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We are well into the ski season and already have the opportunity to enjoy fantastic articles about completed trips. Make certain you take time to read the articles and congratulate the participants for having a blast on their respective trips. And give special thanks to Trip and Assistant Trip Coordinators for jobs well done!

The February meeting is just days away. Mark your calendars and make certain you attend. It provides a great opportunity to engage in fellowship, trade trip stories, gather information on upcoming trips and activities, and most importantly, DRINK! Right On!!!

In addition, it is also the time of year when the SCSC Nominating Committee completes their task of gathering

quality candidates to serve as Officers for the 2004-2005 Ski Season. Nominees are detailed for viewing in this issue on page 19. Special thanks go to **Ron Rodriguez, Chip Stokes, Sue Bohnert, Ron Hayes, Judy Shiro, Joe Walker, Charles Butler, and Melanie Morin** for serving on the committee.

The named candidates will be formally introduced at the February General Meeting and additional nominations will be accepted from the floor as well. In February, each nominee will provide a brief Bio for members to review. The General Vote will take place at the March meeting. I implore you to making a concerted effort to attend the next 2 meetings.

In closing, we will be launching an intense membership drive that you may find appealing. Incentives will be implemented to those members willing to encourage friends, co-workers, family, lovers, and even complete strangers to join Space City Ski Club, the Greatest Ski Club in the Southwest! Stay tuned!



On the slopes and enjoying the evening in Keystone, Colorado



****Coming Soon****

March 9 General Meeting

\$PRING \$PORT\$: TENNIS, GOLF & MORE

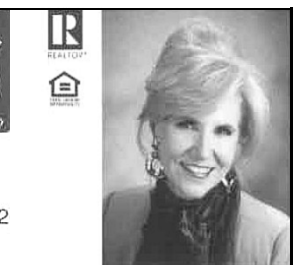
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FEBRUARY 2004						
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GENERAL MEETING

Monday, February 9 @ 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:

COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE

****Featuring Live Entertainers: Angela Peterson
 and Donna Brawley with HLS&R**

****FREE Dance Lessons by Pat & Nancy Partin**

****Wear your C&W attire****

****Plan to stay late and dance the night away!**

TRIP AND ACTIVITY SIGN-UP

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

YNM MIXER

**Thursday, February 20
 @ 5:30 p.m.**

Wild West
 6101 Richmond
 (713) 266-3455

**Free appetizer buffet, \$1 u-
 call-it, No cover until 8 p.m.**



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, February 19 @ 5:30 p.m.

Drink Houston

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During the Keystone Trip, I sadly report that we had an injury. Over the years, all of us have been on a trip where one of our participant has sustained an injury.

Several years ago I was one of the people injured on a trip. I had a tumbling fall, my bindings did not release, and it tore my ACL. After reconstructive surgery on my knee and months of physical therapy, I am a proponent of safety first.

In case you are not familiar with the **Skier/Boarder Responsibility Code**, here it is:

SKIER/BOARDER RESPONSIBILITY CODE:

1. Always stay in control, and be able to stop or avoid other people or objects.
2. People ahead of you have the right of way. It is your responsibility to avoid them.
3. You must not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible from above.
4. Whenever starting downhill or merging into a trail, look uphill and yield to others.
5. Always use devices to help prevent runaway equipment.
6. Observe all posted signs and warnings. Keep off closed trails and out of closed areas.
7. Prior to using any lift, you must have the knowledge and ability to load, ride and unload safely.

KNOW THE CODE. IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

Some additional safety suggestions are:

- If you are a beginner, take lessons before you try to go up a lift.

- Pay attention to your equipment. Be sure your bindings release properly.
- Be sure you are dressed in warm clothing that does not restrict your movement.
- Don't go out of bounds.
- Don't ski alone. Try to find someone else that skis at your level.
- If you ski alone, let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return.
- Keep hydrated. The altitude can get the best of you, hydration is your best defense.

IN CASE OF INJURY ON THE MOUNTAIN:

1. Remain calm
2. Check the A,B,C's: airways, breathing and circulation.
3. Do not remove the injured person's skis or snowboard.
4. Do not move the injured person unless you are trained to do so. Keep the injured person still.
5. Cross your own skis uphill from the incident.
6. Send someone to the nearest lift or open building to report the location, type of injury, and description of the injured skier.
7. Keep the injured person warm.

YOUR LAST RUN OF THE DAY

Most accidents happen when you are tired. End the day on a positive note. Stop skiing with the first signs of fatigue. Use caution walking in the buildings and parking lots. Melting and freezing, as well as water accumulation, can cause surfaces to become slippery.

