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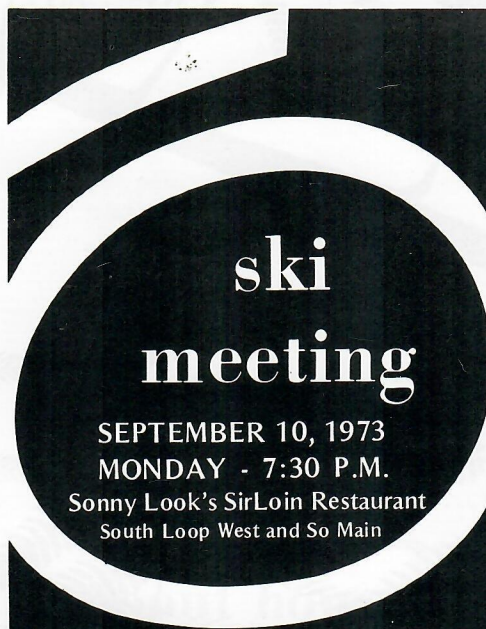
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## ski meeting

SEPTEMBER 10, 1973

MONDAY - 7:30 P.M.

Sonny Look's SirLoin Restaurant  
South Loop West and So Main



By Jim McIntyre

## from the head of the liftline

**THINK SNOW!** We are going to need it in abundance for our most ambitious ski season ever. Yes, it is time to decide when and where to ski this winter.

Last year, the club took in 342 fifty dollar deposits for trips at the September meeting. I will not be surprised to see over 400 deposits taken in this September. Last year two trips filled up at the first meeting. This year, I hope people will ONLY sign up for the trips on which they plan to go. PLEASE, don't sign up for a trip "just in case" you decide to change your mind later.

Members who put down a deposit on a trip and in reality are "just shopping" will pay a penalty of \$10.00 for dropping off of a trip, and \$5.00 for transferring to another trip.

Last year we had one "traditional" ASPEN trip (which had forty on the waiting list the first night). This year we have TWO "traditional" ASPEN TRIPS! I urge you to consider them

BOTH as the "traditional" trip because it is impractical to enlarge one trip to two-hundred people. With the "traditional" trip being split into segments one month apart, it will add some needed variety to the "traditional" ASPEN because our first trip will be during the much coveted "HIGH SEASON". THINK TWICE ABOUT ASPEN.

In August the Texas Ski Council held a workshop in Galveston. Space City Ski Club was well represented. All who attended returned more knowledgeable about ski clubs, ski trips, and skiing in general. Austin Skiers and the Longhorn Ski Club both had large groups present and the workshop probably did more to strengthen the Texas Ski Council than any previous event.

The TSC will be of benefit to all ski clubs in the state, but as usual, our benefits will be proportional to our input. Since we are the largest ski club in the state, it is our DUTY to make sure that the TSC grows to take its proper place as an organization to promote skiing throughout Texas.



## it's time to renew your membership

Be sure to fill out and bring your **Renewal Form** to the **September Meeting**.

Membership cards will be handed out at the **September Meeting**.

New Members must have two sponsors sign the application for membership.



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# dates to remember

## SEPTEMBER 10th:

Sign up for your favorite trip at Sonny Look's on South Main. The doors will be open at 7:30 and the "Ski Colorado Council" will present an interesting program about skiing - Colorado, of course! This may help you to make your final decision about the trip of your choice.

## OCTOBER 15th:

October Meeting will be the third Monday - October 15th - instead of the traditional second Monday of the month.

## SEPTEMBER 29th:

Tentatively, we will have a CANOE Trip down the Guadalupe River below Canyon Dam. This is one of the prettiest rivers in Texas. If this trip coalesces as we expect, we will leave Saturday morning, September 29th, at 6:00 A.M. We will go up river from White Water Safari at 10:00 A.M. and canoe back. Lunch, canoes, paddles, guides will be provided. We will have a barbecue with beer at the White River Safari Camp grounds in New Braunfels and leave for Houston about 10:00 P.M. The approximate cost for bus trip, canoe, lunch and dinner will be \$25.00. Final details can be obtained at the White Water table at the September 10th Meeting.

## NOVEMBER 10th:

Our WURSTFEST TRIP will be November 10th. Plan now to attend this fun trip to the land of sausages - beer - and omph - pa -pa music for a memorable day.

We are sorry the Second No Snow Preakness Trip had to be cancelled, since enough people had not signed up the week prior to departure.

## TEXAS SKI COUNCIL HOLDS WORKSHOP



By Darwin Miller

President, Texas Ski Council

The Texas Ski Council, an organization comprised of representatives from several active Texas ski clubs, held a workshop for club officers and trip chairmen in Galveston the weekend of August 11th and 12th.

