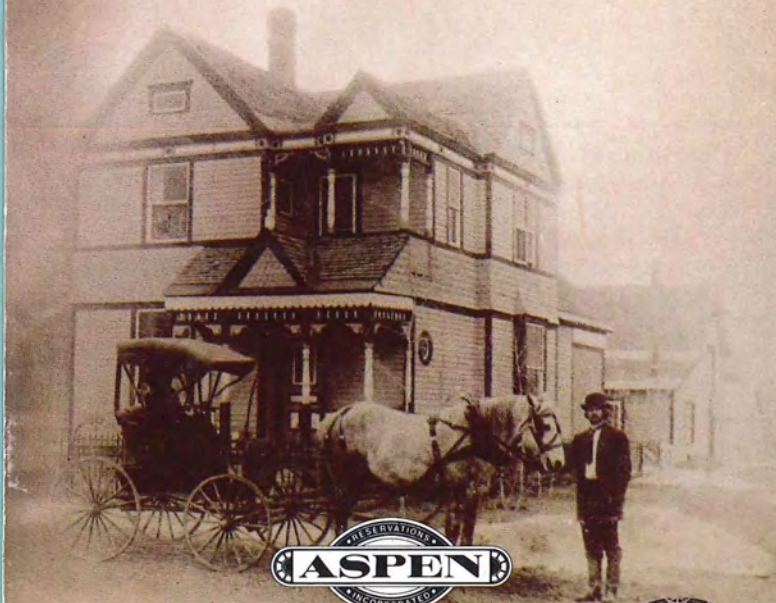


1975 - 1976

# ASPEN



**THERE'S ONLY ONE ASPEN. EST. 1879.**



A Joint Venture of Aspen Skiing Corporation  
and Aspen Highlands Skiing Corporation



Aspen, 1879.



Lured by the scent of silver, the first prospectors trickle over Independence Pass. Many of them arrive on 'Norwegian snowshoes,' eight-foot skis that were a long way from today's lightweights.

Putting up makeshift canvas shelters, the miners named their town Ute City, a grudging nod to the legal possessors of the land. The town was vacated briefly during an understandable Ute uprising, but soon the news of glinting ore drew adventurers by the hundreds. Aspen was on its way.

By 1892 there were 11,000 enterprising citizens settled beneath the punctured side of Aspen Mountain. Up from the heart of the Smuggler Mine they hoisted the largest silver nugget ever, a 1,840 pound monster that could have yielded a bracelet for every person in town.

Before the boom subsided, over \$105,000,000 worth of silver would roll through the streets of the now-genteel city. Ambitious commercial buildings rose up, along with perky Victorian gingerbread homes and a plush hotel that offered all the latest luxuries.

Aspen, 1976.



It's the same old town. With the addition of 300 miles of groomed ski trails spread out over four separate mountains. And a hundred places to stay, from the original hotel smack in the middle of town to a cozy lodge at the Highlands to a spanking new condominium right on the slopes at Snowmass.

The years have been kind to Aspen. Even with the invasion of everything new, it's still a Victorian town at heart. Gingerbread trim and Tiffany glass and white picket fences have come to feel right at home alongside boutiques and lodges and chair lifts.

And, of course, only Aspen can give you four fantastic mountains all at once. Aspen Mountain, Aspen Highlands, Buttermilk and Snowmass have come a long way since mining days. And you can ski them all on one six-day lift ticket. And get free transportation to all of them. And get the feeling that somehow you're luckier than anyone who ever came over the Continental Divide a century ago with a dream of mere silver.

Aspen, 1879.



Back when food was called grub, many of the miners' mules ate better than the miners. Beans and biscuits were the staple fuels, along with an occasional side of venison that happened to wander into the area. But by 1885, Aspen had eight restaurants going full steam.

The kind of man who earned his bread clawing rocks apart wanted his entertainment to be loud and primitive. Aspen soon had 26 saloons boistering round the clock. And 15 sporting houses staffed by soiled doves lined a street called the Row.

Then in 1889 the Wheeler Opera House drew its opening curtain on a fancy opera imported from Europe. Culture had come to Aspen. However, on the next day a presumably more earthy audience witnessed a fencing match between a lady of the troupe and a local swashbuckler. He won, but barely.

Aspen, 1976.



In Aspen, the skiing is only an appetizer. You'll find 85 restaurants here serving up everything from Chateaubriand to chili. Many gourmands, cleverly disguised as skiers, actually come to Aspen just to eat.

For all its lively past, there's more to discover here than ever before. You can drop in on the sounds of a dozen different kinds of music. There are dance halls called discotheques where you can loosen up after a hard day's skiing.

The nightlife here is legendary, and for good reason. It's almost enough to make a hard-rock miner blush.

All four Aspen Ski Areas are located in the White River National Forest.

# ASPEN MOUNTAIN

Rising right out of town, it's tough and we're proud of it. This is the site of the 30th Roch World Cup, March 12-14, 1976, and in 1950 the FIS World Ski Championships were held for the first time in this country on Aspen Mountain.

Gretl's and the Sundeck offer great Bavarian food right on the mountain.

Vertical Rise: 3300 feet      Longest Run: 3 Miles  
Lifts: 7 double chairs      Advanced: 75%      Intermediate: 25%

# ASPEN HIGHLANDS

The fun, friendly mountain with terrain for all levels of ability. Highlands features G.L.M. instruction and the highest vertical drop in Colorado. A new double chair... the twelfth lift at Aspen Highlands... serves new expert and intermediate runs.

Two fine restaurants—one in the base lodge and Merry-Go-Round at Midway, two ski shops and three great apres ski bars with live entertainment.

Vertical Rise: 3800 feet, highest in Colorado      Longest Run: 3½ miles      Advanced: 25%  
Lifts: 8 double chairs, 4 poma lifts      Intermediate: 50%      Beginner: 25%

# BUTTERMILK

Aspen's most popular family area. With plenty of beginner and intermediate trails. And a variety of expert terrain in the Tiehack Area, including the Racer's Edge race course. Cliff House restaurant at the top of the slopes, together with A La Crepe Suzette, provide a great complement to the restaurant and bar facilities at our base.

Vertical Rise: 2000 feet      Longest Run: 2 miles  
Lifts: 5 double chairs      Advanced: 12%  
One T-bar      One Pony Lift      Intermediate: 46%      Beginner: 42%

# SNOWMASS

The big one. With the Big Burn, Campground, Elk Camp and the new Alpine Springs area, Snowmass offers over 1,400 acres of skiing. Sam's Knob, The Ullrhof, The Elk Camp and the Alpine Springs Restaurants take care of big skiing appetites. Snowmass resort, at the base, offers rental shops, ski shops, boutiques, restaurants and lodging.

New this year the #9 double lift connecting Alpine Springs with the Big Burn.

Vertical Rise: 3500 feet      Longest Run: 3½ miles      Advanced: 23%  
Lifts: 1 Triple Chair, 10 double chairs      Intermediate: 64%      Beginner: 13%

## COUPON

No brochure can tell you the entire story of Aspen. So if you'd like to know more about our town, our mountains, our ski schools, or just getting around, check off the information you'd like below. And send it back to Aspen. Aspen Reservations, Inc., Box 4546. Colorado 81611.

- Fact Sheet on Ski Schools
- Aspen Transportation Information
- Information on Activities for Groups
- Travel Guide to Aspen (\$1.00 ea)
- Four-mountain poster (\$2.50 ea)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_



# MAP KEY

## Aspen

1. Alpina Haus
2. Alpine Lodge
3. Chateau Aspen
4. Chateau Chaumont
5. Chateau DuMont
6. Chateau Roaring Fork
7. Chateau Eau Claire
8. Chateau Snow
9. Aspen Block Apartments
10. Der Berghof
11. The Gavilon
12. Aspen East Condominiums
13. Aspen Townhouse East
14. Cooper Building
15. Queen Victoria
16. The Gant
17. Midland Condominiums
18. Aspen Cortina
19. Aspen Inn
20. Aspen Manor
21. Aspen Meadows
22. Concept 600
23. Southpoint
24. Aspen Silvergro Condominiums
25. Aspen Square
26. Bavarian Inn
27. Bell Mountain Lodge
28. Blue Spruce Ski Lodge
29. Boomerang Lodge
30. Buckhorn Lodge
31. Chalet Lisi
32. Chateau Blanc
33. Christiania Lodge

## Aspen

34. Christmas Inn
35. Coachlight Chalet
36. Continental Inn
37. Copper Horse
38. Crestahaus Lodge
39. Deep Powder Lodge
40. Dolomite Villas
41. Dormez-Vous
42. Durant Condominiums
43. Endeavor Lodge
44. Fasching Haus
45. Alpenblick Condominiums
46. Fifth Avenue Condominiums
47. Fireside Lodge
48. Gasthof Eberli
49. Glory Hole Lodge
50. Hearthstone House
51. Highlands Inn
52. Holiday House
53. Holland House
54. Hotel Jerome
55. Innsbruck Sportsmotel
56. Kitzbuhel Lodge
57. Le Clairvaux Condominiums
58. Lift One Condominiums
59. Limelite Lodge
60. Little Red Ski Haus
61. Maroon Creek Lodge
62. Molly Gibson Lodge
63. Mountain Chalet
64. Mountain Queen Condominiums
65. North of Nell
66. North Star Lodge

## Aspen

67. Nugget Lodge
68. Plum Tree Inn
69. Pomegranate Inn
70. Powderbird Ski House
71. Prospector Lodge
72. 210 Cooper
73. Timber Ridge
74. Silver Bell
75. The Villager
76. Aspen Townhouse West
77. Little Nell Condominiums
78. Villa Townhouses
79. Riverview Condominiums
80. Old Hundred Condominiums
81. Cottonwood Condominiums
82. St. Moritz Lodge
83. Shadow Mountain Village
84. Smuggler Lodge
85. Snowflake Lodge
86. SnowQueen Lodge
87. T-Lazy-7
88. Tipple Inn/Lodge
89. Tyrolean Lodge
90. Ullr Lodge
91. Vagabond Lodge
92. Mittendorf Condominiums
93. Ute Creek Condominiums
94. Aspen Townhouse Central
95. 700 Monarch Building

## Snowmass

1. Center Willows Condominiums
2. Crestwood Condominiums
3. El Dorado Lodge
4. Interlude Condominiums
5. Laurelwood Condominiums
6. Lichenheart Condominiums
7. Lower Willows Condominiums

8. Melton Ranch Chalets
9. Mountain Chalet Lodge
10. Pokolodi Lodge
11. Snowmass Inn
12. Seasons Four
13. Shadowbrook Condominiums
14. Silver Tree Lodge
15. Sonnenblick Townhouses
16. Stonebridge Condominiums
17. Stonebridge Inn

18. Tamarack Townhouses
19. Timberline Condominiums
20. Timberline Lodge
21. Top of the Village Condominiums
22. The Aspenwood Condominiums
23. Wildwood Inn
24. Inns of Court
25. Wood Run Homes
26. Medical Clinic



# ASPEN



# PLANNING



## Study available accommodations.

At Aspen, you can choose from over 100 places to stay. Study the lodges and condominiums on the chart. Check the amenities they offer. Make a list of two or three preferences, and two or three dates for your ski trip. Having alternative choices will save you time later on, if you need to make adjustments.

## Make your reservation.

Once you've made a list of places and dates, you're ready to talk to your airline or your local travel agent.

## Still have questions? Call Aspen.

If by any chance you still have unanswered questions about your trip to Aspen, you can call Aspen Reservations, Inc. at 303-925-4000. You can also make your reservations directly through us at this number.

## Getting here.

It's a cinch. By air, Aspen is the most accessible ski resort in the world. You can fly in directly from Denver, Colorado Springs, Grand Junction or Salt Lake City. Call your travel agent for details. By car or bus, Aspen is about 5 hours from Denver. Rental cars with ski racks are available in all gateway cities.

# SKI SCHOOLS



Aspen can instruct anyone, from the brash beginner to the seasoned veteran. We have a ski school and rental facilities on every mountain, with over three hundred professional instructors who teach everything from basic GLM to racing and powder techniques. For the kids, we have special groups, special instructors, a supervised lunch, and on three of the mountains, a \$3 children's lift ticket that no other major resort can beat. We also teach the blind, amputees, the deaf and those who are otherwise inconvenienced.

Once you arrive in Aspen, you'll find there are a tremendous variety of ski school packages you can choose from.

# GENERAL INFO.

**SKI PACKAGE DEFINED:** A pre-paid ski vacation booked through an Airline or Travel Agent. The ground elements include seven nights of lodging and six days of skiing. The air element includes round trip air transportation to and from Denver, Grand Junction or Colorado Springs. Together they comprise the Aspen Ski Package.

## DATES AVAILABLE:

IT-ASP January 2, 1976 thru March 26, 1976  
IT-ASP-L November 27, 1975 thru December 19, 1975 and March 27, 1976 thru April 11, 1976  
IT-ASP-L4 November 27, 1975 thru December 19, 1975 and March 27, 1976 thru April 11, 1976  
April 4, 1976 thru April 11, 1976—all facilities operating except Buttermilk Mountain

## IT-ASP and IT-ASP-L include:

1. Seven nights lodging
2. Six days of skiing at any of the 4 Aspen Mountains: Aspen Highlands, Aspen Mountain, Buttermilk or Snowmass

## IT-ASP-L4+ includes:

1. Minimum of 4 nights lodging
2. Minimum of 3 days of lifts at any of the 4 Aspen Mountains: Aspen Highlands, Aspen Mountain, Buttermilk or Snowmass  
**NOTE:** Additional lodging nights and skiing days available at your choice upon request with this low season package.

## Your Package Excludes:

- TAXES, STATE AND LOCAL on lodging portion of package. (These taxes are payable to lodge on arrival.) Tax rates are 7% in Aspen and Snowmass
- Tips, food and ground transfers
- Ski equipment rental
- Phone charges

## CHILDREN 12 AND YOUNGER DON'T NEED PACKAGE

**ASPEN WELCOMES CHILDREN!** In fact, the daily ski-lift rate of \$3 for children 12 years of age and younger on Aspen Highlands, Buttermilk and Snowmass is considerably lower than that of most major ski resorts in the United States. Air Fares from most cities for children under 12 can be greatly reduced, children often don't need package plans.

To figure the price of accommodations for children who will occupy a regular bed, use the lodging-rate charts in this brochure and deduct the price of an adult six-day ski-lift ticket:

Nov. 27-Dec. 19 and March 27-April 11 . . . . . deduct \$54  
Jan. 2-March 27 . . . . . deduct \$64

RESERVATIONS may be made through a scheduled Airline reservation office, your Travel Agent or through Aspen Reservation, Inc., P.O. Box 4546, Aspen, Colorado, 81611, (303) 925-4000. If you call Aspen Reservations you should carefully read the section in this brochure entitled "Planning Your Trip" before calling. This will save you time and money.

DEPOSITS: \$50 per person, per package, deposit is required ten (10) days after confirmation.

FINAL PAYMENT: Final payment is due on arrival.

CANCELLATIONS: Lodges reserve the right to withhold \$5 per person, per package, of deposit as a handling fee on any confirmed reservation (where deposit has been received) which is cancelled. Lodges reserve the right to withhold the ENTIRE deposit when a confirmed reservation (where deposit has been received) is cancelled with less than 30 days notice.

