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On the slopes.....



and off!

General Meeting - Cadillac Bar

Everyone is Welcome! **April 12 @ 6:30 p.m.** *Bring a Friend!*
Water Sports Spectacular!

Happy Hour - Thursday, April 15 @ 5:30 p.m.
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On the Cover

SCSC is fun all year round on and off the slopes. *1st Row:* Pam, Lori and Marsha in Telluride; Christine and Martin ride the lift in Telluride; Cindy Moore right on target. *2nd Row:* Ron and Dawn Rodriguez enjoy the nightlife in Chamonix; The gang's all here at Jose Arujo's game night; Girls and Chopstix at game night.

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The snow and ice are melting and the Sun is getting hotter! Spring is around the corner and primed for the old saying, "out with old and in with the new."

The Executive Committee has served its term and we all hope you enjoyed and took advantage of the hard work that was put in and administered for you. Special thanks go to each

member that did not serve in office, but went the extra mile in helping ensure the success of the club this past season. As a reward, make certain to attend the Volunteer Appreciation

party scheduled later this summer.

Now, let us all enjoy the great enthusiasm and energy the NEW Executive Committee brings to the table! For all members out there who have opinions or suggestions on how things should be run, we encourage you to volunteer and make a difference. Credibility and success come with getting into the game and putting forth effort, not sitting on the sidelines and nagging about indifference or lack of change. New ideas are warranted and cannot be implemented with your ideas and vision. So, keep those creative juices flowing and help make the new slate of Officers feel energized by getting involved. At the end of this month they will be ready to fill your days with excitement and entertainment.

Notice of Bylaw Changes to be proposed at April Meeting

Revisions and modifications to our Bylaws will be proposed at the April General meeting, then voted on at the May General Meeting. Most of these proposed changes are clean-up items for consistency purposes and to bring the Bylaws in line with current club operations. Watch for your May SITZMARKE, which will contain these proposals, and attend the May meeting to cast your vote.



Best Trip Photo Contest

Winners and prizes to be voted and announced April 12 at the General Membership Meeting

Each trip will submit 3 photos to the photo contest for each of the following categories:

BEST GROUP PHOTO, BEST PARTY TIME, and MOST HUMOROUS

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 12..... Volunteer Pool Party (pg 14)
 17...Happy Hour-The Standard (pg 12)
 24... YNM Mixer-Sam's Boat/Place (pg 12)
 TBA SCSC General Meeting

GENERAL MEETING

Monday, April 12 @ 6:30 p.m.



Cadillac Bar

1802 Shepherd (@ I-10)
 (713) 862-2020

Laredo Room - Doors open 6:30 p.m.

Located behind restaurant
 (use separate entrance)

AGENDA

WATERSPORTS SPECTACULAR

Featuring speakers about kayaking, canoeing, and sailing

TRIP AND ACTIVITY SIGN-UP

Bring Cash if you can and be sure to tip your bartenders!

YNM MIXER

Thursday, April 8 @ 5:30 p.m.

Velvet Melvin

(formerly the Velvet Elvis)

3303 Richmond Avenue

(713) 522-6798

\$4.25 U-Call-It; available from the bar



Mixer Guidelines:

1. All SCSC members 45 years of age or younger are encouraged to attend and bring at least one prospective new member age 45 or under.
2. SCSC members over 45 welcome, as long as you bring two prospective members age 45 or under.
3. No one will be carded. If your guest can pass for 45 or younger...bring them on!

HAPPY HOUR

Thursday, April 15 @ 5:30 p.m.

The Outback Pub

3100 Fountainview @ Richmond

(713) 780-2392

Free appetizers, Great drink specials, and One Free drink ticket





Well, I have some good news and some bad news. The bad news is that there is some really incredible snow in Colorado this year. The reason this is bad news is that after several years of minimal snow, this year has been so great that the resorts are not offering the great end-of-season deals that we have seen nearly every year in the past. The airlines are also being

pretty tight with letting groups have the good airfares. There are some deals out there but they are just not offering them to groups this year. So, I made an executive decision to not pursue an end-of-season trip. We are disappointed but **Lori Gilliland, Sue Bohnert** and I all gave a good effort. We had **Ron Rodriguez** lined up to lead the trip. Can you imagine a trip led by Ron? Wild Wacky Fun! I know I would have been the first in line for that that one. We will do our best to make it up to you with some killer trips this year, and hopefully Ron will still be a willing Trip Coordinator.

