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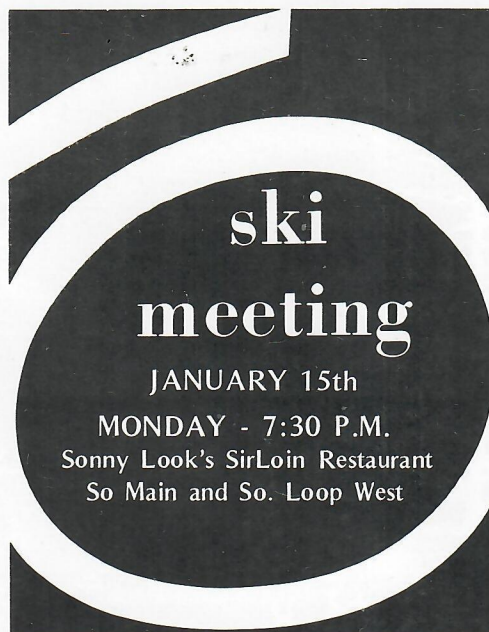
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from the head of the lift line

by Jim Grassman
President

Many thanks to Stein Eriksen for a truly fantastic program at our December Meeting. Stein's warm, honest personality, coupled with his Olympic Gold Medal winning style was the perfect combination for the SCSC most outstanding guest speaker.

Here is a little inside information for those of you who are interested. . .

STEIN ERIKSEN. . .

- Enjoys skiing for the pure pleasure of the sport. Skis four to five hours per day.
- Prefers not to ski in flat light.
- Rejects skiing on cold windy days.
- Skis 90 per cent of the season due to Park City's ideal conditions.

Skiing apparently agrees with Stein who just celebrated his 45th birthday.

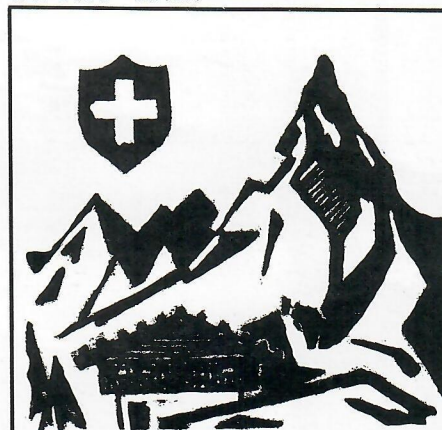
Thanks are also in order to Ed Fedak, Jim McIntyre, Winton Adams and Tom Coughlin for arranging Stein's presentation to our SCSC members.

"swap shop"

FOR SALE:

- Lang Boots, men's size 9M, 2½ years old, used only 5 times. Excellent condition. David Stiver - 464-5289 p.m.
- Meister Ski Sweaters (ladies size 38) \$10. Ski Pants (12-14R) \$5. Blue Fox Apre Ski Wrap \$75. Sandy Miller - 522-8693 p.m., 225-2411 office.
- Hart Skies, 185cm, Cubco Bindings and poles. Ladies black lace boots 7½. All for \$50. Russell Smith 626-3184.
- Ladies Ski Pants, 14R, three sweaters, wind shirt, parka (medium) three caps, ski gloves, misc. Total \$50. Margie McIntyre, 626-8179 p.m.

A Ski Equipment Swap Shop Classified Section is published in the Sitzmarke each month as an additional service to Space City Ski Club members. Ads are accepted from members only for ski clothes and ski equipment. Rates are ten cents a word, addresses and telephone numers are considered as one word each. Ads must be called in by the 10th day of each month for publication in the next month's issue. To place your ad in the Sitzmarke, call Janet Pickell at 723-4992 p.m. or 623-3150 - office.



Hello Skiers:

Come on over to Sonja and Herman apres' Ski Chalet . . . Dance to the latest echo of the Matterhorn.

Swiss Chalet Restaurant

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PEPI STIEGLER
Next Space City Ski Club
Honored Guest Speaker

If you missed last month's excellent program which included a ski lesson from a two-time Olympic Gold Medal Winner, you have another chance. For the second straight month, we will have a program presented by an Olympic medalist skier. Pepi Stiegler, Director of Skiing at Jackson Hole Ski Resort, has claimed Olympic gold, silver and bronze medals for his skiing endeavors. He is quite active in racing, having recently won in competition with some of the most recognized skiers of today.

