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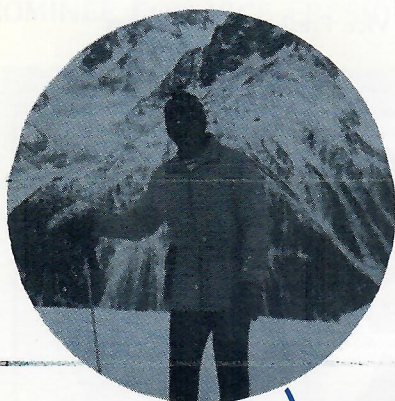
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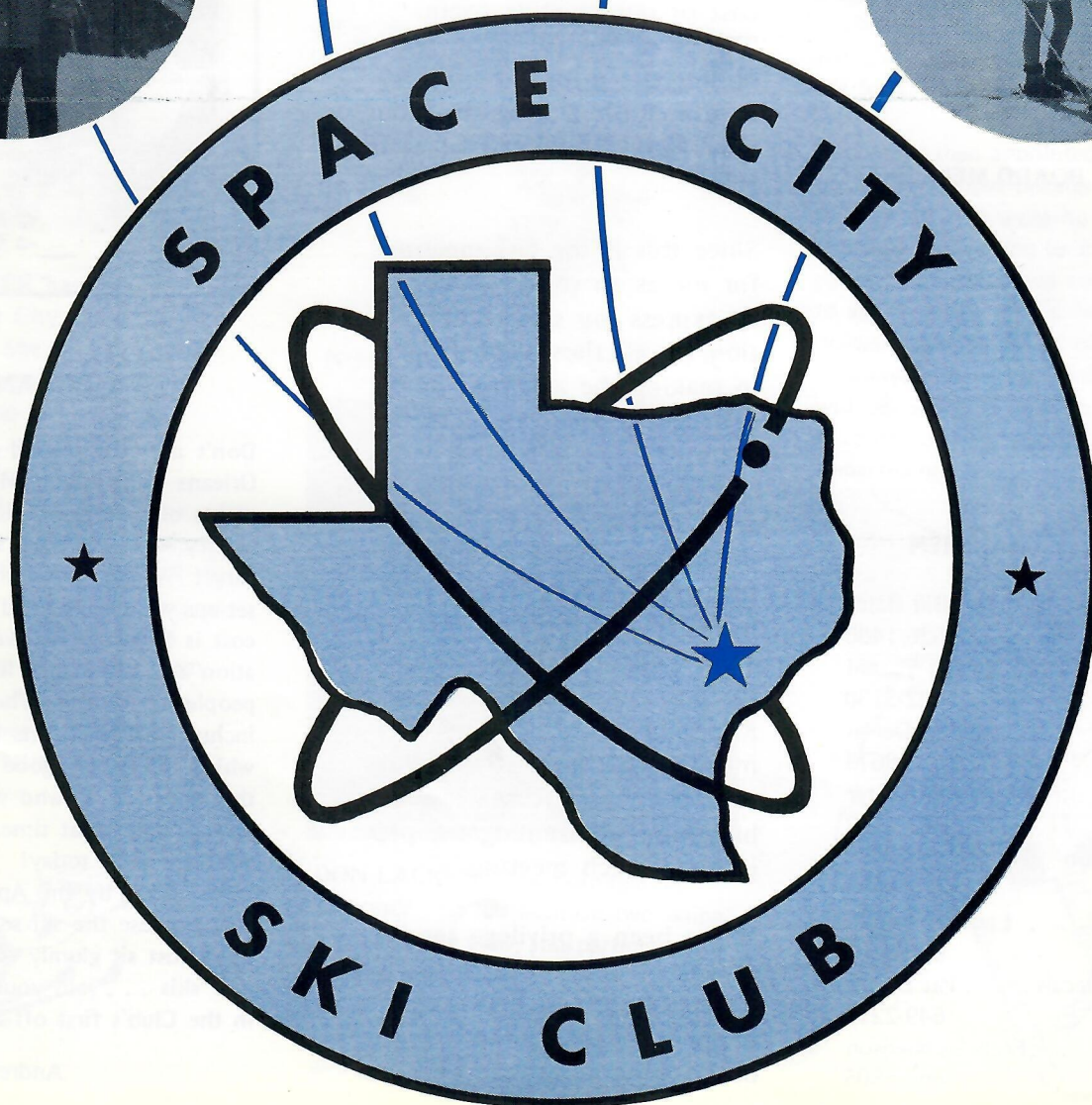
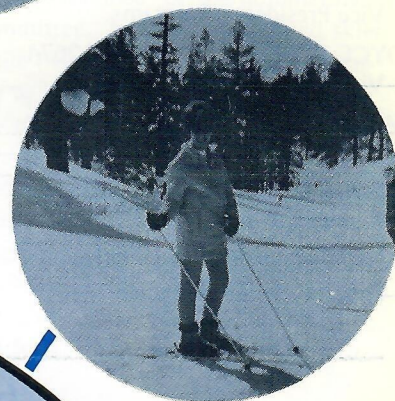
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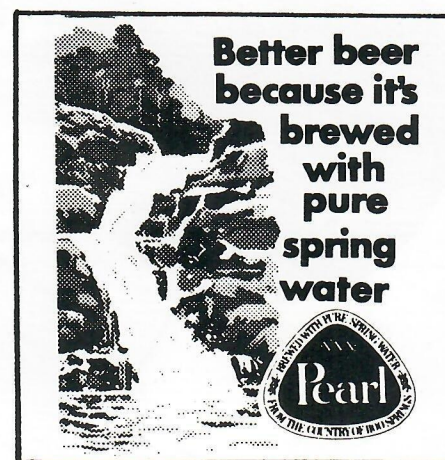
I hope all of you will turn out for our April Meeting. We will have the election of the new officers, a good movie, and a critique of the Lake Tahoe and Vail Trips. We will also have the privilege of "Rums of Puerto Rico" hosting our drink table for the cocktail hour before the meeting gets underway. You can get all the Rum drinks you can drink from 7:30 to 8:30 for \$1.00. The \$1.00 is charged by the club to defer the cost of our meeting room. "Rums of Puerto Rico" are furnishing the drinks at no cost to the club. During this hour only Rum drinks will be available.

