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SEPTEMBER 8, 1975
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ICE SKATING	DECEMBER 18*
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STYLE SHOW	OCTOBER MEETING
RMD	NOVEMBER MEETING

**Dates subject to change.*

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1974 - 1975 MEMBERSHIP NOW EXPIRED

MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

Due to the change in the Club By-Laws concerning membership, ALL of those who have not renewed by August 1, 1975 will be considered NEW applicants (\$14.00 singles, \$19.00 couples) at the September meeting.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

As you may have noticed, membership cards are being mailed inside the Sitzmarke. You should receive your card in the Sitzmarke issue the month after you submit your application. If you have not received your card, please contact: Sy Liebergot — Ph. 332-4302

— SITZMARKE DEADLINES —

- September 12, 1975
- October 17, 1975
- November 14, 1975
- December 12, 1975
- January 16, 1976
- February 13, 1976
- March 12, 1976
- April 16, 1976

LAST SITZMARKE

This September issue of the Sitzmarke will be the last issue mailed to persons who have not renewed their membership.

MEMBERSHIP

End of Month — August, 1975

Singles	500
Married	264
TOTAL	764

head of the lift line



By Bob Olsen

The time has arrived for members to plan their winter holidays. I

anticipate the great feeling of cold, dry mountain air with much excitement. Your Executive Committee and Trip Leaders have devoted many hours over the summer toward planning the most ambitious ski program in Club history. Please give them your support and co-operation.

Please note that we will be taking **MORE TRIPS** with departures **CONVENIENT TO ANY SCHEDULE**. Two trips are scheduled to each of the most popular areas in order to avoid those long waiting lists for which our Club is notorious. Nevertheless, an early indication of your interest is essential in holding costs down, so sign up as soon as possible.

ANOTHER AWARD FOR THE SITZMARKE was announced at the New Orleans Convention of the

United States Ski Association. The **SITZMARKE** took third place in the "Outstanding Ski Club Publication" category for Class A clubs. First place went to the Apres Ski Club of the Far West Division and the Central Division's Vagabond Ski Club finished second. Congratulations!

Speaking of publications, the October issue of **HOUSTON TOWN AND COUNTRY** is scheduled to contain an article on skiing from the novice viewpoint. We haven't seen the article, but, author Phil Martin assures us we will like it... **GOOD PRESS FOR SPACE CITY SKI CLUB.**

I am looking forward to seeing all of you Summer Sufferers next Monday at our first regular Fall meeting and to a successful ski season.

SPACE CITY SKI CLUB GOES TO HUNTSVILLE FOR THE PRISON RODEO

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

\$11.50

Price includes transportation via bus, morning coffee donuts, rodeo entrance fee, and Set-ups for the bus trip home.

Guest Star: JOHNNY RODRIGUEZ

EVENTS:

- * MAD SCRAMBLE
- * WILD HORSE RACE
- * BAREBACK BRONC RIDING
- * HARD MONEY
- * SADDLE BRONC RIDING
- * WILD COW MILKING
- * GREASED PIG SACKING
- (Cowgirls)
- * BULL RIDING

Gift Shop to browse in and plenty of other entertainment, including Prison Bands to entertain for the day.



LEAVING: 8:00 A.M.

RETURNING: 4:30 P. M.

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ADDRESS _____

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PHONE NO. _____

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Return with check to: **JINI BLALOCK** — 1617 Fountainview, No. 107 — Houston, Texas 77027
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RMD SUCCESSFUL
IN OPPOSING SKIING TAX

by Harry Gaston

The efforts of RMD in obtaining over 10,000 signatures on a petition expressing opposition to the proposed seven percent Colorado tax on all ski activities were instrumental in the recent defeat of this measure. An article appearing in the July Sitzmarke outlined the effect this bill would have had on the cost of Space City Ski Club trips this winter if it had been passed into law. The only organized opposition to the passage of such legislation which adversely affects the skiing community is RMD.

In addition to becoming an effective lobby for the Rocky Mountain skiers, RMD is developing into an "on the scene" representative for the flatland ski clubs and for problems relating to transportation or lodging. The success which they might have in aiding clubs such as Space City Ski Club in obtaining fair treatment in these areas will depend on their strength as an organization and the number of skiers actively supporting their efforts.

