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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MONDAY, 7:30 P.M.

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LOOK'S SIR-LOIN INN "CROWN ROOM"

(Corner of the South Loop West
and South Main)

Our January Meeting will be an interesting one! Many of our members will have been skiing already at least once this year and will have many stories to tell about the runs at Vail and Aspen. Better get your sunlamps out if you don't want anybody to know you haven't been on the slopes as yet!

But if you haven't been lucky enough to go skiing, we will have a good ski program for you. The film for the evening will feature skiing around the beautiful Lake Tahoe area. Tahoe is a tremendous area with a great many facilities for both the advanced and beginner. There is also some of the best in night life entertainment. You have probably heard about Squaw Valley and Heavenly Valley.

Those of you who missed the program last month missed an excellent movie on Taos Ski Valley. It was one of the best shown to the club so far.

It is also time to start thinking

about our March program, our annual March Musical. We will need many volunteers. If you have some talent in singing, acting, music, set design, or just generally want to help let us hear from you at the next meeting.

I hope to see you at our January meeting.

Ed Williams
Vice President, Programs



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DRYLAND SKI SCHOOL

The next dryland ski school will be held Monday, January 17, at Locked In Sports located at 9703 Katy Freeway. The time is 7:00 P.M. There is no charge for members. Please call Ruth Roy at 464-2873 for reservations.



Get snowed!

— NEW REFUND POLICY —

The Executive Committee has approved a minimum \$5.00 refund charge to become effective January 15, 1972. If you drop off a trip prior to January 15th and you are eligible for a refund, you will receive a full refund. Trip participants eligible for refunds will be assessed a \$5.00 refund charge after January 15th. To be eligible for a refund, you must have someone available to replace you on a trip. Participants dropping off a trip who are not eligible for a refund can lose their entire payment.

D. R. Sebesta
Treasurer

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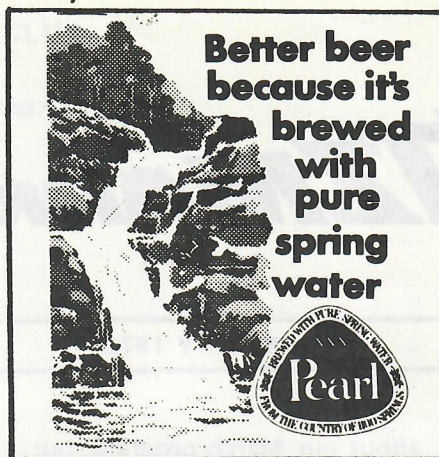
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COMING EVENTS

JANUARY

Monthly Meeting	10th
Steamboat Springs	14-19
Aspen Trip	29-6*

FEBRUARY

Monthly Meeting	14th
Europe Trip	17-28*

MARCH

Monthly Meeting	13th
March Musical	
Taos Trip	3-7
Tahoe Trip	11-18
Vail Trip	28-3

APRIL

Monthly Meeting	10th
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MAY

Monthly Meeting	8th
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*Must be a dues paid member 6 months prior to these trips. A deposit of \$50 is required on ALL TRIPS at the time of signing up.

ON-THE-AIR

FLASH!!!

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Thursday 7:15 A.M., 12:15 & 6:15 P.M.

Friday . . . 12:15 P.M. & 7:15 P.M.

Information Included

Skiing conditions, new snow, weather conditions, road conditions, and total snow depth.

Areas:

New Mexico: Sierra Blanca, Santa Fe, Taos, Red River, Bandia Park.

Colorado: Aspen, Vail, Aspen Mt. Snow-Mass, Breckenridge, Steamboat Springs, Winter Park, Loveland, Crested Butte, Arapaho Basin and Monarch.

Other areas may be included week by week. The reports are updated every 24 hours.

• (WEDDINGS) •

Congratulations to two of SCSC's long time members . . . Marjean Chrisman and Don Doucette



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Steamboat

STEAMBOATS A COMIN'

We will depart Houston International Airport for Denver via Continental Airlines, Friday, January 14. We will meet at 3:55 P.M. (one hour prior to flight time) at Continental check-in counter.

Our arrival in Houston is scheduled for 10:00 P.M., Wednesday, January 19. Dinner will be served on both non-stop flights.