**FULL SERVICE HOTELS**

|                 | Typical Rate (double occ) (per person) Bldg | Total # of Rooms in | P.O. Box Zip-81611 | Phone (303) 925- |
|-----------------|---|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| <b>ASPEN:</b>   |   |                     |                    |                  |
| Aspen Inn       | \$211                                       | 61                  | 680                | 3462             |
| Aspen Meadows*  | 183   | 52                  | 220                | 3426             |
| Continental Inn | 211   | 175                 | 388                | 1150             |
| Highlands Inn   | 194   | 40                  | 1168               | 5050             |
| Plum Tree Inn   | 211   | 48                  | 1368               | 2700             |
| Pomegranate Inn | 211   | 65                  | 1368               | 2700             |

|                  | Typical Rate (double occ) (per person) Bldg | Total # of Rooms in | P.O. Box Zip-81615 | Phone (303) 923- |
|------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| <b>SNOWMASS:</b> |   |                     |                    |                  |
| El Dorado Lodge  | 204   | 81                  | 5009 WV            | 3520             |
| Silvertree Inn   | 204   | 59                  | 5009 WV            | 3520             |
| Stonebridge Inn  | 218   | 101                 | 5008 WV            | 2420             |
| Wildwood Inn     | 197   | 144                 | 5037 WV            | 3550             |

**AMENITIES:** All the above "Full Service Hotels" provide: Restaurant/Cocktail Lounge on premises, swimming pool, sauna, courtesy car, daily maid service, TV in rooms, telephone in rooms and conference and meeting room facilities on premises. (\*Aspen Meadows-swimming pool not open in winter months)

**RATE RANGE:** 7nt/6day packages: Regular Season from \$148pp to \$260pp  
 Low Season from \$124pp to \$201pp  
 4nt/3day packages: Low Season from \$ 75pp to \$ 87pp

**LODGES**

|                           | Typical Rate (double occ) (per person) Bldg | Total # of Rooms in | P.O. Box Zip-81611 | Phone (303) 925- |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| <b>ASPEN:</b>             |   |                     |                    |                  |
| Alpina Haus, P,F          | \$134                                       | 42                  | 1186               | 7335             |
| Aspen Cortina             | 120   | 15                  | 1145               | 4595             |
| Buckhorn Lodge, C,T       | 141   | 19                  | 316                | 7630             |
| Dormez-Vous, C            | 148   | 20                  | 120                | 7983             |
| Little Red Ski Haus, F    | 134   | 22                  | 1042               | 3333             |
| Alpine Lodge, F           | 155   | 11                  | 716                | 7351             |
| Applejack Inn, P,C,T      | 190   | 35                  | 1552               | 7650             |
| Aspen Manor, P,C,T        | 191   | 22                  | 310                | 3001             |
| Aspen Silverglo Condos P  | 148   | 4                   | 9260               | 8450             |
| Bavarian Inn, P           | 159   | 15                  | 1244               | 7391             |
| Bell Mtn Lodge, P,C       | 169   | 12                  | 328                | 3675             |
| Blue Spruce Lodge, P,C,T  | 162   | 33                  | 596                | 3991             |
| Boomerang Lodge, P,C,T    | 169   | 33                  | 253                | 3416             |
| Christiania Lodge, P,F,T  | 155   | 18                  | 536                | 3014             |
| Christmas Inn, C          | 162   | 21                  | 1756               | 3822             |
| Coachlight Chalet, F      | 169   | 9                   | 1718               | 3809             |
| Crestahaus, C             | 162   | 16                  | 630                | 7081             |
| Gasthof Eberli, F         | 169   | 15                  | 2112               | 2166             |
| Heatherbed Lodge          | 148   | 18                  | 530                | 7077             |
| Holiday House, P          | 169   | 22                  | 634                | 3512             |
| Holland Haus              | 152   | 22                  | 182                | 7361             |
| Hotel Jerome              | 162   | 35                  | J                  | 1040             |
| Innsbruck Sportsotel, P,C | 169   | 30                  | 1876               | 2980             |
| Limelite Lodge, P,C,T     | 176   | 60                  | 1089               | 3025             |
| Molly Gibson, P,C,T       | 176   | 18                  | 2099               | 2580             |
| Mountain Chalet, P,F      | 176   | 46                  | 1206               | 7797             |
| Nugget Lodge, P,C         | 176   | 34                  | N                  | 3441             |
| Smuggler Lodge, P,T       | 162   | 33                  | 8977               | 3434             |
| Snowflake Lodge, P        | 189   | 36                  | 689                | 3221             |
| Tipple Lodge, C           | 169   | 11                  | 147                | 1087             |
| Ullr Lodge, P,F           | 155   | 11                  | 867                | 7696             |
| Fasching Haus, P          | 176   | 26                  | 1750               | 2260             |
| Fireside Lodge, P,F       | 169   | 20                  | L-3                | 6000             |
| Hearthstone House, F      | 197   | 18                  | 60                 | 7632             |
| Northstar Lodge, P,F      | 197   | 22                  | 2289               | 2946             |
| Prospector Lodge, F       | 190   | 17                  | 3296               | 3634             |
| St. Moritz Lodge, P,C     | 190   | 28                  | 46                 | 3220             |
| Vagabond Lodge, P,C       | 187   | 20                  | 391                | 3622             |
| <b>SNOWMASS:</b>          |   |                     |                    |                  |
| Inns of Snowmass, P,C     | 197   | 73                  | B-2 WV             | 4310             |
| Snowmass Mtn Chalet, P,F  | 204   | 56                  | 5066 WV            | 3900             |

**AMENITIES:** (F-full breakfast, C-Continental Breakfast, P-Pool, T-TV) in addition to the amenities checked, some of the above lodges provide: sauna, telephone in rooms, courtesy car and daily maid service.

**RATE RANGE:** 7nt/6day packages: Regular Season from \$120pp to \$260pp  
 Low Season from \$ 96pp to \$208pp  
 4nt/3day packages: Low Season from \$ 57pp to \$105pp

**MANAGEMENT COMPANIES**

|   | Typical Range (4 persons in 2 Bdrm) (per person) Bldg | Total # of Apartments | P.O. Box Zip-81611 | Phone (303) 925- |
|---|---|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| <b>ASPEN:</b>   |   |                       |                    |                  |
| Aspen Chateaux Company  | \$161-\$222   | 72                    | 4420               | 1100             |
| Chateau Aspen, Chateau Chaumont, Chateau DuMont, Old Hundred Condominium, Aspen Townhouse East, Little Nell Condominium   |   |                       |                    |                  |
| Aspen Chateaux Condos Rental Company  | \$178-\$222   | 112                   | 4949               | 1400             |
| Aspen Block, Chateau Chaumont, Chateau DuMont, Der Berghof, Chateau EauClaire, Chateau Roaring Fork, Chateau Snow   |   |                       |                    |                  |
| Aspen Condominiums  | \$169-\$204   | 17                    | 10502              | 8310             |
| Aspen East, Aspen Townhouse East, Gant, Gavilon, Midland Condominiums, Queen Victoria and various houses  |   |                       |                    |                  |
| Aspen Property Management Co.   | \$178-\$222   | 45                    | 4458               | 2268             |
| Concept 600, Little Nell Condominium, Southpoint and various houses   |   |                       |                    |                  |
| Fasching Haus Management Alpenblick   | \$169-\$211   | 33                    | 1750               | 2260             |
| Reid Rentals  | \$143-\$248   | 125                   | 496                | 7691             |
| Alpenblick, Aspen East, 210 Cooper, Villager, Aspen Townhouse West, Cottonwoods, Der Berghof, Gavilon, Little Nell, Midland Condominiums, Old Hundred Condominiums, Riverview Condominiums, Silverbell, Southpoint, Timber Ridge, Villa of Aspen Townhouses and various houses                |   |                       |                    |                  |
| Vilcor  | \$187-\$229   | 70                    | 3218               | 5240             |
| Aspen Townhouse West, Aspen Townhouse Central, Aspen Townhouse East, Alpenblick, Cottonwoods, Gavilon, Little Nell, Midland, Mittendorf, Old Hundred Condominiums, Queen Victoria, Riverview, Southpoint, Timber Ridge, Villa of Aspen Townhouses, Ute Condominiums, 700 Monarch, 210 Cooper. |   |                       |                    |                  |
| <b>SNOWMASS:</b>  |   |                       |                    |                  |
| Aspen Chateaux Condos Rental Company  | \$178-\$196   | 112                   | 4949               | 1400             |
| Inns of Court, Season's 4   |   |                       |                    |                  |
| Vilcor-Snowmass   | \$187-\$229   | 185                   | 5473 WV            | 2676             |
| Inns of Court, Interlude, Laurelwood, Lichenhearth, Stonebridge, Tamarack, Top of the Village, Willows and various houses   |   |                       |                    |                  |
| The Village Property Mgmt   | \$176-\$231   | 301                   | 5550 WV            | 4350             |
| Aspenwood, Center Willows, Inns of Court, Interlude, Laurelwood, Lichenhearth, Season's 4, Sonnenblick, Snowmass Mountain Condominiums, Tamarack, Terrace-house Top of the Village, Stonebridge and various houses  |   |                       |                    |                  |

**RATE RANGE:** 7nt/6day packages: Reg Season from \$143pp to \$248pp  
 Low Season from \$116pp to \$221pp  
 4nt/3day packages: Low Season from \$ 62pp to \$ 95pp

**CONDOMINIUM "RESORTS"**

|  | Typical Rate (4 persons in 2 Bdrm Apt.) (per person) Bldg | Total # of Apartments | P.O. Box Zip-81611 | Phone (303) 925- |
|--|---|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| <b>ASPEN:</b>                                    |   |                       |                    |                  |
| Aspen Chateaux Company                           | \$196   | 21                    | 4420               | 1100             |
| Chateau Aspen, Chateau Chaumont, Chateau Du Mont |   |                       |                    |                  |
| Aspen Chateaux Condo Rental Company              | 204   | 23                    | 4420               | 1100             |
| Chateau Eau Claire, Chateau Roaring Fork         |   |                       |                    |                  |
| Aspen Square                                     | 222   | 105                   | XX                 | 1000             |
| Fasching Haus                                    | 211   | 26                    | 1750               | 2260             |
| The Gant Condominiums                            | 222   | 110                   | K-3                | 5000             |
| Light One Condominiums                           | 187   | 30                    | 2240               | 1670             |
| Mountain Queen Condo                             | 344   | 15                    | 8880               | 6366             |
| Pomegranate Condo                                | 204   | 65                    | 1368               | 2700             |
| <b>SNOWMASS:</b>                                 |   |                       |                    |                  |
| Crestwood Condominiums                           | 213   | 144                   | 5460 WV            | 2450             |
| Timberline Condominium                           | 213   | 100                   | I-2 WV             | 4000             |

**AMENITIES:** All the above "Condominium Resorts" are individual condominium apartments with recreational complex including pool, sauna, some with tennis courts or paddle tennis courts. All provide conference and meeting facilities on premises.

**RATE RANGE:** 7nt/6day packages: Regular Season from \$161pp to \$344pp  
 Low Season from \$133pp to \$306pp  
 4nt/3day packages: Low Season from \$107pp to \$169pp

**LODGE APARTMENTS**

|                     | Typical Rate per person for 2 persons in 1 bedroom For other See Footnote | Total # of Apartments | P.O. Box Zip-81611 | Phone (303) 925- |
|---------------------|---|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| <b>ASPEN:</b>       |   |                       |                    |                  |
| Aspen Inn           | \$197   | 20                    | 680                | 3462             |
| Aspen Meadows       | 197   | 8                     | 220                | 3426             |
| Bavarian Inn        | 211   | 3                     | 1244               | 7391             |
| Bell Mountain Lodge | 232   | 4                     | 328                | 3675             |
| Blue Spruce Lodge   | 204+  | 7                     | 596                | 3991             |
| Boomerang Lodge     | 239   | 14                    | 253                | 3416             |
| Chalet Lisl         | 204   | 8                     | 152                | 3520             |
| Christiania Lodge   | 218   | 6                     | 536                | 3014             |
| Coachlight Chalet   | 239   | 2                     | 1718               | 3809             |
| Continental Inn     | 225+  | 21                    | 388                | 1150             |
| Deep Powder         | 141   | 8                     | 3038               | 2290             |
| Gasthof Eberli      | 180+  | 6                     | 2112               | 2166             |
| Heatherbed Lodge    | 187   | 4                     | 530                | 7077             |
| Holiday House       | 260   | 7                     | 634                | 3512             |
| Maroon Creek Lodge  | 187   | 11                    | 236                | 3491             |
| Molly Gibson Lodge  | 169*  | 2                     | 2099               | 2580             |
| Mountain Chalet     | 187**   | 2                     | 1206               | 7797             |
| North Star Lodge    | 302   | 6                     | 2289               | 2946             |
| Prospector Lodge    | 239   | 2                     | 3296               | 3634             |
| St. Moritz Lodge    | 253   | 3                     | 46                 | 3220             |
| Snowflake Lodge     | 243   | 18                    | 689                | 3221             |
| T-Lazy-7 Ranch      | 222   | 16                    | 7254               | 7254             |
| Tyrolean Lodge      | 148   | 15                    | 1145               | 4595             |
| Vagabond Lodge      | 274   | 4                     | 391                | 3622             |

\*Rates listed - per person for 4 people in 1 or 2 Bdrm Apt. +2 persons in Studio. \*\*4 persons in 1 Bdrm. \*\*\*4 persons in 2 Bdrm.

**AMENITIES:** The above properties are kitchen units located in lodges. Listed above are the total number of apartments located in these lodges. For the total number of units (kitchen and non-kitchen) see Lodge Section. Also see Lodge Section for complete amenities listing.

**RATE RANGE:** 7nt/6day packages: Regular Season from \$138pp to \$309pp  
 Low Season from \$121pp to \$282pp  
 4nt/3day packages: Low Season from \$ 67pp to \$136pp

**DORMS**

|                         | Typical Rate (per person) Bldg | Total # of Dorm Beds | P.O. Box Zip-81611 | Phone (303) 925- |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| <b>ASPEN:</b>           |                                |                      |                    |                  |
| Alpine Lodge, F         | \$106                          | 6                    | 716                | 7351             |
| Aspen Cortina           | 99                             | 8                    | 1145               | 4595             |
| Continental Inn         | 134                            | 20                   | 388                | 1150             |
| Copper Horse, F         | 120                            | 54                   | 4948               | 7525             |
| Dormez Vous, C          | 134                            | 50                   | 120                | 7983             |
| Endeavor Lodge, C       | 113                            | 32                   | 9846               | 2847             |
| Highlands Inn           | 134                            | 46                   | 1168               | 5050             |
| Holland House           | 127                            | 16                   | 182                | 7361             |
| Little Red Ski Haus, F  | 120                            | 60                   | 1042               | 3333             |
| Mountain Chalet, F      | 134                            | 28                   | 1206               | 7797             |
| Powderbird Ski House, C | 120                            | 20                   | 3399               | 3018             |
| St. Moritz Lodge, C     | 134                            | 32                   | 46                 | 3220             |
| Snowflake Lodge         | 127                            | 12                   | 689                | 3221             |
| SnowQueen Lodge, C      | 131                            | 13                   | 4901               | 9973             |
| Vagabond Lodge, F       | 141                            | 6                    | 391                | 3622             |

**AMENITIES:** F-Full Breakfast C-Continental Breakfast

**RATE RANGE:** 7nt/6day packages: Regular Season from \$113pp to \$134pp  
 Low Season from \$ 96pp to \$117pp  
 4nt/3day packages Low Season from \$ 47pp to \$ 67pp

**CONDOMINIUM APARTMENTS**

|                         | Typical Rate (4 persons in 2 Bdrm Apt.) (per person) Bldg | Total # of Apartments | P.O. Box Zip-81611 | Phone (303) 925- |
|-------------------------|---|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| <b>ASPEN:</b>           |   |                       |                    |                  |
| Aspen Silverglo Condos  | \$177   | 24                    | 9260               | 8450             |
| Chateau Blanc           | 161   | 15                    | 2360               | 1441             |
| Dolomite Villas         | 165**   | 9                     | 8340               | 7624             |
| Durant Condominiums     | 213   | 22                    | 2108               | 7910             |
| Fifth Avenue Condos     | 204   | 20                    | 1364               | 7397             |
| Le Clairvaux Condos     | 196   | 10                    | 4055               | 7352             |
| North of Nell Condos    | 222   | 41                    | NN                 | 1510             |
| Park Meadows Condos     | 148*  | 24                    | 1033               | 3767             |
| Shadow Mountain Village | 204   | 20                    | DD                 | 7055             |
| Snowqueen Condos        | 196   | 2                     | 4901               | 9973             |
| Tipple Inn              | 187   | 7                     | 147                | 1087             |
| <b>SNOWMASS:</b>        |   |                       |                    |                  |
| Laurelwood Condominiums | 239***  | 42                    | 5600 WV            | 3110             |
| Shadowbrook Condos      | 193****   | 24                    | 5036 WV            | 2300             |

\* Park Meadows - rate listed for 2 people in Studio Apartment  
 \*\* Dolomite Villa - rate listed for 10 people in 5 Bdrm Apartment  
 \*\*\* Laurelwood - rate listed for 2 people in Studio Apartment  
 \*\*\*\*Shadowbrook - rate listed for 6 people in 3 Bdrm Apartment

**AMENITIES:** The above properties are fully equipped apartments, most have fire-places, telephone in apartment, TV and radio. Some include pool and sauna.

