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by Bob Allgeier

In the last issue, it was promised to discuss some suggested preparations that a new member might wish to make for the first General Meeting of the season on September 11. There is a phenomenon, recognized over a decade ago, called Ski Club Flu which strikes on the second Tuesday morning of each of the nine non-summer months. This disease is widespread among the membership and "sick days" should be scheduled with your supervisors now in order to provide a smooth transition back into the mainstream of Houston life. A return to normal **may** occur as early as the second Wednesday of the month but there are no guarantees. This transition occurs more readily if post-meeting activities at the watering holes are made subject to a 2 A.M. curfew (*it's tough to have a Friday nite on a Monday*).

The second major concern for meeting-goers is an adequate supply of money, especially for the guys. Your Pins-Patches-Decals bill will not break the bank, but even at our modest prices, those drink tickets can really add up! Bringing plenty of money and buy **all** the ladies a drink!

Thirdly, you will want to pay careful attention to your appearance that night. It is still warm-to-hot weather, of course, so that casual and revealing feminine

fashions are met with acclaim and wild approval and have become a Club tradition over the years. The reasons for this are obscure to this author but it **is** a yearly occurrence. You guys will find stiff competition so it would be well to groom as carefully as possible.

Finally, please look through this **sitzmarke** and if planning a trip, pick one and get in line quickly to plunk down your \$50. deposit. Several trips are very popular and will fill the first night.

The Club's Treasurer for 1978-79, **Barry Kumins**, has worked unsparingly throughout the spring and summer on the books, the budget, and the computer accounting program. We all owe him a sincere expression of appreciation! This is especially true since he will be leaving Houston in mid-September for a corporately imposed exile on the frozen steppes of Montana. With a catch in his voice and a quivering lip, Mr. Kumins bravely insists that this reprehensible behavior on the part

of his company will further his career. He says this so that the membership won't feel guilty about needing so much of his time that he was ultimately banished. The good news is, that if he mines enough salt and preserves a stout heart, the company may allow his return. Some day.

You will notice elsewhere in this issue that trip costs have been finalized (*subject to change without notice*) and that social functions continue. An array of problem areas, arising over the summer, are under control and several official committees have begun work. They include a Bylaw Review Committee, an Audit Committee, and a Travel Committee which will look into pressing for better lodging contracts, among other things.

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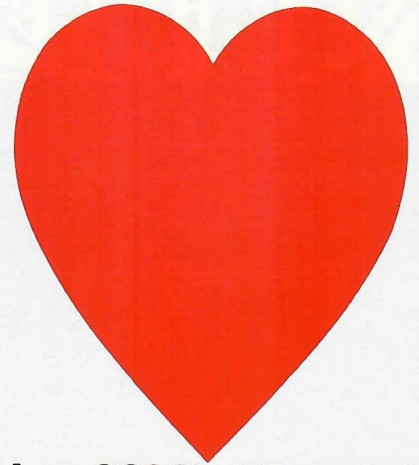
miniums. The prospective searchers can either sample Vail's varied night life or hit the sack early in preparation for a full day of skiing. A cocktail hour and wine party are planned so that all hunters, skiers, drinkers, and other revelers can compare notes and war stories. A discount on lift tickets has been arranged and **J. Rich Sporting Goods Store** will handle equipment rental through their Vail store.

Sunday, after 3½ days of skiing and Vail's fantastic night life, we will leave Denver at 7:20 p.m., arriving in Houston at 10:20 p.m. So don't be one of those who sit and wait. Sign up for the first ski trip of the season at the September meeting! Our final payment date is October 4, 1978.

