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## From Mission Control

Our October Casino Night was an action packed evening and everyone had a blast! At the end of the “meeting”, we had great prizes to give away and several winners in our raffle. Stay tuned! You never know when we may repeat a Casino Night activity! The next General Meeting is on November 10th and will feature Space City’s very own geologist, Barry Casper. He will provide a very interesting talk on how the Rockies were formed. Most likely, you will begin to observe the ski slopes in a different manner by the end of the evening.



The South Africa trip has returned and I was lucky enough to be one of the participants. This trip exceeded everyone’s expectations. I never imagined that I would be within arms-length of a wild African bull elephant! Melody Bohlmann did an outstanding job of running this trip and we sincerely appreciate her hard work. Don’t miss out on your next adventure; sign up for one of our trips today. I’m sure that many of our friends took award-winning pictures in South Africa so don’t forget to submit them to Bobby Goel at [marketing@spacecity.com](mailto:marketing@spacecity.com) for the photo contest. The winning photo in our contest

will adorn the cover of our annual printed Sitzmarke edition. Photos are due April 1<sup>st</sup>.

It definitely “takes a village” to run this club. Please consider volunteering for one of our officer positions on the Executive Committee. Our nominating committee is hard at work recruiting volunteers. Please contact committee chair, Jim Jeans at [jimjeans1@spacecity.org](mailto:jimjeans1@spacecity.org) if you are interested in a position of leadership with the Club. It’s easy to keep abreast of our activities: “like” us on [www.Facebook.com/spacecityskiclub](http://www.Facebook.com/spacecityskiclub), bookmark our website [www.spacecity.org](http://www.spacecity.org), join us at [www.Meetup.com/spacecity](http://www.Meetup.com/spacecity), and register for our email blast at our website.

Have a great Thanksgiving!

**Melinda Hughes,**  
*President*

## Countdown to Liftoff

There are a lot of things to like about November. Your A/C unit is finally getting a rest after working almost non-stop since last May. You probably will not have to mow your grass more than a few times for the entire month. Enjoying Thanksgiving with your family and friends. And last but not least, the beginning of another ski season! The majority of the Rocky Mountain ski areas will be opening during November; however there were several areas that opened during October! How good were the snow conditions in October? Arapahoe Basin and Loveland both opened mid-October. I looked at the on-line web cams during October and sure enough there was snow

covering several of the runs! It was not possible to see the actual snow conditions, but my guess is that I would not want to use my favorite skis.

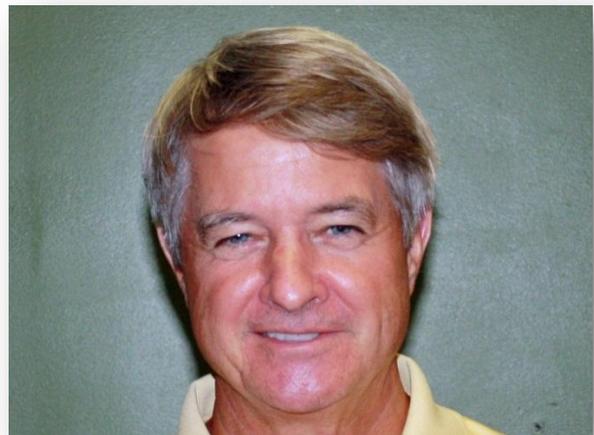
If you have not yet signed up for a trip, there are still many options available to you. Trips to Mammoth, Taos and Breckenridge Spring Break all have spots available. Vail, Beaver Creek, Whitefish, and Breckenridge TSC may have a few openings, but you need to contact the TC for the most up-to-date status of their trips. And don't forget our two international trips to Italy. The January trip to Madesimo was almost sold out by late October. The October 2015 trip to Tuscany is still available for sign up.

If you procrastinated and did not get on the trip you wanted, you should consider adding your name to a "waitlist". You incur no risk by adding your name to a waitlist. The TC will hold your deposit check until there is an opening. At that time, you will be contacted and given the option to join the trip. If your plans have changed and you are no longer interested, your deposit check will be returned. If you still want to join the trip, then you make the final payment and you are on the trip!

Having participants on the waitlist can be a big help to someone who had signed up for a trip and then had to drop off. When someone has to cancel after the final payment date, SCSC will assist in finding a replacement to minimize the financial impact to the participant that had to cancel. Trip insurance is available for many of the trips and should be considered if you think there is chance you might need to cancel. Trip insurance is highly recommended for the higher priced trips such as Madesimo or Tuscany.