For the good news: **NOW** is the time for some great deals on equipment. One of my condo-mates from the Telluride trip, **Martin Bradley**, bought a great pair of last year model skis for \$22.00 on e-bay. **Bob Wray** went nuts this week with the

deals available and bought three pairs of skis in one day on e-bay. I personally am still on the search for that perfect Bogner jacket that has been eluding me for several years. For the last couple of years, the Spring trips have been the time to bring your nice fresh credit cards and burn 'em up. All the ski shops are trying to unload their equipment, clothing and other stuff, and you can get prices otherwise unimaginable. For those of you that do not have your own ski equipment and continue to use rentals, I suggest that you take advantage of the end-of-season time to purchase your own boots. Your boots are the best first investment. But buy your boots at a ski area, use a professional boot fitter, and do it on the first day so you can ski with them, then go back for adjustments.

By the time you receive this issue of the Sitz, we will all have returned from the bid meeting in Austin with information on where the TSC trips will be this and next year. If you want to really make this club your club, now is the time to get involved. Now is the time to volunteer and get to know everyone and get to know everything that goes on behind the scenes. A membership application is included in this issue, as well as an application to be a Trip Coordinator or Assistant Trip Coordinator. Go ahead take a chance, fill it in, wadda ya waitin' for?

Be a Star!



SCSC is always on the lookout for great volunteers to plan and help coordinate various activities for the upcoming year. Please contact **Marc Fellows** at (281) 286-0503 or mjfellows@uwalumni.com if you have ideas or are interested in running an activity.



Kimberly Trip - Rescuing one of our new skiers after going to the end of a run...We are there for one and all!

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Final Payment Date: May 30

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Space City Ski Club 2004-2005 Ski Trip Schedule

**STAY TUNED...THE 2004-2005 TRIP SCHEDULE IS COMING IN
NEXT MONTH'S SITZMARKE!**

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Trips identified as *****SOLD OUT***** have reached their maximum number of participants and have begun wait lists. If the trip you are interested in is sold out, check the other trips that still have openings or contact the TC of the sold out trip to get on their wait list.

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SCSC Group Goes to Chamonix



The end of our reign as VP of Programs and Director of Programs is in sight.

It has been a year of high energy and some pretty radical changes, including a change in meeting locations. We have had great participation in the activities. I hope you all have enjoyed this year and continue to enjoy and participate in activities in 2004 –2005 with our new VP of Programs, **Marc Fellows**. Let Marc or me know if you are interested in becoming his Director of Programs or an activity coordinator for next year. You can contact Marc at (281) 286-0503 or you can email him at mjfreb@ev1.net.

I wish to thank all of the excellent volunteers who helped me this year with activities and general meetings. **Sue Salvage** deserves special mention for the guidance and “behind the scenes” work she did this year, especially with meetings. Also, I just can’t say enough about my tireless Director of Programs, **Ellen Eastham**. She was an absolute Godsend and deserves sainthood after putting up with me all year!

You can’t afford to miss the last two general meetings for this year at the **Cadillac Bar**. The **April 12** meeting is a water sports spectacular with an REI speaker on canoeing and kayaking. **Inga Birkenstock** will speak about sailing. She will also unveil the plans for the SCSC, TASS and CLASC “August Water Rides Weekend Spectacular.”

The **2004 SCSC Follies** will bring you comic relief on **May 17**. We have hired **ComedySportz** to put together a snow ski show that will have you howling with laughter. There will be audience interaction as they incorporate funny things that happened on activities and ski trips this year. To help, contact **Marsha Lutz** with anything you’d like to see in the spoof.

