

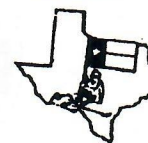


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- * Vote on the Top 3 photos in 5 categories
- * Winners shown in the Sitzmarke.

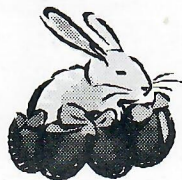


SCSC General Meeting

Monday, April 14, 2003 6:30 pm

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Happy Hour - Thursday, April 17



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Head of the Liftline

Sean O'Brien - President

The ski trips for another season have come and gone and, at the end of this month, my term as your President comes to an end. I want to thank each and every one of you for giving me the honor to serve as your club President this past year. I have truly had fun. The part I enjoyed the most is the opportunity it has given me to get to know so many more of you.

The quality of any organization can always be found in its people. I will be the first to admit that from time to time certain aspects of our club may make us seem like a dysfunctional family. However, with the overall numbers of dedicated volunteers that give of their time each year to make this a great club, it is truly a wonderful huge family that I am proud to be part of. I hope you all agree.

I want to thank my fellow officers, board members, trip coordinators, assistant trip coordinators and activity coordinators for all of your fine hard work this past year. Through the one-on-one conversations I have had with each of you throughout the year, I was always impressed with how excited you were at what you were doing and how determined you were to succeed at it. This was evident in the huge success of the ski trips and activities this year.

As I look into the future, I see many challenges ahead for our club. Our membership numbers have declined over the last several years and some fundamental changes will be coming soon to address these and make it an even better club in the future. I see in the near future the Internet (web-site and e-mail) becoming a more important communication tool to you all than this Sitzmarke. I think it all will be exciting and I know that several creative ideas are already in the works.

New ideas are always welcome, and I encourage each and every one of you to share your ideas with the members of the new Executive Committee when they take office next month. The quality and experiences of your club membership will always be whatever you all choose it to be.



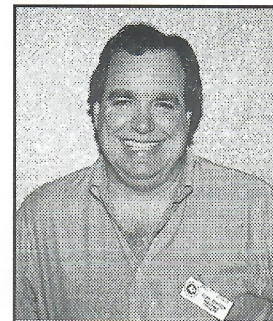
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Happy Hour

Noche Cocina & Bar

2409 Montrose Blve
(713) 529-8559

Thursday, April 17
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Appetizers & a Cash Bar



General Meeting - March 10, 2003

Program: Trip Reunion and Photo Contest

Bring your 2002-2003 trip photos to the meeting. Top three winners will be announced in each of 5 categories, and shown in the next Sitzmarke. Partidipate in the vooting.

NEW (& YOUNGER) MEMBER MIXERS!



Tuesday, April 8 5:30p - ???

Azteca's Margarita Bar & Grill

2207 Richmond (@ Greenbriar)
(713) 526-1702

Free Appetizer Spread! Happy Hour prices til 8pm.

Draft beer, Margaritas, Flavored Margaritas, DJ @ 8pm

Swing Dance Lesson @ 7:30p - \$5 (or less): RSVP to lucinda_moore@ev1.net

Tuesday, May 9 6:00p - 9:00p

The Social

3737 Washington (@ Yale)
(713) 426-5585

SCSC Specials: \$2 frozen margarita/screwdriver,
\$2 beer, \$3 well drinks. Free parking at the glass bldg directly West.

Mixer 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

CALENDAR

April

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April

- 2..... SCSC ExComm Meeting
- 8..... N&Y Member Mixer-Aztecas
- 12..... Predict Time Run/Walk
- 12-13..... MS150 Bike Ride
- 14..... SCSC General Meeting
- 17..... Happy Hour

May

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February

- TBA SCSC ExComm Meeting
- TBA N&Y Member Mixer
- 15..... Happy Hour
- 19..... SCSC General Meeting

June

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29	30					

March

- TBA SCSC ExComm Meeting
- TBA N&Y Member Mixer-Two Rows
- TBA SCSC Board Meeting
- 19..... HappyHour



