



# The Sitzmarke

SPACE CITY SKI CLUB

[www.spacecity.org](http://www.spacecity.org)

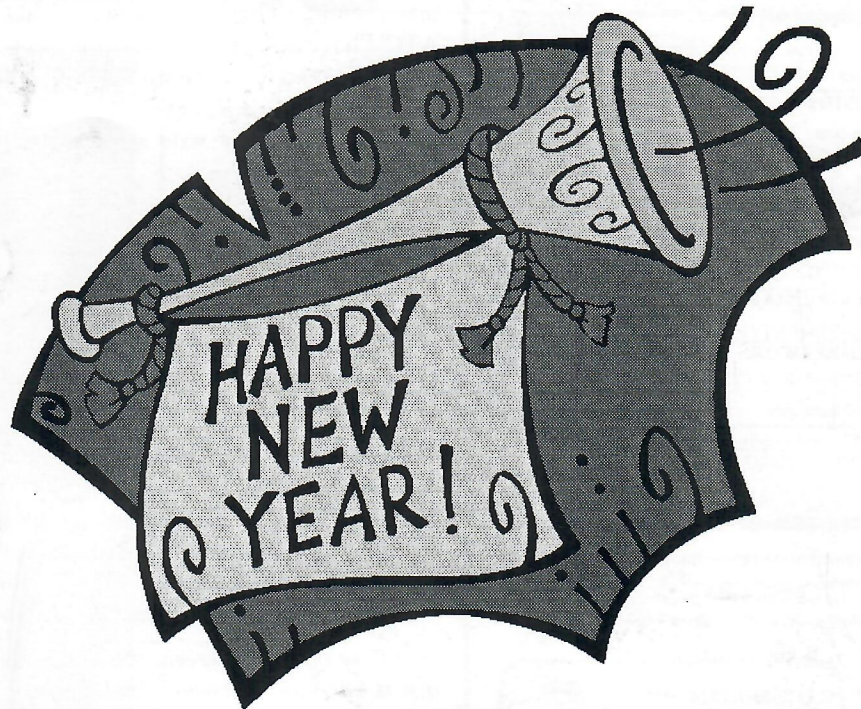
MEMBER



Texas Ski  
Council

January 2003  
Vol. 35 No. 9

*From the Officers and Board of Directors at SCSC ...*



## SCSC General Meeting

**Monday, Jan 13, 2003 6:30 pm**

**Holiday Inn Select – 2712 Southwest Fwy @ Kirby Drive**

***Happy Hour - Thursday, January 16 – The Brownstone***

PRSR STD  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
Houston, TX  
Permit # 9036

DATED MATERIAL - DO NOT DELAY

SPACE CITY SKI CLUB

P. O. Box 22567  
Houston, Texas 77227





## SPACE CITY SKI CLUB 2002-03 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

<b>PRESIDENT</b> .....	Sean O'Brien
sbobrien@trcsolutions.com	(713) 787-9762
<b>VP - PROGRAMS</b> .....	Dawn Rodriguez
dawn.c.rodriguez@chase.com	(713) 728-1955
<b>VP - TRIPS</b> .....	Sue Bohnert
sebohnert@evl.net	(713) 467-5027
<b>VP - MEMBERSHIP</b> .....	Melanie Morin
bpm1415@msn.com	(713) 686-0566
<b>VP - PUBLICATIONS</b> .....	Jim Edwards
sitzmarke@usa.net	(281) 238-9392
<b>SECRETARY</b> .....	Mike Dawson
mike.dawson@att.net	(713) 266-2633
<b>TREASURER</b> .....	Bill Bomberger
w.bomberger@worldnet.att.net	(281) 495-8668

### DIRECTORS OF TRIPS

Christine March .....	(281) 491-1129
christine.a.march@usdoj.gov	
Barbara Brescian .....	(281) 242-7908
bbrescian@aol.com	

### DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS

Gary Barrett .....	(713) 533-0454
garybarrett@msn.com	

### AUDITOR

Ladye Frietag

### RACE DIRECTOR

*Please contact Sue Bohnert to Volunteer*

### TEXAS SKI COUNCIL

*Council Representative*

Debbie Bergeron

*Council Representative-Alternate*

Sharon Smith

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John Rice - *Chairman*

Merrel Smith	Debbie Bergeron
Richard Hall	Lisa Smith
Roger Sahni	Nancy Sarff
Patti Maudslay	Peggy Montgomery
Sharon Smith	

### SITZMARKE STAFF

Editor	Jim Edwards
Photography Assistance	Ron Hayes/Larry Christie

### SITZMARKE

The Sitzmarke is published monthly by the  
SPACE CITY SKI CLUB

Printed by

HOLLY PRO GRAPHICS

Volume 35, No. 9

January 2003

## Head of the Liftline

*Sean O'Brien - President*

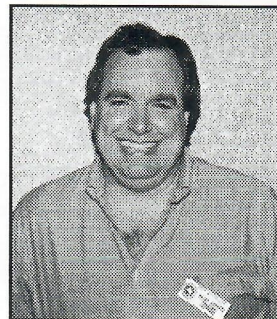
I hope everyone had a joyous Holiday Season and I hope you are all excited about skiing. Perhaps each of you received some neat new "ski gadget" for a present that you will be soon trying out on the slopes.