Show your competitive spirit by playing in either the **SCSC Tennis Tournament** on **April 17** or the **April 25 Golf Tournament**.

The **Cinco de Mayo Fiesta** on **May 1** features a live band you must see to believe, a full fajita dinner, inexpensive wine, beer and margaritas. You will have a blast whether you come single or as a couple, as you enjoy the camaraderie of your SCSC buddies on the outdoor patio, and dance inside. See the ads and activity calendar for contact information and details.

Check the May SITZMARKE or www.spacecity.org to see if your name is on the volunteer list for this year. If so, expect an email invitation (or a mailed one if you don’t have email) and expect to have a fantastic, cool time at the **Volunteer Party**, located at a huge, pool venue on **Saturday, June 12**, with a rain date of June 26. If you have volunteered this year and don’t see your name on this list, contact your appropriate officer and let them know. If you haven’t volunteered this year but want to come, we need volunteers to help coordinate and work the party. Contact **Cindy Moore** at (713) 984-1060 or Lucinda_moore@ev1.net immediately!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event (Cost/Final Payment)	Coordinator	Phone	E-mail/Address
APRIL				
4/2-4	TSC SkiBidFest (\$45 by May 2 or \$55)	Susan Blome	(713) 680-1349	SGBlome@juno.com
4/8	YNM Mixer-Velvet Melvin Pub		(713) 522-6798	3303 Richmond Ave
4/12	SCSC Meeting-Cadillac Bar-Water Sports Spectacular		(713) 862-2020	1802 Shepherd Dr
4/15	SCSC Happy Hour-The Outback Pub		(713) 780-2392	3100 Fountainview
4/17	Tennis Tournament (\$20/Mar. 18)	Steven Teoh	(713) 478-0345	steventeoh@remax.net
4/24	Big Sky-Post Trip Party	Hope Flynn	(713) 621-5990	hope2@mail.ev1.net
4/25	Golf Tournament (\$80/Mar. 18)	Jeff Sarff	(713) 853-2327	jeffsarff@dhja.com
MAY				
5/1	Cinco de Mayo Dance Party (\$23/Apr. 19)	Vicki Faulkner	(713) 863-0470	Vicki.faulkner@shell.com
5/6	YNM Mixer-Under the Volcano		(713) 526-5383	2349 Bissonnet
5/17	SCSC Meeting-Cadillac Bar-The Follies by ComedySportz		(713) 862-2020	1802 Shepherd Dr.
5/27	SCSC Happy Hour-Sambuca Jazz Café		(713) 224-5299	909 Texas Avenue
JUNE				
6/4-6	Beach Party & AIA Sandcastle Competition	Ellen Eastham	(281) 989-9935	eeeastham@panhandleenergy.com
6/12	SCSC Volunteer Pool Party (rain date 6/26)	Cindy Moore	(713) 984-1060	lucinda_moore@ev1.net
6/17	SCSC Happy Hour -The Standard		(832) 252-1400	2707 Fountainview
6/24	YNM Mixer-Sam's Boat/Sam's Place		(713) 781-BOAT	5720 Richmond

(FO) =Family Optional * Subject to Approval, date tentative

If you have an idea for an activity or would like to volunteer to be an AC or AAC, contact VP-Programs, Cindy Moore (713) 984-1060 lucinda_moore@ev1.net or Director of Programs, Ellen Eastham (281) 989-9935 eeeastham@panhandleenergy.com. For more information or to pass on ideas about the happy hours, contact Cindy Moore (713) 984-1060 lucinda_moore@ev1.net. For more information about Young & New Member Mixers (YNM Mixers), contact Bruce Lowther (713) 785-5196 rblowth@hal-pc.org.




