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MEETING LOCATION: The HESS Club- 5430 Westheimer

Monday, February 11th @ 6:30—9:00 pm

From Mission Control

by Sandra McCunis, President

Our ski trip season is in full swing and many are on the Spain trip while I, Cindy Moore, write this article for Sandra, since she is there too! I hope everyone has been enjoying snow sports with their Space City friends this season. We still have lots of trips left and some have openings.

It was SCSC movie night at our January meeting. This was something I don't think we have ever tried before. Members and guests enjoyed a special presentation of the movie "The Movement: One Man Joins An Uprising." It was quite inspiring and touching at the same time. Thanks to Lynda Meyer and Leslie Ward for the idea and for making this happen.

At our February 11th General Meeting we will host Phil Butcher of Bayou City Bike Tours. I am looking into using this company for an activity in May or June 2013, so you will get a good understanding of what their bike tours are like if you attend this meeting.

It is important that you attend this meeting if



possible as we will be presenting to the membership an important issue. We will be voting on whether or not to discontinue the ExCom having to vote in each new SCSC member. In an effort to make it easy and fast for someone to become a member of SCSC, the board voted to stop mandatory ex com approval of all new members. You, the members, need to approve this decision. Please come and voice your thoughts and vote on this issue.

Make sure you go to our web site at www.spacecity.org to check out all of the trips and activities we are offering. Make sure you sign in as a member as our trips require membership to register. Many of our activities give a member discount. If you don't sign in as a member you will be paying a higher price in many instances! If you do not know your User ID or password, you can try retrieving them using our "forgot login" link just under the sign-on. If that doesn't work for you (some browsers don't support the JavaScript), just use the 'contact us' button on the top navigation bar and let us know how we can help.

Countdown to Liftoff

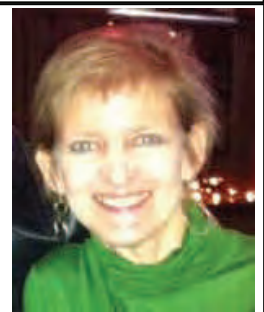
By Ann Rogers, V.P. of Trips

Wow! What a start to the ski season we have had!!! I can't wait to hit the slopes in Beaver Creek when I am there in March. Our trips have had great snow conditions so far and I hope the snow keeps coming!! The conditions in Steamboat looked awesome and I know everyone had a great time. By the time you receive this newsletter, our trips to Spain and Switzerland will have returned from their adventures. There will be great stories and pictures to share with our members. Those who signed up for the Telluride trip will be on the slopes skiing when we are at the February meeting. Then next up will be the trip to Taos followed by the "big dogs" who are going to Mt. Bachelor! I wish I could go on all of our ski trips but unfortunately, we have to pick and choose which trip we can go on. We only have so much vacation time for those of us who work!! If you are still looking for a trip to go on, please visit with our trip leaders at the general

meeting and see what is available.

When you pack away your skis, think about taking a summer vacation to the mountains. We are working on a trip to the Colorado Rockies in July. That is a great time to escape the Houston heat. This trip will be a perfect opportunity enjoy some outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, river rafting and just enjoying the mountain scenery. We are still working on the details so stay tuned for more information.

Finally, I want to remind you that we always are looking for volunteers to be trip leaders. It is truly a rewarding experience as you get to know the members and have a hand in planning the ski week. I encourage you to consider being a trip leader for the upcoming ski season!



Having A Blast!

By Cindy Moore, V.P. of Activities

A reminder to all, it is important to go to www.spacecity.org to "register" for all activities, even if you have paid the Activity Coordinator in person or by mail. If you want to pay for two people, simply choose the group option. **It is also very important that you sign in as a member before registering/paying as most of this spring's activities I have lined up 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!**

I need someone to coordinate a Kentucky Derby party at the Sam Houston Race Park May 4th. Also, I am looking for an Activity Coordinator (AC) for a Houston bike tour in May or June, an Astro's game in June and a Dynamo's game in July. I am also in the planning stages for a very cool summer kayaking excursion. Contact me at TSCVPOFFS@GMAIL.COM ASAP to volunteer to be the activity coordinator for any of the above events, or any other event you would like to lead. And now for the current activities available now for on line registration....

