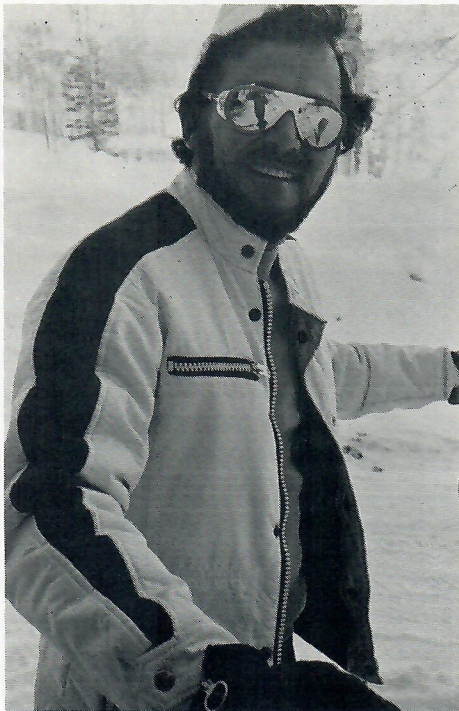
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head of the liftline

by Bob Allgeier



This issue of the **sitzmarke** is a different and for some, possibly a sentimental one. Every year at this time, for something like fourteen years, the Club closes the books on the past ski season and opens a new one. The look of the **sitzmarke** itself undergoes subtle changes in that future schules and announcements of a traditional nature may appear earlier or later, more or less pictures are included, advertisers may change, and so forth.

This annual management change brings new enthusiasm to the Club officer jobs and your new officers are an eager and dedicated bunch. Executive Committee activities now involve some uncertainties: *Will the bus companies in Colorado continue a strange and somewhat intractable policy towards us? Will we go to*

Aspen at Christmas, and if so, how? What will our cash flow through the summer do to lodge deposit schedules? And on and on. These and other problems are worked as early as possible so that chairpeople and their trips can be nailed down, planned, and priced by August in time for the first meeting of the season in September. Lest you fear for next winter, however, the trip schedule is already beginning to take shape as a result of a lot of preliminary work on the parts of **Judy Allen**, past Trip Director, and **Keith Eastin**, Vice President - Trips.

As usual, the last General Meeting of the current season is the second Monday in May but Club summer activities are already in progress at a heady pace. Be sure to involve yourself this summer and thereby keep up acquaintances, make new friends, and have a bunch of hot weather fun until once again the white stuff abounds in the hills!



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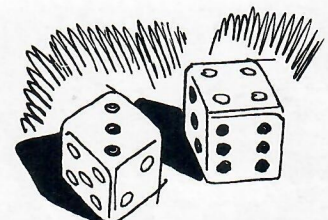
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winter park

by Cynthia Lackey

Early March 4, 1978, 35 skiers arrived at the airport eager to ski. After breakfast and several rounds of Bloody Mary's and Screwdrivers, we were off. As most of us will agree, SCSC members are not bashful when it comes to drinking, and this group was no exception. After takeoff a couple of our group quickly confiscated 2 or 3(?) bottles of champagne from the stewardesses and started pouring! After arriving in Denver, loading the bus and making a "very necessary" stop at the infamous Apple Jacks, we were finally on the last few miles of our trip.

Needless to say, the snow in Winter Park was absolutely fantastic. Skiing was great. If you ski with **Jerry and Jane Kearby**, you soon learn that you don't sleep late! While at Winter Park, about 25 of our group signed up to race NASTAR on Thursday and Friday. We had four medal winners: **Monique Knox, Jerry Kearby, Dale Allbritton** and **Stephen Lavoot**. All medals were bronze, and that might give you an idea of how tough the course was. My hat is off to **Stephen Lavoot**, who after receiving his *first* NASTAR medal,

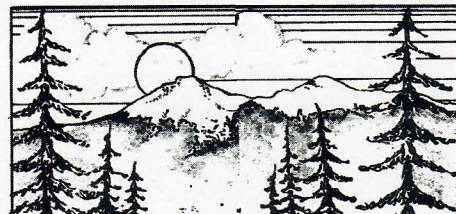
gave it to the young son of **Jim Keatts**. Jim's son had also raced but failed to get a medal.

At last, I would like to thank all the people who helped me throughout the week with all the parties and general work of running a trip, especially **Joe Assad, David Warren, Jim Keatts, Stephen Lavoot, Marcia McElravy, Jerry Kearby, Dale Allbritton, Sue Lackey, Billy Carter** and the list could go on and on and on. The trip was fun, the skiing was super, but our group was the best I have ever been with.

I would like to thank **Stan Sabel** for having the suite open to

our group for drinks and for arranging for a great flight.