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☆ Aspen Traditional.....	January 20 - January 27	\$375.00
☆ Chamonix, France.....	January 26 - February 4	\$759.00
☆ Copper Mountain.....	February 4 - February 11	\$359.00
☆ Lake Tahoe, Nevada.....	February 16 - February 25	\$439.00
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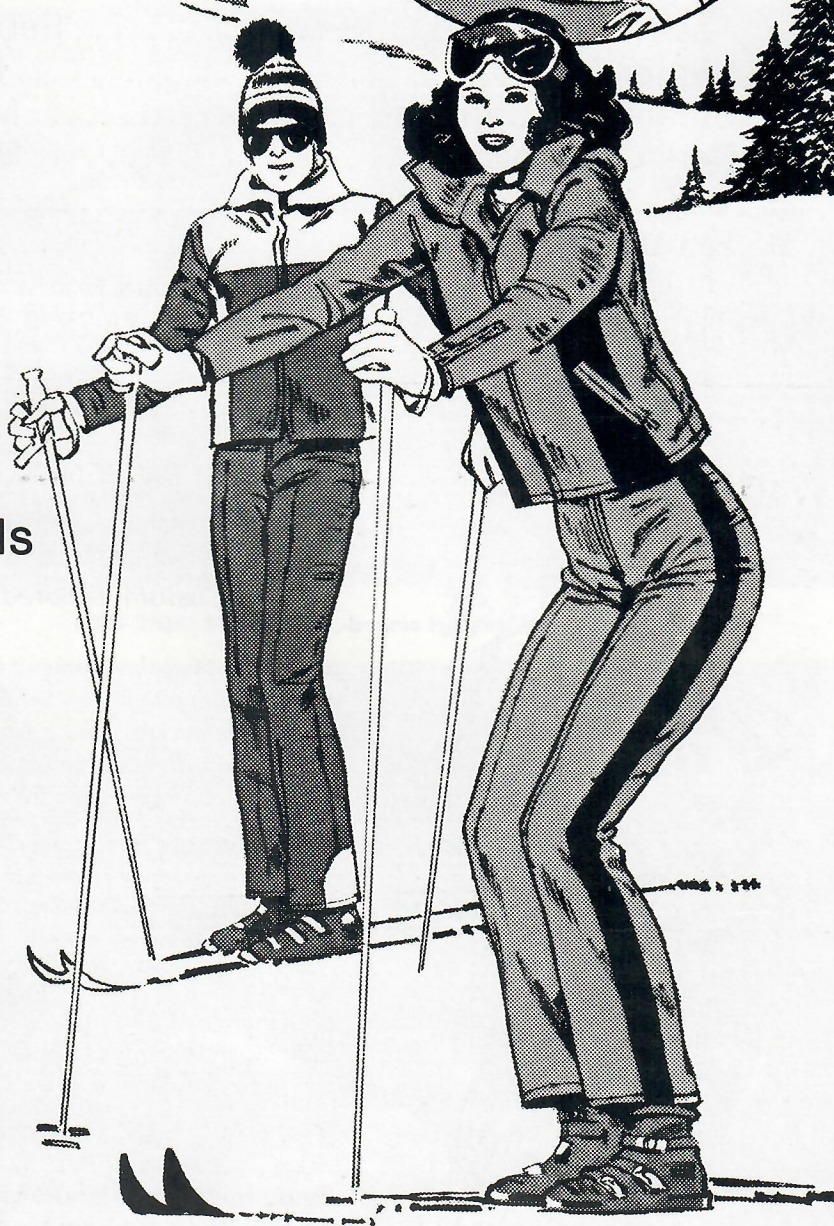
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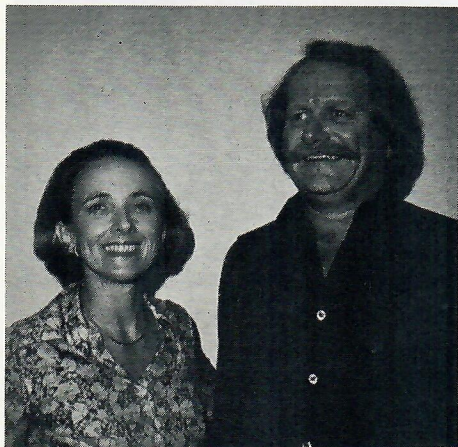


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Chamonix, France is located one and a half hours bus ride south of Geneva, Switzerland. It is the site of the first Winter Olympics, and is the home of Jean-Claude Killy. Chamonix boasts some of the worlds toughest ski runs, *but* it also has some of the worlds finest intermediate ski runs and ample beginner slopes. Not only does Chamonix have super skiing, but it has *apres ski* of all kinds, from a gambling casino to rock discotheques. The apres ski ranges from old elegant to casual modern with lots of amusements for non-skiers.

This fantastic ski trip will leave on Friday afternoon, January 26th and arrive in Chamonix early in the afternoon on Saturday. We will spend seven nights in the Hotel la Prieure where *all* rooms have a private balcony that looks

out on Mont Blanc (Europe's highest). All rooms are equipped with twin beds. After six super skiing days, we will leave Chamonix on Saturday morning, February 3, and arrive in PARIS shortly after lunch. For our one night in "Gay Paree" we will stay at the newly decorated Hotel Cayre which is centrally located on the left bank. We will leave Paris mid afternoon Sunday, February 4, and arrive in Houston that evening around 8 o'clock.