Questions? Contact:

Jim Coyle
2238 S. Pine Point Rd., Apt. 207
Houston, Texas 77042
Res. 782-6549 / Off. 220-5636

or

Merry Merritt
Res. 526-3981 / Off. 621-2646

go to Europe

EXCITEMENT EUROPE '72

CHAMONIX - GENEVA - PARIS February 17-28

Europe Trip participants will gather on January 20, at 7:30 p.m. for a pre-trip party. The site will be the Holiday Inn West at 3131 West Loop. Dress casual. The party will give everyone a chance to get acquainted before departure. Details of the trip will be discussed, and single members may sign up for roommate preferences at that time. (Singles will be rooming together in 3's in the condominiums at Chamonix, but only 2-to-a-room in Geneva and Paris. So, there will be two separate roommate sign-up lists.)

REMINDER: Europe Trip participants will need a *valid passport*. Passports are now valid for 5 years, so if you have one issued after February 1967, it will still be valid for the trip. In Houston, application for a passport may be submitted in person from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. weekdays at either of the U. S. Post Offices located at: 401 Franklin or 701 San Jacinto.

Start getting in condition. You'll enjoy your European skiing adventure more!

Questions? Call:

Ron Crossman, Trip Chairman
351 N. Post Oak Lane, No. 813
Houston, Texas 77024
681-1998

or

Willi Schaufelbuhl, Assistant Trip
Chairman
623-8465

ski Aspen

ASPEN SCENE January 28 - February 5

A pre-trip party will be held at Rudi's, 1728 S. Post Oak Rd., Houston, on Thursday, January 13th at 7:30 p.m. Final trip details and information will be discussed then.

The Texas International chartered jet flight to Grand Junction will depart Houston's Intercontinental Airport Friday night, January 28th. Please be at the airport by 8:00 P.M. This year we will have 8 full days of skiing! Accommodations will be for 8 nights in the Chateaux duMont and Chaumont in downtown Aspen near the famous clubs and restaurants. The Little Nell ski lift is about one block away and the free bus to Buttermilk and Highlands stops at our back door. We have arranged for everyone to have 2 bedroom/2 bath apartments - four persons per unit. Departure will be Saturday, February 5 about 6:00 P.M. in time to board our jet in Grand Junction and arrive in Houston about midnight.

C.A.B. charter flight regulations require trip participants to have been members of the club six months prior to departure.

NOTE: THERE ARE NOW A FEW OPENINGS ON THIS TRIP, SO THOSE OF YOU WHO STILL WANT TO GO TO ASPEN, CONTACT THE TRIP CHAIRMAN SOON!

Duke Walker, Trip Chairman
2054 Southgate Blvd.
Res: 524-7387 / Off. 221-4091

or

Ed Fedak, Assistant Trip Chairman
Res: 622-8139 / Off. 222-2613

TAOS SKI VALLEY

New Mexico

TAOS SKI VALLEY

March 3-7, 1972

The time for the Taos trip is approaching quickly, and many would-be spring skiers will be left in sunny Houston on that March weekend.

For those of you that attended the meeting and saw the movie on Taos, one item that was not mentioned is the expansion of intermediate and beginners runs that has taken place since the last train load of skiers arrived at Taos. Since the filming of that movie, several long runs skiable by beginner and novice skiers have been added to the mountain. What Taos does not have - lift lines - is probably as important as the runs themselves or the snow. There are many lines which are free to wait in and one is not charged 8 or 9 dollars for the privilege.

Final arrangements for lodging have been completed and for those who are familiar with Taos, we will be staying at the Kandahar Condominiums. "Fixins" for breakfast will be included in the price of the trip. Evening meal arrangements will be made with the lodges in the valley. Two parties will be held at the area, the first an evening cocktail party, the second a slope party in the warm New Mexico sun.

The trip will depart Houston at 4:30 on Friday, March 3. We will ski at Taos for 3½ days and leave on Tuesday, March 7 arriving in Houston at 9:00 P.M., which should be early enough so that we all can get our required 8 hours.

Don't miss the trip that offers what skiing should be . . . skiing. Sign up at the next meeting, or better yet, make the weighty decision now and send your deposit (\$50) to:

John Gonnerman
10715 Willowgrove, Houston
Houston, Texas 77035

or

Jim Lilyquist
Ph. 921-4054



SKI FAMOUS LAKE TAHOE

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MARCH 11 - 18

LAKE TAHOE.....

