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GENERAL MEETING: The HESS Club- 5430 Westheimer

Monday, April 8th @ 6:30—9:00 pm

TASS Adventures

From Mission Control

by Sandra McCunis, President

I am honored to have been given the opportunity to serve as President of SCSC for the past two years and I want to thank our members for their support. April is the last month of my term in office but I will continue to serve on the Board of Directors. Melinda Hughes will be the new President for the 2013/2014 season. I am confident that she will do a great job!

Please join us at our General Meeting at the HESS Club on Monday, April 8. SCSC members, Jay Leggett and Sean O'Brien who are also active members of TASS, the Texas Association of Single Sailors, will speak about their sailing events and invite our members to experience sailing with TASS. Our Ski Swap sale has been postponed until our May General Meeting.

The Texas Ski Council BidFest meeting is the weekend of April 5-7 in San Antonio. Ski resort representatives and tour operators will present their bids for pre-selected destinations and the delegates will



select the TSC trips for the 2013/2014 season. All SCSC members are invited to attend and participate in the decision of which trips our club chooses to support. The slate of trips will be announced at our April General Meeting.

In addition to the TSC trips, we will be planning our club trips for the upcoming season. Please let us know which destinations that you would like to visit. We will be accepting applications for Trip and Assistant Trip Coordinators so please contact Susan Blome at sgblome@aol.com if you are interested in organizing a trip.

The fun does not end this year with the ski season. There are still spaces available on our Caribbean Cruise which visits six beautiful tropical islands in seven days or our Memorial Day weekend trip to Fredericksburg. We are also in the process of planning a summer adventure trip to Jackson Hole, Wyoming which will offer a variety of activities including an opportunity to explore Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks.

It has been a great year for SCSC and we achieved our goal of increasing our membership. Please help us to continue promoting our club by inviting your friends to join us at one of our events.

Countdown to Liftoff

By Ann Rogers, V.P. of Trips

I hope everyone had a great ski season! I can't believe it is over. It was just last year that we were planning the trips to Vail, Steamboat, Spain, Switzerland, Taos, Telluride, Mt. Bachelor, Beaver Creek and Big Sky. Wow, I can't believe we went to all those resorts! I would like to say thank you to all the trip coordinators that ran these trips for their hard work. They put in many hours of hard work before the trip even started. Their commitment to running a trip is what makes our club successful. Next in line for my huge thanks is to my DOTs, Jim Hodges and Susan Blome! Thank you, Jim and Susan for helping me so much this year.

Please give your support to Susan Blome as the

next VP of Trips. If you are interested in running a ski trip or summer trip, please let Susan know.

Our club runs on volunteers and we need you to participate. The TSC trips were determined at the Bidfest in San Antonio, however, club trips are still to be decided. If you would like our club to travel to your favorite destination, please let Susan know. The month of May is a planning month for our club trips. As we have said before, we need volunteers to keep our club running, so if you have enjoyed being on a trip, now is the time for you to step up and assist or run a trip.



Having A Blast!

By Cindy Moore, V.P. of Activities

This is my last article I will write as VP of Activities. It has been an extremely busy and fun year and I thank you for all of the compliments I have received on the job I did this year. This is also the last article in which I will remind you that it is very important that you sign in as a member before registering/paying for activities on line at www.spacecityorg as most of these activities have steep member discounts and if you don't sign in you will be charged the non-member higher price. Also, you must be signed in as a member to register for the Fredericksburg trip which still has openings! The final payment date is April 20th, so if you have been on the fence about this trip now is the time to commit and pay so you won't be alone in Houston while we are all enjoying the hill country!

I am still looking for an activity coordinator for a Dynamos game in either late July or August. The Dynamos game is the last activity I will organize. As I wind up my year as V. P. of Activities I thank all of those who have lead activities throughout 2012-13. We couldn't have all of this fun without AC's to lead them. Also thanks for attending the activities. There is no better way to welcome your new V.P. of Activities, Gayle Dale, then by contacting her to volunteer for 2013-14.

April 3rd the East Coast Swing beginning dance class started at The Dance Place with 3 weeks of beginning east coast swing, If you have already had a beginning class, you can still sign up for the 5 week intermediate class, with Michael Stephens starting April 24th. These are all Wednesday evenings from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. Register on the web site now or contact me at TSCVPOFFS@GMAIL.COM ASAP for more information.

Is it exercise? Is it a pub crawl? Is it a party? You bet! It's all three! Jo Barry's April 20th SCSC Pedal Party already is FULL. Contact your AC Jo Barry, jolb@sbcglobal.net to get on the wait list.

