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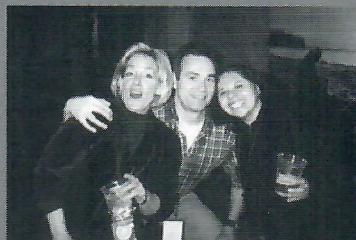


2nd Place: "Kimberly Racers"



3rd Place: "Race Day at Beaver Creek"

BEST PARTY-TIME PHOTOS



1st Place: "Big Sky's Three Musketeers"



2nd Place: "Après Ski at the Tavern"



3rd Place: "Party in 419"

MOST HUMOROUS PHOTOS



1st Place: "I've Fallen and Can I Get Up?"



2nd Place: "TC Carol, Off-Duty"



3rd Place: "Smelling Perfumes in Eze, France"

THE SECOND ANNUAL TRIP PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Happy Hour - Thursday, July 15 @ 5:30 p.m.

Mist Lounge - 2511 Bissonnet

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On the Cover

Best Trip Photo Contest

By Ellen Eastham

Space City Ski Club had the SECOND ANNUAL BEST TRIP PHOTO CONTEST at the April 12 General Meeting. Participants from seven ski trips for the 2003/2004 season could enter three categories for the photo awards. Those in attendance at the meeting voted for their favorites, awarding 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Places for the three categories.

Congratulations to the winners, who were awarded various gifts for entering and displaying their favorite photos.

BEST GROUP

First Place: Pat Piech - Big Sky, Montana
Second Place: David Eickhoff - Kimberly-Fernie, Canada
Third Place: Thuy Tran - Beaver Creek, Colorado

BEST PARTY TIME

First Place: Hope Flynn - Big Sky, Montana
Second Place: Keith Kirkman - Beaver Creek, Colorado
Third Place: David Eickhoff - Kimberly-Fernie, Canada

MOST HUMOROUS

First Place: Sharon Simandl - Big Sky, Montana
Second Place: Ron Hayes - Telluride, Colorado
Third Place: Ellen Eastham - Chamonix, France

For the latest ski club info, membership inquiries, and activities, visit the SPACE CITY SKI CLUB WEB PAGE

<http://www.spacecity.org>



- Ski trip to Park City, Utah: \$900.00
- New Atomic Race skis: \$800.00
- Having 40 new best friends to ski with: PRICELESS

Although it may seem like the ski club is kinda quiet now that it is summer; that is only an illusion. The wheels are turning and lots of behind the scenes stuff is going on.

Lori Gilliland and her crew are busy planning out all the details for some killer trips in the upcoming season. We are working on the trip budgets and trip details so that we are ready for mail-in signup. Mail-in signup is August 23 through September 3. We plan to be ready, so be sure you are ready too.

Your skis should be safely tucked away with a nice protective coat of wax covering them so that they do not get rust and pits on the edges. Now is also the time to get your ski outfits cleaned and stored, and if

you wear fur, it needs to go into cold storage.

So what else can you do to get ready? How about thinking about volunteering to do something with the ski club? There are lots of ways you can get involved. You can volunteer to be a trip race director, you can volunteer to run a fun summer activity or you can volunteer to put together a monthly meeting program. It is amazing how much you can get out of the ski club when you get involved. You get to know so many new people and will make lifelong friends, and those are friends that share your interests.

Not to change the subject, but with how hot it is outside and with a recent article I read about global warming, snow may become harder to find. So right when I was getting myself really bummed out about global warming, I saw an ad for the movie "The Day After Tomorrow." The ad showed all kinds of climatic disasters but the coolest thing was the picture of the Statue of Liberty up to her armpits in snow. The movie is about how the earth is going into a new ice age. How cool. I gotta see that movie.



