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*Pre Mardi Gras Party at the February  
General Meeting*

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I am so disheartened at the fact that I missed the February General Meeting! UNFORTUNATELY, I was flying down the trails at the **Chamonix/Mont Blanc Ski Resort!** The Chamonix trip, headed by Trip Coordinator, **Penny Chancey**, and Assistant Trip Coordinator, **Carmen Mikail**, was an extreme success. Fun was had by all who attended! I wish

you could have been there.

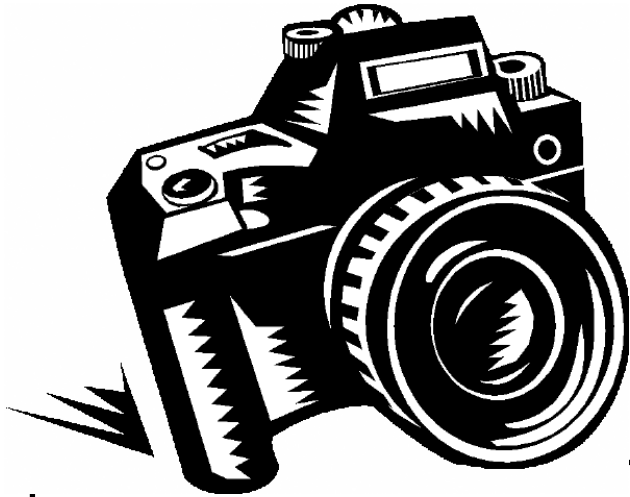
This season's trips are nearing their end, but just around the corner is the **Annual TSC Bid Fest** held in Austin the first

weekend in **April**. I strongly encourage your attendance if you would like input into next year's destinations. It is a weekend full of fun and drink in the sun!

In addition, we do have the **TSC Summer Meltdown** to the Western Caribbean in **September**. This looks to be loads of fun, so mark your calendars and plan to attend.

The trips and activities have been great this season and special thanks go to all who have coordinated and participated. It is because of your enthusiasm, great personalities and party attitude that have made this one of the best year's ever!

I am so glad to be representing SCSC as your President! Bye...



### 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**

**Contact your trip's AC to enter your photo**

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# SCSC'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

## MARCH 2004

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 6 ..... Game Night (pg 10)  
 8 ..... SCSC General Meeting  
 11 ..... YNM Mixer-Jalapeno's  
 25 ..... Happy Hour-Guadalajara

## APRIL 2004

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## MAY 2004

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 6 ..... YNM Mixer-Under the Volcano (pg 12)  
 17 ..... SCSC General Meeting  
 27 ..... Happy Hour-Sambuca (pg 12)

### GENERAL MEETING

**Monday, March 8 @ 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

**THE SKY'S THE LIMIT**

**\*\*Featuring speakers about  
 Hot Air Ballooning and Sky Diving**

### TRIP AND ACTIVITY SIGN-UP

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

### YNM MIXER

**Thursday, March 11 @ 5:30 p.m.**

### Jalapeno's

2702 Kirby

(713) 524-1668

**Free buffet and Happy  
 Hour prices!**



### 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

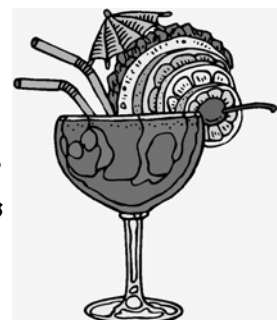
**Thursday, March 25 @ 5:30 p.m.**

### Guadalajara

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As the ski season is winding down we can direct our sadness over the passing of this ski season with the anticipation of the fabulous ski season to come. Starting in April, we begin plans for where we are going to go next year. The **Texas Ski Council Bid Meeting** will be in Austin this year and will be held on **April 2, 3 & 4** at the **Omni Hotel** downtown. Special

rates are available on a limited basis. The cost to attend is \$45.00 per person.