I would also like to offer my condolences to **Margaret** and **Stanley McDonald** for their most unfortunate homecoming.



On Wednesday, Hi Country Haus Condominiums were host to a wine party for our group at Snoasis on the mountain. Enjoying a brief rest and some wine are **David Warren, Jerry Kearby, Dale Allbritton, Don Lackey, and Billy Carter**. Also in this picture are the winners of the Good Taste in Hats contest. Left to right, **David Warren** (felt cowboy hat), **Jerry Kearby** (Levi hat with silver studs), and last but not least **Dale Allbritton** in his ? leather floppy hat.



As the week progressed, we all had our bad days - **Sandy Swackhamer**, did you really take a nap in the middle of the slopes?



Early risers to ski are shown in this picture, - **Jerry and Jane Kearby, Don and Cynthia Lackey**.



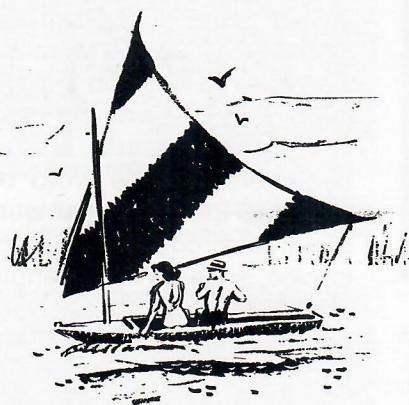
It seems that **Lori Schaeffer, Cecile Roeger, and Debbie Montgomery** were discussing some really heavy gossip here.



It appears that Jim Keatts, his ?friends?, Bob Kinkade, and Stephen Lavoot were really enjoying the "apres" ski parties.



Jim Franz and David Warren managed to collide (we are not sure how it happened?). I heard from another source that after about ten minutes of hysterical laughter they were able to start untangling. Jim, how did it really happen?



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breckenridge

by Sandy Palmer

WHAT A TRIP! What a trip! *What a trip!* Just ask **B. Tripp** or **S. Palmer** or **J. McIntyre** or anyone else who went along. Forty skiers left Houston in the dawn's early light, bound for Breckenridge and some R & R, Rocky Mountain style. Nature made the snow special for Breckenridge and SCSC made Breckenridge special. R & R began immediately after take-off. Continental offered nourishment to sustain the group until we landed in Denver. They also served breakfast.

Once on the ground in Denver, we were directed to a waiting bus where we waited. Everyone's luggage made the transfer safely except for **Janet Edwards'** ski boots. Tripp Chairperson and Continental personnel and at least four funny-looking little vehicles joined forces and in a massive show of determination, the boots were located and returned to Janet and the waiting bus then became a moving bus.

It moved very straight and very fast all the way to Apple Jacks where further nourishment for sustenance was obtained in cases. The possibility of becoming snow-bound for an extra week or two was a primary consideration in calculating amounts purchased. Some of the group also bought groceries. After supplies were loaded, it was on to Breckenridge and fun-fun-fun. **Sandra Palmer, John Funk, and Bob Drake** were the bartenders and everyone was laughing except the bus driver. Dodging wrecked cars on the Interstate and dodging reckless skiers from the rear proved too much a task for his nerves of steel. Too bad he didn't get some of those spicy Bloody Marys that **Daisy Mitchell** and **Hirsch Scholl** were enjoying so much.

Breckenridge was mostly cold. A minus 24 degrees Friday night was the low for the nation. Ski con-

ditions were super and our skiers met the challenge of three mountains, Breckenridge, Keystone and Copper Mountain. **Judy Andrew** skied half a day complaining of her boot hurting. After removing a bronze ski key from it, it was oh, so comfy. Meanwhile, on the back of Peak 8, hubby **John Andrew** had more to inflict pain on his body than a bronze key. He was part of a pack following **Harry Gaston's** lead. For some reason, Harry left the trail and skied off into a chosen thicket of trees. Not to be outdone, John skied off and up into a tree, hanging there like a South American sloth. The leap up



Some of the best sights in Colorado could be seen at SCSC parties. Evelyn Meyer, Judy Andrew, Danny and Cathy Graham, Betsy and Paul Romere - before he won the bronze.