Since this is the last meeting for me as an officer, I want to express my sincere appreciation for all those who helped in making the activities in my department a success. Special thanks to the following people: *Miles Anderson, Leslie Holmes* and *Linda Van Alstine* for their participation in the Lafayette trips; *Lee Brazil*, New Braunfels Trip Chairman; *Merry Merritt* for a real fine Beach Party; *Ingrid Rich, Roxanne McKenzie, Jay Castille*, and all the members of the cast in the style show and *Ruth Roy* for bringing and handling the projector at each meeting.

It has been a privilege serving as one of your officers this year. I was asked by a prospective member recently what was so outstanding about our club.

"Is it the great trips you take each year?", he asked. "We do take great trips but that is not what makes us so outstanding," I replied. "Is it your programs and activities?", he inquired. "They are great too, but that is not it", I replied. "What then?", becoming more curious. "The Members themselves. They have got to be the greatest people anywhere. That's what makes our Club so outstanding," I replied.

Ed Williams
Vice President - Programs



NEW ORLEANS TRIP

Don't miss the second annual New Orleans Trip, leaving May 5th for two nights of dining, sightseeing, and revelry in the South's swayingest City!! We will go by chartered bus - set-ups will be provided. The trip cost is \$40, which covers transportation and two nights lodging (2 people per room). The sign-up sheet includes many repeats from last year which is a pretty good indication that those of us who went last year had a really great time. So, mail your check in today! Total payment is due by the April meeting. Just because the ski season is over, don't just sit glumly staring at your new skis . . . join your new friends in the Club's first off-season trip.

Andrea Carey

FROM THE HEAD OF THE LIFT LINE . . .

Amazingly enough, the end of the 1971-1972 ski season is suddenly here! It seems like only yesterday that we were looking forward to that first ski trip of the season. As you know, it is now time to elect new officers. The nominees for the various offices are presented in this issue of the Sitzmarke. The election will be held at the April meeting. Please plan to be on hand to give these officers your hearty approval, your confidence, and support. The new officers will take office on May 1.

