

# ASPEN HIGHLANDS TRAIL MAP

and facilities guide



Aspen Highlands Facilities are located in the  
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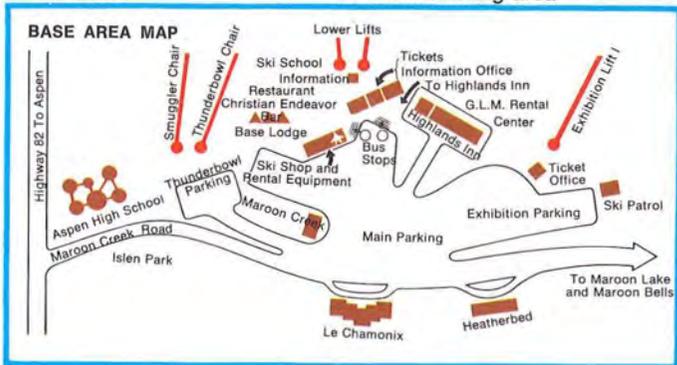
# ASPEN HIGHLANDS TRAIL INFORMATION

**TRAIL MARKINGS:** ● Easiest    ◆ Most Difficult  
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| 1 Broadway       | 15 Grand Prix       | 30 T-Lazy-7      |
| 2 Loges          | 16 Pyramid Park     | 31 Suzi Q        |
| 3 Hayden         | 17 Midway-Grand     | 32 Cakewalk      |
| 4 Olympic        | Prix Interchange    | 33 Upper Stein   |
| 5 Meadows        | 18 Moment of Truth  | 34 Park Avenue   |
| 6 Kandahar       | 19 Wine Ridge       | 35 Golden Barrel |
| 7 Alps           | 20 Heatherbedlam    | 36 Lower Stein   |
| 8 The Wall       | 21 Floradora        | 37 Upper Jerome  |
| 9 Boomerang      | 22 Gunbarrel        | 38 Jerome Park   |
| 10 Boomerang     | 23 Deane's          | 39 Jerome Bowl   |
| Catwalk          | 24 Prospector       | 40 Golden Horn   |
| 11 Interstate 70 | 25 Norway           | 41 Thunderbowl   |
| 12 Le Chamonix   | 26 Exhibition       | 42 Powder Bowl   |
| 13 Easy Street   | 27 Nugget           | 43 Epicure       |
| Catwalk          | 28 Prospector Gulch | 44 Smuggler      |
| 14 Andrew's      | 29 Red Onion        | 45 Limelight     |
|                  |                     | 46 Half-Inch     |

## POINTS OF INTEREST

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| A. Base area & Cafeteria | D. Merry-Go-Round Restaurant |
| B. Highlands Inn         | E. Patrol Hq.—Picnic Hut     |
| C. Nastar                | F. Snow making area          |



## LIFT INFORMATION

**LIFTS** Total lift capacity 10,000 per hour.

Double Chair	Length	Rise
1 Exhibition I	3800'	1000'
2 Exhibition II	5000'	1000'
3 Cloud 9	3000'	900'
4 Loges Peak	3300'	900'
5 Olympic	4500'	1200'
6 Thunderbowl	3000'	900'
7 Smuggler	1600'	300'
8 Nugget	1650'	600'
<b>Poma</b>		
9 Golden Horn	2300'	650'
10 Little Poma	490'	90'
11 Half Inch	400'	45'
12 Grand Prix	4800'	1100'

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## ASPEN HIGHLANDS RESORT GROUP

**WINTER SEASON:** Thanksgiving through mid-April

- **Ski School:** Charles W. Brinkman—Director
- **Bus Schedule:** Free service every 15 minutes from 8:00—10:00 A.M. daily. Bus runs every 30 minutes for the rest of the day until 6:00 P.M.
- **NASTAR Races:** Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 12:00 Noon.
- **Freestyle Contest:** Every Friday at 12:00 Noon—Midway
- **Après Ski Entertainment** daily in two Base Lodge Bars
- **Restaurant Service:**
  - Merry-Go-Round at Midway—Open Daily 10:00 through lunch
  - Base Lodge Restaurant—Open Daily 8:00 to 10:00 and lunch

**SUMMER SEASON:** Late May through late September

- **Aspen Tennis Ranch**—7 Nights, 6 Days Package
- **Aspen Sky Ride**—mid-June through Labor Day
- **Aspen Highlands Conference Center**
  - For Executive Meetings and Seminars from 10 to 80. Complete audio visual ability, four meeting rooms, Banquets, Parties, full time Conference Coordinator.
- **Highlands Inn**—A complete resort hotel with full restaurant, heated pool, sauna, ski and tennis shop, gift shop and cocktail lounge.



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**Blowing snow...  
till the real thing  
comes along. 19-B**

**At 7,800 feet,  
Aspen's air traffic  
control tower is  
the highest in  
the USA. 1-B**

**Selling pictures of  
blankets is about  
as abstract as you  
can get. 1-C**

**Aspen's chiropractor  
says, "Chiropractic  
first, drugs second,  
surgery last." 3-B**



# Dec 11 new date for ski lift opening

The opening date for Aspen Mountain and Buttermilk has been moved up to Saturday, Dec 11, due to the lack of snow. Snowmass, however, will open within two days of a storm that leaves "sufficient snow for safe skiing."

The new date was announced Wednesday by the Aspen Skiing Corp responding to questions from local business people and prospective vacationing skiers.

Aspen Highlands opened its Half-inch Poma to serve a small slope the day before Thanksgiving, but officials there have also decided to wait for more snow before opening the rest of the mountain.

Highlands planned to open the

top half of the mountain on Monday, but changed their minds when it proved impossible to pack the dry powder to suitable base consistency.

Aspen Skiing Corp general manager Tom Richardson said Aspen Mountain requires a reasonable blanket of snow because of the steepness of terrain. Because of its lower elevation, Buttermilk generally does not receive the early snow depths. Its base requires adequate preparation and packing.

"It was felt," Richardson said, "that Snowmass will be the first to open because it provides a variety of runs at higher altitudes where early season snow usually is the deepest."

Training has been completed for all operations personnel. Ski patrolmen, lift operators, maintenance workers, and other on-mountain employees have been put on 48-hour alert to prepare the slopes after sufficient accumulation of snow. At Highlands that alert time is 24 hours.

"One of the reasons a definite date has been set for Aspen Mt and Buttermilk," Richardson said, "is to allow sufficient planning time for lodge guests. The best way to assure quality ski conditions at Christmas time is to have adequate time to prepare a good base early in the season."

"This is one of those falls in which snow is lacking throughout the west," Richardson said. "In

fact, there are very few destination resorts anywhere in the Western Hemisphere which offer the type of skiing usually hoped for this time of season.

"We have been unable to open Aspen Mountain only three years out of the past 15," Richardson said. "In 1962-63 we opened on Dec 2; in 1966-67, on Dec 4; and in 1972-73, we didn't open Aspen

Mountain until Dec 16. However, we did open Snowmass on Nov 27 of that season."

As planned, the \$80,000 Pro Spree professional race program will start on Dec 11.

If the snow drought continues, the races may have to be moved further up the mountain rather than on the Little Nell slope as in the past," Richardson said.

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Lift operator Mike Williams helps an eager skier with the poma lift at Aspen Highlands, first to go into operation this season, utilizing man-made snow while the other areas await more flakes from the sky. Photo by Chris Cassatt



Pacesetter trials will be held at Vail this weekend as part of the growing NASTAR program. This year 74 ski areas will be participating. This racer is at Highlands. Snowmass and Buttermilk also take part. Photo by Chris Cassatt

## Stiegler tries to hold NASTAR pacesetter title

Can Jackson Hole's ageless ski pro Pepi Stiegler again stave off all challengers, especially members of the World Pro Skiing tour who will try to unseat him as Number One NASTAR pacesetter in the country?

It will be difficult to predict when the pacesetter trials are held at Vail, Dec 5-7.

The trials set the national standard against which recreational skiers around the country are measured each time they race NASTAR, and to rank as the Number One pacesetter is a coveted honor. Stiegler, 39, is a former Austrian 1964 Olympic gold medalist who presides over

Jackson Hole's ski school and who has held the number one NASTAR position for the past seven years, earning a zero handicap each time. He'll be trying for eight in a row at Vail.

The challengers are pros 10 to 15 years younger, like Hank Kashiwa of Steamboat, Terry Palmer, and Rudd Pyles of Aspen. They will be joined by some 80 other ski area pros from the Rocky Mountain region.

There are five regional trials — at Alpine Meadows, Calif; Vail; Indianhead, Mich; Waterville Valley, NH; and Hunter Mt, NY

NASTAR is a SKI magazine program sponsored by Schlitz Pepsi Cola, Bonne Bell and Dat sun. This is its ninth season. 7 ski areas will offer the program this winter, including Snowmass Aspen Highlands and Butte milk.



An Aspen Highlands instructor gives one of the first lessons of the year early this week on the little

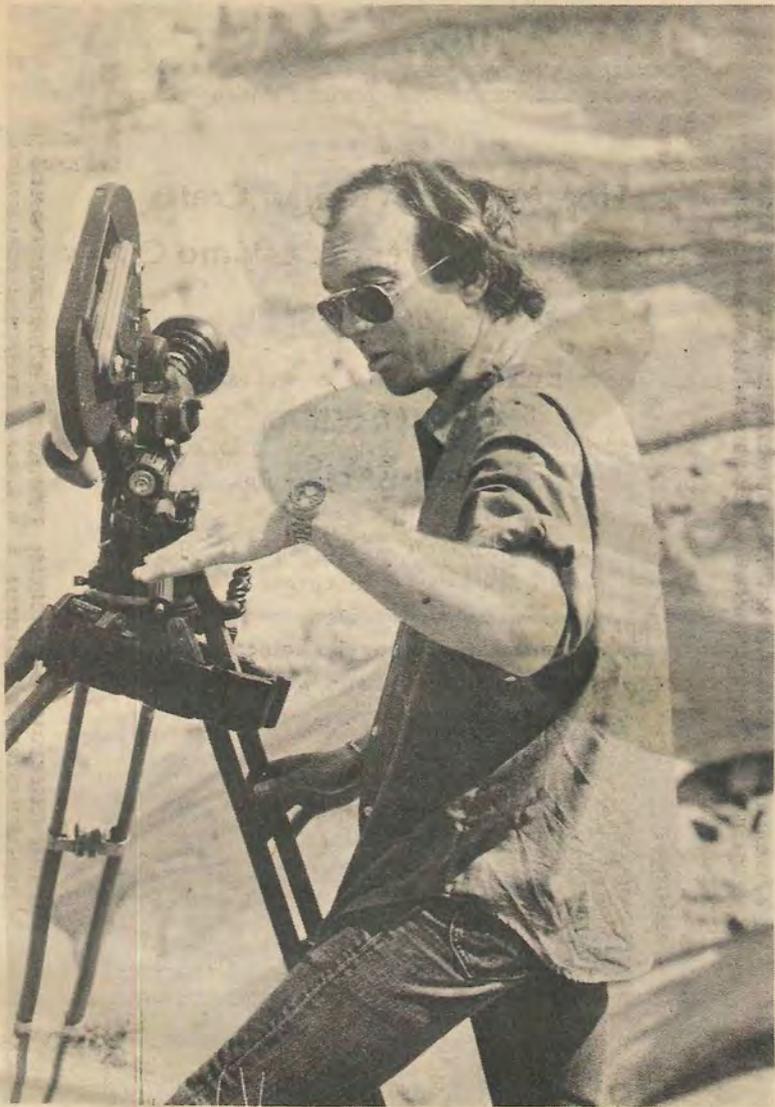
slope served by the Half-Inch Poma. The snow is mostly artificial. Photo by Chris Cassatt.



The slope served by the Half-Inch Poma at Aspen Highlands may not be steep, but it was steep

enough for the beginner at right this week, being held back by a friend. Photo by Chris Cassatt.

# Freewheelin' Films has paid its dues



Rodney Jacobs on location for the film, Sacred Ground.



Freewheelin' Films shot the moon skiing sequence for the motion picture, Futureworld. Recognize the skiers? They're Aspenites Harry Teague, Jack Brendlinger, Scottie Cooper, Billy Patterson, and

Tam Scott coming down Little Annie's. Red filters and the absence of earth-type vegetation made it look moon-like.

den, was instrumental in the

From sleeping in Dave and Sherry Farny's boiler room while he showed movies in the Jerome's back bar, to running a seedy singles hotel on West Hampton Beach to make money for filmmaking, Aspenite Rodney Jacobs, 30, is one of those filmmakers who paid the dues to get where he is today.

This winter, as owners of Freewheelin' Films, he and partner Peter Sellers (not the actor) are being wooed by sponsors across the country who want "movies where people talk" instead of the usual, cliché-ridden promotional fare.

### Practically No-Sell

The 20-minute film they made this year for the Aspen Highlands and the Aspen Ski Corp, called "Beginning of a Love Affair," is so soft-sell, it's practically no-sell at all, and has been accepted as a movie short.

Jacobs expects it to reach an audience of at least 10 million. Why not? It's playing with first run feature films like "Marathon Man" in major markets such as New York City.

"The concept," Jacobs explained during an interview, "was to take a promotional film for Aspen beyond that of a normal ski film which is a documentary with narration. We said, 'Let us make you something different. We don't have to hard-sell Aspen anymore.' A lot of credit should be given to George Madsen and Bill Brehmer for going along with us on the concept."

# Races on, but most ski lifts still off

The Aspen Skiing Corp earlier this week was sticking to a Dec 11 opening date for lifts on Aspen Mt, Snowmass and Buttermilk.

The heavens refused to cooperate by dumping the needed snow on the slopes, however.

The Dec 11 date was set when the base on the mountains proved insufficient for the traditional opening date of Nov 25, Thanksgiving Day.

Aspen Highlands was able to open its Half-Inch Poma at Thanksgiving to provide limited skiing on artificial snow. This Tuesday, Dec 7, Highlands opened the top half of the area for skiing rated "fair to poor." "Rock skis" were recommended.

Aspen Skiing Corp officials have said that 18-24 inches of snow are needed to open. Wednesday, Aspen Mountain had 12½ inches on top, as did Snowmass. Buttermilk had only 8 inches accumulation.

If it proves impossible to open on Saturday, crews will go on a 48-hour alert, meaning that the areas will open within two days of the first major snowstorm.

The Aspen Ski Club's Silver Boom cross-country race may be switched from the Snowmass golf course to the ghost town of Independence, again depending on

snowfall between now and Sunday when it will be held.

A town race and bartender's cup that were scheduled to be held as part of the Pro Ski Spree here Dec 10-18, have been canceled, but the rest of that series is still on.

Jumps were being built in Tourtelotte Park on Aspen Mountain and snow machines were kept in production at Aspen Highlands.

World Pro Ski Racing organizer Bob Beattie decided to go ahead with the Pro Ski Spree here in a long meeting with Aspen Skiing Corp and Aspen Highlands officials on Tuesday.

Some 50 professional ski racers will be registering at the Hotel

Jerome beginning Saturday, many of them arriving from the first race in Spain. Others will continue to train at other places where there is more snow until the last moment.

The pros are taking the Aspen races very seriously since there is \$80,000 at stake.

The races at Aspen Highlands will be held in Jerome Bowl where artificial snow machines have been working continuously. Aspen Mountain races will be in Tourtelotte Park, higher up the mountain than Little Nell, where scant snow coverage makes them impossible. Spectators will probably have to ride up the lifts, but officials are holding that decision off pending weather factors.

The schedule as it stood at press time follows: (It is subject to change depending on snow. Call World Wide Ski Corp for information if in doubt, 925-7864).

**SUNDAY, Dec 12:** 11 am, Pro challenge at Aspen Highlands for new pro racers.

1:30 pm, But Town Challenge, Aspen Highlands—A combo of bartenders cup and town challenge.

**MONDAY, Dec 13:** 10 am, Qualification for Budweiser Cup GS—a round of 32 at Aspen Highlands.

**TUESDAY, Dec 14:** Qualification for Budweiser team competition. At 10:30 am, for \$10,000 prize money. At Highlands. Finals at 1 pm.

**WEDNESDAY, Dec 15:** Qualifications for Budweiser Cup Slalom. Aspen Mountain at 10 am. 1:30 pm. Budweiser Celebrity Pro-Am at Aspen Highlands.

**THURSDAY, Dec 16:** Elimination for Budweiser GS at 10 am and Budweiser Cup finals at 12:30

at Highlands. Prize money is \$35,000.

**FRIDAY, Dec 17:** Budweiser Pro-Am Celebrity finals at Aspen Mountain at 10:30 am.

**SATURDAY, Dec 18:** Eliminations for Budweiser Cup slalom at 10:30 am. Finals at 12:30 on Aspen Mountain. Prize money is \$35,000.

An autograph party may be scheduled at Aspen High School Monday at 3 pm for the racers and students.



Young skier at Aspen Highlands works on his flexibility using a natural bridge early this week. Photo by Chris Cassatt



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## SEASON TICKETS

ASPEN HIGHLANDS UNRESTRICTED  
SEASON TICKET - \$325.00

WEEKEND SEASON TICKET - \$150.00

- Over 55 miles of trails
- Longest vertical descent in Colorado
- 12 Lifts—10,000 hourly capacity
- 3 Restaurants and Bars
- NASTAR Races every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
- Freestyle Contest every Friday at noon.
- Free bus service to and from town daily from 8 am to 6 pm
- New area "Steeplechase" with some of the finest powder skiing in North America.

Tickets on sale in the Main Ticket Office located in the Base Lodge Monday Daily from 9 am—12pm and 1 pm—4 pm.

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## Australian ski team here for training

The development squad for the Australian National Ski Team arrived in Aspen Saturday for 10 weeks of racing and training here, according to Aspen Ski Club coach Robin Tolhurst.

Tolhurst says 34 racers, ages 10 to 16, and four team managers made the trip to Aspen.

The Australian team has trained primarily in Europe in the past, Tolhurst says, but some of the young racers who have come to this country to train have been so successful upon their return home that the Australians decided to send their best young racers to Aspen to train this year.

He says the present Australian national team is behind other countries by World Cup standards, but that some of the young, age group racers are good enough so that he expects Australian skiers to challenge for World Cup and Olympic medals within four or five years.

"The Australians want an Olympic medal," he says, "and the way they're going about it, it's very possible they could succeed.

"Their philosophy is completely different from the philosophy we

have in the ski club. They drive their kids, while our philosophy is to let the 10- to 13-year-olds 'mellow out.' It will be very interesting to see which attitude works best."

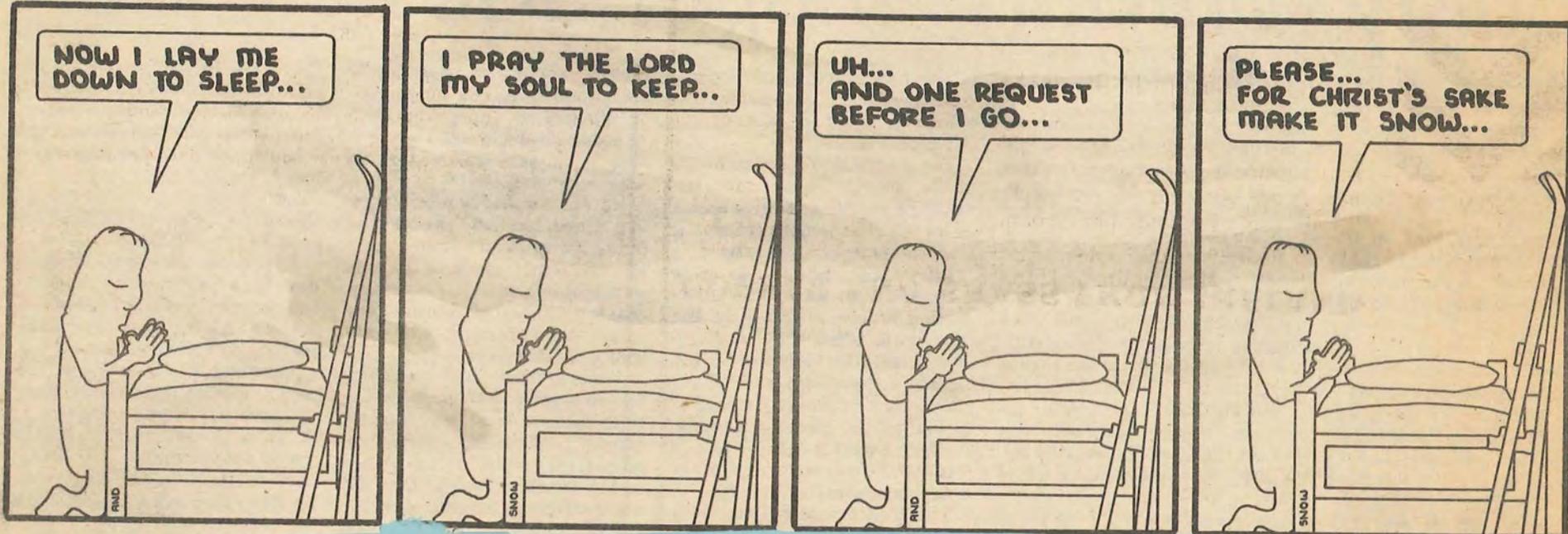
One of the team's managers Kim Clifford, last year represented Australia in World Cup and Olympic competition, according to Tolhurst, who says Clifford decided to come to the US this year to race on the Can-Am and FIS circuit, and observe coaching methods he can take back to Australia.