Space City Ski Club 2002-2003 Remaining Trip Schedule

Dates	Nts/ Ski Days	Trip Destination	Cost	Final Pmt	Lodging	No. Skiers	TC/ATC	Home Phone	E-Mail Address
Jun 28-Jul 6, 2003 (Sat-Sun)	8/NA	COSTA RICA (TSC Summer Expedition)	\$1529	03/10/03	Hotel	32	Marsha Lutz Bill Raley	281-870-9724 281-873-8730	mlutz@erm.com davisraleymail.com

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FROM THE SKI DESK

Sue Bohnert, VP-Trips



WHEEE...WHOOOSH....!!!

Has this season flown by ... but do not cry, we are already planning next year!!!!!!

Can you believe that March has come and gone and our last two ski trips are now a pleasant memory. The casinos, the snow, the casinos, the parties...Leyla (Ozkardesh) and Cindy (Moore) report that their trip was a complete success. And the "Black Tie" affair in Quebec for TSC Final Showdown – what a way to end the season...a toast to the team of Walter May, Chip Stokes and Vicki Faulkner. Thanks to both teams for a great job on these trips!

Farewell...goodbye...thanks for the memories...after this month, you will no longer see my smiling "mug" or read my words of wisdom as VP of Trips. Thanks to all those tireless persons who made my season and tenure so easy. PLEASE support our incoming VP of Trips...Christine March. She worked *very* hard for me as DOT for the 2002-2003 season. Now she needs your assistance and support...we cannot do it without YOU.

(A client called inquiring about a package to Hawaii. After going over all the cost info, the client asked, "Would it be cheaper to fly to California and then take the train to Hawaii?".

A client called and said, "I need to fly to Pepsi-cola on one of those computer planes." I asked if she meant to fly to Pensacola on a commuter plane. The response was... "Yeah, whatever.")

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Bad Blades Rollerblade Group
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9:00am - Workout Skate
10:00am - Social Skate

For the weekly meeting place, check out
www.badblades.org
Bikers welcome

Before joining the SCSC group in Norway, an eager array of travelers began their Scandinavian adventure in Copenhagen, Denmark. ATC **Penny Chancey** led the expedition for a whirlwind of shopping and touring. **Julia Ostistaya, Lee White, Dawn and Ron Rodriguez** ventured by train to Kronberg castle in Helsinger while **Russ Collison** joined six females for a tour of Rosenborg Palace and treasury. The next day the two groups switched and enjoyed the activities that were experienced by the others. After dodging bicycles for three days, the group flew to Oslo to join the rest of the group.

The second wave of SCSCers (including **Anne Severtson**, who despite business complications....) arrived Saturday evening in Oslo. Unlike those who had a simple jaunt from Copenhagen, the remaining SCSCers had to endure multi-connecting, lengthy flights and, although exhausted, were treated (?)



Welcome to Copenhagen, Denmark!

Bk: Millie Jude, Carolyn Burris, Conna Berglund, Joanne Fore, Ron Rodriguez, Lee White, Penny Chancey.

Fr: Christie Burke, Dawn Rodriguez, Russ Collison

to a long tour of the city of Oslo. As was evidenced by the snoring, some of us may have missed the landmarks that were cloaked in the darkness and fog.

Sunday, we spread out over the city of Oslo. Native **Tor Lileng** led a large contingent on a tour of the city that included the Viking Ship and Kon-Tiki Museums. A number of members joined a late night Super Bowl party held at an Irish Bar. The night started with **Ron, Dawn, Lee, Julia, Tor, Russ, Sean O'Brien, Brett Littell, and Harvey Hetzel**. Although some only lasted until halftime (around 2:00 am), die hard fans stayed until the end.

