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Rodeo



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**Monday, Feb 10, 2003 6:30 pm**

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*Happy Hour - Thursday, February 20 – Wild West*

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## Head of the Liftline

Sean O'Brien - President

This month our club is taking great ski trips to Jackson Hole and Steamboat. The TC's and ATC's have put in many hours of work to make it a great skiing experience for each of you taking the trip. If you have a last minute interest in going on one of these trips, please contact the TC. They may have an open spot. You never know for sure.

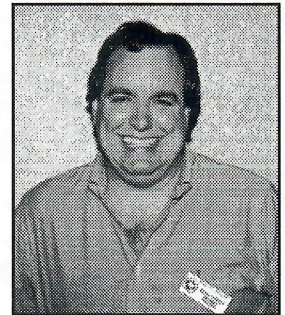
Our first club meeting of the New Year was truly a wild one. For those of you who could not attend, you missed a "zany" meeting. The Mardi Gras beads were flying everywhere.

Space City has been offered the opportunity to provide an excellent day of fun for our members as well as gain great publicity for our club. We have been invited to march in one of the Mardi Gras Parades in Galveston on February 22, 2003. Our banner will be seen by thousands of people and this will be your opportunity to be the one who throws the beads rather than trying to catch them. Just prior to the parade there will be a tailgate party that will provide adequate liquid refreshment to get you in a party mood for the parade. I would love to see over 100 of our club members march in this parade. See the ad in this Sitzmarke for details. The Z Krewe, who extended the invitation, hopes this will become an annual event for our club, so let's make our first year of participation a great one.

Our February meeting is shaping up to be an excellent meeting as well, as it will feature a performance tied to the Rodeo. Be sure to attend.

The nominating committee has completed their excellent work and its nominees for next year's officers are listed later in this issue. For those of you who are unfamiliar with what happens next, it is simple. The nominating committee's list of officer nominees will be formally introduced to the club at the February meeting. At that point, any additional nominations for officers from the general club membership will be accepted. Each nominee will have a brief biography in next month's Sitzmarke, and we will then vote on the officers at the March Meeting. **I encourage everyone to attend these next two meetings** to participate in this most important aspect of our club.

Last but not least, I hope everyone out there is still encouraging friends and co-workers to become members of SCSC.



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# Happy Hour

## Wild West

6101 Richmond  
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Thursday, February 20  
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Appetizers & a Cash Bar

## General Meeting - February 10, 2003

### Program: Rodeo Houston

Hang onto your cowboy hats! The Dancin' Aggies have planned a whirlwind C&W performance you won't want to miss. Enjoy the dance teams of Jennifer & Trey Duhon and Robbie Oates & Jack Gibbs - all members of the speakers committee of HLS&R. These young couples put on quite a performance of all the various steps you need to know to prepare for the great time expect at our new stadium.

## NEW (& YOUNGER) MEMBER MIXERS!



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



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3. No one will be "carded" - if your guest can pass for 45 or younger...bring them on!

AC: Cindy Moore (713) 984-1060

## CALENDAR

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### February

- 5 ..... SCSC ExComm Meeting
- 7 ..... N&Y Member Mixer-The Hideaway
- 8-15 ..... Steamboat Ski Trip
- 9 ..... Bowling
- 10 ..... SCSC General Meeting
- 15-22 ..... Jackson Hole Ski Trip
- 20 ..... Happy Hour-Wild West
- 21-23 ..... Mardi Gras in Galveston

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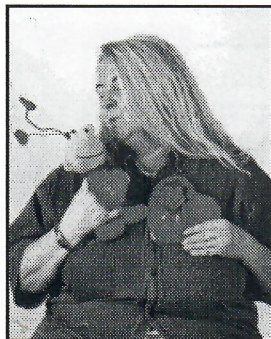
- TBA ..... SCSC ExComm Meeting
- TBA ..... SCSC Board Meeting
- 1 ..... Livestock Show & Rodeo
- 1-8 ..... Lake Tahoe Ski Trip
- 10 ..... SCSC General Meeting
- 15-22 ..... Quebec Ski Trip
- 20 ..... HappyHour-Cosmos Cafe
- 25 ..... N&Y Member Mixer-Two Rows

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### April

- TBA ..... SCSC ExComm Meeting
- TBA ..... N&Y Member Mixer
- 14 ..... SCSC General Meeting
- 24 ..... Happy Hour





(Picture by C. Guerra)

*“Give your heart to an SCSC ski trip ...”*



Give your heart to an SCSC ski trip...