Representatives of the Austin Skiers, The Longhorn Ski Club, and The Space City Ski Club discussed various aspects of club operations, with the greatest emphasis on air travel. Supporting this discussion were presentations by Continental Airlines, American Airlines, and Texas International Airlines. Club representatives were given a greater insight into rate structure, scheduling requirements, preferred operating procedures and a host of other details which should make trip planning simpler in the future. Discussion leaders were Jim McIntyre of Space City Ski Club and Jeff Goyert of Longhorn Ski Club.

Jim also presented information on the Texas Ski Week in Vail, February 6-10. This week sounds like another winner. Final details have not been resolved, but if all the rumors are true, this week should rival the fabled Flatland Ski Week.

Our thanks to the Anheuser Busch Company for treating everyone to lunch. I understand that the favorite beverage was Budweiser by a large margin!

Another purpose of the workshop was to exchange information on non-ski activities of each club. One of the more interesting non-ski activities

discussed at the meeting was the canoe trip held by the Longhorn Ski Club. I wouldn't be surprised to see other clubs copying Longhorn similar trips.

After the main session, a hospitality room was provided by Texas International Airlines. This gave everyone a chance to meet other club representatives. The party outlasted the bartender, but not the "refreshments". Bud Langford and his team from TIA were well prepared -- I guess they know skiers pretty well.

Space City showed off its prize winning newsletter, the SITZMARKE, Number ONE in the USA. Too bad they didn't bring the trophy along. Jim Horn of Longhorn Ski Club passed around a picture of Jean Claude Killy congratulating Jeff Goyert on being elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Texas Ski Council. Come on Jim, what really happened?

Our appreciation is extended to all the participants and sponsors for making the first TSC workshop so successful.

## new members

J. Ferruggia Ynez, Joyce P. Burris, Sheila A. Murphy, Sandra J. Wollangk, Susan C. Symmonds, Lynn F. Giordano, Linda L. Sharp, Keith E. Eastin, Jan Brown, Teri M. Weaver, Rosemary and James J. Bettis, Abby Machemehl, Bill B. Trussell, Joe D. Box, Ronnie E. Albert, C. Fielding Early, Tully A. Mayer, Jan Davis, Jeanne J. Young, John H. Matthews, James Pease, Herbert and Jane Reed, Pat and G. Karl Witter, Lois E. Sage, Lisa Anastasio, Sue DeCordova, Ann Harvey, Charles Latady, Leonard and Flora Levine, Sally Mathis, Betty and Lehrue Stevens, Don Teague, Franklin and Carol Van Rensselaer, Lesley and Ann Warshaw, Roger and Christine Pozniak, Ina McWhorter, Jennifer Chew, Sue and David Criswell, Kathryn Cook, Jane Gustafson, Susan Hankey, Suzanne and Kenneth Albers, Jodie Benner, Jim and Susan Kerbow, Gerri and Neil Murphy, Richard Schafer, and Nancy Sommer.



# presentation of trip chairmen

By **Harry Gaston**

Vice President of Trips

September is here at last and ski season is just around the corner. The summer activities have been fun, but for me this summer has been especially meaningful. Although there has been no snow, a portion of my mind has been constantly preoccupied with skiing and ski resorts. A great deal of thought and planning has gone into preparing the trip schedule for this coming season. Everything has not fallen into place like one would hope upon undertaking such a project. There have been many frustrations, and I am sure there will continue to be others as the execution of each trip moves us through the season. It is comforting to know that I do not stand alone in making important, and sometimes controversial, decisions regarding the Club Trip program. Your Executive Board and especially the current Club officers represent a vast resource of experience and interest which has made the job much less burdensome.

Now that Trip Chairmen and their assistants have been selected, I am more convinced than ever that this will be a great year for skiers belonging to SCSC. This group of trip leaders has thrown themselves into their task of providing you with the best ski packages available at the lowest cost possible. They are continuing to work toward even further reductions in the cost of their trips, either through charter or joint charters with other groups. They are all highly qualified individuals and each one is striving to outdo the other in making his trip the best trip of the season.

We can all take pride in our Club from the comment made by an airline representative at a recent gathering of the Texas Ski Council. His

remark before this group was that the Space City Ski Club is the most professionally run travel organization he has ever dealt with. Since SCSC members are not professionals in travel organization, they would have to be the best amateurs in the world. With that closing remark, I would like to present the Trip Chairmen and their Assistants for the 1973-1974 ski season.