The Houston skier, and especially all members of our Club, have a large stake in the success of RMD. Their efforts during the summer in defeating the above-mentioned proposal reduced the cost of this year's skiing by up to \$15 per person per trip. We should show our gratitude by joining RMD and strengthening their ability to protect our interest.

There is an application for membership in RMD below. Please complete this application and mail with \$5.00 per person to:

Harry J. Gaston, Jr.
10150 Eddystone Drive
Houston, Texas 77043

Remember that you also receive a \$5 lift ticket discount at most Colorado ski areas for any time except holidays. If you ski Colorado, your support of RMD costs you nothing.

SCSC TENNIS TOURNAMENT

TIME: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4
8:00 P.M. — 12:00 P.M.

LOCATION: FONDREN TENNIS CENTER
3035 CROSSVIEW

FORMAT: ROUND ROBIN DOUBLES

ENTRY FEE: \$5.00

Balls and Drinks will be furnished, but every entry must bring his own snack.



NAME _____
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TYPE OF TENNIS PLAYER:

Doubles () Advanced () Intermediate () Beginner

Fill out the above form for reservations and mail with check to: KAY NEVELS
4444 Westheimer - No. 569 - Houston, Texas 77027 — Phone 621-0617

Make Check Payable to: SPACE CITY SKI CLUB.

* LIMITED TO FIRST 40 ENTRIES

* ENTRIES DUE BY SEPTEMBER 19th

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Membership Application

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

CLUB AFFILIATION _____

NAME _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL

ADDRESS _____
STREET NUMBER STREET APT. NO.

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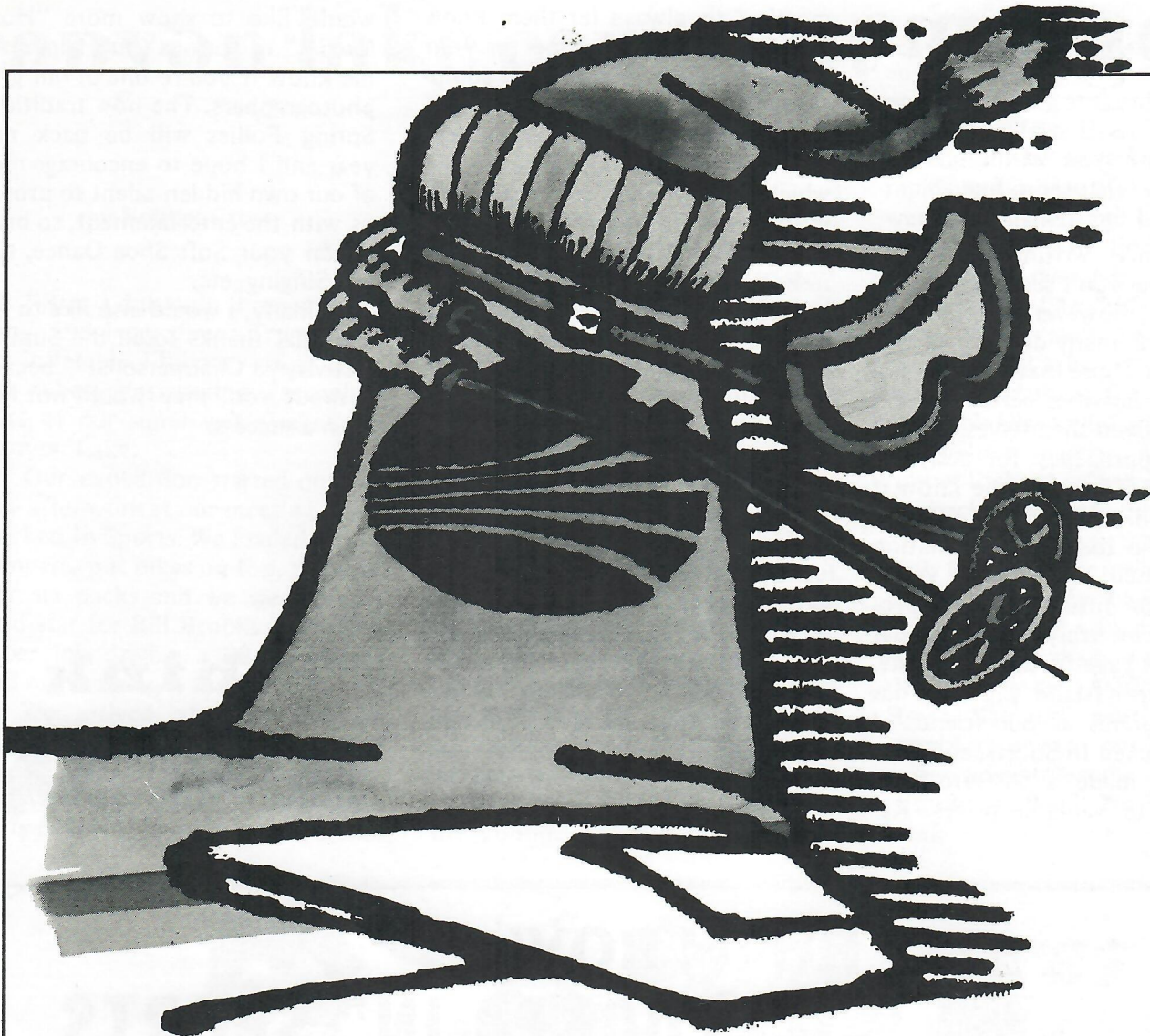
IF THIS IS A FAMILY MEMBERSHIP, LIST BELOW THE FULL NAMES OF ALL PERSONS INCLUDED, AGES OF CHILDREN 18 AND UNDER, AND ATTACH A SEPARATE APPLICATION FOR EACH LICENSED COMPETITOR.