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General Trip Happenings

- Best recurring joke or prank on a trip
- Best trip theme participant

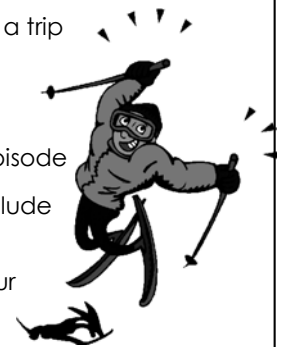
Parties and Events

- Best trip happy hour story or episode
- Best trip dinner that did not include lasagna
- Most regretted post happy hour purchase

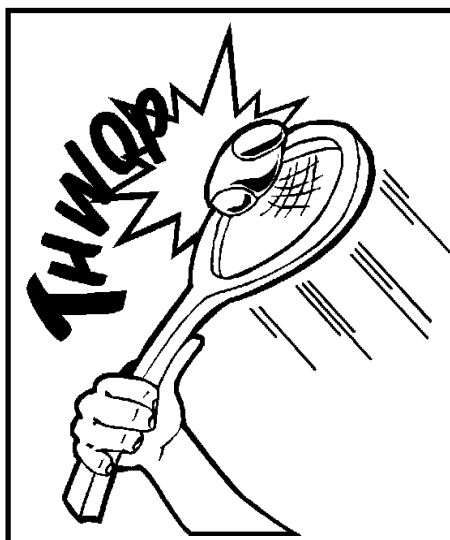
On the Slopes

- Best ski run that deserves a different name
- Worst marked ski trail
- Best skier's expression when he/she realized that they were on a ski trail that was different than what was expected

Submit your entries to the Awards Committee c/o Lori Gilliland (281) 493-3060 or lcgilliland@att.net. If you would like to help with the Awards Show in May, volunteers are needed and most welcome!



DON'T MISS OUT ON THESE ACTIVITIES...



TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Saturday, April 17

3:00 - 6 p.m.

Cost \$20

Final Payment Date:

March 18

Piney Point Tennis Club

Sign up now to enter or assist as a volunteer in coordinating the tournament.

AC Steven Teoh (832) 478-1188

StevenTeoh@remax.net

AAC Brook McClain (281) 261-7185 cring@ev1.net

SCSC GOLF TOURNAMENT SCRAMBLE

Sunday, April 25

Begin; at 9 a.m. - shot gun start

Cost \$80

Final Payment Date: March 18

Magnolia Creek Golf Links



AC Jeff Sarff
(713) 853-2327
jeffsarff@dhja.com



BEACH PARTY & AIA SANDCASTLE COMPETITION

Saturday, June 5

Sandcastle building competition begins at 10 a.m. Awards at 4:30 p.m. Volunteer or just come to watch for the day. Options include staying the entire weekend!

More detail; TBA soon

Location: East Beach, Galveston

Check website information from 2003 competition at
www.aiasandcastle.com/2003/eventinfo.htm

AC Ellen Eastham (281) 989-9935
ecestham@panhandleenergy.com



2004 SCSC Follies

May 17 General Meeting

Come watch and participate in the fun at the ComedySportz will show us how our ski antics look to the outside world.

Trip Leaders - Contact Marsha Lutz (281) 870-9724
multz@erm.com with funny stories from your trip



GETTING TO KNOW SOME OF YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Christine March, President



Christine March is an avid skier and member of the ski club since 1996.

She has served as Assistant Trip Coordinator with Curt Frisby who was Trip Coordinator for the Texas Ski Council trip to Heavenly in 2000, as Trip Coordinator for the club trip to Aspen in 2001, as Director of Trips in 2003, and as Vice President of Trips

for the 2003-2004 ski season.

So, if you are a skier, you have probably met her and know that her dedication to the club activities is directed toward skiing and more skiing.

As president she plans to work toward moving the club into the electronic age so that more information will be available online and so that we can expand our options for payment. This is a project that Sean O'Brien has also been working on, and it is something that she will work on once her duties as V.P. of Trips is handed over. Wouldn't it be great if we could share our photos by downloading them on our website, and wouldn't it be great if we could use paypal to pay for our trips? Yes, these things may still be a couple of years off, but to get it done we have to get moving on it now, and she is committed to do her part to move us in that direction.