Everyone is invited to attend, and everyone can participate. At the Bid Meeting, some of the most fabulous ski resorts from all over come to Austin to make their presentation and wow us with all the wonderful reasons we should come ski at their resorts. They make a great offer to get us to come have our TSC trips at their resorts.

After the presentations, each club has a separate room to meet with whatever members from their club that are there and we talk about what bids we like and voice our preferences. The clubs then meet again and vote. You can attend these presentations, and you can attend the caucus to discuss which resorts we should vote for.

In addition to the meetings and resorts, there are also equipment suppliers and other businesses that are involved in the ski industry who have booths in an exhibition area. You can talk to the various representatives, and they will have information and freebies for you. There is also a golf tournament on Friday and a big blowout party on Saturday night.

If you want to get to know more people in the club, volunteering to be a Trip Coordinator or an Assistant Trip Coordinator is the absolute best way to get the most out of the club. Volunteering means you get to be in on what goes on with the club, and it is the best way to develop a circle of friends within the club. Included in this issue of the Sitzmarke is an application.

Generally, to be a Trip Coordinator you need to serve as an Assistant Trip Coordinator first. Fill out the application and you will be invited to a TC/ATC mixer. At that point you can mix and mingle with the people that will be trip coordinators and see if you find someone that you think you would like to work with, and if there is a particular resort that you would like to go to, and you can decide from there.

Come on, get out and get involved. We would love to have you!

It's time to sign up for the

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Craig Campbell running in the Marathon



## 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
Mar 13-20, 2004 (Sat--Sat) <b>**SOLD OUT**</b>	7/6 Hotel	<b>BIG SKY*</b> 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	<b>END OF SEASON</b> 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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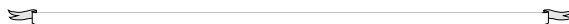
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**Trips identified as \*\*\*SOLD OUT\*\*\* have reached their maximum number of participants and have begun wait lists. If the trip you are interested in is sold out, check the other trips that still have openings or contact the TC of the sold out trip to get on their wait list.**



\* Family Optional

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**Very soon we will know of our trips,  
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As Spring has buds bursting, your ski club is also bursting with exciting spring activities and meetings! Come to the March, April and May meetings held at the **Cadillac Bar** and sign up for the activities of your choice.

**March 8<sup>th</sup>** will be an action-packed meeting entitled "The Sky's the Limit." Think of it as sort of a Big Sky pre-party with speakers on hot air ballooning and parachuting. March also boasts the annual rodeo event on opening night, **March 2<sup>nd</sup>** (which is probably sold out as you read this!) with AC, **Mary Kay Kitchens**.

Speaking of parties, you haven't been to a party until you've tried **Game Night** at **Jose Araujo's**! Don't forget to sign up for that fabulous **March 6<sup>th</sup>** activity featuring all kinds of games, food, prizes, and, of course, adult beverages!

Please note the March happy hour has been changed to **Guadalajara** on the Southwest Freeway across from our old stomping grounds at the **Holiday Inn**. How dare Cabo's decide to close down before our happy hour! The **Young and New Member Mixer** is at **Jalapeno's** at 2702 Kirby on **March 11<sup>th</sup>**.

Our **April 12<sup>th</sup>** meeting will feature Spring water sports, with a special focus on kayaking. You will learn some useful stuff about kayaking and canoeing from an REI guest speaker. Additionally, other water sports will be represented. SCSC continues with active sports tournaments. A **Tennis**

**Tournament** will be held on **April 17<sup>th</sup>** with AC, **Steven Teoh** and a **Golf Tournament** on **April 25** with AC, **Jeff Sarff**!

**May 1<sup>st</sup>** will be a date you must save for AC, **Vicki Faulkner's**, fantastic **Cinco De Mayo Fiesta Dance**! It includes a full fajita dinner, soft drinks, not to mention very inexpensive wine, beer and margaritas, and live entertainment for your dancing pleasure by **Yelba's Latin Fire**! To miss this would be as bad as missing the Holiday Gala or a wine tasting at Dawns! It is very centrally located with good, free parking, too! Dress is as casual or fancy, or as Mexican as you'd like!