- **Alta - Snowbird**  
Sally Riggs/Roy Gowell
- **Breckenridge**  
Lynn Blanton/Bob Allgiere
- **Steamboat Springs**  
Wayne Ahrens/Layna Adams
- **Sun Valley**  
Russell Smith/Janet Pickell
- **Aspen "A"**  
Warren Michaels/Karen Steiner
- **Vail - Texas Ski Week**  
Jim Easter/Jeanne Neu
- **Taos**  
Dale Allbritton/Ann Cornish
- **Aspen "B"**  
Linda Judge/Randall Odom
- **Banff**  
Tom Graves/Donna Davis
- **Vail - Easter**  
Tom Baldwin/Donna Hahus

## trip requirements

1. If a trip participant withdraws from a trip after the specified final payment date, the trip participant may lose his entire payment unless the cost of the participant's withdrawal is recovered by cancellation of lodging, transportation, and other items. The Trip Chairman shall exert a diligent effort to cancel all arrangements so as to return the maximum amount to the individual. It shall be the club policy to cancel all unused accommodations so as to return the maximum amount possible to the cancelling participant. The trip showing a profit or loss shall not be a factor in determining the refund. Also, if the Trip Chairman failed to exercise a reasonable effort in cancelling accommodations or finding a replacement, the Executive Committee shall award the appropriate

refund, less \$10.00.

2. The Club Policy shall be that non-trip participants shall not be allowed to occupy any room as a non-registered guest.
3. The Club Policy shall be that there be no substitutions allowed without the knowledge of the Trip Chairman, and that new additions to the trip come from the "Wait List". The Trip Chairman shall make all substitutions.
4. A minimum of \$10.00 charge will be assessed on all refunds for trips with a total cost greater than \$50.00 with the following exceptions:
  - a) If the trip is handled through an agency which has a refund charge of \$10.00 or greater.
  - b) If the refund is necessitated by actions of the Club and not the individual.
    - 1) Cancellation of the trip.
    - 2) Individual was on the waiting list and never became an active participant.
5. A minimum charge of \$5.00 shall be assessed for transfers.
6. If a trip should be "weathered in", the Club Policy shall be that the additional lodging expense should be left up to the individual, collection of the same shall be left up to the lodge, and the arrangements should be made by the Trip Chairman.
7. Priority is given to new potential Trip Chairmen and Assistant Trip Chairmen rather than use experienced individuals. Trip Chairmen should have been on a club trip before. Present officers are ineligible as Trip Chairmen. All Trip Chairmen and Assistants are to have Executive Committee approval.
8. Membership in the club is not a pre-requisite for participation on non-snow-skiing trips. Currently these summer time activities are directed by the Vice President in charge of Programs. Reservations for participation in such activities require full payment instead of a deposit fee.



## snowbird

Space City has discovered what Utah calls "The Greatest Snow on Earth". It's true - it's the only place you can ski that's close and has **guaranteed snow at Thanksgiving time..** On

Wednesday, November 21, our flight leaves Houston in the early evening and arrives in Salt Lake City around 10:30 or 11:00 p.m. Then our bus will take us to the Little America, a well equipped hotel for eager beaver skiers. It's located in Salt Lake City close to exciting nightlife such as the Winery, Club 39, The Iron Horse, the Salt Palace (where top flight entertainers perform) and on Sunday morning if you're skied out, you can visit the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. By staying in the city, we have the night-life advantages and we're only 25 minutes from the slopes. We will have our own buses every day to take us to the slopes.

There are slopes for all levels and a wide variety of all. We will have a fondue party and a wine and cheese party. All this, including your lift tickets, is included in the price - \$213. Come Join Us! We are expecting a good response so that we can keep this price which is a real steal. However, if we do not get this response, we will have to cancel our charter flight and go commercial. This will cause the price of your trip to go up \$16.00, so **SIGN UP NOW!** Remember, it may be slightly cheaper to go to Vail at Thanksgiving, but the snow is nothing like Utah.

November 21 - 25      \$213.00  
Transportation only      \$155.00

### Trip Chairman:

Sally Riggs  
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## BRECKENRIDGE



Miss the holiday rush, ski early in the season, try somewhere new, and join us for Breckenridge.

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Stay in Breckenridge's newest condominiums - Four O'Clock Lodge, which is within easy walking distance of the town and close to the lifts. You can ski to your door!

Good food, entertainment, shopping . . . and most important of all, good friends from SCSC will be there. A \$50 deposit will put you on this trip.

December 12-16      \$155.00

### Trip Chairman:

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### Assistant Chairman:

Bob Allgeier  
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## Steamboat

Lots of runs for beginners, intermediates and experts with plenty of lifts make for a lot of skiing. The snow at Steamboat is some of the best in North America. Both the standard method and GLM method are taught in the ski schools.