Christine is someone that loves the club, loves the opportunity to put together trips and to share with others the love of the sport. Sure, you can plan and take a trip on your own, but what you won't get is the camaraderie that you get when skiing with new people, with people that ski at levels above and below your level, people that enjoy their time together, and fun activities. Such camaraderie allows you to make new friends that share your same interests.



Make New Friends at the General Meetings, Happy Hours and Mixers!

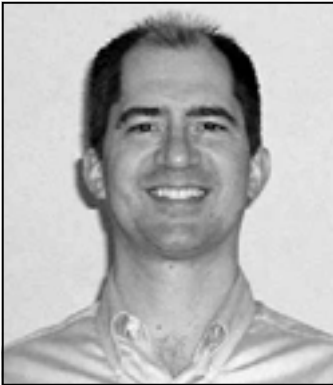


Please welcome your 2004-2005 Executive Committee

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Vice President-Membership	Petty Chancey
Vice President-Publications	Ross Baker
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GETTING TO KNOW SOME OF YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Marc Fellows, Vice President of Programs



Hello, I'm Marc Fellows, the upcoming 2004-2005 Vice President of Programs. I'd like to give you a brief background of myself and discuss the upcoming season of activities.

I have been a Houstonian since 1990, living in the Clear Lake area. I grew up in Wisconsin where I learned to ski at the age of 10. I graduated from the University of Wisconsin,

earning a degree in Chemical Engineering. My employment is with a local engineering firm, Magnum Engineering, presently doing process safety work in the ship channel area.

My history with SCSC is a short but active one. I joined the SCSC 2003 Mardi Gras Festivities as a guest, having a great time and being warmly greeted by the SCSC members. After attending a few more SCSC events, I officially joined in April 2003. Since that time I have been a regular attendee of SCSC meetings and events. In August 2003, I was the SCSC activity coordinator for the Water Toys Weekend, a joint activity with the Texas Association of Single Sailors and the Clear Lake Area Ski Club. It was a huge event, putting 75 people on sail boats and a pool party attended by 150 people.

I congratulate my predecessor, Cindy Moore, for her successful 2003-2004 season of activities. She managed a numerous and diverse array of activities, displaying an energy level that I am constantly in awe of. The coming year will have many of the same types of activities as before. I encourage members to discuss with me ideas for new activities as well. The most significant difference for the new year will be a smaller number of events. The objective is to have each event achieve a minimum level of "impact." In general, I'm open to any event we are confident will generate a high level of interest and attendance. Of course, a successful season of activities can only be achieved through the collaboration of fellow club members: through volunteering as activity coordinators or activity assistants, communicating event ideas, attending events, etc. I encourage everyone to discuss your thoughts and ideas with me at club meetings, or via e-mail or phone at mjfred@ev1.net (281) 286-0503.

Lori Gilliland, Vice President of Trips



Obsession, passion, compulsion, addiction, turn-on...yup that pretty much sums up my love for skiing.

Simply put, I'm a fanatic. I am nuts about skiing! I have been in search of the ski addict's version of "AA" but the closest thing I could find is our very own local chapter of Space City Ski Club. My self-diagnosed addiction began many years ago

on the slopes of Snowmass, Colorado - Simply the Best! Even though I still think Snowmass is the best place to ski on the planet, as a member of SCSC I have had the opportunity to ski many other terrific areas and meet many great friends. My first ski trip with the club in January 2000 was kind of a spur of the moment deal. My regular group of skiers were unable to ski that year so I had two options, either not ski (What, are you crazy?) or find someone else to ski with. I stumbled across the club somehow and found they were going to Snowmass for the TSC Traditional trip. I never had to ski by myself nor did I want to. The SCSC'ers were such a fun group to ski with. Some of my favorite skiers today were also some of my first friends in the club that I met on that first trip to Snowmass. As a very new member I started out as Assistant Trip Coordinator (ATC) to Mt. Bachelor, then on to my favorite destination Aspen, then in 2003 as Trip Coordinator for Vail.