January marks the first extensive month of skiing for our club this season, with SCSC taking trips to Whistler, Vail and Lillehammer. At last count, over 220 of our club members will be going skiing this month. That's awesome. Your TC's and ATC's have done an excellent job organizing these trips for you and I have no doubt that anyone who ski's this month will have a great time. I am sure there will be many wild stories at our February meeting.

With the ski season in full swing, now is the best opportunity to get new members into our club. The weather is cooler and a week of skiing sounds like the perfect escape from all the daily stress of everyday living in Houston. I hope everyone is out there talking to friends and co-workers about becoming members in SCSC.

Our Sunshine Kids Auction was a huge success in which we raised \$10,000 for this great organization. To all of you who participated by either donating items, bidding on items or assisting Nancy with the logistics, I thank each of you for giving a little of yourself at this time of year.

*(Why are chair lift operators only given half hour lunch breaks? Answer: If they were given any longer, they would have to be retrained.)*



*"... a week  
of skiing  
sounds like  
the perfect  
escape ..."*

**For the latest ski club info, membership inquiries, and activities:**

SPACE CITY SKI CLUB HOT LINE  
**713-688-SCSC**

SPACE CITY SKI CLUB WEB PAGE  
**<http://www.spacecity.org>**



Join your SCSC friends in the  
**Bad Blades Rollerblade Group**  
every Sunday morning

**9:00am - Workout Skate**  
**10:00am - Social Skate**

*For the weekly meeting place, check out*  
**[www.badblades.org](http://www.badblades.org)**  
*Bikers welcome*



# Happy Hour

## The Brownstone

2736 Virginia  
(713) 520-5666

Thursday, January 16  
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Appetizers & a Cash Bar



# CALENDAR

## January

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## January

TBA ..... SCSC ExComm Meeting  
10..... N&Y Member Mixer-TTown 2000  
11..... Lazer Tag  
13..... SCSC General Meeting  
16..... HappyHr/C&W Dance Lesson-Brownstone  
26..... Super Bowl Party

## February

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

## February

TBA ..... SCSC ExComm Meeting  
7..... N&Y Member Mixer-The Hideaway  
9..... Bowling  
10..... SCSC General Meeting  
20..... Happy Hour-Wild West  
21-23..... Mardi Gras in Galveston

## March

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

## March

TBA ..... SCSC ExComm Meeting  
TBA ..... SCSC Board Meeting  
9..... SCSC General Meeting  
19..... HappyHour-Cosmos Cafe  
25..... N&Y Member Mixer-Two Rows

General Meeting - January 13, 2003  
Program: Z Krewe (Mardi Gras Galveston)

## In This Issue

Head Of The Liftline .	2
New (& Younger) Member Mixers! .....	3
From The Ski Desk ....	4
Ski Trip Schedule .....	5
Programs & Activities .....	6
Lessons in Membership .....	7
Roller Blading .....	8
High Spirits Tour .....	10

## NEW (& YOUNGER) MEMBER MIXERS!



Friday, Jan. 10 6:00p - 9:00p



6400 Richmond Ave.  
Karaoke Room on 1st Flr.

Free Steak buffet Dinner, \$1.50 You-Call-It drinks,  
no cover. Valet parking, or free parking at 6420/  
6430 Richmond Ave.

Friday, Feb. 7 6:00p - ???



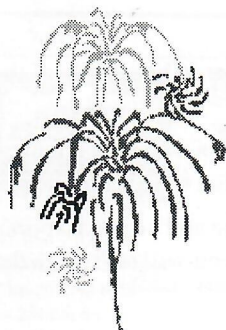
3122 Dunvale  
(713) 977-3515

Free Appetizer Spread! Happy Hour prices til 9pm.  
Matt Leddy & the Meat Cutters @ 9:30pm.  
No Cover. Lots of parking.