The SCSC Spring Mai Tai Dinner and Dance will be on Friday, April 26, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. with an excellent DJ and the popular local band "The Grateful Geezers" at the Pavillion on Gessner. You will have a choice of two 4 ounce pork chops or a spinach stuffed chicken breast dinner. Your price will also include SCSC Mai Tai's to drink while supplies last! They sell ice, bottled water and set ups and it is BYOB! We will have a special game for singles called "My Tie" as an ice breaker for single ladies and gentlemen. Our room has its own private dance floor, or you can venture out to dance on the huge dance floor in front of



the band shared by others. Contact AC Diane Stotz, dianestotz@comcast.net or AAC Maria Mendez for more information.

Get ready, get set, GO! The Kentucky Derby Day party on 05-04-13 from 2:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at Sam Houston Race Park will be a blast! Enjoy live horse racing and also watch the Kentucky Derby from reserved counter seats while munching the included hamburger basket and sipping your favorite adult beverages! Don't forget to make a creative hat for both the SCSC and the Sam Houston Race Park hat contest! Contact AC Sue Salvage, SSalvage@sbcglobal.net, for all of the details!

The Saturday evening 05-18-13 Company on Stage Theater Production of *Wildest Dreams*, a Comedy by Alan Ayckbourn, will also be a hoot! This theater is located close to Meyerland and will boast an optional dinner prior to the play. I know of no other theater in Houston with such quality productions at this low, low price. Contact AC Peggy Schillinger for the scoop on this and to sign up at psspring@earthlink.net.

We have to drop rooms in late April, so it is time to register on line and secure your spot on our memorable Memorial Day weekend get-away to Fredricksburg, TX May 25th through 27th. This is a weekend full of fun! It includes a crawfish festival, a winery tour, tickets to the World War II Museum, Tickets to the World War II Reenactment, lodging at the beautiful Fredericksburg Inn and Suites for Saturday and Sunday nights, a hot tub party, an excursion to Luckenbach, TX and their huge birthday/Memorial Day party with live entertainment and an optional World War II Hanger East Coast Swing (Jitterbug) Dance. Sunday is a 7 and a half hour winery tour and tastings of three of the best wineries the Hill Country has to offer. We have also contracted with a shuttle service so you do not have to drink and drive when going to and from Luckenbach, TX and the hanger dance, all included in your package price! There are many Monday options available to visit, some which are on the way back to Houston. You will need to arrange your own car pools to and from Fredericksburg. Contact AC Deb Cini, dcini@victoria.com or AAC Patricia Finch for all of the details.

Once again we need a limited number of volunteers for the AIA Sandcastle Competition on the East Beach in Galveston on 6-1-13. Ellen Eastham would like to be the AAC but we are looking for the AC. She will help and train a new AC for this event, so please contact Ellen or Gayle Dale to volunteer for AC or to be a volunteer for the event. There is also a fun party in Galveston on the Friday night before, so make a beach weekend of it! This is a very fun way to help your promote your club and get a very cool t-shirt or tank in the process!

Having A Blast! (cont)

And here is a new activity for the young and the young at heart! Save 06-23-13 (back up date 06-21-13) for a unique, active experience as we play dodge ball on a trampoline court at Sky High Sports Trampoline Dodge ball! This Family Optional fun will last 2 hours and is close to Beltway 8 and Interstate 10. Contact AC Diane Baker at diane@rossbaker.com or AAC Ross Baker at Ross@rossbaker.com.

On 06-29-13 we head to Minute Maid Park for the Astro's vs. the Los Angeles Angels. This is the deal of the year as we have procured CLUB LEVEL seats and our tickets come loaded with \$15.00 in free spending money for food, drinks or even souvenirs! This will be a baseball experience unlike any other we have done. Contact AC Don Macken for more information at mackendonr@aol.com.

On 07-20-13 is the SCSC volunteer pool party held this year at the Kuper's beautiful home and pool in West Houston. If you volunteered as a trip or activity coordinator, race director, SCSC marathon or the AIA sandcastle competition volunteer in the 2012-13 year, happy hour committee member, membership desk, or on the board or ex com, you will be invited to this huge party complete with award winning brisket and chicken by Bruce Lowther and Robert Clements, frozen margaritas, wine, beer, sides, desserts and pool games. Guests are \$15.00 each. We will need volunteers to check people in and help clean up, so if you are new, or just didn't get a chance to volunteer last year, contact me or Gayle Dale to volunteer and get in free. Thanks to Stan and Linda for hosting this year!

On 08-10-13, (or 08-11-13 TBA by May 1st) Pete Mathieu will be our Captain and AC for an intimate boating experience for the first 10 SCSC members to pay \$15.00. You will be his guest and enjoy a day of boating on his high-powered pontoon party boat complete with water skiing. There will be some food provided, water and sodas, and it is BYOB. Sign up will begin at the May general meeting and will probably sell out there, so don't miss the final SCSC meeting of this ski year at the HESS Club the second Monday of May.