Thuy's Amigos at Beaver Creek

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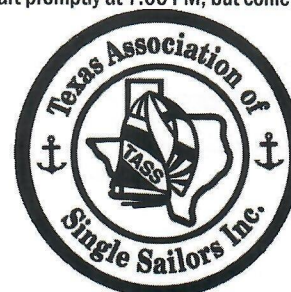
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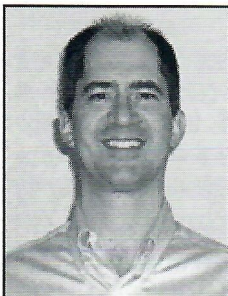


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PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Marc Fellows, VP of Programs



Starting in September, SCSC general meetings will be held at a new venue. Although we had been planning to stay at the Cadillac Bar, the new contract we were offered had substantial revisions that we could not accept. We are presently working on finding a new home and have a list of potential new locations to check out. I'm interested in hearing additional comments and suggestions on potential locations and what you would like

to see in a new meeting location. Thinking back to our former meeting locations: the Cadillac Bar, the Holiday Inn, and others; what did you like about those locations? What did you dislike? Let me know.

Our year-long run at the Cadillac Bar ended in style with our May Follies. ComedySportz had us rolling in the aisles with their comedic look at skiing. Thanks goes out to all those SCSC members who volunteered to participate in their comedy sketches (also thanks to all those

who didn't volunteer, but somehow found themselves participating anyway).

I'm pleased to announce that Deb Cini has agreed to be our new Happy Hour / Mixer Coordinator. She has a lot of great ideas for upcoming Happy Hours. Her first one will be July 15 at the Mist Lounge. She is also considering holding mixers between SCSC and other local organizations. Contact Deb if you have any suggestions or comments.

If you're into cruises, then you'll like the September 12-19 "TSC Summer Cruise". It leaves Galveston heading out to the Western Caribbean: Progreso, Merida, Cozumel, and Belize. In addition to your cruise on the Carnival Cruise Ship, *Elation*, you'll get the opportunity to tour Mayan ruins, kayak, scuba dive, sail, snorkel, golf, tour rain forests, bike, and much more! Prices are as low as \$600. AC is Nancy Sarff (713) 862-3006.

As always, contact me if you have an activity you would like to lead or if you have any other ideas or comments for activities (281) 286-0503, mjfreb@ev1.net.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

THERE WILL BE NO GENERAL MEETINGS IN JULY OR AUGUST. STAY TUNED FOR OUR NEW GENERAL MEETING LOCATION . DON'T MISS OUT ON THE UPCOMING HAPPY HOURS AND YNM MIXERS!



HAPPY HOUR

Thursday, July 15

5:30 p.m.

Mist Lounge

2511 Bissonnet

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event (Cost/Final Payment)	Coordinator	Phone	E-mail/Address
JULY				
7/15	Happy Hour-Mist Lounge	Deb Cini		2511 Bissonnet
7/17	Balloon Ascension (assist as crew, no fee)	Dick Carter	(832) 215-5125	rcarter10@houston.rr.com
7/17	Tandem Skydiving (\$169/July 8)	Chip Stokes	(281) 485-5778	cstokesscsc@houston.rr.com
7/23-25	"On the Water Spectacular Weekend" (see ad for costs)	Cindy Moore	(713) 984-1060	lucinda_moore@ev1.net
AUGUST				
8/28	NASA Ballunar Festival* (crew for hot air balloons)	Dick Carter	(832) 215-5125	rcarter10@houston.rr.com
8/23-9/3	Ski Trip Mail-in Signup			
SEPTEMBER				
9/12-19	TSC Summer Cruise (\$600+)	Nancy Sarff	(713) 862-3006	nsarff@houston.rr.com
9/20	SCSC Meeting-Sign up for Trips			Location TBA
OCTOBER				
10/2	San Marcos River Paddling Trip	Calvin Doody	(713) 686-4831	birdsguys@yahoo.com

(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, Marc Fellows (281) 286-0503 mjfreb@ev1.net. For more information or to pass on ideas about the Happy Hours and Mixers, contact Deb Cini (832) 528-6125 debcini@academicplanet.com.