Tolhurst says the young Australian A racers will compete in the Elbert Series of FIS-sanctioned races around Colorado, as well as the Aspen Roch Cup.

He says younger racers will participate in the Aspen age-class program with racers from the Aspen Ski Club. They will also get Rocky Mountain Ski Association classifications and compete in RMSA races around the state, he says.

During this, their summer vacation, according to Tolhurst, the young Australians will spend six days a week on their skis; and, on their way home, they get a trip to Disneyland.

# UTE TOOT



# ASPEN HIGHLANDS



1976 - 1977 SEASON

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## LIFT RATES

One Day . . . . .	\$ 12.00
Half Day (Starting 12:30) . . . . .	8.00
Child, One Day (12 yrs. and under) . . . . .	3.00
Young-at-Heart (65 yrs. and over) . . . . .	3.00
Three Day (Good at Highlands Only - any three out of four days) . . . . .	30.00
Six Day - 4 Mountains* . . . . .	66.00
One Day, Student (With I.D.) . . . . .	11.00
Season Ticket . . . . .	325.00
Season Ticket (Valid Saturday & Sunday Only) . . . . .	150.00

\*VALID 4 MOUNTAINS - Aspen Highlands, Aspen, Buttermilk and Snowmass

## SKI SCHOOL RATES

One Day - Group . . . . .	\$ 13.00
Three Day - Group . . . . .	33.00
Five Day - Group . . . . .	50.00
Child, One Day - Group . . . . .	11.00
Snow Puppies (Age 3-6) Includes Lift Ticket, Instruction and Lunch) per day . . . . .	16.00
Private Lesson - one hour . . . . .	20.00
Additional (up to three) each . . . . .	5.00
Private Lesson - All Day . . . . .	90.00
Five Day Special Ski School Package (Includes Ski School Lessons & Lift Tickets) . . . . .	95.00

NOTE: All Lift and Ski School Rates and Times Subject to change without notice.

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# Swiss win first Pro Team Challenge

A three-man team of Swiss professional ski racers won the first Pro-Team Challenge Tuesday, one of the opening events of the week-long \$80,000 Pro Spree.

The Swiss team—Josef Odermatt, Otto Tschudi and Manfred Jakober—will split \$5,000 first-place money for their win over the French—Phillippe Taillefer, Claude Perrot and Henri Duvillard—who share \$2,500.

Americans Terry and Tyler Palmer and Ken Corrock placed third, and another US team, Craig Gorder, Greg Barlett and Aspen's Whit Sterling finished fourth, earning \$1,000.

Tschudi was born in Norway, but carries a Swiss passport as well. He recently moved to Switzerland to avoid a stint in the Norwegian Army.

Racers were matched against each other with the No 1 team members in one elimination, the No 2 team members in another, and so on. The Swiss won all six finals against the French. Duvillard, the World Pro Skiing champion, fell both times in his matches against Jakober.

**Largest Purses Ever**  
The two major races in the Pro

Spree—Thursday's giant slalom and Saturday's slalom—will each carry \$35,000 total purses, with \$10,000 first place purses.

All of the races are being held at Aspen Highlands' Jerome Bowl, where artificial snow was piled up and is in fine condition. Races originally scheduled for Aspen Mt had to be switched due to lack of natural snow.

The team race format was being tried for the first time Tuesday. Except for the long time that it took (there were eight American teams entered) the competitors seemed to enjoy the new idea.

The best Canadian team in the competition suffered from the withdrawal of one of its team members, Mike Culver, of Montreal, due to injury. Still, Doug Woodcock of Blue Mt, Ont, and Paul Carson of Don Mills, Ont, managed to defeat a three-man American team in the opening round of the event by winning both of their matches. They advanced into the quarterfinals where they lost to another American team that eventually placed fourth.

Sixteen international pro teams competed. Only the top four

received prize money.

Each course contained 32 gates which dropped 350 feet in 1,200 over two four-foot high built-in bumps.

## New Pros

Five new racers qualified as professionals during trials on Monday, three Americans and two Canadians. They had to come within 5% of the time of three established pros—Josef Odermatt, Bob Cochran, and Henri Duvillard.

Those qualifying were Mike Ryan of Ottawa and Bruce Rimmer of Alberta; and Americans Bill Dyer of Seattle, Mark Wolf of Oakhurst, Calif, and Jeff Temple, who skied four years for the University of Colorado. Temple had the best of the qualifying times, edging even veteran Cochran. Aspen racer Tom Simons failed to show for the qualifying event.

## Town Challenge

The Pro Spree began on Sunday with the Budweiser Town Challenge and Bartender's Cup Race at Highlands.

Pro Craig Bartlett teamed with Aspen Highlands racers Kim Pike and Jim Hanson to defeat the Aspen Highlands Ski School team of Bob Rome, D Langstrom and pro Tyler Palmer in the finals.

In the quarterfinals, the Highlands team defeated the Snow Hosts, a team comprised of E Sanford, Michael Whitcomb and pro racer Cousineau. The Highlands Ski School team downed a team called the Carter Clan in the quarterfinals—T and S Carter and pro champion Henri Duvillard.

## Bartender's Cup

George Gordon and Hans Schwarz joined pro Dan Mooney to form a Highlands Restaurant

team that captured the Bartender's Cup, so Sunday was a clean sweep for Aspen Highlands, host to the races this year.

The Highlands Restaurant team defeated the Slope team of Roc Boynton, Steve Douglas and pro Haller in the finals. The Pomegranate and Buffalo Nickel teams reached the quarterfinals.

## Remaining Schedule

The Budweiser Cup Giant Slalom finals, for \$35,000 (round of 16), are scheduled this afternoon at 12:30 at Aspen Highlands.

Friday, Dec 17, at 10:30, the Celebrity Pro-Am finals will be held. On Saturday at 10:30 am, the eliminations for the Budweiser Cup slalom (a round of 32), and at 12:30 pm, the slalom finals for \$35,000 and awards ceremony.

All events are at Aspen Highlands.

# The winner: DuDu, Odermatt, Cochran?

When professional ski racers opened their quest for the 1976-1977 World Pro Skiing crown in Baqueira Beret, Lerida, Spain earlier this season, the results were hardly surprising: Henri Duvillard won big, with Josef Odermatt again a frustrated second-place finisher.

Had Bobby Cochran made the trip to Spain, he probably would have shared the limelight.

Those three, the Frenchman, the Swiss and the American, are the odds-on favorites to battle for this year's title as champion of World Pro Skiing.

### Invincible

Duvillard, or Du Du, was nearly invincible last season, winning 15 times in 21 starts for an unprecedented domination of the pro tour. His winnings of \$66,900 were more than double those of runner-up Odermatt.

Du Du's twin victories in Spain indicate that he is again the methodical, nearly flawless skier who almost always wins.

In Aspen for this week's Budweiser Pro Spree, Duvillard says he had very good training over the summer and fall, and is ready for another title quest.

"I don't know about as many wins as last year," he says, however. "That was incredible. This year there are so many good guys — Odermatt, Cochran, Tyler Palmer, Perry Thompson — that winning will be very tough."

### Great Format

He says he is excited about the pro format "because it is so great to race against another guy," and that the pros are getting better and better at head-to-head racing tactics.

Duvillard says he wants to see



Bob Cochran



Henri Duvillard



Josef Odermatt

more races held in Europe where the people know nothing about the pro format.

"I'm sure they would love the excitement," he says.

Then too, according to Duvillard, more top-ranked European racers might compete in the pro races.

### More Frenchmen

He says he likes pro racing in the states, however, and expects more Frenchmen, like rookie pro Claude Perrot, to come here.

"The climate on the French team is bad, not enjoyable," he says, "and you can make a lot of money here for a French guy."

Odermatt, the charismatic Swiss, was Duvillard's prime adversary last season, with 268 points and \$31,500 for second place overall.

This year, despite a recent bout with meningitis, he seems ready

to challenge and perhaps defeat the Frenchman.

### No Power

"I feel pretty good now," he says, "but I was in the hospital for six weeks so I couldn't train until the end of November. I was very tired in Spain. It was a flat course so to make speed you needed power.

"Technically, I skied very good but I didn't have any power. After Christmas, when I have a chance to train, I will get better."

He says Duvillard is skiing as well as last year.

"He almost never makes a mistake," Odermatt says. "You need a perfect run to beat him.

"Sometimes I try too hard against Du Du. I maybe have better runs against other guys. I always want to meet him in the finals, but sometimes it's like somebody holds me."

As a little added inspiration,

Odermatt is now sporting a straggly beard which he says "drives me crazy."

### Not Shaving

"I'm going to leave the beard on until I win a race," he says. "It makes me mad enough to win."

Cochran, long the leader of the US team, was a third-place finisher last year and the victor in last year's Budweiser Cup.

This year, he says, winning is important but not his only objective.

### Winning Not All

"My goal is to integrate my body and my mind — to get them working together as well as possible," he says. "If that's good enough to win, fine.

"I don't want to beat myself this year. I have a habit of getting nervous and making too many mistakes, so now I want to relax."

He says he passed up the

Spanish race because of the grind of traveling and the eight hour time change.

A week of racing like the pro spree can wear you out if you're not careful, he says, and he wanted to be in top shape for this richest week ever of pro racing.

### Educational

The pro tour is an education both in terms of skiing and handling yourself, he says. While amateurs rely on their coaches for organization and "a kick in the rear," the pros are on their own and have to be more mature.

As for whether or not the pros could beat their amateur counterparts, Cochran says, "In our own format we could beat them, but on an amateur course it would be a different story.

"We've refined the pro format, and the amateurs have done the same with theirs."

—John Sabella

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# Pros rejoice: Dudu beaten

By GAYLORD T. GUENIN

ASPEN — The \$80,000 Budweiser Pro Spree here, December 10-18, was not likely to be just another pro event. It wasn't. Anything that happens in Aspen is unlikely to be just another event.

First, this was the richest event the World Pro Skiing tour has ever enjoyed.

It was the opening event in North America for the 1976-77 season.

Team challenge racing, a new concept in the WPS format, was introduced here.

Henri Duvillard, the 1976 champion and the winner of the two opening races in Spain December 4-5, did not win both events here.

And it also should be mentioned that there was no snow in Aspen.

The nine-day event was conducted in weather that chambers of commerce in seaside resorts dream of, clear skies and sunshine, but the crew at Aspen Highlands, where all events were conducted, prepared a course with man-made snow that may have been as superb as any the pros have ever raced on. The Aspen Skiing Corporation also had a course ready midway up Aspen Mountain, but it was decided not to use that course because racers and spectators would have had to walk or ride lifts or snowcats off the mountain.

So with an abundance of good weather, good crowds and bad jokes about the lack of snow, Henri Duvillard, the 28-year-old Frenchman who won 15 of 21 events in 1976, made it clear that he was not going to sit on his laurels. Duvillard eased through the five rounds of slalom racing December 16, before defeating 32-year-old Austrian Werner Bleiner in the finals, without being seriously challenged.

A veteran WPS racer, Austrian Harald Stuefer, defeated Canadian Paul Carson in the semifinals. Duvillard pocketed a record \$10,000 of the \$35,000 in prize money; Bleiner received \$5,000, Stuefer \$3,500 and Carson \$2,500.

Two days later, December 18, under equally clear skies and with another large crowd on hand, Duvillard was reintroduced to a phenomenon his fellow pros are most familiar with — losing. The amazing Frenchman was beaten in the quarterfinals of the giant slalom by Manfred Jakober, 28, a second-year pro from Switzerland.

Jakober lost his first run against Duvillard by .412, but on the second run Duvillard made a mistake that caused him to lose speed coming into the final flat section of the course, and Jakober took the second run by .445, giving him a victory margin of .033.

A multiple fracture of his right leg forced Jakober to leave the Swiss national team in 1975. With a metal plate in his leg, which caused him continual agony on icy and rutted courses, Jakober decided to give pro racing a go in 1976, and although he had mediocre results overall, he was the only rookie to win an event this past winter. He had the plate removed immediately after the 1976 season.

Jakober went on to face Tyler Palmer, Kearsarge, New Hampshire, in the semifinals, while at the other end of the ladder, Josef Odermatt, the number-two pro on the tour in 1976, was matched against Terry Palmer. There was no question among the spectators whom they wanted to see in the finals — a match between brothers Terry and Tyler. But that did not happen. Jakober beat Tyler in consecutive runs and Terry beat himself.

Anticipating the start, he banged the starting gate and then lost a ski coming out of the start as he struggled to make up for his error. "It was entirely my fault," Terry said at the finish. "Live and learn . . . I guess you have heard that one before."

Odermatt, who had injured his hip earlier in the week, managed to defeat Jakober in the opening run of the finals by .023, but it was too slim a margin to stand. Jakober came back to win the second run and the \$10,000 check for first place by a margin of .342. Odermatt, who missed most of his fall training as the result of a bout with spinal meningitis that kept him in bed for six weeks, took the \$5,000 second-place check. Terry, skiing stronger perhaps than at any point since joining the tour in 1972, defeated Tyler for third place. Terry, who has beaten his brother four out of five times in WPS matchups, received \$3,500 and Tyler \$2,500.

With the plate out of his leg and a summer of strenuous training behind him, Jakober, a downhill specialist as an amateur, has emerged as a possible contender for the WPS crown, but contender could be the best anyone can hope for on the tour, with the exception of Duvillard.

Jakober, who called his victory "the happiest moment of my racing career . . . of my life," was the first to admit that while Duvillard may have been beaten, he doubts the loss did anything to shake the Frenchman's confidence. "He is still the one to beat," Jakober said.

Asked after his slalom victory if he believed anyone had a chance against him, Duvillard said, "Everyone has a chance against me." "Do you really believe that?" he was asked. "Sure, you saw two days ago (in the team challenge) when I fell down at the turn," Dudu



Manfred Jakober races to a GS victory in the Aspen Budweiser Pro Spree. Bob Rozinski photo.

responded. The implication was clear: Duvillard does believe he can be beaten if he falls down or makes a mistake. He seldom does either.

Harald Stuefer was asked if the racers spend much time sitting around and talking about Dudu, discussing ways to beat him. The amiable Stuefer said, "Ah, I don't think they (the other pros) sit together and talk about Henri. They read so much and they see everywhere throughout the whole season, Duvillard, Duvillard, Duvillard, so you don't want to spoil dinner thinking about him.

"I mean that as nothing personal," Stuefer said with a laugh, "but I don't think we talk about him."

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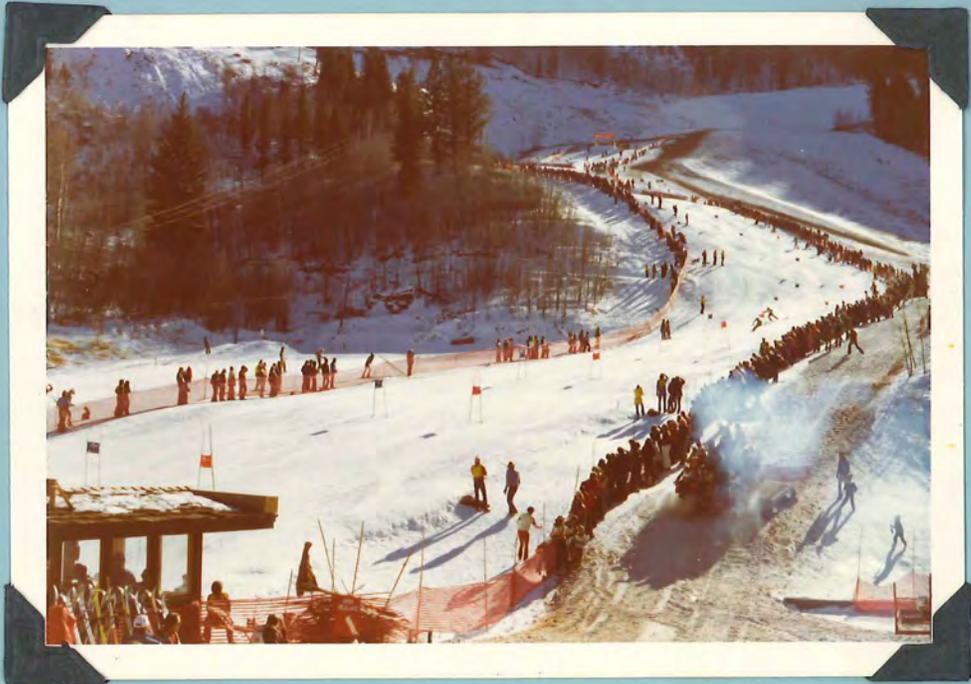


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## Hot doggers hit slopes at Highlands

Hot doggers hit (!) the slopes Friday in a test of skills on Floradora out at the Highlands.

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Well, not only did the seat drop please the crowd, but by showing off his hart hart hart hart skis to the press, the competitor got a special bonus from his sponsor.

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#### RATES — PRIVATE LESSONS

1 Person	\$20 hr
2 people	\$25 hr
3 people	\$30 hr
All Day Private	\$90

All of the above prices do not include price of lift ticket.  
All lessons (one-day and multi-day) can begin on any day of the week.

#### SKI EQUIPMENT RENTAL

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reserved in advance. Approximate prices, which usually include free storage:

	Downhill	Cross-Country
Skis	\$6 a day	\$3 a day
Boots	\$3 a day	\$2.50 a day
Poles	\$1 a day	\$1 a day
package	\$10	\$6.50
per day		

Most sports shops give discounts for 3 or 7 day rentals and some will apply the rent paid toward the purchase price. Equipment should be reserved during the high season prior to arrival.

## NASTAR

NASTAR (National Standard Race) races are held nine times each week at various Aspen areas according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday—Highlands and Snowmass.

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday—Buttermilk.

Sign-up begins at 9:30 am. Races start around noon.

There is a special novice NASTAR at Buttermilk on Tuesdays, primarily to help beginning racers. A free ser-

vice of the Aspen Skiing Corp, it includes a clinic. Sign-up is at 9:30, the clinic at 10, and the race at noon.

The NASTAR races are for amateur skiers. There is a handicap and the race is against a pacesetter's time. Depending on the racer's percentage of that time, bronze, silver or gold medals can be won.

It costs \$3 for an adult to enter, \$2 for under 18. Re-runs are \$1.

Both the Aspen Skiing Corp and Aspen Highlands will set up special NASTAR club or group races

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## Snow Puppy's offers special for local kids

The Snow Puppy Ski School is a new feature this season of the Aspen Highlands Ski School and is specially for children ages three to six.

Instructors are Kristin Lawrence and Bill Reynolds and they have had over 200 children in their classes during the Christmas holidays.

Reynolds said they will have a special, which will be available Jan 10 until March 4, for local children. The usual price is \$17 per day...and the special will be \$70 for a five-day ticket for locals.

The ticket can be used any five days during the Jan 10 to March 4 period, and includes price of lift ticket, lunch and six hours of lessons...as children are cared for from 9:30 am until 3:30 pm.

Reynolds said that the children are not on skis the whole day. There is an igloo clubhouse where the children play, and he takes them sleigh riding each afternoon.

To make reservations, call Reynolds at 923-3434, or the Highlands ticket office at 925-5300.

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## Now have music while you ski

Possibly the newest thing in ski accessories is Free Feeling, which is a cassette pack for the slopes, which allows you to listen to music while skiing.

The cassette pack is strapped to the skier's chest and there are headphones for listening.

Free Feeling is the venture of Richard Strauss and Step Connolly and they say they have about 60 or 70 albums on cassettes including John Denver, Jimmy Buffett, James Taylor, Starwood, Bonnie Raitt, Stevie Wonder, The Doobie Brothers and the Allman Brothers.

Free Feeling cassettes and headphones are available at the Aspen Highlands GLM rental center or Aspen Ski Swap, located next to Aspen State Teachers College.

Strauss and Connolly have both been Aspen residents for several years. Strauss was a trader in patchwork quilts while Connolly worked at the Aspen Highlands Repair shop.

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## Town race date is changed to Friday, Jan 21

The Winterskol Town Race originally scheduled for Saturday has been changed to Friday, Jan 21, and will be held at the Aspen Highlands. The Aspen Ski Club will be coordinating the dual giant slalom race on Friday.