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A mixture of ski resort and old Colorado atmosphere make Steamboat a fascinating village. Marvelous restaurants, supper bars, and neat shops are abundant.

In addition to everything else the view from the top of the mountain is fantastic. No resort in Colorado has a view that can compare. For a winter experience you can't miss, join the Christmas Special.

Dec. 26-Jan. 1      \$230.00

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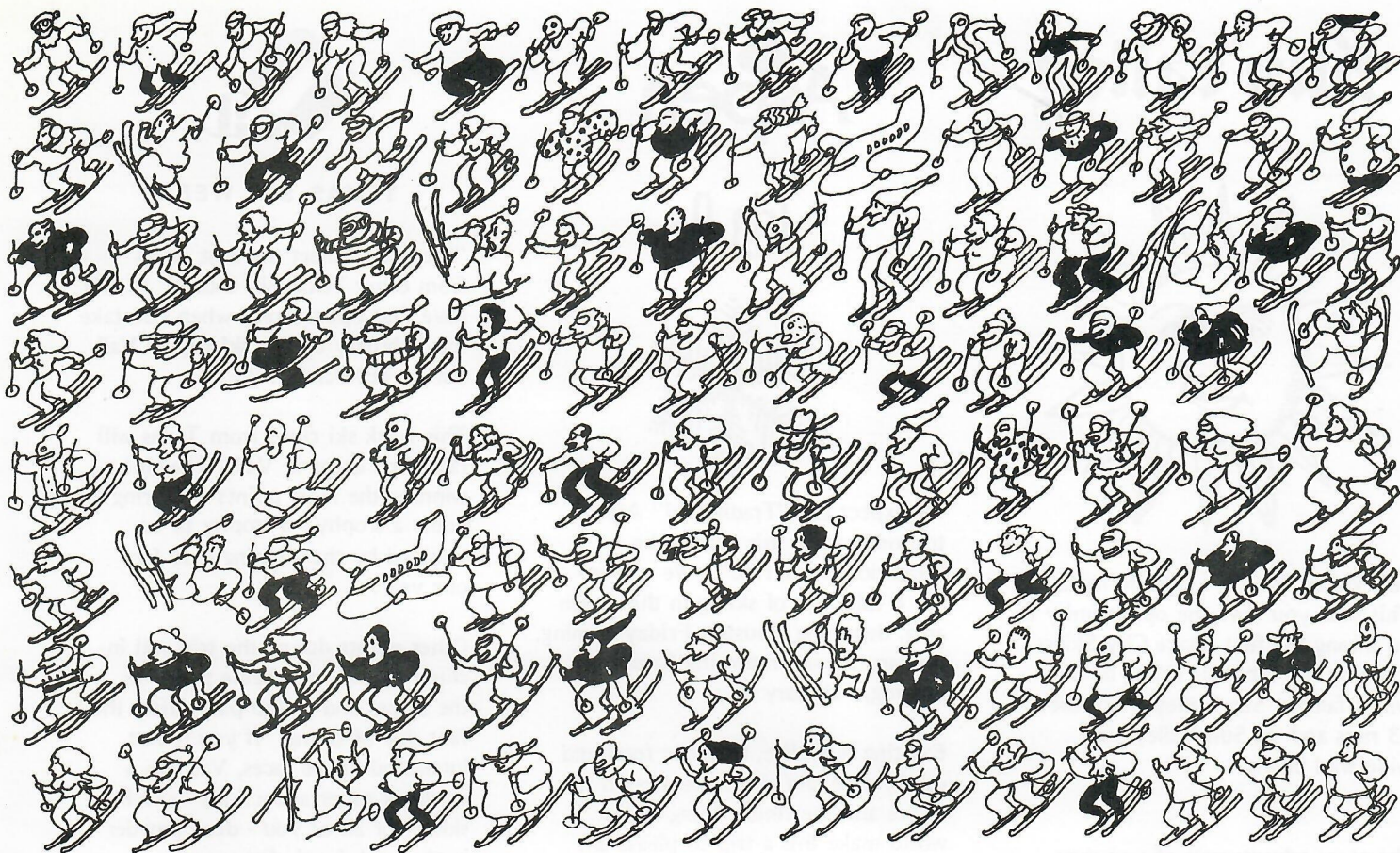
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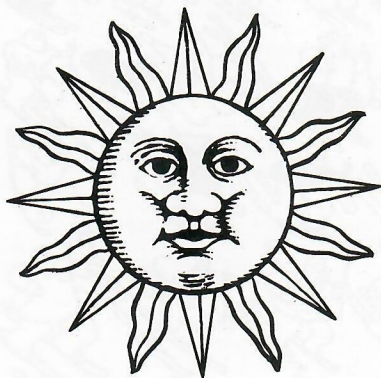
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# Sun Valley



Sun Valley Winter? The life fantastic! This year you have the opportunity to be among the first Space City Skiers to enjoy the fabulous skiing of the world famous Sun Valley! Try the 53 runs and ski Sun Valley's six wide wild bowls.