The gang heading up the slopes to the wine and cheese party - Linda Crawford, Harry Gaston, Sandra Palmer, Bob Tripp (the masked bandit), Nelda Sanchez and John Andrew.

was spectacular, but his climb down wouldn't be believed by Ripley. Throughout the entire ordeal, he was so brave. **Paul and Betsy Romere** ran the NASTAR - Paul's very first race, so Betsy held back just a tad allowing Paul to wear the bronze medal for the family. **Bob Tripp** earned a silver one to wear with his bronze one and now his jacket sides are even. He almost lost his jacket, medals and life the afternoon he led the unsuspecting trio **Dee Dee Marsh, Diana Szumilas** and **Ginger Howard** down Southern Cross, after telling them that all expert slopes on the mountain were easy. **Bob Wilbanks** staggered in one afternoon with his pants ripped from the crotch to the knee. No one ever got the facts, Bob just kept mumbling something about moving moguls. The altitude got to **Jim Hendricks** and **Mike Hill**. They skied the till-then-unskied Horseshoe Bowl. **Marcia Fisher** was easy to spot on the slopes. A huge gold star was stitched to the seat of her pants. A couple of beginners put the word out that **Bob and Evelyn Meyer** were color blind and could not distinguish circles, squares and triangles. **Ann McIntyre** waited till she was in the parking lot at Copper Mountain before she fell.

Everyone liked Keystone ---**Charlie Atkins** loved it. He rode for 20 miles in the back seat with five girls. Charlie kept grinning and singing, "Put another log on the



Partaking of a little nourishment of an evening - Marcia Fisher, Mike Hill, Glenn Reiger, Nelda Sanchez, Jim Hendrix, and Charlie "The Bomber" Atkins.

fire". **Dee Dee Marsh** was offered a full time job by the Breckenridge Ski Corp. All she had to do was wear a clown costume and act "natural" for all the tourists. A wine and cheese picnic loosened everyone's style. **Glenn Reiger** was doing the freestyle stuff the pros do. He skied backwards on purpose. Did he collect the drinks **Nelda Sanchez** bet and lost?

The challenge of the p.m. was met with vigor by SCSC. **Nancy Macking** had a hard time keeping up with hubby, **Pat** --- he loves to boogie and keep late hours. **Lovie and Earl Beard** were the first ones in the group to get to the disco. A little Mexican food and ragtime piano made a dynamite combination for an evening. Our poet laureate, **Danny Henkel** was in the mood for something more mellow than ragtime. He and **Ron Smith** did a great job tending bar -- did we have a sober person in the group at any time all week? **Louise Drake**, can we have your recipes?

Bob McNeilly was elected best sport and all around Mr. Nice Person. Wonder why?? **Linda Crawford** learned that she can walk very long distances in ski boots. Carrying grocery bags makes it even more fun. What was the joke that kept **Connie Hinshaw** laughing all week? Does she know who the Flasher is? Who is Flashette? Word is out that a Space citizen is to be listed in the Guinness Book for the most pina coladas consumed in a Jacuzzi above 10,000 feet. **Lois Danielson**



The Keystone Cops never could catch this group when they actually got going - **Connie Hinshaw, Harry, Linda, Janet Edwards, Ron Smith and Nelda**.

saved the day and the bookkeeping system at pass-out-the-lift-tickets time. **Danny and Cathy Graham** must have had a wonderful time -they were always smiling. One theory is that they were laughing at the tee shirts that **Bob and Evelyn Meyer** bought and another theory is that they are newlyweds.

One article isn't long enough and neither is one week!



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spring follies '78

by Linda MacFarland

It's a good thing Webster's helped me out with the true meaning of a folly, or how else could I have introduced a fine, talented cast who volunteered for these foolish acts, placing aside their normal good sense, prudence and foresight.

First, we managed to draft a few exofficio producers to replace our pseudo-producer turned phantom of the follies. **Theresa Sweeris**, one of our newest members of the Club, was quickly initiated and followed the acts from practice to practice. Must have been fun following the Rugby Team around. **Tiny Aitken** and **Lorraine Johnson** sure enjoyed it.



Talking about running around, without versatile **Morna Simon**, we may have had to listen to the Rugby Team sing off key or watch the chorus line go in two different direction. We also had a heavy-footed actress, **Penny Wiggins**, but she made one great choreographer along with her assistant **Mo Granda**.

Now let me refresh your memory delicacy, I mean ACT ... oh, you must remember **Judith** and "Foxy Noxy Queen of the Nile" **John Erb**. It's nice to introduce a new sport to the Club and have everyone pay such close attention.

As you know, Space City now offers a summer trip to help our members relax after a hard winter of skiing. **Penny Chancey** flew in from Mexico to help advertise Playa Blanca Playground. Here again the response was over-



whelming, hope you all enjoyed the group exercises. Not everyone can tell a story with their hands, **Barry Kumins**, **Gene Turboff**!

"Tits and Ass" was just another one of the fun activities of the last season ... coming direct to us from New York, Chorus Line by way of Europe!

After a review of all our past activities we also had to take time and reflect upon some of the hazards involved in fun. "You've Gotta Have Heart" to go through a season and come out looking like Mo Granda after tubing or Penny Wiggins after skiing.