CHECK TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP DESIRED:

☐ CLUB MEMBERSHIP — \$5.00
☐ CLUB FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (\$10 FOR 1ST 2 MEMBERS AND \$2 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL MEMBER)

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programs

by Layna Adams

Since my writing ability is sketchy, you won't see too many of my articles; however, you'll know I'm around as many discovered over the summer. Those that have attended summer activities certainly seem to have enjoyed themselves. Several different approaches for activities have been tried, so let me know if you would like to see some of them next year so that the information can be passed on to next year's officers. For future exciting programs, refer monthly to the calendar on the first page of the Sitzmarke. The Red Fish Island trip now has an added bonus as our friends at J. Rich, Locked In Sports, and Oshman's have made a treasure hunt possible with valuable prizes. Re-

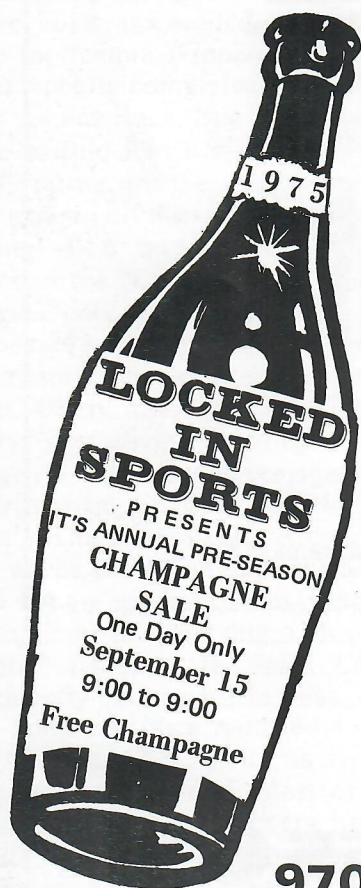
member to always let them know when you're in their shop for your summer articles as well as ski equipment.

For programs this year, bear with me as I promise a new twist which may or may not work, but we'll never know until we try. For September, HOME MOVIES, furnished by SCSC members. After you see these movies, I promise you will be ready to sign up for a ski trip. Also at the September Meeting, you will be able to sign up for the Red Fish Island, Tennis Tournament, Herb Farm and Prison Rodeo Programs, as well as volunteer for the October Style Show. The Style Show this year will be brought to us by Oshman's and will be coordinated by Ann McIntyre. Later in the year, RMD will be presented and explained. Our new Instructional and Safety Co-ordinator, Ed Taylor, has plans for a Dry Land School and a special program for Information on Equipment as well as Safety Pointers. Later in the year we

would like to show more "Home Movies" of various Club trips so let me know if you're one of our great photographers. The now traditional Spring Follies will be back next year and I hope to encourage more of our own hidden talent to provide us with the entertainment, so brush up on your Soft Shoe Dance, Guitar, Singing, etc.