Pepi will be accompanied by long time ski marketing executive, Buzz Bainbridge. Buss's career began in college at the University of Minnesota, where he was a champion downhill racer. He has worked in nearly every phase of the wonderful world of skiing since that time, and is now Vice President of Marketing at Jackson Hole. Buzz is a founding member of an elite ski-marketing group, "Ski the Rockies", where members represent such other outstanding ski areas as Taos, Crested Butte, Steamboat Springs, Vail, Sun Valley, Winter Park, Breckenridge, Aspen, Aspen Highlands, Snowbird, Snowmass and Park City.

Pepi and Buzz will present an exciting program which will include a

skiing demonstration by Pepi. Movies will be shown depicting the skiing and sight seeing thrills of Jackson Hole, one of the most noted powder skiing areas in the United States. A question and answer session will provide first hand answers to questions you may have concerning a famous ski area which has not been skied by many Houstonians.

Don't miss this chance to meet another Olympic Gold Medal Winner. Space City is offering skiing opportunities of a lifetime through its presentation of numerous reasonably priced trips to the most exciting ski areas of the world and through its interesting and informative programs. Do yourself a favor. Come hear Pepi and leave a better skier. January 15th.



Forty-four lucky people have made their first step towards a fantastic winter week of fun by making a deposit to secure a place on the Jackson Hole ski trip. A waiting list is now forming. Be near the top of this list so you too can experience the greatest vacation possible. In the event some of those forty-four are prevented from going due to unforeseen circumstances.

Jackson Hole, located just 30 miles from Yellowstone National Park and at the base of the Grand Teton, is noted for its challenging slopes and powder snow conditions. This area of Wyoming is noted for its breathtaking natural beauty. There are two whole mountains from which to choose. Rendezvous is the big one, a 10,450 foot peak with a 4,135 foot rise via the 62 passenger tram with an intermediate lift to keep you on top. There are over 100 miles of trails, so take a bottle of wine and a friend. You may never see the same run twice.

Aspres Vous, the little one, has a vertical rise of 2,125 feet, higher than several noted areas of Colorado and Utah. This mountain is design-

ed to delight the bunnies, beginners and intermediate skiers. You'll even find a few experts enjoying the thrill of conveying their talents in skiing to a group of enthusiastic novice skiers. But whichever you choose, all slopes lead back to the Village where you will be staying in the most exquisite condominiums in ski country, all fully furnished with the conveniences of everyday living. This includes a stove fireplace in each unit. You will ski to and from your living quarters with no walking or riding to the lifts. The Village offers a cluster of friendly, comfortable stores, lodges, restaurants, bars, ski and gift shops, and a general store, all within a short stroll from the lift.

If you don't ski yet, don't fret. Pepe Stiegler, Olympic gold medalist and head of the ski school, will administer the proper ingredients through the Graduated Length Method (GLM) of skiing. If you are already a "hot dog" the twice weekly handicap NASTAR races will give you a chance to prove it. Pepe can undoubtedly be of help in getting you prepared for these races.

Departure is Saturday, March 17th at 8:15 a.m., by scheduled airline, with arrival at Teton Village at 1:30 p.m. the same day. After seven days of excellent winter fun, you depart Jackson Hole on Saturday, March 24th at 1:00 p.m., arriving back in Houston early Saturday evening. A possible later departure time is being investigated to extend this wonderful skiing experience as long as possible.

The price is \$265 for transportation, lodging, and several parties. Don't be sorry. Be at the top of the waiting list. Send your \$50 deposit immediately. Full payment is due by February 1. Come by the trip table for more details.

March 17-24, 1973 \$265.00

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Illustration by Gale Posnack

BORED with the local cuisine of Ernesto's or Julio's?

EMBARRASSED by the hassle of div-ing up checks?

FED-UP with extravagant prices for mediocre menus?

Hearty skiers with healthy appetites may be hungry for good food without having to make-the-scene.

Fortunately, most SCSC condominiums have cozy atmosphere, fireplaces and cooking facilities. With wine, candle-light and these **SKI FARE MENUES**, you will discover that dining in offers a relaxed camaraderie.

CHEESE FONDUE (for 4)

- 1½ lb. finely grated cheese
(½ emmentaler, ½ gruyere)
- 1¾ c. dry white wine
- 1 clove garlic (optional)
- 1 jigger Kirsch mixed with 1 tsp. flour
pepper, paprika, nutmeg
- 1" crusty bread cubes

Rub fondue pot with garlic. Pour wine and 1/3 of cheese in pot and place on stove. Stir and add remaining cheese. Cookover medium heat until mixture boils. Add flour mixed with Kirsch. Bring to a boil. Season. Place pot on chafing dish flame and keep simmering throughout dinner.