In addition to the Dynamos game, we are also looking for a rerun of the huge party boat on Lake Conroe that docks in the middle of the lake for water sliding and other water fun in July or August. This might involve an optional overnight stay Saturday night in the Lake Conroe area at a great condo property on 8-10-13 for an excellent price along with Pete's boating day on Sunday. Please contact me ASAP if you are interested in making a whole weekend of this event. If there is not enough interest, we will make it a Sunday afternoon in July event like last year.

Get the most out of your SCSC membership by taking advantage of many of the fun excursions we offer. What other club gives you all of these local opportunities in Texas, along with all of the quality trips we line up in the US and abroad! SCSC members are never bored!



7 Day Southern Caribbean Cruise from San Juan, Puerto Rico on the Carnival Valor

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Our cruise will depart from San Juan, Puerto Rico on Sunday evening, May 5, 2013. This is a Land Only package so you will have the flexibility to arrive a day or two early in San Juan or extend your stay after the cruise. Explore Old San Juan with its Spanish tradition, cobblestone streets and colonial architecture or visit New San Juan which is distinctly elegant with lavish resorts, great restaurants and grand casinos. Visitors can also take an excursion of El Yunque, the only tropical rainforest in the U.S. national forest system.

Please see website www.spacecity.org for details

SCSC Ski Trip Schedule 2012—2013

| Destination | Trip Dates | FPD | Trip \$ | TC | ATC |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|--|--------------|
| Caribbean Cruise | May 5-12, 2013 (Sun-Sun) | 1-Feb-13 | Land (\$668—\$948) | Craig Campbell craigcam48@aol.com 713-882-6544 | |
| Ireland | Sept 6 -14, 2013 (Thurs-Fri) | 13-May-13 | Full \$2,002 Land \$1,030 | Sandy Wellhausen Sandywp.ski@gmail.com 281-996-8653 | Sean O'Brien |

Calendar of Events

Register on line at www.spacecity.org. Make sure you sign in as a member first!

- 04-03-13 **SCSC East Coast Swing** beginner lessons start at the Dance Place for 3 weeks again taught by Michael Stephens by popular demand!. Wednesdays 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. **AC Cindy Moore**, tscvpoffs@gmail.com
- 04-05-13 through 04-07-13- **TSC BidFest** in San Antonio on the River Walk. Help decide our TSC trips for next year and be the first to know the line up!
- 04-08-13 **SCSC General Meeting**, The HESS Club, 5430 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77036, 6:30 to 8:30
- 04-24-13 **SCSC East Coast Swing intermediate lessons**, the Dance Place for 5 weeks, taught by Michael Stephens. Wednesdays 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Must have had a prior beginning east coast swing lesson to take intermediate. **AC Cindy Moore**, tscvpoffs@gmail.com
- 04-20-13 **SCSC experiences its first ever Pedal Party!** (pending ex com approval and date not confirmed.) Don't miss this incredible experience at SCSC's inaugural Pedal Party. Is it exercise? Is it a pub crawl? Is it a party? You bet! It's all three! We can only take a total of 16 people, so register now!. Your AC is Jo Barry, jolb@sbcglobal.net.
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- 04-25-13 **SCSC Happy Hour** Hughes Hanger on the fabulous patio. 2811 Washington Ave, Houston, TX 77007. Park on the street one block north for free or pay parking in the lot across from Hughes Hanger. **AC Gayle Dale**, ggdale@swbell.net
- 04-26-13 **SCSC Spring Mai Tai dinner/dance** at the Pavillion on Gessner, 7:00 p.m. Dance to the popular local band "The Grateful Geezers" and a DJ! Choice of two 4 ounce pork chops or a spinach stuffed chicken breast dinner with salad, twice baked potato, green bean casserole, a roll, iced tea, desserts and appetizers Your price will also include an SCSC Mai Tai drink. They sell ice, bottled water and set ups and it is BYOB! Bring in your favorite wine, hard liquor or beer. We will have a special game for singles called "My Tie". Single men, please bring a tie and as you enter the party, drop it into the tie container by the entrance. After dinner each single gal will pick a tie, and drape it around her neck. The guy will find the gal with his tie and say "That's My Tie!" The pair is then encouraged to talk/dance for approximately 10 minutes. Our room has its own private dance floor, or you can venture out to dance on the huge dance floor in front of the band shared by others. No refunds after April 18, 2013. **AC Diane Stotz**, dianestotz@comcast.net **AAC Maria Mendez** mendez_me@yahoo.com.
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- 07-20-13 **SCSC Volunteer Party** at the Kupers. Save the date if you volunteered for SCSC this year. More info to come.
- 08-10-13 (Rain date 08-11-13) **Pete's Boating Day on Lake Conroe**. Pete Mathieu will be our Captain and **AC** for this intimate boating experience on his high-powered pontoon boat. Water skiing included with sodas, water and some snacks. BYOB. Contact Pete at petemathieu@sbcglobal.net



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April 5-7, 2013

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NEW THIS YEAR! REGISTER W/CREDIT CARD!