Finally, I would also like to give a special thanks to all the Summer Activity Chairpersons, because without you, they would not have been a success.

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12 ski trips ...1975-1976 ski season

This ski season promises to have some nice ski surprises and several more skiing days than last year.

■ For people who can't wait, Thanksgiving may be spent in Utah where we know they will be open and ready for us. Alta, Snowbird, and Park City will be at your feet for \$214.00. See Lee Grona or Ron Free at the September meeting.

■ Next in line is Ted Widmer's and Mary K. Nicholson's trip to Vail in mid-December. Luxury accommodations at the Mountain Haus and a high probability for excellent snow warrant your attention. This December 12-17 trip is for \$234.00.

■ Christmas Holidays at Steamboat have become a must for the Club and Mike Birowski and Sharon Lord have put together a week long excursion to beautiful Mount Werner. If fifty-three ski trails, champagne powder and a New Year's Eve extravaganza sound right, plan on spending \$283.00 for some holiday fun December 28th through January 4th.

■ Things really get off the ground with Ann Cornish's and John Gable's combination trip to Breckenridge for four days and then Crested Butte (during Texas Ski Week) for an additional four and a half days. Total: eight and a half days, including Texas Ski Week, for \$308.00.

■ If that's a little too much skiing, Bill Brooks and Susan Rehder can take you to Crested Butte too. For six and a half days during Texas Ski Week, the cost will be \$287.00. Crested Butte has expanded and claims to be an unspoiled Aspen.

■ For those who like Aspen itself, Marilyn Geller and John Scahill will take you on the Traditional Aspen trip. A fun filled skiing week at Aspen beginning January 24th for \$275.00.

■ Next Jim Benefield and Martha Huebel have a pleasant surprise this year. It's a new area with night skiing, lots of parties, and video-taped ski instruction. Plan on staying at the Timberline Lodge at Mount Hood, Oregon! Cost will be \$331.00 for seven days, February 1st to 8th.

■ Telluride was terrific last year. This year Bobbet Cross and Ed Evola can sign you up for a good solid four and a half days of excitement there over Washington's Birthday for \$215.00. No lift lines, rustic village and a super lodge - don't miss it. February 13th - 18th.

■ We have neglected Utah at times even though it has that famous, deep, deep powder snow, but no more. Finn Runfalo and Linda MacFarland have planned seven and a half days at the Alta, Snowbird, Park City complex from February 27th til March 6th for \$318.00.

■ Next a "Spirit of '76" trip celebrates the bicentennial year in Aspen. This trip takes advantage of our special arrangements and many member's special attraction to this idyllic village from March 20th to March 27th. The cost will be \$289.00 and you should contact our patriotic leaders Bob Neiman or Joyce Serant early as the trip will be available for only 76 lucky skiers.

■ Banff, Alberta, Canada is in the works for good northern snow in the Spring from March 27th to April 3rd. Plan to see Dale Allbritton or Sandy Shires at the September meeting for all the particulars.

■ Our ski season ends next year with a trip to Vail at Easter for \$231.00. This will be led by Joe Cotrone and Pat Blair. Since Easter is late next year, this trip will leave April 13th before Easter and return Easter Sunday, April 18th. A trip that promises warm, sunny days and plenty of snow at one of skiing's finest areas.