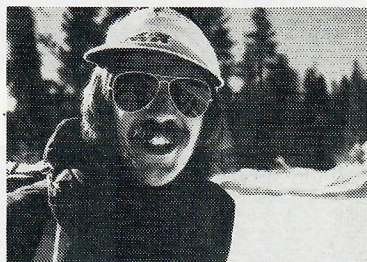
At the rate the dollar is declining, this could be the last bargain Europe ski trip the Club can offer. You can reserve a space on this super ski trips by making a \$100.00 deposit at the September meeting. Unfortunately, we can accomodate only 40 people, so be sure and sign up early.

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Edgar A. Bering III

Within our ranks there is a great diversity which continues to help in opening our minds as well as our acceptance of individualism.

Since his mother and father met on the slopes, it would only be fitting that **Edgar A. Bering III** has been skiing since he was two years old. Not to be called a fanatic of the sport, Gar does enjoy it immensely and sinks much of his time into it, if not on the slopes, in his mind and at meetings.

As Vice President of the United States Ski Association for the past two consecutive terms,

Edgar "Gar" Bering has been expressing his individualism as well as his concern for the continuation and cultivation of the sport. The USSA is the national governing body of the sport of skiing and is charged with the responsibility of promoting skiing from beginners to our national team members, from fun races to the Olympics. The USSA also has organized lobbyists in Washington, D.C. concerned with ecological issues, the need for additional ski areas, safety and insurance.

Presently a Physics Professor at the University of Houston, Gar calls himself a Space Scientist. Perhaps his fixation on the Aurora Borealis is not surprising. What man of nature would not feel some interest in such a phenomenon as dancing lights in a far off sky? He has been studying them for quite a few years and travels to Alaska during deep winter to conduct experiments there. It is during this time that he finds a few slopes to

slip up on and take advantage of.

Well rounded in all aspects of skiing, Gar enjoys Nordic as well as Alpine skiing and devotes equal time to both. He will be at the Olympics in Lake Placid in 1980 as an official in the cross country/Nordic events. Several years ago during his tenure as a student, Gar was President of the Berkley Ski Club as well as the coach. He was into jumping for a while - off a ramp 35 meters long. Don't ask why he gave it up! His favorite places for downhill skiing are Alta and Sun Valley, Utah. Hope Valley and Yosemite, California are the best he's found for cross country.

Here in Houston you might find Gar at the Ballet or in his garden, with the Sierra Club or on the Gulf sailing as a crew member on a racing team.

A very intelligent and interesting person, Gar will stir new aspects of the sport of skiing within you. Have conversation with him and see.

# 1978 summer bash

by Diane Yarberry, Sue Bohnert and Judy Allen

The day dawned, or tried to ... Overcast, muggy, will it rain? Will there be wind? One out of three ain't bad. The sun did greet the early arrivals at one o'clock. **BEFORE** the beer was served, **Judy Allen**, while trying to retrieve her keys from her locked car, managed to get her arm wedged securely in the crack she had left in the window. The car door came open but her arm would not come out. Thank you **Beth Nolen** for the "daring" rescue!

**Sue Bohnert** and **Diane Yarberry**, co-chairmen, after many hours of planning and organizing the Bash, arrived early to sample the first keg and drain the last one that night. **Tom Mercer** was drafted to provide for the fun (see picture!) and game. Volleyball was off and jumping with **Tiny Aitken**, **Judy Steinkamp**, **Billy Nowak**, **Jerry Pyle**, **Brant Williams** and **Steve Gucker**.

The lack of breeze stimulated quaffing of great quantities of suds and the disgust of the sailors, **Dave Walter**, **Bob Marwin**, **Shorty Hamrick** and **Joe Assad** (who needed no wind but did need a new engine). **George Hirasaki** was also seen attired to do battle with the sea in his knee pads, gloves, vest and helmet.

As usual, the Houston Yacht Club outdid themselves in quantity and quality of the Barbeque, which was a good thing because we fed our limit and maybe more because of the 84 who paid at the door. The people waiting in line benefited from **Benefield's (Jim's)** oratory of opportunity to win one of the many raffle prizes. All the raffle prizes were donated and the money used to defray the cost of the Bash. Among the happy prize winners were **Bill Chalmers** (week for two in *Durango*), **Jim Benefield** (skis from *J. Rich*), and **Arty Allen** (Great Mine Co. dinner donated by *Jay Castille Realty*). Was that fair Juliet and twin sister yelling raffle numbers from the balcony? No, it was our

own SCSC speaker system, **Bob Marwin** and **Easy Thayer**.

It was good to see familiar faces from afar - **Karol Klopp**, **Leslie Holmes**, **Stan Ferguson**, **Easy Thayer** and **Bob "Thru the Trees" Copple**.