What ever happened to "Little Red Riding Hood" **Shirley Andries**? Don't let her fool you, she can play a variety of roles. One of the most important was a critical word on



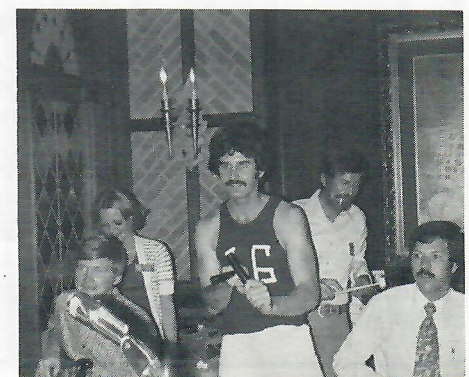
the behind the scenes practice. Thanks Shirley.

Did you know that Pauline alias **Tricia Page** had to write, produce, and direct that whole crazy group in the "Perils of Pauline". Oh, I almost forgot, **Bob Marwin**, what was the name of your finger-nail polish?

Oh what would we do without Snidley. Snidley (**Tom Mercer**)! He's a good natured fellow at heart, setting up the entire sound system, just so everyone would know Sidney, Sam, NO! NO! It's Snidley - I remember now.

Last but not only because they put all the pieces together are the "Boys in the Band" **Art Camero**, **Dave Hargett**, and **Jay Castille**. Special thanks!

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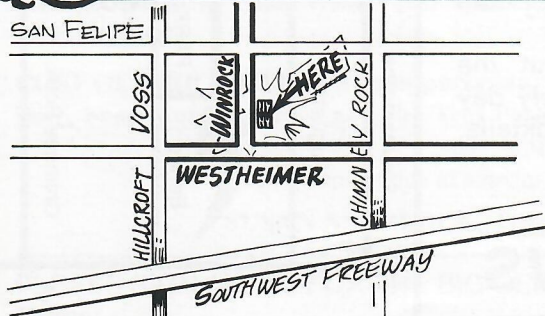


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by Bob Olsen

This writer has always been partial to Chinese restaurants. They have received a disproportionate share of the space in this column. Nevertheless, we must share a new one with you.

The Golden Palace, in my opinion, is the current best oriental restaurant in Houston. Credit the find to Sandra Palmer and Ron Smith. They led a group of ten to an after-cocktail hour feast at 8520 Bellaire (way out west). Each variety of soup or entree' contested for the favorite of the group. They were all so good that no single dish could be singled out as the best.

The shrimp were tender, the duck was crisp, the Szechuan dishes were spicy without destroying the taste buds. We were impressed with the variety on the menu as well as the competent service.

The atmosphere was almost elegant for a Chinese restaurant. Bing Yen Chen, chef and owner, brings his skills to us from Burma via San Francisco. His promotional material claims he owned a Burmese restaurant constructed from two World War II C46 aircraft. The current location is considerably fancier.

Hours are variable but the Golden Palace is open every day for lunch, dinner and cocktails. Prices are very reasonable.

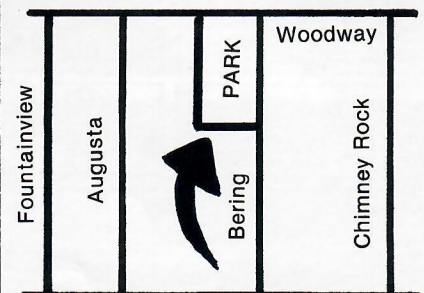
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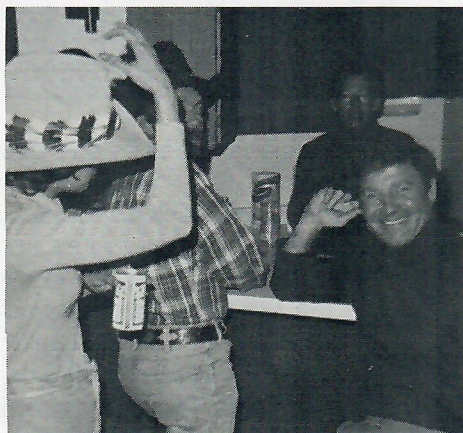
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Margaret Weiskopf and Cindy Collins discuss the day on the slopes while Gene Ross looks on.



Donna Hahus, Marty Matras, Sue Downe, and Bob Hoffman are intent on Sheri Reich's conversation.

steamboat II

by Maxine Silverman

Steamboat II '78 began with a shock for the ATC when she found out she was also to be the TC - *less than 48 hours before departure!* But, with the aid of the participants, especially **James Weiskopf, Sue Downe, and Steve Kroger**, the trip started with a bang and turned out to be one of the most successful trips most of the participants had ever enjoyed!