- Ski trip to Aspen: \$1,500.00
- New Bogner ski jumpsuit: \$2,000.00
- The hot, young Aspen ski instructor asking for your phone number: PRICELESS

Don't forget ski friends, as I've mentioned in my past articles, 2004-2005 is going to be the "YEAR OF THE SKIER." But I have another GREAT YEAR to tell you about. Ah,

yes...1964 was a very good year! Well, for starters, I was born! Some other cool people born in 1964 include our very own Thuy Tran (ATC for last year's Beaver Creek Trip), Actresses Courtney Cox (Monica from Friends) and Sandra Bullock, Rocker Lenny Kravitz, Actors Nicolas Cage, Rob Lowe, Keanu Reeves, and Matt Dillon. Other big events of 1964 include: the Beatles made their first visit to the United States and appeared on the Ed Sullivan show, the Ford Mustang was introduced, and the Winter Olympics were held in Innsbruck, Austria.

So, why all the fun facts of 1964 you ask? Well, to lead up to the best event of the year, of which we are all thankful, the Best of the Best...Space City Ski Club was founded! In September 1964, the club was organized by an enthusiast group of almost 50 avid skiers in Houston with the purpose of promoting and encouraging the individual and group interest in the sport of snow skiing. See, I told ya...1964 was a VERY GOOD YEAR indeed!

The planning continues for our 2004-2005 ski trips. Full trip details, prices and mail-in sign-up instructions will be published in the August Sitzmarke. Remember, in order to participate in mail-in sign-up: "You must

be a current member in good standing as of August 1, 2004." So, make sure you send in your membership application and dues payment ASAP!

For those of you trying to get the most out of your vacation days, we plan to offer four short trips this year! Check out the trip schedule for dates and contact information. In fact, if you spend Thanksgiving with Diane Baker and John Sims in Winter Park, Colorado for the TSC Fall Roundup, that could end up costing you only one vacation day!

You'll have the option of a long or short trip to MY favorite destination, Snowmass, Colorado with Bill Bomberger, Gary Ladd and Dana Wardell for TSC Traditional. Visit Germany's premier winter sports center, Garmisch, Germany with the great team of experienced foreign travelers, Carmen Mikhail and David Eickhoff for TSC Winter Expedition.

Jeannine Jiral and Pat Piech will be taking us on a great club trip to Park City, Utah. Join Angie Westergren and Marnie Lamb for a long or short trip to Summit County's largest ski area, Copper Mountain, Colorado for TSC WinterShootout. Kathy Young and Arlen Isham are leading an awesome club trip to Vail, Colorado that's sure to be a great deal!

Combine great skiing by day and gambling by night with Barb Ehrlich, Bruce Baird and Jan Ferrell for a long or short trip to Heavenly-Lake Tahoe for TSC Final Showdown. Steven Teoh is working on organizing a club trip to Canada, and the Texas Ski Council is organizing a special "Learn to Ski" trip to Snowbird, UT, see our TSC Rep Sean O'Brien for the scoop.

Stay tuned for more details! Same Ski time, same Ski channel.

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Membership is required to attend club Penny Chancey V. P. of Membership trips. Our membership period runs (713) 686-4863

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Current Activity Interests: _____
Have you been a member before? _____