Texas Ski Council Delegates, Texas Ski Club members, Ski Resort Representatives, Vendors and Guests from around the world, come join us for 2013 Ski Bid Fest held by popular demand once again in Historic and fun filled San Antonio, Texas! The Historic Drury Plaza has been restored from the previous Alamo Bank Building. It features **stunning architecture, comfortable rooms and suites, a rooftop pool and Drury's famous free extras, there's little missing from this hotel equation.** Best of all, their riverside doors offer direct access to the beautiful San Antonio River Walk.

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5. It will select the correct hotel but will have the dates listed as April 3 thru April 8.
6. Be sure to change it to just the dates you want or you will be reserving a room for 5 nights!



Mark your calendars now and attend this fun filled event.

[Registration Links](#)

Telluride, CO Feb. 9 to Feb. 16, 2013

By Betty Donellan, TC

38 SCSC'rs went on this trip with 17 of us on a full package stranded in Dallas until American Airlines "Angel Bonnie" got us on a flight to Colorado Springs (Gunnison closed the airport with no flights available), then bused us up to the Mountain Lodge at Telluride. AA was fabulous to work with and I fully support giving them future business as they went all out for us as I worked with them directly to get us there. While a bit tired from getting in late, most skied to a beautiful day Sunday. After a fun TSC welcome party, we had a mountain tour arranged for SCSC on Monday (several other club members also waited until then). While Ann



Lupton, Claire Learned and Connor Wright took lessons, 8 of us (Betty/Bob Donellan, Mary Jones, Terri Barnes, Bill Yolz, Shari Clark, Ron Rambin, Leslie Hajdo) had a private race clinic on Wednesday. Enjoying the mountain were Roberta Rambin, Andrea Wray, Jane and Rick Adams, Ben and Karen Freestone, Lori Gilliland, Christine March, Sue Muenks, Shaun Wright, Claire Learned and Julie Rothermund (a non-skier who enjoyed Telluride). Wednesday night brought a pizza pmiy at the Mountain Lodge who also pulled out all the stops to ensure we had a nice event and venue. We had raffles and played a trivia game with a runoff between Leslie Hajdo and John Stratemeier with 3 right out of 10! Tells you how difficult the trivia was but we all now know the size of the largest snowflake ever recorded. Thursday, Valentine's Day, was race day with Dick Brooks leading the racers with a silver, and Ross Baker, Shari Clark, Diane Baker, Betty Donellan, Leslie Hajdo, Christine Augustine, Ron Rambin, and Michael Rothermund getting bronze medals. Kudos to Alicen Swift who had a great run and we're so proud of your courage! We had 20 racers show up and took home **FIRST PLACE!!!** Additional points were added by Bob Donellan, Peggy Schillinger, Dana/Gayle Dale, John Rice, Caryne Prater, Bob Wray, and Bill Volz. Kayleen Kill and Kenny Prater unfortunately found the snow snakes. Marsha Lutz was diligently working in the office ensuring all the times were recorded (Ross, too). Individual races brought Silver medals to Betty Donellan, Christine Augustine and Leslie Hajdo. Good job, everyone!

The day had started out cold and snowy, but the sun came out and was gorgeous. An Après Ski party was held on the mountain from 2-4pm with dysfunctional valentines cards read, while skiers enjoyed free beer and a potato bar. Unfortunately, Bob Donellan was taken off the mountain, then helicoptered to St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction to undergo immediate life threatening emergency surgery for an ascending aortic dissecting aneurysm. This, after he raced that day. Two weeks later, he was sent home. However, this group of skiers came together when needed, with Gayle, Diane, Dana, Marsha and Ann packing up Betty and Bob's stuff, and Shari and Dana accompanying Betty on the long 3 hour shuttle to the hospital in Grand Junction and waited for Bob to come out of surgery. Kudos are also in order for Telluride Express who arranged a special shuttle for us. Several of the group went to the New Sheridan Chop House for the Valentine's dinner which was prearranged. Bob made it through with flying colors based on the best cardiologist ever, Sara Periera, and everything and everyone being at the right place at the right time, with lots of prayers and a miracle. Friday saw Shari and Dana head back to Telluride to join the group for the farewell dinner, with some continuing on to the Sheridan bar. Everyone made it home ok and thanks to all for the support you showed. Post trip at Betty and Bob's-Ski you there. Best group of people ever and it would be an honor to join any of you skiing in the future.