I have also been involved in other areas of the club including the Nominating, Membership and Web Committees and I was the Activity Coordinator for the 2002 Summer Mountain Biking Adventure with Assistant Activity Coordinator and "Trail Boss" Bob Wray.

As 2003-2004 Director of Trips, I have enjoyed working with Christine, Roger and all the wonderful Trip Coordinator and Assistant Trip Coordinators as they organized some terrific trips for you guys.

I look forward to the opportunity to work with the next Executive Committee and another great group of Trip Coordinators and Assistant Trip Coordinators as we put together another great schedule of ski trips for our club.

GETTING TO KNOW SOME OF YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Penny Chancey, Vice President of Membership

I would like to introduce myself to anyone who may not know me yet. I am one of those rare things known as a native Houstonian. My family has been in Texas for five generations. I am retired at this time after teaching art, various subjects and being a librarian in elementary school for nearly 32 years in the Cy-Fair school district. Now with more free time, I have traveled to many countries and experienced many different activities from bungee jumping in New Zealand, riding in a bobsled in Lillehammer, driving a dog sled in Norway, and doing the bridge climb over Sydney Harbour in Australia. When I am in town I help my sister at her shop, do volunteer work at my old school and sometimes drive to Louisiana to do a little gambling.

I joined Space City Ski Club in 1974 when the meetings were held at Sonny Look's Sirloin House on South Main. Over the years I have been involved in just about every activity that SCSC has offered. From weekly softball games, campouts, sailing, rodeo, Astros/Oilers games, beach parties, follies, Halloween contest, bowling, road rallies and ski trips just to name a few. I have worked as an ATC and TC on several trips, have been responsible for logo sales and helped with the 25th anniversary reunion. This year will be the club's 40th anniversary!

I heard on Channel 11 that 16% of the citizens in Houston are skiers. I hope to reach out to that section of our population and let them know about our great club of volunteers.

We need to reach out through the workplaces and let people know about all of the wonderful events and activities we can offer. I would like any suggestions from our membership about where to find new and active people who would like to join the best ski club in Houston. I look forward to serving our club as Vice President of Membership!

Llona Doubet, Treasurer

If you want to know who a person is, take a look at the way they live their life. This is a philosophy that I not only take stock of in dealing with others, but also continue to be aware of in my own life. At the core of my values is the spirit of volunteerism. I have worked in many organizations as a volunteer and gone on to hold office in some.

This was no different for me when I joined Space City Ski Club in 1988. This wonderful organization not only introduced me to skiing and numerous fun activities but most importantly, it introduced me to many wonderful, quality people with whom I cultivated lasting friendships. Space City added a tremendous amount to my life...and from the very beginning I wanted to give back. I understood that without volunteers there would be no Space City Ski Club.

My very first ski trip was to Heavenly Valley in 1989. After that I was off and running. I have taken numerous ski trips both in the States and abroad, participated in too many to mention "follies" and fashion shows, and served on many committees. I have run activities, been a TC as well as an ATC and served as club Secretary during the 1996-97 term.

I believe in this club as a professional organization that has something for everyone to enjoy. I continue working so that others may see this club just as I saw it in 1988 and join with the same enthusiasm. And so I continue to stay involved. I am honored to accept the nomination for Treasurer of this great organization.

I am happy to announce that I have written a book that will be coming out this Spring. I am also in the process of developing my practice, Illuminations, Inc., which provides relationship coaching, business development and keynote speaking.

As your Treasurer, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve.

Upcoming May & June Happy Hours (all 5:30 to 8 p.m.)

YNM Mixer: Thursday, May 6, UNDER THE VOLCANO, 2349 Bissonnet just East of Kirby (713) 526-5383, Happy Hour drink specials until 7 p.m. Famous for their screwdrivers and frozen rum-n-cokes..

SCSC Happy Hour: Thursday, May 27, SAMBUCA JAZZ CAFE, 909 Texas Avenue (downtown) (713) 224-5299, Great drink specials. Enjoy the ambiance of downtown and explore with ski club friends.

