



The Sitzmarke

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Space City Ski Club December General Meeting

Monday, November 12th @ 6:30 pm to 9:00pm

New Location—Vargo's 2401 Fondren

Annual Sunshine Kids Auction

From Mission Control

by Sandra McCunis, President

Our November General Meeting was certainly a success and our members seemed to have enjoyed being back at Vargo's for our meetings. Almost 100 people attended and we received 6 new member applications. I want to thank Betty and Bob Donellan, Cindy Moore, Evan Howell, Kimber Kane, Juniper Jairala, Gary Barrett, Olga Adair, Craig Campbell, Doris Escobar, Robert Rowley and Llona Doubet for participating in our annual Fashion Show and Sun & Ski Sports for supplying us with a great selection of fashionable ski and après ski attire.

Sun and Ski Sports will be hosting a special "Space City Ski Club Night" Happy Hour on Wednesday, December 7th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Come join us for an exclusive shopping and social event in their store at 6100 Westheimer. They will serve wine and food will be provided by My Fit Foods. Sun & Ski will offer our group a 15% discount on regularly priced merchandise. There will also be giveaways, raffle prizes and more!



Please RSVP to semcunis@aol.com so they can plan for food and drinks. Also, invite your family and friends. This will be a great opportunity to introduce them to SCSC and the benefits of being a member. Our annual Sunshine Kids Auction will be held at our December General Meeting on Monday, December 12th. The Sunshine Kids is a non-profit organization dedicated to children with cancer. We need more donations for us to be able to have a successful auction. If you have an item that you could donate or know of a business that would donate an item, please contact me at semcunis@aol.com or Leona Schroeder at leonaschroeder@sbcglobal.net. Past items have included jewelry, decorative art and crafts, gift baskets with food and wine, restaurant and salon gift certificates, theatre and sporting event tickets, clothing and ski accessories. Members have also hosted dinners in their home or provided services. If you do not have an item or service that you can donate, a cash donation to help support this worthy charity is greatly appreciated.

We hope that you and your family have a wonderful holiday season. In the meantime, think SNOW!

Countdown to Liftoff

By Jim Hodges, V.P. of Trips

Ski season has arrived! There were many ski areas open in time for Thanksgiving skiers and most other areas in the Rocky Mountains will be opening before middle of December. Our club has 40 people signed up for the Dec 10 trip to Vail and 48 people signed up for the January 7 trip to Snowmass. The participant list is set for these trips, but if you are interested in joining at the last minute you can check with the Trip Coordinators for possible last minute cancellations.

As you can see in the list below most trips still have openings - some by expanding the trip, some still filling



up, and some trying to fill one or two remaining spots. In all cases it is necessary to contact the Trip Coordinator to get the latest details of what is available.

Our international trip to Poland is scheduled to depart January 20. It is possible to expand this trip (full packages only), so if you are interested in joining it is not too late but time is running out. The January 21 trip to Steamboat is another trip that is full, but there may be opportunities to expand.

Two of our February trips (Feb 4 to Banff, Canada; Feb 11 to Heavenly Lake Tahoe, California) should be able to accommodate additional participants. The Feb 24 trip to Big Sky is sold out but is taking names on a stand-by list.

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Having A Blast!

By Leslie Ward, V.P. of Activities

We've had two great activities during the month of November. Thank you to Jo Barrie for suggesting and coordinating our tour of the Port of Houston Tour, with the optional dinner at the original Ninfa's on Navigation, and a bonus stop at The Bellaire Bead Shop. Great weather and good friends made it a fun time.



We had another memorable Holiday Gala due to the hard work of Cindy Moore, Marty Budinsky & Adi Buturovic. Every one really enjoyed the live band "Little Terry and the Blues Birds." I also want to give a shout out to Mark Monroe for dancing with as many ladies as possible. What a great dancer.

See the [Calendar of Events](#) for the upcoming Happy Hour locations.

Our next event is Dickens on The Strand Sunday Dec. 4, 2011. It is \$37 per members and \$40 for guests. Activity starts with a Dickens Country Buffett Breakfast at 10:00 AM Linda Kuper has volunteered to be the AC. Start looking for your costumes and get in the Christmas Spirit. See the [website](#) for more details.

Kay McKeough has again volunteered to host a Christmas Cocktail Party. This year it will be on Sunday December 18 and will start at the Museum of Fine Arts to go see the King Tut exhibit. Price is \$23 for members and \$25 for guests. We have a maximum of 39 tickets for King Tut. We are close to being sold out for those tickets. Party is only for exhibit viewers.

At 2:00 PM, on Sunday January 29, Millie Jude will be coordinating a group to see the The Menil Collection. It is free to get into the museum. We will do an optional dinner following at the Canopy, which is close by.

Kayaking, Sailing, and another painting activity will be planned for 2012.

We have tentatively planned to go see La Cage on Saturday April 28, 2012. Peggy Schillinger is the AC for this. We will have pricing for this after the first of the year.

SCSC is now on Facebook: www.facebook.com/spacecityskiclub

SCSC is now on twitter @spacecityski (they would follow spacecityski)

Please contact me at 832-863-2018 or shmrck1317@aol.com to volunteer to lead an activity.