Registration will be at the ski club office at the top of Mill St, 9 am to 5 pm daily. The entry fee is \$7 per person and any group of four people including one woman may enter in the team competition for no extra cost.

All racers will be required to have a valid Aspen Highlands ticket to race. On Friday a full Highlands lift ticket may be purchased for \$7 with a Winterskol pin. In addition, Highlands is offering a limited ticket for \$6.

The race will be held on the same course the pros used in December. Late registration will be held at the base of Highlands until the 10 am race start, but seeding will be done Thursday night. For more information on the town race, call the Aspen Ski Club at 925-3125.

## Highlands Skol Day Friday, Jan 21

A day's lift ticket is only \$7 to those wearing Winterskol pins at Aspen Highlands Friday.

The scheduled Women's Schlitz NASTAR has been canceled.

Instead, a Winterskol Town Race, a dual giant slalom race on the pro course (Jerome Bowl) at Highlands will be held at 10 am, coordinated by the Aspen Ski Club. Entry fee is \$7 per person and registrations will be taken up till race time at Aspen Highlands.

Any group of four that includes a female can compete in the team competition for no extra charge. Individual and team prizes will be awarded. All racers must have a lift ticket. Any questions should be directed to the Aspen Ski Club's Bill Ashton at 925-3125. This race replaces Saturday's Winterskol Dual GS.

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JANUARY 21

**HIGHLANDS SKOL DAY:** A day's lift ticket is only \$7 for those wearing Winterskol pins at Aspen Highlands. Winterskol activities today are Winterskol Town Race at 10 am, hot dog contest at 12 noon, Schlitz Locked-Arm Slalom at 1:30 pm, free-style demonstration at 2 pm, awards party at 4:30 pm.

## Hot Dog Contest On

The Winterskol Hot Dog Contest, scheduled at 12 noon at Aspen Highlands, is definitely on. Skip Gilkerson and crew have been shoveling snow over to the course this week.

The Schlitz Locked-Arm Slalom is also definitely going to happen on man-made snow at the base of the mountain using the Poma lift. Each four-person team must include a woman, and a special award will be given this year for the best team costume. Beer cases and wine gallons go to the winners. 1:30 pm.

A Free-Style Demonstration by the Highlands team is scheduled at 2 pm at the base.

The awards party begins at 4:30 pm in the Christian Endeavor Bar.



Clayton Rumble, 13, of Australia, topped the field in his age class in Sunday's Kangaroo Cup giant slalom for young racers. Aspen Ski Club coaches said the Aussies skied very well during the Kan-

garoo Cup and should provide Aspen racers with another tough test at the Feb 6 Siri & Peter's giant slalom. David Brownell photo.

## Aussie boys, Aspen girls take races

Australian boys and Aspen girls dominated the Kangaroo Giant Slalom Classic, an age-class Aspen Cup race held Jan 30 at Aspen Highlands.

The race was a late addition to the Aspen Cup schedule and was sponsored by the Australian junior ski team that has been training in Aspen.

The race consisted of two runs of giant slalom, with the combined times giving the winners.

In the 10-year-old boys class, Rowan Gallager of Australia was

first, with Aspenites Jeff Poe and Michael Dumke third.

Two Australians took top honors among boys age 11: Nicky Edgar was first and Sheldon Licordy was second. Kurt Lundin of Sunlight was third.

The Aussies again took the top two places in the 12-year-old class, with David Studley first, and Andrea Glanzing second. Svein Nostdahl of Aspen placed third.

In the 13-year-old class, Clayton Rumble of Australia was first, while Aspenites Mark Thorpe and Jeff Stevens finished second and third.

Among girls age 10, Bridget

Strang, Jane Van Domelen, and Martha Drayton, all of Aspen, finished first, second and third, respectively.

In the 12-year old class, newcomer Alexandra Kendall placed first, with Beth Madsen second and Jill Anderson third. All three are from Aspen.

In the 13-year-old class Aspen's Laurie Strang placed first, while Australians Annette Bolton and Jenny Price were second and third, respectively.

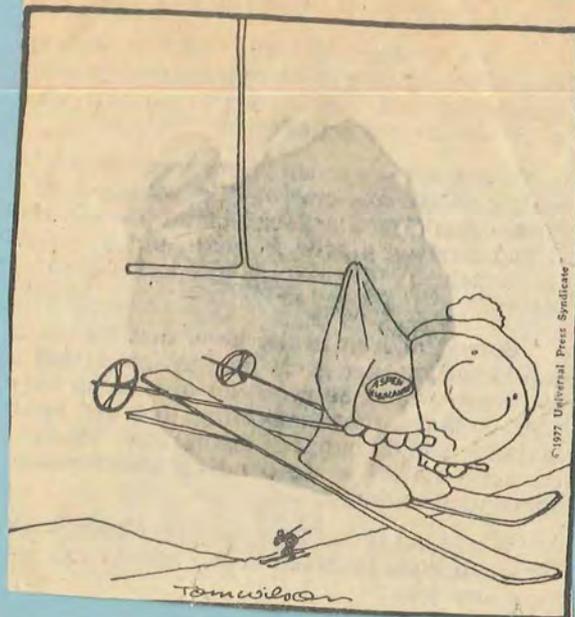
Aspen Ski Club coaches offered their thanks to the Australian team and to Aspen Highlands for putting on the race.

This weekend, during the Siri & Peter's Nordic-Alpine event, there is a cross-country race scheduled for Saturday at the Snowmass Country Club and a giant slalom set for Sunday at Aspen Highlands.

Both events have 10 am starting times.

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## Thorpe tops field in Aspen Cup slalom

The KSPN Aspen Cup race series held its fifth alpine event Sunday at Aspen Highlands.

The two-run regulation slalom was sponsored by Dillingham's VW and Towing Service, and the

Dillingham family fore-ran the course.

It was not by chance that the Dillinghams sponsored an Aspen Cup race. Both Dale and Sharon grew up as Aspen Ski Club racers.

Sharon won the nationals some years back, and also won the Roch Cup combined in 1962.

Daughter Sharon plans to be a member of the Aspen Cup team next year.

The results in each age group: among girls age 10, Martha Dayton was first with Jane Van

Domelen second and Pisa Prior third.

Missen Brucker won the blue ribbon in the 11-year-old class, with Anne Richardson second, and Karen Thorpe third.

In the 12-year-old class, Beth Madsen was first, with Jill Anderson second and Kelsey Stevens third.

Laurie Strang showed the fastest girls' time while winning the 13-year-old class. Sarah Carlson finished second and Mary Brennan third in the same class.

Among boys age 10, Alexis Racloz was first, with Jeff Poe second and Brad Zanin third. Sandy Maple was first in the 11-year-old class, with William Herndon second and Billy Madsen third.

In the 12-year-old class, John McBride was first, with Mads Buck second and Chris Dayton third.

Mark Thorpe set the fastest combined time of the day while winning the 13-year-old class, with Steve Menscher second and Jeff Stevens third.

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Mark Thorpe, 13, had the fastest overall time in Sunday's Aspen Cup slalom race held at Aspen Highlands. David Brownell photo.

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In a unanimous vote Tuesday, the Aspen Chamber of Commerce passed real estate man Hans Gramiger's motion to send a letter to both the Aspen Highlands Skiing Corporation and the Aspen Skiing Corporation expressing the chamber's appreciation that the corporations have worked with the town in keeping the areas open as long as possible this winter.

But when it gets to the point when staying open in the poor snow conditions will detract from Aspen's image, the chamber will understand if the ski areas close, according to Gramiger's motion.

In other business during the full board's noon meeting, the chamber discussed how best to oppose Hunter Creek diversion, the Winterskol budget, whether or not Independence Pass should be plowed open, and the establishment of a conference bureau within the chamber.

### Hunter Creek

Area rancher and member of the Aspen Valley Improvement Association, Henry Stein, told the chamber that opposing the Bureau of Reclamation's plans to divert water from Hunter Creek was "a matter of absolute, vital interest to every human being liv-

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Randle advised the chamber to contact other western slope chambers as well as Club 20 to enlist their support in a stance against Hunter Creek's inclusion in the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project. He explained that dry streams would destroy western slope towns as resort areas.

A director of Club 20, Steve Harris said he would arrange for Club 20 leaders John Vanderhoof and Wayne Aspinall to attend an Aspen Chamber of Commerce meeting, and would try to schedule Jim Johnston, too.

### Winterskol

Winterskol director for the past three years, Ted Singelis, recommended that Winterskol remain a mid-January event. If the

## Line stretches around block at Playhouse

Due to poor snow conditions and canceled reservations, Aspen businesses haven't enjoyed many packed crowds or long lines this ski season, but the Playhouse Theatre was a definite exception Tuesday night.

A crowd of eager moviegoers stretched around the block at 8:15 pm waiting to buy tickets to the theater's triple x-porno special of the month called "Expose Me Lovely."

It was the busiest evening of the

No vote was taken by the chamber on its stand regarding the possible opening of Independence Pass this winter.

City Council member Michael Behrendt said he would change his vote if the chamber wanted to pass open all the way. He had voted Monday night to open it only far enough so that cross country skiers could gain access to trails.

Chamber President Ernie Ash-

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WHEREAS, the City Council deemed that action must be taken to eliminate the practice of depositing animal excreta on public and private property and to eliminate the practice of hitching animals within the City so as not to interfere with public passage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ASPEN, COLORADO

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That the Municipal Code of Aspen, Colorado, is hereby amended by adding a section, which said section follows:

### Sec. 5-9. Animal Litter

Any person having possession or control of any animal (including a dog) shall be responsible for the removal of animal excreta deposited by any such animal on any public, public or private property. The person having possession or control of the animal shall be liable for the removal of the excreta.

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## Highlands pass holders say refunds denied

Aspen Highlands season pass holder Artie Dunne reported to the *Aspen Times* recently that he and as many as 80 others had been promised season pass refunds that were later denied.

The affected individuals turned their passes in to the Highlands, Dunne said, but were told two weeks later that there would be no refund and the passes were returned.

Dunne said the group may file a civil suit to recover the full \$275 pass price, or compensation for the two week period the passes were held.

Aspen Highlands spokesman Skip Gilkerson replied by saying that the ski area regrets the confusion but that Highlands' policy is to never refund money for season passes unless there is an injury or other extenuating circumstances.

"The fact that the skiing has been less than ideal this season is not considered an extenuating circumstance," he said.

He admitted that there may have been a communications error and that ticket window personnel may have mistakenly led Dunne to believe that he could get a refund.

It says on the back of the passes, however, according to Gilkerson, that no refunds will be issued.

He said anyone who thinks he has legitimate grounds for a refund must turn his pass in for consideration by a pass committee that makes the final decision.

In the case of Dunne and others, he said, the refund was refused.

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## Stein Eriksen to leave Park City ski school job

Former Aspen resident and four-time world skiing champion Stein Eriksen has resigned as Director of the Ski School at the Park City, Utah resort.

The resignation becomes effective March 1, a joint announcement stated. "I have no hard feelings," Eriksen told the weekly Park City Record after announcing his resignation.

The world-famous skier told the paper that there were three basic reasons for his termination of employment: salary, job description and a depressed economy.

Eriksen first came to Aspen in the late 1950's as director of the Ski School at the Aspen Highlands. He left that position to assume the directorship of a ski school in Vermont, but returned to the Aspen area to become director of skiing at the Snowmass Resort.

## Highlands lowers lift ticket rate

Aspen Highlands has announced a reduction in lift ticket rates from \$12 to \$11 daily, according to corporation president Whip Jones.

In making the announcement, Jones said he felt the reduction gives skiers a better opportunity to take advantage of the many events sponsored weekly by the ski area, and the new snowfall.

## Highlands dispute settled out of court

Twelve disgruntled Aspen Highlands season pass holders have reached an out of court settlement with the ski area that provides them with \$2,041 in damages and the return of their passes.

Aspen attorney Jon Seigle, who represented the pass holders, said Monday that he and attorneys for the Highlands reached the agreement before a scheduled March 9 hearing in county court.

Seigle said 11 of his clients who had purchased season passes were awarded \$175 each plus the return of their passes. A twelfth client who had purchased a weekend pass, according to Seigle, settled for a \$116 cash payment and did not want his pass returned.

The settlement amounted to an admission by the Highlands that the pass holders had a legitimate grievance, Seigle said.

He said the 12 had been promised by the Highlands that they could get season pass refunds if their passes were turned in by Jan 15.

They were to receive the price of their passes minus a \$10 handling charge and \$12 for each day they

had skied, he said.

The group was promised that the money would be made available within 12 days, according to Seigle, who said, however, that when that period had expired Highlands officials told the pass holders that the decision to refund had been reversed.

Several pass holders came to Seigle to inquire about legal action but decided that legal fees would be prohibitive for such a small group.

The group then advertised in the newspaper and a total of 12 pass holders who felt the Highlands had treated them unfairly came forward to participate in legal action.

Seigle said he filed a suit that demanded the money the pass holders would have been entitled to under the original Highlands agreement, plus \$12 per person per day for the period (up to three weeks) that the ski area had held their passes.

Before the suit went to court, however, Highlands agreed to the out of court settlement.

The group is largely satisfied with the settlement, according to Seigle.

## Highlands is the place for those who like hot dogs

A competitor shows off a "daffy" during the hot dog contest held Friday at Aspen Highlands.

Hot doggers show their stuff every Friday at noon on Highland's Floradora run. There is a \$750 purse each week, and Highlands's spokesman Skip Gilkerson calls the event the most prestigious weekly contest in the country.

Anyone can enter, although there are restrictions on what kind of aerials can be performed.

So, if splits, tip rolls, kick-out, and back-scratchers are your bag, Floradora is the place to be on Fridays.

Andy Hanson photo.



# Highlands charged with 'intimidation'

The State Division of Employment and Training this week began an investigation into allegations that Aspen Highlands has intimidated employees.

The allegations were made in a memo filed with the Colorado Attorney General's office.

Six employees who were fired and a seventh who resigned charge that Highlands has a policy of dismissing those who file for unemployment compensation.

Bert Carlson, director of the Division of Employment and Training, plans to discuss the allegations with Highlands officials and report his findings to John Kezer, assistant attorney general.

Employers pay a portion of gross income into a fund to benefit

workers who are laid off. The rate that determines how much the employer has to pay goes up each time someone successfully files.

According to the allegations, Highlands warned employees not to file for unemployment compensation, apparently to keep their rate down.

Judy Coyle, former director of public relations for Highlands, filed a statement with the memo in which she tells of overhearing a conversation between Highlands President Whipple Jones, ski patrol director David Wright, and Don Robinson, mountain operations manager.

She said the conversation concerned how to fire various employees without revealing the real reason. Highlands policies, she

said, amounted to firing employees if they filed for unemployment or workmen's compensation and warning them not to do it. This was an "unwritten law," she said.

Coyle said that Highlands controller JP Wentzel said, at a Dec 7, 1976, management council meeting:

"We have been so successful in cracking down on unemployment claims that we are carrying our stance over into workmen's compensation claims. Of course, we must be careful that this is not put into writing."

Coyle resigned Nov 23, but was kept on until mid-January until a replacement was found.

The employees who were fired: Earl Hutton, a lift operator since the 1974-75 season, signed on to work in the summer too. He filed for unemployment between the winter and summer seasons.

Hutton said in his affidavit that he and seven other lift

operators was warned by Robinson that if he filed for unemployment it was possible he would not be rehired.

Hutton was the only one to file and was not rehired. The reason given by Highlands was "disagreement with management."

John Losik, lift operator for three years, was hurt in March of 1976. He filed for workmen's comp to cover the cost of an operation and was fired while in the hospital in May. The reason: he gave supervisors "too much trouble."

Gordon Ford, ski patrolman for one year who filed for workman's comp to cover an operation to remove bone spurs on both heels. Fired in October of 1976 for being a "poor patrolman."

(Coyle's statement tells of a conversation between Jones, Robinson and Wright in which they "plotted" how best to fire Ford because he had filed.)

George Newman, who said in an affidavit that Wright asked

him what he thought of the others and then fired him, apparently by association.

Jim Bare, an 11-year employee, fired for "union organizing."

Coyle said Highlands also instigated another "tyrannical policy" this season, requiring all employees to buy a season pass if they wanted to ski off-duty.

Highlands apparently wanted to protect itself against liability for workmen's comp in the event an off-duty employee was injured while skiing, she said.

The price of the "optional" pass—\$125—was covered by a bonus amounting to exactly the same amount. Instructors and patrolmen were required to buy them, she said, to keep their jobs.

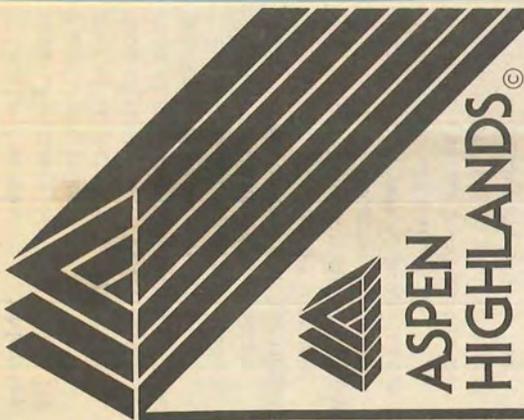
The legal memo filed with the attorney general was prepared as a class action by a local lawyer because the former Highlands employees lacked funds.

Carlson is expected to report his findings within about two weeks.



The scenery was a blur as young Aspen Cup competitors vied in the dual slalom and giant slalom

races Sunday at Aspen Highlands. Dave Brownell photo.



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## Welcome to Aspen

### **NASTAR** SCHEDULE OF NASTAR IN ASPEN

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Last winter the Aspen/Snowmass complex served three times as many NASTAR racers as any other area in the country. The NASTAR championships were held last April at Snowmass and Aspen Highlands.

Ten NASTAR races are held weekly — Aspen Highlands and Snowmass on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; and Buttermilk on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. At mid-week, NASTAR events are staged on two or three mountains simultaneously. NASTAR PLUS at Aspen Highlands with a cash purse of \$1200 for men on Saturdays, \$5 entry fee.

A special novice NASTAR is held on Tuesdays at Buttermilk on Ego Hill to help the beginning racer. This is a free service of the Aspen Skiing Corp. The clinic starts at 10 a.m.

Pre-NASTAR clinics are conducted by racers on the staff of Aspen Highlands, Snowmass and Buttermilk prior to each race. To enroll, sign up at NASTAR registration from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the day of the regularly scheduled competition.

Many ski clubs and groups use NASTAR events as club competitions. This can be handled, but clubs must contact the marketing offices at the skiing corporations, well in advance.

#### NASTAR Registration

Aspen Highlands: 3:00 to 5:00 day prior to race, 9:00-11:00 day of race at customer service.

Buttermilk: 9:30-11:30 day of race at Cliffhouse restaurant.

Snowmass: 9:30-11:30 day of race at Alpine Springs restaurant.

#### Aspen Ski School

Adults & Children — Daily group, Sun-Thurs	13.00
Adults & Children — Daily group, Wed-Sat (No discount on multiple day lessons)	10.00
Private lessons, 1 or 2 persons per hour	25.00
(Each additional person per hour, up to 5 persons (may cut lines))	5.00
Private instructor by the day:	
1-3 persons for 6 hours	125.00
4-5 persons for 6 hours	160.00
Closed class, no limit on number of people, no line cuts, for 4 hours	100.00

#### Free Bus Service

Aspen Highlands provides continuous free bus service from Rubey Park, stopping at Arthur's and the Aspen Villas on Main Street, to the ski area every 15 minutes from 8:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Aspen Highlands provides free bus service between those points and the area every 30 minutes from 10:30-3:00.

Aspen Highlands provides continuous free bus service from the ski area, stopping at the Aspen Villas and Innsbruck Motel on Main Street, to Rubey Park every 15 minutes from 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Snowmass Skier Bus Schedule From Rubey Park — Aspen

Every 20 Minutes	8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Mid-day Buses	11:00 a.m. 12:00 Noon
Every 20 Minutes	3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

From Skier Bus Terminal — Snowmass

Every 20 Minutes	8:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Mid-day Bus	11:30 a.m.
Every 20 Minutes	2:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Snowmass Village Bus Night Schedule — From Rubey Park: See posted schedule.

Buttermilk Bus Schedule From Rubey Park — Aspen

Every 15 Minutes	8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
From Buttermilk Mtn.	
Every 15 Minutes	8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Buttermilk Tiehack Bus Schedule

Main Area			
Departure Time		Tiehack Area	
12:00	3:05	12:15	3:15
2:20	3:25	2:35	3:45
2:45		2:55	4:00
Or As Posted.			