If you are interested in going to LAKE TAHOE this year, be sure to be at the January Meeting. The program will include a film on one of the main ski areas around the Lake. To really see what Tahoe is like, DO plan to attend. You will see the most beautiful scenery, the best skiing, the best night life and the world's largest casino - SAHARA TAHOE.

All signals are go! The trip as scheduled is March 11-18 and the cost is only \$265 and will include:

All transportation (including transportation to and from ski areas)

First class accommodations (color TV) at Sahara Tahoe

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We are planning to leave Houston Saturday morning, March 11th, arriving Lake Tahoe about 1:00 P.M., giving

you a half day of skiing. We will stay at the Sahara Tahoe, on the South Shore and the hotel will provide transportation to all skie areas around the lake - at least 3 days transportation to Squaw Valley, which is at the North end of the Lake. The return flight is scheduled for Saturday morning on March 18th arriving in Houston early that evening.

If you are interested in skiing in this beautiful and exciting area, please stop by our table at the next meeting.

Jim McIntyre, Trip Chairman
2200 Fountain View No. 65
Houston, Texas 77027
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or

Margie Fanette, Assistant Trip Chairman
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VAIL

VAIL : TRIP "A"

MARCH 28 - APRIL 2

Late winter skiing at its best in the Tyrolian tradition high in the majestic Rockies!

Come Ski With Us!

Easter's early this year, and Vail's four giant bowls will be filled with the last of the beautiful Colorado powder. On the lower slopes, glorious corn snow will delight you, and at the foot of the mountains is the exciting apres-ski world of Vail Village. Complete with sun-warmed terraces, heated pools and saunas, ice skating and the finest boutiques and gift shops between Chicago and San Francisco, Vail Village is a dream come true.

Come Ski and Party With Us!

TRIP DETAILS: Trip "A" will leave Houston's Intercontinental late Tuesday afternoon, March 26th. After a non-stop dinner flight to Denver, we will take

a bus to Aspen arriving in Vail around 10:00 or 11:00 - depending on the amount of recent snow in the pass!

We'll be staying at The Mountain Haus Condominiums in 7 three-bedroom condominiums. Each condominium has a beautiful living, dining room and a complete kitchen. Any or all meals may be prepared there. (Some of Vail's condominium dwellers include New York's Mayor John Lindsay and House Republican leader Gerald Ford). The Mountain Haus has a heated swimming pool, saunas for men and women and is located across the covered bridge - one short block from the center of Vail Village, two short blocks from the main gondola.

After five days of skiing - Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday - we'll depart Vail Sunday afternoon via bus. From Denver, a non-stop dinner flight will return us to Houston around midnight.

Total cost of the trip will be \$179.00. This includes transportation, lodging, and several parties - both at Vail and in Houston (pre-trip and post trip). Your food, entertainment, equipment and lift tickets (group rates will be available) are not included.

Come Ski With Us!

A \$50 deposit is needed pronto to get your name on the list. The balance will be due February 15. For more information, contact:

Martha Sanford, Trip Chairman
2627 Marilee Lane
Houston, Texas 77027
Res. 785-8589



VAIL - "B"

March 30 - April 3

FLASH: S.C.S.C. SAVES THE BEST FOR LAST !!!

According to reports circulating around town, S.C.S.C. has saved the best trip of its '71-'72 season for last. Reliable sources report that on Thursday afternoon (March 30) 42 exuberant skiers will board a Continental Airlines jet for a dinner flight to

Denver. On arrival at Denver a chartered bus will be waiting to whisk the party off to fabulous Vail, Colorado.

While in Vail, the jovial group will be staying at the luxurious Mountain Haus Condominiums, which are ideally located close to the main lifts as well as the many restaurants, bars and shops. Preliminary reports indicate that the skiing conditions will be perfect, the food - excellent, and non-skiing activities - fantastic, and the accommodations - the best to be found anywhere. It has been rumored that special arrangements are being made for entertainment which should prove conducive to the surroundings.

After four fun filled days in Colorado's magnificent powder snow and perfect Spring weather, the group will reboard their bus for a relaxed ride back to Denver, then on the Houston (E.T.A. 10:00 p.m.).