This has been a very exciting and eventful year for Space City Ski Club. We passed a real milestone recently when we exceeded the 1,000 mark in membership. This makes us one of the largest flat-land ski clubs in the nation, and truly an influence on the national skiing scene! This year we took approximately 550 members skiing on 9 separate trips, including three areas never visited before. Our highly successful Europe trip was organized and run for the Texas Ski Council by Space City and our own *Ron Crossman*. The past year has truly been an enjoyable one for me and the other officers. We only hope that all of you enjoyed the club's activities this year as much as we did, for that is the true measure of our success.

We owe many, many thank-yous to all of those who worked in the club this year and were so invaluable in the planning and running of the club's activities. To those hard-working Trip Chairmen, Assistant Trip Chairmen, Standing Committee Chairmen, and members of all the various committees, a very sincere and grateful "thank you". And to those very special people who contributed so much of their time and effort this year - *Pat McLaughlin, Joyce Testa, Ed Williams, Tanny Koepfel, Dan Sebesta* and *Virginia Blalock* - all I can say is you certainly made my job easy!

By the way, how do you like the new face on the Sitzmarke this month? Contratulations to the PR Director, *Tanny Koepfel!!*

Please do be sure to attend the April meeting to vote for the new officers and give them your congratulations. "Good Luck" to them and a "Bon Voyage" as they set out on a new year, which I'm sure, will be the most successful one yet for Space City Ski Club!!

Jerry Chiles
President, 1971-1972

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*****JULY 1-JULY 8*****

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SKI TIPS

By ED WILLIAMS
Certified RMSIA and PSIA

Now that the ski season is over, it is time to think about protecting your equipment for next season. If you have leather boots, be sure and put them in storage in a boot tree so they will not warp and lose their shape. Skis should be checked for nicks and holes in the bottoms and filled. The edges should be checked to make sure they have not separated from the edge of the ski. Check and see if there is any delamination of the layers of metal or plastic in the ski. Check the flex of the front and back of the ski to see if there has been any break in the ski.

Store the ski in a dry and cool (room temperature) place. Place them bottom to bottom, strapping them together with a rubber ski strap. Kiss the bindings gently for releasing each time you needed them and put the

skis away for next year.

Plastic boots should also be checked inside and out to see if any cracks have developed. If you have the foam filled or flow filled boots, make sure you are not losing some of the material from any cracks. Guarantees in both boots and skis often run out in a year and you will need to discover any problems before your guarantee runs out.

It has been a good year for skiing. It has really been a pleasure teaching Space City Members how to ski, both on the ramp and on the slopes, because they are all eager to learn. In thinking about next ski season, my advice is to get in shape, take lessons from a certified instructor, buy or rent good equipment, and ski within your ability.



\$\$ RENEWAL \$\$ OF MEMBERSHIP

It's time again to renew your SCSC membership for the 1972-73 Season.

If dues are not paid BEFORE the October meeting, you will have to pay the \$2.00 guest fee and be required to follow the same procedure as if you were a new member. Avoid this and renew at the April Meeting.

Mail your checks (\$10. for singles; \$15. for marrieds) to: *Joyce Testa, V. P. Memberships* 2408 Yorktown, Apt. 240, Houston, Texas 77027. Payable to: SPACE CITY SKI CLUB.

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JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 5 / ASPEN

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Asst. Trip Chairman Ed Fedak
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FEBRUARY 17-28 / EUROPE

Trip Chairman Ron Crossman
681-1998

Asst. Trip Chairman Willi Schauffelbuhl
623-8465

MARCH 3 - 7 / TAOS

Trip Chairman Jim Lilyquist
665-5385

MARCH 11-18 / TAHOE

Trip Chairman Jim McIntyre
782-8991

Asst. Trip Chairman Margie Fanette
623-2226

MARCH 28 - APRIL 3 / VAIL

Trip Chairman, Group A Marty Sanford
785-8589

Trip Chairman, Group B Jim Grassman
498-3228

the wine and liquor flowed and we partook of the delicious Air France cuisine. After a brief lay-over in Paris, a short flight to Geneva and a 2-hour bus ride into the French Alps brought us to our destination: Chamonix-Argentiere, site of Europe's highest mountain peak, the enormous, imposing 15,781-foot Mont Blanc. After checking into our condominium apartments at the Grand Roc in Argentiere that Friday night, most everyone was ready for a visit from Le Sandman. However, a few of the hardier souls (including the Trip Chairman) managed to locate a little French discotheque in town to carry on into the wee hours.