After an uneventful early morning flight April 1, the skiers enjoyed a scenic bus ride to Steamboat. Upon a wet arrival in Steamboat, many explored the town, particularly the "Tugboat" Bar, where Steve Kroger, aided and abetted by **Theresa Sweeris and Sue Downe**, challenged the local pool hustlers (*the pre-teen group in particular!*).

Skiers hit the slopes Sunday morning with wild abandon. The snow conditions weren't the best, but it didn't seem to slow anyone down or "dampen" anyone's enthusiasm.

SCSC skiers were well-represented at NASTAR races. Bronze medal winners were **James Weiskopf (twice!), Charlie Epps, Charlie Beaudrot, Joe Chernow, and Mike Kelly**. (**Bob Hoffman gets credit for a valiant try!**).

The "Thru the Trees Bunch" (*ask them what it means!*) managed to spend most of their time skiing through the trees and chanting "Thru the Trees" at every available opportunity. They are **Charlie Beaudrot, Maurice Brown, Steve Bayless, Donna Hahus, Merriam Webster, Don Cherry, Sheri Reich, Steve Wallace, Marty Matras, and Bob Copple**. They celebrated by having T-shirts custom made for the occasion. "Lost in the trees" were **Donna Hahus, Merriam Webster, Steve Wallace and Bob Copple**. What *did* happen in the trees, gang?

Participants were treated to four terrific parties and everyone managed to sample Steamboat's excellent night life. A group dinner

arranged at "Stubl Goos" by **James Weiskopf** turned out to be a most enjoyable evening.

The Thunderhead Inn had an excellent trip called the "Street Corner Gang" which invited Don Cherry to harmonize with them two nights in a row. Don entertained us on his flute with "Give My Regards to Broadway" and "Sheik of Araby" -complete with costumes.

Steamboat's "Old West" atmosphere managed to rub off on **Maurice Brown, Bob Hoffman, and Charlie Epps**. All three came back with leather vests and/or cowboy hats (*compete with feathers*). One evening a group of SCSC'ers managed to end up at El Rancho Bar and encountered a few "rancheros" from Uvalde, Texas. **Merriam Webster, Steve Wallace, Bob Copple, Maurice Brown, Steve Bayless, and Maxine Silverman** entertained the local talent(?) - and had an unforgettable evening.

Mike Kelly's famous "toe massage" was enjoyed by a select few. Mike refuses to reveal his secret method!

Luckily, no injuries befell the group. 72°+ temperatures caused a few sunburns. "Shirtsleeve-skiing" was very much in fashion.

Several beginners - **Sue Downe, Theresa Sweeris, and Maxine Silverman** really surprised themselves when they found out they could actually ski. (*Notably, the latter skier and trip chairman -who previously thought the "poma" was reserved for her!*).

The trip ended well.. bus and plane trips on schedule. The group was most congenial and many lasting friendships will certainly result.

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by Joyce Serant

Thirty skiers and would-be skiers boarded **Bill Dinkins** Luxury Coach Sleeper Bus Thursday afternoon for three days spring skiing at Sierra Blanca. It was a lively, thirsty, especially thirsty, bunch that promptly embarked on an exercise program en route - by heading to the front of the bus where the beer was and to the back of the bus where the head was. Also taking place was a most interesting game of charades enhanced with body language augmented by the sway of the bus. Included in this group were **Linda Licarione, Whit Sanders, Teresa Kirk, Jerry Pyle, Glenn Bishop and Don Dreyer**.

The merry group sipped wine and downed malt and hops in such expedient fashion that it was necessary to replenish the supply by the time we reached San Antonio.

After "lights out" Thursday night, **Don Dreyer** was seen going up and down the aisle with his examining light making bed check as the sleeping accommodations resulted in some strange bedfellows. Most of the group managed to get sufficient sleep to greet Friday's dawn with a skiers' enthusiasm although **Don Dreyer** had played "Jack-in-the-box" all night (*caused by allergic sneezing*) much to the dismay of the upper berth occupants.

After checking into our motel -- waiting out breakfast (*one flustered waitress for 30 hungry people*), a quick change into ski clothes and we were off to Sierra Blanca. The snow conditions were delightful but the weather so warm that the group was soon seen doing the Sierra Blanca stripteeze.

Friday night **Bill Dinkins** provided the group with a wine/cheese party which was held in the party room of **TC Joyce Serant** and **Leona Allen**.

Saturday ski conditions were even better than Friday, though "snowburn" proved to be the order



Tense moment in a game of spades - **Leona Allen, Don Doucete, and John Clayton**.