Calendar of Events

- 12/04/11 **Dickens on the Strand** with Breakfast Buffet - Linda Kuper - Seaside Bistro (12200 Fm-3005 (Central City and Seawall Boulevard) Galveston, TX) - 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- 12/05/11 **ExCom & Board Meeting** at Hin's Restaurant - 6:30 PM until
- 12/07/11 **Special Happy Hour** at Sun and Ski 6:00 - 8:00 PM
- 12/12/11 **December General Meeting & Sunshine Kid's Auction** - Vargo's - 2401 Fondren 6:30 to 9:00 PM
- 12/15/11 **December Happy Hour** - Tango Malbec - 2800 Sage Rd A - 100 - 5:30 to 9:00 PM
- 12/18/11 **King Tut Exhibit & Christmas Cocktail Party** - Kay McKeough - Museum of Fine Arts - 1001 Bissonnet - 3:45 PM - 8:30 PM
- 01/09/12 **ExCom Meeting** at Hin's Restaurant - 6:30 PM until
- 01/16/12 **January General Meeting** - Vargo's 2401 Fondren - 6:30 to 9:00 PM
- 01/26/12 **January Happy Hour** - Masraff's - 1705 Post Oak Blvd. - 5:30 to 9:00 PM
- 01/29/12 **The Menil Collection** (1515 Sul Ross Street) and optional dinner @ Canopy (3939 Montrose Blvd) - Millie Jude - 2 PM
- 02/06/12 **ExCom Meeting** at Hin's Restaurant - 6:30 PM until
- 02/13/12 **February General Meeting** - Vargo's 2401 Fondren - 6:30 to 9:00 PM
- 02/23/12 **February Happy Hour** - Sullivan's - 4608 Westheimer - 5:30 to 9:00 PM

Ski Trip Schedule 2011-2012

****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
Vail, CO—Short Trip	Dec 10-14, 2011 (Sat-Weds)	10-Oct-11	Full \$833 Land \$570	Pat Piech ppiech48@comcast.net 281-531-7650	
Vail, CO—Long Trip	Dec 10-17, 2010 (Sat-Sat)	10-Oct-11	Full \$1,161 Land \$884	Pat Piech ppiech48@comcast.net 281-531-7650	
Snowmass , CO TSC Traditional	Jan 7-14, 2012 (Sat-Sat)	1-Nov-11	Full \$1,343 Land \$884	George Lopez GJL_ASTI@yahoo.com 856 296 9399	Camille LaRoe camille.LaRoe@sylvania.com 281-686-2274
Poland	Jan 20-29, 2012 (Fri-Sun)	1-Nov-11	Full \$2,196 Cash Disc \$60 Land \$1,069 Cash Disc \$35	Vicki Faulkner vsfaulkner@att.net 713-863-0470	
Steamboat Springs, CO	Jan 21-28, 2012 (Sat-Sat)	11-Oct-11	Full \$1,097 Land \$690	Derek Shoobridge hlift@aol.com 281-393-1255	
Banff, Canada	Feb 4-11, 2012 (Sat-Sat)	21-Nov-11	Full \$1230 Land \$700	Arlen Isham aisham@consolidated.net 713-560-0187	
Heavenly-Lake Tahoe,CA TSC Winter Shootout	Feb 11-18, 2012 (Sat-Sat)	1-Nov-11	Full \$995 Land \$579	Bob Olsen bobolsen1@comcast.net 713-530-9068	Maria Mendez mendez_me@yahoo.com 281-797-7084
Big Sky, MT	Feb 25 - Mar 3 (Sat-Sat)	14-Nov-11	Full \$1,219 Land \$816	Beverly Roberts 281-496-4897 Beverly.borroughs.roberts@gmail.com	Jill Nanney 832-251-7097 pj_nanney@hotmail.com
Breckenridge, CO Short Trip	Mar 3-7, 2012 (Sat-Weds)	14-Nov-11	Full \$829 Land \$502	Patty Finch finchp@gtlaw.com 936-520-1486	Louella Steller ljdms@aol.com 832-723-9529
Sun Valley, Idaho TSC Final Showdown	Mar 10-17, 2012 (Sat-Sat)	1-Dec-11	Full \$1,352 Land \$841	Ann Rogers rogersae@msn.com 281-703-0454	Ray Villareal rdforce1@yahoo.com 713-344-3625
Galapagos TSC Summer Expedition	August 1-10,2012 (Weds-Fri)	19-Mar-12	Land Only \$3,563 Cash Disc \$100	Melinda Hughes home@angeloproductions.com 936-825-7039	

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Countdown to Liftoff (cont)

By Jim Hodges, V.P. of Trips

Our March trips (March 3 short trip to Breckenridge; March 10 to Sun Valley, Idaho) are both still taking applications and have space available.

Cooking Class & November General Meeting Fashion Show (Sun & Ski)



Wine Tasting & Holiday Gala Pics



IMPORTANT - DECEMBER SITZMARKE ISSUE STARTS ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTION

Due to rising printing costs, SCSC will start emailing the Sitzmarke to our member's email addresses instead of mailing a hard copy. Starting December 2011, the club newsletter to your email address with a link to a .pdf file to view, print and save.

For those who wish to still receive a hard copy, please send email to yppublications@spacecityskiclub.org and you will be added to the list to receive mailed copies.

SCSC Officer Positions Available!

Thanks to all of you who stepped up and volunteered for one of the many Office Positions for the 2012-2012 year. There are a couple of positions to fill.

Contact Sandy Wellhausen for more details sandywp.ski@gmail.com

*Christmas Cocktail Party &
Museum of Fine Arts
King Tut Exhibit Tour*

*Sunday December 18th
3:45 PM - 8:30 PM
Mbrs \$23 Nonmbrs \$25*

*AC: Kay McKeough
See [website](#) for details*



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