You don't want to miss the best Super Bowl Party in Houston Sunday , 2-3-13, as SSQQ Dance Studio partners with Space City Ski and Adventure Club (SCSC). It is at SSQQ Dance Studio, 1431 W. 20th St, Houston, TX 77008 (at T.C. Jester). Contact Activity Coordinator Gayle Dale ggdale@swbell.net 281-646-8476. The first 50 to register on line and pay will be eligible to play the Football Squares game in which 2 SCSC memberships will be given away as well as 2 \$40.00 gift certificates good towards any dance lesson at SSQQ! Where else can you watch the big game, and the commercials, on a new 16 - foot awesome TV, with plenty of comfortable seating, and a super bowl food spread to serve as dinner? Your low price of \$10.00 will cover your main dish. After the game, hang out as a DJ plays requests for multiple partner dances in the big dance room and experience SSQQ's brand new wood dance floor! Dances featured will be West Coast Swing, East Coast Swing, Two-Step, Polka, Waltz, Salsa, Bachata and Hustle. Please bring a creative, homemade side dish to share and enter into the contest. There will be first and second prizes for the following categories: Best Hot Side Dish or Appetizer; Best Cold Side Dish or Appetizer and Best Dessert. Popular vote will decide the winners. You must still be present to win. Not only will the winner be announced at the end of the third quarter, but they will be publicized in the SCSC



Sitzmarke Newsletter as well as on the SSQQ web site. Each category will be judged on appearance (do they resemble footballs, goal posts, helmets or a football field?) and of course, TASTE!

Party Cajun style at the SCSC crawfish boil and party, complete with Zydaco music, hosted by Tor Lileng on March 30th. The venue is poolside at Ron and Dawn Rodriguez's house in Northwest Houston, There will be tons of crawfish for all you crawfish fans and chicken gumbo as well. We will have a DJ for your musical entertainment playing Cajun music and whatever other music you request. This event includes wine, beer, some snacks for before dinner and dessert. Skate or bike around their subdivision earlier if you'd like. The final refund date is 2/11/13. Contact AC Tor Lileng to sign up.

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Also an outing to the Hobby Center lead by Leslie Ward for the *Jersey Boys* is slated for a Sunday matinee on March 24th. This 2006 Tony® Award-winning Best Musical is about Rock and Roll Hall of Famers The Four Seasons: Frankie Valli, Bob Gaudio, Tommy DeVito and Nick Massi. This is the story of how four blue-collar kids became one of the greatest successes in pop music history. They wrote their own songs, invented their own sounds and sold 175 million records worldwide—all before they were 30! *Jersey Boys* was the winner of the 2006 Grammy® Award for Best Musical Show Album and most recently, the 2009 Olivier Award for Best New Musical. We only have 16 tickets and there are very few tickets left as I write this, so register 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. AC Diane Stotz, dianestotz@comcast.net AAC Maria Mendez.

Join SCSC at 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. There are many Monday options available to visit, some which are on the way back to Houston. AC Deb Cini, dcini@victoria.com, AAC Patricia Finch

SCSC Ski Trip Schedule 2012—2013

****Trip Price Cash/Check Discounts (Domestic)**—Subtract \$50 on Full Trip Pkgs & \$35 on Land/Short Trip Pkgs

Destination	Trip Dates	FPD	Trip \$	TC	ATC
Granda & Torremolinos, Spain TSC Winter Expedition	Jan 25-Feb2, 2013 (Fri-Sat)	12-Nov-12	Full \$2,127 Land \$1,115	George Lopez GJL_ASTI@yahoo.com 856 296 9399	
Zermatt, Switzerland	Feb 1-9, 2013 (Fri-Sat)	12-Nov-12	Full \$2,243 Land \$1,225	Arlen Isham aisham@consolidated.net 713-560-0187	
Telluride, CO TSC Winter Shootout	Feb 9-16, 2013 (Sat-Sat)	12-Nov-12	Full \$1,367 Land \$826	Betty Donellan bettyrelaw@gmail.com 310-775-9215	
Taos, NM Short Trip	Feb 16-20,2013 (Sat-Weds)	12-Nov-12	Land \$634	Lynda Meyer lynda_meyer@yahoo.com 713-775-9215	
Taos, NM Long Trip	Feb 16-23,2013 (Sat-Sat)	12-Nov-12	Land \$947	Lynda Meyer lynda_meyer@yahoo.com 713-775-9215	
Mt. Bachelor, OR Long Trip	Feb 23-Mar2, 2013 (Sat-Sat)		Full \$1,297 Land \$726	Ellen Eastham eeastham@prodigy.net 281-989-9935	
Beaver Creek, CO	Mar 5-10, 2013 (Tues—Sun)	12-Jan-13	Full \$1,169	Helene Robinson helenerobinson@mac.com 954-253-1681	
Big Sky, Montana TSC Final Showdown	Mar 9-16,2013 (Sat-Sat)	9-Dec-12	Land \$963	Candance TenBrink Candance@ctenbrink.com 312-543-1151	Abhi Gami
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 \$1,983 Land \$1,011	Sandy Wellhausen Sandywp.ski@gmail.com 281-996-8653	Sean O'Brien