The more adventurous of you may want to take a helicopter trip to the back country skiing. For apres ski, you can enjoy ice skating, swimming and sleigh rides.

We leave Houston at 5:30 P.M., Saturday, January 5, 1974, and arrive at Sun Valley about midnight. There we will stay at the brand new Elkhorn Village Condominiums. We will return to Houston on the following Saturday - January 12, 1974, after one week of skiing.

Come Join Us for the TRIP OF THE SEASON!

January 4 - 12      \$305.00

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# Aspen

## Trip A



We expect the "Traditional" Aspen trip once again this year to be "traditionally terrific". We will enjoy 8 full days of skiing in the Aspen area, departing Houston Friday evening, January 25 and returning Saturday evening, February 2.

Exciting night-life, fantastic food and drink, wine and cheese parties on the slopes and the finest skiing in the world make this a trip to please all. We will stay in luxurious 2 bedroom 2 bath condominium apartments in the heart of Aspen where we will have 4 major ski areas from which to choose as well as all levels of ski schools for those who may want a lesson or two.

The approximate cost of this trip will be \$230.00 including transportation, lodging, and parties. There is room for only 99 people on this trip which fills up very quickly. All we need is your name and a \$50.00 deposit to insure you of an outstanding ski week.

January 25  
February 2 )      \$230.00

(Transportation  
Only)      \$135.00

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## TEXAS SKI WEEK

"Prepare to meet the best skiers from other Texas Ski Clubs!" You'll have that opportunity when you take the February 6-10th ski trip to Vail during TEXAS SKI WEEK.

This week ski clubs from Texas will race each other in Vail. The club winning the most points will bring home a trophy - a trophy to be retained by the winning club for one year.

Other events during the trip will include a wine and cheese party on the slopes and a club party after the first day of skiing. If you're not interested in the races, Vail has a world of other attractions - excellent skiing for all of you - deep powder in the back bowls for experts - challenging slopes for intermediates in Game Creek Bowl and Lion's Head - and the beautiful wide slopes of the Meadows for beginners. There are seven ski lifts and two gondolas for your convenience.

We have accommodations for 88 skiers at the luxurious MOUNTAIN HAUS which is only a block from the gondola and the center of Vail Village. This condominium offers spacious rooms with individual furnishings, balconies and fire places.

SIGN UP EARLY (with a \$50.00 deposit) in order not to miss the best trip of the year.

February 6 - 10      \$180.00

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# TAOS

Convenience at low cost best describes this trip. \$50.00 deposit will reserve you 3½ days of the most uncrowded high season skiing you'll ever get. Taos Ski Valley's famous slopes offer 50 runs from ½ mile to 7 miles, from deep light powder to manageably packed snow, from bowls to trains to boulevards and from the progressively graded beginner to the most challenging slopes in the world. Kachina Basin - a protected snow rich bowl awaits you as late as July 4th!

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Leaving Houston at 5:30 p.m., we arrive in Albuquerque at 7:15 p.m., where a short bus ride puts us at Taos by 11:00 p.m. Returning you home by 8:15 p.m.

**February 14-18 \$160.00**

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## Trip B

Our "by demand" Aspen trip will commence with a Saturday morning charter flight to Grand Junction, departing Houston at 2 a.m., February 23 (your boss will like that!). Upon arriving in Grand Junction, we'll transfer our party(ing) to three chartered buses Aspen-bound. The 1½ hour bus jaunt brings us to our second homes, the Chateau Roaring Fork and Chateau Eau Claire. These condominiums sit on the banks of the Roaring Fork River and edge Aspen Village near the Little Nell lift - a breathtaking view.

Four ski areas catering to any ability are all around us: Buttermilk (9,720') caters to beginners; Snowmass (10,645') and Aspen Highlands (11,665') are for intermediates; Aspen Mountain (11,212') is for experts. Beginning skiers will find Aspen's ski schools certainly outstanding a lot of fun. And all skiers will find our "apres-ski" activities to be the most.

Four full-swinging parties, nightly get-togethers, a wine and cheese party with "fun" races and "fun" prizes on Buttermilk will all prove this Aspen trip to be the highlight of the entire ski season. When not

skiing or partying, Aspen Village offers the most unique shops, gourmet restaurants and clubs.

After a full week of beautiful high country skiing (and a lot of partying), we'll reluctantly depart Aspen late Saturday afternoon, March 2 by charter. You'll then have a whole day for some well-deserved "apres-ski" rest before returning to work.

