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OKTOBERFEST !!

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(ENGLISH TRANSLATION: YEAH, BOY!! IT'S TIME TO HAVE A BALL AT A GENUINE GERMAN BEERDRINKING OCTOBER-FEST!!!!

Get out your Liederhosen and beer mugs and practice up on your polka because they'll all be needed at the next regular monthly meeting of the Space City Ski Club.

For a change of scene and to get into the swing of Fall, our meeting will be held at the Houston Saengerbund Club, 3926 Feagan St. On Monday night, October 7 at 7:30 P.M.

Just in case you're not familiar with the Saengerbund, it is one of the oldest German Singing clubs organized and the club building is built just like a German beer hall.

The dress will be strictly casual, (ski clothes, preferably, if it's cold enough,) and if final arrangements come through, there will be plenty of Lowenbrau Beer to drink, Oktoberfest favors for everyone, and possibly an interesting door prize. A genuine German Oompah band will play during the get-acquainted hour from 7:30 to 8:30 and will start again after the regular meeting for a fast schottisch or polka and will play until 12:00 P.M.

To get to the Saengerbund, go North out Vaughn Drive, (it becomes Heights Blvd. when you cross over Memorial Drive,) to the Travelodge and turn left on Feagan Street just in front of the motel. The Saengerbund is about three blocks down the street on the right hand side and there is plenty of parking space across the street on the left hand side.

So yodel the news to all your ski friends and we'll see you at the Saengerbund!

Just in case you're not a beer drinker, BYOB and set-ups will be available.

FLASH !!

SKIERS TAKE NOTICE !!!

JACKSON HOLE SPECIAL PROGRAM
October 28, 1968

Our Club has been fortunate enough to arrange a special program to be presented by Pepi Stiegler, (three-time Olympic ski medalist and director of the Jackson Hole Ski School,) and the Jackson Hole Ski Corporation.

The program will be held at 7:30 P.M. on Monday evening, October 28 at the Summitt Club, our regular meeting place. It will consist of our usual cocktail-get-acquainted hour, a special film, "Skiing The Wild West," produced by the well-known ski film producer, Dick Barrymore, a lecture by Pepi Stiegler on ski techniques using color slides especially prepared at Jackson Hole by the Head Ski Company followed by an informal question and answer period on personal ski technique problems, and a short presentation by Tom Hansen of the Jackson Hole Resort Association covering information concerning travel costs, accommodations, etc. on the area.

This will be an excellent opportunity for you to not only get the facts on a fabulous ski area that we just might be planning a trip to, but also to get straight answers to some of those knee-grinding, ankle-twisting problems that you've been having because of your own ski technique mistakes.

Your officers have extended an invitation to the Houston Ski Club, the NASA Ski Club, the Beaumont Ski Club, and the San Antonio Ski Club to join us for the program so lets all turn out so we can give Pepi, the Jackson Hole people, and our neighboring ski club guests a warm welcome and at the same time have an enjoyable evening learning about Jackson Hole and good ski techniques.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our fiscal year ended on May 1, 1968. At that time, dues became payable for the 1968-1969 Ski Season. Because the Space City Ski Club does not meet formally during the summer months, it has been the club's policy to keep the past year's members on the mailing list until the October meeting. October is here and dues are due! If you have not renewed your membership for 1968-1969, please do so now by mailing a check payable to the Space City Ski Club to: Sammie Lou Mavar, 2101 A Fountain View, Houston, Texas 77027. Dues for a single person is \$7.00 and \$10.00 for married couples.

Remember-to keep up with the news and activities of the Club, PAY YOUR DUES NOW.

If there is some doubt as to your status, please call Sammie at 781-3058.

WRIGHT'S RAMBLINGS

To say I was delighted would be an understatement. Elated is more the feeling I felt at the Club member's response to the progressive changes that were presented by the Executive Committee at the September meeting. I call them progressive changes because I feel the Club is venturing into areas untried in the past. New trips, new committees, new functions and new approaches to old problems could hardly be called regressing, so we are progressing.

Progress is also being made in the area of my special interest that of helping everyone to become active in the Club's activities. The response to our requests for help was very good. Almost every project received volunteers who wanted to be in on the Club's functions. There is still plenty of work to be done and if you've not volunteered, don't feel as though you will be the first to speak up. Each committee has people who will be happy to have you and who are fun to work with.

If you haven't yet learned to ski, take heart and come with us on some of the Club's trips, where most of us mastered our first snowplow.

Progress is talking your boss out of an extra Friday so you can sign up for the bus trip to Ruidoso. You'll make some progress in Ruidoso, more progress on your next trip, and by the end of the season you'll ski from the top as though you had been doing it all your life.