Telluride, CO



Granada & Torremolinos, Spain—Jan 25—Feb 2, 2013

By George Lopez TC

This year's TSC Winter Expedition was a touring adventure through Spain. 30 SCSCers joined a cadre of over 100 other Texans in what proved to be a fun trip across the big pond. A party of 13 that included a number of couples: David and Diane Stotz, Sandy and Robert Reeves, Andy and Sharon Smith, and Frank and Sueanne Yu, set out in advance of the main group to the first destination; Barcelona. There, they and a number of ladies, Ann Rogers, Marianne Pearce, Barb Carlson,



Yvonne McMahon, and Leslie Taylor stayed at the Avenida Palace as they worked off the jetlag, dined on rich tasty food and drank plenty of wine and beer in preparation of taking in the city's many beautiful sites. Places like the stunning "[La Sagrada Familia](#)", which when finished, will be the largest church in Europe, Güell Park, and the [Paseo de Gracia](#), the street that brings together more modernist civic buildings in the world. No wonder the ladies are smiling.

After three wonderful days on the Mediterranean city they boarded a sleeper train bound for Granada where they would join the main group led by George Lopez and Camille LaRoe. The main group had boarded an Air France jumbo in Houston and was pampered all the way to Paris. Can you say free champagne for everyone? How about some cognac after that tasty dinner and oh yes is that Ross Baker going for more French wine? After dinner and a movie all did their best to endure the 8 and a half hour trans-

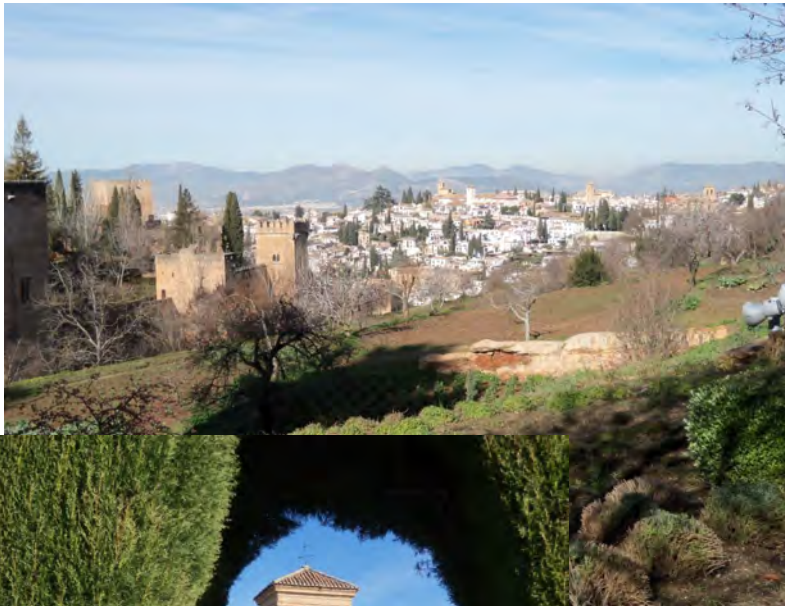
Atlantic flight. Some twisted and turned others walked. Evan and Lori stretched across the 5 center seats all to no avail. That is just too much time in a plane. After a nice breakfast the group landed in Paris and proceeded to take a three mile brisk walk to the other side of the airport and a totally different flight experience; smaller plane, smaller seats, and did she say 2 Euros for a bottle of water? Mercifully it was a much shorter flight and before the legs went totally numb we landed in Malaga. Spain at last, but not before customs, tracking down the luggage, looking for the tour bus and another head count off we go on a 2 hour tour of the picturesque Andaluz countryside. Oh wait. Is that an olive tree I see? Tired, but eager to get started, they group finally arrived at the hotel Carmen in beautiful downtown Granada, our base of operations for the next 5 days. How do you say where is my room in Spanish?

The itinerary for the trip was filled with a variety of tours and all sorts of activities. Some like Leslie Ward, Tor Lileng, Evan Howell and Lori Aubrecht, Angela Zumwalt and Robert Reily headed straight for the slopes at nearby Sierra Nevada. Rumor has it that while at the resort Evan attempted to be the first skier on the slopes wearing two left boots. Not to be outdone George Lopez managed to ski all day with two different size boots.



Others like the Stotz, Betty Gosse, Camille LaRoe, Yvonne McMahon, and Barbara Carlson, opted for a more relaxed day of wine tasting at a nearby vineyard to start their visit.

Each day there was a slate of optional activities in which to partake. One of the most popular was the Alhambra tour



And then there was the welcome party. This was the first and last real opportunity to get all the participants on the trip in one place at the same time and a good time was had by all. We got to see a demonstration bullfight and got an opportunity to drink and be merry.