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

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St. Thomas, USVI, Barbados, St. Lucia, WI, St Kitts, WI and St. Maarten, NA.

Sunday May 5—Sunday May 12, 2012 (Final payment Feb 1, 2013)

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.

Calendar of Events

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

- 02-3-13 **Super Bowl Party in conjunction with SSQQ Dance Studio**, Huge 16 foot big screen, comfortable seating, entrée's provided. Bring a side dish to enter into the big contest for prizes. Special dance following the game, all for only \$10.00! Buy wine, beer, sodas and water at their very reasonable bar. You can also bring your own hard liquor in. AC Gayle Dale ggdale@swbell.net
- 02-11-13 **February General Meeting** at The HESS Club, 5430 Westheimer Road, Houston, TX
- 02-28-13- **February Happy hour at Maggiano's**. 2019 Post Oak Blvd, Houston, TX 77056. 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. Happy hour specials and live music by Van Lang starting at 7:00 p.m.
- 03-30-13 **Cajun Party and Crawfish Boil** Poolside at Dawn Rodriguez's house in Northwest Houston, A Cajun party complete with Cajun music and dancing. AC .There will be tons of crawfish for all you crawfish fans, and chicken gumbo. We will have a DJ for your musical entertainment playing Cajun music and whatever other music you request. This event includes wine, beer, some snacks for before dinner and dessert. Skate or bike around their subdivision earlier if you'd like. The final refund date is 2/11/13. AC Tor Lileng, TLileng@aol.com
- 03-24-13 SCSC goes to the **Hobby Center** for The **Jersey Boys** the 2006 Tony® Award-winning Best Musical. This is the story of how four blue-collar kids became one of the greatest successes in pop music history. They wrote their own songs, invented their own sounds and sold 175 million records worldwide—all before they were 30! Jersey Boys was the winner of the 2006 Grammy® Award for Best Musical Show Album and most recently the 2009 Olivier Award for Best New Musical. AC Leslie Ward, shmrck1317@aol.com
- 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. **A 5-week intermediate class starts on 4-24-13**. 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.
- 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 men-dez_me@yahoo.com.
- 05-25 to 5-27-13, **Memorial Day Weekend get-away to Fredericksburg, TX!** 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 AC Deb Cini, dcini@victoria.com , AAC Patricia Finch finchp@gtlaw.com

Steamboat Springs, January 12—19th, 2013

Anne Thomas, TC and Melinda Hughes, ATC

Steamboat Springs participants packed their bags and headed to the slopes on January 12 to the resort that had the best snow conditions in Colorado. We all arrived in our own way - some land packages, other full packages, and several shadows. Once there, the week started with a bang! Steamboat celebrated the beginning of their 50th anniversary with a spectacular fireworks display and the lighting of the caldron. This was a beautiful event for those who braved the below zero temperatures.

Sunday started a bit chilly with -33 degrees at the summit. Many stayed in to wait for the temperature to warm up to a balmy -1 while others "just did it" and hit the runs with the excitement of snow. Those who skied had to watch out for Ross Baker because of his multitasking. His goggles had GPS, text messages, e-mail, and movies to watch while he cruised the runs. William Volz took advantage of the great deal the TSC negotiated for lessons and had a great trip practicing his turns.

During the week, there were many TSC events to participate in as well as Dennis Hughes' famous poker run. Each day, participants would find him at lunch and après ski to draw a card for the grand prize! In his exuberance, Pete Mathieu powered his nose with 5 face plants during the week, hopefully, not trying to get to the poker run because Dennis was pretty flexible with the rules. Hyo and Michael Knebel were on the slopes trying to make the poker run deadlines!