If you are looking for a trip to go on, visit our website at [www.spacecity.org](http://www.spacecity.org) to see the trips offered and the current status. Then plan on attending the November General Meeting or the November Happy Hour and visit in person with our trip leaders. The trip leader can inform you of the trip status and if there is still an opening. If you sign up for a trip after the final payment date, you will need to pay in full at the time you sign up. If you sign up before the final payment date, normal deposits will apply (\$150 for a domestic trip; \$490 for Tuscany full package).

I look forward to another great year of skiing and traveling with the Space City Ski & Adventure Club!



**Jim Hodges**  
*VP of Trips*

## Trips 2014-2015

| Destination                                | Date  | Prices*<br>Full / Land<br>Only | Final<br>Payment<br>Date | Trip<br>Coordinator        | Assistant<br>Trip<br>Coordinator |
|--|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Vail, CO<br>Club Long                      | Dec 6 - 13<br>2014                                      | \$1,203 (Land<br>Only)         | 15-Oct                   | Bob Olsen                  | -                                |
| Vail, CO<br>Club Short                     | Dec 6 - 10<br>2014                                      | \$776 (Land<br>Only)           | 15-Oct                   | Bob Olsen                  | -                                |
| Beaver Creek, CO<br>TSC Winter Traditional | <b>WAIT LIST ONLY</b><br>Jan 10 - 17<br>2015            | \$1,130/\$858                  | 19-Oct                   | Dennis<br>Hughes           | Kate<br>MacDougal                |
| Beaver Creek, CO<br>Club Short             | <b>WAIT LIST ONLY</b><br>Jan 14 - 18<br>2015            | \$610 (Land<br>Only)           | 19-Oct                   | Dennis<br>Hughes           | Patti Finch                      |
| Madesimo, Italy<br>TSC Winter Expedition   | <b>WAIT LIST ONLY</b><br>Jan 23 - 31<br>2015            | \$2,313/\$1,282                | 13-Oct                   | Barbara<br>Brescian        | Sandy<br>Schneider               |
| Mammoth, CA<br>TSC Winter Shootout         | Jan 31 - Feb 7<br>2015                                  | \$1,484/\$1,066                | 24-Oct                   | Dave Stotz                 | -                                |
| Taos, NM<br>Club Long                      | Feb 14 - 21<br>2015                                     | \$1,060 (Land<br>Only)         | 10-Nov                   | Chris Bryan                | -                                |
| Taos, NM<br>Club Short                     | <b>WAIT LIST ONLY</b><br>Feb 14 - 18<br>2015            | \$693 (Land<br>Only)           | 10-Nov                   | Chris Bryan                | -                                |
| Whitefish, MT<br>Club Trip                 | Feb 21 - 28<br>2015                                     | \$1,275/\$682                  | 21-Nov                   | Derek<br>Shoobridge        | Andy Smith                       |
| Breckenridge<br>TSC Final Showdown         | Feb 28 - Mar 7<br>2015                                  | \$1,248/\$902                  | 17-Dec                   | Steve Ying                 | Cindy Moore                      |
| Breckenridge<br>TSC Final Showdown Short   | Feb 28 - Mar 4<br>2015 (4 Day)                          | \$644 (Land<br>Only)           | 17-Dec                   | Steve Ying                 | Cindy Moore                      |
| Breckenridge<br>TSC Final Showdown         | <b>WAIT LIST ONLY</b><br>Feb 28 - Mar 5<br>2015 (5 Day) | \$753 (Land<br>Only)           | 17-Dec                   | Steve Ying                 | Cindy Moore                      |
| Breckenridge<br>Spring Break trip          | Mar 14 - 21<br>2015                                     | \$1,018 (Land<br>Only)         | 12-Jan                   | Tony Curry                 | -                                |
| Discover Tuscany<br>TSC Summer Expedition  | Oct 29 - Nov 7<br>2015                                  | \$3,799/\$2,469                | 1-July                   | Maria (Mendez)<br>Koterias | Leyla<br>Ozkardesh               |

\* **Published prices are before cash discount.**

Information shown on this Trip Schedule is subject to change. Contact the Trip Coordinator (TC) or Assistant Trip Coordinator (ATC) for the most up-to-date information.

PRICING: FULL packages include air, all transfers, and per person lodging based on double-occupancy. LAND ONLY packages do not include air. Published prices do not include baggage fees, equipment rentals or lift tickets, and are subject to change. All trip deposits can be made by check or by PayPal; however, final payment must be made by check to receive the 'Cash Price'. Trips frequently have optional activities, such as a group dinner, or offer pre- and post-trip segments that are not reflected in the price published above. The TC is your source of information as to what is included in the package price and the cost of available options. Each trip has a different 'final refund' date -- that is the last date you can withdraw from the trip without a penalty. Refer to the club's Standing Rules 5.1-5.4 for the governing policies on trips, cancellations, refunds, etc.