Fresh snow greeted us the following day, and the next week was spent skiing the many areas spread out along the length of the 10-mile Chamonix Valley . . . Les Houches, Les Grand Montets, La Flegere, Le Brevent, and Le Tour . . . at the same time enjoying the magnificent rugged beauty of the Alps. Unfortunately, the 12-mile long Vallee Blanche glacier run was closed, but the view from the top of the Aiguille du Midi cable-car lift (highest in the world), which serves this run, was breathtaking!

The Get-Acquainted Party Saturday night accomplished just that . . . with the help of unlimited quantities of wine . . . and many new friendships were formed between members of Space City and those from Austin and the Dallas Sno-Mads. Other nights were spent dining superbly in the many fine restaurants of Chamonix and Argentiere, dancing in the often unusual and always crowded discotheques, and gambling in the Casino (which also boasts an excellent restaurant . . . their orchestra that plays dinner music now knows "Edelweiss", thanks to *Jay Castille*.)

One of the highlights of the week was a day-long sightseeing trip by mountain-train and bus to the Valais (Valley) of Switzerland, which was carved out by the glacier of the River Rhone. This side tour, organized and personally conducted by

Assistant Trip Chairman, *Willi Schauffelbuhl* (who comes from Switzerland), took in some spectacular scenery including the Swiss Alps, centuries-old ruins and castles, quaint Swiss villages, and vine-covered wine mountains. The trip was culminated at a rustic chalet restaurant high atop a mountain peak, where we were treated to typical Swiss dishes -- cheese fondue and raclette (delicious!) . . . and bountiful quantities of Fendant wine, which is made in the Valais. A Folkloric dance group performed for our entertainment. We returned to Chamonix that evening, a bit richer from having met a new country, a new culture and people.

Our one Space City skiing casualty, *Barbara Masor*, found the French doctor in Argentiere who put the cast on her leg to be **most friendly**, with unusual anesthesia techniques. One thing is, Barbara learned upon returning to Houston that her ankle was **not** broken, only badly sprained. Oh well, we all make mistakes!

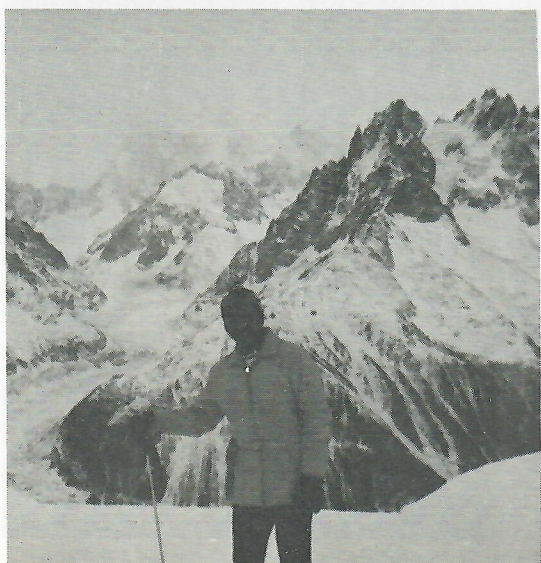
After a farewell wine party Thursday night and, for some, a final go at the Chamonix slopes the next day, we departed for Geneva. Our Friday and Saturday nights in Geneva were particularly enjoyable as a result of Willi and his Swiss friends' knowledge and advice on the local restaurants and their specialties. Saturday provided a good opportunity to sight-see and shop in Geneva -- particularly for Swiss watches and clocks -- by bicycle, car, or on foot. Those pastry shops with the seemingly unlimited variety of Swiss chocolates seemed to turn up on every street to tempt one.

On Sunday, we flew to Paris, arriving in time for an afternoon tour of the city before going to our hotel. A night on the town was stretched far into the early morning. Only a few hours sleep and (groan) it was time to get up to catch our Monday morning Air France flight home. And so, it was back to Houston and reality. . . our delightful European adventure had ended.