## Guidelines:

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

AC: Cindy Moore (713) 984-1060







(Picture by C. Guerra)

*"I trust everyone started off the New Year with a BANG!!!"*



**HAPPY NEW YEAR** – I trust everyone started off the New Year with a BANG!!! (and maybe a ski trip?)

Our Whistler Trip departed January 4—what a way to begin the New Year. Many thanks to Patty Finch, Larry Christie, Hope Flynn and Carmen Mikhail for their hard work...I know the trip participants will reap the rewards of their leaders' efforts.

The TCs and ATCs have worked for many months to setup a fun trip with the basic air, lodging, transfers and club parties. The participants have signed up. What's next? **PRE-TRIP Meeting** You will be notified of the date, time, and place. This meeting is *very* important. This is your opportunity to pre-purchase lift tickets, which are usually at a discounted rate. This is also your opportunity to meet the other participants on the trip, sign-up for a roommate, or find one. Find skiers of your ability. Many new friendships have developed from the meeting and the trips. You will also receive other optional activity information, which is designed to enhance your trip experience.

As we approach the New Year and many trips begin departing – Have an excellent trip and **THINK SNOW!!!**

Trip Updates:

**Whistler, BC, Canada:** At the time you receive the Sitzmarke 100+ lucky skiers/snowboarders will be "swooshing" down the mountain trails at Whistler. I know they are having a wonderful trip.

**Vail:** Just a few days away from departure. Wish them an "EXCELLENT" adventure!

**Lillehammer, Norway:** With a January departure, these lucky travelers will be on their way to Lillehammer. With a pre trip to Copenhagen Denmark and post trips to St. Petersburg & Moscow, Russia I am sure they will have lots of pictures to share – look for the article in a future Sitzmarke.

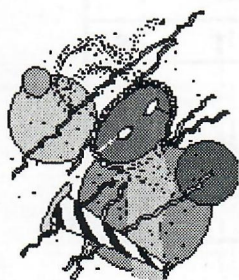
**Steamboat:** Arrive just a short distance from the resort and then stay right on the slopes so you will never get lost—day or night! Ski/snowboard hard on their famous "Champagne Powder" and then enjoy the night-life — PARTY...Yes PARTY!! We arrive just in time to enjoy the festivities of Winter Carnival.

**Jackson Hole:** Visit the "Wild West" where the view is breathtaking, the slopes are uncrowded and the powder is deep—skiers/snowboarders wanted for fun and adventure.

**Lake Tahoe:** How about a place where the night-life is as captivating as the skiing? The "Ides of March" begins with this breathtakingly beautiful destination.

**Quebec, QB, Canada:** Madames et Messieurs, we welcome you to the last ski season destination...one of the oldest French Settlements in North America...partake in this wonderful adventure.

*(A business man called and had a question about the documents he needed in order to fly to Norway/Russia. After a lengthy discussion about passports, I reminded him he needed a visa. "Oh no I don't, I've been to China many times and never had to have one of those." I double checked, and sure enough, his stay required a visa. When I told him this he said, "Look, I've been to Norway/Russia 4 times and every time they have accepted my American Express.")*



## Travel Advisory

Please be aware that, when travelling by air, you must provide a picture ID in order to board any of the major airlines.

It is not uncommon for travellers to lose or misplace a picture identification when in a foreign country. This creates a problem for those attempting to board a plane to their next destination or to return home.

One good suggestion is to always carry two picture ID's, (e.g., your drivers license and your passport). While travelling, keep them in two different locations. Then, if one is missing, you will still have the second ID to use for travel purposes.