BEEF ZUCCHINI MAGNifico!

(for 8)

- 6 c. Zucchini (1½ lbs!) but in rounds
- 1 lb. hamburger
- 1 chopped onion
- 1 cup instant rice
- 1 tsp. crushed oregano
- 1 cup grated cheese
- 1 tsp. garlic salt
- 1 pint small curd cottage cheese
- 1 can mushroom soup

Cook squash and drain well. Saute beef and onion. Add rice and seasonings. Place half of squash in 2½ qt. casserole. Cover with beef and spoon over the cottage cheese. Add squash and spread soup over all. Sprinkle with cheese.

Bake 350° for 35-40 minutes.

STROGANOFF (for 4)

- 2 lbs. beef, cut in thin strips (flour lightly)
- 1 lb. fresh mushrooms
- 3 large onions
- 1 small can tomato paste
- 2 small cans beef bouillon
- 1 pint sour cream
- 2 tsp. dry mustard
- salt, pepper, pinch of sugar

Fry onions, thinly sliced in butter, add mushrooms and set aside. Fry meat in pan until browned. Thicken drippings with a little flour, then add bouillon, tomato paste and seasonings. Cook until sauce thickens. Then put in beef, mushrooms, onions and simmer for 15-20 minutes. Add sour cream. Let simmer for 10 minutes, and serve over noodles or rice.

DANISH MEAT BALLS (lots)

- 1½ lb. ground ham ¼ c. cream
- 1½ lb. ground beef pinch allspice
- 1 chopped onion 2 oz. butter
- 3 eggs 2 c. consomme
- 1 c. toast crumbs 2 c. sour cream

Add beaten eggs and onion to meat. Add crumbs, cream and allspice. Blend lightly. Make small meat balls. Cover with waxed paper for one hour. Melt butter. Brown meat balls - don't over cook. Transfer to a casserole. Add consomme to pan. On low flame, add sour cream. Blend well. Cook gently, stirring constantly until sauce thickens. Put over meatballs and heat all slowly in oven.

GLUHWEIN

(Hot Mulled Red Wine)

- ½ c. water
- 1 c. sugar
- clove studded lemon peel
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1 bottle red wine

Boil water, sugar, lemon peel, cinnamon stick, until the quantity has been reduced to half. Add wine and bring almost to a boil. Serve hot!

HOT BUTTERED RUM

Dissolve 1 tsp. sugar in a mug with some hot water; add 1 oz. Puerto Rican Rum (Gold or White); a pinch of nutmeg. Fill mug with boiling water; top with a pat of butter. Add cinnamon stick if desired.

Courtesy of Ed Coccagna of Rums of Puerto Rico who invites SCSC members to taste other Rum Drinks. Call Ed at 621-7301.



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Steamboat

Forty-four happy skiers will depart for Denver February 15 on a Continental dinner flight at 4:55 p.m. for 3½ days of skiing at Steamboat Springs. There will be a 3½ hour bus ride to Steamboat from Denver and we will return to Houston on the Continental 7:05 p.m. flight out of Denver on February 19- George Washington's Holiday Weekend.

We are staying at Storm Meadows in one bedroom, two bath studio condominiums with all the facilities of the new athletic club being available to us for a small fee . . an all season swimming pool, saunas, steam rooms, and therapy pool.

The skiing is superb!!! Thirty-nine runs, "Champagne Powder," Mt. Werner is 10,600 feet high with a 2,850 foot skiable vertical, night skiing at Howelsen Hill, cross country skiing, and GLM lessons for beginners.

You simply can't miss this holiday weekend in Steamboat. Lodging, air and bus fare, parties - before, during and after - for \$165.00. Final payment must be in by the January 15 meeting.

February 15-19 \$165.00

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Lynn Blanton

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park city, utah

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"SKI UTAH — IT'S FOR EVERY-ONE" - Stein Eriksen

Every year thousands of skiers pack their bags and fly halfway around the world in search of the perfect place to ski, while the few who have already found it, pack their bags and head for Utah.