#### Aspen Highlands Ski School

Full day group	13.00
Three day group	33.00
Five day group	50.00
Children, 12 & under group	11.00
Private lesson, one person, per hour	20.00
Private lesson, 2 persons, per hour	25.00
Private lesson, 3 persons, per hour	30.00
All day, private	90.00
(Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily)	



Fear not, citizens, the Gov'nah talks better than he skis. Of interest to Republicans, this picture also conclusively demonstrates that the governor has just taken a swing to the right, perhaps a concession to the conservative majorities in the state legislature. Chris Cassatt photo.



## The Aspen Cup Finale

The Aspen Cup Finale was held at Aspen Highlands last Sunday, March 13, sponsored by Jill's Tot and Teen and Buster Brown. Dual slalom format dominated the morning, and the afternoon competitions consisted of giant slalom.

Boys and girls were divided into four age groups for the races. In the girls' division, Jane Van Domelen triumphed in both the dual slalom and GS in the ten-year-old group, and Karen Thorpe took both races in the 11-year-old group. Beth Madsen similarly swept both races for age 12. Thirteen-year-old Mary Brennan took the slalom, and Laurie Strang won the GS.

In the boys' classes, Alexis Racloz took both races in the ten-year-old group, and John McBride won both as a 12-year-old. Billy Madsen, an 11-year-old, won the slalom, and Sandy Maple took the GS. Mark Thorpe was first in the slalom for 13-year-olds, and Gates Garrity won the GS for that age.

The final event for the winter, sponsored for the Aspen Ski Club by Aspen Conoco, will be a hot dog clinic and contest at Aspen Highlands on March 26-27.



Seventy-eight racers put on helmets for the Town Donwhill race on Racer's Edge at Tiehack last Friday morning. Two classes, men's and women's, ran the course. The first three women placers were Stephanie Williams, Debbie Densmore, and Caroline Cerise. In the men's division, Kirk Reinecke, Wayne Hagen and Phil Volckhausen ran first, second and third.

**ALLEGATIONS TERMED "SERIOUS"**

# Highlands Labor Acts May Be Probed

by Dave Danforth

The chances that Aspen Highlands Skiing Corporation's labor policies will become the subject of a criminal investigation were increased this week when documents said to detail those policies were turned back to the Colorado Attorney General's office in Denver for closer inspection. A formal announcement on the future of the probe - and whether or not it will include a full investigation - was expected today, or early next week.

Last week, the *Aspen Journal* reported that seven former employees of Aspen Highlands had charged the firm with threatening to fire, and refusing to rehire, employees who filed for employment benefits, and firing others who had applied for workmen's compensation to cover job-related injuries. Their statements, six in sworn affidavits and the seventh in the form of a complaint, aimed at collecting unemployment, were sent by an Aspen attorney to the state's Department of Labor, as well as the Attorney General's office.

One statement, put in writing by a former employee who was in a "management position" at Highlands, told of overhearing the firm's president, Whipple Jones, arranging with two other Highlands officials to invent excuses to cover the firing of some employees who were, in reality, being canned because they had violated the "unwritten law" at Highlands - that employees shall not file for unemployment or workmen's compensation benefits.

The memorandum drafted by the local attorney charged that the practices were illegal, coercive, and should be halted.

## "SERIOUS ENOUGH"

"The charges are serious enough that I've asked the legal staff to look into it, so I think you can guess from that, that they do appear serious," according to Burt Carlson, who directs the state's Division of Employment and Training. The

"file" he'd created for the case, and then referred it back to the state's lawyers rather than dropping it, is normally viewed as an indication that more serious actions could follow. But Carlson refused to confirm or deny that he's thinking about a further probe.

Carlson termed it his "responsibility under the law" to investigate the allegations. But the two charges - one involving unemployment benefits, and the other workmen's comp, are now being split. What is now under close scrutiny is whether Highlands violated the law by warning certain employees not to file for unemployment benefits during the "off-season." Seasonal employees - those who work only in the winter - cannot file for benefits anyway. But employees who work year-round, and particularly those who work in the winter and summer (when Highlands runs its lifts for sight-seeking visitors), can file in the fall and spring, or if they're laid off, according to Carlson.

A lift operator and patrolmen who used to work at Highlands charged that they were terminated because they filed for workmen's compensation to cover job-related injuries. Their complaints are under informal investigation by Adams, who directs the workmen's compensation fund. They could conceivably receive some back-pay for the period after they were fired if it's found that Highlands violated the law by canning them.

Aspen Highlands president Whip Jones wouldn't comment on the allegations. He declined to discuss the company's "internal matters" with the press.

The entire probe right now is touchy because of a political merry-go-round in Denver, which has some state legislators charging that those who administer unemployment insurance, including Carlson, are being too loose with standards which govern who can collect and who can't. Some legislators have threatened to audit the fund to

The charges amount to allegations that the state is running a "giveaway program" by allowing benefits to be paid to those who really shouldn't be allowed to get them.

On the Highlands front, it's reported that two other ski patrolmen have filed for unemployment benefits. One was fired for "poor performance" - the reason, it's alleged, that Highlands used as a cover story to fire others - while the other quit out of disgust at the alleged policies.

A third employee, who had worked at Highlands for five years, was fired two Fridays ago - the same day Highlands agreed to pay a total of \$2,041 in an out-of-court settlement to season passholders who charged that the company broke a January promise that it would refund part of the cost of the

passes. The employee had been subpoenaed to testify in the case, which was settled five days before it was to have gone to trial.

Dave Wright, the head of the Highlands Ski Patrol, claimed

total ignorance of why two of his patrolmen don't work at Highlands any more. Asked why one was fired, he said, "I don't have any idea." Asked why the other quit, he said, "I don't know a thing about him."

**ATTORNEY GENERAL  
MAY INVESTIGATE  
HIGHLANDS FURTHER**  
Story on p. 3

# Highlands under full-scale probe

The State Attorney General's office began a full-scale investigation Tuesday into charges against Aspen Highlands.

The charges are that the Highlands threatened to fire, then fired employees who filed for unemployment or Workmen's Compensation benefits.

They were made in a brief filed originally with Bert Carlson, director of the Division of Employment and Training, last week.

Carlson, after a brief inquiry, decided that a full-scale criminal investigation was warranted.

Lou Kelley, assistant attorney general, was placed in charge of

that investigation.

Kelley said Tuesday that he is "developing strategy," and expects that the investigation will take from two weeks to a month.

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It was "unwritten law," she said, that employees would be fired if they filed for unemployment or Workmen's Compensation benefits.

Coyle resigned last Nov 23. Other employees who were fired and joined in supporting the

brief against Highlands include Earl Hutton, a lift operator who filed for unemployment; John Losik, a lift operator, and Gordon Ford, ski patrolman, both of whom filed for workman's comp; George Newman, who claims he was fired for association with the others; and Jim Bare, 11-year employee, who says he was dismissed for "union organizing."

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was injured while skiing off-duty.

The price of the "optional pass"—\$125—was covered by a bonus of the same amount.

## Attorney is sued for "keeping skis"

Attorney Jon Mulford was named defendant in a Small Claims Court suit filed this week by Charles "Lefty" Brinkman, owner with Whip Jones of the Highlands Inn GLM Rental Center.

The GLM Rental Center rented a pair of skis to Janice Rowan on Dec 21, 1975. She broke her leg. On Dec 22, her father paid the center two days rental on the skis, but did not return them.

In February, 1977, Rowan sued the GLM Rental Center for damages.

According to Brinkman, Mulford has the skis and won't return them.

Brinkman says the skis are worth \$84. Furthermore, he

claims, they would have rented for about one-third of the 214 ski days since they were not returned, another \$249.

# Aspen Hi

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COMPLIMENTARY

# Aspen Anytime



# Aspen Highlands Resort

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the facilities, there is a twelve-minute 16mm color film that may be borrowed by writing to Bill Brehmer, Senior Vice President, Marketing, Aspen Highlands Resort Group, Box T, Aspen, Colorado 81611, or by telephoning 303/925-5300. A conference planning kit may be obtained from the same source.

**The Highlands Inn** has forty rooms, ranging from dorm accommodations to spacious suites with fireplaces. Personal attention from the staff is important at The Inn, and fun and relaxation the primary goals. Amenities include a gourmet dining room (the Buffalo Nickel Restaurant), a cocktail lounge, heated swimming pool, sauna and massage, gift shop, and limousine service to and from Aspen. Catering is available through **the Aspen Highlands Food Service**, both at the Base Lodge and at the Merry-Go-Round restaurant at Midway on the mountain, as well as at The Inn.

The restaurant at Midway and the summit beyond are accessible by the **Aspen Sky Ride**, a chairlift ascent to 11,800 feet which gives

visitors spectacular views of the mountains. Picnic among the wildflowers or explore a U.S. Forest Service nature trail. The ride is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily, mid-June through Labor Day. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for persons 18 and under.

Besides offering six high-altitude courts, the **Aspen Tennis Ranch** offers a full staff of resident pros, guaranteed court and lesson time, videotape and ball return machines, and a unique teaching system employing graduated length racquets for better control of play. Private and group lessons are available for guests of all levels of proficiency.

The Aspen Tennis Ranch offers daily and weekly rates, and packages for two to 200 people. A popular arrangement is a package which includes six days and seven nights, two to a room, at the Highlands Inn, with twenty-four hours of guaranteed court time and two hours of semi-private instruction per day. Tournaments are held at the end of each week. Other extras included in the \$475\* price are two complimen-

tary dinners and a ticket to a Music Festival Concert.

The public can play at the Aspen Tennis Ranch on a space-available basis at \$6 per hour for singles and \$10 per hour for doubles. Instruction is also available for non-guests. For court times, call the Tennis Shop at 925-8360. Both guests of the Highlands Inn and members of the public can purchase equipment or have racquets restrung, repaired, and reconditioned at the **Highlands Inn Ski and Tennis Shop**.

Aspen Highlands Resort not only provides its own full services, but is located just two miles from downtown Aspen on Maroon Creek Road. A sense of mountain isolation is combined with easy proximity to nightlife, shopping, golf, fishing, jeeping, guided hiking, and many other activities. For a luxurious vacation which will profit anyone's tennis game, or for a superbly mounted conference, Aspen Highlands Resort is the perfect combination of High Country tradition and contemporary management professionalism. □

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Young racers ages 10-13 showed their stuff Saturday and Sunday during the Aspen Conoco Hot Dog Contest, the season finale for this season's Aspen Cup series. Jim Kahnweiler photo.

## Hot dog event ends Aspen Cup series

The 1976-77 Aspen Cup race series closed with the Aspen Conoco Hot Dog Contest March 26-27 at Aspen Highlands.

The young skiers competed in ballet, moguls, and jumping, with Highlands free style instructors helping them adapt to the hot dog format.

The instructors also foreran the courses and helped judge the Sunday contest.

In the 10-year-old girl's class, Martha Dayton placed first, with Jane Van Domelen second and Lisa Shuldener third. Jill Kass won the 11-year-old class, with Missen Brucker second.

Alexandra Kendall won the overall girl's award and the blue ribbon in the 12-year-old class. Stacy Bosgraff placed second, Meg Hewey third, Cecily Garrity fourth, and Betsy Farny fifth.

Among girls age 13, Mary Brennan was first, with Beth Hoff second. Alexis Racloz won the

10-year-old boys class, with Derrick DeCarlo second.

Among boys age 11, Sandy Maple edged out second place finisher Jon Eric Greene, while Peter Secrist was third, Billy Madsen fourth, and William Herndon fifth.

Mads Buck won the 12-year-old class, with Alex Parker second, Chris Dayton third, Bill Locken fourth, and Brent Windermuller fifth.

Mark Thorpe and Gates Garrity tied for the overall boys title and first place among boys age 13. Todd Bosgraff finished third, Ranjeet Grewal fourth, and Max Kendall fifth.

Aspen Cup coach Ken Sauer expressed appreciation to everyone who helped make the program a success during the season.

The Aspen Cup awards banquet will be held in mid-April. The exact date will be announced in the newspaper.



The final event of this winter's KSPN Aspen Cup was a hot dog contest held at Aspen Highlands last weekend. Jim Kahnweiler photo

# THANK YOU



Left to right seated: Pam Walsh, Gayle Bedall, Pam Ratti, Susan Parsons, Julie Bloomer. Standing, first row, left to right: Mariette Dion, Susan Coolidge, Janet Carney, Susan Reed, Cathy Kerr, Mary Issac, Maureen Callahan, Mary Cronin, Jackie Robinson. Standing, top row, left to right: Norma McNeil, Linda Amundson, Russ Fraser, Sue Dunnigan, Gail Huser, Linda Baer, Jim Magill.

The staff at Aspen Reservations, Inc. would like to thank the Aspen Skiing Corporation, the Aspen Highlands Skiing Corporation, the Aspen and Snowmass Lodging communities and the A.R.I. Board of Directors, George Madsen, Pete Sullivan, Whip Jones and Jim Wentzel, for their support over the last four years. We look forward to continuing our tradition of excellence, maintaining our reputation with the industry and working with all of you in the future.

# ARI sale price described as "fair"

The sale of Aspen Reservations, Inc (ARI), the joint venture of the Aspen Skiing Corp and the Aspen Highlands Skiing Corp, to William S Braley, president of Aspen in Advance, was announced Monday at a press conference called by representatives of the two skiing corps, ARI and Braley.

Skiing Corp officials would not disclose the price of the sale but said, "It was fair for all." Brally said he had been negotiating for several months to purchase ARI from the skiing corporations.

Representing ARI in the sale were the members of the joint venture's board of directors, Whipple V.N. Jones, president of Aspen Highlands; James Wentzel, Highlands' controller; Peter Sullivan, vice president finance of the Aspen Skiing Corporation; and George Madsen, vice president marketing of the Aspen Skiing Corporation. Aspen in Advance was represented by Braley.

## Take Over April 15

Braley said he will take over operation of ARI on April 15 and the reservations facility will continue to be located in the Victorian house at 122 W Main Street. He said he plans no major change in personnel.

At present, ARI is headed by reservations manager James Magill and controller Russell Fraser and there is a staff of about 18.

According to Braley, he will continue using the name of ARI, though Aspen in Advance will be the parent company. He began Aspen in Advance last fall as a ground brokerage service and general tour operation.

Before moving to Aspen in July 1976, Braley lived in Houston,

Texas and operated a number of travel agencies in the Austin, Bryan, College Station and Houston areas with his family. The agencies specialized in group tours, especially for professional associations, in Europe, the Orient, and South America.

## What is ARI?

ARI was begun in 1973 by Aspen's two skiing corporations as a community reservation service. It has handled direct lodging reservations, package plans, familiarization tours for travel industry personnel, distribution of publications, and customer service coordination for groups.

George Madsen, marketing director of the Aspen Skiing Corp, said that in the future, the skiing companies will distribute their own publications and will work with ARI and other tour organizations to accommodate Aspen area guests in the same manner as lodging facilities have worked with ARI in the past.

According to Madsen, the ski corporations have considered selling ARI for over a year and a half.

## Reason of Structure

Since this past Oct, ARI had been working on a restructuring of its services. It had considered opening a separate tour operation service to be called Aspen Resort Travel which would have sold and promoted package plans...promoted Aspen as a year-round resort.

Madsen said the restructuring was a factor in selling ARI. "We did not see promoting summer reservations and lining up of conventions as a function of the skiing companies," he said. Peter Sullivan, vice-president-finance of the Aspen Skiing Corp added, "As ski companies, we haven't promoted summer...yet Aspen is a year-round resort."

## Reason of Cost

Cost of operations was another reason cited for the sale.

Since the ski companies started ARI, they have each contributed half to its funding. This past year it cost \$400,000, out of which the lodging community put in \$60,000 in fees. Each of the skiing companies provided about \$170,000 for the operation of ARI.

Madsen said, "The 85% cost of operations of ARI, which has been traditionally borne by the two skiing companies, was inordinate in view of benefits derived. A responsible private firm might be better able to effect greater cooperation with the lodging community and provide greater service to guests."

## Reason of Lawsuit

A pending lawsuit was also another factor in the sale of ARI.

At the press conference Madsen admitted, "The sale obviously had something to do with the anti-trust suit which the State of Colorado Attorney General's Office has filed against the two skiing companies."

But the skiing company officials would not discuss the lawsuit, "Because it is an anti-trust suit, our attorneys have advised us not to talk about it."

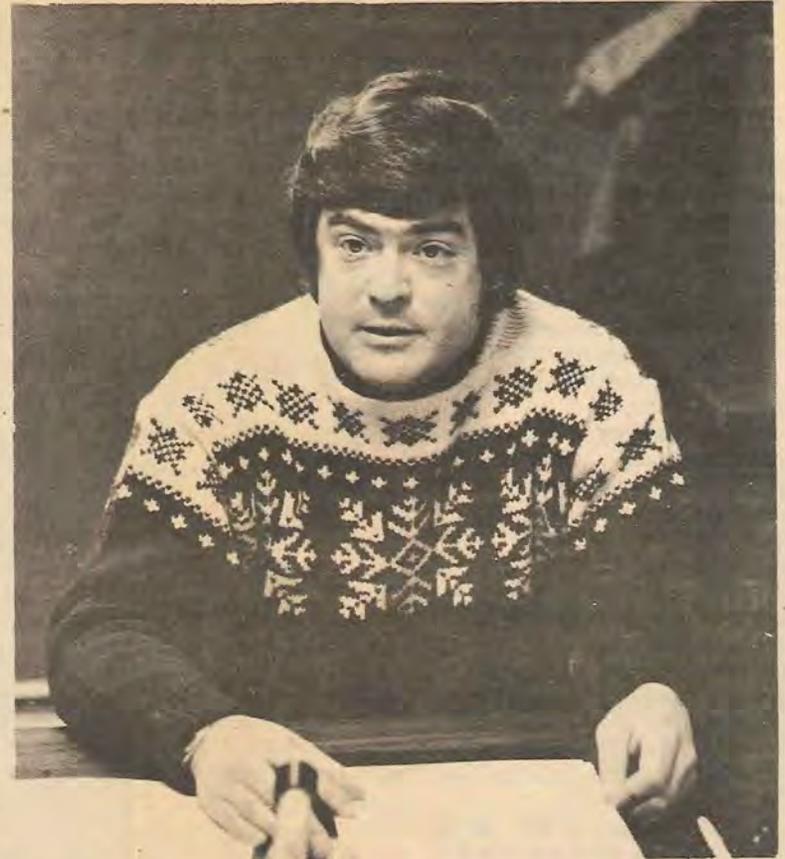
The suit was originally filed in December 1975 and a memo filed in March of this year. The complaint says that the skiing companies "have combined and conspired to fix and raise the prices of multi-area tickets."

Focus is on the agreed method of pricing the four area ticket offered jointly by defendants and on their understanding concerning the offering of tickets by them individually in competition with the four-area ticket.

The suit contends that defendants have priced the 4-area ticket in a manner which does not permit the reflection of differences in basic lift rates applicable to defendant's respective facilities.

The memo further states that the Attorney General's office may also claim a "constellation of charges against the skiing companies which center around their joint operation of inclusive air tours and their joint operation of ARI...a central lodging reservation system."

The suit claims that the skiing corporations have attempted to



William Braley has purchased ARI from Aspen's two skiing companies. Photo by Chris Cassatt.

monopolize central lodging reservations in Aspen.

It claims the ski companies have agreed not to compete in operation of winter season inclusive air tours to Aspen.

John Boyd, one of the state's lawyers, told the Aspen Times that he had taken depositions this past December and January about the case with an Aspen

lodge owner and with Jay Lusan, former director of ARI. Boyd declined to name the lodgeowner, saying he had not contributed much information to the case.

Boyd said that Aspen Highlands has filed a motion to stay the proceedings, claiming that the Forest Service should be the proper agency to hear the case first.

# Competitor Buys Out ARI Service

The Aspen Skiing Corporation and the Aspen Highlands Skiing Corporation concluded agreements on Mar 24 to sell their joint venture, Aspen Reservations, Inc., which is Aspen's community reservations service, to the Aspen guest-service firm called Aspen in Advance, Inc.

Transfer of title will take place on Apr 15. Terms of the transfer arrangement were not disclosed.

The reservations facility will continue to be located at 122 West Main Street, and the name "Aspen Reservations, Inc." will be maintained. No major change in the personnel or services offered is expected.

ARI has handled direct lodging reservations, package plans, familiarization tours for travel industry personnel, distribution of publications, and customer service coordination for groups, since it was founded by the two skiing companies in mid-1973. In the future, the skiing companies will distribute their own publications and will

work with ARI and other tour organizations to accommodate Aspen area guests in the same manner as lodging facilities have worked with ARI in the past.

Representing ARI in the transfer negotiations were the members of the joint venture's board of directors, Whipple V.N. Jones, President of Aspen Highlands; James Wentzel, Highlands' Controller; Peter Sullivan, Vice President - Finance of the Aspen Skiing Corporation; and George Madson, Vice President - Marketing of the Aspen Skiing Corporation. Aspen in Advance was represented by its president William S. Braley.