salt lake city

NOVEMBER 26 - 30

vail/ december

DECEMBER 12 - 17

steamboat

DECEMBER 28 - JANUARY 4

breckenridge crested butte

JANUARY 9 - 18

texas ski week crested butte

JANUARY 11 - 18

aspen charter

JANUARY 24 - 31

mount hood

FEBRUARY 1 - 8

telluride

FEBRUARY 13 - 18

park city

FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 6

spirit of '76/aspen

MARCH 20 - 27

banff

MARCH 27 - APRIL 3

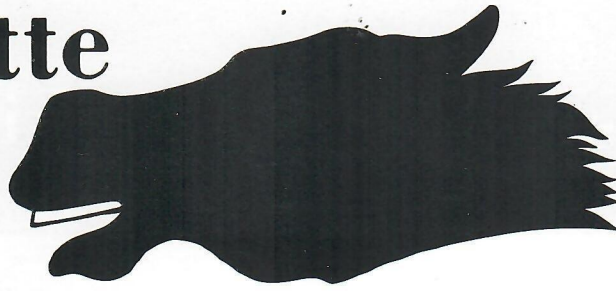
vail/ easter

APRIL 13 - 18

by BOB ALLGEIER

lafayette trip

by Sharon Lord



As we said farewell to Houston, the ice chests began to crackle, snap and pop! I knew instantly these were my kind of people. We landed, so to speak, in Lafayette and our serious business began that evening at Evangeline Downs. The "hay-feeders" award belongs to the "white-tie Mafia", Lanny Lamb and his business partner Frank Naulty. Even Ed Williams bought three race horses and one cookbook for that adorable imp, Jennifer Fowler.

Our filly winners were Sandy Benedict and Linda McDuffie with a long shot on no. 7, Performing Bomb. Mary Allen and Carol Cater managed a good showing using three cheat sheets! Meanwhile, Nina Anderson and Barbara O'Neal were even smarter, they sold information from a private source. Their best customer was Neal Pleasant. Our loveable Finn Runfalo bet his derriere on a ten dollar show ticket, needless to say, the horse lost too! The "daily double" award runs to Jim Butcher, who not only fed the horses as well as his gal Nita Hughen, but won with a "A Wise Bit"

coming in first.

Our Sunday morning began in slow motion for a few racers until Carmen Denes appeared in a showbiz costume and the eyeballs began to pop! Connie Dziedzic and Sue Baker added to this attraction. There was a horse in the fifth race named "Christy Klutz" and similar legs were seen around the pool belonging to Bill Dykes, Bruce Maughs and Lee Pasguale.

After our departure from the Sheraton Motel at post time, the first pit stop was Don's Restaurant for their superb specialties of fish delight. Then on our way home, we had Jim Plummer and his amusing nursery rhymes, Ed Taylor's one funny joke, and Deene and Diane Sullivan who antagonized this "tired ole chairman" with witty feed back and endless humor. The rest up committee consisted of Gretchen Starnes and Virginia Kolter, who had some unbelievable Monday festivities planned.

Thanks, darlings, for the easy and fun-filled weekend, the pleasure was all mine.



Above left: Linda McDuffie, Sharon Lord, Nita Hughen and Jim Butcher at the track clubhouse. Above top to bottom: Ed Williams, Jennifer Fowler & Diane Yarberry line up for refreshments on the bus. Lanny Lamb "entertains" at the Sunday morning poolside Party. Jim Plummer re-checking his bet. Ed Williams bringing in the booze.

canyon lake campout

by Bobbet Cross

"Rub a dub dub, three men in a tub." Did I say three? Try seven in an inflatable lifeboat, going down the tubes. Yes, tubing was only a part of our super wet weekend at Canyon Lake.

Our expedition started out Friday after work at our meeting place, Locked In Sports. We loaded up the campers, put bikes on top, gathered our six packs and we were off. A gold star for **Bill Brooks** who did a super job driving a 28 ft. Allegro and maintaining it for us.

We arrived at Canyon Lake where **Duff and Angie Trimble** had reserved our campsite. Thanks team, for the groundwork. Getting up early Saturday morning, we were all

treated to a "Gourmets Unruly" breakfast, created by **Bob Olsen**. "Bob, what was all that green stuff in the eggs?" Then off we went on our canoe trip down the Guadalupe. The water was just right. **Eddie Ek's** date, **Pat**, thought that if you didn't turn over your canoe, you could stay dry. Little did she know what a fun group we were.

Saturday night **Janet Pickell**, **Charlie Dutton** and his "date" joined the festivities. Charlie, you can't fool us, **Kim** was just too cute to be your daughter. After a big spaghetti dinner and wine, we all took off for Gruenehall, a big barn with lots of "long neck" beer and "kicker" music. **Shirley Andries** led the line for the "Bunny Hop" while **Gil Igo** was found outside sleeping on the ground.