Ski four excellent areas - Park City, Park City West, Alta and Snowbird. Spend a week in Utah for the best spring skiing. We will be staying at the C'est Bon Hotel in Park City one block from the Chairlift. The C'est Bon offers large rooms, sauna, Polynesian restaurant and a night club.

Park City is located only 35 minutes from the Salt Lake City Airport. Once a boom mining town, Park City is full of saloons, restaurants, narrow winding streets, gabled houses and charm!

High capacity lifts keep you skiing, not waiting in line. Try the deep powder if you want a challenge or the numerous easier slopes. We will leave Houston on Saturday morning, March 31, via Texas International and return to Houston on Saturday, April 7. For an ego trip, if you want to enjoy skiing, remember the immortal words of Stein Eriksen: "SKI UTAH — IT'S FOR EVERY-ONE".

March 31-April 7 \$241.00

Trip Chairman:

Ed Fedak

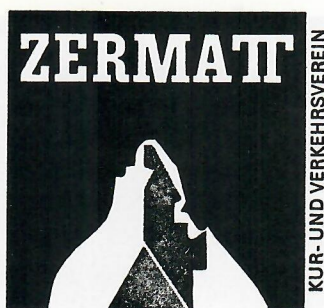
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Although Space City Ski Clubbers showed great interest in the Zermatt trip -- to the extent of over-subscribing our allocation of the charter space -- the other Club's response was less enthusiastic and did not warrant continuing with the charter arrangements. Therefore, we have changed flight arrangements to go on Air France's direct from Houston to Paris flight. This necessitates the following changes in the Zermatt trip:

1. Departure on Thursday night, February 22, at 10:05 p.m. via Air France, from Houston to Paris, continuing by plane to Geneva Friday morning.

2. Friday night, February 23, will be spent in Geneva with arrival in Zermatt about noon on Saturday. (This night in Geneva is also included in "transportation only" cost).

3. Departure from Zermatt very early on Saturday morning via Geneva and Paris, arriving back in Houston on Saturday night, March 3.

4. Increase in cost by \$15.00 for each trip participant.

Because we have fewer seats on the Air France flight, the Zermatt trip is now full with a moderate size waiting list. However trip participants have been given an extended cancellation deadline of January 5, 1973 (two weeks from the time this article is being written) so some space might be available by the time you read this. If you are interested in the skiing experience of a lifetime, contact us!

February 22-March 3 **\$408.00**
(transportation only) **\$268.00**

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LAST CHANCE!!!

At this writing there are five spaces left to join the 75 beautiful skiers at Vail. (40 male - 35 female) We leave Wednesday afternoon, January 17 at 4:55 and will be back at 9:57 Sunday night. The slopes are at their very best in January - and so are the people and the weather. If the parties, full moon, and powder snow are not enough, there is a side trip to Copper Mountain for one day being tentatively planned.

For \$170.00 you can fly Continental to Denver, bus to Vail - stay at the Mountain Haus Condominiums with fireplaces - have two wine and cheese parties and return to Houston.

Come fly with us!

January 17-21 **\$170.00**

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ROSTERS AVAILABLE

For new SCSC members - see the Sitzmarke Editor, at the Executive Table at the January 14th Meeting.



Our "traditional" trip is all ready for Aspen. I hope Aspen is prepared for us.

OUR DEPARTURE IS JANUARY 26. WE LEAVE THE INTERCONTINENTAL AIRPORT PROMPTLY AT 7:30 P.M. BE SURE TO BE AT THE TEXAS INTERNATIONAL CHECK IN COUNTER AT 6:30 P.M.

If you are renting equipment in Houston, please let me know. You should go to one of the rental stores two weeks prior to our departure. If we have enough people renting here, they will deliver the skis to the airport and pick them up.

Trip participants should have received a letter with all the necessary information. If you haven't already received one, please let us know.