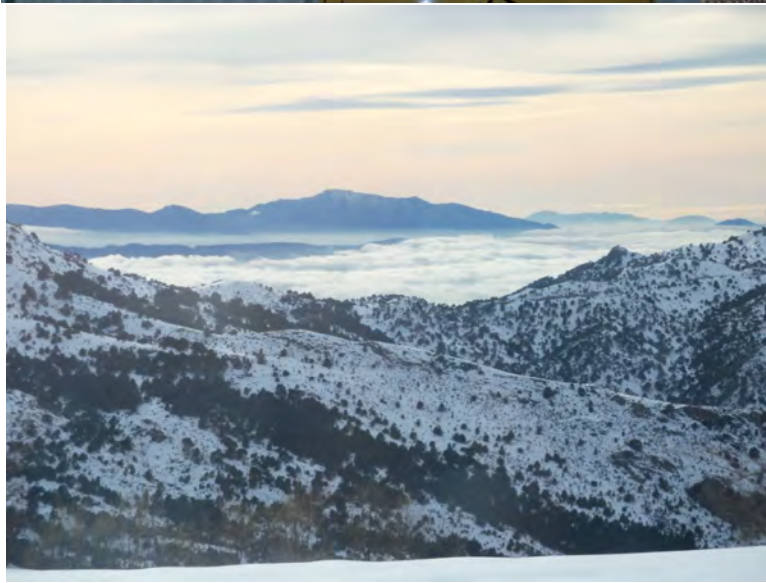




For the next few days some skied while the majority toured the Spanish countryside and historic sites. Just ask Sandra McCunis, Nancy Bryan, Millie Jude, Christie Burke and Jan Ferrell. They managed to go on many of the tours.

A Granada city tour, trips to Alpujarras, Ubeda and Baeza took them past millions of olive trees over hill and dale to historic sites all over the south of Spain.





And then there was Flamenco!



All too soon the group headed back to the Med to the shore city of Torremolinos. The snowcapped mountains in the background of the beach made for an interesting visual contrast.



From there two more tours headed to Gibraltar and Tangiers before the main group reluctantly headed back to Houston. Though the main expedition was over for most of us, ten lucky SCSCers got to stay for 5 more days.

Led by Jim Hodges and his wife Marina they toured and partied their way from Torremolinos to Madrid singing Ole Ole Ole Ole all the way.



March General Meeting



Jersey Boys Luncheon 3/24



Happy Hour @ Capones 3/28



Cajun Party & Crawfish Boil @ Rodriguez House



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Spring Mai Tai (My Tie) Dinner & Dance
The Pavillion on Gessner
Friday, April 26, 2013
7pm \$32 (til April 18)



Enjoy a 3-course dinner, cocktails and dancing at the Pavillion on Gessner. Dance to the popular local band "The Grateful Geezers" and a DJ! Single gentlemen bring a tie that is collected at the beginning of the evening. Following dinner, single ladies choose a tie at random and wear it around their necks...gentlemen meet and greet the ladies until they find the lady with their tie and ex-claim 'That's my tie!'. The two take to the dance floor, a casual 'My Tie' dance together.

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RENEW IN PERSON:

Bring a check with you to the General Meeting on April 8th.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

2013-2014 (MAY 1 – APRIL 30)

2013 APPLICATION # _____
 “CASH” OR CHECK # _____
 AMOUNT PAID \$ _____

MINIMUM AGE FOR MEMBERSHIP IS 21
 Make Checks payable to: “SPACE CITY SKI CLUB”
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 22567, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77227-2567

For Club Information
 Visit www.spacecity.org

MEMBERSHIP DUES SCHEDULES (Check One)

☐ NEW MEMBER

1 yr. membership (4/30/13) ☐ \$40 Single ☐ \$70 Family
 3 yr. membership (4/30/15) ☐ \$99 Single ☐ \$189 Family

Referred to SCSC by: _____

☐ RENEWAL of existing membership

Renewal by 5/31/12 ☐ \$35 Single ☐ \$65 Family
 Renewal after 5/31/12 ☐ \$40 Single ☐ \$70 Family
 3 year membership ☐ \$99 Single ☐ \$189 Family

MAILING AND DIRECTORY LISTING DATA (Please Print Clearly)

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT SCSC?

(A1) APPLICANT 1

(A2) APPLICANT 2

LAST FIRST MIDDLE

LAST FIRST MIDDLE

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIPCODE + 4 (See Phone Bill for Zip + 4)

Home Phone

Applicant1 Work Phone

Applicant1 Cell Phone

Applicant2 Work Phone

Applicant2 Cell Phone

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APPLICANT 1 E-MAIL ADDRESS

APPLICANT 2 E-MAIL ADDRESS

APPLICANT 1 BIRTHDAY: MO/DAY

APPLICANT 2 BIRTHDAY: MO/DAY

X / /
 APPLICANT 1 SIGNATURE DATE

X / /
 APPLICANT 2 SIGNATURE DATE

Signature constitutes acceptance of Release of Liability and Standing Rules printed on page 2 of this application form.