## Space City Ski Club 2002-2003 Ski Trip Schedule

Dates	Nights/ Ski Days	Trip Destination	Cost	Final Payment	Lodging	No. Skiers	TC/ATC (BB, CM)	Home Phone	E-Mail Address
Jan 4-11, 2003 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	<b>WHISTLER</b> Canada (TSC Traditional)	\$883 L\$522	10/14/02	Condos	80 L-6	Patty Finch (TC) Hope Flynn (ATC) Larry Christie (TC) Carmen Mikhail (ATC)	936-321-1529 713-621-5990 713-802-9801 713-664-7522	pfinch@lockeliddell.com hflynn@kathyandrews.com larrychristie@excite.com mikhail@bcm.tmc.edu
Jan. 18-25, 2003 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	<b>VAIL</b> Colorado	\$989 L\$792	10/17/02	Condos	44 L-4	Lori Gilliland Bruce Lowther	281-493-3060 713-785-5196	legilliland@aol.net rblowt@hal-pc.org
Jan 24-31, 2003 (Fri-Sat)	8/7	<b>LILLEHAMMER</b> Norway (TSC Expedition)	\$1380	10/14/02	Hotel	50	Harvey Hetzel Penny Chancey	713-937-1515 713-686-4863	harvey_hetzel@hccpd.co.harris.tx.us pschancey@msn.com
Feb, 2003 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	<b>STEAMBOAT</b> Colorado	\$1085 L\$599	10/21/02	Condos	32 L-4	Dana Wardell Kim Page	281-497-8552 713-271-4912	danawardell@aol.com kpage3@houston.rr.com
Feb 15-22, 2003 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	<b>JACKSON HOLE</b> Wyoming (TSC Winter Shootout)	\$1099 L\$617	10/21/02	Condos	50 L-4	Bill Brown Carol Cain	281-930-8472 713-665-8121	wbrown@Shell.com cainsug@aol.com
Mar 1-8, 2003 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	<b>LAKE TAHOE</b> Nevada	\$839 L\$462	12/09/02	Condos	40 L-4	Leyla Ozkardesh Cindy Moore	281-584-9723 713-984-1060	leyla_ozkardesh@mckinsey.com lucinda_moore@evl.net
Mar 15-22, 2003 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	<b>QUEBEC</b> Canada (TSC Final Showdown) Family Optional	\$1113 L\$694	12/09/02	Hotel	50 L-4	Walter May Chip Stokes Vicki Faulkner	281-493-0016 281-485-5778 713-863-0470	waltmayssc@aol.com cstokes@andersonsouth.com vsfaulkner@shell.com

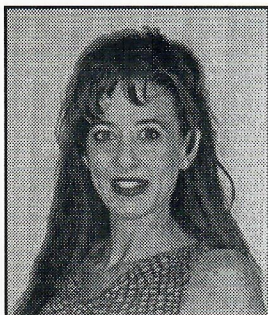
**Vice President of Trips**  
Sue Bohnert  
713-467-5027  
sebohnert@evl.net

**Director of Trips**  
Christine March (CM)  
281-491-1129  
christine.a.march@usdoj.gov



## PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

*Dawn Rodriguez, VP-Programs*



*"Let us  
continue to  
build as we  
move into the  
new year ..."*

Merry New Year! Can you believe we are entering 2003! It seems as if only yesterday we were worrying about Y2K issues and the world ceasing to exist as we know it. My, how time and skiers fly! It is time to start anew and rally for roadtrips, bowling, laser tag, and of course skiing as the new year kicks off with a buzz! Obviously, there are numerous other activities scheduled for the new year, but I only have so much room to write. Hopefully, your calendars are as full as mine due to all the activities which you have graciously signed up to participate in and indulge with fellow members.

As you are aware, upcoming ski trips are packed with lots of fun people. So many trips so little time. If you are signed up for one, you are sure to have a blast. For those who are not, it is definitely your loss! In addition check out the list below with lots of great activities to choose from.

Jumping back to some of more memorable December events, ravishing thanks and congratulations to Nancy Sarff for organizing the Sunshine Kids Auction. It was exciting and exhilarating as Joe Walker conducted the auction

with skill and artistry, not to mention humor. Rock on Big Joe!

Rita Tucker Wright was masterful in orchestrating the Christmas Holiday Gala, which was a big success. For those who attended, did we not party! Please feel free to send me some of the more interesting "behind closed door" stories, as I would love to hear about them.

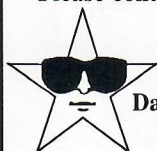
2002 was a fantastic year for the club and we strive to improve and grow every year. We added new, quality members to the club and have really strived to add numerous activities and events to offset the ski season, with much success. Let us continue to build as we move into the new year and participate, participate, participate! You cannot build new friendships, party and party some more without participatin



ACTIVITY DATE	ACTIVITY	COORDINATOR	CONTACT #	FINAL PMT DATE	COST
<b>2003</b>					
1/10	N&Y Member Mixer - TTown 2000	Cindy Moore		-	-
1/11	Lazer Tag	Lee White	(281) 477-8803	12/9	\$18
1/16	Happy Hour - The Brownstone	Laura Carmin		-	-
1/16	C&W Dance Lesson @ HappyHour	Dawn Edwards	(713) 729-7639	1/13	\$4
1/26	SuperBowl Party	Becky Maitland	(281) 498-4457	1/20	\$5
2/7	N&Y Member Mixer - The Hideaway	Cindy Moore		-	-
2/9	Bowling Tournament	Gerry Simpson	(713) 984-9641	1/20	\$20
2/20	Happy Hour - Wild West	Laura Carmin		-	-
2/21-23	Mardi Gras-Galveston	Ellen Eastham	(281) 989-9935	2/3	\$137
3/20	Happy Hour - City Streets	Laura Carmin		-	-
3/25	N&Y Member Mixer - Two Rows	Cindy Moore		-	-

### BE A STAR!!!

SCSC is always on the lookout for great volunteers to plan & help coordinate various activities for the upcoming year. Please contact Dawn if you have ideas or are interested in running an activity!