January 26-February 4 **\$195.00**
(Lodging only) **\$ 90.00**
(transportation only) **\$105.00**

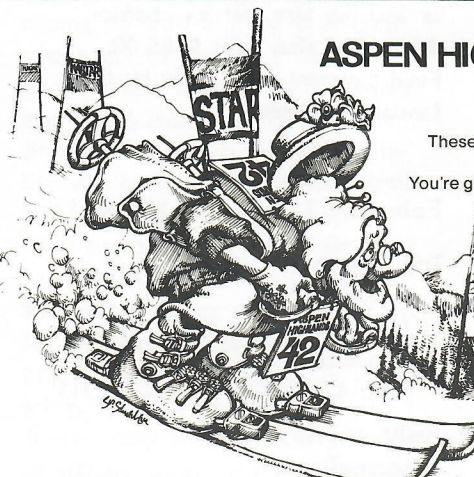
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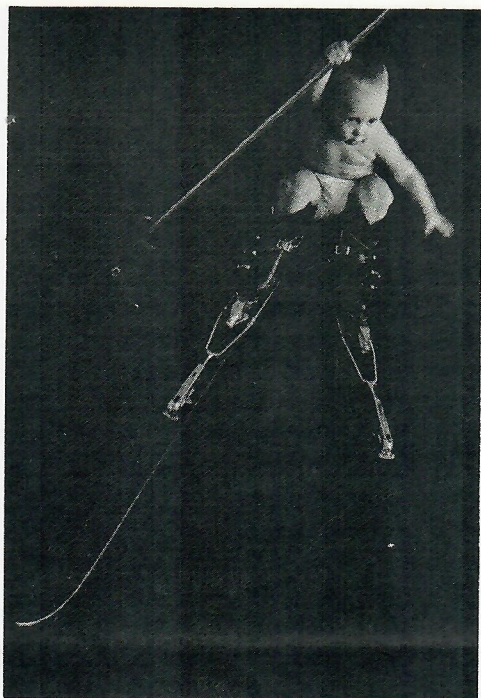


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1996 OLYMPICS

Do you believe in the United States Olympic Ski Team? Santa Claus? Easter Bunny?

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donations to the Olympic and Ski Team funds, will make it possible for them to train for four more years and then go to the Olympics and compete for the United States. Surely you won't disappoint them. A small donation or purchase and display of ski team pins would scarcely impact your finances.

But what of the 1996 Olympians? How can we help them? In the first place, where do you think Olympic team members come from? Does a talent scout for the coaching staff spot likely looking candidates hanging around the local drug store? Not likely. These young skiers are watched at every stop of their development from age five or six or whenever they begin to show promise and as they age and improve, their name spreads just the same as a hotshot quarterback's would. Eventually interested people will travel to see them race, just as college and pro scouts go to see their prospects. With one very big exception, however. There are no highly organized competitions through the public school system in skiing as there are in football, basketball, etc. Skiers don't go out for the high school team and play against Podunk Hollow with a paid attendance of hundreds of spectators. How then

does he compete? Who coaches him? Who pays for his equipment? How in the world does anyone ever learn enough about skiing to become of Olympic caliber? Remember, we are competing against the world's best. . . and being successful.

The answer is **USSA**. This one organization through its divisions such as the RMD is training the 1996 Olympic team right now. The USSA governs races, sanctions and classifies competitors, buys timing equipment, trains coaches and skiers, provides funds for numerous racing activities, including coaches salaries, provides and trains racing officials and may other activities necessary to support development of skiers capable of completing on an international level. And a great deal of this activity is voluntary.

Support the USSA and you support the 1996 Olympic team much more than your direct contribution to the fund. When you join the RMD, you are helping train one and two year olds and ten and fifteen years olds who will be needed in all the Olympics to come. **JOIN NOW!** The 1996 Olympic team needs you!

Darwin Miller

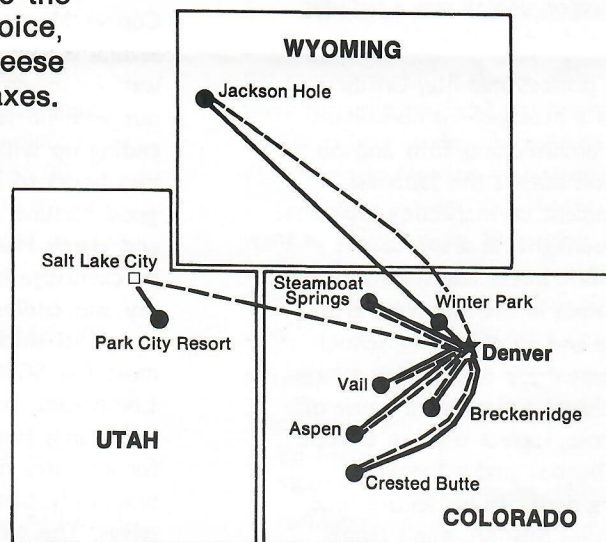
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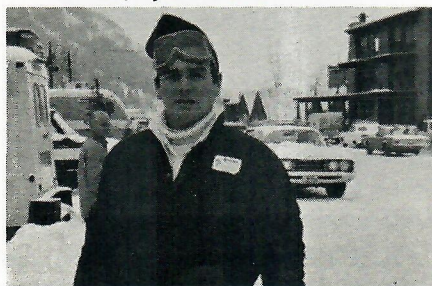
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by Jean Ubico