Many thanks to Lori Gilliland and Bruce Lowther for the great job and excellent adventure on the Vail trip. Also, thanks to Harvey Hetzel and Penny Chancey for going above and beyond the call of duty on the Lilliehammer trip. Every time the tour operator through out a “new twist”...they met the challenge!

## Behind the scenes of planning an SCSC Ski trip: Did you know?

A number of the ski properties that the club stays in are owned by individuals and are managed by a property management company. Condo properties can allow for only one management company to handle condo rentals, or there can be multiple companies involved in the day-to-day management of the complex. When there is one management group, the furnishings/bedding, appliances, kitchen/cookware, and maid services are usually consistent from condo to condo. Each management group also controls access (keys) to the condos. When there are multiple management groups involved, the amenities and access can be different from one condo to another. Multiple companies also allow the owners to change management quickly when there is conflict.

We normally take a large number of participants on a trip—especially on TSC sponsored trips. Even though it can appear that we are staying in the same condo complex, there can be multiple management groups, which means multiple contacts for check-in and getting keys. We also have to book the space as much as 8 months in advance, so changes can occur. We do our best to anticipate & keep on top of



these changes, but when arriving with a large group—sometimes issues arise. Please be PATIENT and be FLEXIBLE. The trip leaders will resolve any issues, but it can take time.

Other unexpected changes can arise due to changes in environmental laws. We are staying in the mountains, which are often part of a government managed forest system. Recently, at one popular resort a new law banned the use of wood burning fireplaces...immediately. The complex had no choice but to board up all of the fireplaces until they could be converted to gas. Because this is a major conversion and at the condo owner's expense...at the beginning of ski season...our group arrived to boarded up fireplaces.

At many of the popular ski areas, the biggest business seems now to be building, buying and selling properties...just check the cost of buying a condo. This can mean that the rooms/condos can be built much smaller than the older complexes. Also, in Canada and Europe the rooms are typically smaller than those found in the US. (On the other hand, did you go on vacation to stay in your room?)

When traveling with a group, you will have lots of friends to ski, party, and tour with, but larger groups take longer at check-in. Other issues can also arise and, because of group size, can take longer to resolve. The trip leaders are volunteers. They do an excellent job of providing the best trip experience possible, but they need your patience and flexibility if an issue does arise.

## Trip Updates:

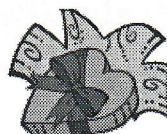
Steamboat: Feb finds this trip on the slopes. They will be skiing/snowboarding hard on their famous “Champagne Powder” and are enjoying the night-life — PARTY...Yes PARTY!! They arrived just in time to enjoy the festivities of Winter Carnival.

Jackson Hole: They are on their way to 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 American...partake in this wonderful adventure.

(A travel agent had a client who wanted to stay at the Bob Newhart Inn in Connecticut. When it was explained that the inn was fictional, the customer became very irate and insisted “I know it is real, I see people check in every week!”)







## 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 LS522	10/14/02	Condos	80 L-6	Trip Team 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 LS792	10/17/02	Condos	44 L-4	Lori Gilliland Bruce Lowther	281-493-3060 713-785-5196	legilliland@aatt.net rblowi@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@hccjpd.co.harris.tx.us pschancey@msn.com
Feb , 2003 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	<b>STEAMBOAT</b> Colorado	\$1085 LS599	10/21/02	Condos	32 L-4	Dana Wardell Kim Page	281-497-8552 713-271-4912	danawardell@aol.com kpage1@houston.rr.com
Feb 15-22, 2003 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	<b>JACKSON HOLE</b> Wyoming (TSC Winter Shootout)	\$1099 LS617	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 LS462	12/09/02	Condos	40 L-4	Leyla Ozkardesh Cindy Moore	281-584-9723 713-984-1060	leyla_ozkardesh@imckinsey.com lucinda_moore@evl.net
Mar 15-22, 2003 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	<b>QUEBEC</b> Canada (TSC Final Showdown) Family Optional	\$1113 LS694	12/09/02	Hotel	50 L-4	Walter May Chip Stokes Vicki Faulkner	281-493-0016 281-485-5778 713-863-0470	waltmayscsc@aol.com cstokes@andersonsouth.com vsfaulkner@shell.com