**RATE RANGE:** 7nt/6day packages: Regular Season from \$148pp to \$239pp  
 Low Season from \$131pp to \$194pp  
 4nt/3day packages: Low Season from \$ 81pp to \$107pp



1975-76



You're striking an arrogant pose atop one of the world's most awesome mountains, a playful breeze tussling your locks, your gleamy-new, color-coordinated poles, boots and skis sunk in fathomless soufflé powder. You feel terrific. You look terrific. Then you notice that 3,800 foot drop just off the ski lift.



And lo, there came a sign.

We'd like to step in before you step down. With ski lessons from our renowned school at Aspen Highlands. Our version of the celebrated GLM makes skiing so easy even an adult can do it. And so much fun, he wants to.

The Graduated Length Method replaces the

graduated fear method which formerly galvanized the limbs of learners everywhere. We start you out on stubby, ridiculous three-foot skis that serve as training wheels. When you've mastered the basic maneuvers, you go on to four, then five-foot, and ultimately conventional-length skis.

It's easier than falling off a mountain. Even if you're already a fairly adept skier, a few lessons in GLM will really snap your style into shape. Beginners start to



Hi, I'm Lefty. Ski me.

parallel immediately, and actually end up skiing the mountain from top to bottom (on beginner and intermediate runs) after just a week.

Aspen Highlands Ski School has transformed thousands of 140-pound weaklings into ruddy-cheeked powder trippers. And you can be one of them.



Let's twist again like we did last summer.

**We'd like to call the rumors as they lie.**

Some people have been bandying about the information that skiing is difficult. A rank untruth. Learning to ski is actually staggeringly simple. Our Ski School Director, Lefty Brinkman,

contends, "If it's not simple, then I don't know how to teach it" And here is a man who walks his dog left-handed.

The Highlands Ski School believes in giving your body its head. The lazy, waltzing rhythm of skiing seems to come instinctively if you're left to your own devices. So Lefty and his cohorts don't befuddle you with a lot of commandments.

The mood is relaxed. Your Highlands instructor observes you carefully as you proceed, and tailors his teaching to your individual progress. Now watch the Highlands method get you to the top of that mountain, the first day.



Just stay outta my lane.





Charlie Meyers



Buzz Soard

*Complete freedom is the lure of Maroon Bowl, an undeveloped wonderland off the back side of the Aspen Highlands ski area.*

Sunday Denver Post 1000 9, 1975



*As a ski area pacesetter, Hans Schwarz of Aspen Highlands establishes a norm or standard for NASTAR race in his area.*

*Sunday Denver Post Nov 11, 1975*

Aspen Times Nov 13, 1975



Lefty Brinkman

## Aspen Highlands re-organizes its ski school

Whipple V N Jones, president of Aspen Highlands Skiing Corp, has announced details of the ski school reorganization at Highlands.

Charles (Lefty) Brinkman will be ski school director. Four supervisors have been appointed to help him: John Bruegger, Bob Cutting, Dave Schuler and Bob Smith. All have been associated with the school for a number of years.

In addition to GLM and traditional length ski instruction, a new freestyle division will be offered this year. Bill Petersen, nationally known free styler has been named to supervise this program under Brinkman's direction.

The first ski school instructors' clinic will be from Dec 1-6. Interested applicants should sign up at the main ticket office by Nov 30, or call 925-7302 for information.



Lefty Brinkman, director of the Aspen Highlands Ski School, shows his instructors the proper form.

## HIGHLANDS SKI SCHOOL: PROGRESSIVE

The Aspen Highlands Ski School, under the direction of Charles (Lefty) Brinkman, has over 100 professional instructors and offers the most modern and progressive system taught anywhere.

In addition to traditional length instruction, the Aspen Highlands Ski School offers Aspen's oldest and most successful Graduated Length Method (GLM) Ski School. It's the fastest, easiest, most fun method of ski instruction available anywhere.

Highlands uses the techniques developed by the originator of GLM, Cliff Taylor. Over many years, Taylor has refined and improved GLM instruction to the

point it is now. The Highlands "Direct Parallel" method is based on 13 parallel "Turning Power" exercises that are first taught on 3' short skis, then applied to 4', 5' and ultimately traditional length skis. The system is used to teach beginners a direct-parallel method immediately. It's also used to help intermediate skiers who are having problems with parallel technique. In addition, it can improve and sharpen the technique of experts and even junior racers.

### Rates:

|                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Full Day             | \$12.00      |
| Three Day            | \$30.00      |
| Five Day             | \$45.00      |
| Children, 12 & under | \$ 9.00      |
| Private Lesson       | \$20.00-hour |

Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

## SKI CORPUS. OFFER SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR GROUPS

Both the Aspen Skiing Corporation (Aspen Mountain, Buttermilk and Snowmass) and the Aspen Highlands Skiing Corporation have customer service organizations which provide special activities for groups. These activities include on-slope picnics, fun races, special NASTAR events, beer slaloms, obstacle courses, etc. Most group events are staged at Aspen Highlands, Buttermilk, and Snowmass; however, events can be planned at Aspen

Mountain by special arrangement. At the Aspen Skiing Corporation slopes, a non-refundable reservation fee is charged for picnics — \$25 for groups up to 50 people and \$50 for groups of 51 and larger.

For events at Aspen Highlands, contact the Customer Service Department, Box T, Aspen, Colorado 81611. For events on Aspen Skiing Corporation slopes, contact Jack McTarnaghan, Director of Recreational Services (head of the 30-member Snowhost and Snowhostess organization), Marketing Section, Box 1248, Aspen, Colorado 81611. The phone number at Highlands is 303-925-7302; at the Aspen Skiing Corporation, it is 303-925-1220.

**ASPEN HIGHLANDS  
OFFERS SEASON PASS**

The Aspen Highlands will continue to offer an unrestricted ski season pass for the 1975-76 season. The cost of the season pass is \$300.00.

The Highlands also offers a "Weekend Pass" good only on Saturdays and Sundays for a cost of \$150.00.



Skiers enjoying a hearty and relaxing wine and cheese party atop one of Aspen's big four mountains.

# Beginning to Regulate the Ski Industry?

by Mike Hunter

"The reason that corporate managers enjoy virtually complete economic and social power, is the ineffectiveness of an agency of the United States government, the U.S. Forest Service," said Tony Accetta, first assistant to the Colorado Attorney General for Consumer Affairs. Accetta was addressing U.S. Senator Floyd Haskell (D-Colorado) in Aspen on October 4.

Haskell was chairing an Interior subcommittee hearing on legislation which will provide for the issuance of commercial use permits for outdoor recreational facilities operating on National Forest lands.

The Senator's bill, S2125, will affect almost every ski area in the country. To what extent can only be determined when its contents are finally decided upon in coming weeks.

Generally, the legislation seeks uniformity on the part of the Forest Service in granting ski area permits, and lift rate increases. Haskell also wants to see more input into the Forest Service decision making process by local governments and residents.

Some of Aspen's local government and residents are playing a major role in the formulation of the bill. The city council, at Haskell's request, sent suggestions for inclusion based on comments made at the hearing. Many city and county officials who testified there said they are by-passed in Forest Service decisions that have a direct and significant impact on the community.

The city has also protested to Forest Service headquarters in Washington, the process by which lift rate increases are granted. The protest came about when the Aspen Skiing Corporation (as well as other skiing companies), received a rate increase for this season following on the heels of its most successful season ever. Provisions for granting lift rate increases will appear in the Haskell bill.

Last year the city government also found itself at odds with the Aspen Skiing Corporation over a proposed amusement tax bill, which was defeated in the last session of the Colorado legislature. The tax would have been tacked on to the price of a lift ticket, and given to the city to help defray the costs of providing public services to the skiers.

The Corporation felt the tourist was taxed enough with a seven per cent sales tax, and the ski lobby was instrumental in defeating the bill. But the issue has not been put to bed, because the city has recommended to Haskell that he include an amusement tax provision in his legislation.

Senator Haskell may also deal with the plight of the "independent" or "underground" ski instructor in the bill. At present, the skiing corporations receive the only permits from the Forest Service to teach skiing on National Forest lands. So an individual must be affiliated with a ski school to legally teach skiing.

Don Lemos, one such fully certified instructor in Aspen, has been fighting the current policy for five years. In recent months he has attracted the attention of the Colorado Attorney General and Senator Haskell, who both wonder if his suit is not justified.

The Attorney General's office is trying to enter the suit with Lemos, claiming there is no question that USFS policy constitutes a monopoly for the ski schools. Haskell has asked the agency to change its policy too. If Lemos is turned down again, indications are that Haskell will include a provision in his bill allowing qualified independents legal access to ski areas on National Forest land.

The Haskell bill in its final version will surely contain many controversial sections. And it will be examined by government officials, ski industry executives, and ski enthusiasts alike, all from different perspectives.



**ASPEN  
HIGHLANDS**

PRO SKI SPREE  
AT HIGHLANDS

Friday December 12, Pro  
Qualifying Races for  
new pro circuit racers  
Sunday December 14,  
Dodge Aspen Cup Giant  
Slalom  
Friday December 19,  
Budweiser Cup Giant  
Slalom televised by ABC  
Wide World of Sports

See it all at the Jerome  
Bowl, Aspen Highlands  
Maroon Creek Road

ASPEN HIGHLANDS RESORT GROUP



O. W. Brehmer  
Sr. Vice President,  
Marketing

11/30/75

## Aspen Highlands offers 10-ride ski tickets

Aspen Highlands has announced a new ticket policy to help skiers who have limited time available.

The Highlands will offer a ten-ride ticket, good on the Thunderbowl Lift only, for \$7.50.

The punch-type ticket can be used anytime throughout the season, and

carried over from one day to the next.

The ticket will allow those employees who work on a split or certain days to have limited ski time.

Aspen Highlands season tickets, on sale for \$300 on an unrestricted-use basis, will be sold only through this Sunday, Nov 30.



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SKIING CORPORATION

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## ASPEN HIGHLANDS SKI SCHOOL CLINIC Dec. 1 - 6

**\$50 FOR 6 DAYS OF CLINIC - 6 DAYS OF LIFTS**

**Hiring Clinic For Aspen Highlands Ski School**

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3 DAYS OF GLM & 3 DAYS OF LONG SKIS

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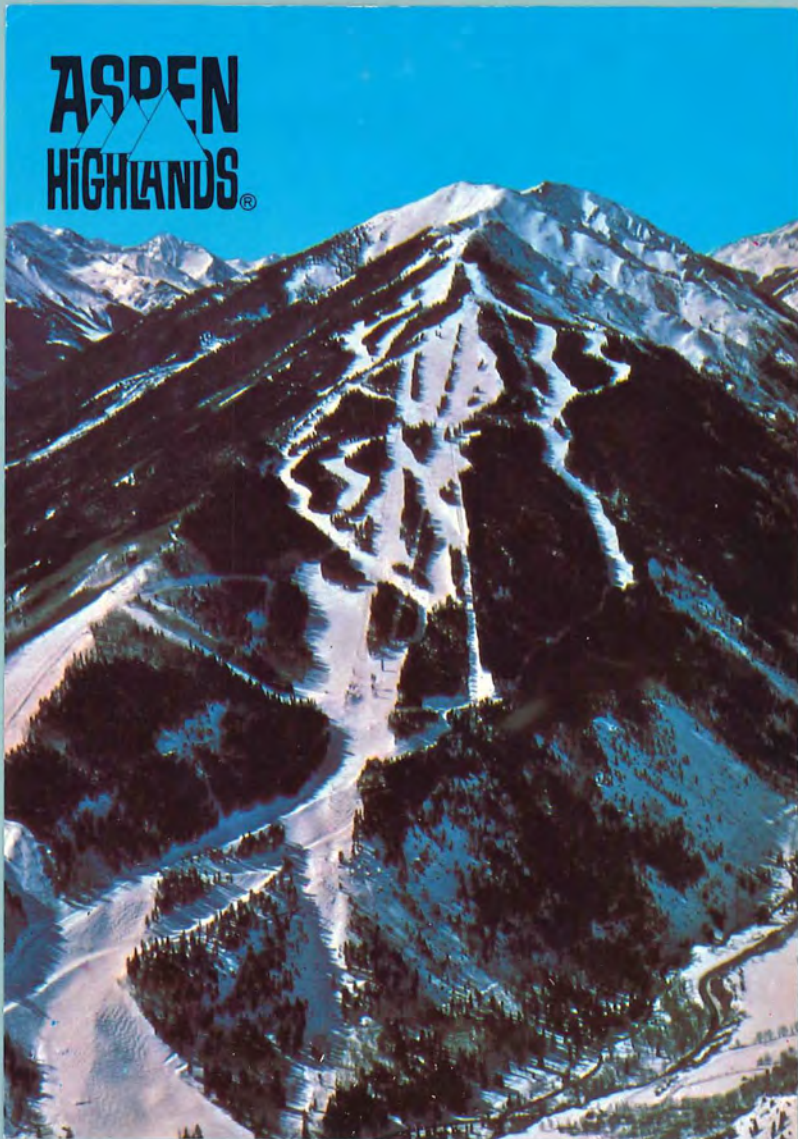
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*Photos & postcards  
by Mike Charney*



Final Hot dog contest  
Aspen Highlands  
April 1975

The Contestants



The judges  
Judy Coyle  
Skip Peterson  
Lefty Bunker  
Bill Peterson

My  
Warmest  
Thanks



Dear Vivian:

Here is a small  
token of appreciation  
& thanks for making  
it possible for Judy  
to give me a ski pass.  
sincerely

Kermita Boyle  
(Judy's mom)

A thousand thanks  
Sincere as can be  
All go their way  
To you from me

# NASTAR final set for Highlands, Snowmass

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In addition to regular NASTAR races, Highlands will hold NASTAR Plus races again this year, offering cash prizes.

In NASTAR Plus racing, entrants pay a higher than normal entry fee, which goes into a cash purse for the top finishers in the special event.

## Locals clinics, start 8th, 15th at Highlands area

Charles (Lefty) Brinkman, Aspen Highlands Ski School director, announced this week that two five-day clinics for local residents will be held from Dec 8 through 12, and Dec 15-19.

The cost will be \$35. This does not include lift tickets.

Each clinic will be divided into two groups—one for beginning skiers, featuring GLM instruction; the other for advanced skiers who wish to sharpen their skills on regular length skis.

Interested residents should sign up at the main ticket office at Highlands on Sunday, Dec 7, or Dec 14. For more information, call 925-7302.

Aspen Times 12/4/75



## ASPEN HIGHLANDS SPECIAL SKI SCHOOL PROGRAMS

This season the Aspen Highlands Ski School will offer several special, fun programs primarily designed for Aspen area residents. They will be offered during the entire ski season except for the two week period from 12-20-75 through 1-3-76.

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|---|------------------|
| 1. Saturday Group Lesson  | \$7.00           |
| 2. Saturday-Sunday Freestyle Clinic   | \$15.00 total    |
| 3. Thursday-Friday Advance Skier Specials<br>(Includes a wine and cheese apres ski party at Highlands Inn). | \$20.00 total    |
| 4. Private Lesson - 2 people - any day<br>\$5.00 for third person   | \$20.00 per hour |

For more information on any of these special ski school classes, call 925-7302.