Beverly Ursell - All set for "the big one".

of the day with **Peter Fava** leading the group as the most colorful.

Following a cocktail party Saturday night the group headed for the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort for dinner - a truly lovely place. Popular with some of our tireless wonders such as **Glenn Bishop, Beverly Ursell, Pam Perry, Bob Dawson, Janene Jackson and Jerry Pyle** was the dance floor and music found in the Inn's cocktail lounge. Continuing on into the night were ski-all-day, dance-all-night enthusiasts **Darrah Smith** and **Merlyn Harger** doing the New York Hustle to the country western music of the Chaparral Lounge to the amazement of the truck driver clientele.



Enjoying the cocktail party - **Leona Allen, Marjean Doucette**.

Sunday, our last ski day, **Beverly Ursell** felt a reward was due some of our novice skiers for their excellent progress. What better way to test one's skills than to start at the top -without any warm up. This proved to be "The Turning Point" for **Bob Dawson, John Clayton, Darrah Smith, Dale Englefield, Gay McAllister and Teresa Kirk**. Though they suffered some apprehension as to the wisdom of this idea, the group proved themselves worthy of such confidence and did, *eventually*, get down without mishap.



Dinner at King's Restaurant. L to R: **Glenn Bishop, Darrah Smith, Teresa Kirk, Jerry Pyle, Beverly Ursell, Bob Dawson, Peter Weterling and Paul Whelchel**.

A special award goes to **Judy Steinkamp** who found a quick, though unusual method of descent from the top of El Capitan, for which she now holds the record for the longest, uninterrupted backslide. **Helen Snyder** took another approach to skiing as she was seen walking UP from Apache

Bowl to the Gondola with skis on shoulders. Most people ride up and ski down ... not Helen. She walks up and rides down. And this was early in the day, too.

Spotted on various runs doing their own thing were **Peter Weterling**, **Rod Davis** and **Ellis Taylor**. Seen on the more challenging trails were **Paul Whelchel**, **Merlyn Harger** and **Don Doucette**.

Luckily we did not have any major injuries though **Tom Rose** suffered a sore back after being attacked by a T-Bar. **Marjean Doucette** twisted a knee while inadvertently doing her own form of snow ski ballet. **Penny Chancy** had a "Close Encounter of Her Own Kind" with a mogul and **Pam Perry's** runaway ski was quickly retrieved by hot dogger **Merlyn Harger**.

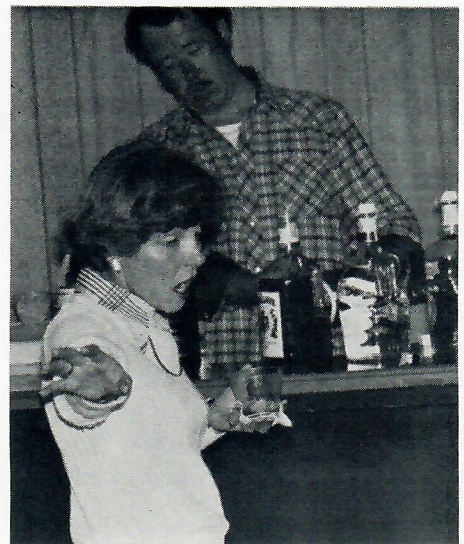
Special thanks to **Merlyn Harger**, **Beverly Ursell** and **Jerry "Gomer" Pyle** for always having their cameras in tow to record this memorable weekend and filming SCSC "olympic potentials" on the slopes.

It was a relaxed and subdued group that filed on the bus for the return home. Our bus pulled into Houston at 8:30 a.m. Monday morning and a tired but happy group dispersed for their various schedules of the day taking with them fond memories of spring skiing at its finest!

It is the group that makes any trip and this TC awards a gold star to the Ruidoso bunch.



Saturday Night Cocktail Party - 15 of our group have a great time!



Serious Bartender Jerry Pyle and Janene Jackson avoiding the camera.



Going home - Gay McAllister, Paul Whelchel and Dale Englefield.

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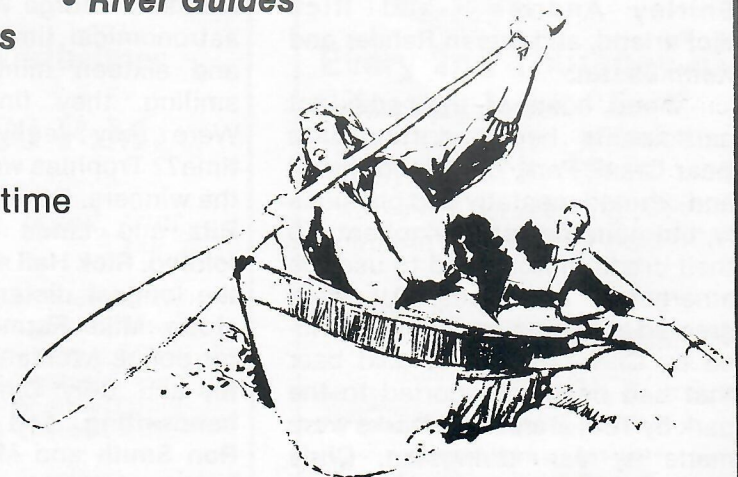
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gimmick road rally