Ron Crossman, Trip Chairman
Willi Schauffelbuhl, Assistant
Trip Chairman

EUROPEAN SKI VACATION

On the night of February 17, 70 Space City Skiers were joined by 51 Austin Skiers and 11 Sno-Mad Skiers from Dallas to begin a fabulous 11-day adventure on the Continent, the first such trip run under the auspices of the Texas Ski Council. The 10-hour flight to Paris seemed much shorter, as no one had trouble napping after



LAKE TAHOE SKI SPREE

Lake Tahoe, Lake Tahoe, will we ever arrive,
 The five hour bus trip took a lot to survive.
 Then we were there, and were in for a big surprise,
 An open bar, but oñe room for twenty one guys?
 Just for one night we felt surely we could make do,
 Another drink and who cared who slept next to who.
 Sunday we headed for Squaw and the slopes,
 Only that there be snow was our hope.
 Snow we did find, an unusual kind,
 Corn they call it in the springtime.
 Some of our skiers found it tricky to ski,
 And wound up twisting or turning a knee.
 Jeannie, Jim, Laura and Penny, our crips,
 Said they would be back for the next year's trip.
 Every evening we found an excuse to meet,
 At the Top of the Wheel or in someones suite.
 Then there was gambling anytime anyone dared,
 Funny we never heard how anyone fared.
 The last few days we skied the Heavenly way,
 Did you ever get off a lift on plastic and hay?
 It was then we knew how bright the sun shone,
 For the snow was vanishing and soon would be gone.
 Some of our skiers did not give up so quick,
 Skied the Nevada side and found the snow very thick.
 Our races on Friday are a sore subject at best,
 For some of our skiers never made it for the test.
 However, to John, Carolyn, Jeannie and Bob,
 Just wait 'til next year, your trophies we'll rob.
 The Carpenters were great, thank you Tom Ryan,
 However, the tip really put Jim in a bind.
 Now to San Francisco the St. Francis and all,
 It was a grand way to end, yes, it was a ball!

Margie Fanette
 Assistant Trip Chairman



John, that is Not the way to ski moguls!



Jim's watching over the trophies.



Ah, sun and snow - what a beautiful combination!



Come on Tom, what do you mean you over-sold the hotel?



Janet, Mike, Bill & Jim stop to view beautiful Lake Tahoe.



Laura & Dave stop to look at Liz's Run before attacking it.



Some of the group stop to get a bite to eat after races.



**"Let's go
skiing!"**

LETTERS

Dear Editor:

I thought you might be interested in this article that I found in the Aspen Times recently.

Apparently a group has entered a ski team in the Winterskol Lodge and Restaurant Race League under the name — SPACE CITY SKI TEAM!

I notice this group isn't doing badly, either.

Notice that Space City Ski Team has a S. ERICKSON skiing for them!!!! (Could it be.....no, it couldn't be the real.....you know who!)

Anyway, thought you might need some additional copy for the Sitzmarke.

*Neal Pleasant, Member
Space City Ski Club*

Page 4-A The Aspen Times February 3, 1972

Andres, Snowflake win 'Skol races

Andres, the Snowflake and the Mine Dump Miners took the honors in the Winterskol Lodge and Restaurant Race.

Times for the fastest individuals and the fastest teams in each category are as follows:

G. Coppier, Andres, 72.70; J. Grow, The Shaft, 72.90; S. Erickson, Space City Ski Team, 73.10; B. Wipple, Mine Dump Miners, 73.90; H. Powell, Agate,

74.75; R. LeMaster, Space City Ski Team, 74.80; R. Riley, Slope, 75.10; J. Mika, Mine Dump Miners, 75.25; D. Horning, The Shaft, 75.35; and R. Martin, Pearls Pals, 75.75.

Top women were A. Sutter, Guido's, 74.95; G. Shimer, Center Ski Repair, 75.40; S. Richards, Beavers, 75.95; J. Freed, Peddlers, 77.45; and H. Kraus, Guido's, 78.10.

Top restaurants were: Andres, 226.20; The Shaft, 226.50; Guido's, 229.35; Peddler's, 241.90; Starboard Tack, 243.40; Slope, 243.70; The Shaft, 244.45; Fo'c'sle, 249.80; and Mother Lode, 251.85.