The Above Prices do not include lift tickets—



Lopez Peak early morning

*Denver Post 12/10/75*

# Aspen 'Spree' to Open '75-76 Pro Season

By CHARLIE MEYERS  
Denver Post Ski Editor

ASPEN, Colo.—The first week of World Pro Skiing's seventh season very likely will be the biggest.

Dubbed the Aspen Pro-Spree, it will feature a full nine days of racing activity, including two complete pro events and a variety of challenge races. Prize money will total \$60,000.

And, if history repeats, these two races could set the tone for the entire season. A year ago, French newcomer Henri Duvillard and American Hank Kashiwa dominated the first two weekends of racing at Vail and Aspen and continued to

control the tour for the remainder of the season. After pulling ahead at midseason, Kashiwa hung on to win his first world title and \$44,500 in prize money. Although Duvillard finished second in the point standings, he led in money winnings with \$52,200 and won a record 10 individual

## Foothills Range Schedules Rotating Team Trap Shoot

A rotating team trap shoot, to be scheduled at different gun clubs in the coming months with one shoot a month, is being sponsored by the Foothills Trap Range, 3903 S. Carr St., range officials announced.

The next scheduled shoot will be Dec. 28 at the Watkins Gun Club. Gun clubs interested in participating in such shoots were asked to contact Buzz Ward at 433-5153 or the Foothills Trap Club at 986-8857.

The pros will qualify Friday at Aspen Highlands for the giant slalom final, first event of the Dodge-Aspen Series, scheduled Sunday on the same hill. In between, the Rocky Mountain Division will engage in a challenge with the pros. The Dodge-Aspen slalom will be Tuesday, Dec 16, on Aspen Mountain. Then on the following Friday the racers

## Team Trap Shoot

will start the whole thing over again for two races sponsored by Budweiser. The giant slalom will be that day at Aspen Mountain. There also will be a Town Challenge and Bartenders Race Wednesday at either Highlands or Buttermilk and a Celebrity Pro-Am Thursday on Aspen Mountain. There'll be \$4,000 for first prize riding on each of the four individual pro events, which again will be conducted under the head-to-head dual-salom format. There will be no newcomers of note on the pro tour this season—at least until the Olympics are over.



Charles W. Brinkman II  
"Lefty" - Director Nov 75



Aspen Highlands Ski School



Robert Cutting

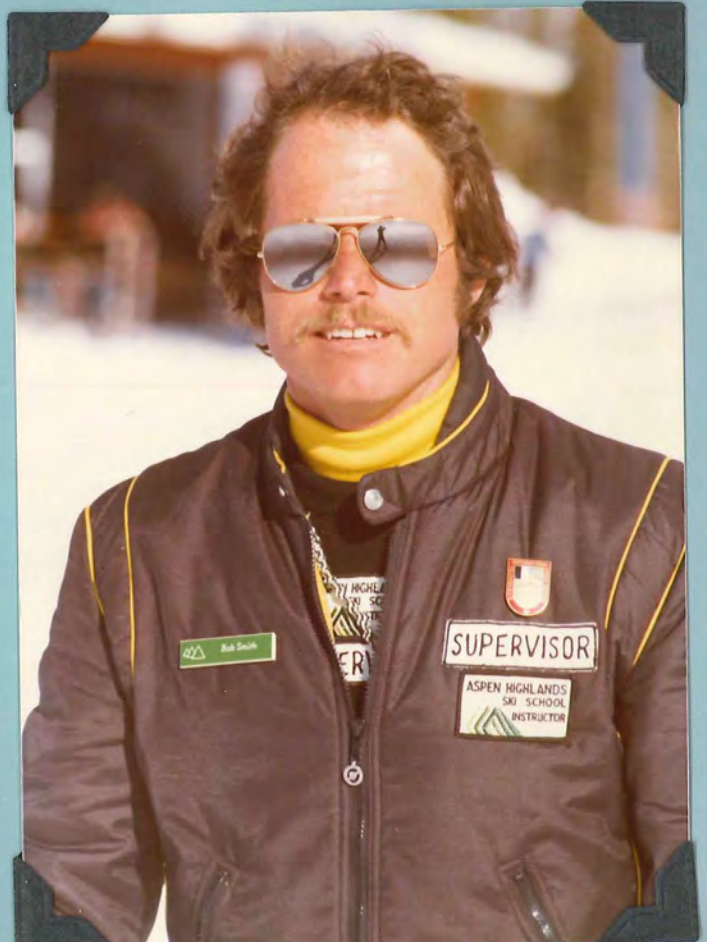




Dave Shuler (Squally Body)



Robert Smith "Smitty"





John Buegger



Bill Peterson - freestyle

# DODGE

ASPEN/ASPEN HIGHLANDS  
December 12-16, 1975



# ASPEN CUP



WORLD PRO SKIING

## DODGE ASPEN CUP SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14— ASPEN HIGHLANDS

10:00 A.M. — Giant Slalom Eliminations  
12:30 P.M. — Giant Slalom Money Matches

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16— ASPEN MOUNTAIN

10:00 A.M. — Slalom Eliminations  
12:30 P.M. — Slalom Money Matches

## PROS GEAR UP FOR DODGE ASPEN CUP

(Aspen, Co., Dec. 2) . . . The \$30,000 Dodge Aspen Cup in Aspen, Colorado opens World Pro Skiing's seventh season, Dec. 14, 16, with the renewal of one of professional ski racing's greatest rivalries — American Hank Kashiwa vs. Frenchman Henri Duvillard.

Kashiwa, 26, reigning pro titlist, and Duvillard, 27, runnerup last season, will duel man-against-man in giant slalom at the Aspen Highlands on Sunday the 14th, and race head-to-head in slalom on Aspen Mountain on Tuesday the 16th. The day off between events, a special feature of the Dodge Aspen Cup, means competitors will be rested and in top shape for both the giant slalom and slalom.

Aspen's own Spider Sabich, pro skiing's only two-time champion, also returns to competition in the Dodge Aspen Cup, following an idle 1975 season, the result of chronic right knee difficulties. Surgery has repaired the knee, and Sabich promises to be a threat on his hometown slopes; but the former champ, now 30, faces the challenge of a crop of new racers who matured measurably while he was out of action.

Other fearsome pros racing for the \$4,000 in first-place prize money in the two events include: Swiss youngster Josef Odermatt, third overall last season; fourth-ranked Frenchman Jean-Noel Augert, perhaps his nation's greatest slalom performer; Aspenite Rudd Pyles, fifth in '75 and a strong local favorite; and Austrian Harald Stuefer, sixth last winter and a former events winner in Aspen.

Snow conditions are the best at the two Aspen race sites in several years, and all Dodge Aspen Cup events will be held on the lower portion of Aspen Mountain and Aspen Highlands. It's the first time that a pro ski event has been shared by two ski areas. According to Bob Beattie, Executive Director of the International Ski Racers' Association, "Highlands offers a long slope with varied terrain which is ideal for dual-challenge giant slalom; and Aspen Mountain's Little Nell, which ends at the edge of the downtown core, is a great racing slope with a course viewable from almost every building and business in town."



## K2 FACTORY TEAM HOPES RIDE WITH SPIDER SABICH

He's been called the "K2 Racing Machine," and he's World Pro Skiing's only two-time champion. Spider Sabich, an internationally respected racer both as an amateur and a pro, is back to win again this season after knee injuries sidelined him last winter. And the hopes of Team K2 for victory in the 1976 Dodge Aspen Factory Team Competition rest heavily on this racer and his young teammates.

Sabich, 30, pro tour winner in 1971 and 1972, teams with Americans Terry Palmer, 23, a veteran pro and 1972 Olympian; former World Cup skier Craig Gorder, 23, a second year professional; and newcomer Bucky Kashiwa, 24, brother of World Pro Skiing champ Hank Kashiwa and himself a speedy contender, to makeup the 1976 Team K2.

"We've all been on snow and are skiing well," Spider commented before the Dodge Aspen Cup. "The other factory teams better not underestimate us."



# Aspen Highlands teaches the real G.L.M.

ASPEN HIGHLANDS  
SKIING CORPORATION

GLM at Aspen Highlands.  
The long and short of it.

At Aspen Highlands, we teach the real GLM (Graduated Length Method).

We begin by teaching thirteen basic parallel turning exercises on three-foot skis. Then we apply them on four-foot, five-foot, and finally traditional length skis.

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## Two Great Apres Ski Bars with Live Entertainment

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CLUB ROOM BAR (upstairs)  
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Dec 14 1975



# Our readers speak

ski area

Editor  
Aspen Times

Dear Sir:

Aspen is certainly lucky to have an Urban Economist on their payroll to protect the innocent citizens who want to be creative. It is a real shame that the 1946 City Council couldn't afford him, to write 5 page memos, so that Aspen could remain a non-ski town and maintain a "system balance", and maybe even just have a dirt road coming to town.

Little Annie is an excellent ski area, and the developers are locals who can and will do a first class job. It is inconceivable to me that a public employee can put out so many words without a sufficient number of facts. Mr Simmons might make a good politician, except that in my opinion he would be scared to get into a truly competitive situation and leave his cushy pay check that enables him to write drivel.

The "abuses of large ski lift operators" can come from a monopoly or "abuse" can come from governmental bodies (New York City) who believe in stifling new, creative endeavors, and being

big brother to everybody.  
Needless to say, I am for competition. I think that Aspen Highlands

has kept Big Brother on...  
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**Starwood**  
entertaining in the  
**Christian Endeavor Bar**  
For Apres Ski daily from 3:30-5:30  
through December 24



ASPEN HIGHLANDS



The Dodge Aspen, a new car whose introduction was heralded by a pair of \$15,000 pro ski races held here last week. Photo coverage of the car in the Aspen Flyer aroused the ire of pro race organizers by referring to the auto as "the first car ever to be named after a tree...ideal for the mountains with two-wheel drive and five inches of ground clearance." In a late-night phone call to

Flyer editor Chris Cassatt a race representative demanded to know the source of a quote, allegedly from a Dodge official, "We've run out of animal names, our next car may be called the Dodge Pansy." Cassatt refused to reveal his source, saying "You've got to be kidding." Chris Cassatt photo.



# Our readers speak

## ski clinic

Editor  
Aspen Times

Dear Sir:

At some time, most of us run into an organization—either a government or a corporation—which is self-serving and exploits individuals. Such encounters, and their resulting feeling of helpless frustration, are not uncommon where organizations act by a profit-motive or a power-motive. The last type of organization one would expect to be self-serving is a school, the primary function of a school being to impart knowledge rather than to receive remuneration. But, if I judge my recent experience in the ski instructor's clinic of the Aspen Highlands Ski School, I would have to believe that even schools can exploit.

The clinic was run in order to train skiers to be Highlands instructors. Almost everyone in the clinic had the hope of becoming an instructor. That hope cost each person \$50, and if one had to rent GLM skis, it cost him another \$5. Over 100 people entered the clinic, bringing over \$5000 gross revenue to the Ski School, and the Highlands made more on food sales. If an organization has to augment its staff, should it make money doing so?

The Highlands gleaned about 35 people to teach over the Christmas holidays. Those 35 were considered to be the ones with the ski ability, the teaching ability, and the personality most suitable for a Highlands instructor.

The most blatant exploitation came on the third day of the six day clinic. Everyone who had paid to try and be an instructor was taken to the top of a steep ski run and expected to side step down the run, doing the exhausting work of packing down the deep snow. I was told that the small effort of all those people would make the run skiable for the rest of the year, as if that was a reason to do Highlands a favor. When I pointed out some of the inequity in the situation, I was told that even the director of the ski school and the wife of the owner of the area were packing out the slope, as if that fact should humble me into acquiescing.

On the last day of the clinic the director gave a truly admirable speech. He said that, with all the talent among the 100 or so people, a fine instructor might be overlooked in the final selection. If anyone feels

shouldn't walk away discouraged. "Come and see me," the director said, "I could only respect you for it."

When I asked to be reconsidered, I was treated with shallow respect. After seeing the director in the morning, I was told, with a warm smile, to return at 4 PM. When the director met me at 4:30, I had to remind him of my purpose for being there. Anxious to be onto other business, he quickly suggested that I return on the 15th for another clinic. I still might have some respect for the ski school if I was given that advice when I saw the director that morning, or for that matter, when he gave his talk on the last day of the clinic.

David Perlman





Announcing  
the Opening of

## **The Buffalo Nickel** *at the Highlands Inn*

Breakfast 7:30–10:30

Lunch 11–1:30

Dinner 5:30–10

Apres Ski 3–6

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December 22–January 3

### **COMFORT STATION**

(formerly at the Holiday Inn)

will be playing Apres-Ski 3:30–5:30

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Aspen's Well Known

### **KEN MAYGINNES**

will be playing from 6:30 on  
925-5050

If you need transportaion, please call our number and ask for the Highlands van to pick you up as well as take you back home.

Mrs. Jones



chris cassatt photos

# the aspen times

## Dudu does it!

Henri "Dudu" Duvillard was the whole show last week at the Aspen Dodge Cup pro races taking back-to-back wins in the head-to-head racing...and making it look easy.

He even won one heat skiing backwards.

Duvillard goes for four in a row in this week's races, Friday and Saturday at the Highlands and Little Nell.

See Page 19-A for full details.



The biggest problem most skiers face today is learning how to have fun on their skis. They are so hung up about how they look or how the slope looks that they forget to enjoy themselves. As an instructor at Aspen Highlands for seven years, I have found that the new short skis help me solve this problem for many of my students.

The Graduated Length Method (GLM) of ski instruction used at Highlands has taken much of the drudgery out of learning. What used to be a system of rather hard work and meticulous concentration is now one of excitement and complete enjoyment.

Highlands bases its program on the Cliff Taylor Method, employing three-foot, four-foot, and five-foot skis. First day students start out on three-footers. Most of the learning, and most of the controversy starts here.

The greatest value of three-foot skis is that they give the beginner almost total freedom to experiment and get the "feel" of using different turns for different conditions. With these skis a great deal of variety is introduced in the beginning lesson. The student is asked to ski in every position possible, with weight forward, back, on the left foot, and on the right. They learn to use their ankles, knees, and hips for small, medium, and large turns. They learn up-weighting and down unweighting, and they learn to combine these fundamentals.

This is quite a change from the old snowplow (now called a gliding wedge) position where the student maintained the same basic position throughout the first one or two days.

After teaching a snowplow on long skis as well as the GLM method, I find that new students are able to obtain a substantial amount of control from the outset with the short skis. This has allowed me to play down the academic aspects of learning while emphasizing the practical, fun-making aspects. After just a few hours we can forget about the mechanics of making turns and direct our attention to enjoying the terrain, the scenery, and the feeling of floating on these tiny skis.

The short length of these skis makes them not only easy to handle, but safer than other skis as well.

# GLM at Aspen Highlands~It Works~It's Fun!

**Graduated Length Method of ski instruction is being taught at Aspen Highlands with great success for both the ski school and its students**

By James Mokres



Photo by Andy Hanson — Pro Photo

Ski School Director, Lefty Brinkman, shows the way.

When students fall, the skis are always free of the snow. Since the ends do not get stuck in the snow, the ski never develops the twisting leverage a longer ski does. As a result, injury rates are extremely low. This gives the neophyte skier added confidence, and allows him to open up more than he would on longer skis.

After a fall, of course, there is getting up. The shortie makes this awkward maneuver much easier too. So falling and rolling in the snow is no longer the dreaded experience it used to be.

A positive attitude on the part of the student makes my job easier. Instead of conducting tedious drills and constantly looking out for areas which might overly tax the student, I am able to relax and have fun skiing with the class while continuously varying the terrain and the kinds of turns being made. This method of teaching is much more interesting for me. It is also less tiring. Consequently, my enthusiasm and my patience endure longer.