Once a year the traffic on Main stops, floral greenery lines the streets in its place, and merchants fill their display windows with works of art. **Gordie White**, a culturally concerned management consultant, is a prime motivator behind the Chamber of Commerce sponsored 'Main Street Art Happening.'

The Happening is staged with the intent of bringing fine arts to the average Houstonian as well as to the art gallery first nighter. "The neophyte in art can see what art is about. They have the opportunity to interface with fine arts so that when they see them in another fashion, they be more understanding," he explains.

Many of the displays featured at the Sunday event on Main are participant in nature. Children bounce on a sixty foot inflatable square; giant office buildings are made of cake, designed for audience consumption. An organ with notes produced by the exhaust of a combustion engine was a popular structural art piece.

In his professional life, Gordie acts as a management consultant to an architectural firm and on occasion advises the Japanese government on marketing problems. He moonlights as a speculative real estate buyer and renovator of old homes in the Montrose area. Gordie and an obedience school flunk-out sheep dog occupy a large, refurbished antique of a house off Montrose, replete with an eclectic art collection and a Japanese soaking pool. In his leisure time, he studies Spanish, plays tennis and annually crews in a 900 mile sailboat race from Galveston to Cosumel, Mexico.

off the slopes

by
Tess
Gillespie



SKI POWER . . . Stein Eriksen wowed them at the December SCSC Meeting. This flamboyant personality on and off the slopes held everyone's attention through the meeting and afterwards at the Swiss Chalet. I was working on my jet turns in Breckenridge and missed seeing the Olympic Medal Winner, but I will be at the January 15th Meeting to see Pepi Steigler. Stein Eriksen will be a hard act to follow but Pepi is a super skier in his own right; he is now the Director of Skiing at Jackson Hole and will have a lot to tell us about this great ski area. Hope to see you there!

UP THE SLOPES . . . Trying to describe and make creditable in print much of what happened on the Breckenridge SCSC Trip completely over-whelms me. Breckenridge is a quaint little town in the center of ski country. The ski conditions are fantastic and we were within 30 minutes of Vail, Copper Mountain, Keystone and several other ski areas. The trip was a comedy of errors starting out with no running water and ending up with a plane that took two hours to de-ice! I had the good fortune to stay with Barbara and Harris Hauser, M.D. in their Breckenridge house. Their hospitality was endless, so was the salami and it all totaled up to make my most fun SCSC trip yet! Doug Lonnstrom, Jean Merritt, Barbara and Harris Hauser and I stayed over for an extra day of skiing and practically had the slopes to ourselves. The crowds have not hit Breckenridge yet, you can get a lot of serious skiing in with good conditions and lots of variation. Doug

Wallon, SCSC member, spending the winter in Vail joined our group for a few days. Another SCSC member has opened a restaurant in Breckenridge, The Fondue Haus. Go see them if you are up that way.

BOUQUET TO . . . to Jack and Dana Pickett. We had to leave Jack and Dana at the Denver hospital due to illness. I hope you're back on your feet again!

AROUND TOWN . . . Marty Sanford's back from a holiday jaunt to visit her brother in Shaker Heights, Ohio, where we're told the cross country skiing is terrific! Les Tres Gai had their annual Christmas bash on December 18th. Judy Gilbert, Nancy Pfluger, Jerry Maley, Nancy Sweeny, Bob Dickerson, Caludette DeNal, Jane Morgan, Gini Blalock, Merry Merritt and their assorted and variegated guests cavorted in real style at the Jodie Hoeffler estate.



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ski tips

By Ed Williams

Certified Instructor RMSIA and PSIA

What makes a ski turn? Basically there are three factors: Nature, the skier's body movements and equipment. When properly combined, they cause a change of direction.

- Natural Factors consist of gravity, momentum and snow resistance.
- Body movement factors consist of weight transfer, edging, twisting and stemming.
- Equipment factors consist of side camber.
- A change of direction results from a combination of these factors.