Stay safe, have fun, be happy, and enjoy the beauty of nature around you.





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Space City Ski Club 2004 Ski Trip Schedule

Dates	Nights/ Ski Days	Trip Destination	Final Payment	Trip Price	TC ATC (DOT)	Home Phone	E-mail Address
Jan 30-Feb 7, 2004 (Fri—Sat)	7/6 Hotel	CHAMONIX France (TSC Expedition)	11/17/03	\$1,518	Penny Chancey Carmen Mikhail (RH)	713-686-4863 713-664-7522	pschancey@msn.com mikhail@bcm.tmc.edu
Feb 7-14, 2004 (Sat—Sat) **SOLD OUT**	7/6 Condo	TELLURIDE Colorado	12/08/03	\$963 L\$659	Carol Cain Jeannine Jiral (LG)	713-665-8121 281-930-8472	cainsug@aol.com jeannine@ev1.net
TBA **CANCELLED**	5/4	WOLF CREEK Colorado		TBA	John Cook (LG)	281-999-2262	j-e-c@att.net
Feb 21-28, 2004 (Sat—Sat)	7/6 Condo	KIMBERLEY-FERNIE Canada (TSC Winter Shootout)	12/08/03	\$843	Jerry Montgomery David Eickhoff (RH)	281-437-5467 832-593-7620	the.monts@worldnet.att.net eickhoff@hal-pc.org
Mar 13-20, 2004 (Sat--Sat) **SOLD OUT**	7/6 Hotel	BIG SKY* Montana (TSC Final Showdown)	11/24/03	\$1,086 L\$621	Hope Flynn Pat Piech (LG)	713-621-5990 832-513-7009	hflynn@kathyandrews.com ppiech@ikon.com
TBA (March 2004)	5/4	END OF SEASON Best Snow-Best Buy		TBA	TBA		Contact DOT - Lori Gilliland to Volunteer to lead this trip 281-493-3060 lcgilliland@att.net

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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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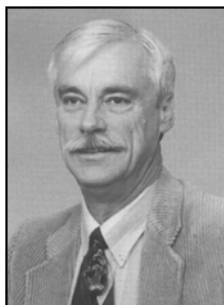
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Spring is fast approaching and with it many excellent SCSC activities and spring-themed general meetings! Be sure to get the most out of YOUR club and take advantage of these fabulous events!

Coming up quickly on **February 5** is the **Radio Music Theater's** hilarious production of "The Birthday from Hell." Contact **Peggy Schillinger** for all the details. **Linda Licarione** has an action-packed weekend planned **February 13** through **February 15** for **Mardi Gras** in Galveston. Ask anyone who went last year what a blast this was! Begin the weekend Friday attending the Krewe of Aquarius Barn Bash, stay at the Holiday Inn on the Seawall, participate Saturday in the pre-parade tailgate party and Z Procession parade, watch the Saturday evening Krewe of Gambrinus parade, and end the weekend volunteering at the "Special People's Ball."

On **Tuesday, March 2**, SCSC goes western to the ever-popular **Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo** on opening night! Watch **John Mayer** entertain the crowd. Contact **Mary Kay Kitchens** for the scoop! On **March 6**, **Jose Araujo** and **Samantha Davidson** have a game night spectacular planned for all you game junkies! Whether you like to be competitive for prizes or just love playing card games, ping pong, board games, darts and much more, this party is for you.

Mark your calendar NOW for the SCSC meeting **February 9** at the **Cadillac Bar** for SCSC's **Country Western Entertainment Extravaganza**. Not only will **Angela**

Peterson be singing, but we'll have another country western singer, **Donna Brawley**, from the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo as well! The Cadillac will be transformed into a country western dance hall for your dancing pleasure! You don't know how to country western dance? This is your lucky day, because we have arranged **FREE** beginning two-step dance lessons given in the **Party Shack** by professional dance instructors **Pat** and **Nancy Partin**! Thanks to **Christine Tremonte** for hooking me up with the instructors! Take time to thank them for donating their services to the club, or consider future private lessons with them.