Undoubtedly the most exciting classes I have had are those full of people who have skied before and for some reason have come to an impasse in development. They may have been committed snowplowers, stem christie skiers, or even competent parallelers who could not seem to learn how to ski the new moguls. Most were unabashedly skeptical about what they were getting into. However, after even the first day they began to realize how much they did not know about skiing. Usually, when they stuck with the program for three or more days they found they could ski better on their own skis. But more importantly, they discovered how blissfully enjoyable skiing could be. Instead of fearing the moguls, they played with them. Powder snow was something to float in. And jumping off cornices was reality and not merely postcard images. In some cases those days were the first truly enjoyable ones in their whole skiing careers.

In spite of all the proven benefits of these short, short skis, there has been no little amount of criticism directed toward them. The most prevalent of these is the one that asserts the three-foot ski does not have the "feel" of a longer ski; that is, it does not "act like a ski" or provide a stable base to comfortably balance on.

This criticism is at best only partially accurate. The short ski does feel differently than a longer ski, in much the same way a smaller automobile feels differently than a larger one. But much of what is learned the first one or two days on it is directly applied to the longer skis in the sequence—and ultimately to full length skis.

Secondly, there is no need for a three-foot ski to provide a more stable base to stand on than that provided by an ice skate or roller skate (or foot). I have not heard critics suggest using a skate with a four-foot blade to learn on.

The three-foot ski is truly demanding of the beginner's balance. The shortness of the ski makes it impossible to sit too far back or too far forward without falling. This is actually beneficial to the student. He is forced to stand directly over the center of the ski in order to maintain balance, which is true of almost all skis. When a skier's center of gravity is positioned over the ski's center (with slight variations for terrain and snow conditions), maximum balance and stability is achieved. Those who do feel they need a longer ski to "balance" on are most likely not standing on them properly and not skiing properly.

The transition from shorter to longer skis generally presents no problem when the move is made at the right time. Virtually the same techniques are taught on each. The only difference is that the student must ski slightly faster and take a longer radius to turn. Also on the longer skis, a carving turn is used whereas the three, and to some degree, the four-footers are physically swiveled for turns.

It is nonsense to suggest that one cannot learn to ski with one particular short ski system or another. All techniques can teach people how to ski if they are inclined to learn. If any system was technically defective, it would not survive financially. Highlands has been particularly successful with its program, and other schools seem to have been successful with theirs. The beginning skier, then, has a choice of systems. He must pick that system with which he will feel the most comfortable, and that one which will give him the most enjoyment. I encourage him to try GLM.



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## Welcome to Aspen

Welcome to Aspen, former mining queen turned empress of the skiing world. A history of riches abounds in this colorful community. Now, Aspen skiers can stake their claims on one of the richest awards available to recreational skiers—NASTAR!

### NASTAR

starts at noon

#### SCHEDULE OF NASTAR IN ASPEN

America's Largest NASTAR Center—Last winter the Aspen/Snowmass complex served three times as many NASTAR racers as any other area in the country. This winter, the Schlitz/NASTAR championships will be held at Snowmass and Aspen Highlands.

At Least Nine Races Each Week—Starting in mid-December, nine NASTAR races are held weekly—Aspen Highlands and Snowmass on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; and Buttermilk on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. At mid-week, NASTAR events are staged on two or three mountains simultaneously. And in February and March, additional days of racing are scheduled to accommodate demand. Each competition begins at noon.

Special Aspen Leaf NASTAR PIN—Gold, silver and bronze NASTAR pins are awarded at each race. In addition, children and adults who earn a medal at each of the three Aspen/Snowmass courses (in as many tries as necessary) win a special large Aspen Leaf NASTAR pin. For skiers who are hooked on recreational racing, there's no place which offers as much action as Aspen.

#### NASTAR Registration will be held at the following times and locations:

|  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| Aspen Highlands: 3:00 to 5:00 day<br>prior to race—9:00 to 11:00 day of race<br>at Customer Service office | Buttermilk: 9:30 to 11:30 day of race<br>at Cliffhouse restaurant | Snowmass: 9:30 to 11:30 day of race<br>Alpine Springs restaurant |
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Recreational racers who win medals in any three of Aspen's nine NASTAR races each week also receive an attractive Aspen Leaf NASTAR pin.

### SKI SCHOOLS

#### ASPEN SKI SCHOOL

The Aspen Ski School, the world's largest, provides classes for all classes of skiers. A special staff of instructors teach children at Buttermilk and Snowmass. Lessons are available in hot dogging, free-style skiing and racing. Special instruction for those with unusual learning problems is provided by instructors experienced in teaching the amputee, deaf, blind or otherwise inconvenienced.

##### Ski School rates:

|                                      |         |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| One day class                        | \$12.00 |
| Children (12 and under)              | 10.00   |
| Three day class                      | 33.00   |
| Ski Week (Five Days)                 | 50.00   |
| Private lesson, one hour (1 person)  | 20.00   |
| Private lesson, one hour (2 persons) | 25.00   |
| Private lesson, one hour (3 persons) | 30.00   |
| Private instructor per day (6 hours) | 120.00  |

#### TRANSPORTATION TO THE SLOPES

Both skiing corporations provide free ski shuttle buses to their respective ski areas.

Buttermilk buses leave Rubey Park every 15 minutes between 8:00 and 4:30. Outbound buses stop at Arthur's and the Aspen Villas on Main Street. Inbound buses stop at the Aspen Villas and the Innsbruck lodge on Main Street, and Rubey Park.

In the morning these buses will stop on demand at the Aspen Villas, the Innsbruck lodge, and the Swiss Chalet to pick up skiers bound for Aspen Mountain.

Snowmass buses leave Rubey Park every 20 minutes between 8:00 and 10:30, stopping at Arthur's on Main Street only. A Snowmass bus departs Rubey Park at 11:00 and 12:00 noon. Buses return to Aspen every 20 minutes between 2:30 and 4:45, stopping at the Aspen Villas and the Innsbruck lodge. Snowmass buses stop at lift number 11 in Snowmass, not the mall.

Aspen Highlands buses leave Rubey Park every 15 minutes between 8:00 and 6:00, stopping at Arthur's and the Aspen Villas.

Call 925-1220 for information on Buttermilk and Snowmass buses, and 925-7302 for information on Highlands buses.

#### ASPEN HIGHLANDS SKI SCHOOL

The Aspen Highlands Ski School, under the direction of Charles (Lefty) Brinkman, has over 100 professional instructors and offers the most modern and progressive system taught anywhere. Less formal and more oriented to individual needs, it mixes in the warmth and fun of Aspen so that learning is truly an enjoyable experience.

##### Rates

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| Full Day             | \$12.00    |
| Three Day            | 30.00      |
| Five Day             | 45.00      |
| Children, 12 & under | 9.00       |
| Private Lesson       | 20.00/hour |

Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.





*ASPEN HIGHLANDS Ski Area, Colorado.*



Aspen Highlands, Colorado .



# Race sponsors feel unwelcome here

The Dodge Division of Chrysler Motor Corp. may withdraw its support of the Aspen World Cup race March 12-14 because of hassles in Aspen during the past week.

Aspen Skiing Corp vice president George Madsen said Dodge had planned to loan six cars and 20 vans to bring racers from Denver to Aspen for the World Cup downhill, giant slalom and slalom events.

Madsen said that a series of recent events, however, makes Dodge feel a "lack of welcome."

First, a request by Worldwide Skiing Corp for permission to display the Dodge Aspen car in the mall was denied by the City Council.

Second, City Manager Mick Mahoney wouldn't let Dodge put a banner across Main St advertising the races (and the car). Mahoney does allow local sponsors of Aspen Ski Club races to put "commercial" banners up on Main St.

Third, someone painted "Detroit Go Home" in black letters on a silver Dodge Aspen car displayed in the Snowmass mall.

Finally, in an action in which Dodge is a sympathetic party, Budweiser was asked to remove a hot-air balloon from the Little Nell site of Saturday's races.

Actually, the balloon stayed. It was Mahoney again who objected to



Mick Mahoney

the commercialism, but it turned out that the balloon was not above—or moored to—city property, but was in the county.

Mahoney said, "I looked out my window Saturday morning and saw that floating billboard, and it was clear in my mind that the balloon was in violation of a city ordinance. That ordinance prohibits any temporary sign of a strictly commercial purpose."

(Mahoney admitted that the banners over Main street for the Aspen Cup races—sponsored by the Bank of Aspen or KSPN or Little Cliff's—could be considered commercial. He takes responsibility for that decision, however, and argues that those races are "civic" in nature rather than commercial.)

"The Budweiser and Dodge signs are strictly for commercial purpose," Mahoney said, "and if it's within 100 feet of the city then it's my business."

"If it's a balloon," Mahoney continued, "Then it's subject to FAA flight regulations and cannot fly close to populated areas. If it's tethered, then it's a floating billboard."

Mahoney went to Patsy Newbury and asked her to look at the county's regulations regarding temporary signs.

"I said, 'If they're in violation, take care of it,'" Mahoney said.

When Newbury checked with County Commissioner Dwight Shellman, however, they decided

that the ordinance was not really that clear on balloons. Shellman and Newbury agreed they should not serve the papers.

Madsen said Dodge was also considering TV sponsorship of the World Cup race here.

He said the Aspen Ski Club will be spending about \$5,000 for air fare to get the various teams here for the World Cup, and for rental cars (one per team). If Dodge pulls out Madsen estimates it could cost from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Monday evening an irate group of ski club officials appeared at the regular city council meeting to protest Mahoney's actions. In a statement presented to the council they stated: "Because of an unfriendly attitude toward commercial sponsors of the professional ski races held here last week, the Aspen Ski Club has lost \$20,000—possibly much more—in sponsorship fees for the World Cup races scheduled here March 12-14."

Signed by Dave Stapleton, World Cup Meet Co-Chairman, and Tom Moore, president of the Aspen Ski Club, the statement added that "Much of this harassment was generated by the city council's representative, the city administrator."

It also said that loss of Chrysler Corp sponsorship might result in cancellation of the World Cup race by the ski club.

However, city council member Steve Wishart pointed out that, of the complaints listed, the City Manager was only responsible for disapproving the banner across Main Street and attempting to have the Budweiser balloon taken down.

After reading the statement Stapleton added that he felt the decision by Chrysler to rescind its race sponsorship was perhaps due to "an accumulation of community attitudes."

However, the City Manager did permit banners across Main Street with the names of local sponsors for Aspen Cup races and his refusal to permit a Dodge banner was discriminatory.

Mahoney explained that a city



Hot-air balloon soars over the Budweiser Cup races on Aspen Mountain last Saturday, leading to a bit of controversy. City Manager Mick Mahoney called it a "floating billboard." Photo by Chris Cassatt

ordinance controlling banners did not permit commercial messages and gave him the right to decide which banners should be permitted. He had not considered banners with names of local race sponsors to be commercial, but had considered the proposed Dodge banner as commercial.

He also stated that he did not think race sponsors should be allowed to have floating billboards advertising their products above Main Street or above the city and that is why he had taken the actions he had. "Someone has to decide on what banners and what balloons are to be allowed."

Wishart explained that Mahoney had already been told informally by various members of the council that his attempt to have the Budweiser balloon taken down was a mistake.

At Michael Behrendt's suggestion the council agreed that a letter should be written to the Chrysler Corporation and Budweiser saying that the city appreciated their race sponsorship efforts.

Wishart emphasized that the letter should not be construed as criticism of the City Manager. "We give Mick latitude and should not consider the letter a criticism of his actions," he said.



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## **The HOT DOG CONTESTS**

**Start Again  
at Aspen Highlands!**

**Friday, December 26  
12 noon on Floradora**

**\$750 Prize**

**20 Contestants**

for further information call 925-5300

# Anti-trust suit filed against Ski Corp

An anti-trust suit has been filed by the state attorney general's office against the Aspen Skiing Corporation and the Aspen Highlands Skiing Corporation, claiming that the two companies have fixed prices and created a skiing monopoly.

The suit alleges that the two corporations, as well as the Buttermilk and Snowmass Skiing Corporations, both wholly owned by the

Aspen Skiing Corporation, have conspired to fix daily lift rates, discount prices, multi-area ticket prices, and package plan prices.

The suit also claims that the areas have conspired to fix the prices charged for ski instruction and have reinforced each other's policies "by refusing use of ski facilities to members of the public suspected of violating one another's policies, rules, and regulations."

Robert F Hill and John E Boyd of the attorney general's office are quoted in the **Rocky Mountain News** as saying that the actions have produced "artificial and noncompetitive" price levels.

They also reportedly said "consumers have been deprived of the benefits of free and open competition."

The suit asks the court to enjoin the defendants from further price fixing and other monopolistic activities and to require them to justify in writing any price changes in the next five years.

#### NO COMMENT

Aspen Skiing Corporation vice president Tom Richardson said he had no comment on the suit, since "the first I heard about it was on the radio news this morning."

Richardson said the corporation

has received no official notice of the suit, which was filed Monday, Dec 22.

"I can't say anything about it," said Richardson, "I don't know what the hell it's about."

In what must be one of the worst days on record for the Aspen Skiing Corporation, the Forest Service announced Monday in an unrelated

action, that the corporation must sell a season pass, which had been discontinued.

Full details on the pass decision are contained in an article on page 3-A of this paper.

#### LONG TIME COMING

The anti-trust suit grew out of an investigation started last spring by the attorney general's office, shortly after the corporations announced their intention to request identical daily lift rates of \$12.

The \$12 rate was disallowed later by the Forest Service, which did permit an increase to \$11 for the Aspen, Aspen Highlands, and Vail corporations.

In allowing the \$11 rate, Forest

Service officials admitted that the main justification for giving Aspen and Aspen Highlands the \$1 increase was the fact that Vail needed the higher rate.

Service officials disclosed at that time that they had a contractual agreement with Vail and the Aspen areas never to give one area an increase without giving it to the others.

The attorney general's office had already started its anti-trust investigation by that time and one member of the office said, "If a private business did that it would definitely be price fixing. This looks like price fixing by a government agency and I don't know what we can do about it."



ASPEN HIGHLANDS  
SKIING CORPORATION

## Two Great Apres Ski Bars with Live Entertainment

Both located in the Highlands Base Lodge

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR BAR  
**Pearly White** now appearing

CLUB ROOM BAR (upstairs)

# AMAZED & BREATHLESS

The freestyle skiing champions who put on an exhibition at Highlands on Saturday

showed their usual smooth effortless form on the gentle slopes at the base of Thunderbowl. The crowd was left amazed, excited, and breathless. The amazement due to the ski-

ing, the excitement due, at least partly, to the free whisky handed out, and the breathlessness probably the result of the free cigarettes distributed at the affair.





# The free Aspen Flyer

Tuesday, December 30, 1975

## High & happy

The Sports Illustrated freestyle skiing exhibition at the Highlands last weekend provided plenty of whirling highs. Some were like this one provided by flipping freestyler Bill O'Leary. Others were provided by the free booze handed out as part of the affair.

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# Our readers speak

## big building

Editor  
Aspen Times

Dear Sir:

Does Aspen really need a new big office building? Maybe someone should think about pulling another rabbit out of the hat.

Bud Brownell  
Aspen, Colo

## ski clinic

Editor  
Aspen Times

Dear Sir:

Mr David Perlman's letter of Dec 18 was an unwarranted and highly distorted picture of the Instructor's Clinic at the Aspen Highlands Ski School. Mr Perlman's major complaint appeared to center upon his investment of \$50 to join the clinic and his expenditure of time and energy with no guarantee of "return," i.e., selection as a ski school instructor.

Let me say first that the Highlands Clinic does not promise employment to all participants. The clinic is a highly rigorous program and final selection of instructors depends not only upon successful completion of the physical requirements, but upon teaching ability as well. Teaching is an art. One must be able to relate to people and to have fun teaching and learning. Mr Perlman seems singularly unaware of these aspects of ski instruction. Being an expert skier does not necessarily qualify one as an instructor. It is understood from the beginning that only those who score highly in all facets of the program will become instructors. In fact, individuals who have taught at the ski school before may fail to

qualify in a given year.