On Monday, we loaded our luggage and departed for Lillehammer. After checking in, the group began exploring the town by visiting the Olympic Park, the ski jump area and the grocery store. **Gai-Lynn Marshall** introduced us to Nugatti, a Norwegian chocolate spread that was enjoyed by all. Did **Tom**



SCSC Activity

COSTA RICA

June 28 - July 6, 2003

Don't miss this opportunity to join SCSC on its first ever adventure in the tropics!

Your tantalizing tour will include the following opportunities:

- * beautiful sunsets, sandy beaches, water sports such as sea kayaking
- * mangrove tours, dolphin watching & deep sea fishing
- * see wildlife such as tropical birds, butterflies, white-faced monkeys, three-toed sloths
- * see & hear (and maybe feel) an active volcano,
- * hiking tours and/or horseback rides to the volcano, Lake Arenal and the La Fortuna waterfalls
- * hikes through lush jungles and rain forests, bird watching
- * swimming, whitewater rafting on class 2,3,4 or 5 rapids
- * AND THE FAMOUS CLOUD FORESTS AND CANOPY TOURS (where you glide or walk thru the TOP of the rainforest)

We will stay at:

The *Hotel Parador* – a five star hotel, where Julia Roberts and other stars stay while vacationing here.
The stunningly beautiful *Tabacon Resort* – where you can see the volcano from the resort
(while swimming in the famous hot springs, and enjoying a libation at the swim-up bar).

So, what are you waiting for ...? Sign up NOW!

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

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PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Dawn Rodriguez, VP-Programs



"... I have had a host of wonderful volunteers... Your time and effort is truly appreciated..."

We are ending this year's ski season with a blast. The April meeting will be the biggest post trip party ever – with Photos Galore, featuring the trips you've taken or only wish you had taken. After this you will only have one more chance this season to fraternize with your ski buddies ... at the Annual "Follies" Meeting on May 19. Thanks to **Ellen Eastham, Peggy Montgomery** and **Patti Maudslay**.

I want to extend a special thanks to **Larry Hord** and **Mary Kitchens** for heading up the Houston Live-Stock & Rodeo night for the club. And thanks to **Tom Danowsky** and **Robyn Delmastro** for coordinating the MS 150 Support Team.

Throughout the season I have had a host of wonderful volunteers who have been creative, enthusiastic and enduring. Your time and effort

is truly appreciated, not only by me but by all the members who have enjoyed the well-planned activities. To show the club's appreciation for your hard work, **Nicky Minear, Kathy Young, Jill St. Clair & Jimmy St. Clair** will be coordinating a superb Volunteer Appreciation Party. You will not want to miss this festive event. So, if you volunteered directly or indirectly this year, check the enclosed invitation list and make sure your name is there. If there was a typo, and your name was left off call me immediately, 281-320-2040 and I'll correct it.

At this time I want to take the opportunity to let each of you know the pleasure I have experienced serving Space City as your VP of Programs. The opportunity was fun, festive and sometimes frantic but, most importantly, fulfilling.

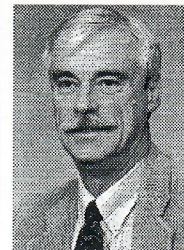
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<u>2003</u> 4/12-13	MS 150 Bike Ride	Tom Danowsky		tbd	tbd
4/12	Predict Time Run/Walk	Arlen Isham	(713) 455-4858	4/7	\$7
5/19	SCSC Follies	Ellen Eastham	(281) 989-9935	--	--
6/28-7/6	Costa Rica Summer Expedition	Marsha Lutz	(281) 870-9724	3/10	\$1,529

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SCSC Activity

PREDICT TIME RUN/WALK

Saturday, April 12, 2003
8:00am - 9:30am

Memorial Park

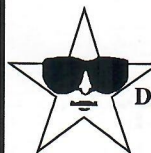
Meet at Tennis Center
Predict your time, then run/walk it!
5 closest times are Winners

Price: \$7 Final Pmt Date: 04/07/2003
AC: Arlen Isham (713) 455-4858



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!



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Lori and Bruce's Excellent Ski Adventure

Yep, the Lurkers, Losers & Couch Potatoes stayed home!