Most skiers can make the skis turn or start to turn. It is the completion of the turn that causes the problem. They lose their balance when the ski gets into the fall line. Balance therefore becomes a key factor. Balance is a job for the upper body. The turning factors are a job for the lower body.

Everything your upper body does is merely a compensating factor for balance depending on what the lower body does. A combination of the lower body movements combined with the compensating balance of the upper body can assist us in turns as in anticipation. The lower body however initiates the action in most cases.

Proper timing is necessary to remain in balance. If a motion such as pole plant, angulation or weight shift is done at the wrong time, it will cause either a temporary imbalance, an unnecessary muscular strain or a break in the smoothness of the turn.

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The Unsung Delights of the Mahogany Ridge Run

by Martie Sanford

Among flatlanders and alpine types alike the trail that tops the most favored list is the well known and frequently visited Mahogany Ridge Run. It's that superlative run that we all head for when we find ourselves carving turns in powder snow or wondering if there's a gentler slope than the small alp the Ski School's passing off as a beginner's slope.

Protected from icy nordic blasts, Mahogany draws a sigh of frosty relief on stormy days. On sunny days, the snow's never too soft or too thin for one more quick run. In fact, the Ridge run is pure pleasure anytime of day, early or late in the season. A coaster, Old Mahogany brings a sign of relaxed pleasure from the experts and shouts of joy from the eager intermediate. Beginners find it a happy haven from the unsympathetic ski instructors.

This fabled trail begins just beyond the ski racks and varies in length from ski area to ski area, but the familiar greeting of its devotees is always the same: "Here's to good intentions. . . and better actions!"

This brings us to the best part of the Ridge Run: it's populated by the most interesting people you'd ever want to meet. Looking for a skiing companion? At the Ridge you'll find the Boilermaker, a deep powder

expert, the Commodore, who'll sail the fair weather slopes and the Old Fashioned bomber, who'll ski through anything. The latter we've heard sometimes skis with a Norwegian, who grogily mutters "Skal." (Reliable sources recommend avoiding the guy with the Fish House Punch.)

For an interesting companion for a long chilly evening, Mahogany Ridge offers a selection like a "Cosmopolitan"/"Playboy" dream. Choose between Sherry, Margareta, Gin(ny), Rickie and Parisian Blonds or Rob Roy, Tom Collins and Harvey Wall-banger. A few Easterners prefer Manhattan(s) and Cuba Libras. Now and then an Alexander or Sazerac or a Gibson will try the Ridge Run. Old Mahogany is rarely dull: "Here's to cold nights, warm friends. . . and a good drink to give them. . ."

However, for stories to tell the folks back home, Mahogany Ridge stands unrivaled. More tall tales have come over this run than anyone can remember. It's "Dam The Weather". . . or "Did I ever tell you about the time I skied with a Benedictine?" "Hmm, I'll never forget the afternoon the Pink Lady fell in the Wassail Bowl. Now that was a sitzmarke!" . . . "Remember the day Bloody Mary did a Highland Fling on top of the Ridge?" Ah, yes. . .

These, friends, are just a few of the unsung delights of the Mahogany Ridge Run, known to the uninitiated as the "bar at the foot of the slope." Cheers, now!

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The first-on-the-slopes trip of the season began on schedule the afternoon of Wednesday, November 22, with all 86 enthusiastic skiers aboard the plane for Denver. In Denver we found our buses were lost, but this was soon remedied and the two heavily laden vehicles were headed for Vail with a large supply of wine which was later found to create excellent spirits.

Accommodations at the Mountain Haus were as luxurious as had been expected. Most people were in upper floor condominiums with tremendous views of the mountain.

Speaking of the mountain, it could have used more snow. All slopes that were open had packed powder with very little ice and no slush. Sounds good-- however, rocks and dirt patches could be found quite easily, even above Mid-Vail. Slopes below Mid-Vail were barely usable to ski down the Mountain in the evening, with most people choosing to ride one of the two gondolas down. Those gondola lines would make a line of thirsty ski clubbers at a drink ticket line look tame!

The first two days were fairly warm and sunny, and it snowed a little the following night. Saturday was cold and cloudy, but snow conditions were somewhat better and lift lines were short.

Some skiers found a lift so new it is not on the maps, and claim it had the best runs on the mountain. Only hardy souls skied Sunday morning, for it was now snowing and cold and windy.