DEPOSITS: All trips require a per person deposit to make a reservation.

# SIGN UP - DON'T DELAY.

We have a great list of trips for this coming ski season. Don't procrastinate and miss out on the trip of your dreams. Last season some trips filled up very fast and a few folks were disappointed. Don't let that happen to you. You can send a check or use PayPal.

**Last year this trip sold out in less than a week!!!**



Photo by Fred Pethick

## Vail, CO - CLUB TRIP

LONG - DECEMBER 6 - 13, 2014

SHORT - DECEMBER 6 - 10, 2014

Bob Olsen

[bob@spacecity.org](mailto:bob@spacecity.org)

713-530-9068



Bob Olsen

### PACKAGES OFFERED (Land Only)

| PACKAGE   | PRICE<br>(Pay by PayPal) | DISCOUNTED PRICE<br>(Pay by Check) |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| LONG (Dec 6 <sup>th</sup> -Dec13 <sup>th</sup> )  | \$1,203                  | \$1,153                            |
| SHORT(Dec 6 <sup>th</sup> -Dec 10 <sup>th</sup> ) | \$776                    | \$741                              |

DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 10/15/14



Photo by Bob Olsen

## Beaver Creek, CO TSC WINTER TRADITIONAL

LONG - JANUARY 10 - 17, 2015  
SHORT - JANUARY 14 - 18, 2015

Dennis Hughes - TC  
[dennis@spacecity.org](mailto:dennis@spacecity.org)  
713-805-1757



*Beaver Creek*



Dennis Hughes

Kate MacDougal - ATC long Trip  
[kate@spacecity.org](mailto:kate@spacecity.org)  
713-253-1853

Patti Finch - ATC Short Trip  
[patti@spacecity.org](mailto:patti@spacecity.org)  
936-520-1486



Patti Finch



Kate MacDougal

### WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

- Long trip option - 7 nights/up to 6 ski days.
- Short trip option - 4 nights/up to 4 ski days.
- Over 1800 skiable acres with 4,040' vertical drop.
- Terrain for all abilities.
- Upscale Beaver Creek lodging.
- TSC Traditional trip offers lots of extra activities; friends from other TSC ski clubs.

### PACKAGES OFFERED Long Trip - Jan 10<sup>th</sup>- Jan 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015

| PACKAGE   | PRICE<br>(Pay by PayPal) | DISCOUNTED PRICE<br>(Pay by Check) |
|-----------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| FULL      | \$1,130                  | \$1,080                            |
| LAND ONLY | \$858                    | \$823                              |

### PACKAGES OFFERED Short Trip- Jan 14<sup>th</sup> - Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015

| PACKAGE   | PRICE<br>(Pay by PayPal) | DISCOUNTED PRICE<br>(Pay by Check) |
|-----------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| LAND ONLY | \$610                    | \$575                              |

**DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 10/19/14**

Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write *trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope*. Online payments using PayPal are available.



Photo by Tom Thomas

**Madesimo, Italy - TSC WINTER EXPEDITION**

JANUARY 23 - 31, 2015

Barbara Brescian  
[barbara@spacecity.org](mailto:barbara@spacecity.org)  
 713-516-5322

**Barbara Brescian**

Sandy Schneider  
[sandy@spacecity.org](mailto:sandy@spacecity.org)  
 281-870-1789

**Sandy Schneider****WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP**

- Savor the tastes, sounds and skiing of the Italian Alps.
- Terrain for all abilities with runs leading to the village.
- Daily breakfast/dinner included plus lift tickets ½ of US prices.
- 4-star hotel with heated indoor pool and wellness center.

**PACKAGES OFFERED Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> - Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

| <b>PACKAGE</b>   | <b>PRICE<br/>(Pay by PayPal)</b> | <b>DISCOUNTED PRICE<br/>(Pay by Check)</b> |
|------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>FULL</b>      | \$2,313                          | \$2,248                                    |
| <b>LAND ONLY</b> | \$1,282                          | \$1,232                                    |

**DEPOSIT: \$300 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 10/13/14**

Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write *trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope*. Online payments using PayPal are available.