Dawn Rodriguez, VP Programs (713) 728-1955  
or dawn.c.rodriguez@chase.com

SCSC Activity

## MARDI GRAS IN GALVESTON

SALUTES

### RAINFORESTS OF THE WORLD



February 21-23, 2003

Mystic Krewe of Aquarius Parade  
Z Procession Parade  
Commodore on the Beach Hotel

Price: \$137 Final Pmt Date: 2/3/2003  
AC: Ellen Eastham (281) 989-9935



## LESSONS IN MEMBERSHIP

It requires a lot of effort to run a social club such as Space City Ski Club. The next few Membership Lessons articles will introduce you to the large group of volunteers who put forth this effort, and will try to give you some insight into how they find themselves in the role of volunteer and why they do it. It is our hope that by better understanding the hows and whys of volunteering in SCSC that you may decide to join the ranks of these special individuals.

### The Nominating Committee

Each year SCSC looks for volunteers to "take the reins" of the club as the upcoming years' club officers (*see the Sept. 2002 Sitzmarke for a discussion of the officers and their duties*). The task of finding these volunteers falls largely to the Nominating Committee (NC).

The Committee is a group of seven members appointed by the President of the club, and approved by the Executive Committee (the officers) each year in September. The President must make sure that the Nominating Committee has "not less than four nor more than five past officers of the Club" (Bylaw Article 4.4), with the remaining two or three members being "members in good standing".

Once the Committee is formed, the work begins! The members of the NC meet several times over the next three to four months. They attend the General Meetings and Happy Hours, distributing applications and talking to as many eligible candidates as possible. The Nominating Committee's job is to present one nominee for each office to the membership at the February General Meeting. Eligible individuals may also be nominated from the floor at that time. Election of officers is held at the Annual Meeting in March.

So, why do we have a Nominating Committee? Why not just let those who want to run all be nominated from the floor in February? In short, the Nominating Committee helps to ensure that we have a complete slate of officers to vote on when March rolls around. Imagine what would happen if there were no nominees for VP of Programs or for President in February!!! There would be a rush to find candidates, and no time to present them (if they were found) to the membership before the election. If a candidate could not be found for one or more offices, how would the club operate in the coming year?

So, during the period from September to January, these volunteers help those who offer themselves as candidates to understand what is involved in performing the duties of each of the offices. In addition, if there are multiple candidates for one or two offices, and none for another, they work with the prospective candidates in order to, hopefully, spread the talent among the available positions. Finally, when there are not enough volunteers to fill all of the available positions, the NC members begin early to "beat the bushes" to find those who have "not yet volunteered".

**Continued on page 9**

### Classified Ad

**For Sale: LADIES BOGNER SKI SUIT, SIZE 10, WITH MATCHING HAT. SEASON'S HOTTEST COLOR. CALL (713) 785-6825 FOR DETAILS.**

### Classified Ad

**FRISCO, COLORADO TOWNHOUSE FOR RENT  
IN THE HEART OF SUMMIT COUNTY**

**4 BEDROOM/3 BATH/3 STORY UNIT  
W/2 CAR GARAGE - SLEEPS 10**

Call for Brochure and Rates  
Call or E-mail Sue @ 281/293-0744  
or olstadpm@aol.com

### Classified Ad

**Winter Ski and Summer Condo  
Vail, Colorado**

**2 bedroom, 2 bath on Gore Creek  
Gold Rating by Vail Associates  
On 2 Bus Routes**

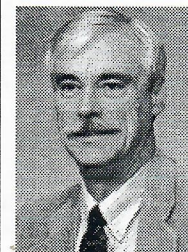
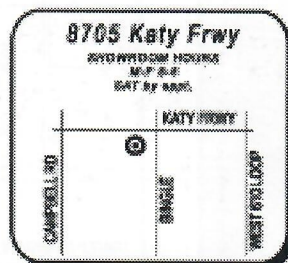
**Call or E-Mail: Dr. Jeffrey Ross  
(713) 791-9521 jross67785@aol.com**



**ONE DAY SIGN  
& EXHIBITS**

**713-781-2020  
FAX 713-781-1448**

**ONEDAYSIGNONLINE.COM**



**Dawson & Chao  
Real Estate**

**Mike Dawson  
Civil Engineer  
Real Estate Broker**

Office: (713) 266-2633  
Cell: (713) 301-9533  
Fax: (713) 334-8898

8989 Westheimer #126  
Houston, Texas 77063





Oh! What a stroke of genius to have the First Annual **Ron Rodriguez** SCSC Rollerblading Invitational on November 23 at Cullen Park. The weather conditions were phenomenal, with blue skies and cool temperatures to provide maximum "blading" capabilities for our eager participants.