Generally people who enroll in any clinic or school do so from a desire to learn more and improve their own skills. Even Doctoral candidates are guaranteed neither a PhD degree nor a teaching position upon completion of their courses. In a ski school clinic, many skiers participate with no idea of actually becoming instructors. Mr Perlman stated that the clinic costs each participant \$50, but he did not consider that this sum includes lift tickets for six days and expert instruction in advanced skiing and teaching techniques.

If he is resentful of the one morning spent in an exercise which appeared to him to be a slave labor device for packing the slopes, one glance around the ski runs should convince Mr Perlman that the morning was of more value as a conditioning exercise for himself than as a service to the slopes. In any area of the Highlands there are innumerable snowcats accomplishing the job far more quickly and efficiently than a handful of skiers could possibly do.

Sometimes, Mr Perlman, it is difficult to accept a professional assessment of one's ability which falls below our own expectations. It seems to me that the realization that you spent \$50 to have your skiing self-image shattered is the real source of your complaints.

I have participated in the clinic at the Aspen Highlands for the past ten years. I have found that the ideas of the late Fred Iselin have been carried on with the same high standards and enthusiasm for improvement by the present director. It has always seemed to me that the major benefits of the clinic have gone far beyond the immediate issue of employment as an instructor.

I advise you to try again next year, Mr Perlman. You resented

the suggestion that you try again in the Dec 15 clinic. If you had honestly hoped to become an instructor, I think you would have been willing to try once more. Some of those who failed in the first clinic, succeeded in the second. It certainly seems worth the effort after all, where in these times can one find expert instruction and six days of lift tickets for \$50. And, moreover, think of the fun! By the way, the second clinic was free.

Marv Lasky  
Aspen, Colo

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Suzy and freestyle champ Bill O'Leary



ASPEN HIGHLANDS

## SPECIAL SKI SCHOOL PROGRAMS

This season the Aspen Highlands Ski School will offer several special, fun programs primarily designed for Aspen area residents. They will be offered during the entire ski season.

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|--|------------------|
| 1. Saturday Group Lesson   | \$7.00           |
| 2. Saturday-Sunday Freestyle Clinic  | \$15.00 total    |
| 3. Thursday-Friday Advance Skier Specials<br>(includes a wine and cheese apres ski party at Highlands Inn) | \$20.00 total    |
| 4. Private Lesson — 2 people — any day<br>\$5.00 for third person  | \$20.00 per hour |
| 5 Local's clinic — 5 days — starts each Monday<br>Long skis and Beginner GLM                               | \$35.00 total    |

For more information on any of these special ski school classes, call 925-5300

The Above Prices do not include lift tickets



Friday, January 2, 1976



Aspen Highlands Freestyle Director Bill Peterson practiced what he teaches at last weekend's Sports Illustrated freestyle exhibition.

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Freestyle skier Suzy Chaffee did her thing at Aspen Highland weekend. For a closer look at Suzy see Page 17.



## Freestyle

Champion freestyler Bill O'Leary put on two exhibitions here last week, sponsored by Sports Il-

lustrated magazine.

O'Leary wowed the crowds at Highlands and Snowmass with ballet and aerial flips on the gentle slopes.

Suzy Chaffee, another pro freestyle champ, also participated in the exhibitions.

Adding to the excitement of the event was a vast amount of free

whisky which was distributed to the crowds.

Adding to the breathless nature of the crowds' wonderment was a vast amount of free cigarettes also

handed out.

The crowd puffed and sipped, the freestylers flipped and whirled, and a good time was had by all.

Chris Cassatt photo.

## Pro freestyle event at Highlands, Jan 18-20

A professional freestyle skiing competition will be held at Aspen Highlands Sunday through Tuesday, Jan 18-20, offering contestants cash prizes and a chance to qualify for top-flight Professional Freestyle Association (PFA) events.

The competition will be one of two "ingress" meets held during the winter to allow hotdog skiers a chance to join the PFA, which sponsors the main pro freestyle events.

The meet here, sponsored by Pabst beer and Aspen BOLD, will have competition in aerials, moguls, and ballet and the top three men and three women finishers in each event will be granted PFA membership.

One of the event's organizers stated that more than 50 skiers from across the country are expected to compete, as well as a

large number of Aspen-area hot dogs.

Practice and registration will be held Saturday from 9 AM to 4 PM with competition starting the next day.

The ballet event will open competition at 11 AM on Sunday on the Smuggler run at the base of Highlands.

On Monday, the mogul competition will start at 11 AM, also on one of the lower runs on the mountain.

The aerial competition will close out the event on Tuesday, starting also at 11 AM and also on the Smuggler run.

All the competition will be held on runs at the base of the mountain, allowing spectators to watch the event without purchasing a lift ticket.

Entry for the event is still open at Highlands, with competitors needing to be over 21 and having proof of insurance. The entry fee is \$65.

Thank  
YOU

# What's Doing in ASPEN and VAIL

By GRACE LICHTENSTEIN

**COMPARISONS**—Comparing Aspen and Vail is like asking a wine lover which he likes better: Château Lafitte-Rothschild or Château d'Yquem. The two wines come from the same general area, yet taste and look completely different; so do the two *grand cru* skiing areas of Colorado. Snow and high prices are two of the few things Vail and Aspen have in common. Aspen, the older of the two, is American skiing epitomized: an old mining town with Victorian gingerbread houses that has been turned into one of the neatest, liveliest winter resorts in the world. Vail is the young upstart: a total winter resort community created out of wilderness 13 years ago and deliberately designed to look like a Swiss village. (Actually, Vail now has two parts, the original Vail village and the futuristic Lion's Head section a half-mile away. The first resembles something out of Disneyland; the second is a bit 1984-ish.) Both Aspen and Vail have distinct ambiances. Aspen suggests Greenwich Village, writers, T.M. It has been called "Woodstock West," populated by counterculture vultures and John Denver-type celebrities. Vail, which suggests Short Hills, engineers and Dale Carnegie, has been described as "plastic Bavaria," populated by loud Texans and Gerry Ford-type Midwesterners. Both reputations are exaggerated, although Vail skiers do tend to be straighter and more courteous than Aspen people. Aspen's visitors tend to be more sophisticated and more casual. The most important point, however, is that both places are superb ski areas for every type of skier from beginner to expert. The weather is usually ideal at both. Each is so popular it's often hard to get reservations. If you have two weeks' vacation, consider spending one at each resort. (They are a two-and-a-half-hour drive apart, with regular bus service between.) Only one week? Don't try to do both areas. They are too big to appreciate in a quick stay.

**GETTING THERE**—This can be the rough part. Most trips begin and end on a Saturday. Thus Saturday is the best day to ski—no crowds. But arriving on Saturday can mean a hellish hour in the jammed baggage claim area at Stapleton Airport in Denver, gateway to both resorts. If possible, arrive at Stapleton any other day. Or plan to stay overnight in Denver (altitude, 5,200 feet) before going into the mountains (Vail and Aspen are at 8,000 feet), especially if you suffer from jet lag or have trouble adjusting to a high altitude. The Stapleton Plaza is a good airport hotel (from \$33, double). From Denver, the simplest way to Vail or Aspen is by Continental Trailways bus, which leaves at regular intervals from the airport. Call Trailways at Stapleton (303-398-5305) to book a seat in advance. You cannot reserve through Trailways offices anywhere else. Reservations must be claimed a half hour before departure. The ride to Vail takes about two hours and costs \$8.33 one way; Aspen, five hours, \$14.14. You can also fly to either via commuter airline but this is a bit silly in the case of Vail, since the airport at Eagle is 35 miles from the resort. Both Aspen Airways (pressurized Convair 440's or 580's) and Rocky Mountain Airways (unpressurized twin Otters—you're given an oxygen mask) serve Aspen's handsome, convenient new airport. The flight takes about 30 minutes on Aspen Airways, 45 minutes on Rocky Mountain. If the weather is bad, the planes may not fly. Coloradans seem to prefer the little Rocky Mountain twin Otters. My experience with Rocky Mountain has been unhappy. I've learned not to trust their printed schedule of Aspen flights. However, Rocky Mountain runs many more flights than Aspen Airways. The one-way fare to Aspen on either airline is \$31; about \$10 less if you buy a stand-by ticket (not a bad idea in midweek). Only Rocky Mountain flies to Eagle (for Vail). The one-way fare is \$22 plus \$5 for limousine service from the airport to the resort. Aspen Airways in Denver: 303-398-3744; Rocky Mountain Airways in Denver: 303-398-3896. Unless you get withdrawal symptoms when you're away from a steering wheel too long, it is not necessary to rent a car. The drive from Denver to

Vail can be snowy and scary. To Aspen, it's the same, only longer. And both resorts have free, frequent buses to take skiers around town and to the lifts. However, car rental agencies have offices at Stapleton, Aspen and Vail.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**—Visitors may book lodging through an airline, a travel agent or on their own. Airline package deals are convenient but not cheaper than a skier making his own arrangements can work out. A Trans World Airlines package to Aspen or Vail from New York, including round-trip air fare, round-trip bus fare from Denver, seven nights lodging (no meals) and a lift ticket for six days, will come to about \$400 up, depending on the lodge or condominium included. For someone making arrangements independently, the easiest way to find accommodations is to call the central reservation phones: in Aspen, 303-925-4000; in Vail, 303-476-5677. Aspen has some 95 places to stay, Vail about 50. Groups of four to eight people would do well to rent a multibedroom condominium, with kitchen, which can be more comfortable and just as convenient as a lodge. High season condominium rates (now through April 2 in Vail, April 11 in Aspen) run from about \$100 to \$130 a day for a three-bedroom (six-bed) apartment. Some have saunas, heated swimming pools and other amenities—ask what you're getting for your money. If you don't have a car, aim for a condo or lodge within walking distance of the center of town. Lodge and hotel rates in both towns run between \$25 and \$40 a person per

**THE SLOPES**—Aspen calls itself the largest skiing facility in North America; Vail calls itself the largest single mountain resort. In any case, skiers will never be bored. Each area has hundreds of miles of slopes, trails, glades and beginner hills. The full-day adult lift ticket costs \$11 and there is hardly a reduction for a week-long pass, but it's worth it. Having tried the Northeast, Europe and the West, I think Vail is the best designed mountain I've skied. The gondolas and chairlifts lead to slopes so cleverly connected you can ski from one side of the vast hill to the other and back in a day without ever taking the same run twice. And just when you think you've seen all of Vail, you discover the "back bowls" on the other side of the mountain—powder basins served by their own lift. Vail is primarily an intermediates' mountain (Ramshorn, Simba and Lodgepole are among my favorite long, wide runs) but most of the bowls are for experts. However, both the Game Creek and Northeast bowls have novice runs, so even the learner can get the feel of bowl skiing. Among the expert runs, Prima and Riva Ridge are justly famous. The latest innovation at Vail is the Children's Mountain at Eagle's Nest (take the Lion's Head gondola) with a snow playground and counselors to take care of the little ones. Also new: nature signs pointing out trees and wildlife along Lost Boy trail in the Game Creek bowl. While Vail is one gigantic mountain, Aspen is four separate ones. Ajax (officially "Aspen Mountain"), the hill rising directly above the town, is the oldest and world renowned. A na-

**APRES SKI**—In Vail, Donovan's bar is a favorite. In Aspen, my personal choices are the bar at Highlands (live music, pitchers of beer, dancers in ski boots), the Hotel Jerome bar (especially popular with Aspen residents) and the outdoor beer hall at the end of the main mall at Snowmass.

**RESTAURANTS**—There seems to be more good food in Aspen and Vail than in the rest of the mountain states put together, although the prices, to be sure, are on a level with New York's best restaurants, unless you like Kentucky Fried Chicken. A word of caution: beware of outdated reputations. I was disappointed at the Copper Kettle in Aspen, reputed to be one of the greats. On the other hand, I have eaten in the Ute City Banquet (typical Aspen décor, with plants, leaded glass and the teller cages from the original bank) for three years running and have enjoyed its continental menu each time. Dinner costs from \$6 to \$11.75, excluding drinks. Another Aspen favorite is Andre's, for either the best breakfast you ever ate (about \$4) or an equally appetizing dinner (\$10). Among this year's new crop of eating places, the Arya, in the Aspen Inn, is handsomely decorated, ambitious and tasty (\$12). For a cheaper dinner, the Shaft (the specialty is ribs), at about \$6, and Little Annie's (burgers, chili), for \$3, are quite acceptable. In Vail, the Left Bank, despite its kitschy Mona Lisa and Eiffel Tower walls, has fine French food (entrees, \$7-\$11). The Gasthof Gramshammer Antlers Room features well-prepared game—elk, antelope, venison—at \$10-\$12.50. Less expensive but pleasant are Purcell's (seafood and steak), at \$5-\$11, and Hansel and Gretel (soups and omelets), from \$4.25, both in Lion's Head, and the Clock Tower for steak in Vail Village, about \$6 to \$10.50 for dinner. To avoid hunger pains, make reservations early in the day at those restaurants that accept them. At others, eat early or figure on an hour's wait. There is one restaurant that I have never visited but nevertheless deserves special mention. It is Toklat, which is near the Ashcroft Ski Touring Center and a half-hour's drive from Aspen. The atmosphere here is of the mountain wilds, complete with a few huskies. There is one sitting a night, beginning with a hospitality hour and complimentary drinks at 6:45 P.M. The prix fixe dinner—\$12.60—for which guests must bring their own wine, is at 7:30. After dinner there is poetry reading and storytelling. Reservations must be made six to eight weeks in advance. Call 303-925-7345. Toklat doesn't serve lunch.



day, without meals. In Aspen, I like the funky remodeled Victorian look of the venerable Hotel Jerome (\$162 for seven nights); the heated pool and big rooms of the Continental Inn (\$211), although sometimes it's a little too bustling with tour groups, and the hearthside coziness of the Fireside Lodge (\$169, including breakfast). These rates include a lift ticket for six days. In Vail, I recommend the Mark (\$206), a super-modern, luxuriously appointed hotel in Lion's Head, and the Manor Vail Lodge (\$185). I am less enthusiastic about The Lodge (\$206), a combination of hotel rooms and apartments that includes President Ford's condominium. It is perfectly located in the heart of Vail, but indifferently managed and overpriced. Advice: make your trip to either resort during the cheap, uncrowded low season in April. The snow is usually just as good as in February.

## CONDITIONS AND WEATHER

—Western snow is as fluffy, dry and reliable as the travel brochures say it is. Aspen and Vail weather is more often than not sunny, calm and from 15 to 40 degrees, except in January, when it can get cold, and in March and April, when the temperature can go as high as 60. In these two months skiers should guard against sunburn by smearing the face with a sun-screen cream and wearing sunglasses. For daily reports, check local radio or TV, your lodge or the central resort phone number. Or call these Denver numbers for recorded reports from all over the state: 303-893-2201 for snow conditions, 303-630-1515, weather. Incidentally, Colorado ski reports are honest almost to a fault. What Aspen calls "fair to good" an Easterner accustomed to being misled by New England optimism would dub "good to excellent." Colorado is spoiled because it expects perfect conditions, and usually gets them.

tional magazine recently called Ruthie's Run on Ajax the best ski run in the world. I would rank it a close second to Big Burn, the half-mile wide, tree-studded white heaven in the middle of Snowmass, Aspen's newest and biggest mountain, which is about 20 minutes by bus from the center of town. In between is Buttermilk, a smaller, mostly novice area that is especially pleasant on snowy or cold days because of its lower elevation, and Aspen Highlands, a wonderful piece of real estate with the most exciting chairlift in the region. It takes you to Loges Peak, 11,800 feet up, from which you have the Maroon Bells range as a backdrop for the inevitable snapshot. Ajax tends to be the most crowded and has too many inconsiderate hot shots, including many local employees, who like to scare the wits out of "turkeys" (visitors) by cutting in front of them at 40 miles an hour. But Ajax's slopes are fabulous and experts especially like the steep ridges of Bell Mountain. Ajax also has the best on-mountain lunch spot in either Aspen or Vail—Gretl's. Get there by 12:30 for the apple strudel. The four mountains are not interconnected, so you really have to choose one each day. The only criticisms I've heard about Aspen or Vail skiing are that the slopes sometimes get crowded (read the trail maps for suggestions on avoiding crowds) and don't offer much deep powder skiing.