The infamous trip to Vail Colorado included 60 of SCSC's COOLEST, Fun Loving, REAL Skiers & Legendary Partiers.

Chapter 1: Saturday - "Departure Day"

1st stop – Wal-Mart. On the way to the airport at 4:30am, TC, **Lori Gilliland's** chauffeur, **Bill Bomberger** was asked to make a side trip for a bottle of Pepto Bismol to cure a case of "TC Stress". This little pink bottle was soon replaced by Fat Tires & Powderhounds. POOF! The stress was gone. Imagine that?



Lori & Christine initiate another new SCSC member.

2nd stop – "Paradise" – Denver, Colorado! The Adventure begins Imagine 60 people with grocery carts racing up & down the aisles of King Sooper's Grocery & Apple Jacks Liquor with a 30-minute time limit. **Lori** needs a driver's license to operate a moving vehicle; she took out 3 jars of Ragu rounding a corner at warp speed "**CLEAN UP ON AISLE 9**".

3rd stop – Vail Spa Condos (Home Sweet Home) for the week. Upon arrival, we all scattered in different directions, checking into our condos, getting rentals etc. WOW, it's amazing how the words "FREE WINE" can bring 60 people back intact. We even had a few extras! **Stacey & JR Ronczy**, now residents of Colorado, joined us for some skiing and socializing.

Capturing all the Kodak moments was **Pam Smith**. She took pictures of everything, "Oh look, there's a tree! Hey, there's a snowflake! Wait; did you see that toilet?" One had to be very careful with what they did. Chances are ... it would be caught on film!

Chapter 2: Sunday – "Let the Skiing Begin"

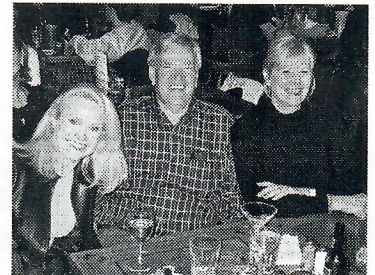


The Covered Bridge in Vail Village

What a great way to fuel up for day! **Lori** and **ATC, Bruce Lowther** put together a killer welcome breakfast to feed the troops before our 1st day of skiing. **Cindy Moore** held **Bruce's** banana while he cut a mean one.....(a banana that is). **Lori** led an awesome breakfast taco assembly team, **Bill Bomberger, Martin Bradley, Leyla Ozkardesh** and **Ladye Freitag** rolled 100 breakfast tacos by 8am. (Look-out Taco Cabana!)

The skiing begins..... **Buzz Allen**, the tattoo man, **Bob DeBumps DeBirthday DeBell, Bob Knupp, Bill Bomberger** and **Sue DeWitt** formed the "**B.S.**" ski group, an exclusive group requiring superior ski skills. These guys skied together aggressively in search of their next challenge. **Lou Kleinman** and **Keith Kirkman** joined the group, thereby changing the name to "Sue & the Boys". Any way you look at it.....they're still full of B.S.!

Others tried joining the "**B.S.**" ski group, completely unaware of their superior qualities. Ask **Gary Freeman**. He found out the hard way after charitably offering to ski with **Sue DeWitt**, if she could keep up. Groveling followed! Even **DeBumps DeBell** (a "**B.S.**" regular, or is that regular "**B.S.**"er") admitted that **Sue** had skied him into the ground. **Richard Payne** was another "**B.S.**" wannabe. Why did he stop skiing with this group? Did it have anything to do with the face plant, broken glasses and cuts; or was it because **Janet McKenzie's** offer was more enticing? Inquiring minds want to know!



Yep, blondes DO have more fun ... at the Red Lion.

Après ski activities brought a special treat to a few "lucky" hot-tubbers. Apparently, happy hour began earlier (for some) in Condo #502 as *flashers* showed a little T&A to the steamy group below. Names will be kept anonymous to protect the innocent.