TRIP/ACTIVITY PREFERENCES

(A1)(A2) (A1 = Applicant 1 A2 = Applicant 2)

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- ☐ ☐ Cross Country Skiing
☐ ☐ Ice Skating
☐ ☐ Running
☐ ☐ Water Skiing
☐ ☐ Dancing
☐ ☐ Rodeo
☐ ☐ Beach Party
☐ ☐ Downhill Skiing

- ☐ ☐ Bicycling – ON Road
☐ ☐ Hiking/Trail Running
☐ ☐ Wind Surfing
☐ ☐ Cultural/Theater
☐ ☐ Halloween Party
☐ ☐ Rafting/Kayaking/Canoeing
☐ ☐ Bicycling – OFF Road
☐ ☐ Tennis

- ☐ ☐ Camping
☐ ☐ Wine Tasting
☐ ☐ Mardi Gras
☐ ☐ Snowboarding
☐ ☐ Sailing
☐ ☐ Golf
☐ ☐ Road Rally
☐ ☐ Yoga

WE NEED YOU AS A VOLUNTEER – PLEASE TELL US WHERE YOU CAN HELP

(A1) (A2) (A1 = Applicant 1 A2 = Applicant 2)

Ski Trips

- ☐ ☐ Trip Coordinator
☐ ☐ Assistant Trip Coordinator
☐ ☐ Race Director

Other Activities

- ☐ ☐ Activity Coordinator

Meetings

- ☐ ☐ Member Check-In
☐ ☐ Ambassador (Host)

DEMOGRAPHIC DATA (for SCSC use only, not for publication purposes)

(A1) Applicant 1

(A2) Applicant 2

Male/Female Single/Married

Year of Birth

Male/Female Single/Married

Year of Birth

1.0 DUES. (Amended 8-28-05)

A. Members may pay dues in 1-year or 3-year increments. Dues shall be as follows: (Amended)

1-year \$40 single \$70 Family

3-year \$99 single \$189 Family

Two individuals applying for a family membership must use the same mailing address and will receive one (1) monthly copy of the Sitzmarke, when published.

B. Members who renew their current membership within the first month of the membership renewal year will receive a \$5 discount per membership. Dues with this discount included shall be as follows:

1-year \$35 single \$65 Family

3-year \$95 single \$184 Family

C. Dues are nonrefundable may not be pro-rated and may not be converted to family membership during the first membership year. In subsequent years for the 3 year memberships, conversion from single to family memberships and vice versa will be allowed. If such a request is made, the Executive Committee shall determine on a case-by case basis any additional dues money required (or refunded) as well as any remaining time on a revised single or dual membership.

5.0 TRIP PENALTIES.**5.1 FINAL PAYMENT DATE**

A. If a trip participant withdraws from a trip after the published final payment date, the trip participant will lose the entire payment upon withdrawal. If the participant can be replaced from the waiting list, the participant will be refunded the entire payment less any costs incurred by the Club in addition to cancellation fees as specified in 5.2. If the trip participant cannot be replaced from the waiting list, the participant will be refunded the amount which the Trip Coordinator is able to recover by cancellation of lodging, transportation, and/or other commitments less any costs incurred by the Club and cancellation fees as specified in 5.2.

B. If a trip participant fails to make final payment by the published final payment date the Trip Coordinator may replace the participant after making a diligent effort to contact the participant, who will be subject to cancellation fees as specified in 5.2.

5.2 CANCELLATION FEES.

A participant may forfeit his full deposit if he fails to notify the Club in writing of his intent to withdraw on or before the published final payment dates. A minimum charge of \$30.00 or 20% of the published trip cost, whichever is less, said amount not to be less than \$10.00 will be assessed for each trip cancellation.

5.3 Deposit and cancellation charges for non-domestic trips shall be determined by the Executive Committee and included in the trip release form as well as in all trip publicity; in no case shall these requirements be less than those provided in Sections 5.2 and 5.3 of these Standing Rules. (Amended to remove transfer 9-9-2003, Effective 5-1-2004)

5.4 NO SNOW.

If the Club encounters a cancellation situation prior to the departure of a trip, the trip participant is entitled to recover the entire cost of the trip less charges incurred by the Club as a penalty for cancellation of lodging, transportation, operating expenses and/or other commitments made on behalf of a trip participant. Refunds to any trip will be made upon receipt by the Club of the total refund due the Club by the resort, airline and/or other entity or as approved by the Executive Committee.

7.0 RESTRICTIONS.

7.1 Allowing non-trip participants to occupy any room as a non-registered guest is strictly prohibited, and in violation of Club policy.

7.2 The illegal use of controlled substances during Club trips, or any other official Club function, is in violation of Club policy, and is strictly prohibited.

7.3 No substitutions of trip participants shall be allowed without the knowledge and approval of the Trip Coordinator, and new additions to the trip shall come from that trip's Waiting List. The Trip Coordinator shall make all substitutions.