Total cost of the trip including transportation, lodging, taxes and parties is \$230 for 88 people. We have available 11 "transportation only" packages (with parties) for \$135. Aspen is a skier's town, so get your reservation now.

Federal regulations require charter trip participants to have been club members a minimum of six months prior to departure. For more information or to insure your reservation, contact the Trip Chairman or Assistant Chairman;

**February 23**  
**March 2 ) \$230.00**

**Transportation only \$135.00**

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The first-ever SCSC trip to Banff  
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 part Houston on Friday afternoon,  
 March 8. A Denver connection with  
 Western Airlines' champagne (yes,  
 champagne) flight to Calgary will  
 put us into Calgary by 9:30 Friday  
 night. An hour and a half away, by  
 bus, is the Ptarmigan Inn, where our  
 group will be housed.

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 walking distance of the local shops,  
 restaurants and clubs. We will have  
 access to three different ski areas:  
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 shine Village, all accessible by shuttle  
 bus. Don't be intimidated by the  
 fact that last year's World Cup meet  
 was held here; there's plenty of good  
 skiing for all levels of ability, as well  
 as plenty of professional instruction.

We will return to Houston via Denver  
 the evening of Saturday, March 16.  
 This will be the only international trip  
 this season and should be one of the  
 best. The estimated cost of the trip  
 is \$305. We hope you will join us.

**March 8 - 16      \$305.00**

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# what's been happening...



By **Connie Hinshaw**  
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*Connie*

SCSC members have really been on the "go" this summer! Even without snow, Colorado attracted our great outdoor enthusiasts. **Russell Smith** took off for the West Elk Wilderness in Colorado with a 45 pound backpack. . . he spent seven days exploring Mother Nature and practicing survival techniques! **Ray Lawrence** spent a more civilized week in the Rockies and **Ron Waska** slipped away to Colorado for some trout fishing after spending a month with the Indians in Wounded Knee, South Dakota, on assignment with a legal task force from Washington, D.C. . . . check with Ron at the September meeting for some real Indian stories!



*Nancy*

South of the Border lured **Connie Hinshaw** through Central America and **Nancy Winslow** "dropped out" for two weeks in San Miguel de Allende. **Russell Smith** recovered from his backpack and spent a few days with friends at Cozumel.

**Jeanne Neu** covered 3300 nautical miles on a Mediterrean cruise, stopping off in Athens, the Greek Isles, Istanbul, Yugoslavia and Russia. **Russ Sledge** took advantage of a few days in the Bahamas while on a recent trip to Florida. Follow-



*Sally*

an August 9 wedding, **Patty Milner** and **Gus Blackshire** departed Houston for London where Gus will be on assignment for six months

On the party scene, the SCSC Bar-B-Que was quite a success and **Don Martin's** beautiful new yacht made a real splash! Everyone enjoyed seeing **Danielle** at the party. . . she was visiting Houston and renewing friendships made when she was the SCSC guide at Chamoix on the European trip. From all the moans the morning after, the Cadre wine tasting party at ESP on August 12th must have been something! Speaking of wine - **Les Bennett** just brewed and bottled his own Beaujolais which will be ready about Christmas of 1974. . . making the scene at **Foley's** wine tasting party was **Betty Humbeld**.

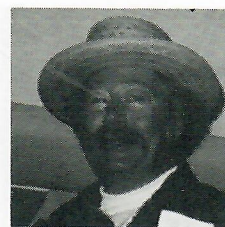
What really happened at **John Sims** party? **Leslie Holmes** staged quite an affair when she gave a "funeral" in memory of "passing on" from single life to married life -- the lucky couple, **Linda Van Alstine** and **Lee Wible**, received many good wishes and much sympathy from everyone at the "wake"!

**Linda Judge** was quite a sensation in her light blue outfit at the Texas International cocktail party in Galveston. HERE COME THE JUDGE.

By the way. . . we hear wedding bells will be ringing for **Jane Morgan** and **Jerry Kearby**. . . also **Sherry Hall** and **John Hughes** are getting married September 8, 1973.

**Tom Campbell** bought a new twenty-four foot sailboat last month . . . **Harry Gaston** was fifth in the Thistle Class at the recent Houston Yacht Club Regatta.

**Lilla** and **Michael LeVine** have just returned from New Zealand after skiing the 18 mile Tashman Glacier at Mt. Cook.



## ski tips

By **Ed Williams**  
Certified RMSIA and PSIA

If sufficient interest is shown, I will conduct a ski school session before the Utah trip in November. We will utilize an artificial ski slope located at Lake LBJ near Austin. The slope is 100 yards long and is an excellent facility for teaching beginners. You can learn enough in two days to handle yourself with confidence. You will learn the basics about ski equipment and should be able to maneuver some basic turns. Let me know at the September Meeting if you are interested.