Space City Ski Club

2004-2005 Ski Trip Schedule

TENTATIVE

Dates	Nights/ Ski Days	Trip Destination	Final Payment	Trip Price	TC ATC (DOT)	Home Phone	E-mail Address
✓ Nov 23-28, 2004 (Tues—Sun)	5/4	WINTER PARK Colorado (TSC Fall Roundup) Family Optional	TBA	TBA	Diane Baker John Sims (KK)	713-690-1443 713-515-3278	Diane@rossbaker.com jasims@att.net
Dec 7-12, 2004 (Tues—Sun)	5/4	*** SNOWBIRD, UT *** TSC - "Learn to Ski"			Contact TSC Rep Sean O'Brien	713-787-9762	sbobrien@trcsolutions.com
✓ Jan 8-15, 2005 (Sat—Sat)	7/6	SNOWMASS - I Colorado (TSC Traditional)	TBA	TBA	Bill Bomberger Gary Ladd (ML)	281-495-8668 281-265-6233	bbomberger@satake- usa.com mbasrld@aol.com
Jan 11-16, 2005 (Tues—Sun)	5/4	SNOWMASS - II Colorado (TSC Traditional)	TBA	TBA	Bill Bomberger Dana Wardell (ML)	281-495-8668 281-497-8552	bbomberger@satake- usa.com dwardell@stalkerenergy.com
Jan 28-Feb 5, 2005 (Fri—Sat)	7/6	GARMISCH Germany (TSC Expedition)	TBA	TBA	Carmen Mikhail David Eickhoff (KK)	713-664-7522 832-593-7620	mikhail@bcm.tmc.edu eickhoff@hal-pc.org
✓ Feb 5 - 12, 2005 (Sat—Sat)	7/6	PARK CITY Utah	TBA	TBA	Jeannine Jiral Pat Piech (ML)	281-776-0424 281-531-7650	jeannine@ev1.net ppiech@ikon.com
Feb 12-19, 2005 (Sat—Sat)	7/6	COPPER MTN - I Colorado (TSC Winter Shootout)	TBA	TBA	Angie Westergren Marnie Lamb (ML)	281-589-2884 713-825-1161	angie-westergren@mac-haik- ent.com mlamb1@houston.rr.com
Feb 15-20, 2005 (Tues—Sun)	5/4	COPPER MTN - II Colorado	TBA	TBA	Angie Westergren ATC-TBA (ML)	281-589-2884	angie-westergren@mac-haik- ent.com
✓ Feb 26-Mar 5, 2005 (Sat—Sat)	7/6	VAIL Colorado	TBA	TBA	Kathy Young Arlen Isham (KK)	281-497-5339 713-455-4858	Snowvixen@houston.rr.com isham@ev1.net
✓ Mar 12-19, 2004 (Sat—Sat)	7/6	HEAVENLY-LAKE TAHOE - I Nevada (TSC Final Showdown) Family Optional	TBA	TBA	Barb Ehrlich Bruce Baird (ML)	713-868-2470 281-496-4661	barbehrlch@houston.rr.com Bruce2skis@aol.com
Mar 15-20, 2005 (Tues—Sun)	5/4	HEAVENLY-LAKE TAHOE - II	TBA	TBA	Barb Ehrlich Jan Ferrell (ML)	713-868-2470 713-266-8222	barbehrlch@houston.rr.com ferrelljan@hotmail.com
✓ Mar 26-Apr 2, 2005 (Sat—Sat)	7/6	WHISTLER Canada	TBA	TBA	Steven Teoh TBA (KK)	832-298-2893	steventeoh@remax.net

* Family Optional

All schedules subject to change

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MEET YOUR NEW DIRECTOR OF TRIPS, MARSHA LUTZ AND KAYLEEN KILL



Marsha Lutz

Let's talk about skiing—snow skiing that is. My friends that have seen me do both agree that I ski better on snow than water. And that silver race medal I received in Telluride is more proof of my skiing skill! The medal event is a side note that I won't go into, but many of you know the story. Actually, the skiing ability varies from year to year and no longer seems to be directly correlated to

years of experience, but the fun times only seem to grow!

In 1985, I was looking for new ski buddies, since the current ones kept returning to the same area or were finding other interests. I was told about Space City Ski Club and went to the September meeting, waiting in a long line to sign up for the Texas Ski Council trip to Badgastein, Austria. I think I was No. 78 out of 80—whew! During that trip I met dozens of new friends and immediately became active in the club. A year later, I was an ATC for the Traditional at Winter Park. For years to come, I went on lots of trips and started taking two ski trips a year. Once you do multiple ski vacations, it's hard to go back to just one a season. Besides, with all the great trips that SCSC puts together, it's almost impossible to decide on one—so choosing two certainly helps! I also enjoyed doing many fun activities with SCSC, making lots of friends along the way—the kind of friends that stay friends for decades—the best kind.

Finally, in 1996 someone asked or I volunteered, I'm not sure how it happened, but I became TC for Park City. Since then, I have been running a trip, activity or serving as an officer. I've also run ski trips for coworkers. One crazy year (at least I was crazy) I ran an SCSC and office trip that were three weeks apart! I was heard saying—"never again!" We all need those "breaks" to catch up on other areas of our lives, and every year I say "I gotta do that!" But after six months or so have passed, I find myself, once again, open to another SCSC opportunity.