7.4 It is the policy of the Club not to allow the active solicitation of the general membership at a Club function or in the Club publication for any other than Club sponsored trips or activities without the consent of the Executive Committee.

7.5 No person may participate in a Club sponsored trip, or participant paid activity, without first completing a written and signed Release of Liability for that trip or activity, on a form approved by the Board of Directors.

7.6 No person may sign up on a wait list for a Club sponsored ski trip without being a member in good standing. A trip must be full before a wait list can be started. A deposit is required in order to sign up on a trip wait list.

7.7 A Club Officer, Director, Director(s) of Trips, Director of Programs, Assistant Treasurer or Audit Committee Chair shall not accept a gratuity in excess of \$25.00 from a vendor without notice to the Executive Committee.

8.0 MISCELLANEOUS.**8.1 SKI TRIP SIGN UP.**

A. Members shall be allowed to sign up for club ski trips each year by 1) following the directions for Mail-In Sign Up, as published in the August issue of the Sitzmarke newsletter, or 2) beginning with the opening of the August General Meeting, by contacting the Trip Coordinator and paying the appropriate deposit or amount due for the trip. No other methods of sign up will be accepted, except as authorized by the Executive Committee and published in advance in the Sitzmarke.

B. Each member may sign up for him/herself and one other member on any ski trip or ski trip waiting list.

8.2 WEATHER. If a trip should be "weathered-in," the additional lodging expense will be left up to the individual, although the Trip Coordinator will assist in making accommodation arrangements and collection for same shall be left up to the lodge.

8.3 NON-SKI TRIPS/ACTIVITIES. Reservations for participation in such activities may require full payment, instead of a deposit fee.

8.4 DIRECTORY. The membership directory is available online at www.spacecity.org.

8.5 A member who does not follow/adhere to accepted business practices in financial dealings by, for, or with the Club is in violation of Club policy, is subject to disciplinary action, and may be held financially responsible for any resulting liability incurred by the Club.

8.6 A member who fails to abide by the laws of the state in which an activity or trip is being held and/or fails to meet policies and rules of our contractual vendors (airlines, bus lines, lodging and/or properties, etc.) while participating in a Club activity or trip, which results in placing himself, another member, or the Club into a position of liability, is in violation of Club policy and is subject to disciplinary action as stated in the SCSC By-Laws Article 2.4.

8.7 TRIP PACKAGES

A. It is the policy of the Club to sell complete trip packages (air, lodging, and ground transportation) at the full budgeted price unless otherwise authorized by the Executive Committee.

B. "Shadow participants" shall be defined as members making their own travel and lodging arrangements, but wishing to participate in club or Texas Ski Council activities on a trip. This type of participation will be allowed on each ski trip as authorized by the Executive Committee. Shadow participants shall pay the appropriate fee for the trip's activities plus a \$10.00 shadow participant fee, the sum of which shall be set forth on the approved trip budget.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I certify and recognize that SCSC is a non-profit organization, run entirely by volunteers who have no special training or experience at conducting trips or other activities and I do not rely on the expertise of any director or officer or their appointed representatives in conducting trips or activities. I am aware that SCSC carries no insurance nor maintains a reserve for liability.

I wish to participate on this trip or activity because SCSC provides me with the economics and discounts of group purchasing power, social interaction with compatible individuals, and does all the planning and reservation work for me.

In consideration of the above, I, for myself, my heirs, executors and assignees do hereby release and discharge SCSC, its directors, officers, members and any other person appointed by them, from all claims, damages, demands or actions whatsoever in any manner arising from my participation on this trip or activity. I agree that I am solely responsible for my personal safety and conduct. I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless SCSC, its directors, officers, members and agents, or contractors from any loss, cost, or expense, incurred by, or attributable in any way to me, in connection with this trip or activity.

I also certify that I have read, that I understand, and that I agree to abide by, all the Bylaws and Standing Rules of SCSC. I understand that payments made for trips or activities may not be refundable, in whole, or in part, and that all payments will be handled in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bylaws and Standing Rules.

I hereby appoint SCSC, its directors, officers and agents, as my agent to perform all acts and to enter into, any and all contracts as may be deemed desirable in connection with this trip or activity. I understand SCSC acts only as coordinator and accepts no responsibility for the service of any person, ski area, resort, airline, motorcoach, hotel or any organization whatsoever rendering any of the services or accommodations being offered on this trip or activity. Trip and activity fees are based on current tariffs and are subject to change without notice. SCSC accepts no responsibility, in whole or part, for any delays, delayed departures or arrivals, missed plane or other carrier connections, loss, damage, or injury, to person or property, mechanical defect or failure of any nature, however caused, or for any substitution of hotels or common carriers, with or without notice, or for any additional expenses occasioned thereby.