In addition to my monthly thanks to all of the terrific meeting and activity volunteers and to my "programs partner," **Ellen Eastham**, I'd also like to thank some people who have worked behind the scenes to help me, and SCSC, immensely this year. **Bruce Lowther** brings in and sets up all of the activity easels and has taken care of the **Young and New Member** mixers this year. He is also helping with website updates. **Sue Salvage** takes care of the Cadillac room set-ups for all of the general meetings and has been a constant, brilliant mentor to me. I can't imagine being VP of programs this year without her! The next time you see any of these people, thank them for the time they spend making your club fun! As always, if you would like to run an activity, help with the Follies, or the Volunteer Party, let Ellen Eastham or me know! To find out more details on various activities, see the announcements throughout this newsletter and the calendars found on pages 4 and 8. You can also learn more about trips and activities, and meet the people behind them at our monthly meetings. We'll see you at the February monthly meeting...February 9!

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Date	Event (Cost/Final Payment)	Coordinator	Phone	E-mail/Address
FEBRUARY				
2/5	Radio Music Theatre (\$18/Feb. 5)	Peggy Schillinger	(281) 859-0232	
2/9	SCSC Meeting-Cadillac Bar-Country Western Dance and Lessons		(713) 862-2020	1802 Shepherd Dr
2/13-15	Mardi Gras Galveston (\$53/Jan. 22)	Linda Licarione	(713) 468-2816	LLicarione@aol.com
2/19	SCSC Happy Hour-Drink Houston		(713) 290-0041	7620 Katy Freeway
2/20	YNM Mixer-Wild West		(713) 266-3455	6101 Richmond Ave
MARCH				
3/2	Rodeo/Performer John Mayer (\$16/Feb. 9)	Mary Kay Kitchens	(281) 558-9736	mkitchens327@aol.com
3/6	Game Night (\$15/Feb. 9)	Jose Araujo	(713) 541-6838	joseangel888@hotmail.com
3/8	SCSC Meeting-Cadillac Bar-Tennis, Golf & More		(713) 862-2020	1802 Shepherd Dr
3/11	YNM Mixer-Jalapeno's		(713) 524-1668	2702 Kirby
3/25	SCSC Happy Hour-Guadalajara		(713) 942-0772	2925 Southwest Freeway
APRIL				
4/2-4	TSC SkiBidFest	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
4/25	Golf Tournament (\$80/Mar. 18)	Jeff Sarff	(713) 853-2327	jeffsarff@dhja.com
MAY				
5/1	Cinco de Mayo Dance Party	Vicki Faulkner	(713) 863-0470	Vicki.faulkner@shell.com
5/17	SCSC Meeting-Cadillac Bar-The Follies by ComedySportz		(713) 862-2020	1802 Shepherd Dr.
5/27	SCSC Happy Hour-TBA			
---	YNM Mixer-TBA			

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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 eeastham@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 rblowt@bal-pc.org.

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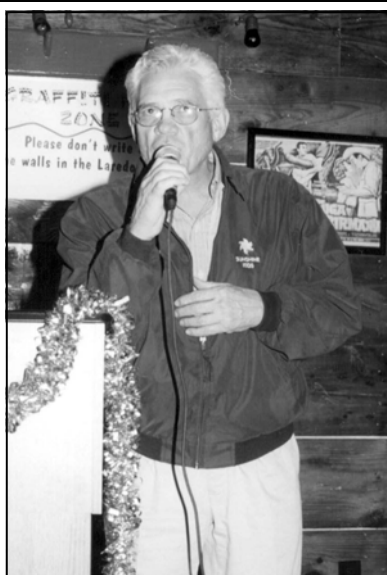
By *Melanie Morin*
& *Leona Schroeder*

This year, the Space City Ski Club was happy to choose the Sunshine Kids again as the charity of choice for our **9th Annual Live and Silent Auction**. With your help we were able to raise \$7,200 to help fund the numerous events and activities that affect the lives of hundreds of young cancer patients and their families. Our Ski Club held the **Annual Christmas Gala** combined with the **Sunshine Kids Silent Auction** at The Briar Club Christmas 2003. Over 150 holiday partygoers had a grand time making merry and dancing to the old rock tunes of a local band, "The Convictions." Many attendees took home great raffled prizes that were announced while the silent auction items were being bid on throughout the night. It was fabulous to see so many Texas Ski Council officers and guests attending from out of town.

We held our **Live Auction** at the **Cadillac Bar** during our regular monthly meeting on December 8, 2003. We thank our gracious donors, club volunteers, and members who worked very hard to make both auctions and the Christmas Gala a huge success. **G. W. Bailey**, Executive Director, and

Shannon Lillis, Director of Development, were in attendance from the Sunshine Kids office. They were most appreciative of all of the club's donations over the last nine years. A special thank you to **Leona Schroeder** and **Melanie Morin** who led the live and silent auctions and their team volunteers, **Judy Schiro, Ron Hayes, Randy Kratz, Jimmy and Jill St. Clair, Linda Beebe, Patti Maudslay, John Tulloss, Sean O'Brien, Ina Picarello, Ana Hnat, Anneliese Unterhamsheidt, Christina Anderson, Cindy Moore, Ellen Eastham**, our Live Auctioneer, **Chip Stokes**, and many others for all of their help. There were a total of 62 auction items that were generously donated by global and local companies and private individuals.