## Mammoth, CA – TSC WINTER SHOOTOUT

JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 7, 2015

Dave Stotz

[dave@spacecity.org](mailto:dave@spacecity.org)

713-862-9486

  
Mammoth



Dave Stotz

### WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

- Ski-in, ski-out lodging at Juniper Springs Condos.
- TSC Winter Shootout includes multiple activities.
- Terrain for all abilities.

### PACKAGES OFFERED Jan 31<sup>st</sup> – Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

| PACKAGE   | PRICE<br>(Pay by PayPal) | DISCOUNTED PRICE<br>(Pay by Check) |
|-----------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| FULL      | \$1,484                  | \$1,434                            |
| LAND ONLY | \$1,066                  | \$1,031                            |

DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 10/24/14



## Taos, NM - CLUB TRIP

LONG - FEBRUARY 14 - 21, 2015

SHORT - FEBRUARY 14 - 18, 2015

Chris Bryan

[chris@spacecity.org](mailto:chris@spacecity.org)

281-827-6790

# TAOS



Chris Bryan

### WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

- Short & long options available.
- President's Day Week - take fewer vacation days to ski more.
- Taos offers 'Ski Week' - you'll ski better for the rest of your life.
- Terrain for all abilities & New Runs.
- Exciting new lift to the 12,450 ft. Kachina Peak - no more hiking to the backside!

### PACKAGES OFFERED Long Trip Feb 14<sup>th</sup> - Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015

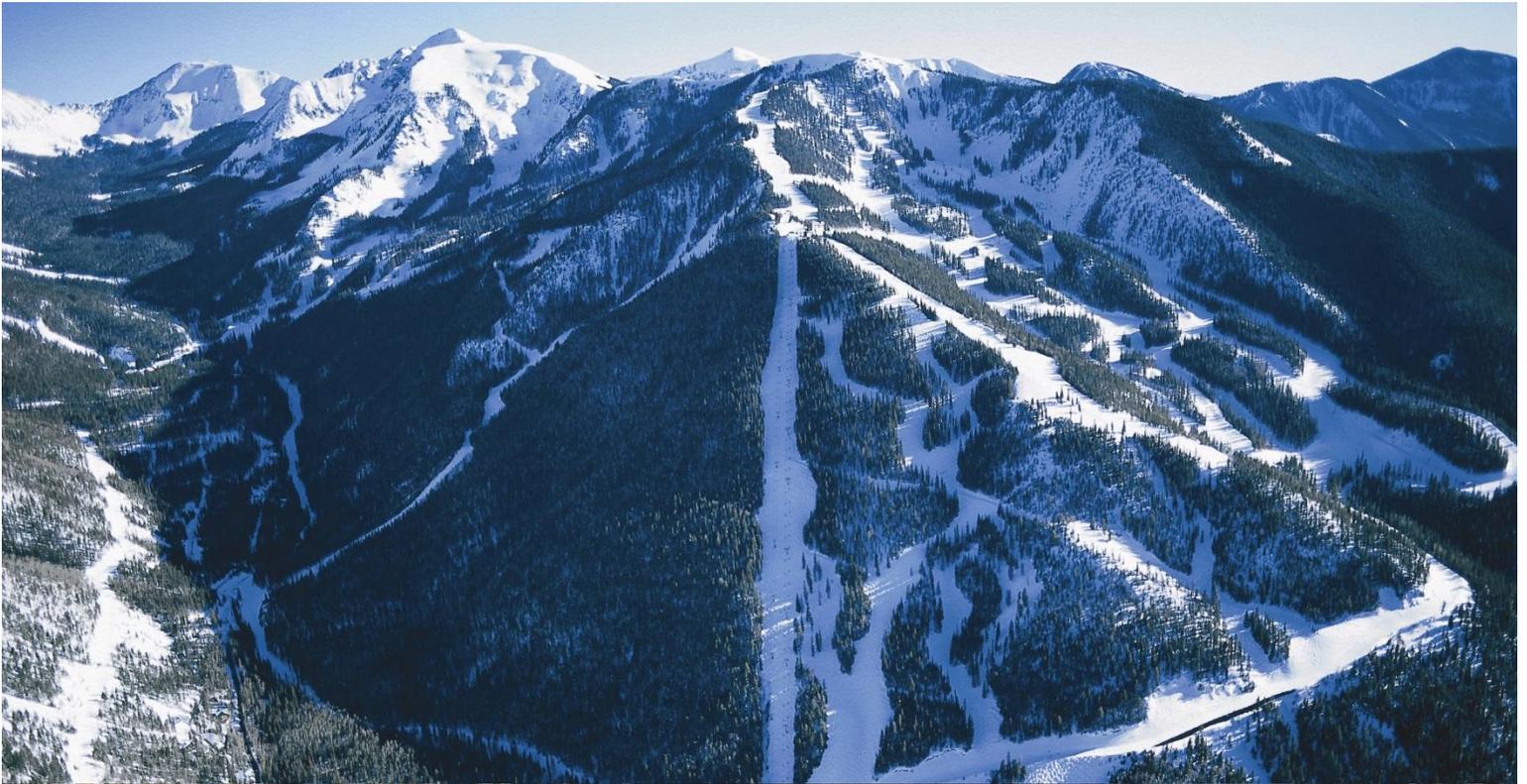
| PACKAGE   | PRICE<br>(Pay by PayPal) | DISCOUNTED PRICE<br>(Pay by Check) |
|-----------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| LAND ONLY | \$1,060                  | \$1,025                            |