On **May 17<sup>th</sup>** you will enjoy a **Follies** like you have never experienced by **REAL COMEDIANS** as we bring **ComedySportz** to the Cadillac! Of course, there will be SCSC member participation in it as well. Please send **Marsha Lutz** comical things that happened on recent ski trip and activities to be written into the script.

The **SkiBidFest** from **April 2<sup>nd</sup>** to **April 4<sup>th</sup>** is as ingrained in my travel schedule as flying home for Christmas! Join me at this new Austin venue as the **Texas Ski Council** decides our trips for next season. It is a must for incoming officers and prospective trip leaders, and a blast for any member. The **SkiBidFest** holds a special place in my heart because last year at this event, Ellen agreed to be my Director of Programs. Thank her next time you see her as she works endlessly.

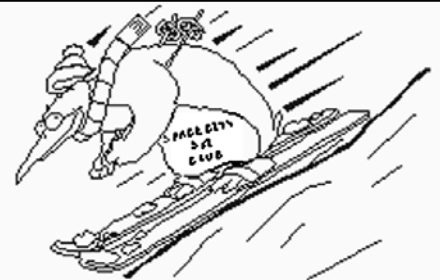
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event (Cost/Final Payment)	Coordinator	Phone	E-mail/Address
<b>MARCH</b>				
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
<b>APRIL</b>				
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
4/25	Golf Tournament (\$80/Mar. 18)	Jeff Sarff	(713) 853-2327	jeffsarff@dhja.com
<b>MAY</b>				
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

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

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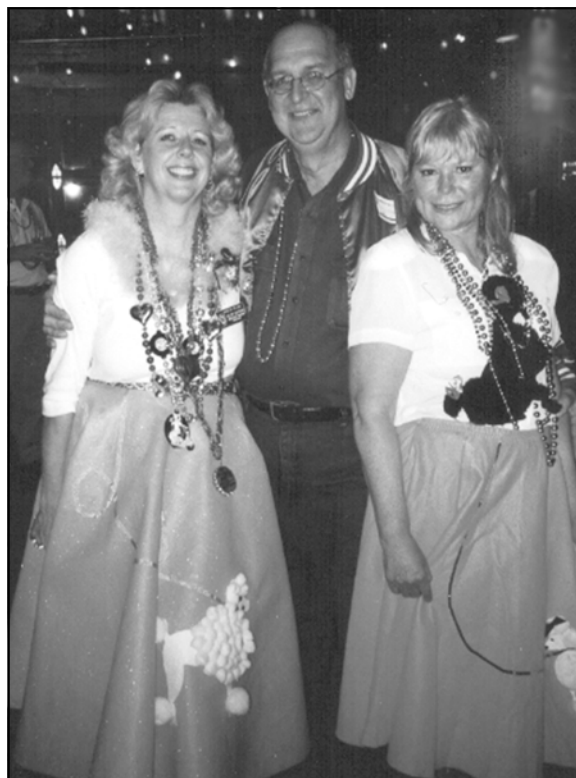
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Larry Kram in the company of gals in poodle skirts, Ellen Eastham & Sue Radoff

# ITS MARDI GRAS TIME AGAIN...LET'S ROCK 'N ROLL

By Elen Eastham

On January 19, SCSC's meeting transformed into a Mardi Gras party in preparation of the Mardi Gras Galveston celebration approaching. Some members dressed in rock 'n roll attire, and the remainder wished they had!

**Linda Licarione** and **Shirley Lang**, AC and AAC for the **Downhill Krewe**, brought decorations and beads fit for the royalty party they had planned. Did you know that Space City had its own Galveston Mardi Gras Krewe, the 'Downhill Krewe?' Over 500 beads were tossed to the crowd from the Downhill Krewe members as they played "tambourines." Everyone was adorned with red heart beads and many types of shining beads.