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## PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

*Dawn Rodriguez, VP-Programs*



*"... become a source of greater love and share your energy ..."*

Is not February the month of love? Hopefully, you have been loving the fact you are in such a great club and loving the wonderful activities we have scheduled for 2002/2003. From skiing, to après skiing and all the Happy Hours & Mixers in between, last year and this should prove to be HOT! As stated in *Don't Sweat the Small Stuff*, "The starting point or foundation of a life filled with love is the desire and commitment to be a source of love. Our attitude, choices, acts of kindness, and willingness to be the first to reach out will take us toward this goal." The great thing about Space City Ski Club is the diversity of people and the anticipation that every time we get a group together, pleasures abound. So many have gotten involved this year for the first time, and for this we are grateful. But, many more need to jump on board. Take the time

to look into your own heart and become a source of greater love and share your energy, joy and natural personality with the rest of us. Have you ever heard the quote, "The shortest distance between two points is an intention."? How about making intentions reality. Pick an activity that you have never done before. You would be surprised with the bliss that comes with "stepping outside the box." And, you will be surprised to find the synergy of another loving person. SHARE YOURSELF even if you feel others do not deserve it. "Soon you will discover one of the greatest secrets in the world: Love is its own reward."

Have a wonderful Valentine's Day and spread the beauty of love throughout the entire month.

ACTIVITY DATE	ACTIVITY	COORDINATOR	CONTACT #	FINAL PMT DATE	COST
<b>2003</b>					
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
3/1	Rodeo	Larry Hord	(713) 480-4396	2/10	\$14
3/20	Happy Hour - City Streets	Laura Carmin		-	-
3/25	N&Y Member Mixer - Two Rows	Cindy Moore		-	-
4/5-6	MS 150 Bike Ride	Tom Danowsky		tbd	tbd
6/28-7/6	Costa Rica Summer Expedition	Marsha Lutz	(281) 870-9724	3/10	\$1,529



### FOLLIES!

**COMING MAY 2003!**

Once again it is time to recruit talent for the Follies.



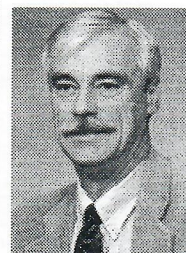
We need ENTERTAINERS, SINGERS, DANCERS, MUSICIANS, JOKE TELLERS, just about any talent will do! We also need folks to help coordinate and work behind the scene.

If you like to have a good time and contribute to entertaining your Ski Club friends sign up now for the Follies 2003 which will be held at the SCSC May Meeting.

**Get Involved** by calling:

Ellen Eastham ..... (281) 989-9935  
Peggy Montgomery ..... (281) 437-5467

*(We also would love to have anyone interested in being on a Follies Committee give us a call.)*



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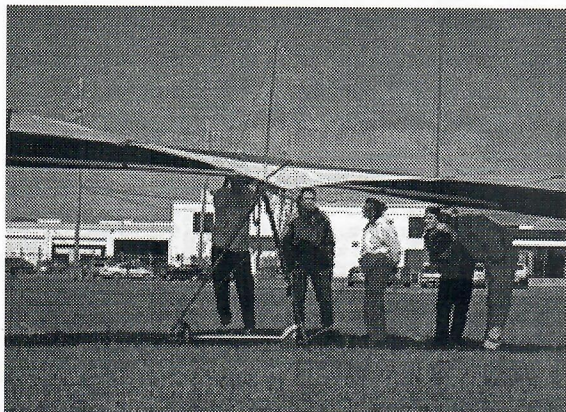
SCSC is always on the lookout for great volunteers to plan & help coordinate various activities for the upcoming year. Please contact Dawn if you have ideas or are interested in running an activity!