Chapter 3: Monday – "Beaver Creek, Anyone?" (MLK Holiday)

Stan Broniak awakened saying, "Last Night....I had a dream!" Many are still waiting to hear his dream. In honor of the holiday, **Stan** vowed to ski only the most difficult runs today. Maybe that's why they called him *The Lone Skier*. Did he ditch

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2003-04 Appointed Positions Available

We are looking for energetic individuals to fill the following appointed positions for the 2003-2004 club year. Increase your involvement; increase your friendships; increase your fun! For each position listed contact the officer indicated to apply, or for further information. Get involved!

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those slower than himself, because of his devilish ways as evidenced by his ski hat? Ask those who attempted to ski with him, **Mitch Gaspard, Paul Pavlik, Don McGee**, members of the “B.S.” ski group, **Pam Smith and Marsha Lutz**.

Lone Skiers, **Paul Pavlik** and **Davis Tucker**, were on separate quests for ultimate ski perfection. Although *loners* by day, this didn't stop either of them from partying with the group at night!

Chapter 4: Tuesday - “NASTAR Race Day & Red Lion Rendezvous”

What a great day for skiing, racing, and let's not forget ... **PARTYING!** For those of us trying and dying to earn a medal, the NASTAR races (led by Race Director, **Bill Bomberger**) proved to be quite a challenge for some. Our official NASTAR photographer, **Guri Pryce** had a prime position on the racecourse snapping everyone “breaking the gate”.

SILVER medal winners included **Richard Payne** (Fastest Dude), **Curt Frisby, Bob Wray, Susan Wilson** (Fastest Chick) and **Janet McKenzie**. BRONZE medalists included **Martin Bradley, Rob Hienaman, Bruce Lowther, Bill Bomberger**, and **David Pryce**. Oh yeah and that Dan Bromiar guy! Was “he” with Space City? It was later discovered that this WAS **Stan Broniak** and he was

awarded a BRONZE medal.

Maria Pavlik, Harold Kaminsky & Barb Penkala opted out of the NASTAR races. Knowing they would all win GOLD medals, they decided to give the rest of us a chance and headed out to ski together. “Screw that! We don't need no stinkin races.”



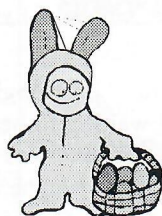
A Day at the Races

Christine March and **Lori Gilliland** had their medals stolen from them. **Christine** later redeemed herself. Once back in Houston, she and **Linda Mac** learned that the NASTAR people had them classified in the “Male” category. What a rip off! Protests were made. As a result of their “sex” changes (proof of gender), NASTAR

capitulated and gave them BRONZE medals. Hey **Lori**, where's your medal???

The hot tub “tease” continued! When willing hot-tubbers asked for another sneak peek, there followed a loudly bellowed “AAAGGGHHHHH” by **Stan Broniak** -- getting sick in the hot tub when **Bill Bomberger** raised *his* shirt, flashing the crowd. What a disappointment! It was a set-up; the women “teased”, but **Bomberger** delivered!

The SCSC club party at the Red Lion was definitely a night to remember, for those who “could”



VAIL, CO – CONTINUED

remember! Some are STILL trying to remember! It was a good old-fashioned rock-n-roll bash, with great food, great entertainment and great stories to tell. From the moment the alcohol began to flow, talented SCSCers surfaced. **Jessica Halter** sang with Phil Long (Red Lion owner) while tambourines played backup and continuously switched hands. **Lori Gilliland** and **Rita Wright** were “dueling” with tambourines, trying to out-shake each other. **Ladye Freitag** performed her infamous “chair dancing” to the beat of the music.

Marsha Lutz earned an honorary “mixology” degree for drinking the weirdest combination of drinks WITHOUT getting sick!

One evening highlight was the performance by **Don McGee**, **Stan Broniak**, and new member **Dave Bannon** as they attempted to sing Billy Joel’s *Piano Man* to the crowd. Autographs followed (NOT!). Photo Groupie **Ruthann McGee** got a little snap happy. She shot 3-4 rolls of film that night. No actions or behaviors can be denied from this night -- we have the evidence to prove it!