Braley, who said that he initiated the negotiations for the ARI sale, declined to comment on the price, calling it "fair for all parties." He said that no drastic changes would be made, and said there would be no conflicts with similar operations conducted by the Chamber of Commerce.

Braley began Aspen in



**ARI purchaser William Braley**

Advance last October, competing with ARI, but denied that his purchase would now create a monopoly. "I don't think we have a monopoly, nor do I expect to have one." Braley told reporters.

According to the ARI board, considerations which resulted in the transfer included the belief that coordinating the communi-

ty's reservation service was outside the realm of ski area operations; that the 85% cost of operations of ARI, which has been traditionally borne by the two skiing companies, was inordinate in view of benefits derived; and that a responsible private firm might be better able to effect greater cooperation with the lodging community and provide greater service to guests.

A story in last week's *Aspen Journal* indicated, however, that at least part of the reason for the sale of ARI is the desire to undercut a lawsuit filed by the Colorado Attorney General's office alleging that ARI's six-day ski pass constitutes price-fixing by the two Aspen lift companies. At a press conference Monday, Aspen Ski Corp. officials refused to comment on any matters pertaining to the lawsuit, stating that the matter is now in litigation and comment would be improper and possibly prejudicial. The Attorney General's suit is expected to go

to court in April. Representatives of the Attorney General's office claimed to have no information about the impending sale as of last week.

The ARI board has considered a transfer of ownership for over a year-and-a-half. At least ten groups have indicated interest in performing the general reservations function. Negotiations have been conducted with most of the groups which indicated interest.

A survey of travel agents released last spring indicated that ARI was by far the most popular and highly-used reservations company in the ski travel industry. ARI has annually booked at least twice as many ski packages as any other resort reservation service in the U.S.

At present, ARI is headed by reservations manager James Magill and controller Russell Fraser. The staff this year numbers 18 people and has ranged as high as three dozen full and part-time employees in past winters.

## aspen highlands

Aspen Times

Dear Editor;

Regarding the Highlands article of March 17, 1977. I would like to set the record straight on a few things. No way, would I tackle the whole can of worms.

First, I am not now, nor have I ever been, a "union organizer". If Highlands did fire me for this reason (which is entirely possible) I understand it is against the law. One suit at a time.

The reason given me for my dismissal by Patrol Director Dave Wright, was that I had a personality conflict with the owner, Whipple Van Ness Jones. (Dave doesn't have one of Harry Truman's signs on his desk either). When I confronted Whip with this gem he replied, negative. Whip also said that I had not been fired, that I was merely terminated. The difference being, I was not being asked to leave, I was being asked not to come back. Whew! What a relief.

Whip said it was a "management decision." "Why?" said I, curiously.

"I don't know," said he, evasively.

"What," said I, incredulously. Well, he said he couldn't disclose everything that went on in the Management meetings. He went on...I went on...eventually, I was not given a reason. Instead I was given a recommendation from my illustrious leader (after 11 years, not even a gold ski pole).

I should have known better. They have been dumping on employees out there since the days of Freddie Fisher in the upstairs bar. Some people have the guts and integrity to tell 'em to shove it before they get axed as a scapegoat, or their salary gets too high or "management" feels they are becoming too influential in their respective department.

It's no longer a stigma (if it ever was) to be fired from Highlands. They understand at the employment offices, they sympathize on the other mountains and there is

an ever growing group of local people who shake their heads and ask, how could you have stood it as long as you did? I kept thinking it would get better. (There wasn't too much room to expand in the other direction.)

Because it's an employer's market in this area, I suppose they will always have some good employees at Highlands. There are some good employees out there right now. There is also a good mountain out there. It's just a crying shame that they don't develop and maintain both of them in the style they deserve.

Yours (in or out of the chair)

J.K. Bare  
Aspen, Colo



The \$1,200 Celestial Seasonings Herbal Tea Cup ended the racing season at Aspen Highlands for B-circuit professional ski racers in Jerome Bowl Saturday. Chris Cassatt photo.

## Herbal Tea Cup ends Highlands pro series

Rick Heid, of Vail, took top honors in the Celestial Seasonings Herbal Tea Cup at Aspen Highlands Saturday. It was the ninth and final event held at Highlands this year for B circuit professional ski racers.

Heid's combined time for two runs of dual slalom was 55.196 seconds and he earned \$350 for the day's work.

Second was University of Colorado racer Paul Benjamin, 55.419 and \$230. Leif Grevle of Vail took third with 55.936 and \$140.

Aspen racer Norm Kosciusko captured fourth place with a time of 57.192 and \$100, while Aspen's Jason Densmore finished fifth with 57.193 and \$70. Sixth was

Aspen's Sam Bascom, 57.353 and \$60.

Total purse for the race was \$1,200.

In overall season standings, CU racer Jamie Temple led the point standings with 81 points. He earned \$890. David Oswald of Purgatory had 63 points for second place but topped the money winners with \$1,290.

Marlin Ross of Ogden, Utah finished third with 60 points and \$970. Ray Hensley of Breckenridge finished in fourth place with 59 points but only \$390, while Victor Roy of Copper Mountain garnered 50 points and \$1,090.

Hensley and Roy have both announced that they will compete on the World Pro Skiing tour next season.

# Highlands investigation report ready

Lou Kelley, assistant Colorado attorney general, said yesterday that an investigation of charges against Aspen Highlands has been completed.

A report on that investigation

was being typed for presentation to the attorney general and Division of Employment. Kelley would not speculate on what action will be taken, but said it might be next week.

Highlands was accused of threatening to fire, then firing employees who filed for unemployment or Workmen's Compensation benefits.

The accusation was filed originally as a class action brief with Burt Carlson, director of the Division of Employment, the week of March 14.

Carlson decided that a full-scale criminal investigation was

warranted and turned the case over to the attorney general's office.

Kelley, placed in charge of that investigation, said that his staff spent two days in the Aspen area interviewing people.

According to the allegations, Highlands warned employees not to file for unemployment compensations, apparently to keep the rate down.

(Employers pay a portion of gross income into a fund to benefit workers who are laid off. Every time someone files for unemploy-

ment and gets it, the employer's rate increases.)

Six former employees were involved in filing the original brief including lift operators and ski patrolmen.

It was reported unofficially that several others told investigators that they, too, had been told not to file for unemployment.

It was also alleged that Highlands required employees to buy a season pass if they wanted to ski off-duty this year. This protected them, it was claimed, against liability for Workmen's Compensation in the event an employee was hurt while skiing off-duty.

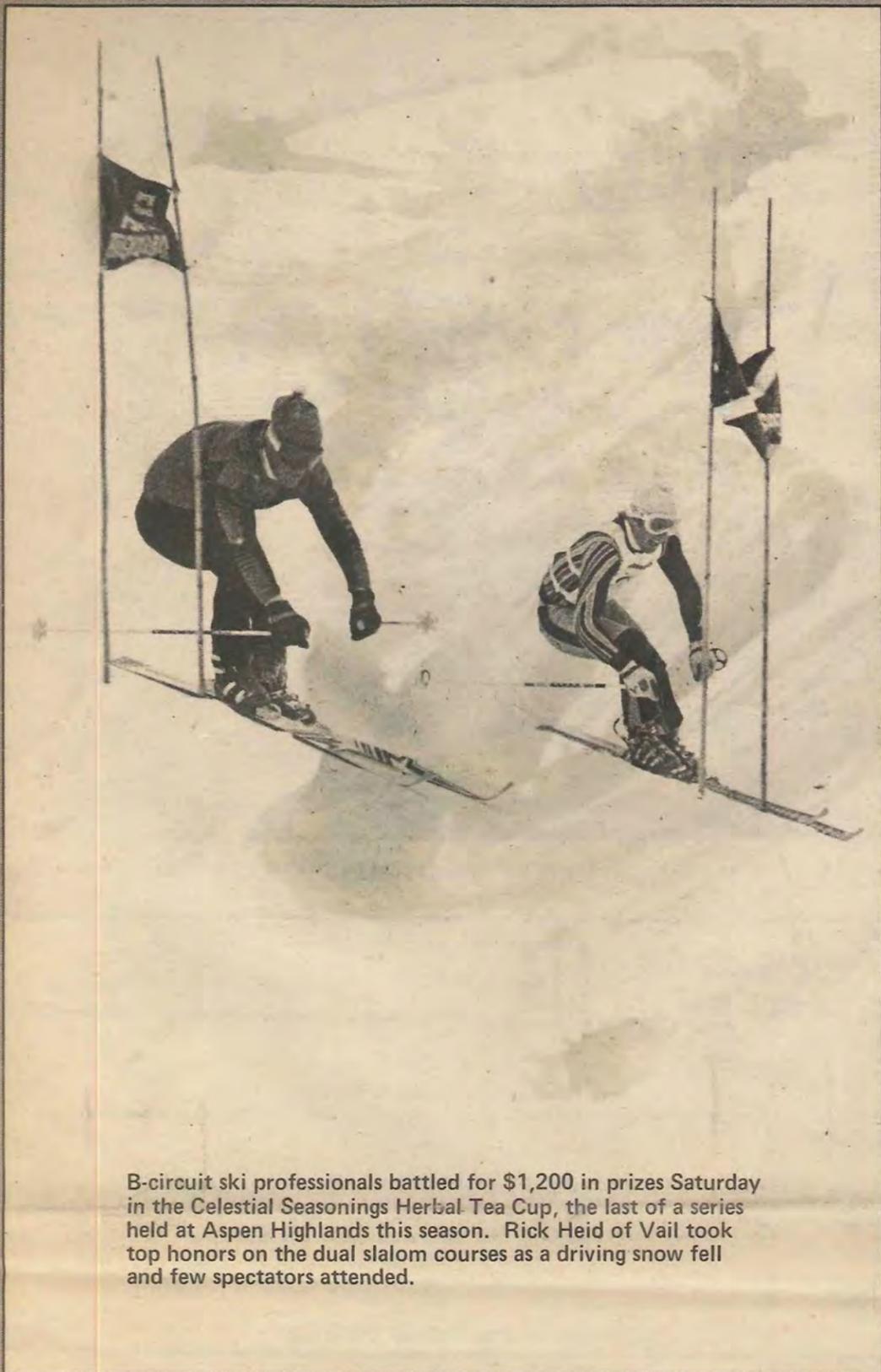
## Ajax, Highlands to close Sunday

The Aspen Mountain and Aspen Highlands ski areas are scheduled to close Sunday, April 10, however, the Snowmass Ski Area will remain open until April 17.

Snowmass Resort officials have announced that there will be special summer rates in effect at Snowmass during the extra week of skiing.

## Skier parking

Day skier parking capacities include 800 spaces at Aspen Highlands, 300 at Buttermilk-Tiehack, 670 at Snowmass Resort, and 30 at Aspen Mountain's lift one.



B-circuit ski professionals battled for \$1,200 in prizes Saturday in the Celestial Seasonings Herbal Tea Cup, the last of a series held at Aspen Highlands this season. Rick Heid of Vail took top honors on the dual slalom courses as a driving snow fell and few spectators attended.

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# Attorney General will sue Highlands

The Colorado Attorney General's office plans to charge Aspen Highlands with unfair labor practices and false statements as a result of an investigation that began in March.

Several former employees of the Highlands filed affidavits with the State Division of Employment last March complaining that the company threatened to fire them

and did fire them for filing for unemployment benefits.

Highlands, according to the allegations, had the unwritten policy in order to keep down the amount it had to pay into the unemployment fund.

That amount is increased every time someone successfully files for unemployment.

Burt Carlson, director of the Division of Employment, turned over the original charges to the Attorney General's office for investigation.

Attorneys John Kezer and Lou Kelley were assigned to the case.

Kelley and assistant Sam Collins interviewed employees to determine whether any wrongdoing was involved.

After reading their report, Carlson decided that criminal prosecution is warranted.

Kezer and Kelley met with Pitkin County Dist Atty Frank Tucker last week in Denver to discuss the prosecution.

The suit will charge two sepa-

rate counts. If convicted of the practices, Highlands officials could be punished by as much as six months in jail or fines of up to \$1,000 each.

The alleged Highland policy violates a law that states, "No employer shall require any deduction from wages to finance the employer's contributions required from him, or require any waiver of any rights under articles allowing individuals to collect unemployment benefits..."

It is charged that the Highlands unwritten rule in effect required a waiver of rights to collect unemployment.

The alleged false statements made it impossible for employees who were fired to collect benefits.

Highlands, according to the charge, invented reasons for the firings when the real reason was that they had filed for unemployment or Workman's Compensation benefits.

It is expected that the case will

be filed in District court here.

One former employee charged that Highlands president Whip Jones plotted with two other Highlands officials, David Wright, director of the ski patrol, and Don Robinson, mountain manager, on how to fire certain

employees without letting them know the real reasons.

Controller JP Wentzel reportedly said that the unwritten rule on unemployment compensation was working so well it was being extended to cover Workmen's Compensation benefits too.

## Tennis in Aspen: a growing affair

By Steve Levenson

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The natural outlet for social and competitive spirits has been tennis tournaments, and tournaments in Aspen abound. There are at least two tournaments a month during the summer which are geared to all levels of competition, from novice to champion.

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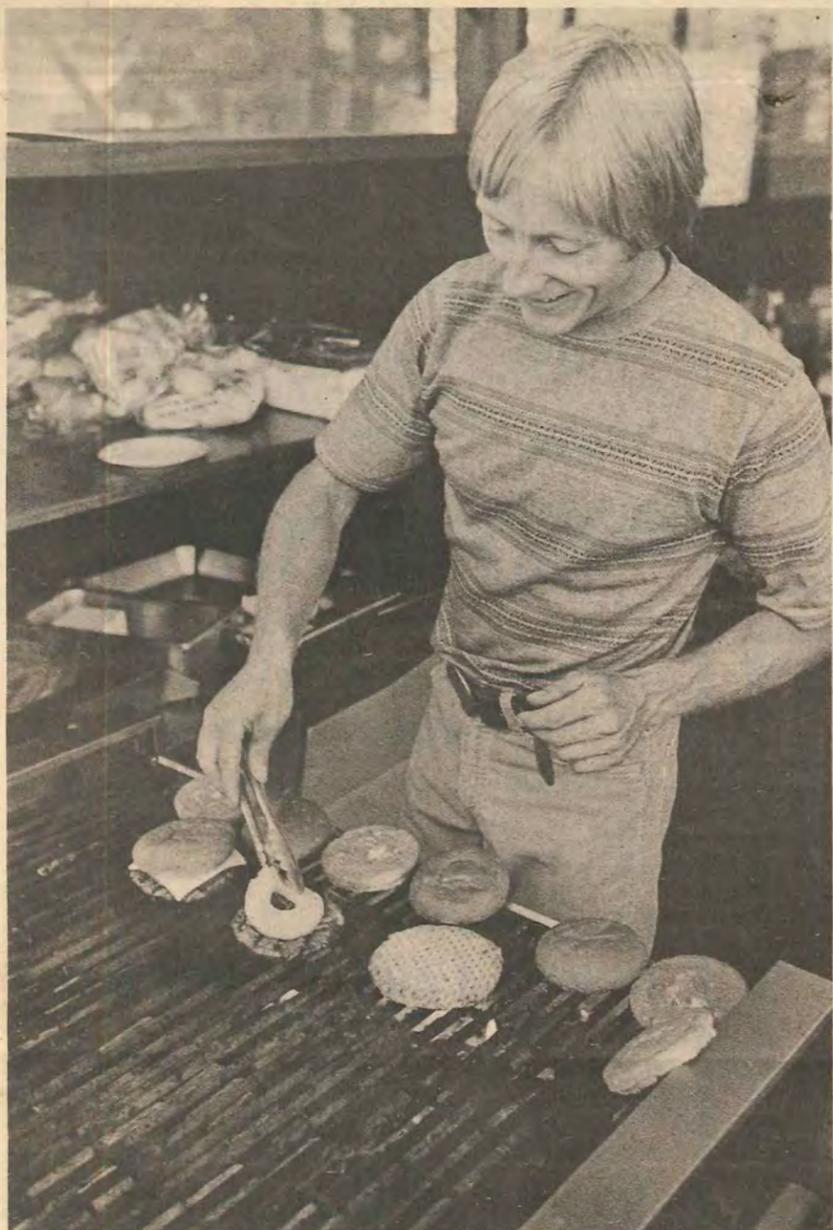
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Here we are at the top of Loges Peak in Aspen, Colorado with the famous Maroon Bells in the background.



Bob Gordon cooking the Gorgeous George

We rode the chair-lift up here. To 11,800 feet on the Sky Ride at Aspen Highlands.

The lift really wasn't too scary. After all, 400 tourists a day pay \$5 each to ride the thing.

There were kids hiking down the mountain under the lift, looking for treasures that skiers might have dropped during the winter.

Lunch was great in the sunshine on the patio of the Midway Restaurant. We all ordered a Gorgeous George, a hamburger with cheese, a slice of pineapple, two slices of bacon, all served on a whole wheat bun. Everybody ate too much.

After we got off the last lift (there are four to the top), we climbed a trail up through the tundra to get our shot of Maroon Bells.

The wildflowers got thicker as we climbed. There were blue lupine, wild strawberries, and something that looked like the tiniest baby's breath in a bridal bouquet.

Lots of people had their wildflower books. And binoculars and cameras around their necks.

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Mountains going on and on.

Gosh, it was just like Switzerland.

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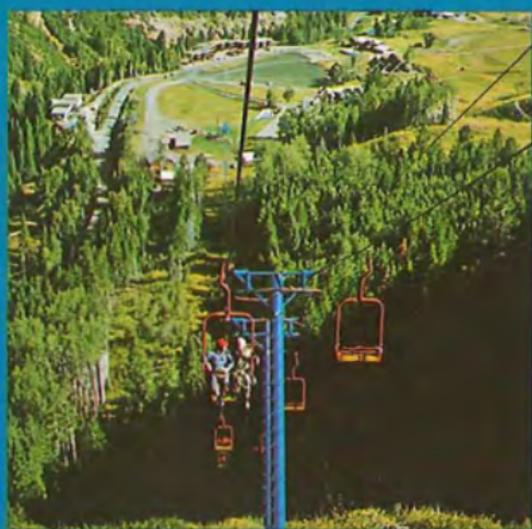
At Midway there is a restaurant where you can have lunch or a snack on your way back down. Sit outside on the patio in the sunshine and feed the camp robbers.

Tourists love the Sky Ride (locals should try it sometime) and about 400 of them a day pay \$5 to go up and then back down. It takes passengers Thursdays through Mondays, from 9:30 am until 3 pm. Chris Cassatt photo.