Many thanks to the volunteers **Beth Nolen**, **Susie Griffin**, **Ann Axakowsky** and **Lynn Burch** who helped throughout the day.



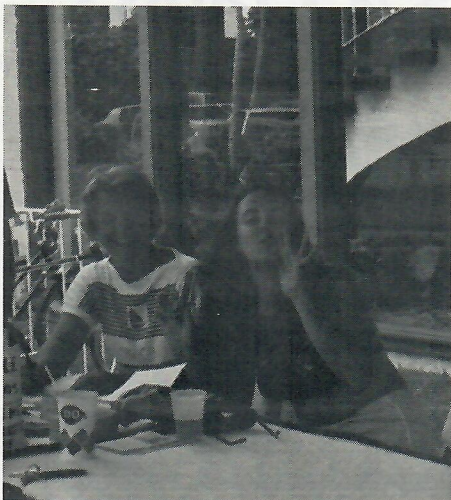
FORM? Tom Mercer and David Massack.



CHOW TIME! Billie Nowak, Bonnie Hughes, Vern and Art Camero.



Multitudes were fed - Craig Meyer, Judy Stringer, Susie Griffin, Tom Mercer, Susan Spurlock and June Russell.



ABOVE LEFT: Nan Delaney sums up the Bash! ABOVE RIGHT: Fun and frolic? Carolyn Lowrie, Tom Mercer, Bobbet Cross and Barry Kumins. LEFT: (Top) Diane Yarberry and Sue Bohnert. (Center) Bob Copple, Shirley Andries, Stan Ferguson, Penny Wiggins and Tom Mercer. (Bottom) Linda McFarland, ?, Bob and Jan Petner.

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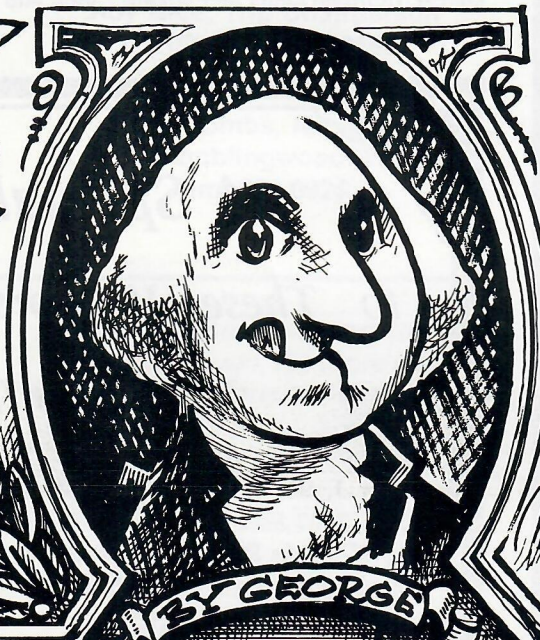
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## space city defeats special risks

by Joe Assad



Led by **Shirley Andries**, offensively, and **Yona Eaton**, defensively, the **Space City She-Club** came from behind to beat the Special Risk Girls' Team seven to four in The Chronicle Slow Pitch Softball Tournament. After spotting the Special Risks three runs in the first, Yona and Shirley scored for our side. In the second, **Sue Bohnert** tied it up, **Linda Poole** provided the go ahead run, and **Morna Simon** scored what later proved to be the winning run. Ahead five to three, Coach **Joe Assad** then brought in **Carol Reagan**, **Linda McFarland** and **Catherine Boyer** to bolster the defense which held Special Risk to only one run for the next three innings. **Cathy Bruce**

scored and Shirley Andries scored again for insurance. Two fly outs to Yona Eaton and a ground ball to **Jackie Zank**, who calmly threw to **Peggy Widaman**, ended the game with a Space City victory. Of special note was **Judy Allen's** juggling act at third base, and **Theresa Sweeris'** all around hustle and desire.

The girls enjoyed playing before a large crowd of ski clubbers who turned out for the game and rooted enthusiastically which was a big help. The girls wish to especially thank **Steve Kroger** and **Bob Poole** who coached the bases for them, and **Jerry Pyle** who managed to keep the line-up straight.

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## a word from seymour...

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**Seymour** (without revealing his/her identity) regrets to inform those interested parties that he/she will no longer be able to provide info on goings-on, inasmuch as SCSC's social activities are somewhat limited in his/her recently assigned location. (Worthwhile events in Yellowstone, Jackson Hole, and Big Sky will, however, receive full coverage.) **Seymour's** illegitimate half-brother, **Sammy Sitzmarke**, has promised to try to keep **Seymour's** followers informed.

☆ Open Bar

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# Ciao's

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## New Years!!

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