The day began inauspiciously, as **Sue Salvage** arrived first, wondering if she possessed the prowess to "hang" with some of the other "bladers" who had yet to arrive. I simply instructed her to stretch, pray and have a cold beer! What a trooper she was! Next to arrive was **Keith Kirkman**. Talk about being prepared, Keith was a walking Rollerblading billboard? (No pun intended) He had all the appropriate garb and blades to go along with his grasp of the vernacular when describing the intricacies of proper rollerblading.

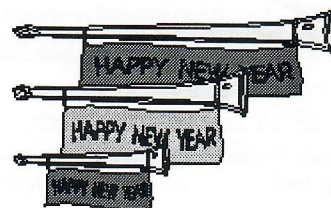
As **Mary Ann Harrell** and **Dawn Edwards** pulled into the park, the stage was almost set, until it took Mary Ann forever to put her blades on and prepare for battle. Dawn simply grabbed a cold beer, expressed her lack of concern for how she skated and said "I'M READY." **Dawn Rodriguez**, the skating and skiing general that she is, had been prepared since arrival and was simply barking instructions to the gracious

host, yours truly, to prepare lunch for the troops after rollerblading was completed.

At the last instant, when lift-off was approaching, but who should appear, two additional bladers in **Gary Barrett** and **Dale Albritton**. So, off they went to conquer the slopes and streets of Cullen Park as I hastily prepared a meal fit for the heartiest of appetites.....processed weenies, hamburgers, chips, and dessert, to be washed down with cold brews of their choice.

The event was a success as no injuries were sustained. But, lessons were learned when the day was complete. Rollerblading is for fun, and with Ron at the helm, things are certain to get wild. So, mark your calendar now – the next event I host will be sure to be a blast, and if you are not in attendance for that, you can simply kiss my ass.

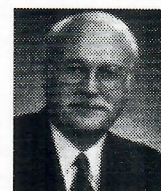
Peace



Ross, Banks, May, Cron & Cavin, P.C.  
Attorneys at Law

**J. Richard Hall**  
Attorney - Mediator

2 Riverway, Suite 700 Telephone (713) 626-1200  
Houston Tx 77074 Facsimile (713) 623-6014



**BRANT B. WILLIAMS**  
Agent



River Oaks Bank Building  
2001 Kirby Drive, Suite 812  
Houston, TX 77019  
Bus: (713) 521-0400  
(800) 637-6803  
Fax: (713) 521-0430

STATE FARM INSURANCE COMPANIES  
HOME OFFICE BLOOMINGTON ILLINOIS  
"Like a Good Neighbor, State Farm is There"

SCSC Activity

## LAZER TAG

Saturday, January 11, 2003  
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Hunt, Hide, Form Coalitions,  
Shoot-em-up -- You never had so much fun!

Price: \$18 Final Pmt Date: 12/09/2002  
AC: Lee White (281) 477-8803



**C&L Specialties &  
Screen Printing Co.**

**LEONA SCHROEDER**  
PRESIDENT

10621 HARWIN SUITE 318  
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77036  
(713) 541-3130  
(713) 771-8742 FAX  
Business: leonassch@bigplanet.com

SCREEN PRINTING & EMBROIDERY  
WORK & TEAM UNIFORMS  
AWARDS & SPECIAL EVENTS  
SPORTS SHIRTS, CAPS & T-SHIRTS  
Art: candispec@bigplanet.com



SCSC Activity

## DANCE LESSONS AT THE SCSC HAPPY HOUR

January 16, 2003 ..... C & W



Enjoy the Happy Hour. Learn a New Step or Two.  
Singles or Couples

Price: \$4 ea. lesson      Final Pmt Date: Call for Details  
AC: Dawn Edwards      (713) 729-7639



**RE/MAX**

**Steven Teoh**

Realtor®

Tel: (281) 894-1000

Fax: (832) 201-7541

Email: steoh@zerobyte.com

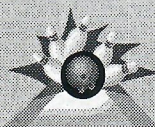
www.steventeoh.com

Independently owned and operated.

SCSC Activity

## BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Sunday, February 9, 2003



Have a great time at a place where  
striking out is a good thing!

Price: \$20      Final Pmt Date: 1/14/2003

AC: Gerry Simpson      (713) 984-9641

## Lessons – Continued from page 7

There often will be more than one member volunteering for a given office. When this happens, the NC members must select one from those who have expressed a desire to serve. This is often the hardest job of the Committee, because it is hard to turn down anyone who wants to volunteer their time for the Club. The guiding principal that the NC follows in this instance is to present a slate of officer candidates whom they believe will best be able to work together to serve the membership.