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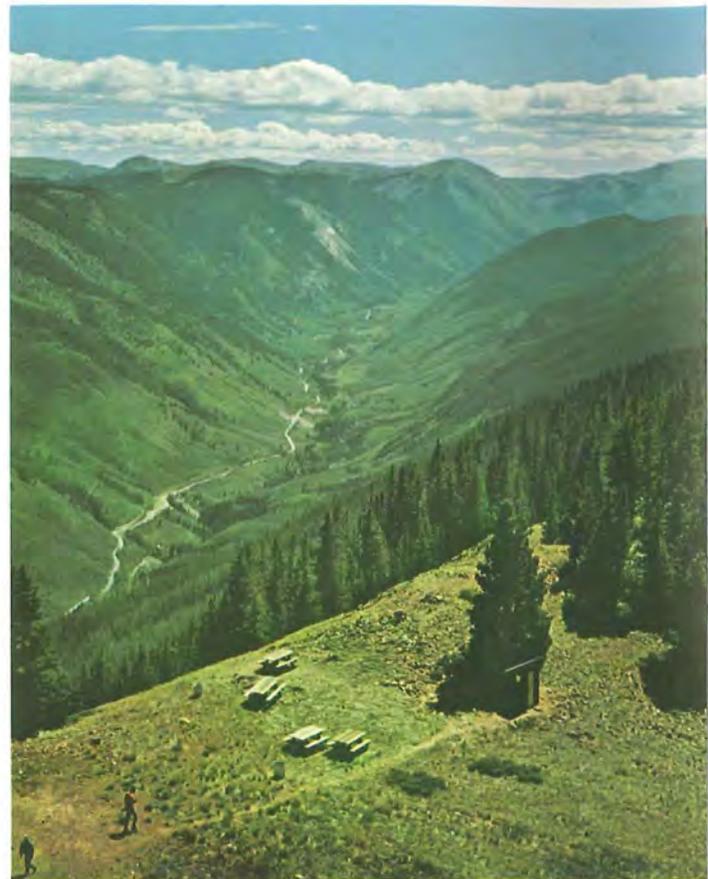


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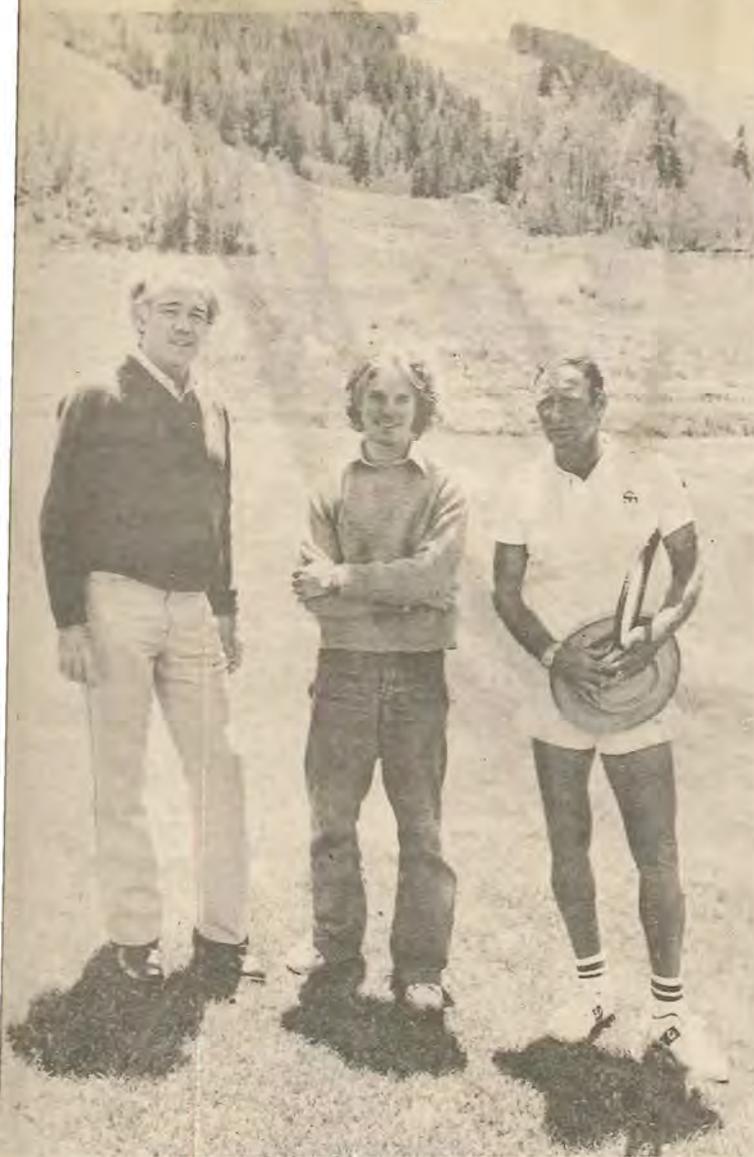
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# Academy to blend books and skis



Bill Gilbert, left, and Clive Bridgham, center are the co-founders of the new Aspen Ski Academy. The pair stands with Lefty Brinkman of the Aspen Highlands where the new facility will be located. Chris Cassatt photo.

"The Aspen Ski Academy seeks secondary school students who have demonstrated a commitment to skiing and who desire a curriculum with emphasis placed equally upon intellectual and athletic achievement."

Such advertisements could soon be a reality because the Aspen Ski Academy is about to become a reality.

The co-founders of the new facility, Headmaster Clive Bridgham and assistant Headmaster Bill Gilbert, have announced that the college preparatory school will hold its first classes Sept 19 at the Highlands Inn at Aspen Highlands.

## Secondary School

Bridgham says that it will be a boarding or day school for boys and girls in grades 8-12 who want an educational experience where athletics are not merely "frosting on the cake," but are granted equal status with academics within the curriculum.

The pupil's development as an athlete and as a scholar will be complimentary, he says.

Gilbert adds that as conceived, the academy is designed to provide as rich a learning experience as possible for both the college-bound graduate or the serious skier for whom the academy will provide the last formal education.

Colorado Mountain College Aspen Director Janet Landry, school Superintendent Dick Lee and officials from the county library, Grass-Roots TV, the Aspen Athletic Club and the Aspen Ski Club have all voiced support and offered their assistance.

For example, he says, during the academy's second teaching unit, students will have the opportunity to take a minor in video and journalism with the use of Grass-Roots' facilities.

## Not a Threat

Gilbert stresses that the academy is conceived as a complement, not a threat, to existing educational facilities.

"The ski academy experience is unique and is unlike either public or the private school experience," he says. "It's an addition to the educational scene that applies to the talented athlete.

"We're not trying to encroach upon the territory of the other educational facilities."

He says Aspen is the richest possible place for this kind of school because of the town's sports orientation, and because the culture in Aspen is "so thick you can cut it with a knife."

## Planned Three Years

Bridgham says the academy has been in the planning stage for three years and that he and Gilbert have thoroughly studied the three ski academies that exist on the East Coast: Burke Mountain Academy, Mad River Valley School and Stratton Mountain School.

Both men were formerly teachers at the Stratton Mountain School.

They have also spent three years designing an academic curriculum and an athletic program centered around competitive skiing, according to Bridgham.

The skiing program is based upon the training techniques of the US Ski Team, he says.

## Perfect Skiing

The academy is not going to teach anyone to ski, he says. Rather, it exists to perfect the skiing of students who have already entered competition and for whom

skiing is a primary interest.

However, he says, unlike the three Eastern academies, the Aspen school will accept skiers of different ability levels rather than just top junior racers.

Gilbert says there is still a question about whether the academy will turn out scholar athletes or athletic scholars.

Whichever, it won't be cheap. Day tuition is \$2,400, while full-time boarding students will pay \$5,500; a rate Bridgham calls the standard prep school rate.

The curriculum will be based upon seven-week teaching units during which each student takes a single major and a single minor subject.

## Intensity, Flexibility

"We like the intensity of the seven-week unit," Gilbert says. "Plus, it gives us flexibility in our

faculty and it enables us to adjust constantly to the needs of skiing."

The first major unit will be a biology-ecology class, while the first minor unit will be writing improvement, according to Bridgham.

He says that after rising at 6:30 am, students will do a half-hour workout followed by breakfast.

From 7:45 to 9:15 is the minor period, while the major period runs from 9:30 to 12:30.

After lunch and a session of chores, the students have an hour-long class on training methods, anatomy, physiology, etc, followed by an afternoon of skiing in the winter and dry land training in the off-season.

And if that sounds like an interesting way to go to high school, the academy can be reached at 925-5050, or at Aspen Post Office Box 4056.

# Highlands chiefs face criminal charges

Four officials of Aspen Highlands and Russ Frazier of Aspen Reservations, Inc, heard criminal charges against them read by Dist Judge George Lohr on Monday.

The officials and companies are accused in five separate cases of unlawfully requiring employees to waive their rights under the Colorado Employment Security Act.

Aspen Reservations, Inc, has been sold since the time of the alleged offenses and is now under new management.

The Highlands officials named are Whipple Jones, president; JP Wentzel, controller-; George Robinson, manager of mountain operations; and David Wright, ski patrol drierctor.

Frazier is represented by Aspen attorney James T Moran. All the other defendants are represented by Monte Pascoe of Denver, former chairman of the Colorado Democratic party.

Pascoe filed several motions, asking for a bill of particulars, the setting of a preliminary hearing, and dismissal of the complaints as unconstitutional. Moran requested time to file motions in behalf of Frazier as well.

Judge Lohr will hear arguments on those motions on Sept 9.

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There are three counts in the charge against Robinson. He is accused, along with the Highlands Ski Corp, of unlawfully requiring Earl Hutton, Jack Troyer and Jack Simenc to waive their unemployment rights. The alleged offenses happened April 1, 1976.

The charges are misdemeanors, Lohr said, punishable by from \$100 to \$1,000 fine and up to six months in jail. The sentences could be consecutive, he said, making the maximum punishment \$3,000 and up to 18 months in the Pitkin County Jail.

Wentzel and Frazier and Aspen Reservations are accused of requiring on Oct 1, 1977, that Linda J Crouch waive her unemployment rights. Again, the alleged offense is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$100 to \$1,000 and imprisonment of up to six months.

The third case names Wright and the Highlands Ski Corp in two counts. Wright is charged with asking Tony Fusaro and George A Newman to waive their rights on April 1, 1976. Each count is a misdemeanor. He could be given \$2,000 and up to a year in jail.

Each of the defendants was released in personal recognizance bond and informed of his right to a jury trial. The defendants will be asked to enter a plea to the charges later.

The next case was based on a different statute. It names Wentzel and the Highlands Ski Corp and charges, in two counts, that Wentzel made false statements to Gordon M Ford and to Earl E Hutton on Dec 1, 1976, in an attempt to reduce unemployment payments they would receive.

Wentzel could get \$2,000 and a year in jail on those charges.

Finally, Highlands, Jones, Wentzel, Robinson, Frazier, and Aspen Reservations are named in the fifth case.

The charge is that from March 1, 1976, until Jan 28, 1977, the



The bottom of the Cloud Nine lift at Aspen Highlands. Kim Doyle is the lift operator. Law suit filed by the state attorney general's office against Aspen Highlands charges that the company asked

some employees, including a lift operator, to waive their rights to unemployment benefits. Chris Cassatt photo.

Aspen Highlands Ski Corp and Aspen Reservations, through officials of the two companies did, with the intent to violate a prohibition against asking employees to waive their unemployment rights, conspire with one another in an attempt to commit such crimes.

The fine for that misdemeanor offense is from \$100 to \$1,000 and up to six months in jail.

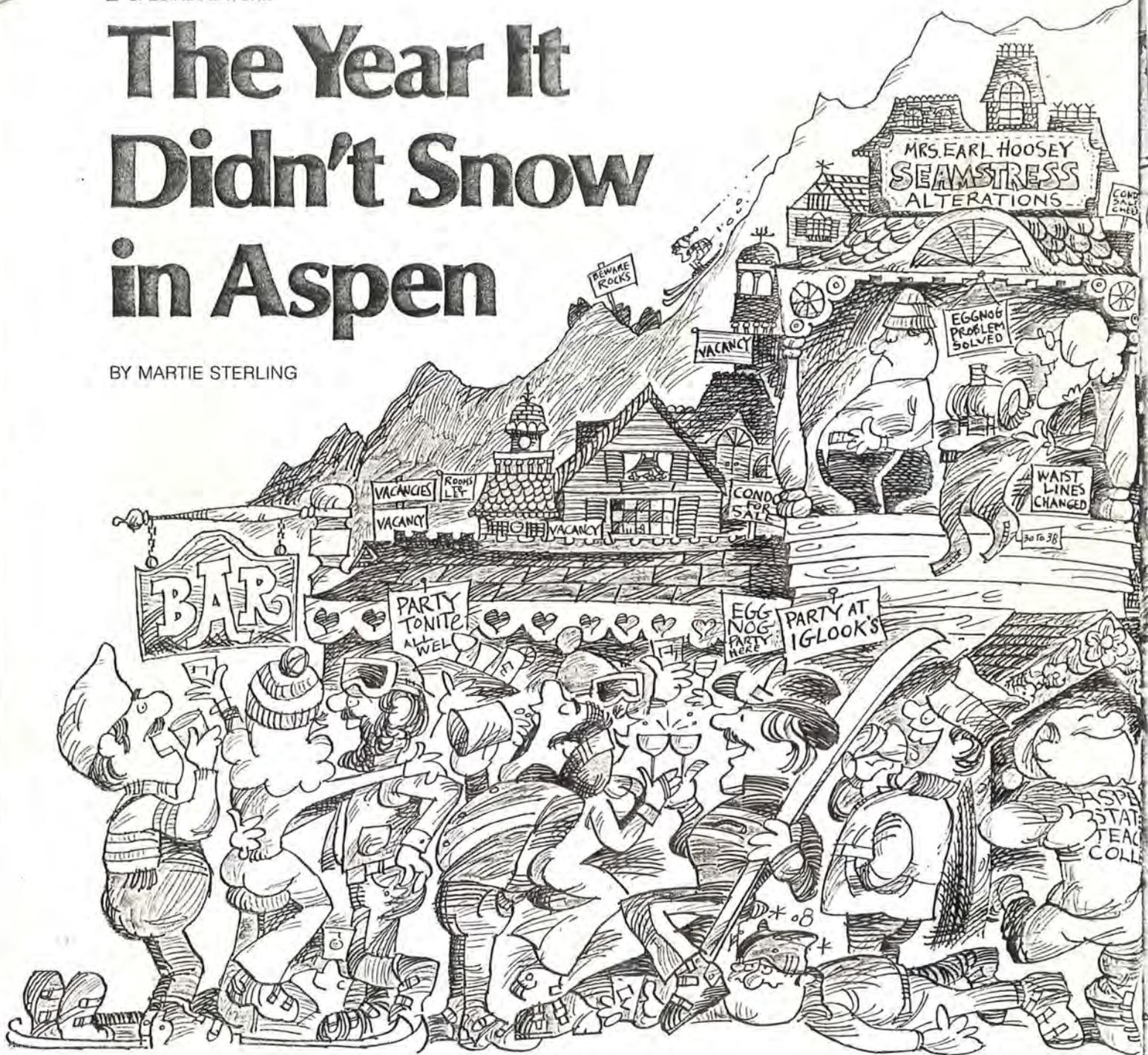
Pascoe and Moran pointed out to Judge Lohr that service had been incomplete.

The prosecutor, Lou Kelly, assistant attorney general, asked for time to straighten that matter out with the assistant district attorneys in Aspen and was granted a short recess. Service will be completed before the next hearing.



# The Year It Didn't Snow in Aspen

BY MARTIE STERLING



**Waistlines were out, hundekjoring was in, Cher was on the snoop, cloud-rustling got the nod. How one western resort town pulled through the snow drought.**

When Ken (Iglook) Sterling and I arrived in Aspen 19 years ago we had six small children, four acres of land, a construction loan and undying faith in Aspen's winter precipitation. The last thing on our minds was drought.

I'll admit the thought, if not of drought, at least of a biblical lean year, sometimes crept insidiously in during the years we owned a ski lodge, and I did my fair share of nail-biting. You would, too, if you used your Christmas guest deposits to pay the mortgage, the dentist bill, and the family's lift tickets. (At that,

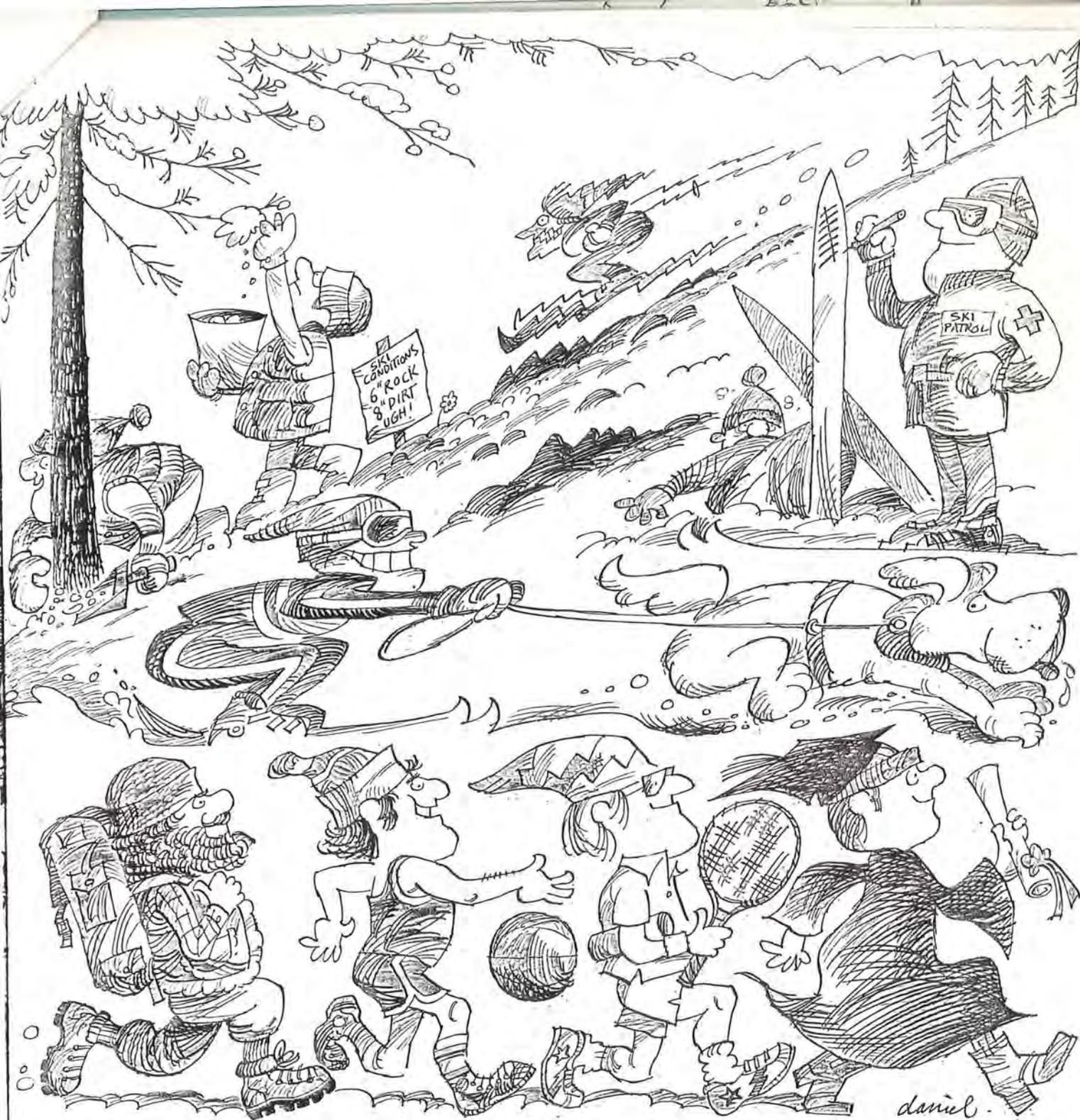
our grocery bill at Tom's Market reached a staggering \$700 by Christmas, and if Iglook didn't shoot an elk we went meatless for months.)

I never dared ask what other hotel-keepers did about deposits, but while we were living on them I felt guilty of some federal crime—like extortion or grand theft. And if the snows came late . . .

"Ken, it's December 12th and the aspens are bursting into bud," I'd quaver.

"It'll snow, Martie. It *always* snows."

"Listen, I can't sleep at night."



"I know. I've been getting breakfast for a week."

Iglook made breakfast the year the big storms arrived December 18th, again the year of the 20th, and once more the year of the 22nd. The thing was, dribble or deluge, by December we always had a nice deep base.

The Colorado base starts drifting down early, sometimes as far back as August—high country snowfall that's welcome but hardly greeted with ticker tape. By early November the Aspen Skiing Corp. has called out the cat crews and the first snows are smoothed, packed, rolled, and read-

ied like the Royal linen. The base is the foundation on which ski seasons are built. And Aspen's foundation has always been firm as the Church.

Until, that is, the infamous centennial season of '76.

If you want to get technical, the year before was our first drought year. The usual precipitation in an Aspen winter is 150 inches. In 1975-76 we had a scant 83 inches, a dreary statistic we were able to ignore on account of modern technology—to wit, the snowcat.

Back in the early Sixties Aspen

used packing crews, Neanderthal brutes who, by dint of sheer muscle, dragged hand-rollers called "Bradleys" around the slopes. If a groomer slipped, he was served up as a cave-man crêpe. You had to be hungry to run a Bradley. And it didn't do a whole lot toward grooming the slopes, either.

With the advent of the snowcat a little snow started going a long way, and so our first drought year passed virtually unnoticed.

I should have known to sit up and take notice when, the next summer, we went on our late August camp-

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outs and never got snowed on. When we played tennis into November. And when Dan and Whit, our ski-racing sons, complained, "Mom, you won't believe this . . . there's no snow up in Montezuma basin!" (Montezuma is a glacier and not due to melt until the next millenium.) By mid-November the boys were running all over the state looking for a few patches to train on and Whit was muttering bitterly, "Great year to skip France."

When December gamboled, lamb-like, onto the scene, there was still no base. The pros arrived for their opening race week, and Aspen Highlands, the only outfit in town with snowmaking equipment, gleefully took over the races. (By January the Skiing Corp. was dickering frantically over water rentals and by February there were concrete plans for snowmaking at Buttermilk.)

On December 10th, a record 1,234 people picked up Forest Service permits and cut down 1,234 trees. It was the first time any of us had gone into the woods without floundering through waist-deep snow and cursing under our breaths that we could "buy a perfectly good tree downtown for 10 dollars."

Skies were clear, brows black. I alternated between congratulating myself that we were out of the lodge business and worrying sick over friends who were not.

"Martie, this is ridiculous," said Iglook. "I'm getting breakfast again."