### PACKAGES OFFERED Short Trip Feb 14<sup>th</sup> - Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015

| PACKAGE   | PRICE<br>(Pay by PayPal) | DISCOUNTED PRICE<br>(Pay by Check) |
|-----------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| LAND ONLY | \$693                    | \$658                              |

**DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 10/24/14**

**Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write *trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope.* Online payments using PayPal are available.**



## Whitefish, MT - CLUB TRIP

FEBRUARY 21 - 28, 2015

Derek Shoobridge  
[derek@spacecity.org](mailto:derek@spacecity.org)  
713-501-1032

Andy Smith  
[andy@spacecity.org](mailto:andy@spacecity.org)  
361-463-8776

**This trip has an opening  
for a single female**



Derek Shoobridge



Andy Smith

### WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

- Great skiing with uncrowded slopes.
- Luxury ski-in/ski-out condominium accommodations.
- Northern Montana-- low elevation skiing – base is below 4500’.
- Terrain for all abilities, including many bowls and tree runs.
- Optional day trip to Fernie Alpine Resort in Canada

### PACKAGES OFFERED Feb 21<sup>st</sup> - Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015

| PACKAGE   | PRICE<br>(Pay by PayPal) | DISCOUNTED PRICE<br>(Pay by Check) |
|-----------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| FULL      | \$1,275                  | \$1,225                            |
| LAND ONLY | \$682                    | \$647                              |

**DEPOSIT:** \$150 by check or online via PayPal. **FINAL PAYMENT:** Due by 11/21/14

Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write *trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope*. Online payments using PayPal are available.



**Breckenridge, CO - TSC FINAL SHOWDOWN**

LONG - FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 7, 2015

SHORT - 4 DAY - FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 4, 2015

SHORT - 5 DAY - FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 5, 2015

Steve Ying - TC

[steve@spacecity.org](mailto:steve@spacecity.org)

281-433-4122

Cindy Moore - ATC

[cindy@spacecity.org](mailto:cindy@spacecity.org)

713-628-7613



**4-day trip has an opening  
for a single female**



Steve Ying



Cindy Moore

**WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP**

- "Peak 6" is new for 2014.
- 543 additional acres of high alpine intermediate bowl skiing.
- Short lift lines! - Four six pack high speed lifts (the most in Colorado).
- Ski-in/Shuttle-out lodging one block from Main Street.
- Awesome terrain for every skill level.

**PACKAGES OFFERED Long Trip: Feb 28<sup>th</sup> - Mar 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

| PACKAGE   | PRICE<br>(Pay by PayPal) | DISCOUNTED PRICE<br>(Pay by Check) |
|-----------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| FULL      | \$1,248                  | \$1,198                            |
| LAND ONLY | \$902                    | \$867                              |

**PACKAGES OFFERED Short Trip: Feb 28<sup>th</sup> - Mar 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (4 Day)**

| PACKAGE   | PRICE<br>(Pay by PayPal) | DISCOUNTED PRICE<br>(Pay by Check) |
|-----------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| LAND ONLY | \$644                    | \$609                              |

**PACKAGES OFFERED Short Trip: Feb 28<sup>th</sup> - Mar 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (5 Day)**

| PACKAGE   | PRICE<br>(Pay by PayPal) | DISCOUNTED PRICE<br>(Pay by Check) |
|-----------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| LAND ONLY | \$753                    | \$718                              |

**DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 12/17/14**

**Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope. Online payments using PayPal are available.**



Photo by Jeff Andrew, Vail Resort



Photo by Liam Doran, Vail Resort

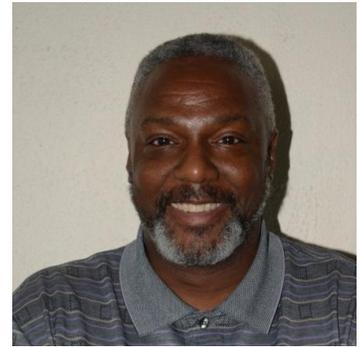
## Breckenridge, CO - SPRING BREAK TRIP

MARCH 14 -21, 2015

Tony Curry

[tony@spacecity.org](mailto:tony@spacecity.org)

281-773-9016



Tony Curry

### WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

- Spring Break Week - With youngsters out of school for the week, take your children/grandkids, nieces/nephews on a memorable ski vacation to the Snow Country of the Rocky Mountains.
- Got Scouts? Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts can earn a Snow Sports Merit Badge.
- Breckenridge Ski Resort offers terrain for all abilities.

### PACKAGES OFFERED Mar 14<sup>th</sup> - Mar 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015

| PACKAGE                 | PRICE<br>(Pay by PayPal) | DISCOUNTED PRICE<br>(Pay by Check) |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| LAND ONLY (Adult Price) | \$1,018                  | \$983                              |

**DEPOSIT:** \$150 by check or online via PayPal. **FINAL PAYMENT:** Due by 1/12/2015

Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write *trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope*. Online payments using PayPal are available.



**Discover Tuscany, Italy**  
**TSC SUMMER EXPEDITION**  
OCTOBER 29<sup>th</sup> - NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Maria (Mendez) Koteras  
[maria@spacecity.org](mailto:maria@spacecity.org)  
281-797-7084

*TUSCANY*



**Maria (Mendez)  
Koteras**

Leyla Ozkardeh  
[leyla@spacecity.org](mailto:leyla@spacecity.org)  
281-785-2325

**WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP**

- Trip of a Lifetime - check this one off your "Bucket List".
- Gorgeous rolling landscapes and stunning architecture.
- Magnificent historic monuments, mouth-watering cuisine and wines.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Class and Deluxe hotel accommodations. Door to Door pick up to/from your home to airport within a 50 mile radius.

**PACKAGES OFFERED Oct 29<sup>th</sup> - Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

| PACKAGE   | PRICE   |
|-----------|---------|
| FULL      | \$3,799 |
| LAND ONLY | \$2,469 |

**DEPOSIT:** Full package \$490 / Land Package \$370 - paid by check or online via PayPal.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Due by 07/01/2015. Last date for full refund less club cancellation fee: March 1, 2015.

Optional travel insurance protection is available for an additional \$270 and must be paid before Nov 15, 2014. Trip price is subject to change if there is an increase in fuel surcharges by the airline. **Final payments** will be made directly to the Travel Agency (Collette) by check or credit card.

**Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write *trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope.* Online payments using PayPal are available.**



# Trip Registration Form

FOR USE BY SCSC MEMBERS ONLY

(Complete ONE Registration Form and prepare ONE deposit check PER trip)

Deposit (per participant) is \$150 for domestic trips, \$300 for Madesimo, Italy, and for Tuscany, Italy: Full Package \$490/ Land Package \$370.

Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227. Write trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope. Each envelope must contain the registration form and deposit.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY - WE MUST BE ABLE TO READ THE DATA ON THIS FORM

Trip Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Trip Dates \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Participant #1

Participant #2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

Full package  Land package

Please check one:

Full package  Land package

**Note for Full Package participants:** Trip price includes all current air taxes & fuel surcharges subject to change until ticketed. Does NOT INCLUDE any additional fees imposed by the airline such as baggage fees.

**Note for Land Package participants:** Ground transportation will be included and available, on selected trips, to land package participants if they can meet the group at the destination airport on time. Ground transportation will not be delayed for land package participants arriving later than the group.

I understand the following (per standing rules 5.1 - 5.4): Cancellations after trip sign-up must be *in writing* to the Trip Coordinator and all cancellations are subject to a \$30 per person cancellation fee. If I cancel on or after the final payment date, I may forfeit the full amount paid if I cannot be replaced on the trip. For Tuscany, Italy the final *refund* date is March 1, 2015. After that date \$250 of the deposit plus club cancellation fee is non-refundable

Signature(s) (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

## 2013-14 Financial Results

Once again **Space City Ski & Adventure Club** has had a successful year, increasing membership, providing 14 trips and over 20 non-ski activities for our members to enjoy. Below is a link to our financial statements.