If you did not have the opportunity to contribute to our charity efforts this year either financially or by volunteering, don't fret! You will get another opportunity this year. We start planning fairly early, so if you are interested in helping this year, as Christmas 2004 draws near, let a member of the executive committee know you would like to help.



G. W. Bailey, Executive Director of the Sunshine Kids

**Thank; to all the Donors;
and Volunteers; for making**



**the Sunshine Kid;
Auction; a great success!**



Jeff Sarff assisting with the Live Auction



Patti, Marc, Leyla, and Dan watching the auction



Chip Stokes and Leona Schroeder raising money for the Sunshine Kids

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Sun & Ski Sports	Ski Helmet & Goggles
Cosco	Merchandise Certificate
ComedySportz	Admission Tickets
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Ina Picarello, Jaynes & Kinat	Breckenridge Country Bed & Breakfast Package
Ted Widner	Day Sailing Cruise from Kemah
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REI	Kayaking Boat Rental Package
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Sue Salvage	Museum of Natural Science Tickets & Placemats, IMAX Tickets, White Stuffed Teddy Bear
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Lotty & Karl Gautsch	Decorative Appetizer Plates (Nordstrom by Robin Toledo)
Yvonne Guy	Satin Silk Sheet Set
Cindy Moore	Dressy Scarf
Melanie Morin	Hand-Embroidered Cushion Covers
Burton Productions	Custom Made Cowboy Hat and Stand
Kim Page	Hand Decorated, Framed Door Panel

EVENT REPORT - FIRST ANNUAL POOL TOURNAMENT

By Chip Stokes

On Thursday, November 20, lots of smiling faces were in attendance as club members turned out significant numbers to participate in the SCSC's 1st Annual Pool Tournament. The tournament was held during our November Happy Hour at the recently renovated **Fast Eddie's World Class Billiards** facility on Richmond Avenue. This is truly a first class establishment with big screen TVs, good food, and a particularly nice bar area, as everyone who attended this event can attest. The tournament area was designated with yellow and black party ribbon and balloons, which created a very festive atmosphere. The beer helped a little too!



Last Players out the door

We had great member participation in all three of our tournament categories: Experienced, Amateur, and Coed. Each group was amply represented as thirty-three contestants signed up to "show their stuff." After the time consuming process of listing all of our contestants on their individual tournament flow charts and assigning playing tables was completed, we were able to get our single elimination tournament started.

The Experienced category included an intrepid group of ladies among which were **Hope Flynn, Sue Sedgewick, Leigh Howlett, and Natalia Nouel**. The gentlemen (we use the term loosely) pool players included **Steve Amy, Phillip Vile, Keith Kirkman, Jose Araujo, Jeff Warren, and Chip Stokes**. The dramatic climax of this hard-fought battle culminated with Phillip literally "running the table" on the break in the final match against yours truly, to take first place in this category. Not to be outdone, Sue showed the men a thing or two about

playing pool as she dispatched all competitors to take third place in this category.

The Amateur group consisted of **Beverly Hicks, Craig Campbell, Ellen Eastham, Leyla Ozkardesh, Debbie Warren, Bill Bomberger, Judi Hendrix, Sue Salvage, Bruce Lowther, Penny Chancey, and Cindy Moore**. Craig defeated Bill in the semi-finals, only to come "face to face" with our own V.P. of Programs, Cindy. In an exciting final match, Cindy defeated Craig to win first place. Judi persevered in her last match and won the third place trophy.

The Coed group had a total of six teams participating. Our "dashing duos" included **Ina Picarello & Tim O'Neil, Christine Tremonte & Chuck Evans, Sharon Rance & Pat Reinhardt, Melanie Morin & Randy Kratz, Judy Schiro & Ron Hayes** (Ron takes many photographs of SCSC events), and **Mary Kay Kitchens & Bill Simmons**. Christine & Chuck faced eventual winners Pat & Sharon in a back and forth semi-final that could have gone either way. Randy & Melanie captured third place.



Ready to show 'em how it's done!