**Dawn Rodriguez, VP Programs (713) 728-1955**  
or [dawn.c.rodriguez@chase.com](mailto:dawn.c.rodriguez@chase.com)



# HANG GLIDING – NOVEMBER 9, 2002



Boy, many of you missed out on one of the most intriguing activities of the entire year. "Hang Gliding" may take several runs to master, but what a sense of accomplishment when everything falls into place and you actually begin to fly!

**Laura Rowley** got the party started right through organizing the event with our leader Fred Burns, who is a master glider. OOOPS! Perhaps a slight slip of the tongue! She chaired a well-planned event and "ordered" the perfect weather to facilitate. Following such a fabulous leader was **Jason Mccanna**, who seemed to be a natural. Some people "just get it" and that was Jason, as he soared right into the wind like a chicken trying to escape his coop.

Showing everyone up was **Mike** – boy, what a glider! If you were there you would have thought HE was the master. Honestly speaking, I know people and some live to impress the teacher. And impress the teacher he did, in addition to intimidating the other participants.

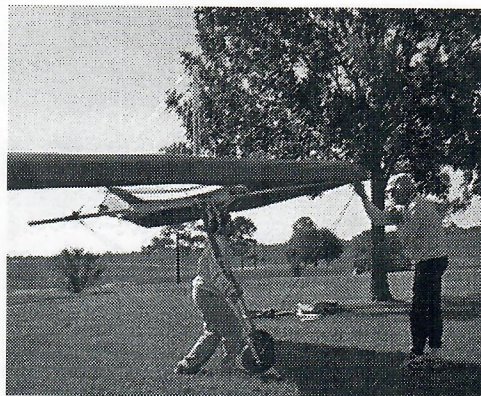
Last, but surely not least was the infamous **Jose Araujo**. Talk about a "die hard." Once started, there was no stopping him and his determination. He was so vigilant in his efforts to



go airborne that not even the stop line could hold him. "Run Forest Run." There was one episode where he charged down the mountain and flew, then landed, flew, landed, flew, landed, then kissed it. (The ground, that is!) Yeah, he kissed it so good I do not think those grass stains are ever coming out. Just to give you a little background, one run should be one stage of flight and one of landing. With this in mind, too many landings on a delicate knee can cause extensive complications. I think it is safe to say that our very own "Evil Knievel" will take a rest from Hang Gliding for an indeterminable amount of time in the future.

Last, but not least, the diligent **Dawn Rodriguez**. With such a struggle in the beginning, due to her, how should we say? la femme petite, her having to lodge and maneuver in the miniature airplane was quite challenging. But, the challenge she did take and the results were prosperous? The wind and sail obeyed.

The day was filled with fun, laughter, humor, and energy. An activity for more to enjoy in the future. So, keep your ears open for a repeat.



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Agent



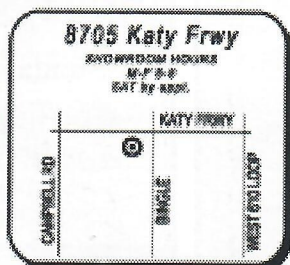
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# NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cheryl May, Nominating Committee Chair

SCSC's Nominating Committee has been working hard to fulfill the task of selecting a qualified slate of officer candidates willing and able to contribute of their time and talents to manage our ski club. With this in mind, we propose the following members as our nominees for SCSC Officers in 2003-04:

<b>President</b>	<b>Dawn Rodriguez</b>
<b>VP Programs</b>	<b>Cindy Moore</b>
<b>VP Trips</b>	<b>Christine March</b>
<b>VP Membership</b>	<b>Gary Barrett</b>
<b>VP Publications</b>	<i>(see note)</i>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Leyla Ozkardesh</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Cheryl Esposito</b>

*Note: A nominee for VP Publications was not available in time to make the publication date of this month's Sitzmarke.*

Finding members who are willing and able to manage a large volunteer organization is not an easy task. The Nominating Committee, over several months, actively recruited potentially qualified members to become officers. Many interviews and discussions of officer duties and responsibilities were required. Some of the criteria we use in our search includes:

- \* Time available
- \* Business experience
- \* Previous contributions to the Club

- \* Creativity
- \* Enthusiasm
- \* Accessibility (located in the Houston area)
- \* Stability (unlikely to relocate)
- \* Ability to be a team player
- \* Other relevant volunteer experience

Our committee believes that the above slate represents a team of talented individuals who will work well together to the benefit of SCSC.