**LESSONS**—The two resorts have three of the finest learn-to-ski programs in the West. All teach the graduated length method, which has a rank turkey on intermediate slopes on five-foot skis by the end of a week. Group lessons at Vail: \$12 full day; private lessons, \$17 an hour for one, \$25 for two. At Aspen Ski School (Ajax, Buttermilk, Snowmass) and Aspen Highlands Ski School (particularly recommended); group lessons are \$12 full day; private, \$20 an hour.


**NIGHT LIFE**—Vail has never seemed particularly lively to me, while Aspen has enough happening at night to keep swingers awake until dawn. Each resort has a bar called the Slope showing W. C. Fields, Lenny Bruce and ski promotion shorts on a movie screen, and they're fun. Aspen has reasonably decent live rock music for dancing at the Depot and the Aspen Inn. It also had a great discotheque last year in the basement of the Jerome called the Rampage; this season it's called the Hotel Jerome Nightclub and has been given Western-style décor. The Paragon is a lovely wicker chair, art-déco drinking emporium, though the disco music is programmed amateurishly. Aspen's three movie houses show good taste in oldies and recent films. The only place I found worth losing sleep over in Vail was a multi-storied barn of a saloon, Gartons, favored by the hip young locals. There's drinking, dancing, old cable cars to sit in and shuffleboard.

**SHOPS**—Hang onto your credit cards; both towns are full of good clothing, ski equipment and gift shops. Purely subjective favorites in Aspen include Wax 'n' Wicks (the Aspen tree candles make a nice gift and the owner dispenses free apple cider to browsers), L'Equipe (sleek French ski wear at lofty prices) and Mountain Lids (handknitted hats and sweaters). In Vail, there's Gorsuch Ltd. (all-around good taste in ski wear and equipment) and Meadowlark at Lion's Head (leather bags, pottery).

**FINAL NOTE**—Gerald Ford is listed in the current Vail telephone book. John Denver is not listed in the current Aspen telephone book.

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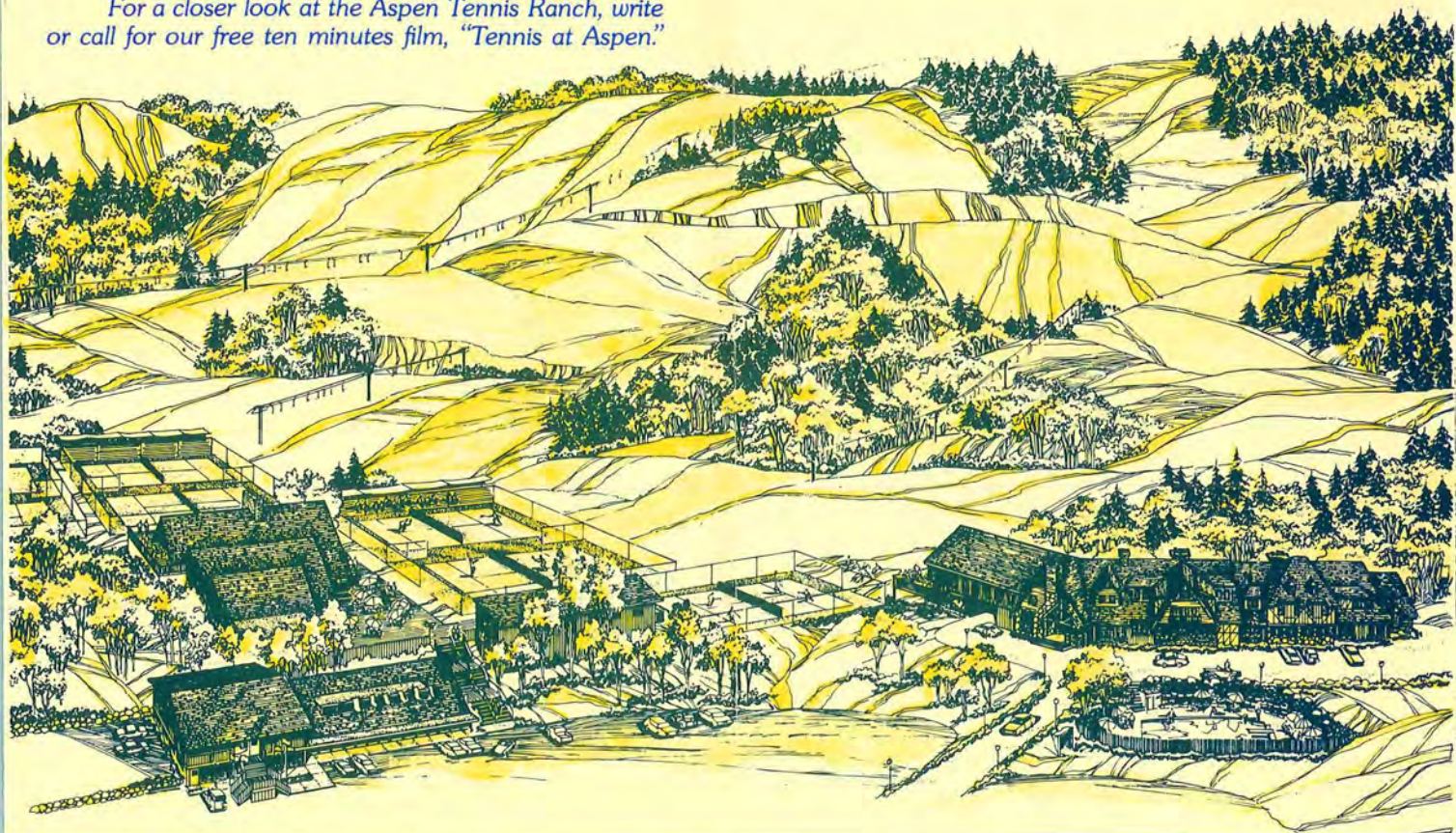
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Women's Bean Jan 23, 1976

Editor  
Aspen Times

Dear Sir:

May we through your newspaper take this opportunity to thank Aspen for making the Australian Ski Federation Junior Racing Program such a success.

We wish to say a special thanks to the Aspen Ski Club, and to the fine coaches they arranged to train the squad; the Aspen Skiers Educational Foundation; the Aspen Ski Corp; Aspen Highlands; the managers and staff of the Coachlight Chalet; Sabbatini Sport and to the many other locals who have assisted our group.

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For and on behalf of the Australian Ski Federation junior training squad, America 1976.

Larry Rumble  
Adrian Studley  
13 Downes Place  
Hughes  
Canberra, Australia 2605

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## Star-crossed racer

This racer in the NASTAR plus cash competition at Aspen Highlands last weekend seems destined for a crash as his skis converge in the Celestial Seasonings Herb Te-Cup race. His destiny is written in the stars. Photo by Chris Cassatt.

# Flyer

Tuesday, February 17, 1976



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"It's the next best thing to the pro circuit for the guys, and the only pro racing I know of at all for the girls," says Skip Gilkerson of Highlands "and the competition is really stiff."

The men's competition started last winter and this year there have been up to 50 racers signing up each week to vie for a portion of the \$600 purse.

The women's event started just two weeks ago, and last weekend there were 20 racers competing for the \$300 purse.

The races are run on side-by-side courses, over two pro-type jumps, although racers are competing for time, rather than in head-to-head elimination type racing.



Entrants run first in time trials, with each racer having a single run and the top performers on each course moving into the final round of competition.

In the finals, each racer runs

twice—once on each of the courses—and the times are totaled to decide finishing positions.

Men's winner two weeks ago was Pike Christensen, a former Norwegian Olympic and World Cup racer, while this week's winner was Marlin Ross, who—according to Gilkerson—hasn't yet turned pro only because he's still two years below the pros' age-21 minimum.

Rick Simpson, who placed second this week, is a Canadian racer who is spending the winter here, com-

peting in the Highlands races and training for a future pro bid.

"We're trying to make it a special event, so even those who don't have much chance of winning still get their money's worth," said Gilkerson, who mentioned such features as blow-by-blow race announcing and video-taping of the races for showings later on.

Celestial Seasonings put up the basic backing for the men's races, while local businesses add to the purse each week. The women's

races are funded entirely by Highlands.

Entry fee for the races is \$5, with sign-up held the morning of the event—Saturday for the men, Sunday for the women.

This weekend's top finishers were:

**MEN:** 1 Marlin Ross, 2 Rick Simpson, 3 Jerry Shimmer, 4 Mark Hesselschwerdt, 5 AD Fuller.

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March 1976

Aspen Times March 18, 76



Gustavo Thoeni rode the lift to the top of the Aspen Highlands' slalom course hoping for a victory that might keep him in the running for his fifth World Cup title, but when the day was over, the victory, and the World Cup, went to Ingemar Stenmark. Chris Cassatt photo.

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# The free Aspen Flyer

Tuesday, March 23, 1976



## Hot Dog!

The Aspen Cup Series ended last weekend with a hot dog contest for the Aspen Cup competitors who are all local youngsters between the ages of six and 14.

The Cuppers spent two days at Highlands crashing through the bumps, spinning down the ballet slopes, and leaping through the air in a wide variety of strange, impressive, and occasionally unintentional positions.


Chris Cassatt photo.

It takes all kinds...



Mary

Dear Mrs. Jones,

I would like to thank you again for thinking of me while I was in the hospital. The flower arrangement was beautiful and really meant a great deal to me. Thank you also for the lunch that Lisa  and I had yesterday. your thoughtfulness warms me.

I wish you a healthy, sunny summer to enjoy some free time. Thanks again  
Mrs. Jones.



...but your kind  
is the nicest!

Sincerely,  
Wendy Nelson



# Aspen Cup closes with hot dog contest

A hot dog clinic and contest, the final events of this winter's Aspen Cup Series, were held last weekend at Aspen Highlands.

All day Saturday and Sunday morning were devoted to instruction for contestants in the three disciplines of hot dog skiing—ballet, moguls, and jumps.

Throughout the weekend, the competitors, ages 10 through 13, learned new tricks, while battling the weather, which provided changing conditions, icy snow, and high winds.

The contest started shortly after noon on Sunday and was judged by

Steve Jones, a Highlands freestyle instructor, Hans Peterson, and Ken Sawyer, head age class coach for the Aspen Ski Club.

John McBride, competing in the 11-year old boys class took the overall boys award for the day with a total of 65.5 points.

Jill Anderson in the girls 11 class and Mary Brennan in the girls 12 class tied for first overall among the girls, with 51.1 points.

In the boys 13 class, Bart Garton took first place with 55.5 points, with Ned Bonzi second.

Mark Thorpe took first place in the boys 12 class with 56.5 points, followed by Eric Brendlinger and Todd Bosgraaf.

McBride took first in the boys 11 class, with Svein Nostdahl second and Mads Buck third.

The boys 10 blue ribbon went to Jeff Poe, with had 54.0 points, while second place was taken by Billy Madsen, with Jon-Eric Greene third.

In the girls competition, Jill Gibbons won the 13 year old class with 45 points, followed by Debbie Anderson and Karin Nostdahl.

Brennan took the girls 12 class, with Sarah Carlson second and Katy Greene third.

Anderson was first in the girls 11 competition, followed by Stacy Bosgraaf and Cecily Garrity.

The girls 10 class went to Missen Brucker, who had 45.5 points. Jill



Balance was the secret as Aspen Cup competitors tried their hand at hot dogging in the final Aspen Cup event of the winter. Local youngsters com-

peted in ballet, trick jumps, and mogul runs in the two-day event at Aspen Highlands. Chris Cassatt photo.

Cass took second in that class.

The annual Aspen Cup banquet was held last night, Wednesday, March 24 at the Plum Tree Inn, closing out the season of age class competition.



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From all of

Highlands DISTRICT

April 1976 —

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 — J. Prude —

# Aspen women clinch freestyle titles

Two Aspen skiers, members of the Aspen Highlands Freestyle Team, have clinched first and second position in the season's overall Women's World Freestyle Championships of the Professional Freestyle Associates in competition last weekend in Telluride.

Marion Post finished first in the women's combined standings at the Telluride meet and, with one more

meet left on the tour schedule, has nailed down first in the combined and first in the ballet standings for the season.

Joanie Teorey placed second in the combined standings at Telluride, after placing first in the aerials, to clinch second overall for the season and first in aerials for the year.

The women's victories came

after a season of eight meets in the US and Europe under the sponsorship of the Professional Freestyle Associates.

Post is originally from Averill Park, NY, while Teorey is a native of Minneapolis, Minn, according to Bill Peterson, freestyle director at the Highlands, but both women, he added, train and ski at Highlands.

## BRINKMAN AT VAIL

Meanwhile, a third member of the Highlands team, Cathy Brinkman, finished in first place in the Budweiser Freestyle World Championship qualifications at Vail.

Brinkman, daughter of Highlands Ski School director Lefty Brinkman, finished first in the ballet competition and second in the mogul run to take first place in the combined standings.

The finals in the Vail competition will be held April 10 and 11 and Brinkman will be in line for \$8400 in prize money if she repeats her first place performance.

## LADIES FIRST

The female members of the Highlands Freestyle Team have set the pace for the squad this year, as both

men on the team, Ed Lincoln and Dan Pierce, have had "disappointing seasons," according to Freestyle Director Peterson.

Lincoln, he noted, has been out of competition for half the season with a broken ankle.

Pierce, a winner in early hot dog contests held here on Aspen Mountain, "should have trained harder," for this year, Peterson said, noting that freestyle competition has become "harder and closer than ever."

## NEXT YEAR

Peterson said that Highlands will hold a Freestyle Training Center for two months preceding the start of next winter's ski season.

The clinic will start in October with dryland training in gymnas-

tics, as well as flip practice into swimming pools.

Freestylers learning new aerial maneuvers, Peterson said, first practice their flips and twists jumping off mini-trampolines into the water.

Later, on skis, they go off artificial jumps into the water and then, finally, they try the tricks on the snow.

In November, as conditions permit, the members of the training camp will move up to the top of Independence Pass to begin on-snow training, especially in ballet.

Peterson stated that all the top corporation-sponsored freestyle teams have already signed up for the Highlands sessions, which will be led by Peterson and Lefty Brinkman.

# NASTAR finals slated at S'mass, Highlands

The NASTAR finals will be held in Aspen, April 8-10, with the races at both Highlands and Snowmass.

Eighty recreational skiers were selected this week for the free trip to Aspen out of some 80,000 who raced in NASTAR events throughout the country this season.

The Eight Annual Schlitz-NASTAR finals is the championship for recreational skiers.

Competitors are selected according to the two lowest handicaps in the four adult age categories in NASTAR's five geographic regions.

The ages of the finalists range from 19-68, and include representatives from 20 different states and 28 ski areas.

Three runs will be made at Highlands Friday, April 9, starting at 11 AM, and two runs will be made the next day at Snowmass, beginning at 10 AM.

The racers will be competing for gold, silver, and bronze Schlitz

cups, with their four best handicaps counting for scores.

This year's championships will

see several new competitive twists. Not only have a husband-wife team qualified from California, but for the first time, two brothers from Vermont have qualified in the same age group. And for the first time in the history of the Schlitz event, a black skier, a 52-year old woman from Minnesota, will also be making the trip to Aspen.





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I attended the Crystal Palace which I enjoyed immensely. This, I am sure, was a very effective affair and I certainly feel that it was a truly fine "bonding".