We would like to extend our special thanks to Manager of Fast Eddie's, **Mike Owens**, and to several members of his staff for working with us to decorate our semi-private area prior to the tournament and for agreeing to furnish the very nice trophy's awarded to the winners at the conclusion of our activity. Mike also made sure that everyone present, whether participating in the tournament or as a member of the gallery, had plenty of good food and drinks to sustain them through what proved to be a very lively competition. We all had a terrific time.

I am already looking forward to this year's tournament!

Tournament Winners!



Amateur Winners - Cindy Moore, Mike Owens (stand-in for Judi Hendrix), and Craig Campbell



Co-Ed Winners - Christine Tremonte & Chuck Evans, Melanie Morin & Randy Kratz (not pictured), and Pat Reinhardt & Sharon Rance



Experienced Winners - Chip Stokes, Sue Sedgewick, and Phillip Vile

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February 13 - 15

Cost \$53

Final Payment Date: January 22

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Contact Linda for more info on the weekend, parade, and payment **DETAILS!**

AC Linda Licarione (713) 468-2816 LLicarione@aol.com

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Thursday, February 5

8:30 p.m.

Cost \$18

Final Payment Date: February 5

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4:30 p.m.

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SCSC GOLF TOURNAMENT SCRAMBLE

Sunday, April 25

Begins 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



EVENT REPORT - SCSC VOLUNTEERS CONTRIBUTE TO SNOWFEST SUCCESS

By Gary Barrett

Over 50 volunteers from our group volunteered on Saturday and Sunday, November 8 and 9, for the annual Snowfest at the **George R. Brown Convention Center**.

Snowfest is an event that features ski resorts and activities, and has been held in cities such as Houston, Austin, San Antonio, and Dallas to promote the ski season. For our offer to provide volunteers at this event, the Space City Ski Club is given a free booth to promote our club. Volunteers helped in a variety of ways, which included signing up children for ski lessons, working the "famed" tubing hill for Vail Resorts, and even throwing snowballs at the Snow Play area. In addition,

many of us were able to promote upcoming trips such as Beaver Creek and Sun Peaks, and we even had a couple of people join the club that weekend. Many of the visitors were families who had never heard of our ski club.

Snowfest provides Space City with an opportunity to promote ourselves and to learn about other groups as well. And it gives us Houstonians an early preview of the ski season. I highly recommend to those who have not experienced Snowfest to get involved next year. It will give you a chance to wear some of your cold weather clothes and experience one weekend of winter in Houston.



Crested Butte Area at Snowfest



Downhill Skiing if Fun

Some of the Snow Events at the Snowfest Extravaganza



Brownie Troop 718 and friends enjoy Telluride's Boogie Board Hill



SCSC's Membership Table at the Snowfest

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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 2004/5 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 in the March issue of the Sitzmarke 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.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Saturday, April 17

2:30 - 7 p.m.

Cost \$20

Final Payment Date: March 18

The Houston City Club

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SCSC Membership Directory New Ads and Renewals

It's time to renew your ads or create new ones for the 2003-2004 SCSC Annual Membership Directory. Only once a year do we offer the opportunity to place an ad in the Directory to be read by over 800 people all year long!

Get great exposure for your business at a steal of a deal! Send your business card or business card sized ad, along with a \$25 check payable to Space City Ski Club to:



Leyla Ozkardesh
SCSC Secretary
P.O. Box 22567
Houston, TX 77227

Upcoming March & April Happy Hours (all 5:30 to 8 p.m.)

YNM Mixer: Thursday, March 11, JALAPENO'S, 2702 Kirby (713) 524-1668, Free buffet, happy hour prices.

SCSC Happy Hour: Thursday, March 25, GUADALAJARA, 2925 Southwest Freeway (713) 942-0772, Beer and Margarita specials until 7 p.m.

SCSC Happy Hour: Thursday, April 15, THE OUTBACK PUB, 3100 Fountainview (713) 780-2392, Free appetizers, Great drink specials, and One free drink ticket.

YNM Mixer: Thursday, April 8, VELVET MELVIN PUB (FORMERLY THE VELVET ELVIS), 3303 Richmond Ave (713) 522-6798, \$2.25 u-call-its available from the bar.

EVENT REPORT - SUN, TUBAS & ICE

By Christina Anderson & Sue Salvage



What a perfect way to spend a day! An enthusiastic group attended a special holiday event. The day began with a Christmas Concert with music played entirely by 180 tubas and baritones. **Sue Salvage** arrived early to “stake” out some space. Since this was

held outdoors, we had our choice of a sunny hill or under a comfy shade tree. **Cindy Moore** chose the sun and stretched out to get some rays. She looked real festive in red slacks and fur-trimmed boots.