SCSC Happy Hour: Thursday, June 17, THE STANDARD, 2707 Fountainview (832) 252-1400, Happy Hour Prices. \$1.00 off all drinks. Free food between 5:30 and 7 p.m.

YNM Mixer: Thursday, Thursday, June 24, SAM'S BOAT/SAM'S PLACE, 5720 Richmond Ave. (713) 781-BOAT, Meet by the inside boat at the oyster bar. Get there early or be prepared to pay \$3.00 for parking in the back. Free Sam's logo pint glass for all SCSC members and guests. Happy hour drink prices, \$1.00 off all drinks, and appetizer specials just for SCSC. Stay late for the band!

HOT AIR BALLOONING AND SKY DIVING - MARCH 8 GENERAL MEETING

By Ellen Eastham

Two high-adventure sports were featured at March 8 General Meeting were Hot Air Ballooning and Sky Diving. Those in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the presentations of four highly experienced and technical speakers, which included a video, photos, and equipment of their sports. So many inquisitive questions were asked by the audience that one would think they were ready for lessons!



Dick Carter and **Ann Kirby**, the prior president of the **Lone Star Hot Air Balloon Association**, discussed opportunities to join their club, join a ballooning crew for the day, navigation, what

activities around Houston relate to hot air ballooning, the Ballunar Event at NASA each August, and the history of the sport. The history began when man's first attempt to fly was in a hot air balloon. On November 21, 1783 in Annonay, France, the first balloon was launched using heat created by an open fire. Later, ballooning was thought to have a military application but that was soon abandoned and it became recreational. It was not until the 1960s when the development of safer burner and equipment came into being that ballooning took off as a sport. Today with the availability of lightweight and strong fabric and material, balloons are as simple or as complex as the imagination.

Ballooning is a team sport requiring a minimum of 2 people besides the pilot to assemble, launch, fly and pack up. Balloons fly at sunrise or just before sunset as that is when the wind is the most stable. A morning flight is followed by breakfast with other pilots and crews, making hot air ballooning not only an adventure but a great way to meet new friends. During the principal flying season, May through

November, groups from Houston travel around the neighboring states to participate in rallies.

Eric Boyd and **Mykel Poole** of **1-800-SKYDIVE** gave a presentation about the thrill of a lifetime: the gravity powered Adventure of Skydiving! **Skydive Spaceland** is the newest, most modern skydiving facility in the Houston area. Conveniently located about 25 miles south of downtown Houston Texas on a 130-acre private airpark designed exclusively for skydiving. Multiple aspects of the sport of skydiving were covered during their presentation starting with the ease and safety of the first jump. Your first tandem skydive is from 14,000 feet, allowing you to experience up to 65 seconds of freefall at speeds up to 120 miles per hour and you get to deploy your parachute on your first skydive.

The Skydiver Training Program (S.T.P.) is the most complete teaching method in use to date and students use the safest, most modern technologically advanced gear available in the industry. Skydive Spaceland's staff of very experienced tandem and



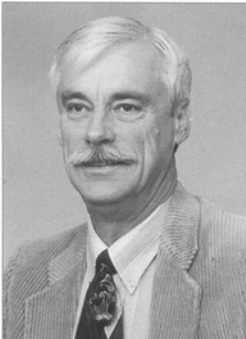
solo freefall instructors are fully licensed by the United States Parachuting Association (USPA.org) and are dedicated to your safety and fun. Topics covering the advanced disciplines include Skysurfing (like snow boarding but in the sky!), Free flying, Relative Work Formations, Aerial Photography, Balloon Jumps, Winged "Birdman" Suits and High Performance Canopy Piloting. Visit www.SkydiveSpaceland.com for more info.

A future skydiving activity and joint balloon ascension, especially for Space City Ski Club, will be planned this summer. If interested contact **Chip Stokes**, AC at (281) 485-5778 or cstokes@andersonsouth.com. If you are interested in crewing for a hot air balloon group, contact **Dick Carter** at (832) 215-5125 or rcarter10@houston.rr.com.