This year, as a Director of Trips, I will be having fun coordinating ski vacations along with Kayleen and Lori. We all love to ski and travel and between us have covered a large percentage of ski areas in the world. The planning phase feels so natural to me that I think I must have been a travel agent in my previous life! But I also will be working with lots of wonderful TCs and ATCs that do the actual good work to provide you a great trip. I hope you find a place or two (or three for those not counting vacation days!) on your calendar for one of this year's fabulous SCSC ski vacations. And if I don't know you, I hope to meet you soon at a meeting, happy hour or even better—on a ski trip!

Kayleen Kill

I have been skiing since 1975 and have been known at times to be somewhat fanatic about skiing. Prior to moving to Houston in 1991, I belonged to ski clubs in Toledo, Ohio and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I was very active in both clubs, particularly Toledo, where I not only ran trips but was also an officer.

When I went on my first trip with SCSC in November 1991, I was quite impressed with the trip and how well run it was. I instantly decided I wanted to get involved with SCSC and ran a golf tournament in 1992. Then, in January 1993 I was TC for Innsbruck, Austria. That followed quickly with serving as Treasurer of SCSC in 1993-94. In the years since, I've run various trips and activities and served on the Board and as TSC Alternate Delegate.

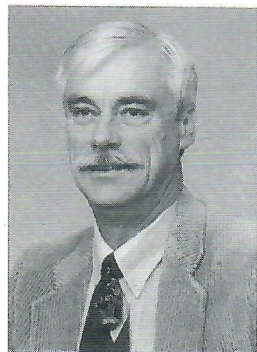
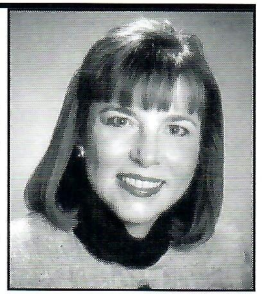
Since I always went on one to four ski trips every year, I got to know the Texas Ski Council. In 1999, I was appointed as the TSC Expedition Coordinator for Soll, Austria. Since then, I have served on the TSC Board as Treasurer and VP of trips to Alyeska, Quebec and Beaver Creek.

So this year I decided to drop out of TSC and when Lori asked me to be a DOT, I was able to say YES! Some of you may also know that I was very fortunate to be able to take a retirement package in December 2000, and although I did some contract work for a while, I am now officially fully retired. However, I am still working hard, since I am on the Board of Directors for five different organizations. The pay is lousy, but the satisfaction is great.

I have a wealth of experience in SCSC and TSC, and am very organized and detail oriented, if I do say so myself (which, apparently, I do). But my biggest asset is that I am ENTHUSIASTIC.

Many of you know my husband, John Rice, who is a past President of SCSC and currently serves on the Board. We are one of those lucky couples that SCSC brought together. I don't see how I could have ever married someone who didn't ski, so I am grateful to SCSC for providing the opportunity for me to meet John. SCSC has also provided a big percentage of our close friends.

I am looking forward to working with Lori and Marsha and to a great ski season.



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TEXAS BEATS FLORIDA! SKI COUNCILS WAGE HISTORIC BATTLE AT BEAVER CREEK

By Ross Baker

Skiers from Texas Ski Council have earned bragging rights for a year over their counterparts from the Sunshine State! This race was of "historic" proportions, as apparently it is the first time two ski councils from any states have ever competed against each other. Kayleen Kill helped organized the race as part of the Texas Ski Council's "traditional" January ski trip.

On Friday, January 16, the top racers representing the ski councils of Texas and Florida competed in the first inter-council race in the country. There were more than 1,100 combined members of the two councils staying at Vail and Beaver Creek.

The twelve fastest skiers, composed of six men and six women, were chosen from each council based upon their individual race time scores. This was strictly qualification by the clock; handicaps were not a factor. Each council ran two heats. The Texas women beat their Florida counterparts in every run down the awesome racecourse, while the men only lost one race. Even though the race scores were tight, this was clearly a blowout. Kayleen K. said that Florida gave it their best shot. "We know Texas is the greatest state with the greatest people and the greatest racers."