The most important priority you can do now to prepare for a successful ski trip is to get into shape. An exercise program to strengthen the leg and shoulder muscles is good. Experts will also want to work on the stomach muscles. Running also builds your wind.

If you have your own boots, put them on for several hours a week and just walk around the house. This will help loosen up the boot and relieve bruises around the shins that can often be painful. Practice pushing your knee forward as if you were driving the knee towards the tip of your ski. When you get to the slopes, be sure to take lessons from a certified pro.

## Ski The World Travel Fair

OCTOBER 22

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"SKI THE WORLD", a mini-convention Travel Fair of ski-equipment, ski resorts, airlines with ski-package tours, wine tasting and fashions, is scheduled for the Astroworld Hotel Grand Ballroom, October 22, 1:00 - 10:00 P.M.

The program is the first of the newly structured, expanded Post Travel Fairs for 1973-74, free to the public. Other programs include "Christmas Around the World" - November 28, "Europe" - January 15, "South of the Border" in March and "America" in May.

Included in the program are ski-travel films and live entertainment, including a fashion show for an entire ski vacation. "Decision now" facilities will make their debut so that Houstonians may finalize travel arrangements on the spot. 35 booth participants such as Alitalia (Italian Airways) will feature the major ski spots across the world, as well as the "what to take" and "what to do" of ski vacations.





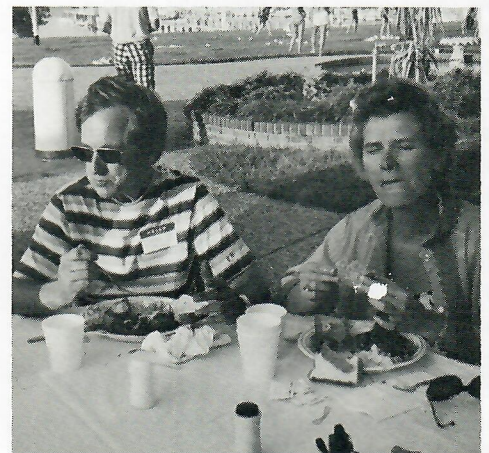
## HOUSTON YACHT CLUB BBQ

What a party! Two hundred SCSC members gathered at the HYC for our annual summer BBQ. Volleyball was naturally one of the main attractions. A refreshing swim in the pool and a freezing cold beer in the mid-day heat certainly hit the spot!

Don Martin brought his motor yacht. Harry Gaston and Milton Gottschalk brought their Thistles, Jimmy St. Clair brought his 20 foot sloop, and Bill Stein took several members on his Morgan 38. A sunfish or two were also available.

Obviously, sailboats were available for whoever was brave enough to face the sea! Ask Milton about "submarine" sailing. Who did you say was at the tiller???

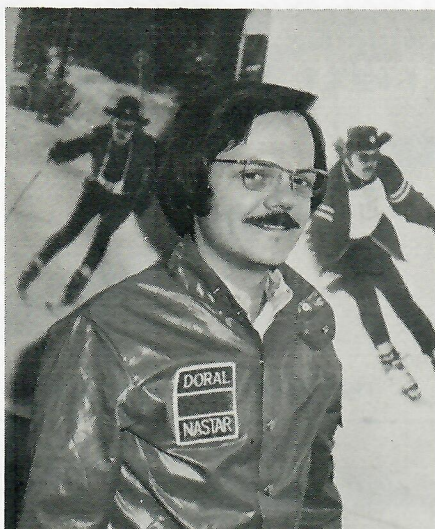
Most of the sailors returned on time for BBQ chicken, brown rice, corn, and watermelon. A great time was had by all. Many thanks to Sandra Hess and Donna Davis!





# marke makers

By Janet Pickell



When Dale Allbritton entered his first NASTAR competition this past February at Winter Park, he did not know a closed gate from an open one. He was more interested in skiing a race course without crashing or missing any of the gates. To his surprise, the time on his second run of the race was good enough to win a bronze medal. After this race, he really had the racing bug, bought Jean Claude Killy's book and decided to be serious about racing!

At Purgatory a few weeks later, he took two silver medals in the NASTAR races. He even missed a gold medal by eight-tenths of a second in the second race.

Not all of Dale's racing experiences have been as successful. A month after winning the bronze medal at Winter Park, he visited Aspen Highlands with his sights set on winning a silver medal in the NASTAR competition. Aspen Highlands, one of the most active racing areas on the NASTAR circuit, draws over 50,000 participants for the NASTAR races. Upon his arrival in Aspen with a hangover - a feeling common to many ski travelers - Dale discovered the racing competition would begin in less than an hour. Undaunted by any minor physical discomfort, Dale donned his wet look racing suit, rushed to the racing course and paid his fee.