Sunday morning, after a pancake and sausage breakfast, we packed up and were off for a full afternoon of tubing at Camp Warneke in New Braunfels. Even though here we could find lots of fun tubing the rapids and a beautiful shoreline, we weren't satisfied and had to hike a mile upstream to find a dam. It made going over Niagara Falls in a barrel look like kid stuff. Inner tubes didn't work here so all we could do was take a deep breath, go over and crash at the bottom. Except **Bob Olsen** who attempted it in our yellow mascot, a two seater rubber lifeboat, which got caught in the backwash of the falls.

Do you know why they put bath tubs in fancy campers? So you can ice down the beer and watermelon. The last of which was used for lunch at a charming rest stop on the way home. Aside from **Ruth Roy's** flat tire, which gave us a chance to stretch our legs, our fun and adventuresome trip was without mishap. We had a great weekend!



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apres ski

by Sammy Sitzmarke

Hi There!

Since it's finally September, I guess now we can really think snow. It is my understanding that the trips planned for the next year have so much interest that all may be filled by the end of the September Meeting. For those of you who don't know, many dedicated (sometimes inebriated) SCSC members have spent long hours preparing our fall trips. Let me especially welcome all the new members, particularly the ladies without whom our monthly meetings would be intolerable.

Publicity does not seem to be needed for the Ski Club's water events. The Red Fish Island outing, I hear, is going well for Peggy Widamon. In fact, Ed Chambliss offered some unsolicited help during a recent planning session. I understand more boats are needed, but watch out for femme skipper Lee Grona who recently completed a Galveston Bay Ladies Race. She may not be able to find Red Fish Island unless she's racing. By the way, Lee, how did you do on the race? Concerning racing, Bob and Kathy Allgeier traveled the "Current River" during August only to find out that they had more current in their new swimming pool at home the time Bob Olsen attempted his daring belly flop diving technique. The Allgeiers wish to propose that Missouri re-name its river the "No Current". There was little current, but big waves at the Canyon Lake SCSC trip when state officials spent a moonlit night observing a rare and "bare" treat on the lake. Could somebody please explain this?

Someone once reported to me that being an SCSC officer is dangerous to bachelorhood. Most of the recent years' male officers having made so many propositions to members for Club projects cannot get out of the habit and soon there-

after they propose marriage. Speaking of that, congratulations to the '73-'74 Club Treasurer, Don Lackey and his bride, the former Cynthia Hendricks who were at the alter September 6, 1975. As everyone knows, the institution of marriage has fringe benefits and I'm happy to report per my request for information that Halene Crossman, whose husband Ron was also a past officer, did have a beautiful daughter, Colette Michelle. Congratulations also to Maurine and Scott Granlund for their new MarkeMaker Raymond Frank.

Warren Cross, M.D., who recently opened his own office, successfully treated Layna Adams' eye problem. Layna's eyes were somehow strained while trying to find Canada, twelve miles into Wyoming. By the way, she never made it to Canada.

A suggestion was presented to me recently that the many school teachers in SCSC who come down with rare and obscure diseases during ski season should pool their resources to avoid repetition by making up a hand book to be published for excuses with which to avoid principals. Hopefully, our resident M.D.'s can obtain AMA approval. If that doesn't work, another technique might be to eat at some of Bob Neiman's recommended spots (not the ones that he sometimes misses that are good) and contract a bonafide gastric problem.

Come by and say hi at the Monday meeting so that I can hear what's going on.

S.S.S.

Anyone
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Beginner Tennis

Lessons

or

being on a
**Space City Ski Club
Tennis Roster**

CONTACT:

FINN RUNFALO

785-2904

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swap shop

Hanson Exhibition Boots (orange, wax-fit). Used twice, like new. Fit size 9-11. Sacrifice \$95.00 (with Alsop carrier). Duff Trimble, phone 529-2608 - 497-2969.

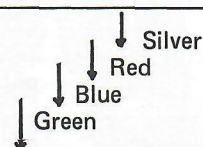
Wanted: Children's ski clothes, one girl size 6-8 and one boy size 10-12. Need December 20-27. Contact Gwen Singer, 917 Stanfield Circle, Bryan, Texas 77801, phone 713 / 846-0347.

ski tips

ELEMENTARY WAXING

Air Temperature	Moisture Content and Texture
37°F and above	Very Slushy
32°F	Corn
18°F	Moist
	Dry
	Very Dry
-10°F	Extremely Dry

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HILLTOP HERB FARM



GOURMET DINNER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1975



Hilltop Herb Farm, located in the beautiful Sam Houston National Forest, is only about an hour's drive from Houston and is the site for the SCSC's epicurian evening this fall. Forty-eight lucky people will travel via a tour bus complete with wine service for this delightful experience.