Diane Baker was the only SCSC member to qualify for this

prestigious race. She scored the fourth fastest women's time in the TSC races. "I was nervous entering this challenge since I had always raced for fun rather than competitively. I didn't want to let the club or TSC down."

James Mershon, former president of TSC, seemed quite touched in the end, spraying champagne all over the NASTAR deck upon receiving the trophy, which he'll guard with pride for the next year. (The trophy was named the Kim Miller Memorial Cup, named after the late Kim Miller, recent president of the Florida Ski Council, who passed away unexpectedly just weeks prior to the trip.) Mershon said, "It was fun, we really enjoyed it, and there weren't any losers in this deal."

Jim Nicolas, former president of the Florida Ski Council was a good sport and took the overwhelming loss as a challenge to a rematch. Nicolas said, "We salute and congratulate Texas on a fine race. We all ran a good race and finished strong."

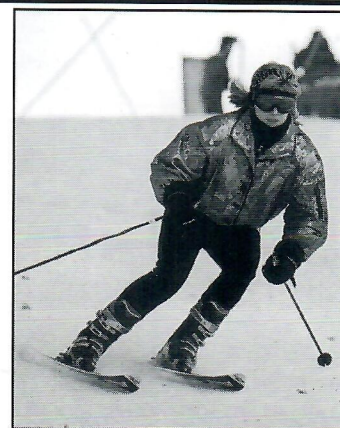
Daren Cole, director of national sales for Vail Resorts, says that he hopes to invite the best racers from ski councils throughout the country to Vail or Beaver Creek for a national championship, of sorts.



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The Lone Star State Flag was everywhere at Beaver Creek, where racers with TSC soundly beat their counterparts from Florida on the NASTAR course



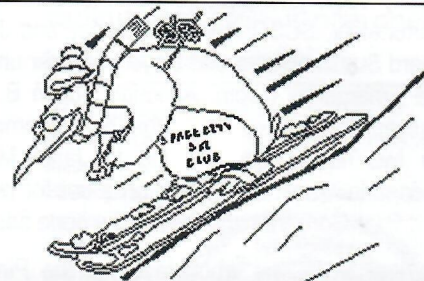
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BEAVER CREEK I & II (JANUARY 10-17, 2004)

By Thuy Tran, Susan Blome & Jeri Wilson

How do you cure the post holiday blues and get away from all the political hoopla around the presidential primaries? Go to a world class ski resort and ski your heart out for a week with 500 other Texans...Yeehaa! This is exactly what 90 SCSC members did by going on the very first ski trip of 2004 to Beaver Creek, CO led by Susan Blome and Thuy Tran on the long trip and Jeri Wilson on the short trip.

The BC 'long-trippers' arrived in two groups to Denver on Saturday, January 10th to unseasonably warm January weather...in the mid-60s! It was so warm the Quizno's box lunch delivery guy wore shorts!

At The Pines, the 'bed-hopping' started right away at hotel check-in when George Jalufka and John Zavala were given one single king size bed in their room. After much groveling to Susan B. and Janet McKenzie, who had two doubles in their room, Susan B. and Janet M. agreed to switch rooms with George J. and John Z. But Janet M. said she still had the key and reserved the right to come back to her original bed...with or without George J. in it!



Big Dog Amigos at Beaver Creek

The first catastrophe of the trip started on the first day of skiing to none other than our illustrious trip leader, Susan B. Her face had a close and intimate encounter of the worst kind with the escalator steps at the Beaver Creek lifts. It appears that long skis, poles, clunky boots just don't go well with a narrow escalator...go figure? Fortunately, SCSC members Stacey and J.R. Ronzcy from Denver heard Susan scream and stayed with her until she was released from the Emergency Room. Although Susan B. mostly had bumps and bruises, the doctor insisted that her roommate move out of her room for two nights, thus leading to Janet M.'s second bed-hopping escapade. Janet M. bunked on a cot for two nights with Thuy Tran and Pilar Gonzales and they had a bona fide girls' slumber party.