Want to be a part of this fantastic excursion? You can, and for only \$165.00 (not included: food and lifts). For additional information or reservations (\$50.00 deposit required) contact:

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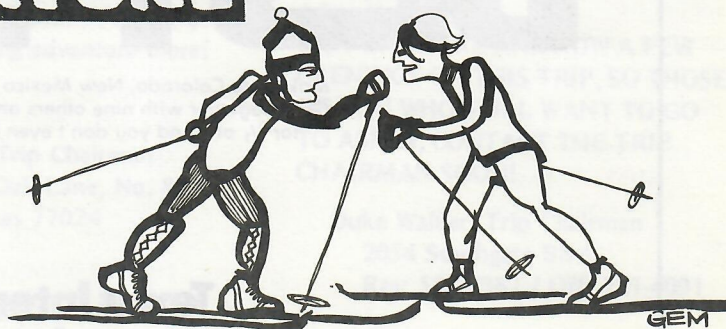
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RULES OF THE SLOPES

1. All skiers shall ski under control. Control shall mean in such a manner that a skier can avoid other skiers or objects.
2. When skiing downhill and overtaking another skier, the overtaking skier shall avoid the skier below him.
3. Skiers approaching each other on opposite traverses pass to the right.
4. Skiers shall not stop in a location which will obstruct a trail or stop where they are not visible from above or impede the normal passage of other skiers when loading or unloading.
5. A skier entering a trail or slope from a side or intersecting trail shall first check for approaching downhill skiers.
6. A standing skier shall check for approaching downhill skiers before starting.
7. When walking or climbing in a ski area, skis should be worn and the climber or walker shall keep to the side of the trail or slope.
8. All skiers shall wear safety straps or other devices to prevent runaway skis.
9. Skiers shall keep off closed trails and posted areas and shall observe all traffic signs and other regulations as prescribed by the ski area.



SKI TIPS

by Ed Williams
Certified RMSIA PSIA

There is a problem that afflicts both the new skier trying to become an intermediate skier and the intermediate skier trying for parallel. It is a matter of balance, or "Natural Positioning" as the instructor will refer to it. I like to call it getting the "Center of Gravity" properly fixed on the ski.

In the completion of a turn the average skier has a tendency to get the center of gravity on the uphill side rather than balanced more on the turning ski and away from the hill. The student has devised many forms of trickery to achieve this mistake. We instructors have devised as many exercises to correct these mistakes.

Two of the most common errors are angling the upper body into the hill and an extreme pushing of the hip into the hill. This has the effect of putting the center of gravity uphill. The beginner has difficulty in turning properly because the ski he needs to stem for the next turn is already weighted and he

cannot stem it. The intermediate finds his ski (downhill) keeps separating and he can't turn parallel because he has to make an extra step.

A good exercise is sideslipping. Standing in a proper traverse position (with more weight balanced on the downhill ski) and the upper body angled downhill, push both knees towards downhill to flatten the ski until they start to slide sideways. Maintain the balance on the downhill ski with the upper body still angled away from the hill. To stop the side slip, merely push the knees back into the hill. This will teach you the proper balance as the ski slips.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT
AS OF
JANUARY 1, 1972

Total Single Members	. . . 675
Total Married Members	. . . 284
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.	. . . 959

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VAIL THANKSGIVING

Even though Continental Airlines had overbooked the flight, all of the Space City Ski Clubbers were on the flight the afternoon before Thanksgiving and we were headed for Denver. An easy flight and we were all in the busses headed for Vail . . . with only one little problem! Only one of the busses had Facilities..... This necessitated two pit stops on the way but we still were in Vail about 10 p.m.

On Thanksgiving morning we found the snow a little scarce at the bottom of the mountain and the lift lines long but when we got up the mountain to Mid-Vail and above, the snow was fair to good and the lift lines were tolerable. We found several good runs that morning and in the afternoon, some skied on while all football fans headed for the nearest TV set and the Oklahoma-Nebraska game. We had our first Cocktail Party that evening and nearly everyone attended—and everyone who attended definitely participated because we had to make a second trip to the liquor store. The family room/lounge of the Kiandra Lodge where we stayed, proved to be a great spot for a party. After the party, various groups headed to the Village to eat, drink, dance, and look around at the New Gnu, Vail Casino, The Oar House, and on and on into the night.....