[2013-14 Financial Statements](#)

(Note: log-in as member after the jump to access this information)

## Having a Blast

What a fabulous month October turned out to be! Space City Ski Club members have been enjoying beautiful fall weather all month long. More than 20 of our members dined on Ruth Chris steak sandwiches and sipped complimentary champagne at the Cartier Polo Match at the Houston Polo Club on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Our thanks go out to Ruthanne Petersen for all her hard work to coordinate this activity.

A large crowd also embraced this unbelievable weather by heading down to Pistolero's Tequila and Taco Bar on Montrose for our October Happy Hour. I know everyone enjoyed their award-winning tacos and the many varieties of margaritas offered by Pistolero's.

At month's end, we all met "on the hill" at the Miller Outdoor Theatre for their Halloween production of the Addams Family. A few of us came in costume and we shared good food, drinks and much laughter.

Next month we'll be taking our activities indoors. You won't want to miss the Track 21 race car driving experience complete with black light mini golf and laser tag and wine tasting afterwards on November 8. It is very affordable at a cost of \$30 for members and \$33 for non-members. Cindy Foong is the activity coordinator. Sign up online or contact her at [cindyfng@swbell.net](mailto:cindyfng@swbell.net).

Our November Happy Hour will be held November 20 at Fleming's Steak House in City Centre. Note this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, since Thanksgiving falls on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday.

A few people have expressed interest in going to a Rocket's Game. We can make this happen if I have someone volunteer to be the activity coordinator. It's a really easy job and your ticket is usually gratis!

A small group attended a tasting of the culinary masterpieces being created for our Holiday Gala. This year's Gala will be held on Saturday, December 20 at the Red Oak Ballroom in City Centre and promises to surpass the expectations set by last year's Gala. In addition to wonderful food we will have a large dance floor and be entertained by the band "Hattrick". Hattrick is a 4-piece band that has played at the Kemah Boardwalk, Galveston Pleasure Pier and many other local venues. They are a versatile band, playing rock, country as well as some alternative music. Ann Dorn is the activity coordinator. Registration will soon be open on our website or you can mail your check for \$62 (member price) or \$65 (non-member price) to **P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227**. You can email Ann at [ann\\_dorn@yahoo.com](mailto:ann_dorn@yahoo.com) or call her at 281-989-9594.

Here's wishing everyone a very blessed Thanksgiving!



**Gayle Dale**  
*VP of Activities*

## Upcoming Activities

### November

November 8<sup>th</sup> – Track 21 Go Carts & the Cellar Door

November 20<sup>th</sup> – Happy Hour at Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar

### December

December 18<sup>th</sup> – Happy Hour at Caracol Mexican Coastal Kitchen

December 20<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Gala

### January

January 18<sup>th</sup> – Chevron Marathon

January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Happy Hour

### **NEW** - Now you can purchase SCSC Logo Products!

*We have our e-store at Land's End and you can select any product you like to purchase. Once you've selected a product, you may select our logo to apply to your item(s).  
Shop & enjoy!*

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## Track 21 Race Car Driver Experience

Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 2014,  
6:00pm – 8:30pm



Track 21 - The Track and Kart that propel you into the actual race car driver experience on their Formula One Track. Also enjoy their Black Light Cosmic Golf and Lazer Tag.

Where: 4815 Highway 6 North  
Houston, TX 77084  
281-200-2600  
Fee: \$30-Member  
\$33-Non-member

Coordinator: Cindy Foong

After Track 21, join us at the Cellar Door where wines are produced on site. Live Music, Wine Tasting, Appetizers, Full Dinners and more. This option not included in the Track 21 prices.

Where: Cellar Door  
829 South Mason  
Katy, TX 7745  
281-599-3303

## Membership

### Member Profile – Rudi & Bobby Goel

Rudi and Bobby have been members of the Space City Ski Club for two years. I first met Bobby when he submitted his resume for the VP of Marketing. His application was powerful and spoke to his skills in an area we needed. He has certainly lived up to his resume. He composes our wonderfully informative and often entertaining Sitzmarke. I met Rudi in the parking garage at a happy hour as she and Bobby circled to find a spot. They stopped to acknowledge Fred and me in their journey. Her charm and friendliness were apparent even as she waved out the car window.

About 2 years ago Rudi and Bobby moved here from California for Bobby's job. He is an energy analyst and Rudi is a Registered Nurse. She now proclaims that she "is a perfectly spoiled housewife."

#### How did you find the club?

Rudi said they started looking online for a ski club even before they began searching for apartments when they found out they were moving to Texas. It was just THAT important. Amen!!!! When they lived in Sacramento their lives revolved around the Sacramento Ski Club. They happily proclaim that they have been fortunate to find the same sort of magic here with The Space City Ski Club. Bobby added, "We had to find like-minded people who know how to have fun."