Once you get this far it's for sure you will be skiing for the rest of your life.

To the slopes!!

Bill H. Jones

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SKIS & CRUTCHES
(Skiing Safety)

The last time I checked, it was snowing in the high ranges of the Rockies, and that brings up the subject -- Ski Season is almost here and when it begins, so do the injuries.

In future issues of the SITZMARKE, I'll be presenting points on skiing safety that hopefully will keep you skiing downhill rather than looking uphill with a hot buttered rum resting on your cast!!!!

I hope, of course, that the novices and beginners will pay special attention to these articles, but you intermediates and experts also need reminding once in a while. DO NOT FORGET, it has probably been at least eight months since you have been on the boards and unless you ski in your bedroom like Holloway does, you are not in the same condition you were in when you took that last run!

These articles will be based on my experiences and associations with the instructors and ski patrolmen of Vail, Colorado the season I was there, and safety data provided by the National Ski Patrol System.

Ski Safely, you'll have more fun.

Dusty Smith

ANOTHER SEASON!

ANOTHER YEAR!!

Just in case you missed the words to our opening song at the first meeting this year, (and it's quite understandable why you might have, here they are.

Another season, another year
For Space City Ski Club
Is Finally here.
So wax your skis,
And haul out your gear,
Another season of
Another year.

Here we go, we're off again
To Ruidoso and old Aspen
To Santa Fe and Reno and then
It's really great
To be skiing again

Another season of fun and cheer
For hot buttered rum
And kegs of beer
Trips to the slopes
Both far and near
Another season of
Skiing is here!

TO THE SLOPES!!

To quote a couple of lines from our season's opener "WAX YOUR SKIS, AND HAUL OUR YOUR GEAR; ANOTHER SEASON OF SKIING IS HERE."

And a great season it promises to be. We've lined up a trip schedule that has appeal for everyone, both in the choice of places to ski and in the potential effect on your budget. These trips offer the nonskier every opportunity to learn the world's most exhilarating sport.

Plan to take part in as many of our trips as you can.

Ruidoso

Dec. 5-9

Easiest of all trips on the pocketbook, if not the derriere, is the "Beginner's Special".

Leave right after work Thursday P.M., ski Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and arrive back in Houston, just in time to stagger into the office.

Start doing your Indian Snow Dance now because this trip is subject to the availability of snow. Last year, however, conditions were excellent for the trip. (By Bus)

Santa Fe

Dec. 27 - Jan. 1

The Santa Fe trip was so popular last year, that we are scheduling two this season.

This will be a complete package journey similar to last year's. Ski to your heart's delight and celebrate New Year's Eve at the Inn of the Governors.

Leave Houston Friday afternoon and ski 5 full days before flying back to reality Wednesday night. The package will include transportation, lodging, two meals a day the party, lift tickets, etc.

Les Bennett will head up this trip and all the details will be available at the next meeting. Sign up now!

Ruidoso

Dec. 27 - Jan. 1

This is the "Budget Special" for those who spent all of their money playing Santa Claus, and will have to miss the Santa Fe trip.

This trip will be great for beginners because they'll have ample time on the slopes to get to know what it's all about.

Leave Houston Friday after work, ski 5 days and return early, early Thursday A.M. (By Bus)

Aspen

Feb. 1-8

This has always been the big trip of the year.

We'll be staying at the Aspen Alps again this trip, about the finest in ski accommodations to be had.

Leave Saturday A.M. and ski 7-½ days before returning the following Saturday night. This trip will be filling up fast so see Jerry Maley, trip chairman at the meeting to give him your deposit and insure a place on the list. (Chartered plane and bus)

Reno

March 1-8

Entitled "Gambler's Delight", this is the big "something new" for the season. Add some big-time night life and gambling to your ski vacation.

There are 15 different ski areas within a short drive from Reno and we'll ski several of the best, such as Squaw Valley and Heavenly Valley.

Initial reaction to this trip has been overwhelming and we're still working out some of the details.

Plan to sign up as soon as complete details are announced. (Chartered plane)

Santa Fe

April 3-6

Come along and celebrate Easter in Santa Fe with us if you missed the New Year's trip.

This will be another complete package tour leaving Houston Thursday afternoon and returning Sunday P.M. after three full days of skiing. (Via Plane)

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All members will be requested to identify themselves at each monthly meeting by showing their membership card at the registration desk. Those members without cards will be asked to sign a registrar. All guests attending the meetings will sign a guest registrar. Guests may attend two meetings but must become a member to attend additional club functions.

FALL FORMAL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1968
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8:30-1:00

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