Z Krewe members **Glenda Willis**, Big Daddy Nine **Larry Kram**, and **Peggy Wortham** attended the meeting to assist with the Royalty Cake Cutting ceremony, which is the key to the festive beginning of the Mardi Gras season. Downhill Krewe male and female members selected a slice from the separate King's Cakes. Ten persons whose slice had a "baby" became Downhill Krewe Royalty members for 2004. Downhill Krewe 2003 King Slalom I, **Sean O'Brien**, and Queen Moguls I, **Patti Maudslay**, were introduced to the group and passed on their royalty status to King Slalom II, **Bill Simmons**, and Queen Moguls II, **Sandy Perry**, both having received the gold baby in their respective slice of the King's cake. Remaining members of the 2004 Royal Court are: Black, **Ted Bergeron** and **Ellen Eastham**; Silver, **Marc Fellows** and **Barbara Rossetti**; Purple, **Chip Stokes** and **Cindy Moore**; and Green, **Jeff Warren** and **Diane Stotz**.

Following the cake-cutting ceremony, **Olyn Taylor**, DJ



DJ Olyn Taylor plays Rock 'n Roll tunes

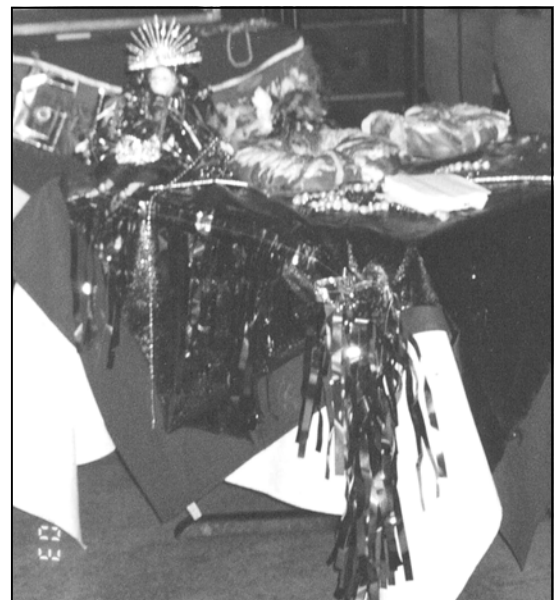
Specialist, played rock 'n roll music while many danced the night away. The evening was full of fun, and just the preliminary fun to what awaits Space City's own Downhill Krewe as it participates in the bead throwing and revelry as a part of the Z Krewe Procession on Saturday, February 14 in The Galveston Strand district beginning at 1 p.m. The Downhill Krewe will be partying in the streets all day and evening in Galveston.

There will also be a Krewe of Gambrinus parade-watching party that evening at the **Holiday Inn** on the Seawall. Many have signed up for the "coveted" Zestival passes joining the Z Krewe on their balcony high above The Strand. The group will have the zaniest and coolest beads on The Strand. The daytime streets are full of fun, and safe for family entertainment. As dark approaches, however, The Strand transforms into an adult and "Mardi Gras-as-you-know-it" atmosphere. On Sunday, after a weekend of partying, the Downhill Krewe will volunteer at the **Special Peoples' Ball** at the **Moody Center**.

Stay tuned for a full report on Mardi Gras weekend in the April Sitzmarke.



AC Linda Licarione & AAC Shirley Lang ready for Mardi Gras weekend



King's Cake Table—Ready for the Ceremony

## DON'T MISS OUT ON THESE ACTIVITIES...

### HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO

**Tuesday, March 2**

**Cost \$16**

Final Payment Date: February 9

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AC Mary Kay Kitchens (281) 558-9736  
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### GAME NIGHT AT JOSE'S

**Saturday, March 6**

**4:30 p.m.**

**Cost \$15**

Final Payment Date: February 9

**Ping pong, darts, dominoes, Uno, cards, board games, and more. Come have fun with new & old friends. Exercise your mind and body, including food and drink for your soul!**

AC Jose Araujo (713) 541-6838 joseangel888@hotmail.com



### 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.**

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### SCSC GOLF TOURNAMENT SCRAMBLE

**Sunday, April 25**

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

**Cost \$80**

Final Payment Date: March 18

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### 2004 SCSC Follies

A different kind of folly,  
Actually not a folly,  
But it will be funny!