The concert lasted approximately an hour and was a delight. The bells of the tubas were decorated with “Merry Tuba Christmas” letters, and the musicians were definitely in a holiday mood, even though the temperature was in the 70s. One man dressed as Santa was really into the part.

After the concert, it was on to lunch. We gathered at Benningan’s in the Galleria at a table on the patio overlooking the ice skating rink. When we arrived at Benningan’s, we thought we still had tuba music dancing in our heads from the concert, then realized some of the tubas were playing inside next to the skating rink! **Tom Danowski** attended the concert, but wasn’t able to spend time for lunch. He said something about more Christmas shopping. Lunch was great with most of us deciding to carbo-load before our BIG athletic event. **Ina Pickerello** branched off after lunch for the “more safe” event of shopping. Now, on to the active part of the event.

Upon arriving in the skate-changing room, we realized the average age of skaters was 12! We raised that just a tad. After

the hunt for skates and the challenge of quarter-eating lockers, we all took to the ice.

Ellen Eastham, with her 3 daughters and their 3 friends, were in total control on the ice. We were surprised that 3 of them had never ice skated before! Ellen was even toting a camera for some active ice skating shots. This group of young ladies really had some talent for the ice, skating around and through the rest of us. We only had one noted spill, and that award goes to **Becky Hill**. Although not her fault, she got blind-sighted by an extremely young man. No injuries were noted, and Becky kept her wonderful sense of humor. **Steve Amy** glided along smoothly and with ease, but couldn’t help smirking at some of our antics. **Leona Schroeder** was determined to stay on two feet (skates) even after her first pair just disappeared. I think this was related somehow to a challenge. **Christina Anderson** realized this was a lot of work and felt grateful to have survived without any major injuries.

This event was a perfect combination of a sunny morning with lively Christmas music, a meal with friends, and a “Winter Wonderland” activity, and was complete with a beautiful, gigantic Christmas tree, decorations, and skating to more Tuba music.

A big thank you from **Cindy Moore** and **Ellen Eastham** to AC, **Sue Salvage**, and AAC, **Christina Anderson**, for planning this fun and festive holiday event.



SCSC Group at Ice Skating Rink



SCSC Group at Ice Skating Rink

EVENT REPORT - THANKSGIVING IN KEYSTONE

By Janet McKenzie & Christine Burke

There were thirty-six Space City Ski Club Members enjoying the 2003 Thanksgiving holiday on the slopes of Keystone, Breckenridge, Copper Mountain and Vail, Vail, Vail.

Twenty-four of us left Bush Intercontinental Airport on Tuesday evening. Winning the "early birds to the airport" prize were, **Shirley** and **Bob DeBell**. The prize is peace of mind that we aren't taking off without you. They came from Nacogdoches to Houston for some shopping before flying with us to Denver. Shirley is a shopper par excellence and continued to shop in Vail and Breckenridge.

Many other SCSC'ers joined us from many other places by air or purchased a land package.

Ziad Elaazami and **Frank Adams** practiced their skiing in Vail for the week prior to our trip. They then drove to Keystone on Tuesday night to join our group now ready to ski with the big dogs! Also joining us were **Marti** and **Nelson Turner**, who squeezed in an extra day of skiing. **Guri** and **David Pryce** drove from their beautiful new log home in South Fork, Colorado. They had been skiing great snow for three weeks at Wolf Creek, which is just a 30-minute drive from South Fork. **Evan Lowe** has a fab motor coach, which he drove to meet us in Denver, then trucked along with us to Keystone.

It was a family outing as our Texas Ski Council Race Director, **Jeff** and **Nancy Sarff** brought their son, **Peter**, and his wife, **Paige**, on our trip. After a few lessons, Paige was skiing like a pro on River Run trail. In addition to Peter and Paige being on their first SCSC ski trip, we welcomed other club newcomers on the trip: **Mary Jo Luquette**, **Mimi Tran**, **Jim Parise** and **Chau Nguyen**.

Bright and early Wednesday morning, everyone was eager to see who all had arrived to make plans with whom they would ski. Everyone was eagerly consuming their complimentary breakfast to give them the much-needed energy they were about to burn on the Keystone slopes. Lift tickets were passed out and before you knew it everyone was scurrying off

to get to the lift lines first. Our Trip Coordinator, **Janet McKenzie**, took a group to the rental shop to ensure everyone renting equipment was properly fitted.

We had skiers of many different styles and skill sets on this trip. We only had one snowboarder, Jim Parise. He took snowboard lessons his first day, and yes, he is still alive. Everyone else rented skis.