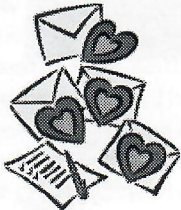
The nominees will be presented at the February General Meeting, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor, with consent of the nominee, as specified in SCSC By-Law 4.5. All officer nominees need to prepare a brief biography and submit it to VP of Publications Jim Edwards by February 12 for inclusion in the March Sitzmarke. Elections will be held at SCSC's Annual Meeting in March.

Respectfully submitted by the  
Nominating Committee for 2003-2004

Cheryl May, Chairperson

Ladye Freitag      Jason McCanna  
Leyla Ozkardesh      Ron Rodriguez  
Sue Salvage      Debbie Warren

MANY THANKS TO ALL OF  
**YOU WHO VOLUNTEERED!!!**



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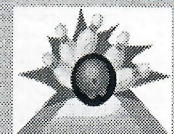
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SCSC Activity

**BOWLING TOURNAMENT**  
Sunday, February 9, 2003



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## ROLLERBLADING PICS

Note: These photos of a fun-loving group of SCSC bladers arrived too late to accompany the article in last month's Sitzmarke.



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

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Thirty optimistic, lucky SCSCers made this **Thanksgiving** trip. To accommodate those short on vacation time, the full-pkg group of 21 had a 5:49p scheduled departure. **Craig Campbell**, Race Director, was the first person to join **Julie** and **Bill Raley** at 3:38p. In this day of e-mail and telephones, floods and fires (flooding rains at three happy hours, including our pre-trip meeting, and then Red's burned in November), I had not met several participants and had to, mentally, work quickly to put names and voices with faces. **Evan Lowe** got the last person award at 5:22p. I ran to meet the group, and must have looked too anxious because I was chosen to be frisked by security. I arrived at the gate at 5:50p, earning the last person on the plane aisle hustling award. The plane departed at 5:52p. This was a quiet, guarded group with varied interests and skiing levels. We had the **Hirasakis**, **Turners**, and **Mays** who would be renting vehicles so as to ski all the surrounding slopes and visit friends/family. **Dawn Forsmith's** jet-setting husband **Michael** wanted her to have a great Thanksgiving while he was away on business. We had Lake Charles, La. **Judge Billie Woodard**, a good friend of **Nora Montgomery**, **Pilar Gonzalez Rodriguez** from Washington, D.C., **Lana Doucette** and **Christine Heyne** (who came to be with their husbands...and for the shopping), and **Annaliese Unterharnscheidt**.

We arrived at the restricted access wing of the airport and had to go to the other side of the airport to get the Greyline chartered bus. Due to security the bus had to return to the holding area until Austin Ski Club arrived, so the bus was quickly loaded and then most of us chose to wait for Phyllis Penniston's group of 14 in the food court area. We arrived at the



resort about midnight. The staff was waiting for us and we soon got everyone settled. Bill and I were up until 3:47a, then arose at 6:30a to get lift tickets to **Walter & May Olsted**, who had come up to their condo the week before. It was 7 degrees on the slopes. Although **May** was apprehensive about skiing with her past knee problems, the green moguls she took **Walter** on proved to be no problem.

Luckily, **Pilar** noticed her packet contained the **Twisters** and **West Texas Skiers** credentials. Donna Crane was sure glad to get them back. **Stacey** (past prez) and **J.R. Ronczy** joined **Susan Blome** to ski and munch goodies at the Peak Nine restaurant. Wednesday, **Craig Campbell** went to the Race Directors meeting and was told our forms had been lost so we had a harried meeting. The TSC Welcome Party had really had Mexican food, but good conversation. It was great getting to see old friends and a lot of kids.