**Come watch and participate in the fun at the May 17 General Meeting**

**ComedySportz will show us how our ski antics look to the outside world**

# VOLUNTEERING AT THE MARATHON-FROM THE EYES OF A PAST MARATHON RUNNER

By Ellen Eastham

**B**rian Reagan was one of 20,000 runners at the **Boston Marathon** on April 21, 2003. He was so excited to reach the finish line! There were many people dressed up; one couple in wedding gown and tux from the waist up. The crowds were incredible.

To give some history, Brian was on a business trip to Boston in June 1997. A waiter at dinner told Brian and his wife, **Natalie**, that he had just run the Boston Marathon and how exciting it was. That inspired Brian, and that night he decided to try it. Boston is one of the only Marathons that a runner has to qualify in order to enter. Brian signed up for Houston Fit, thinking that he would run the Houston Marathon in January, qualify for the Boston, and then go back to Boston in April.

Well, as most of you know, the goal of running a marathon in 3 hours 30 minutes proved to be more difficult than he thought! It took him six years of training, including running three marathons in Houston, one in Austin and two in Dallas.



Brian Reagan at the Boston Marathon

Finally, on January 19, 2003 at the Houston Marathon he completed the race in 3 hours and 27 minutes, and finally reached his quest for Boston!

After the Boston Marathon, Brian and Natalie went to dinner at the same restaurant where they had eaten six years ago. Brian always said if he made it, they would return to the same restaurant afterwards to celebrate!

On January 18, Brian and Natalie Reagan were volunteers at the **Houston Marathon** for Mile 23. They had a tropical theme and played Jimmy Buffett and Reggae music to make Mile Mark 23 more festive. Brian wanted to give back to the runners what he received, encouragement to finish the race. Brian enjoyed the day watching the runners go by, and reflecting back on the days that he too, was a runner. Brian says he will volunteer again for the Houston Marathon in 2005, and anyone who is interested in having as much fun rooting for the runners are welcome to join him.



Brian and Natalie Reagan volunteer at Mile 23



Sue Radoff & Gerry Simpson celebrating the Marathon

# BE A PART OF THE SCSC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

## 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.*



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Parrothead Brian Reagan, who won the Most Enthusiastic Hoopla Award, cheering on the runners

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

**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.**

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

**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.**

The HP Houston Marathon was a huge success this year, thanks to all of our tremendous volunteers. SCSC provided much needed volunteers for both Mile 23 and the last mile. Volunteering for this event, the largest single day sporting event in Houston, has been an SCSC activity tradition for 5 years.

I would like to thank **Bob Horan** (AC) and all of the volunteers who came out to make the run safe for the marathoners and provide moral support. You just can't comprehend how rewarding volunteering is until you come out and do it. Hopefully you will sign up (and SHOW UP) next year.

I have served on the marathon committee for 6 years. For the last three years I have been the Radio Station Chair and also placed live bands, entertainment and jam vans (huge, loud DJ set-ups) on the course.

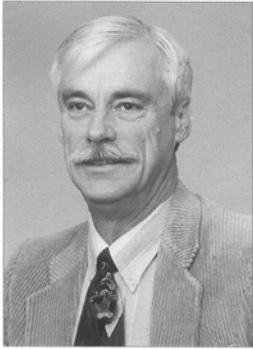
For the second year, we had 25 radio stations playing their music on the course. The company, **DJ Specialist**, (who played at our general meeting the following day) played at a huge discount in two spots for the marathon.