by **Judy Combs and Ross Coffman**

Over eighty Space City Ski Clubbers turned out for a Sunday of brain-teasing fun and sun at the 1978 Gimmick Road Rally. They arrived at Sharpstown in everything from a vintage triumph to a new vette. **Art Glenn** and **Leticia Glenn** came in style in a van equipped with a bar and bartender, **Barrett Penick**. **Marcia McElravy** signed in the teams and assigned each a number. **Trish Page** kept holding out for an available good looking male driver. What happened, Trish? With much assistance from **Lynn Burch**, the cars were numerically lined up and each team was handed cryptic instructions to find the party. Some have said that these instructions were hewn in stone by the very devil himself and later transcribed by - **Judy Combs** and **Russ Coffman**. **Don Fincher** and **Margaret Norris** were first out and pursued by thirty-one other hopeful teams. Lured by promises of beer and food, they decoded the ciphered instructions and answered goofy questions along the way such as, "What giant character looms before you?" **Peggy Widaman** and **Brad Porter** should attend a football game to check out the resemblance between an Oiler and a construction worker. Competition was stiff between several teams, especially those of **Penny Wiggins**, and **Barry Kumins**, **Shirley Andries** and **Rick McFarland**, and **Susan Rehder** and **Keith Eastin**.

Soon, however, the persistent participants began drifting into Bear Creek Park, dazed, confused and drained mentally and physically, but nonetheless triumphant. To their credit, no one had to use the emergency envelopes. All were greeted with country music provided by **Cliff Zapfel**, and cold beer that had been transported to the park by **Tom Mercer**. Remarks were made by **Jan Livingston**, **Chris Ginn**, **Jan Bradley**, and others that



Waiting for the start and last minute clubbers signing up for the mental challenger with **Judy Combs**.

they had spent almost as much time in the park looking for the pavillion as they had on the route.

The final tally showed eagle-eyed **Art Camero** and **Billie Jean Nowak** to be the winners with an almost perfect score. Thus proving the old adage that "the last (car) will be first." As one of his last official acts, **Jim Benefield** presented flowers to the winners. The flowers were provided by **Mo Granda**. A three way tie for second place had to be decided by mileage, but **Marcia McElravy**, **Beverly Underwood**, and **Layna Taylor** were closest with the teams of **Shirley Andries** and **Rick McFarland**, and **July Allen** and **Marjean Doucette** hot on their wheels. The First Annual Perseverance Award went to **Susan Hall** and **George Whalen**, with the astronomical time of three hours and sixteen minutes. Pale, but smiling, they finally rolled up. Were they really lost all that time?? Trophies were presented to the winners. Other firsts were: **Rex Ritz** and **Linda Ross** for map folding, **Rick Hall** and **Carol Lee** for the longest distance between pit stops, **Mike Farmer** and **Bill Kirk** for police avoidance, **Sharon Griffin** and **Billy Carter** for neatest handwriting, and **Sandy Palmer**, **Ron Smith** and **Morna Simon** for best back tracking.

As the afternoon progressed, **Ernest Johnson**, **Tiny Aitken**, **Ann Cornish**, **Diane Yarberry** and **John Cameron** abused the volleyball court while **Graham Barnes**, **Kathy Duncan**, **Mike Hughes**, **Carlyne Kelley**, and **Penny Chancey** watched on the sidelines near the beer keg. **Ron Smith** suffered a slight injury during the game. Rumors have it that he had just returned from a beer run when it happened. **Bob Olsen**, **John MacDonald**, **Gloria Campbell**, **Ben Hammond** and **Nancy Norton** helped to devour the 170 hot dogs prepared by our master chef, **James "Kelly" Kelley**.

Dave Reitze, **Steve Kroger**, **Dorothy Bell**, **John Allen**, **Virginia Kolter** and **Paul Burrige** decided to forego the driving and join us at the park. Suffering from cerebral fatigue were **Carl Leatherwood**, **Judy Owens**, **John Hargleroad**, and **Felipe Yanes**. They rejuvenated their spirits with beverages and verbal harrassment of the perpetrators of the type that sent a caravan of disoriented clubbers up and down "the way of the patron saint" in search of a big show instead of the a big shoe. Other rubberneckers enjoying the day were - **Joe Assad**, **Marsha Scott**, **Venita Pampel**, **Carl Bruce**, **Ted Widmer**, and **Bonnie Hughes**.