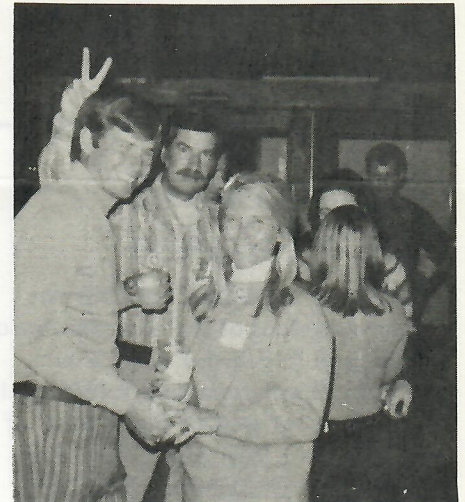
Good skiing again on Friday at the top of Vail mountain and another Cocktail party that night kept everyone busy but what really excited the group was a couple inches of new snow. Everyone was up and on the mountain early Saturday and it was fortunate because THE BIG STORM hit about noon and near blizzard conditions existed all afternoon. The snow was beautiful but a little too much for all but the hardest of our group. Many found the nearest fireplace and hot drink to weather the storm and of course this caused Saturday night to end early for tired skiers and weary drinkers. At least, it ended early for some, but not for others!

Again Sunday everyone got up the mountain early to take in the blue skies and try to handle the foot of new powder. The conditions were unreal! It seemed like having to leave in mid-afternoon was completely unfair but when we thought of all the skiers back in Houston

who could only "Think Snow", we knew that these four days could not have been spent better. Getting out of Vail proved to be much more difficult than getting in because of the big snow in the Passes and a flat tire on one of the busses — however, we fortunately had stored in a good supply of wine and snacks and had facilities in both of our busses. We were four hours late for the airplane but Continental held the plane and we were back in The Big "H" about 1:30 P.M.

Vail Thanksgiving then was a combination of both good and great skiing, a great bunch of people who made our job easy, good luck in that we had no injuries, very nice accommodations at the KIANDRA, swinging night life in Vail Village, little but not large transportation problems and that great feeling of being the first ones to SNOW country this year.

Tiny Aitken, Trip Chairman
Jim Sirois, Asst. Trip Chmn.





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RMD NEWS

Texas Ski Council

The Rocky Mountain Division is one of nine divisions of the U. S. Ski Association, and it is further divided into special interest groups and geographical sections to better serve the interests of all skiers on a local basis. The Texas Ski Council (TSC) is such a division. It is organized to provide two functions: *help the RMD meet the requirements of Texas skiers and provide coordination among Texas ski clubs.*

President of the TSC is Ron Crossman, one of Space City's past presidents and chairman of the TSC European ski trip. Ron has been active in the RMD for two years now, serving on the Board of Directors of the RMD and as president of TSC.

The purpose of the TSC is to assist Texas clubs in getting greater ski benefits for their members. Two examples of this are the European ski trip and

aircraft sharing on the Aspen trip.

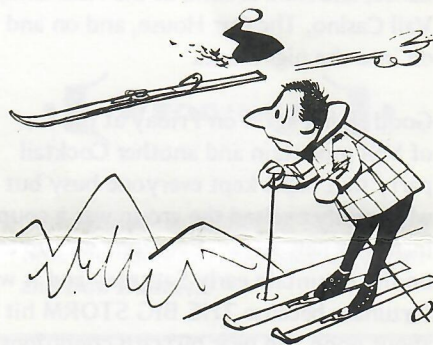
In previous years, Space City has had difficulty in offering a European trip because of limited interest. Every few years, enough people would be interested in skiing Europe to get a trip together, but in intervening years a lot of people would be disappointed. By joining together with Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth and other Texas skiers, we can consistently provide a trip for our members, and we are able to get the best possible price for our trips.

At a TSC meeting in Dallas, Jerry Chiles was able to initiate a plan with Roger Beasley, president of Austin skiers, to share aircraft on the February Aspen trip to reduce flying costs considerably. (The two clubs' trips are on successive weeks and the plane that takes the second group up will bring the first group back, eliminating deadhead charges). This produces a direct benefit to both clubs and represents only the beginning. There are many other such advantages to be gained

by joining with other clubs to give us much greater bargaining power with airlines, bus companies and lodges for future trips.

These things don't just happen. They are the result of efforts by people like Ron and Jerry and others who travel all over the state and give up weekends and evenings to work out these activities. I urge you to help these people help you by joining the RMD and giving Space City a strong voice in RMD and TSC activities.

Darwin Miller



RMD APPLICATION FORM

ANNUAL DUES: \$4.00

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MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION/USSA

Darwin Miller
1631 Wavecrest
Houston, Texas 77058

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