Dinner will be served in the farm's huge greenhouse. It's a plant lover's paradise. Imagine eating in a beautiful garden room where scented geraniums and great baskets of fragrant herbs grow with a profusion of vines, trees, and hanging baskets of begonias and ferns! This is not a public restaurant. Each meal is different, carefully planned and prepared around the vegetables and/or fruits in season. These are combined with an appropriate entree. All foods are prepared from "scratch".

Before and after dinner you will have a chance to browse in the adjacent country store where you can buy herbs, homemade jellies and many other items. (Even all of the plants are for sale.)

DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1st
TIME: 4:45 P.M. (returning around midnight)
PLACE: Windsor Plaza Shopping Center
DRESS: Casual
COST: \$19/Person

For further information contact:

Nancy Ainsworth, Trip Chairman
Off.: 224-7661 — Hm.: 523-8722

TO SIGN UP, PLEASE FILL OUT APPLICATION BELOW AND MAIL WITH CHECK TO: NANCY AINSWORTH
2400 WESTHEIMER, NO. 221W, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77006

HILLTOP HERB FARM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Number of Reservations _____ Guest's Name _____

Amount of Check enclosed \$ _____ (Please make payable to the SPACE CITY SKI CLUB)

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 13th - No refunds after this date. \$5.00 Cancellation Fee.

markemaker

by Ann Cornish



Many SCSC members enjoy canoeing . . . but 600 miles? That's the number of miles **MIKE BIROW-SKI** predicts he will have canoed before January 1, 1976. Mike began canoeing as a child in flooded

ditches with neighborhood kids. He progressed to teaching canoeing at Camp Strake as a boy scout and now his mushrooming interest has resulted in forming his very own canoe club, the Downhill Yacht Club! The club is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to promote canoeing as a sport. Most trips are fun overnight campouts including at least one communal meal, spiked watermelon, and booze. However, the trip that is most ingrained in Mike's mind was a 58 mile trek down the Pecos averaging 20 miles a day against strong winds through winding canyons. The last three miles, Mike flagged a power boat and hitched a ride. He describes this particular trip in one word "insane".

Mike's outdoor zeal and competitive nature is further reflected by some of his past accomplishments. He not only is a certified scuba diver with a senior diver classification, but was race committee chairman for the Dolphin Senior Sailing Club Fleet No. 1. He placed

in national sailing competition two consecutive years. Currently, Mike enjoys spending free weekends racing his orange Datsun. A member of the Datsun 240 Z Club, he already has one rally trophy to his credit. It was awarded to Mike for having completed the rally course in the longest time. It seems Mike got car sick during the race and had to stop!

Although somewhat of a newcomer to skiing, Mike is really "gung-ho". Last season, his first season to ski, he skied Steamboat, Winter Park, Purgatory, and Telluride. This year, he is the Steamboat trip chairman and plans to make four trips with the Club.

Not all of Mike's activities are outdoors. He likes to club and loves to dance. You're likely to find Mike at Friday's on Sunday nights doing the twist and the whip to the '50's and '60's tunes.

A second generation Houstonian and graduate of Sam Houston State University, Mike is director of purchasing at Hermann Hospital.

ski tips

HOW TO LOAD

As you wait in line, remove ski pole straps from your wrists and hold poles in outside hand, away from your partner.

When your turn comes, inform lift operator if you have not ridden a chair lift before. Slide into position with skis parallel and pointing uphill. Face your partner and watch for chair which will approach from behind you. As chair approaches, grasp center bar with your inside hand. Immediately sit down and face uphill.

HOW TO UNLOAD

As chair nears unloading ramp, check to be sure no clothing or equipment is tangled in the chair. Hold poles in outside hand and place inside hand on front edge of seat. Raise ski tips.