Several SCSC-ers who stayed at the Pines Hotel, including Bud Wilson, Beneta Haley, and Cheryl Crockett, accepted BMW North America's offer to test-drive a BMW. However, the top prize must go to David Edwards and Gary Freeman who test drove the ultimate driving machine every night to check out the manufacturer's claim of its being a "chick magnet". You'll have to ask David E. and Gary F. to validate if BMW's claims are valid.

Many people skied at Vail the next few days as the shuttle service

from the hotel was so convenient. Richard Rocque, a new member who joined SCSC and then immediately moved to Colorado Springs, quickly became a new member of the Thuy Amigos, and led Thuy T., Carmen Mikhail, Ronnie Slate (from Dallas), Janet M., and Roger Holzman in a delightful day in the back bowls of Blue Sky Basin. Suzanne Woods, George J., and John also joined in the fun. It was a full house at the après ski party at Vail's Lionshead. Tim Ford and Denise Butler, Keith Kirkman, Bill Bomberger, Sharon Simandl, Diane and David Stotz, Kayleen Kill and John Rice, and Bob Munn, were among the many seen enjoying the music and pitchers of beer.

Jeri W. and the short trippers arrived in Denver on Tuesday. They met Jean Franks, Kay McKeough, Leslie Adams, and Steve Ellsberry at the Denver Airport and arrived in snowy Beaver Creek where the trees were lit up against the snow and the village looked like something from Europe. The condos they stayed in were fabulous with a full bath in every bedroom and a full bath off of the living room. Kay had everyone guessing at the value of our condos (\$1MM+). Gary and Sharon Sequeira were always the first up and out the door to ski, but one morning they greeted everyone early with a full fire blazing and fresh coffee. It turns out that they had locked themselves out of their bedroom! Jill Nanney was the bravest skier, having Lasik eye surgery on the Thursday before the trip. She kept us all amazed at her assortment of eye drops. She said it was interesting skiing while not seeing signs clearly! Lou Kleinman showed us the way to ski in and ski out of our condo. Monica Choate had never skied, said the lessons were great at Beaver Creek, and spent evenings with Jill Franks enjoying the shops in Beaver Creek and Vail. The location of the hot tub was a mystery, but one night while waiting for a bus we spied Leslie A. and Steve E. getting out of the tub right beside the condo! Harry Gaston was seen at the Beaver Creek Tavern and the Dusty Boot enjoying dinner with friends from the long trip. Bob Cloutier and Jeri W. discovered the DJ at Beaver Creek Tavern and spent several evenings dancing into the late hours. Jeri W.'s brother from Denver, Lee Wilson, joined Jeri W. and Bob C. on Saturday and showed them the uncrowded places to ski at Vail. A great time was had by all enjoying the condos, the shopping and the great snow at Beaver Creek and Vail.

Thursday was TSC club race day and Space City was the first club to race. Unfortunately, our ranks were diminished by several "close encounters," even before the races began. Janet M. decided she needed to run the practice course the morning of the race, and not wanting to miss a turn (remember Keystone?), she ended up smacking right into the middle of a gate. Witnesses report that it was painful just to watch. Keith Kirkman and Frank Adams were free skiing (also on the morning of the race) when apparently Frank A. got a little too close for comfort. At least Keith A. was able to get his brand new Marker binding replaced under warranty later that day. In spite of all this, we still managed to get 40 racers to the course on time. Robert Samen was our fastest racer, earning a Nastar silver medal with a time of 37.92 (it was a long, tough course). Kayleen K. was our fastest woman with a time of 38.99, also good for a silver medal. Other silver medal winners were Diane Baker and Susan Wilson. Bronze medals were won by Jill Nanney, Sharon S., Linda McNeilly-Meyer, Dave S., Bill B., Bruce Lowther, Bob Wray, Ron

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Rambin, Robert Cloutier, and Merlyn Harger. Laurie Haischer deserves an honorable mention—even though she took a tumble, she got back on the course and still won points for the club. Speaking of points, we earned 920, which was more than any other club except Lone Star. After the club handicaps were applied however, we fell into third place behind Los Amigos. (They have a handicap of 1.75!)