The hoopla awards were presented at the **All Volunteer**

**Banquet on February 6.**

- *Most Enthusiastic* went to our own Mile 23's **Brian Reagan** for his jam van.
- *Best Music* went to the **Los Rancheros Band**.
- *Best Overall* was the **Allen Oldies Band** (if you volunteered at the start of mile 23 you got to listen to them the entire marathon.).
- *Best In Show* was the **Texas Elvis Explosion** (Elvis Impersonators).
- *Best Sound* went to **Craig and Jim Arispe**, dedicated volunteers who have had Jam Vans for Mile 20 for 19 years in a row!

All of the winners played for free, although several normally charge thousands. And where was I during the race? Why I was riding in the lead Metro Trolley looking out the back to see who was the lead runner, and looking out the sides yelling and waving to the volunteers, radio stations, and crowds thanking them for coming. Houston, we have **Support**...not a problem! Be sure to be a part of it next year!




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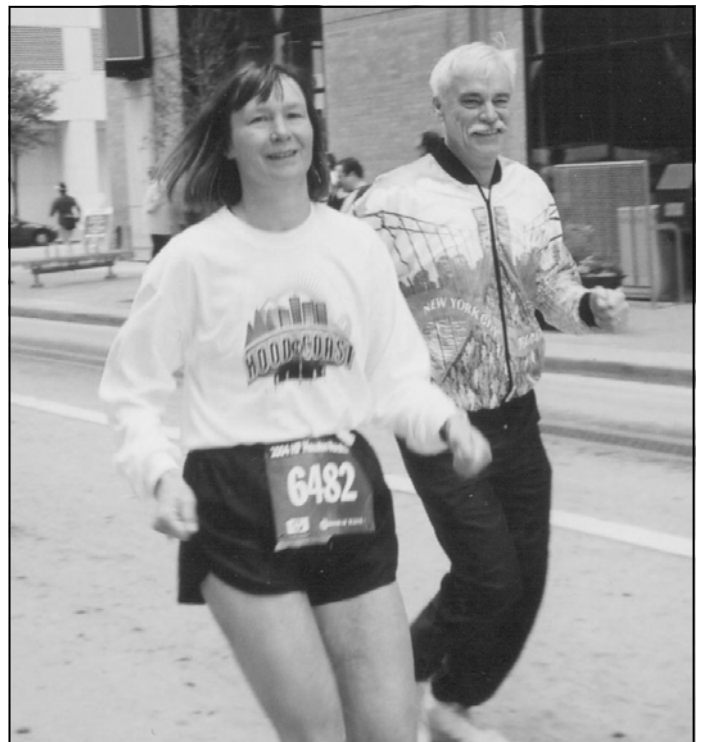
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Runner GA Addicks and her support team, Mike Dawson

# ARE YOU READY FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT?

**Y**ou 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 a new city. The event is to be held Friday through Sunday, **April 2-4, 2004**. Our meetings will take place at the beautiful **Omni Hotel** at 700 San Jacinto at 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 [SGBlome@juno.com](mailto:SGBlome@juno.com) or [Susan.blome@shell.com](mailto:Susan.blome@shell.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 details: TBA soon**

Location: East Beach, Galveston

Check website information from 2003  
competition at  
[www.aiasandcastle.com/2003/  
eventinfo.htm](http://www.aiasandcastle.com/2003/eventinfo.htm)

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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](http://www.spacecity.org) or contact:**

**Gary Barrett**

**V.P. of Membership**

**(713) 533-0454**

**[garybarrett@msn.com](mailto:garybarrett@msn.com)**

**Make checks payable to: Space City Ski Club**

**Mail to: P.O. Box 22567, Houston, TX 77227**

### Quick Form

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Trip Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Activity Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been a member before? \_\_\_\_\_



## 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](mailto:Vicki.Faulkner@Shell.com)





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