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IT PAYS TO HAVE FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES

Do you have friends that love to be on the mountain peaks? Whether they love to snowboard, ski, shop or just like to travel and enjoy good times with great people, they will surely love what our ski club has to offer them.

Invite your friends to join us at Space City Ski Club. If they join the club, not only will they have access to our exciting and affordable ski trips, but **YOU can also earn credit towards your next ski trip with SCSC!**

Space City Ski Club will provide ski trip discounts to current club members who are proactive at bringing new members into the club. For the 2004/2005 season, the following discounts will be offered on all SCSC ski trips:

- \$100 for 7 new club members
- \$200 for 14 new club members
- \$300 for 21 new club members
- \$400 for 28 new club members
- \$500 for 35 new club members



Additional information, including a full list of rules, will be provided as the Membership Drive draws closer.

A "new member" is considered to be anyone who has never been a member of SCSC or has not been a member for any portion of the last two years.

Executive Committee, DOTs, DOP, DOC, Auditor and Board Members are ineligible to participate.

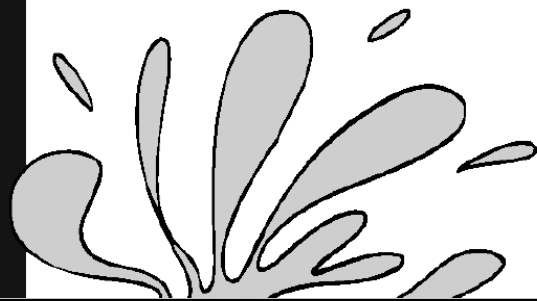


POOL FUN

SCSC Volunteer Pool Party

Saturday, June 12

1 - 7 p.m.



Free for all on the volunteer list to be published in the May Sitzmarke.

Volunteer to work on the planning committee and YOU, too, can attend!

Secret Location with a great pool!

Look for your invitation via email.

Rain Date: June 26

Contact Cindy Moore (713) 984-1060
Lucinda_moore@ev1.net for more information

2004-2005 Appointed Positions Available

*Candidates are needed for the following 2004-2005 positions.
Contact the officer indicated below to apply and for further information.*

<u>Position</u>	<u>Officer to Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
Board of Directors (4 positions)	Dawn Rodriguez	(281) 320-2040	dawn.c.rodriguez@aol.com
Director of Trips (2 positions)	Lori Gilliland	(281) 493-3060	lcgilliland@att.net
Director of Programs	Marc Fellows	(281) 286-0503	mjfreb@ev1.net
Director of Communications	Christine March	(281) 491-1129	christine.a.march@usdog.gov
Auditor	Dawn Rodriguez	(281) 320-2040	dawn.c.rodriguez@aol.com
TSC Representative & Alternative	Dawn Rodriguez	(281) 320-2040	dawn.c.rodriguez@aol.com



CINCO DE MAYO DANCE PARTY

Saturday, May 1

8 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Cost \$23

Advance Payment is required. Only 75 spots are available, and this will fill up fast!

Final Payment Date: April 19

Live Oak Grill
10444 Hempstead Highway

Live Oak Grill is a casual eatery surrounded by live oak trees and a large front deck with attractive landscaping. On-site free parking!

A dinner buffet of beef and chicken fajitas with tortillas, lettuce, tomatoes, pico de gallo, cheese, guacamole, sour cream, beans, and rice will be served at 8 p.m.


Soft drinks free. Cash Bar open from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. and includes Domestic beer \$1.50, Import beer \$2, House wine \$3, Premium wine \$4, and Margaritas \$3

Put on your dancing shoes and dance to Yelba's Latin Fire! Grab a friend or plan to meet a new one! Fajitas and Mexican food served. Block your calendar for May 1st because YOU are going to be at this dance party!

Yelba's Latin Fire is an unbelievably talented vocalist/guitarist accompanied by a keyboard and percussions. They play a variety of music, specializing in Latin and Salsa. Music will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

AC Vicki Faulkner (713) 863-0470 Vicki.Faulkner@Shell.com





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