As you can see from the preceding description, serving on the Nominating Committee is hard work, but it is also an invaluable service to Space City Ski Club. The NC will present their nominees in next month's Sitzmarke and at the General Meeting. When you see one of these individuals, let them know that you appreciate their efforts in ensuring that SCSC runs smoothly through another year of fun and friendship.

This year's Nominating Committee is:

*Cheryl May – Chair*

*Ladye Freitag*

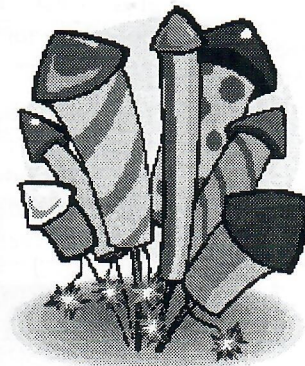
*Jason McCanna*

*Leyla Ozkardesh*

*Ron Rodriguez*

*Sue Salvage*

*Debbie Warren*



**I ♥ Referrals!**

P.O. Box 570204  
Houston, TX 77257-0204  
Office 281/242-6515  
Fax 281/242-6515  
Page 713-908-9808  
donnakp7@aol.com



**Donna Kidwell, CRS, CRB**  
Broker Associate

**Dana Unlimited**  
*Jewelry Especially for You*

Sterling Silver and Gem Stones  
Available for home shows

**Dana Wardell**  
Houston, Texas      281-497-8552



**DALE L. ALLBRITTON, DDS**  
6910 Bellaire Blvd., Unit #4  
Houston, TX 77074  
TEL: (713) 776-9080

Offering COMPREHENSIVE Dental Care  
INSURANCE PLANS ACCEPTED  
FLEXIBLE APPOINTMENTS  
PAYMENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE  
EMERGENCIES HANDLED IMMEDIATELY





**Patti Maudslay, Sue Bohnert, her Mom, Llonna Doubet, and Marianne Pearce** met at the Spaghetti Warehouse before the haunted tour for dinner. We had a 10% discount because we were on the tour. All of us had ghost stories or experiences to tell each other during our dinner, so we were in the mood when we went upstairs to meet Scott Arthur and Sandy Webb, our tour guides.

Scott gave us an introduction to the world of the paranormal. Everyone got to hold an Electromagnetic Field meter (EMF). It would tell us if we were in the area of a spirit. **Jason McCanna** and his friend got high readings immediately. How nice that **Dawn** and **Ron Rodriguez** with **Dawn Edwards** were able to get on at the last minute because some seats were available on the bus. Scott says that the Spaghetti Warehouse is the most haunted place in Texas. Llonna went into the kitchen and felt something push her out, but it wasn't VISIBLE! There are many stories told by employees about weird sightings and happenings there. Yvonne Guy thought a new friend might be following her out to the bus. She had a high reading on her EMF as she was walking out the door and it stayed high until she got on the bus.

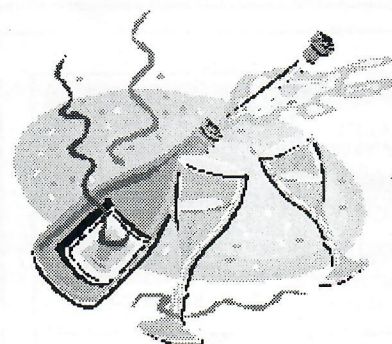
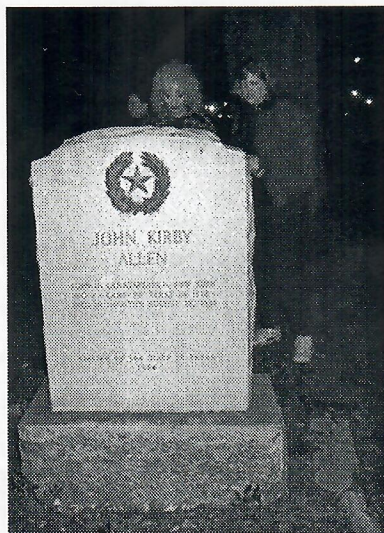
Our next stop was Houston's oldest and most mysterious cemetery, going back to 1836. There were mass graves and some of the Allen brothers' family are buried there. **Christine Tremonte** was glad to have her date by her side as we walked around the tombstones in the dark. Others tried to pose with the ghosts for photos.