Rudi says, "And, for me, being a ski widow, I don't feel like I'm missing out simply because I don't share that particular passion. There are so many other activities and social events

going on, allowing me the opportunity to interact with other members. Recently, I helped with the event at The Polo Club. Getting involved was a whole lot of fun and actually left me wanting to do more in the way of volunteering my time. It's all about making new friends and memories" Rudi was a perfect hostess. She greeted everyone, made introductions and pulled the group together. Rudi even wore the recommended flowing polo attire with a draped silk scarf. We certainly look forward to her coordinating another activity. Two years ago Rudi and Bobby went to Snowmass and this February, they are on their way to Breckenridge. Rudi says, "and I don't think either of us can wait. I love the crunch of the snow under my boots, seeing Bobby's face all lit up when he comes back after his morning runs, eating lunch together and enjoying the crisp, clean air. Everything is just better at a higher altitude." Amen, again!



#### What you like about Texas?

Rudi: Southern hospitality and diversity. People are friendly and we have made tons of friends in a short period.

Bobby: Before moving here, I was wondering, what is there to do in Houston? There is, in fact, tons of stuff to do! We have great museums, theater & ballet, awesome restaurants, parks and tons of bayous. Apart from our ski club, I am also involved in the local hiking group. In this group, we do hikes every weekend, which keeps the doctor happy and I get to discover the natural beauty of Texas.

Volunteering to help with events is the perfect way to meet people. I highly recommend it. I had been a member for several years. While I enjoyed the club and its activities, it wasn't until I volunteered that I really started to have fun. Contact our Activities Director or any Officer and volunteer. If there is something that is your passion, there is someone who is waiting for a little coaxing and wants to join in.



**Ali Pethick**  
*VP of Membership*

## SCSC Photo Contest 2014-2015

1. BEST SELFIE
2. ORIGINAL LANDSCAPE
3. SKI ACTION
4. PEOPLE
5. LOCAL TOWN



We will use the winning photo as the cover photo for our newsletter's Annual Issue in 2015-2016. We used last year's winning photo by Tom Thomas as the cover for our August Annual Issue 2014.

Send photos to  
[marketing@spacecity.org](mailto:marketing@spacecity.org)

# Member's Corner





Photos by Ron Hayes

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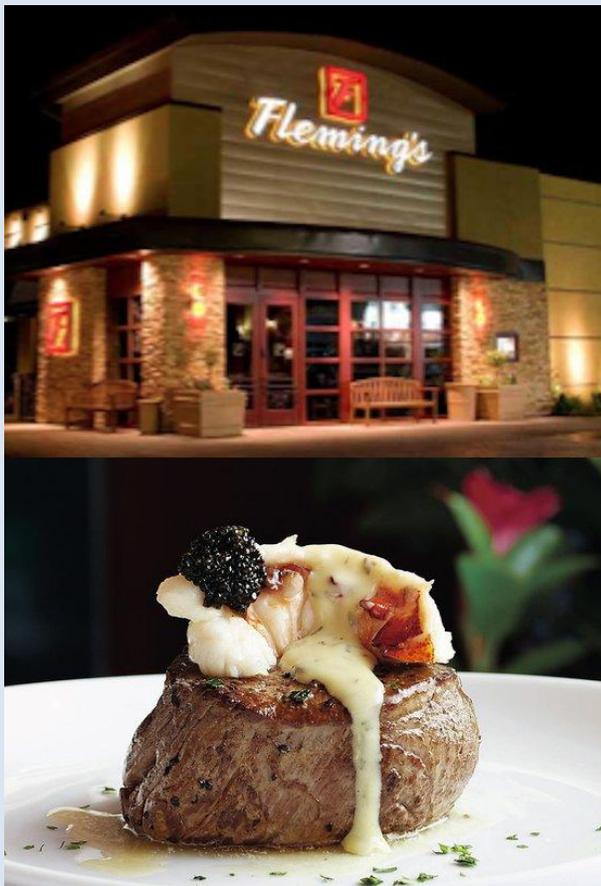
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## November Happy Hour

Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 – 8:30 pm

### Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar

788 W. Sam Houston Pkwy North  
Houston, TX 77024  
Ph: 713-827-1120



Here you'll discover a menu inspired by a passion for steak and wine paired with unrivaled hospitality. Come in and select from their award-winning list of 100 wines by the glass, then stay to enjoy an exceptional menu of steak and seafood, featuring premium cuts such as their new Dry-Aged Prime Ribeye.

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