When it was all over, participants enjoyed swapping war stories, with excuses and coupes abounding. Those who ran the route this Sunday, will surely have "the curse of the Red Hand" visited upon them all their days. Despite the frustration, everyone had a ball exercising eye, hand, and I.Q.



The group enjoying beer and hot dogs. **Russ Coffman** showing off his official road rally hat.

space city ski club tennis roster

TENNIS is a good sport for shaping up for the ski season. If you should decide to play tennis and don't have a partner, here's a list that might be helpful. Rating Scale: A/B - Advanced/Intermediate; C/D - Intermediate/Beginner.

NAME	PHONE/RATE	NAME	PHONE/RATE
Larry Barr.....	O-771-7215 C	Jerry Longbotham.....	O-526-9292 B
Earl & Lovie Beard.....	869-4125 A	Carolyn -Lowrie.....	723-0620 C
Dorothy Bell.....	497-5755 C	Linda MacFarland.....	665-7088 C
Les Bennett.....	777-4353 C	Linda McDuffie.....	461-1196 D
John Berlinghoff.....	O-626-8100 B	Loretta McKinnon.....	774-6189 C
Neil Block.....	783-0626 B	Diane McLaughlan.....	661-2974 C
Sudy Blumenthal.....	468-1125 B	Rita Marsh.....	784-4659 C
Pat Burchett.....	464-6159 B	Martin Matras.....	782-0082 C
Jerry Chiles.....	627-3030 B	Gladys Miertschin.....	683-8703 C
Wayne & Jane Cook.....	666-2284 C	Jeanne Neu.....	783-9440 C
Susan Cotellesse.....	626-5159 C	Kay Nevels.....	621-0617 B
Linda Crawford.....	483-4871 C	Mary Kay Nicholson.....	O-626-3930 C
Gayle Davies.....	224-6422 D	Beth Nolen.....	O-237-2323 B
Ken Dominy.....	O-443-0700 C	Nancy Norton.....	O-782-0700 C
Paul Dudenas.....	869-4125 A	Rachel Pabst.....	626-0179 B
Connie Dziedzic.....	621-7507 B	June Parker.....	667-6055 C
Jerry Edwards.....	O-664-0996 B	Al Paschal.....	443-3780 A
Dale Englefield.....	682-4163 B	Jim Pease.....	224-3930 B
Andy Fitzpatrick.....	358-6262 B	Janet Pickell.....	O-623-3838 C
Tom Fitzpatrick.....	O-864-4411 B	Jim Plummer.....	780-9461 C
Colleen Fitzgerald.....	O-748-0350 C	Robert Reichel.....	661-9304 B
Dee Flack.....	626-7638 C	Molly Rhodes.....	O-656-3470 B
Leland & Barbara Fox.....	440-6496 B	Mary Riley.....	681-4513 B
Patty Frederick.....	468-6591 B	Ruth Roy.....	O-461-3121 C
Harry Gaston.....	468-7414 B	Finn Runfalo.....	965-4267 C
Will Green.....	627-7180 B	Dan Sebesta.....	664-6199 B
Clyde Gunter.....	727-2676 C	Charles Sheedy.....	621-5448 B
David Hahn.....	781-3277 C	Maxine Silverman.....	O-781-9290 C
Richard Hall.....	O-658-8627 B	Allan Simpson.....	789-9715 C
Virginia Hill.....	783-3148 B	Sue Smith.....	465-3207 A
Renata Jansens.....	783-5647 C	Bob Spencer.....	O-225-4455 B
Jim Johnston.....	681-8043 A	Gene Starling.....	656-8125 C
Jerry & Jane Kearby.....	729-9928 B	Debbie Stevenson.....	782-8221 C
John Kelly.....	656-2219 B	Billie Strickland.....	772-8815 D
Pat Key.....	O-627-8945 C	Sid Sutherland.....	O-448-4300 D
Virginia Kolter.....	468-2676 D	Ed & Layna Taylor.....	O-656-7539 C
Steve Kroger.....	777-5786 C	Bob Tripp.....	656-2496 A
Linda Kronen.....	493-4909 B	Vanessa Vajdos.....	O-695-6449 B
Barry Kumins.....	O-965-2766 B	Sue Walker.....	O-526-6151 B
Lanny Lamb.....	946-4205 C	Peggy Widamon.....	O-784-9103 C
Lisa Laten.....	965-0060 D	Ted Widmer.....	626-3258 B
		Diane Yarberry.....	627-2515 B

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