In spite of the pub crawl, Korbel Wine Tasting party, club parties on the mountain, club sponsored après ski, discount drink prices, and more, the daily gondola rides can be very boring, so what better to do than have a sing-a-long while waiting to reach the top! Nancy DuFrane, Leyla Ozkardesh, Maria Mendez, Keith Koteras, John Zavala (who doesn't understand why Women don't laugh at his jokes), Bob Wray, Jana Rosenbaum, and Doug Shows sang NA, NA, NA, NA plus more 70's tunes to break up the monotony. Speaking of "Tricky" Bob Wray, he promises blue runs and the next think you know, you're sliding down a double back mogul and through trees. Hmmm, he must have had instruction from Frank Adams and Morris Covin who were skiing the bumps and trees on the Ridge and through the Shadows!

After Melinda and Dennis Hughes chased Frank and Morris through the trees, they jointed a flash mob at Four Points Hut and danced (in ski boots no less) to a Michael Jackson tune while other skiers were skiing and dancing down Storm Peak as well. It was a sight to behold. While the crew was dancing, Tom Thomas had a lot of "firsts": skied the backside of the mountain, in the trees, two black runs, raced in Nastar, and hiked in snow shoes. He made Anne Thomas proud as she was spotted skiing beside him in his famous video. Ron and Roberta Rambin were the cute couple spotted flying down Buddy's Run while Hartley Chelin skied as his wife Catherine Phillips Chelin enjoyed all the amenities that Steamboat had to offer.



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Craig Campbell joined Cindy Moore and snow-shoed on a ranch near Steamboat. According to Carl Webb, the guide was a naturalist and was very knowledgeable about the area. Carl also took a day off from skiing bumps and trees to learn about the area.

To top off the ski activities, Bob Olsen did a fabulous job of coordinating the Nastar race. We had over 30 people sign up to race and won 2nd in the Division at the awards dinner. Rick Levi won a silver medal in his first race ever! You go Rick!! Pete Mathieu and Doyle Hein cheered Rick on while they made a bet to see who could recruit the most new members. Pete, Doyle, and Rick were the club's mountain comedians along with Nancy Dufrane who also was a first time racer. Medals weren't the only thing won on the mountain. Brian Edmondson won two 2-day lift tickets! The cheerful Edmondson clan all participated in the trip. While many people were winning, Chuck Pena lost his snowboard while having lunch at the Bashor picnic. Check out Tom Thomas's ski race video:

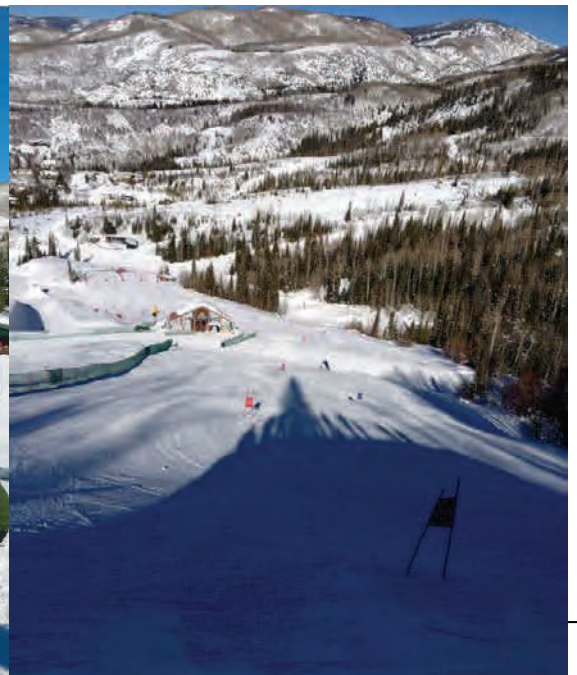
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Not all the action was on the slopes. Kimber Kane seemed to disappear every night "Baber sitting" while Doug Shows was demonstrating his artistic talents during a game of Pictionary. His masterpiece "Dog with a Bunch of Wheels" will go down in history as an epic game event. Native French speaking Alain Lecourt learned the nuances and difficulties of playing Pictionary. Brigitte Florschutz enjoyed returning to Steamboat again but she missed the fun of watching Ross Baker lose a game of twister because he didn't know his right foot from his left. Craig and Janine Belling are the club's official Aussies and Steamboat was their first trip with the club!