Although I have now been employed with you for three years, I have never found the words nor the opportunity to merely say.....  
Thank You

Respectfully,

Bobbie Kuhn  
(from the ticket office)

## Highlands team takes first in Spring races

Hans Schwartz and Anne Carter led their Aspen Highlands team to first overall last week in the Annual Spring Classic ski race at Breckenridge.

Competing against 15 other teams from across the state, the Highlands team of Schwartz, Carter, Billy Dittmar, Doug Carlson, and Bill Peterson posted the lowest combined time total on the dual format GS course.

In addition, Schwartz had the fastest time in the field in the regular competition, and placed second in the men's championship run-off.

Carter also took home a trophy for the second fastest women's time of the day.

A second Highlands team, captained by Don Lagerstrom, took sixth place in the competition, while a third Highlands team failed to place.

Team placings were calculated by totaling the times of the three fastest members of each five-member team.

## 7 empty chairs fall from Highlands lift

Forest Service officials revealed this week that seven chairs were cut from the Olympic Lift cable three weeks ago and fell 20 to 30 feet to the ground.

There were no injuries, although 50 skiers were stranded after the empty chairs fell. High winds prevented their evacuation.

The accident happened March 23 and was caused by winds averaging 30-35 miles an hour, with gusts to 75.

Asked why the information about the accident is coming out only now, Tom Bell, district ranger said, "No one asked us. A lot of people knew about it. I guess there was just more interest after the Vail accident."

Four persons were killed and eight others injured in a gondola accident at Vail, just three days after the Highlands incident.

Ski area and Forest Service officials said a wind gust whipped an empty chair upside down near Tower 11, about 800 feet from the top of the lift. The chair caught the tower and partly derailed the cable.

Bell said the chair was ripped off the cable.

A safety switch is designed to shut off the lift if the cable derails to the outside of a series of guide pulleys. In this instance however, the cable derailed to the inside and didn't trip the safety switch.

Four more chairs passed over the tower before the cable moved further to the inside. Finally there wasn't enough clearance left for subsequent chairs and six were torn from the cable and fell to the ground.

The lift operator shut the lift off manually when he noticed the missing chairs.

The Forest Service is recommending that the State Passenger Tramway Safety Board explore development of a more adequate safety switch.

April 15<sup>th</sup> Aspen Times



Whether she was an Easter Bunny or a Snow Bunny wasn't immediately clear, but Karen Church, ears and all, was definitely some kind of bunny at last week's season-ending hot dog contest at Aspen Highlands. Contestants competed in a wide variety of costumes and make-up as they bid farewell to winter with flips, spins, bounces, and spills. Chris Cassatt photo.

April 15, 1978 Aspen Times

## NASTAR finals dominated by coastal skiers

Skiers from the east and west coasts dominated the NASTAR national finals held here last weekend, taking first place in seven of the eight racing categories.

80 racers from across the country competed in the NASTAR events, which were held at Aspen Highlands and Snowmass.

The top two men and two women in each age category in each of the country's five NASTAR regions were selected to race in the competition here.

In the men's races, Ernest Alger of Fairfield, Conn, took first place in the 50 and over class, with James Whitely of Olympic Valley, Cal, placing first in the 40-49 group.

Francis Reilly of Wilton, Maine, placed first in the men's 30-39 class, and Pat Seelye of Glenn Falls, NY took first in the 19-29 group.

In the women's competition, Jean Hodgkins of Rockland, Me, was first in the 50 and over class, with Ednarae Gross of Albuquerque, NM, taking first in the 40-49 class.

Kay Geitner of Reading, Pa, was first in the 30-39 class, and Dominique Laneyrie, of Bear Valley, Cal, took first in the 19-29 group.

No Aspen skiers competed in the events, and the best finish by any Colorado skiers were the second-place results by John Quinn of Vail, in the men's 50 and over and Bette Renz also of Vail, in the women's 19-29.



While his wife Portia looks on, Aspen blacksmith Francis Whitaker reads a letter telling that he has been conferred an honorary degree by the University of Colorado at Boulder. Whitaker learned of the honor at a surprise party given recently by his wife and Helmut Schloffer of the Wienerstube Restaurant. Whitaker served on the City Council in Aspen and Carmel, Calif—and served on Aspen's Planning and Zoning Commission. Photo by Franz Berko.

*April 15, 1976 Aspen Times*

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good job you do running  
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people know who have never  
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goes along for a successful  
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Sincerely  
Jack & Chanoc  
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for your kindness.  
It was appreciated  
more than words can say.

Your thoughtfulness  
will always be remembered.

Thank you for a  
good year and  
the best party w  
ever been to.

Rita & Duane ;



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## Highlands duo is first in ski-tennis tourney at Vail

The Aspen Highlands team of Hans Schwartz and Bonnie Saunders took first place last weekend in the Third Annual Vail Ski-Tennis Tournament.

Schwartz is racing director at Highlands and tennis pro at the Aspen Meadows, while Saunders is a ski instructor at Highlands.

Each competitor in the tournament makes four ski runs on a dual course and each team plays at least five tennis matches.

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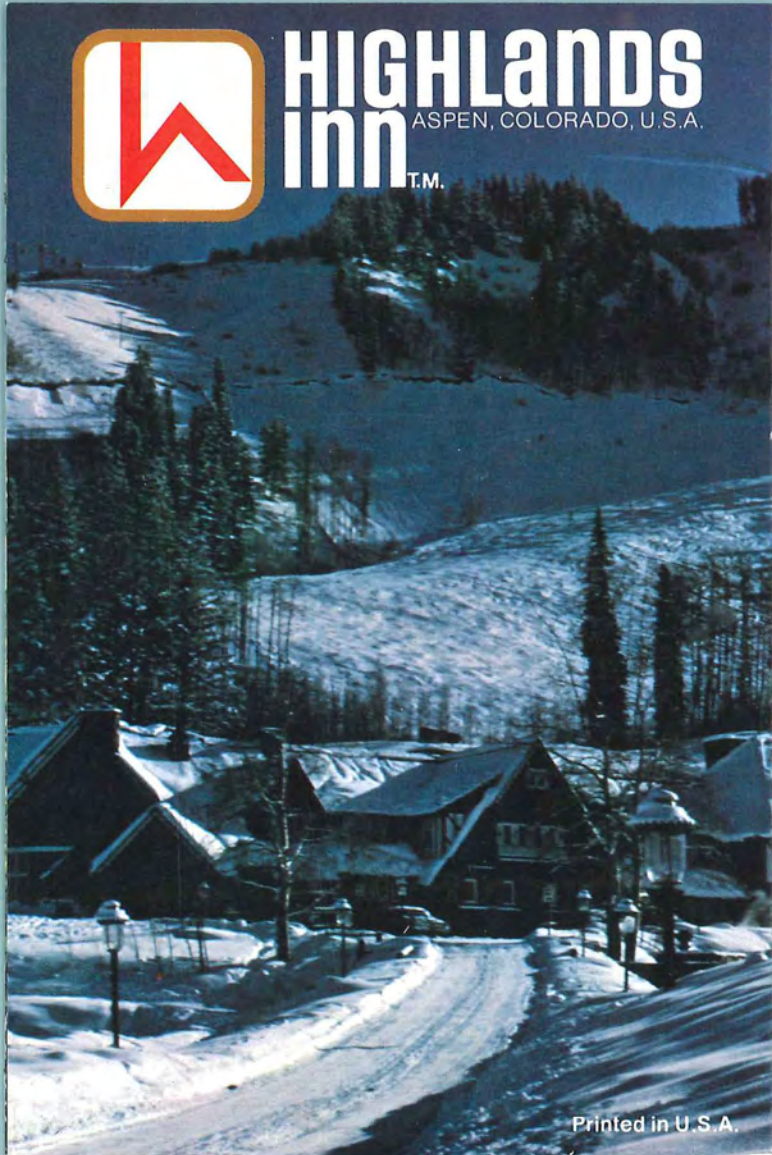








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# Highlands expansion gets first OK

Expansion of the Highlands Ski Area onto the steep slopes above Castle Creek received general conceptual approval from the Pitkin County Commissioners at their regular meeting Monday, Aug 9.

The plan, as presented to the commissioners, calls for construction of a traverse trail connecting the new runs with the existing area for the coming winter, with a new lift planned for the future.

The commissioners expressed some concern about construction details of the proposed work, especially the amount of cutting and heavy machine work necessary for the traverse, but voted their approval after Forest Ranger Tom Bell explained that only conceptual approval was required at this point, with examination of specific details to come later in the process.

Bell told the commissioners that if they voted in favor of the expansion at this point, the Forest Service would begin an intensive examination of all environmental aspects of the plan, following which, the commissioners would again be asked for their approval of the project.

The three commissioners then voted that the Highlands plan is "not inconsistent" with county growth control policies and noted that they would give favorable consideration to the project in the future if Highlands agrees to meet county specifications on construction procedures and also agrees to work toward county transportation goals.

## The Plan

The Highlands' proposal was outlined by County Planner Bill Kane and presented in greater detail by Highlands President Whip Jones, Marketing Director Bill Brehmer, and Mountain Manager Dave Wright.

The proposed expansion will ultimately open up 1800 vertical feet of primarily expert skiing in chutes dropping off towards Castle Creek from the ridge immediately below Loges Peak, the top of Highlands.

The terrain, according to Kane who skied the area last winter with Highlands officials, is mostly over 50 percent slopes and almost entirely for experts only.

Brehmer characterized the terrain as similar to the back bowls at Vail, although steeper.

Brehmer also noted that the snow conditions in the area are "consistently excellent," with snow renewed each night by high winds, even if there is no actual snow fall.

Under the proposed plan, about half of the new area, the upper half, would be open this winter, with skiers accessing the new runs from the top of Loges and then traveling back to the main area on the new traverse.

Construction of the new lift, possibly next summer, would then open the lower half of the new runs.

The runs would never connect



Bill Brehmer and Whip Jones of Aspen Highlands clarify their ski area expansion plans, with references to an area map. Andy Stone photo.

to the bottom of the mountain in the Castle Creek valleys. Skiers would always be required to return to the top of the new area to get to the bottom of the mountain.

Kane and Brehmer both noted that this "dead end" nature of the new development would mean that the expansion would not greatly increase Highlands' skier capacity, but would act mostly to disperse skiers more widely on the mountain and provide expert terrain for locals.

This prediction is based on current ski area planning theory, which states that skier capacity of a mountain is determined primarily by the carrying capacity of its base area lifts.

Kane stated that the plan

"broadens the scope of Highlands by providing exclusively expert terrain, which does not appeal primarily to tourists."

Brehmer added that the new area should appeal to local resident skiers because of its difficulty and might help reduce pressures on Aspen Mt.

Brehmer also argued for the value to the community of "a strong, viable Aspen Highlands" which could provide keen competition for the Aspen Skiing Corporation.

## Concerns

The major concerns expressed during the meeting were about the level of construction work necessary to create the new

traverse and, ultimately, the new lift.

The commissioners and Planner Kane all noted that they had reservations about the project if it would leave highly visible scars on the mountain.

After giving his generally favorable assessment of the project, Kane closed by noting that it "would not be worth it if it required major construction work and left scars on the mountain."

The county planning and zoning commission, which earlier gave a similar conceptual approval to the plan, also expressed concern about the construction details.

The commissioners questioned Highlands President Jones as to

whether the proposed traverse would require heavy machinery and extensive slope cuts.

Originally it had been hoped that the traverse would be quite narrow, designed for skiers only, with snowmobiles possibly using it for emergencies requiring only removing a few trees and no slope cutting.

Jones however, explained that the traverse would have to be at least 12 to 15 feet wide for ski patrolmen to safely handle toboggans carrying injured skiers.

Jones also noted that he wanted the traverse to be able to handle snow cats for slope grooming.

In discussing construction procedures for the future lift, Jones noted that the towers would all be installed by helicopter, although a bulldozer would be needed to create a flat area for the base of the lift.

Jones was also questioned about revegetation of bare spots created by the work and he responded "We revegetate everything...the Forest Service makes us."

In discussing transportation plans, Jones stated that since the expansion is not seen as greatly increasing mountain capacity, no new parking lots are planned, although Highlands might add another bus to its fleet.

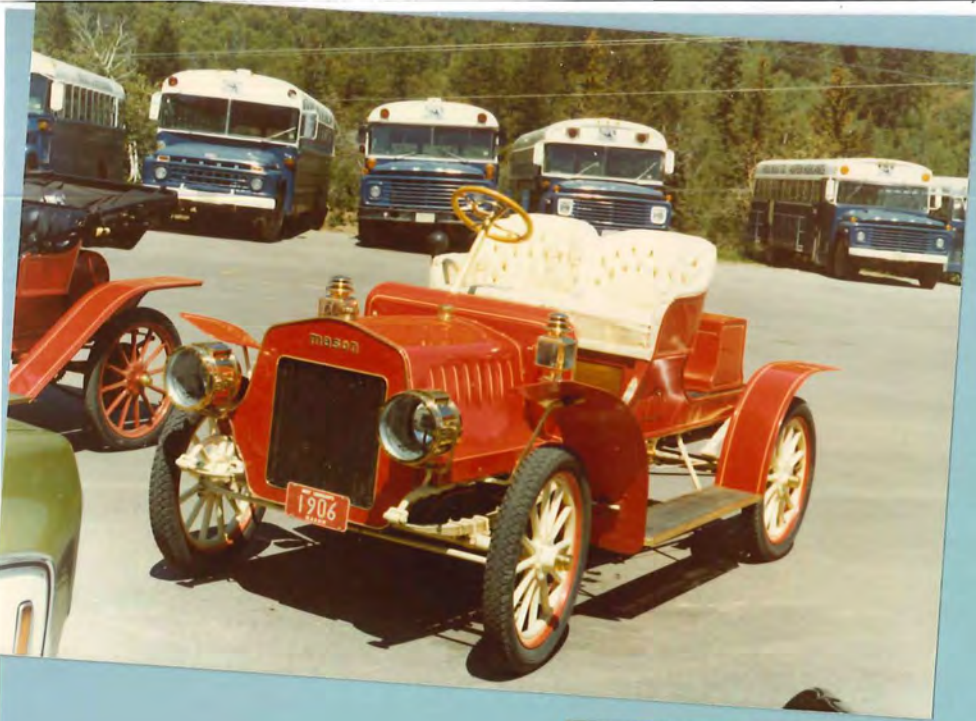
Brehmer also noted that Highlands has tended to discourage people from driving out to the area, preferring that they travel by bus instead.

In approving the concept of the expansion, the commissioners added a condition that Highlands agree to work for even greater percentages of skiers traveling by bus, a condition which had been placed on earlier approval, of now-abandoned Aspen Ski Corp proposals for expansion at Snowmass.











## New Highlands slopes will open this winter

Steeple Chase, a new section of the Aspen Highlands Ski Area, will open this winter with its first phase, offering four new trails on the northeast face of Highlands, according to an announcement from the ski area this week.

The runs will offer 1000 vertical feet of skiing and will be almost a mile in length, starting from the 11,600-foot level, below Loges Peak.

The skiing in the new area will be almost entirely expert quality.

At the bottom of the trails there will be a catwalk, which will take skiers back to the main portion of

the ski area at the bottom of the current Boomerang run.

During the summer of 1977, according to Highlands, a new double chair lift will be built to serve the Steeple Chase area.

This new lift will add an additional 800 vertical feet to the runs and will connect the bottom of the runs with a point just below Loges Peak.

When the new lift opens, a number of new runs will also be built, creating a separate area, which can be skied independently of the main portion of Highlands, once a skier reaches Loges Peak.

The new area will be on the slopes above Castle Creek, but the runs will not reach the base of the mountain, and no new base facilities will be constructed, according to statements which

Highlands has made to county and Forest Service officials.

Because of this the new area will not count as expansion of Highlands, since the number of skiers which an area can handle is technically determined by the capacity of its base lifts.

Thus the new Highlands area will serve to disperse skiers across the mountain and provide additional terrain, similarly to proposed upper-slope expansion at Snowmass.

## Glenwood man breaks neck in car crash