On his first run down the rough and fast course, he lacked only four-tenths of a second to win a bronze medal. Thinking he could capture the bronze medal on his second run, he tried again. Disaster struck; he crashed and burned about 250 feet, hangover and all. From this experience Dale learned why racers do not wear the wet look ski attire.

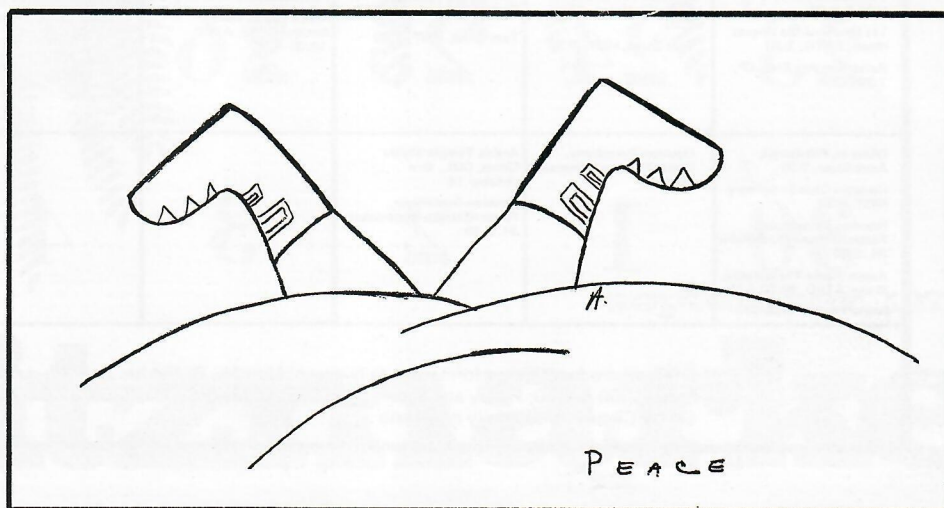
Dale explains that NASTAR stands for National Standard Race. NASTAR is probably the largest amateur skiing organization. Every ski area, no matter how small, has a NASTAR headquarters. Dale encourages SCSC members to give serious thought to entering NASTAR competition, since it is an amateur event based on a handicap system. Skiers of all ages, both women and men, from beginners to experts, have a chance to win. To enter a NASTAR competition a skier pays a minimal entry fee which varies slightly among the various ski areas. For a second run, the skier pays an additional dollar.

Besides weekly races in the ski areas, NASTAR has awards sponsored by companies such as Pepsi Cola, Bonnie Bell, Schlitz, and Doral. Dale won the Doral award for the Rocky Mountain Region, lowering his handicap from 49 to 28 while competing in Purgatory, and receiving an orange windshirt with a NASTAR patch and a plaque. Doral presents this award each week to the racer who has shown the greatest improvement in his or her handicap within the respective five regions which comprise NASTAR across the country.

Dale began skiing approximately 20 years ago in Germany where he was living with his parents. His first boots were low-cut ankle toppers made of leather. When Dale returned to the United States, he skied mostly in Seven Springs outside of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There he purchased his second pair of wooden skis, but this time with safety bindings. He also purchased his first high top skiing boots. Having run the gamut of ski equipment, Dale really appreciates good equipment. He recommends Killy's book for good advice on racing and buying equipment.

During his years of skiing, Dale has never broken a bone which he attributes to always skiing in control. He has skied a wide variety of areas, including Vail, Aspen, Purgatory, Winter Park, Ruidoso, Santa Fe Basin, and the five areas at Salt Lake. Alta near Salt Lake impressed him the most. He describes the powder in Alta as the most gorgeous snow he has ever seen.

Dale has been a member of SCSC for five years. This year he will be the trip chairman for the Taos trip in February. He and his wife Carolyn live at the West Point apartments. Professionally Dale has a practice in general Dentistry on Wesleyan. His lowest paid employee is a bright yellow parakeet named Pretty Boy, who works for bird seed. From his cage in the waiting room, Pretty Boy offers prospective patients assorted bits of dental advice such as "Brush Your Teeth".





**NOTE:** DGT, all productions, performances daily except Monday, Buffet begins 6:30, curtain 8:30. BBP, performances Monday-Friday 2:00 & 4:00; Friday and Saturday 8:00; Saturday & Sunday 2:00, 3:00 & 4:00. For Ice Capades and Arabia Shrine Circus, consult daily newspaper.