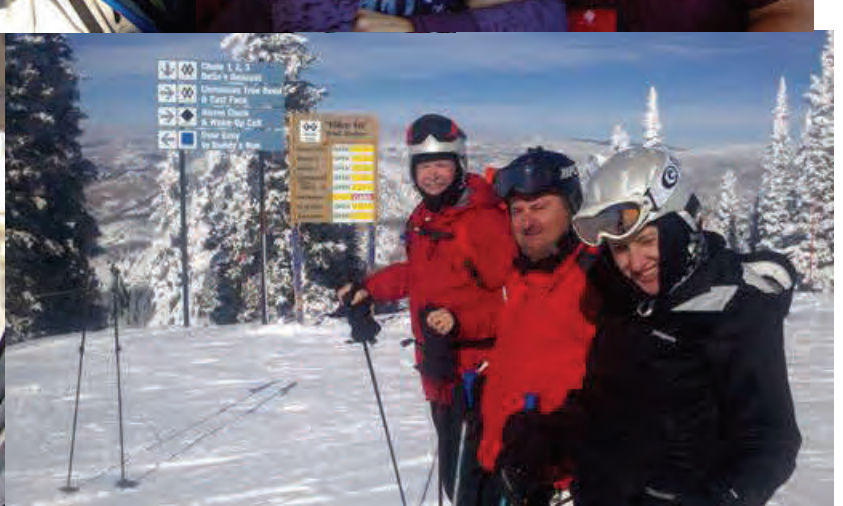
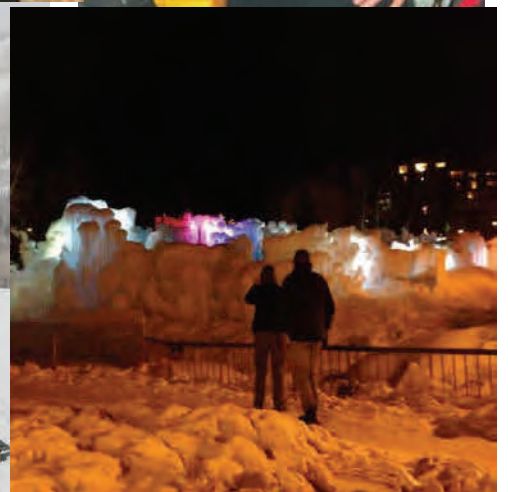
While all these crazy games were going on, Joan O'Connor and Susan Blome hitched a ride to the 8th Street Steakhouse to grill their own steak for dinner. Janet McKenzie joined them and decided that it was better to sit in a saddle while eating steak instead of the traditional method of dining. Gary Davis enjoyed the abundant food at the condo parties before he fractured his wrist in a fall on the last run of the last day!! You have to watch those turns on the last run, Gary. Chuck Britton and Alain Lecourt enjoyed their own selection of red wines in lieu of the club's economical selection.

Robert Clements, Leasa Garza, and Bruce Lowther were spotted hopping out of a Sweet Pea Tour van and were returning from Strawberry Park hot springs. What a great way to sooth sore muscles! Paul and Sandra Stalnacke were spotted making a few turns on the dance floor Friday night while Merlyn Harger celebrated his birthday on the mountain. John and Cindy McGowan enjoyed the slopes. Bob and Betty Donellan gifted half of their silent auction condo to the club and they drove many miles to ski with their SCSC friends and returned home in time for the post trip party.

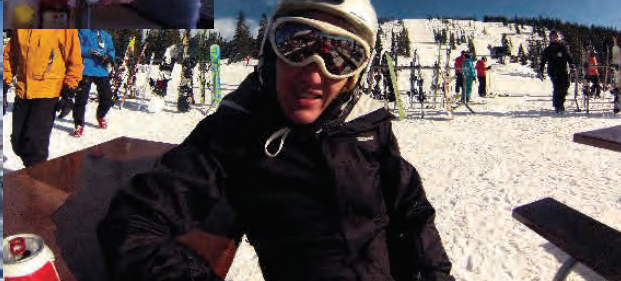
The finale was the TSC awards dinner on Friday evening where we had race awards announcements, dinner, and dancing. Thank you Marsha Lutz for doing an outstanding job of coordinating the TSC event as well as Anne Thomas and Melinda Hughes for rounding up participants from our club!



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January General Meeting



January Happy Hour



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