Back on the bus and on to an old stage coach stop turned pub called the Brewery Tap. After that we went to the Julia Ideson library. Mr. Cramer and his dog still patrol the grounds and we put our hands on his tree to feel the warm spot

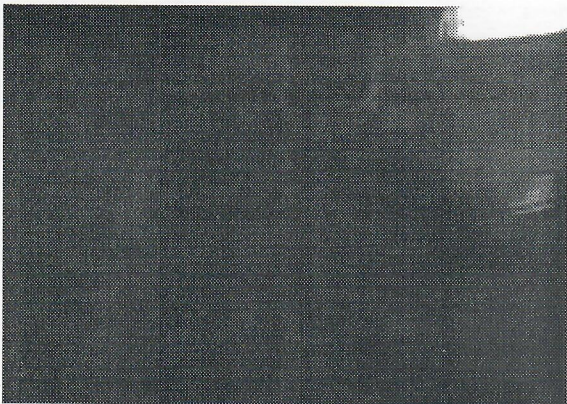
Next, it was on to the "hanging tree" that is across from the County Court house. We saw videos of current employees telling stories about spooky things that go on up there, even now.

Our last and most awesome stop was the most frightening and sad. The first Jeff Davis Hospital was built on top of 10,000 restless souls, on a burial ground denounced by the city officials. Our cameras were really clicking here. We will look for orbs, ectoplasm, and vortexes on our photos. This indicates that presence of spirit.

All enjoyed the tour, especially from the historical viewpoint. We can send our photos to their website. Be sure you go to: [www.highspiritstours.com](http://www.highspiritstours.com) to see the ethereal apparitions from past tours.







Ghosts? Really bad photography? You Decide!!!



How about some spirits to go with your Spirits?

SCSC Activity



## COSTA RICA

June 28 - July 6, 2003

An Exciting Summer Adventure in Central America  
Beaches, Jungle, Fun Destinations

Price: \$1,529 Final Pmt Date: 3/10/2003

AC: Marsha Lutz (281) 870-9724 mlutz@erm.com

AAC: Bill Raley (281) 873-8730 davisrale@pocketmail.com



**Debbie**  
DEBBIE ABADIE, CRS  
BROKER/PARTNER  
CERTIFIED RESIDENTIAL SPECIALIST

**KELLER WILLIAMS**  
REALTY

713 - 664-6400

## Boise Cascade



C&L Specialties &  
Screen Printing Co.

**kinkos.com**



Texas Ski Council Sponsors

SCSC Activity



## Super Bowl Party

ZEN, 1100 Wilcrest (@ Briarforest)

Sunday, January 26, 2003

5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

It's a Super Bowl Party!!! . Private room for SCSC with Big  
Screen TV. Cash Bar/Cash Food Service.

Price: \$5 Final Pmt Date: 1/20/2003

AC: Becky Maitland (281) 498-4457 ladymaitland@msn.com



# READY TO CARVE?



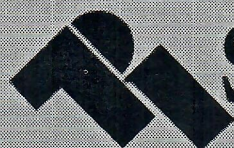
Get focused on where to get the **BEST BRANDS** at the **BEST PRICES** in Houston. Set your sights on Sun & Ski Sports for the perfect ski and snowboard gear guaranteed to meet your needs.

**{ RECEIVE \$20<sup>00</sup> OFF RECEIVE }**

Any Single Purchase of \$100 in the Ski/Snowboard Department.  
One per customer. Excludes current ski club discount. Exp. 12-31-02

**NOW HIRING!!** Snow ski & Snowboard instructors, evenings/weekends,  
all locations except 1960/Champion Forest location.

Contact: (281) 340-5000 x 125 or email: [sunnski8@earthlink.net](mailto:sunnski8@earthlink.net)




## SUN & SKI SPORTS

1355 Bay Area Blvd.  
Katy Mills  
6100 Westheimer  
Memorial City Mall  
5503 FM 1960 W.

(In the Target Shopping Center) • 281-316-1365  
(HO & 90) • 281-644-6040  
(Between Hillcroft & Chimney Rock) • 713-783-8180  
(HO & Gessner next to Mervyn's) • 713-464-6363  
(At Champion Forest Dr.) • 281-537-0928

TAKE A VIRTUAL STORE TOUR AT [WWW.SUNANDSKI.COM](http://WWW.SUNANDSKI.COM)



**MOUNTAIN VACATIONS**

VAIL, KEYSTONE, BEAVER CREEK, BRECKENRIDGE

COMPLETE SKI VACATIONS FROM \$599/PERSON!

- 3 nights lodging
- 2 day lift ticket
- roundtrip airfare

TRAVEL LIFESTYLES  
1-800-801-9542/713-621-5555  
Travel valid 01/05-02/26/03  
Restrictions apply.

SKI | BIKE | SKATE | CAMP