Bob Wray was looking good as he practiced his new edging technique. Chau Nguyen had taken six carpet lessons at Sun and Ski in Houston and once on the real slopes, you could tell those lessons paid off for her. Accompanied by **Larry Landers**, she confidently rode the chairlift to the top of the mountain although she initially found it a bit scary.

After the first day of skiing, we all gathered that evening for the TSC Welcome Party. There were many members from the other TSC clubs. We all enjoyed a wonderful time mixing and mingling with them while snacking on great hors d'oeuvres, and sharing ski stories from the day.

Some more adventurous folks opted to ski Vail and Breckenridge on Thursday. And everyone made it back to Keystone that evening for a delicious TSC Thanksgiving Dinner Buffet. What a wonderful Thanksgiving resting your bones by a fire, having a Thanksgiving feast with wonderful people and looking out the window at a winter wonderland. That wonderful food made resting that night easy, and that was good because tomorrow we have a big race day planned.

TSC Race day was exciting. Making it even more suspenseful, Space City was the last club to race. We had 16 racers. We were depending in **Dennis Newell** who was our fastest racer, with a time of 26.58 - good for a Nastar silver medal. Janet was the fastest woman with a time of 25.16, but going around the first gate on the wrong side disqualified her! Humbug! Technicalities! Since she was the first skier down the course, the remaining 15 racers were watching her technique and line and couldn't believe what they saw. Her comment on her

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THANKSGIVING IN KEYSTONE (CONTINUED)

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error was, "This is my first time as Trip Coordinator, and because of that I have too much on my mind to worry about right side, wrong side, red flag, blue flag. I found the race course, that should count for something."

Other silver medal winners were **Marti Turner, Keith Kirkman, George Hirasaki, Nelson Turner, Bob Wray and Jeff Sarff**. **Natalia Nouel, Darlene Hirasaki, Tim Malone, Evan Lowe, Jose Araujo, David Pryce and Roger Holzman** earned bronze medals. In the individual races, George received a Nastar gold for two great runs, Nelson received gold for his performance, and, in Senior Women, Janet also received a gold (there was no mistake going around the gates this time). With a combined run total that was three seconds less than her closest competitor from ALL clubs; Janet also received another gold medal, the Individual gold. The rest of our individual racers all received silver medals: Dennis (best time for the club once again), Keith, Evan, and Jose. In the club competition, Space City was awarded second place in our division with 790.4 points to Lone Star's 1,092. Thanks go to our Race Director, **Craig Campbell**.

Friday night and time to go out! Evan scavenged everyone's leftover pizza for his subsequent days' nutritious breakfasts. After that, we went to the Snake River Saloon for a hot toddy and to relax and listen to a live band.

On Saturday, TSC provided a bus going to Vail for the day. On a scale of 1 to 10, Janet was doing a 9½ as she dashed through the hotel lobby on her way to make sure that all the SCSC'ers were on the bus. Ziad was mad for moguls that day and pulled a back muscle when he fell. In case anyone was wondering, Ziad has done a study and confirms for us, "slamming the ground at a high rate of speed actually does hurt". Janet, Roger, Natalia, and Jose skied until the very last possible second. They then realized that if they did not ride the download lift, they were going to be left behind. Talk about die-hard skiers! The lift operator did NOT lift the footrest when they were loading. Janet swivel-hipped, and was able to load, while Roger, Natalia, and Jose were scooped

under the chairlift where their arms, legs and skis were entangled, and drug across the ground. Everyone survived unscathed, but I'll bet they will try and win the early bird prize next time. The prize is peace of mind that the bus isn't leaving without you. **Tor Lileng**, Alice and Dale skied Copper Mountain. After three days on the big and little slopes, Chau and Larry enjoyed a sleigh ride. I am proud to announce that Tor did not hitch any rides with any garbage trucks this trip.

We did have one little mishap. Mimi Tran was trying to miss some snowboarders and caught an edge and fell the wrong way. She broke her tibia (leg). She was taken by ambulance to Vail Valley Medical where she had surgery to implant a plate and seven pins. While we skied, Mimi practiced walking with crutches and doing physical therapy. She was released from the hospital on Saturday and was able to fly back to Houston as scheduled with the group. Thanks to Frank for dropping off and picking up Mary Jo at Vail Valley Medical where she was visiting her roommate, Mimi. We all wish Mimi a quick and complete recovery.