"But honey, if I'm not worrying about us, the least I can do is worry about everyone else."

"Oh God," said Iglook.

By the third week in December it was, we told ourselves, still too soon to tell. Well, we could tell alright, but were we ready to face it? Record cold struck and pipes burst in a mad cacophony all over Snowmass. No snow insulation to prevent freeze-ups.

Christmas, under the circumstances, was downright festive. The slopes may have been empty but sidewalks and stores were full. Along with the rest of Aspen, we partied like Rome before The Fall. We went to brunch, lunch, milk punch, pauper and pea soup parties—sometimes three in a day. A woman I spotted in the post office once a year invited us to a party. Housewives, ski instructors, ticket-sellers and snow-hostesses whipped up homemade egg-nog by the cask, spattering kitchen walls without a qualm ("Got all day tomorrow to clean it up"). But all that eggnog took its toll. Mrs. Earl

Hosey, long-time favorite seamstress of Aspen locals, had her busiest January in years letting out Aspen waistlines. Usually we eat it up, then ski it off.

By January the Longet trial was

### SNOWMAKING HEADS WEST

Taking no chances on a repeat performance of last season, and reluctant to throw in their cards with meteorological optimists (see page 81), many western area operators were scurrying around late last season to find out what all those new-fangled (to them) snow-spewers were all about.

Many western resorts already with snowmaking were planning enlargements of their snowmaking plants. Those without—well, they learned all about snowmaking mighty fast. Some managed to get installations in last season, others will be adding snowmaking plants this fall.

There were some holdouts. Aspen's Snowmass and Steamboat, Colo., to name two. Reason: you can't make snow without water, a commodity that was not in over-abundance in the Rockies last season. Some resorts also felt that snowmaking was still an imperfect science, and were willing to wait until the technology improved.

For the moment, here's a partial roundup of major western areas that added snowmaking last season, reportedly will be installing snowmaking for the first time this season, or will be expanding their existing systems to cover more downhill terrain.

First, those who will be adding snowmaking this year: Alpine Meadows, Calif.; Buttermilk (Aspen), Colo.; Copper Mt., Colo.; Tahoe Donner, Calif.

Those already with snowmaking, with new installations last year, or with plans for expansion this season: Aspen Highlands, Colo.; Boreal Ridge, Calif.; China Peak, Calif.; Crested Butte, Colo.; Heavenly Valley, Calif.; Keystone, Colo.; Lake Eldora, Colo.; Loveland Basin, Colo.; Northstar, Calif.; Park City, Utah; Ski Incline, Calif.; Snow Summit, Calif.; Sun Valley, Idaho; Vail, Colo.; Winter Park, Colo.

underway and even the mountains seemed to sag. We all mourned for Spider, and felt a mixture of sadness and distress over the intensifying circus atmosphere. The press behaved like an assemblage of Roman senators yelling for lions, gladiators and the

kill. As reporters zeroed in, locals only grew more tight-lipped, and the press in turn grew increasingly ticked off at the noncommittal local attitude. (Noting the large crowd gathered at the courthouse for the first day of Claudine's appearance, newsmen were miffed to discover the entire lineup was there, not to see the show, but for the issuing of new license plates.) The boys in the back rooms, as well as the ones out front—bartenders, businessmen, patrol, waiters, busboys, barflies—were variously outraged and muttered darkly of tar, feathers and lynchings before it was over.

Crime rose in January and then, inexplicably, declined. "The trouble-makers either headed for greener pastures or deeper snow," said Sgt. Rick Kralicek of the Sheriff's Department.

In January an otherwise declining birthrate rose sharply. "They couldn't have planned *that* far ahead!" said an astonished Iglook when he heard about it.

By the first week of January all the lifts were open. Assessments of skiing ran the gamut. Onetime Italian racer Sandy Sabbatini, up from his ranch in Silt, said, "I think it's fantastic!" (But then Sandy spent his formative years on the Sahara Desert.) Jack Frishman, M.D., said, "I just skied Snowmass with only 200 people and it was the event of a lifetime!" (Jack also tangled with a rock and cracked three ribs.) John Parker Quimby, Snowmass ski patrolman, told Iglook emphatically, "The patrol has stopped skiing. Would you believe *seven* femurs?" With the sparse snow cover the percentage of injuries reached a record high.

By the end of January, Aspen had had exactly 20 inches of snow. The astonishing thing was that there was any skiing at all. Yet every lift, with brief exceptions, kept right on running.

Bill Teague started going to bed early. Bill shoes horses, which is enough to make anyone tired. But he also works on the Skiing Corp. cat crew in the winter. He knew that an inch of snowfall would mean a 3 a.m. phone call. Like the U.S. Postal Service, the cat crews go out in sleet, snow and the dark of night. They take the snow and they cosset, coddle and re-deliver it. They move snow out of gullies and onto ski runs. They've been known to pluck it lovingly from trees. A good cat crew can make a little snow go farther than two layers of icing on a ten-layer cake.

By mid-February seven Colorado ski resorts had closed. When Steam-

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boat shut down, Aspen's collective heart sank. We tried feebly to console ourselves with the upside-down state of the weather everywhere. Mother, indignant, was snowed on in Florida. James E. Smith, the man in charge of Buffalo's National Weather Service, resigned. "I don't have to put up with this," said James E. Smith. By February 20th Buffalo had had 181 inches of snowfall, Aspen 26.

### SKIING THE ROCKIES: SCHOOL FOR SKEPTICS

While news reporters, radio and TV broadcasters, eastern area operators and even traditionally snow-spoiled Rockies skiers were naysaying ski conditions in the West last season, there were others who found the skiing quite fine, thank you.

Reported SKI stringer and long-time eastern skier John Hitchcock in *Ski Area Management*: "While huge numbers of holiday skiers were jamming eastern areas, making lifelines impossible . . . and those who did insist on skiing the western areas were regarded as insane, I spent seven days of skiing in early January at Copper, Vail and A-Basin, Colo. It confirmed what this skier had suspected.

"The hard-to-swallow facts are simply that a little snow at some of the western resorts often provides as good, or even better, conditions than the almost standard "excellent" conditions that were being reported in the East. In fact, the Colorado areas provided great skiing on more than half of their terrain every day, with deep powder found in spots.

"Add the higher percentage of sunny days, majestic scenery, wider trails and slopes, and a perhaps more expansive après-ski life, even in a snow drought some of the Rockies provided great skiing every day—until the storms of late February made it great in the traditional western sense."

Governor Brown flew in from California, met in Denver with other western governors and demonstrated his personal "flush-miser" toilet regulator. In Aspen we gazed wanly at the Roaring Fork River and were chastened to think we could be the cause of thousands of parched throats in L.A. next summer.

Art Pfister, local businessman and

witch new wells. Dale Potvin, Buttermilk ski supervisor, wondered if there'd be enough water to re-launch his summer White Water Raft Adventures. All of us fidgeted over the price of produce; Aspen's cost of living was already 137 percent of the national norm.

Everyone talked about the weather. "It's sunspots," said Chuckles Dunbar, ex-Navy fighter pilot. "It's the aerosol ozone," insisted Roddey Burdine, a friend who worries about spray cans in his spare time. Jimmy Smith of Aspen's North Star Ranch called Iglook from La Jolla, Calif. He'd been over to the Scripps Institute of Oceanography. "They say that jet stream veered north because the water's too cold," he said. "Did you ask him if barometric pressure affects water temperature?" I asked Iglook. We were all talking like Denver meteorologist Charles Merlin Umpenbur.

The merits, and demerits, of cloud seeding were hotly debated. Would it be rustling if we snatched snow from Wyoming, Kansas, Nebraska? Sarah Sterling's 11-year-old eyes were big as frisbies when she said, "We can never eat snow again, Mother. We'll get silver-iodine poisoning!"

By this time Aspen's back was against the wall. Retail sales were down 50 percent, so was lodge occupancy. Jim and Janet Hurtig, who now own our ski lodge, said the whole place was empty for an unheard-of week at a time. Shop and lodge owners were doing most of their work themselves, banks had money to lend (*that* was a switch), the Job Services Office had opened, food stamps were readied, we were set for the worst.

Ralph Jackson is a one-man business, and he bends easily with this kind of buffeting. Long-time king of the ski bums, Ralph found himself on call for far fewer ski parties and wine picnics, where he appears in top hat, bearskin coat, Hawaiian Jams, and does his hotdog routine.

Ralph insists the *quality* of ski fun was higher than ever. "The snow may have been low but spirits were high," Ralph says. "The Jollies who come to Aspen to 'cover up' came right ahead, the cover may have been thin, but fun was thick." Ralph himself gave up drinking and last year took his skiing, instead of martinis, on the rocks. A fair-weather skier, Ralph sits in Carl's Drugstore on bad days, drinks hot water and honey, reads the magazine rack to keep abreast, and signs an occasional autograph. Last season was almost entirely bright with sunny days, so Ralph was right up there "gaining altitude on Blondie's" and, as he says, "cutting

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on one leg at a time."

People skimped but didn't starve. The new Job Services Office found several hundred jobs for as many people. Big dinner and club operations like the Crystal Palace kept all their help, though often on alternate-week shifts. Tips were thin. Instead of holding one full-time job, the hundreds of ski-bums who help man hotels, restaurants and shops moved to two part-time ones. Most employers tried to ease the crunch by encouraging workers to apply for partial unemployment. Aspen Skiing Corp. instructors taught for a week, collected "partial" for a week, then went back to work again; patrolmen worked five days instead of six.

In January Aspen's retail stores began holding clutch meetings, resolving not to "break" by holding early sales. By February you could guess which businesses were under-capitalized and what rents were overdue. They were the ones advertising: "Everything reduced 70%!" Store space in Aspen is scarcer than Miami Beach ocean frontage, and rents have soared. Lessees in downtown business blocks pay \$14 to \$16 a square

foot. Rents for a small space are \$1,000 to \$1,400 a month, a lot of bread when you're looking at a long, unpeopled off-season—or worse, a long, dry in-season.

The ill and snowless winds even blew some good. Jim Pomeroy, one of the busiest ski technicians in town, normally works a grueling pace seven nights a week until 3 or 4 a.m. Jim stayed cheerful. "It'll take two years to make up Pomeroy Sports' losses," he said, "but right now I'm getting some sleep, even skiing. Maybe I needed the change." Construction boomed. So did real estate sales. But then real estate is no criterion of a crunch, not in Aspen. It is, in a word, unreal. Geri Vagneur, one of the best in the business, says, "Between down-zoning and no more land, prices of existent property keep soaring and people, unbelievably, keep buying." They buy, that is, if there's anything for sale. A year ago there were *three* Aspen condominiums on the market, 185 licensed real estate people to sell them, and buyers queued up fighting to buy. Last spring, post-disaster, there were no more condos for sale than any other year. "It's high-price Monopoly," says Geri, "with everyone wanting to buy Park Place, Boardwalk and

Aspen."

The sunny weather was ideal for Cher Bono Allman. Cher is Aspen's head house-hunter. She never buys but she loves to look. A lot of people have had Cher tramping through their homes, too stunned to ask how she got there. During the unexpected dry season Cher simply stepped up her house-hunting.

Others found comfort in congregating. In lieu of lunch on the hill they met in town, and some restaurants survived the season on mid-day casseroles and deluxe hamburgers. The bar business was up while it was down. Rick Lindner of the Red Onion bar explains it this way: "Lodges and stores were down 50 percent, but drinking only 25 percent, which means that fewer people drank more." Instead of the five or six kegs of draught beer poured in the Onion's Beer Gulch on a normal winter day, this year the pour was four. Nightclub talent like Cheech & Chong, Dave Brubeck, Arlo Guthrie played to S.R.O. The Paragon and Jerry's Place never lost a beat. With no need to be up early for the slopes, people stayed out late and boogied. Singles trolled. And the Gong Show, on Aspen TV at 11 a.m., was a hit.

According to everything we read nationally, Aspen was awash—if not in snow, certainly in sex and sin. Me, I kept peering around corners, trying vainly to get a handle on either one. (But then I have also, at other times in my life, missed all the action in such sin centers as Marrakesh, Málaga, New York, Dallas, and Harrisburg, Pa.) As for the rest of the town, they found alternatives.

By alternatives I mean any substitute, however sickly, for skiing. Your average Aspenite is as hipped on health as all those joggers out in Eugene, Oregon. I myself know two jocks who would rather have a low pulse rate than a tryst with Farrah Fawcett. So locals of every stripe got busy and went cross-country skiing, jogging, climbing, hiking, dog sledging, duck hunting, backpacking, ice fishing, gliding and bowling. They roped, played handball, doubled workouts and exercise classes, went out for ice hockey, squash and basketball.

Winter tennis boomed. So did racquetball, now the big craze in Aspen. Alpine touring also took a giant step. Ted Ryan's Ashcroft Ski Tours and Magne Nostdahl's Snowmass Ski Touring both doubled their business. Iglook and I, geared to reserving a mountain hut a few days in advance, found all five of the huts booked weeks in advance. These overnight hostels in the beautiful high country were built and are maintained by

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## SKI POINTER

### WORK YOUR HANDS LIKE A BOXER

By Stu Campbell, co-chairman, PSIA Technical Committee; technical director, Sepp Ruschp Ski School, author, "Ski with the Big Boys"

Most good skiers recognize the importance of keeping the hands in a position somewhere in front of them. But lots of people are so hung up on keeping their hands out in front of their bodies that they ski like "stickmen" and give the appearance that their upper bodies are made of concrete. This is hardly a relaxed way to ski.

You'll have plenty of opportunity for self-expression and individual style if you keep your hands somewhere within your peripheral vision. And keep them moving! Think of yourself as a boxer who always has to keep his hands ahead and in motion in order to be aggressive. As you finish one turn, move your outside hand into a "ready" position for the next. This way there will be no chance of missing that exact spot on the slope where you want to plant your pole and change direction.



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Fred Braun, director of Aspen's famed Mountain Rescue. "Best ski touring year we ever had," said Fred.

Siri and Peter Buck, recent Viking immigrants, introduced the old Norwegian sport of "hundekjoring." You could buy a hundekjoring harness at Siri & Peter's Sportswear, hitch up your dog and have him pull you at breakneck speed on cross-country skis. Dogs loved it. So did people.

The Glenwood Springs pool down-valley, largest outdoor natural hot water pool in the world, overflowed with Aspenites. Hotels in town opened pools and saunas to locals. Everyone got in the swim. If not the swim, they took to the ice. The Ice Garden revved up its schedule of clinics, figure-skating classes and ladies' Mother Pucker hockey games.

Church attendance was up 10 to 30 percent. Frank Harvey, ebullient pastor of the Community Church and part-time cantor for Aspen's Jewish community, fasted for snow. (He'd been told to lose weight anyhow.)

Rocky Mountain College in Aspen served up 35 courses to a record 1,120 students. Classes in Cardio-

Pulmonary Resuscitation were jammed. So were painting, sewing, geology and welding. Aspen State Teachers' College, the biggest hype in the hills, continued to thrive. A.S.T.C. is a wholly fictitious school dreamed up by a couple of jaded Aspen barflies. It regularly schedules athletic events, slalom queen contests and Spring Proms, holds administrative meetings in handy pubs, and just incidentally prints quantities of sweat shirts, pennants and other school gimmicks for sale.

I don't mean to imply that skiers became an endangered species. In the midst of all this the purists kept to their appointed rounds. These were the died-in-the-woolers, tourists and locals alike, the skiers who never stop skiing, the ones who, rocks or powder, if it's winter and the lifts are running, will ski the mountain because it's there.

Which brings us to the dilemma every ski town faces at some time: What on earth do you tell people? While the *Aspen Times* carried dozens of letters crowing "We just spent 10 marvelous days in Aspen and who says the skiing isn't great!" we were increasingly torn between the gray area of "no crowds, no lift-lines," and black statements like "no

snow, don't come." Then, too, we found ourselves dispelling rumors that Aspen was closed down. There are always rumors Aspen is closed down, even when we're buried to the eyeballs in snow. We think they originate in Vail.

Then conditions fluctuated. They'll do that. On Washington's Birthday I said to a friend who called from Cambridge, Mass., "It's been in the sixties and Iglook just shoveled the last snow off the Smuggler tennis courts." The next morning I sent her a wire: Snowed Two Feet. Stop. Still Snowing.

The rest of the season, as though mocking us, was Colorado ski country at its most magnificent—warm sun, velvety air, spun-sugar snow. Everyone shut up shop and flocked to the slopes. Steamboat re-opened. So did Telluride. And though it was too late to save the season, we'd learned how a little snow could stretch a long, long way.

Iglook and I have lived in other ski towns. And I can tell you there is a certain smugness that infects us all—a kind of "I live here all year while you poor devils sweat in an office to come for two weeks" philosophy. Don't judge us too harshly. Sometimes that attitude, \$3 an hour, and all the snow we can eat are our only rewards for an otherwise marginal existence. Last year it was someone else's turn. And Aspen ate crow instead of snow. 

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# Ski anti-trust suit finally ended

Aspen Highlands and the Aspen Skiing Corp on Friday entered into a consent decree with Attorney Gen J D MacFarlane's office to end an anti-trust suit against them.

The decree, which established procedures to be followed by the lift operators in establishing the price of combined lift tickets good on all four of Aspen's ski mountains, also bars them from agree-

ing upon the price of other lift tickets.

The decree, approved by US Dist Judge Richard P Matsch, forbids officials of Aspen Skiing Corp and Aspen Highlands Skiing Corp from communicating about or agreeing on the cost or selection of lift tickets that either corporation will offer to the public.

The decree settles a Sherman Antitrust Act suit filed against the lift operators Dec 23, 1975, by the Antitrust section of MacFarlane's office.

Both firms denied any wrongdoing. It was agreed their signing of the consent decree would not alter their denials.

The decree will remain in effect for a period of five years.

To assure compliance, Judge Matsch granted MacFarlane's office broad powers to examine records and question officials of the ski corporations if a future breach of the agreement is suspected.

The two firms last April 15 sold the jointly owned tour booking and lodging reservations agency, Aspen Reservations INC (ARI) whose activities were a major focus of the suit.

MacFarlane said the sale

eliminated several problems addressed by the suit.

Immediately after ARI changed hands, competition in the Aspen lodging reservations and ski package tour markets increased, resulting in a wider choice for the skiing public.

That convinced him the remaining issues could be settled by consent decree, MacFarlane said.

George Madsen, vice president of the Aspen Skiing Corp, said the

corporation settled the case "to avoid further substantial legal expenses and time-consuming litigation."

The suit alleged that the two corporations conspired to raise and fix lift rates and ski lesson

prices and also agreed to enforce each other's policies. It also claimed that the corporations "refused use of ski facilities to members of the public suspected of violating one another's policies, rules and regulations."



September 1, 1977

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Sincerely,

W.V.N. Jones, President  
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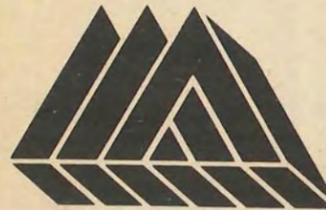
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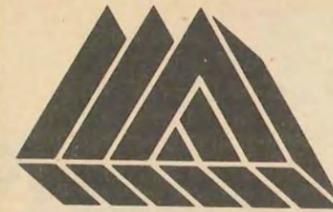
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# Record set at Aspen Tennis tourney

## Steve Levenson

Aspen's oldest tennis tournament, The 12th Annual Aspen Highlands Labor Day Tournament, was marked by fine tennis in five events, several upsets and a new Aspen distance record.

In the mens doubles, Glenwood Springs professional Scott Schreve and Aspen's Jim Garcia upset the tournament's top seeds, Joel Herzog and Scott Ford, in the semi-finals 6-4, 7-6.

Jim and Scott went on to defeat the Aspen Club's Marv Huss and Steven Levenson in three close hard fought sets, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, before a large enthusiastic audience.

In the women's doubles, Scotty

Cooper and Chan Cox slipped by Mimi Teschner and Nancy Brinkman 6-2, 7-6, for the second year in a row. The match featured long exciting points, powerful serves, and effective net play by all participants.

The final shot of the second sets sudden death point hit off the wood of Cooper's racket and dribbled over the net for the point and match.

Smiling after the match, she said, "It was really quite calculated. I wanted to save on the wear and tear of my strings for the mixed doubles."

Marv and Sally Huss continued their winning ways in the mixed

doubles competition by beating Andy Hecht and Cooper 6-0, 3-6, 6-2.

Although Marv and Sally were surprised by a strong second set showing by Hecht and Cooper, they regained their composure to win the match and remained undefeated throughout the year in mixed doubles competition in Aspen.

The racquet throwing record formerly held by Bill Sterling was easily beaten this weekend by the usually mild mannered Hank Tomlinson.

Aided by a strong wind, he watched his racket slice through the air over two fences and land softly in frisbee fashion on the roof of the Aspen Highlands Ski Shop.