Thanksgiving arrived with 47 degree weather. We raced at 11:00a. The 14 SCSC racers were: **Julie Davis-Raley**, **Bill Raley**, **Marti Turner**, **Nelson Turner**, **George** and **Darlene Hirasaki**, **Gunnar Heyne**, **Robert Olsen**, **Keith Kirkman**, **Sharon Simandl**, **Craig Campbell**, **Jose Araujo**, **Alfred Luaces**, **Susan Bloome**. We did not have anyone wanting ski team photos, so most skied off as SCSC finished so they could get in some great skiing, and get to their destinations/loved ones. At 3:30p **Bill Raley**, **Paul Olsted** and **Sue Olsted** began gearing up for the evening festivities. The **Hirasakis**, **Mays** and **Turners** had happy family gatherings. **Walter** and **Cheryl Duthie Mays** joined 31 of her relatives at the home of her first cousin, once removed, Margie Teffield of Colorado Springs. **Susan Blome** was too ill with altitude sickness to get out in that bad weather, and some of the group had met old friends with reservations elsewhere and some had dates, so we ended up with 22 taking the FRISCO adventure and got a wonderful feast at the Olsted's condo in Frisco. We arrived home about midnight tired, full and thankful for the great opportunity to really talk to each other. We remembered **Susan** and she had a good feast for lunch the next day. Friday, Tor Lileng joined the TSC bus group to Vail and reports it was great. At 9:00a Saturday morning some watched **Donna Crane** christen the new **Super8 chairlift**, then took it over to Peak 8 for some good skiing through the snowmaking machine blizzard. This was a much anticipated lift because it opens up the way to lift 6

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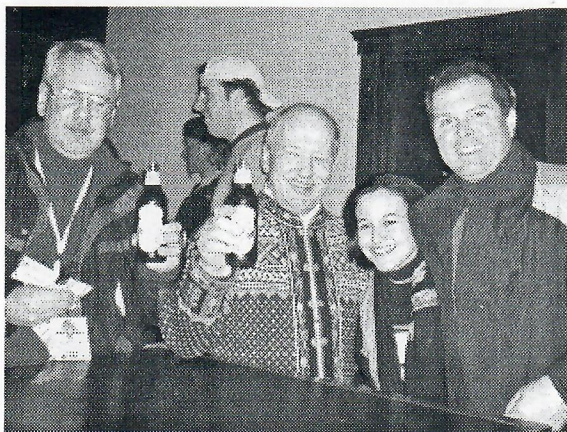
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and the blue/black bowls. We had hoped Peak 7 would be open so we could get to the hundreds of new intermediate trails, but it didn't open until



December 22. In the afternoon, the TCs had a meeting/social with the Breckenridge and Beaver Run representatives, then had to hurry down to meet up with the TSC group in Tiff's for the Pub Crawl. I was absolutely exhausted and goggle-faced ...

**Jose Araujo** messed up my plans to get them so drunk that they wouldn't notice I slipped off and went to bed after Tiff's! :) He had a SIGN-UP SHEET and a DIGITAL CAMERA! Here are the results. Tiff's was in the resort. **Pilar Gonzalez, Dawn Forsmith, =Becky Maitland, Craig Campbell, Tor Lileng, Jose Araujo, Bob Olsen, Julie Davis-Raley, Bill Raley** (joined by Becky, Heather, and Alan from Austin Ski Club and Marta from West Central Texas Ski Club). Next, we headed to Park Avenue Pub where we found **Alfred Luaces, Sharon Simandl,**



**Evan Lowe, Paul and Sue Olsted** and a lot of folks from other groups. This is where Jose got ribbed

about drinking a mug of hot chocolate ... until he let everyone know he was drinking White Russians at all the other stop!{PB290180}

3rd stop. Mi Casa Mexican Restaurant. The word had gotten back to the Breck staff we were having GREAT FUN and they showed up here. There were LOTS of TEXANS here. Lots of food ,booze, and socializing amongst the flowers.



stop 4. Breckenridge Brewery.{PB300187} Already packed when we arrived. **Dawn Forsmith** took quick action and staked out the upper level for our group. **Peyton Paul** luckily knew the owner and waitress, because they had obviously forgotten we were coming. More food and drinks here at **Tor Lileng's** favorite place where he can get GOOD BEER!