Something I'll be you haven't seen before is George's unique technique of loading into a quad chair - with the bar down the center and squeezing into the same side with Darlene and Marti. Now that takes skill! Alice skied on her new K-2 skis while Dale was on his fifth pair of demos by Saturday morning. What's up Dale? Doing a study? Thank you, Keith, for all of your expert assistance to our TC. Thanks also to Roger for all of his duty reminders. Janet never had to be plagued with her training manual for Roger seems to have memorized the whole thing as he has been a member since the Louisiana Purchase. Natalia, a fifth grade teacher, regularly forgot she was on vacation. She kept trying to join groups of little children helping them out on the slopes. Roger proudly completed another trip with zero falls, even though he always needed to try to keep up with his faster ski buddies.

We had a fantastic Keystone vacation and a memorable Thanksgiving holiday thankful for the snow, great fun and camaraderie with old and new friends.



ARE YOU READY FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT?

You are invited to the **Texas Ski Council's Annual SkiBidFest** in Austin, Texas! For the first time ever, the TSC Delegates will select our trip destinations for the 2004-2005 ski season in a new hotel and city. The event is to be held Friday through Sunday, **April 2 through 4, 2004**. Our meetings will take place at the beautiful Omni Hotel at 700 San Jacinto at 8th St.

The Omni has pulled out all the stops and is offering us incredible nightly rates of \$115 for 2 people per room. (\$20 charge for each additional person in the same room) Call (800) 400-1700 to make your reservations, or log onto the TSC web site at www.texas-ski.org and click on the Omni link. Deadline for room reservations is March 12, 2004. Room rates are subject to increase after the deadline, so make your reservation soon.

The Bid Meeting Activity Fee is \$45 per person if received by March 2, 2004. After that date, the price increases to \$55 per person. Registration forms can be downloaded from the TSC web site.

As a SkiBidFest participant, you will be able to attend presentations from final selections of the ski areas, Friday night reception, Saturday lunch, SkiBidFest Vendor Show,

Saturday party with dinner and dancing, the Silent Auction with selections such as air fares, resort lodging nights, lift tickets, and more.

On Friday, April 2, the TSC will host a golf tournament at the Golf Club Star Ranch. The cost of the tournament is \$75 per person and is open to any club member. Registration and payment are due by March 12.

Ever been on a TSC trip? Then you know how much fun an awards party can be. A SkiBidFest party is twice as much fun and, best of all, you can enjoy the camaraderie of those of us who enjoy the sport of snow skiing. Make your plans early to attend and become an active part in the selection process of where the TSC skis and plays for the 2004-2005 Season.

If you are interested in volunteering during the event, please let us know. We need volunteers to help out with registration, door monitoring, the auction, and other tasks during the weekend. It is a great way to learn more about the bid process and meet some really fun people at the same time.

Hope to see you at this year's meeting!

For more information contact **Susan Blome** (713) 680-1349
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BECOME A MEMBER OF SCSC TODAY!

Space City Ski Club Membership Information

Space City Ski Club has two levels of membership: \$30 per year for an Individual and \$45 per year for a Couple. Check out our trip rates and you will see how much money you can save on your next trip just by becoming a member. With your membership you will also receive the club newsletter, the SITZMARKE, and free entrance to our monthly General Meetings.

Membership is required to attend club trips.

Our membership period runs from May 1st to April 30th

**Download a membership application form
at www.spacecity.org or contact:**

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

By Nominating Committee

It's already time to think about the change in leadership in Space City Ski Club for 2004. The Nominating Committee has searched throughout the club to fulfill the task of selecting a qualified slate of candidates who are willing and able to contribute their time and talents to manage our ski club. With this in mind, the Nominating Committee submits the following nominees for the 2004-2005 year:

President	Christine March
VP Programs	Marc Fellows
VP Trips	Lori Gilliland
VP Membership	Penny Chancey
VP Publications	Ross Baker
Secretary	Leyla Ozkardesh
Treasurer	Llona Doubet

This slate of nominees will be presented at the February General Meeting, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor (with consent of the nominee) per By-Law 4.5, found in your SCSC directory. All officer nominees should prepare a brief biography and submit it to VP of Publications, **Laura Rowley**, by **February 5th** for inclusion in the March Sitzmarke. Elections will be held at the March General Meeting.

Respectfully submitted by the
Nominating Committee for 2004-2005

Sean O'Brien, Chairman

Sue Bohnert	Bill Bomberger	Mike Dawson
Jim Edwards	Richard Hall	Patti Maudslay
Melanie Morin	John Rice	Sue Salvage

Many thanks to all of those that Volunteered! Keep up the great work! It is the members that make the club what it is!

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.

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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!

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