Seven SCSC racers entered the individual races, which were run on Friday morning. Diane B. placed fourth in the women's open division (another silver medal) and also participated in the Texas/Florida Ski Council Cup Challenge. (TSC won—twelve heats to one!) Kayleen K. was the second fastest senior woman (silver again), and Robert S. was our club's fastest racer with a combined time of 77.20—good for another silver medal. Nives Stanfelj missed a gate near the end of the club race on Thursday, but came back the next day in the individuals to place sixth in women's open and received a bronze medal. Sharon S., Bill B. and Bruce L. also received bronze medals. Congratulations and many thanks to our Race Director, Bob W., and all of our great racers who participated at Beaver Creek!

The SCSC club party on Thursday night had a full house. So much so that we quickly ran out of food and our ATC Thuy T. was heard begging the Pines kitchen staff to whip up several last minute platters of food. Amongst those seen at the party were Karl and Lotty Gautschi, Johanna and Jing Kuang, Ron and Roberta Rambin, Joe Cannata, Philip Vice, Joe Brucoliere, Jim Hendrix, Sandy and Don Parker, Lynn and Walter Hester, Carol Conner, Nora Cortez, Gary and Beneta Haley, Jim Walker, Bob W. and Christine March, Charlie and Beverly Roberts, Diane and Ross Baker, Glenn and Gonul Youngblood, Joe Kulpinsky and Pat McKechnie, Ron Hayes and Judy Shiro, and Merlyn Harger. The highlight of the evening was everybody going around taking pictures of each other. Janet Schafer and Ron H. had a race for who could take the most pictures. The theme of the night seemed to be compromising poses of a single guy with a harem of women starting with Joe Daleo, and then quickly followed by George J., Lee Holsenbeck, and Richard R. Sharon S. demanded equality and had her picture taken posing with 'the boyz'.

Beaver Creek is a great place to stay with great restaurants, fabulous lodging, and shopping but the nightlife left something to be desired. When 500 Texans want music and dancing...by George J., they'll get it. The president of Beaver Creek Resort quickly hired and paid for a

DJ for the TSC skiers after hearing a complaint that there is no place to dance and hang out at night. Nives S. did SCSC proud by being the sometimes-lone SCSC representative at the Beaver Creek Tavern every night enjoying the DJ and dancing. Many SCSC members finally joined Nives S. Thursday night when many of us showed up in force. Bob Rexford was seen "getting down" along with Pilar G., Bob M., Lee H., Lori Gilliland, Nora C., Susan B., Bruce L., Robert Clements, Leyla Ozkardesh, and Ken Harger. Cathy Phillips and Harley Chelin were also seen enjoying the evening with Cathy P.'s daughters, Lori and Melissa, and Lori's boyfriend Brian Abramson.

Alas, all good things must come to an end. The final farewell and awards banquet was held at a dude ranch complete with wagon trains, bales of hay, and good old fashion bar-b-q. The band was great playing all favorites from C&W to rock and roll. Sharon S. was out "dirty dancing" with a skier from another ski club. Also seen at the party were fellow SCSC members Peggy Montgomery and Nancy Sarff. However, the mystery woman of the entire week was Crystal Fryer. She was definitely on the trip, but SCSC-ers rarely, if ever, saw her.

A great time was had by all enjoying the hotel or condos, the shopping and the great snow at Beaver Creek and Vail. Maybe it was the world class ski venue, maybe it was the good snow, maybe it was the five-star lodging, but one thing is for certain, it has to be the people and the camaraderie that made Beaver Creek 2004 a trip to remember!

A special thanks from Susan Blome to Stacey and J.R. Ronczy for staying with me when I had my accident with the escalator, to Ron Hayes, Judy Shiro and Beneta Hayes for taking me to the dentist on Monday morning, to Janet McKenzie, Thuy Tran and Pilar Gonzalez for having a slumber party so I could recuperate, to Thuy and Jeri for being fantastic ATCs, and to all participants on Beaver Creek for a fantastic trip and some wonderful memories! See you on the slopes next year!



Janet, Bob and Carmen at Beaver Creek



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