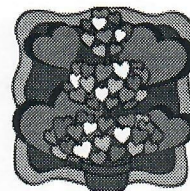
Next was Salt Creek Saloon, but a lot of us bailed out at the brewery! **Pilar, Dawn, Craig, Tor, Evan, and Jose** drank, ate, and danced country with a Norwegian flavor.{PB300191, PB300192}

Sherpa & Yeti's: **Pilar, Craig, Tor, and Jose.**

**Cecilia's.** It's 1 o'clock am and only one, yes 1, bathroom. Wish we had a picture of **Jose** waiting in line here! I understand he had quite a funny gal behind him in the L.O.N.G. line... and then the artwork in there was interesting, so he himself had to take a little extra time viewing it! These last four were feeling really good, I'm sure. Last, but not least...THE Winners! **Pilar Gonzalez, Craig Campbell, Tor Lileng, and Jose Araujo!** made it to Ullr. Thank goodness the Resort Shuttle was there to get them back home because it was about 12 degrees. Thanks Again Jose!

We didn't see them again until the awards banquet Saturday night! Our club was only third in the race

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# SCSC HOLIDAY GALA — DECEMBER 20, 2002

Rita T. Wright, Activity Coordinator



On December 20, over 125 SCSC members and guests celebrated the Holidays 2002 by attending the annual Holiday Gala at the exclusive Briar Club. Santa's helpers – **Debbie Warren, Diane and Dave Stotz, Linda Licarione, Vicki Faulkner and Sue Salvage** got the festivities started on a high note with

the Christmas card game. Each guest received one quarter of a holiday card and had to find the other three people with the missing pieces. Winners of the champagne were Card #1 – **Judy Schiro, Walter May, Richard Hall and Lottie Gautschi-** and Card #2 - **Beth Korna, Sean O'Brien, Jim Edwards and John Tulloss.**



A buffet dinner followed the happy hour. "Toast and Jam" played great Top 40's music, keeping the dance floor full of hopping, rocking, and happy people. **Gary Barrett** set the standard for "How low do we go," while **Jeff Sarff** demonstrated the way to San Jose. **Dawn Rodriquez** and **Suzan Miles** shimmered in their gold gowns. In fact, tux's and elegant gowns of all colors glimmered among the beautiful holiday decorations. Several men are still asking for the phone number of the lady in the low cut red dress. **John Cook** with his "Ho, Ho, Ho" stocking cap seemed the epitome of Christmas cheer as he and **George Hirasaki** conferred on snow conditions.

**Paul Olstad, John Tulloss and Judy Shiro** got their cookies during the festivities – the door prize of a tin of holiday baked treats. **Bill Bomberger and Kay Cain** won the Tower of Chocolates. **Debbie**



**Bergeron, Suzan Miles, and Nancy Sarff** "assisted" Kay with her prize. **Ron Rodriquez** and **Vicki Faulkner** won



wine baskets, while **Jay Prasad Badugu** won Chocolate Liqueurs, which he shared with **Richard Hall, Marianne Pearce, and Manolo Valle.**

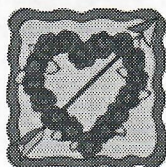


**Merrel Smith** shook his head over the antiglare computer screen that he won, while **Louella Steller**, who won a Palm Pilot leather case, said, "Guess Santa will have to bring me a Palm."

**Paul Swanston**, marketing representative for Vail Resorts, donated four one-day lift tickets (good for Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone or Heavenly.) Lucky winners of these door prizes were **Gary Barrett and David Cone.**



Enthusiastic volunteers insured the success of the evening. Special thanks to **Linda Licarione**, who organized the sign-in table, coordinated the Christmas card game and kept me on track with her attention to details. Thanks also to **Steven Teoh** who arranged the cashier and to **Selena Layless** of the Briar Club for her excellent organization.









# COME TO MARDI GRAS GALVESTON – FEB 21-23, 2003



Come have a **GREAT TIME** at Mardi Gras, **MARCH** in a parade, **THROW BEADS** to the revelers, AND promote Space City Ski Club!