Top lodges times went to the Snowflake, 249.10; Alpina Haus, 255.95; Tyrolean, 257.10; Agate, 257.30; Dormez-Vous, 262.90; Holiday, 267.95; and Pomagranate, 273.60.

Top independent teams were the Mine Dump Miners, 255.35; Space City Ski Team, 227.10; Beavers, 232.15; Center Ski Repair, 236.65; Real Ski Patrol, 239.65; Acme, 241.05 and Pro Tree, 243.00.



**MEMBERSHIP REPORT
AS QF
APRIL 1, 1972**

Total Single Members . . . 743
Total Married Members . . . 306

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP . 1,049

**NEW MEMBERS
As Of March 21, 1972**

- * Eugene A. Degner, M.D.
- * Jerry V. Defebaugh
- * Mrs. Barbard Everett
- * R. J. Fisher
- * Larry L. Henderson
- * Frank J. Millet
- * Burce Maughs
- * Charles Graml
- * Betty J. Rostron
- * James C. Simons



**1972-1973
SCSC
OFFICER NOMINEES**



NOMINEE FOR PRESIDENT



JIM GRASSMAN has been a member of Space City Ski Club since 1968, and was most recently Trip Chairman of the Vail "B" Ski Trip. He has been an active participant in many of the Club's activities, including ski trips, summer trips to Lafayette and the Wursthfest, the annual picnic and Luau, supplying photographs of these as well as of the fashion shows and musicals, for the Sitzmarke and Roster.

Jim is a draftsman for Armco Steel and a commercial photographer. An active volunteer fireman with the Alief-Community V.F.D., Jim is a certified Advanced First Aid card holder. He lives with his wife, Linda, in the Alief community.

**NOMINEE FOR VICE PRESIDENT
TRIPS**



JIM McINTYRE has been a member of Space City Ski Club for three years. He has been on the Utah '71, Aspen '72, Lake Tahoe '72 trips with the club and was Trip Chairman of Lake Tahoe '72 trip.

Jim is employed at Amoco Production Co. as a Senior Draftsman. Jim's hobbies include skiing, bowling and nightlife mainly, but also golf, sailing, hunting, fishing, playing bridge, and he is an Oiler Season Ticket Holder. Other activities he's involved in are Harris County Young Republican Club and Brunchers (St. Lukes Methodist Church Young Adult group).

**NOMINEE FOR VICE PRESIDENT
PROGRAMS**



WINTON ADAMS has been a member of Space City Ski Club since 1965 and has participated in many club activities — ice skating Chairman; Lake Tahoe Trip Chairman 1968;

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Aspen, Santa Fe and Ruidosa ski trips and has served on two officer nominating committees (just to mention a few of his activities).

He is an industrial salesman for Davies & Co., and besides skiing, his other favorite activity is sailing.

Winton would like to have suggestions and criticisms from the membership that he can incorporate in his new office - PR Programs. Also volunteers are always essential, so let him hear from you!

NOMINEE FOR VICE PRESIDENT MEMBERSHIP



SUSAN McCOTTER has been a member of Space City Ski Club for three years. She ventured to Europe with the group in February, 1972 and also went to Vail last Easter.

She participated in the March Musical and Style Show this season. Susan was Chairman of Lift Liners, the newly-formed committee this year to welcome guests and new members and to tell them about Space City Ski Club and its activities. She does research in Dermatology Department at Baylor College of Medicine.



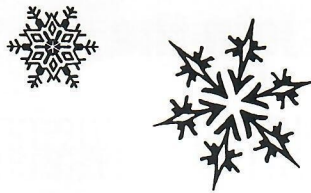
NOMINEE FOR SECRETARY



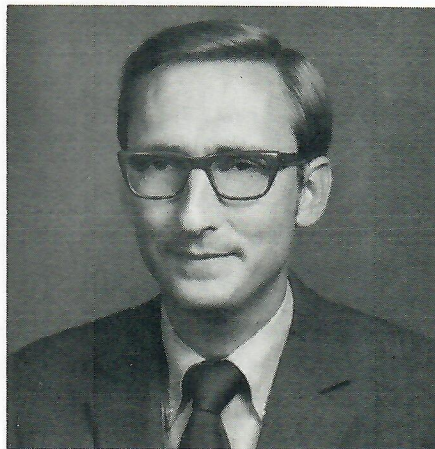
JANE MORGAN has been a member of Space City Ski Club since 1969. She has participated with the Club on the Steamboat 1972 Trip and the traditional Aspen Trip.