Stay seated until you reach "Unload Here" sign, keeping skis straight on ramp. Push yourself up with inside hand, lean forward and ski straight down ramp. Don't snowplow. Ski to the edge of the unloading area to leave room for the skiers unloading behind you. Move away from unloading area as quickly as possible.



Eatzmarke Eatzmarke Eatzmarke

by Bob Neiman
with Dave Hargett
on the "Sewer Tour"

Generally regarded as the largest sewer in Texas, the Houston Ship Channel begins at the Turning Basin through the marriage of the Buffalo and White Oak Bayous and efficiently conveys the effluent of the affluent city of Houston through a myriad of industrial sites into the waters of Galveston Bay.

As a service to their fellow SCSC members, Dave Hargett and this writer, along with appropriate escorts, recently toured the ship channel area after dark to report on the unique nature of the eating and drinking establishments which line the colon of Houston.

THE ACROPOLIS RESTAURANT AND CLUB - 7905 Clinton Drive. This is by far the best place we found and I highly recommend going here for an evening of dining, dancing and just having fun for a reasonable cost.

The Acropolis features Fatima, the ample belly dancer and bouzouki player, Spiros Etstathiou. Both the Greek fried shrimp (\$3.95) and shish kebob (\$4.50) are excellent. After dinner you can go up on the stage and join in Greek dancing.

PIZZINIS PIZZA AND STEAK HOUSE - 927 Mercury. A good place for lunch if you're in this part of town. Buxom waitresses serve very good pizza and Italian po-boy sandwiches.

ATHEN'S BAR AND GRILL - 8037 Clinton Drive. Greek food

and music with food served from 11:30 to 2:00 a.m. With murals on the walls, this place is similar to the Acropolis but not nearly as good.

THE UNIQUE CLUB - 5903 Clinton Drive. For your safety, this place closes at 9 p.m. Beer is sixty cents per can, there are linen tablecloths, and mirror-covered walls. Neon signs identify the restrooms. The men's restroom features several bargains such as twenty-five cents for Pandora's box - "A grab bag of sexy surprises."

IT'LL DO LOUNGE - 8013 Stedman. Nice hostesses, pool table, fifty cent beer and local insignias. This place has the oldest air conditioner in the world and maybe the oldest men's room.

HARBOR LIGHTS NIGHT CLUB AND BAR - 2327 McCarty. A live band, sixty-five cent beer, a store selling coveralls, a baby on a table full of beer bottles all made up the scene at this place around midnight. Everyone seemed to enjoy Hargett's howling to accompany the band except the man sitting behind us.

MARIA BONITA BAR - 7929 Clinton Drive. We never really got the feeling we were welcome in this place. My notes are as follows: Spanish juke box, sixty cent beer, men's john repaired with underwear, "bevy of beautiful barmaids", police cars with lights flashing, and a portrait of Maria Bonita over the bar. I don't know what all that means, but I do remember that one of our group, a beautiful SCSC blonde with long hair, almost got

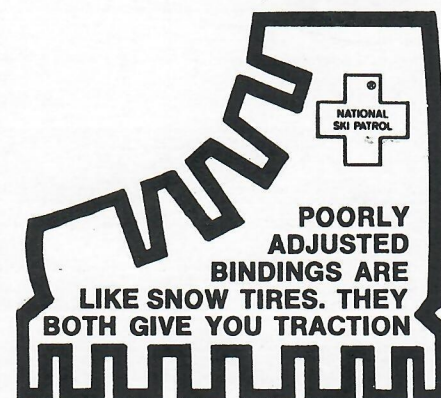
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As a result of our overindulgence we never got to:

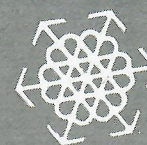
CARL'S PUB - 6309 Griggs Rd.
BOYD'S NITE CLUB - 1401 No. 76 Street.

Hargett called the next day to report that he stopped by **THE PARK**, a new neighborhood bar on the corner of Fountainview and Richmond on the way home. He said it was a very nice place but they wouldn't let him howl so he went home.

The EATZMARKE is a selective guide to dining and entertainment in the Houston Area as well as various ski areas SCSC visits. Listings reflect the opinions of the contributing editor and other SCSC members. This publication accepts no advertising or other consideration in exchange for including any business enterprise in this column.



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