Cocktail parties were held on Thursday and Saturday nights. These gatherings were so entertaining that some people even forgot to eat dinner. Color television has come to Vail and was

available for the Texas vs. Texas A & M game.

We met people from numerous other cities. Houston was heavily represented, but groups were also there from Dallas, Austin, Port Arthur, Kansas City and Chicago. Our own Doug Wallen now lives in Vail, and former club member Doug Lonnstrom was in town from Albany, New York. Fortunately, no bones were broken... but it did reduce the game of "tell me how it happened" to discussing "blisters".

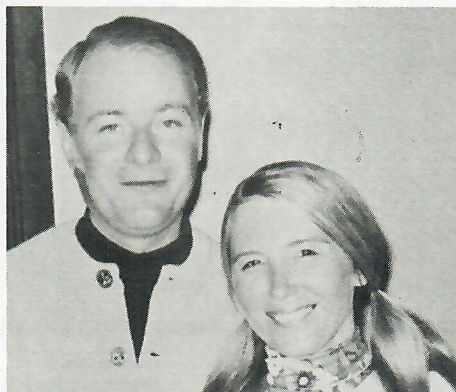
"Think Snow" had worked its magic by the time we boarded our buses and the light fluffy stuff was failing abundantly. We were slowed to a snail's pace over Loveland Pass and in only a short time the pass was blocked for the night. The usual three hour trip took eight hours and we missed our flight. We considered ourselves lucky since other groups spent 22 hours on the pass. A "pit stop" was made at a roadside restaurant shortly before reaching the pass to telephone our problem to the airline. We never did find out if their hamburgers were good; the trip chairman cancelled all food orders in the interest of speed.

Our return flight left without us, but most of our group caught a midnight plane out of Denver, with the remaining stragglers, led by the trip chairman, arriving in Houston at seven Monday morning. They say beggars cannot be choosers - but five passengers on a jet plane with rare roast beef and champagne for breakfast?

by Jimmy St. Clair, Trip Chairman
Nancy Henkel, Ass't Chairman

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breckenridge



December 6th saw the departure of the Space City Ski Club's finest to Breckenridge, Colorado - or better yet we should say Keystone, Copper and Breckenridge since our four days included skiing explorations to these surrounding areas. Our forty-four skiers had several firsts to their credit - our first club trip to Breckenridge, the first club trip between Thanksgiving and Christmas, and our first adventure to Keystone and Copper - which all added up to a fantastic trip. A special note of appreciation to the management of KEYSTONE MOUNTAIN, a new area, but What A Mountain!!! They treated the SCSC skiers to door to door pickup with the Keystone bus, a guided tour of the mountain, and a buffet lunch in their beautiful KEYTOP Restaurant. Keystone is an area to again be visited by SCSC.

Our skiers - turned travelers - also visited COPPER MOUNTAIN thanks to a group of Copper instructors providing the transportation. Copper is in early development but watch it in the future. In fact, watch the entire Lake Dillon area develop as the

ski capital of the country upon completion of the tunnel under Loveland Pass. Next season it'll be an easy drive with no pass to cross to the world's best skiing!

Even with the excellent skiing, the best was yet to come - PARTIES - four of them in four days!! Johnny German - one of our club members- has just opened the FONDUE HAUS. But then even more parties - cocktails and snacks in our condominium, hot wine and cocktails at Barbara and Harris Hauser's beautiful home in Breckenridge, then next back to the Fondue Hause for a dinner - compliments of the trip.

What a trip - no injuries (are we skiing better or drinking more?) excellent snow, a great group of people, and a beautiful variety of ski areas - let's do it again next year!

by Tiny Aitken, Trip Chairman
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NOTES: DG, all productions, performances daily except Monday, buffet 6:30, curtain 8:30, no closing date set for A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum. WDT, all plays, performances daily except Monday, buffet begins 6:45 p.m., curtain 8:30, Sunday buffet begins 12:30 and 6:45, curtain 2:00 and 8:30. AT, all productions, opening Thursday 8:00, Tuesday-Friday, 8:30, Saturday 5:00 and 9:00, Sunday 2:30 and 7:30. Festival of Music, MH, stars Boots Randolph, Floyd Cramer, Charlie McCoy and Jethro Burns. Contemporary Prints from Collection of Charles D. Clark, MFA, South Garden Gallery, through March 4, artists include Sam Francis, Jean Miro, Robert Motherwell and Mark Tobey