She works for Boeing Computer Services as a Secretary, and is also training for a Programmer.

Other than skiing, Jane's other hobbies include sailing.



NOMINEE FOR TREASURER



DON LACKEY is the nominee for Treasurer. He has been on two skiing trips with the club, and participated in other club activities. Don is a partner in a small local CPA firm. He enjoys various water sports, tennis and golf.

NOMINEE FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR



MERRY MERRITT is the Public Relations Nominee of the nominating committee. She became an avid skier while living in the east. Upon returning to her native state, Merry joined the club in '71.

While skiing on the Vail trip last Easter, she suggested having a beach party as a summer activity. The Luau Party on Pirates Beach was planned by Merry and three hundred members enjoyed the feast.

Merry was then appointed assistant on the Steamboat Springs trip. On the day of departure, she became trip chairman. According to the trip participants, her desire and ability to accept responsibility became evident. Merry also joined the February ski trip to Chamonix. Merry works with McGinty Partnership, Architects in charge of their Interior Design Department.





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We have another special deal for our members for the April Meeting, courtesy of "*Rums of Puerto Rico*". We have made arrangements with them to sponsor cocktails before our meeting gets started. From 7:30 P.M. until 8:30 P.M. on Monday, April 10th, you can get all the Rum drinks you can drink, with "*Rums of Puerto Rico*" supplying the Rum.

Here's the way it will work — purchase a \$1.00 drink ticket at the drink table. Exchange this ticket for a glass at the bar, and as long as you come back with an empty glass, you can try a variety of Rum mixed drinks — Rum Bloody Marys, Rum Screwdrivers, etc.

Rum drinks only will be available during this hour . . . no scotch, bourbon, vodka, etc. will be served until 8:30! At 8:30, regular drink tickets will be on sale at \$1.00 each for all drinks as usual. So, come early and enjoy all the Rum you can drink for an hour!

New Orleans Trip

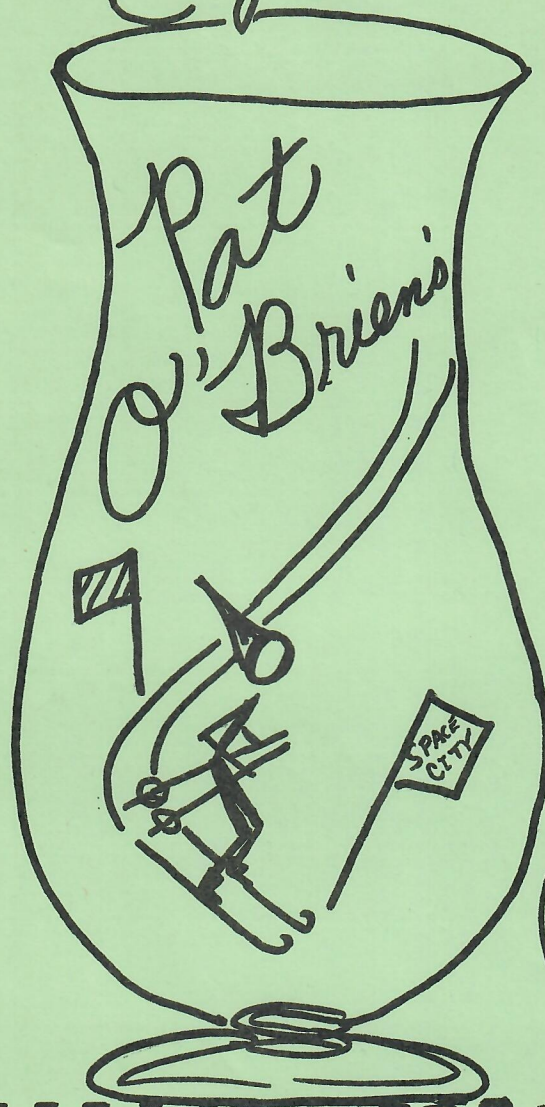
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