After a five minute delay, Tomlinson returned from the roof to calmly win his mixed doubles match with Mimi Teschner.

Winners in the other events were: Earl Schennum and Pete Lund over Chuck Vidal and Tom Starodaj, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2, in the Senior men's doubles.

Nancy Gregg and Anderl Molterer defeated Nancy Brinkman and Peter Vought, 6-3, 6-0, in the Diamond Mixed Doubles, an event in which the combined ages of team members must total at least 75 years.

In the consolation tournament Hank Tomlinson and Lefty Brinkman defeated Dan DeWolfe and Craig Soddy, 6-2, 6-3, in the men's division.

Sandy White and Jean Perkins beat Ruth Whyte and Betty Schuss in the women's consolation, 6-1, 6-2.

The mixed doubles consolation was won by Andy Glatstein and Doris Denker, 6-0, 6-1.

Bil Dunaway and Steen Gantzel won the senior men's consolation, 6-1, 6-2, over Roy Reid and Roy Vroom.

The Diamond Mixed Consolation winners were Ann Thullier and Roy Vroom over Carol Schennum and Roy Reid, 7-5, 6-1.



A finalist in both the women's and diamond mixed doubles events at the Aspen Highlands invitational tennis tournament last weekend, Nancy Brinkman, above, not only showed good form, but was among the many helpful organizers who kept the events moving in a surprisingly precise manner. A teaching pro at the Aspen Highlands, she is married to Lefty Brinkman, Aspen Highlands Tennis Ranch director. Photo by Mike Chaney.



## Thousands cheer for Snowshow II

Between 3,000 and 4,000 persons surrounded a stage set up near the Merry-Go-Round Restaurant, midway at Aspen Highlands on Labor Day for Snowshow II, a concert to benefit the Aspen Community School.

Promoter Ralph Brendes may have taken in as much as \$15,000 before expenses. The accountants were still figuring it out when this was written. One estimate was that the school made from \$5,000 to \$7,000.

Police said there were no disturbances despite the size of the crowd.

Hikers coming back from Crested Butte said they could dig the music from a mile or so away.

The bands taking part included the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band with Vic and Jan Garrett, Starwood, the Bluegrass Hot Licks, Chris Cox, JJ Henderson, and North Country.

A few listeners walked up half way then got on the lift to beat the system, according to one observer. But promoters confiscated beer at the bottom so they could sell it half-way, evening things out.

The concert, all agreed, was a fine celebration of the end of the summer season.

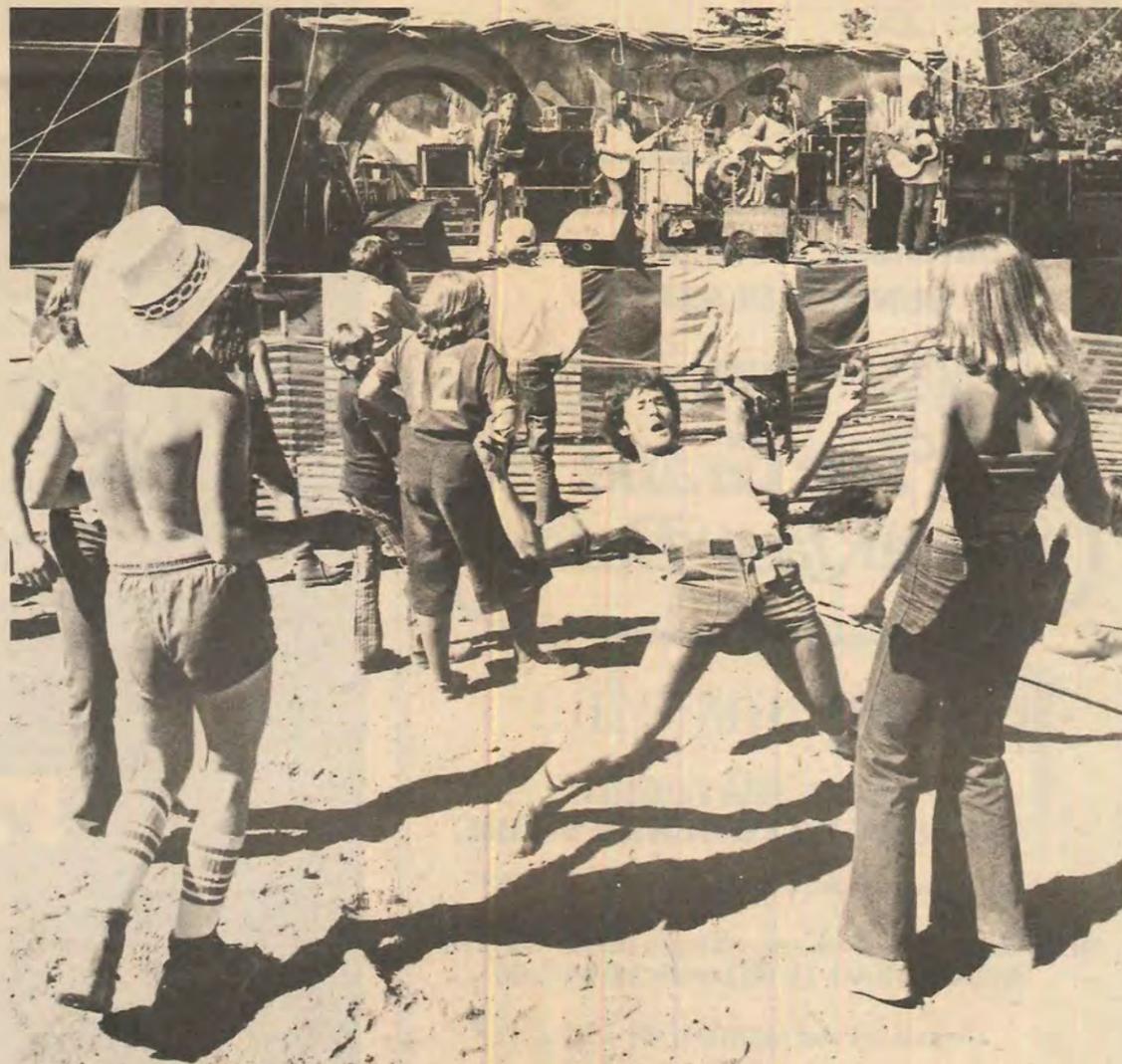


Chris Cox.

Chris Cassatt photos.



Jan Garrett, formerly of Liberty; and Bobby Mason of Starwood.



## SNOW SHOW II IS SET FOR HIGHLANDS

The lifts at Aspen Highlands will start running at 9 a.m. to carry Labor Day revellers to the midway restaurant for Snow Show II this Monday.

The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Starwood, North Country and Jan Garrett will be performing in a concert benefit for the Aspen Community School, and the concert will be held rain or shine.

Tickets are \$10 to ride up and down and attend the concert, \$8 to ride up and walk down, and \$6 for children to walk up and ride down.

A free city bus will be taking trips to Highlands from Rubey Park.



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Free City bus from Rubey Park. Limited Parking at Aspen Highlands. Concert will be held RAIN or SHINE —bring a poncho or umbrella and blanket.  
Due to Colorado liquor laws, No Alcoholic Beverages will be allowed! Beer, sangria, pop, hamburger, cheeseburgers etc. will be available.  
REMEMBER...There's Snowshow snow at this Snowshow!



Bobby and Peggy Mason were married by the waterfall at T-Lazy-7 Ranch. Steve Smilak photo.

## Big bands play for wedding at T Lazy 7

Liberty, Starwood, Tumbleweed, The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, and Lost in the Shuffle all played at the wedding when Peggy Aden and Bobby Mason (of Starwood) were married under a white trellis beside the waterfall at T Lazy 7 Ranch on Aug 20.

John Denver sang Annie's Song as the bride walked up the aisle and Chris Cox sang Untitled Love Song at the end of the ceremony which was performed by Rev Frank Harvey.

The bride is the daughter of Margaret Aden of Memphis, Tenn and the late Percy Aden. She was given in marriage by Richard Hathaway. The groom is the son of Jean and Robert Mason of Bellflower, Calif.

Maid of honor was Kaleta Doolin of Aspen while bridesmaids were Adrienne Stock of Jackson, Miss and Cynthia Simmons of Memphis, Tenn who are sisters of the bride, and Blise Fad-

den and Karen Rohrbacher of Aspen, and Sarah Sue Kataoka of Woody Creek.

Flower girl was Torie Kataoka while neices and nephews of the bride, Laura Simmons and Blaine Stock, and Aden Simmons and Percy Stock carried the rings and flowers.

Best man was Buck Deane.

The bride has been an Aspen resident for 14 years, she works for the Highlands Skiing Corp. Mason is lead singer and lead guitar player with Starwood. The couple has a home in Aspen Grove.



## It's go, go for Snowshow II

Mischell Huerta, Carl Trapani and Candy Kalnins were getting ready this week for Snowshow II, a benefit concert for the Aspen Community School to be held at noon on Monday, Labor Day, at Aspen Highlands. The lift will begin taking spectators up at 9 am. Producer Ralph Brendes suggests taking a lunch, a poncho and blanket. Trapani is stage manager for the event which features the Dirt Band, Starwood, North Country, JJ Henderson, Jan Garrett and other entertainers.

Photo by Chris Cassatt.

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## Mountain Music

Sitting on the ski slopes at Aspen Highlands, a crowd of between 3,000 and 4,000 people went to the Labor Day Concert to benefit the Aspen Community School.

Bands that played included the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band with Vic and Jan Garrett, Starwood, the Bluegrass Hot Licks, Chris Cox, JJ Henderson, and North Country.

There were lots of sunburns. Chris Cassatt photo.



## Snowshow brings in \$7,000 for school

Ralph Brendes, promoter of the Snowshow II benefit concert on Labor Day, said the Aspen Community School should net about \$7,000 from the performance.

Brendes denied rumors that Aspen Highlands had taken a

greater share of the profits than it should. (The event was held midway at Aspen Highlands.)

"Highlands got a handsome sum," Brendes said. "But we had made a deal with Whip Jones (president of the Highlands Skiing Corp) and he lived up to it."

Brendes said that the deal with a concessionaire for beer and food was separate from the one for lift tickets and that was also kept.

It took about 1,500 people to break even, Brendes said, adding "It's not unusual to spend \$7,000 to \$8,000 to put on a concert like this."

"There is a risk involved, and a certain amount of learning the first time," he said. "We'll be better able to negotiate next time."

Brendes said that Jones may make a voluntary contribution to the community school.

# Employee backs Highlands; ARI out

Misdemeanor charges against Aspen Reservations, Inc. (ARI) were dropped in District Court here Friday. Judge George Lohr granted a motion by attorney Monte Pascoe, who is representing several defendants in five actions filed by the attorney general's office.

The suits charge that the Aspen Highlands Skiing Corp, Aspen Reservations and officers of the two companies asked various employees to waive their rights to unemployment benefits.

Asst Atty Gen Lou Kelley did not oppose Pascoe's motion to dismiss the charges against Aspen Reservations, a company that has been sold since the alleged violations.

Kelley said that as far as he could determine Aspen Reservations had, in fact, never been incorporated, that it was a joint venture. He said he could not determine who should be served a summons.

The suits were filed by the attorney general's office after several former employees of the Highlands complained.

Pascoe filed an affidavit by one of the employees, Tony Fusaro yesterday. In that paper, Fusaro

states that he never — orally or in writing — was required by Aspen Highlands to waive his rights to unemployment benefits.

Kelley argued that it should be up to the court to decide what constitutes a waiver.

Judge Lohr accepted briefs from Kelley and also heard arguments by Pascoe, reserving decision.

There are five separate cases. The charges in those cases include:

1. (Three counts) that on April 1, 1976, George D Robinson, mountain manager at Aspen Highlands, and the Aspen Highlands Skiing Corp asked Earl E Hutton, Jack Troyer and Jack Siemanc to waive their rights to unemployment benefits. The crime is a misdemeanor and the corporation could be fined a maximum of \$3,000 on conviction.

2. that in Oct 1, 1977, JP Wentzel, Highlands controller; Russ Frazier of Aspen Reservations; and the Aspen Highlands Skiing Corp asked Linda Crouch to waive her rights. The Highlands could be fined up to \$1,000 on that charge.

3. that on April 1, the corporation and David Wright, ski patrol

director required Tony Fusaro and George A Newman to waive their rights to unemployment benefits. The total fine would be \$2,000 for conviction on those two counts.

4. that on Dec 1, 1976, Wentzel and the corporation made false statements to deprive Gordon M Ford and Earl E Hutton of benefits. Again the total fine would be \$2,000 on conviction.

5. and finally, that from March 1, 1976, to Jan 28, 1977, the corporation through its officers unlawfully conspired to commit the crimes alleged. The fine on conviction would be \$100 to \$1,000.

Conviction for the individuals would carry a penalty of from \$50 to \$750 or up to six months in the

county jail for each offense. They are Class 3 misdemeanors.

Pascoe argued Friday that the complaints are deficient. He said they must stand on the sufficiency of their allegations, and they they are incomplete.

Pascoe said there is no indication of the status of the defendants, or of their "culpable mental state."

"Something must be wilfully, intentionally done," he said.

"They had to be aware that what they were doing was a crime."

The language of the statute is vague, Pascoe said. He requested a preliminary hearing and bill of particulars.

Kelley responded that the law provides for a preliminary hearing only in the case of first class misdemeanors.

Lohr did not rule on any of the questions, but set Sept 19 at 9 am for setting of further proceedings.

## Highlands officials enter innocent pleas

Attorneys for the Aspen Highlands Skiing Corporation and five officials charged with requiring employees to give up unemployment benefits entered innocent pleas on all charges Thursday in District Court.

The attorneys also told Judge George Lohr that their clients want to waive the right to a jury trial, but Lohr reserved ruling on that question.

Because Louis Kelley, the assistant attorney general who is prosecuting the case, was absent, Lohr resolved to determine whether Kelley objects to a waiver of jury trial before ruling. He set the trial date, whether it

is before a jury or merely before the court, for Oct 25 at 9 am.

Attorneys Jim Moran and Monte Pasco also sought dismissal of a conspiracy charge against Aspen Highlands, Highlands president Whipple Jones, controller JP Wentzel, mountain operations manager Don Robinson, ski patrol director Dave Wright and Russ Frazier of Aspen Reservations.

The attorneys argued that a bill of particulars issued by Kelley on the conspiracy charge was insufficient.

Lohr set Oct 18 at 9 am as the date for a hearing on whether or

not the conspiracy charge should be dismissed.

The attorneys also told Lohr that the charges cannot be consolidated and tried together, but that each of the five charges should be tried separately.

The company and the five officials are charged with unlawfully requiring employees to waive their rights under the Colorado Employment Security Act.



America's largest and most popular skiing complex is scheduled to open Nov 24. It consists of (left to right) Aspen and Aspen Mt, Aspen Highlands, Buttermilk and Snowmass and Snowmass Resort.

# Lift rates set, snow chances good

Lift and ski school rates have been announced for the 1977-78 season, Nov 24 through April 9, and, if you believe the odds, there's at least a 97% chance of plenty of snow by Christmas for the four-mountain Aspen ski complex.

The odds would have been 100% except for the unprecedented drought of 1976, a freak December in 1936 (and possibly a similar month near the turn of the century).

This year's daily lift ticket will cost an adult \$13 at Aspen Mountain, Buttermilk and Snowmass and \$12 at Highlands.

Half day tickets are \$8, starting at 11:30 am at Buttermilk and 1 pm at Snowmass and Highlands.

Children (12 and under) can ski for \$4 at Buttermilk and Snowmass, and for \$3 at the Highlands.

A "young at heart" ticket (65

and over) is offered for \$8 at Aspen Mt, \$4 at Snowmass and Buttermilk.

Aspen Highlands offers a 3-day ticket (good any three of five consecutive days) for \$30. The Aspen Skiing Corp's 3-day ticket (good on three mountains, Aspen, Buttermilk and Snowmass) for \$36.

A 6-day, four-mountain lift ticket costs \$77. A 6-day, three-mountain pass is \$72.

The three-mountain "host pass" will again be offered by the Aspen Skiing Corp for \$250. The host pass entitles the buyer to ski at three mountains on payment of a daily validation charge as follows: Aspen Mt, \$9; Buttermilk, \$4; and Snowmass, \$5.

An Aspen Highlands season pass is now on sale for \$300. After Nov 1, the price of the season pass goes up to \$325.

Rates for ski instruction on Aspen Mt, Buttermilk and Snowmass are \$15 for a full-day class Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, and \$10 for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

A one-hour private lesson (1-2 persons) is \$25 and it costs \$5 an hour for each additional person up to 5. A private instructor for a six-hour day (1-3 persons) is \$125. With 4-5 persons, the cost is \$160.

New this year is a 5-day \$60 ski

school ticket. The techniques taught include Graduated Length Method (GLM), Accelerated Turn Method (ATM) and basic turn approach.

Prices for lessons do not include the lift ticket.

At the Highlands, a one-day group lesson costs \$13, a 3-day group lesson \$33, and a 5-day group lesson, \$50.

A one-day group lesson for a child 12 and under is \$11.

For "snow puppies," 3-6, a one-day lift ticket, instruction and lunch costs \$17.

A one-hour private lesson is \$20. Additional persons are \$5 each. An all-day private lesson is \$90. A special package rate offers five days lessons and lifts for \$95.

Aspen Highlands, the number one NASTAR area in the nation, holds races every Tuesday, Wed-

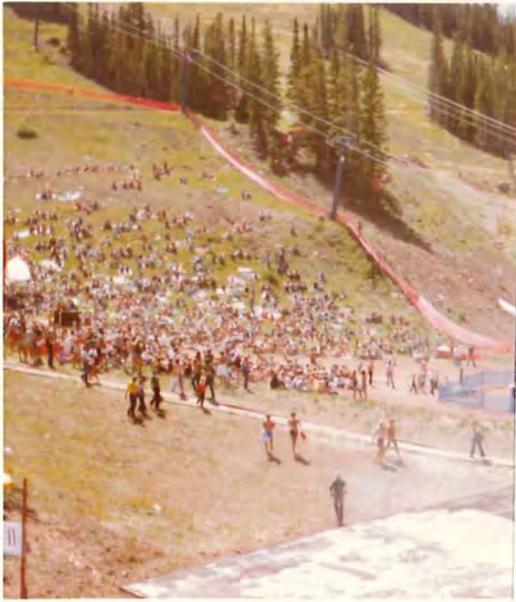
nesday and Thursday at noon on Golden Horn.

NASTAR races are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon at Buttermilk and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday noons at Snowmass.

Special events this year include the Aspen Pro Spree, Dec 12-18;

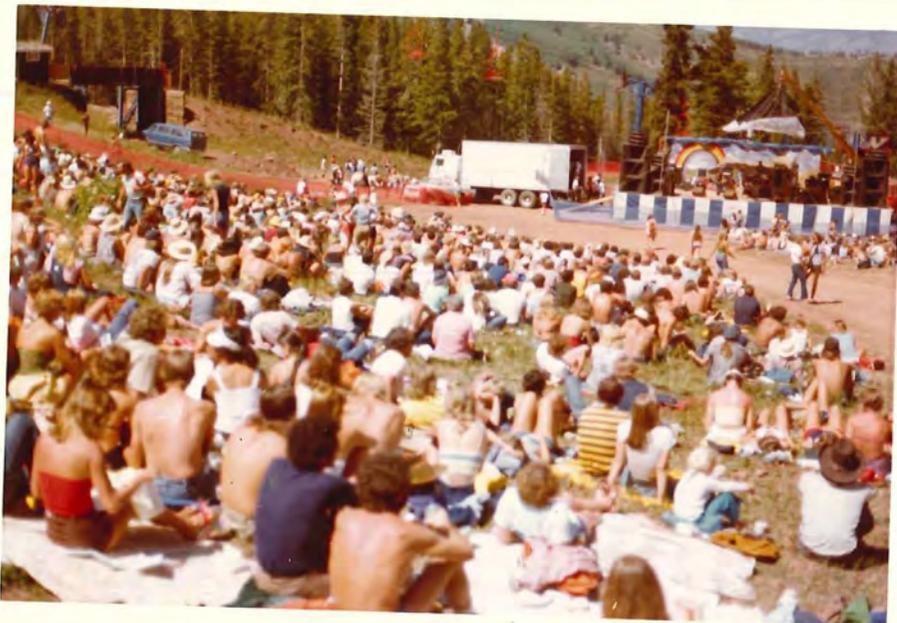
the Coors Cup Pro B Race, Jan 6 and 7; and the annual Winterskol Carnival, Jan 18-22.

Highlands will be the site of two USSA FIS-sanctioned Class A amateur races, the Elbert series Highlands Cup and the Can Am series men's western championship finals.



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