It's a new kind of Mardi Gras experience. Space City Ski Club's members have been invited to join the **Z KREWE** in their annual Mardi Gras parade on **February 22, 2003** in Galveston. Participants will have the chance to not only **enjoy the revelry** of Mardi Gras, but to **be an integral part of it**. Come stay for the weekend, or just come for the parade. Ellen Eastham and Patti Maudslay have worked with the Z Krewe bunch and with the Commodore

Hotel in Galveston to provide a smorgasboard of activities from which you can choose – the parade, dinner, parties, and more.

An additional benefit of this activity is the opportunity to promote SCSC and its great members to the public in a very unique way. By marching in the parade (or riding in one of the coaches) with our club banner out front, our parade royalty (selected at the January club meeting), and with the Mardi Gras "parade uniform" that Ellen and Patti have devised for those able and willing participants, we hope to let a new audience know about the "best little ski club in Texas". Some details follow, but contact Ellen or Patti for the full story. We hope to see you there!!!

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Z Procession (1:00)  
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Sunday: Brunch

## Z PROCESSION:

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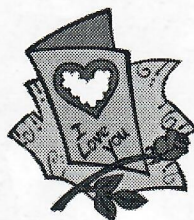
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rankings but several of our skiers won medals:

3rd overall SuperSeniors and Open Silver: **George Hirasaki**

\*Open Senior Silver: **Keith Kirkman**

\* Open Super Senior: **Gunnar Heyne**

\* Open Senior Bronze: **Robert Olsen**

\*Open Senior Bronze: **Nelson Turner**

\* Open Bronze: **Marti Turner**

\* Open Bronze: **Sharon Simandl**.

The food was great and several people won door prizes, but most were exhausted so the band went home at 11pm after playing the TSC version of "**Friends in Low Places**" and "**Devil in a Blue Dress**". The next morning came quickly but a 5:00a brisk 1-mile walk to the donut shop felt good and resulted in hot donuts for us to gobble up at 6:20a. The **Douchettes** got the last on the bus award.

Once again we dispersed at the airport as people gathered their luggage and headed out to beat the crowd. I was carrying the donuts and I got frisked...twice... but I at least managed to get on the plane a full 10 minutes before it departed, and with all my participants settled in. It was a great time to do some last minute socializing and napping. We arrived to sunny Houston about 3pm which gave us lots of time to pick up kids and pets from the sitters and get unpacked/repacked/ready for the next trip.

A special thanks goes to:

**Craig Campbell** and **Jose Araujo** who helped in every way possible

**Donna Crane** who worked for almost a year coordinating this TSC trip

TSC Secretary **Susan Blome** who coordinates between the TSC groups and brought the banner home,

Lawson Pedder, Chris Swallows, Peyton Paul and Eddie McGuigan who had to coordinate all the TSC functions and lodging, and party with us until the wee hours.

A hearty thanks to **Sue** and **Paul Olsted** for making our Thanksgiving special.

Thanks to **Lana** and **David Doucettes** for agreeing to host our March 29 potluck Post-Trip Party.

And, of course, **Sue Bohnert** and **Bill Bomberger**, who took my scrawlings/ receipts and Lotus spreadsheets and translated them to Excel for tax records consistency, **Melanie Morin** who processed new and renewing members as quickly as possible so I could complete their sign-up, and **Cindy Moore** who went above and beyond to make her Young and New Member group aware of my trip in the middle of Summer when the pressure to get people signed up really intensifies.

And a big thanks to all the people who signed up at early sign-up putting their faith in me and Breckenridge to come through with the first Thanksgiving trip in 5 years to have 100% of last years slope open and new lifts and runs open as a bonus. Psychopath accessible via lift 6 was the most fun run I have ever maneuvered down.

A special thanks to husband **Bill Raley** who is the AAC for Costa Rica. Everyone on this trip saw what a good job he did so come let him take you to the forests, beaches and volcanos of Costa Rica! Sign up right away for COSTA RICA and he and **Marsha Lutz** will give you the adventure of a lifetime this June.



**Happy Valentines Day!**  
&  
**Yee Ha! Rodeo!**



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### More Holiday Gala Photos

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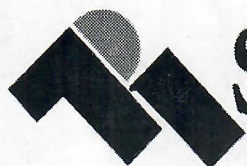
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