Condo #502

Lori had to fill out accident reports for her tambourine bruises as well as her snow burn after the wrestling match in the lobby with **Susan Wilson**. Neither one remembers who knocked down who.

That was the alcohol talking!

Another injury occurred today. **Mary Anderson** tumbled down the hill, and awoke with three gorgeous young men in blue and white looking down at her. She thought she was in Heaven and surrounded by angels.

Later that night, the most unlikely heroes emerged. Condo-mates **Curt Frisby** and **Rob Hienaman** came to the rescue of **Don McGee** during a medical emergency when **Ruthann McGee** needed assistance. Good job guys! Our real

superheroes ... we salute you; as opposed to **Ted** (Rip Van Winkle) **Widmer**, who slept through the entire incident.

Chapter 5: Wednesday - “Adventure Ridge & Beano’s Cabin”

Optional activities were on the agenda. Nighttime thrill seekers **Bruce Lowther** and **Robert Clements** formed a snow tube train with **Linda Guice**. They maximized the speed on their tubes with their combined weight. **Cindy Moore**, **Lori Gilliland**, **Leyla Ozkardesh**, and new members **Maria Vivona** and **Dan Sample** joined in on the snow tubing adventure. The REAL speed was experienced by Thrill Sledding Adrenaline Junkies - **Marsha Lutz**, **Steve Samuel**, **Bill Bomberger** and **Cindy Moore**. Steve renamed this event M.A.N.I.C. Sledding: Masochistic Adventure Night in Coldness. Maybe that’s because ... (They called him **FLIPPER**, **FLIPPER**, faster than lightning, no one can find him, over the edge!) Steve and his sled were eventually rescued via snowmobile. Thankfully, the only casualty was **Marsha’s** broken



Carriage ride through Vail Village



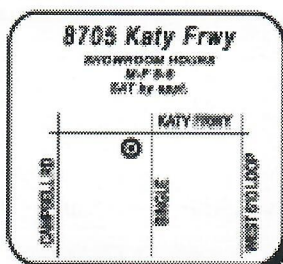
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Geiermann ever try Nugatti on his french fries? Ron Garner, the thoughtful husband, took Diane all the way to Norway for her birthday dinner. The welcome party was held that evening and Ron collected his winnings from the Super Bowl via drink tickets. The City of Lillehammer gave an Olympic pin from the 1994 games to each of us. The band from Germany had a repertoire of American music that kept everyone jumping, including Tom Huzzey, Charlene and Mike Fleming, and Jack and Rena Sartin. After returning to the hotel to reserve energy for the first day of skiing, those of us on the sixth floor had our night interrupted by a 12:52 am fire alarm. While some endured the fire alarm in their room, Tina Williams and Penny joined two other guests and ran down six flights of



Dinner in Oslo

Carolyn McGinnis, Mark Kenney, Gai-Lynn Marshall, Everett Rego, Caroline Grunewald, Russ Collison

stairs in their pajamas only to be met by the firemen in the lobby. We knew Leslie and Donald Caldwell liked the lobby area for the "Smokers Club", but rest assured it was a humidifier that set off the fire alarm. Kurt and Karin Schidlowski thought the fire alarm was their alarm clock, turned it off, and missed the bus the next morning.

On the first day of skiing, we departed for the Hafjell area and attacked the slopes. At the end of the day, there was one minor injury—a knee sprain suffered by Christie Burke. Roger Holzman also turned up lame, but it is unclear whether he suffered an injury while skiing or the result of the previous night's jitterbugging with Carolyn Burris. Charlene quickly organized the expeditious method of unloading skis, and never gave it up. Normal guide extraordinaire, David George, misled his contingent of Brett, Roger, Sean, Maria Tramontin, Pilar Gonzales, Jose Araujo, Ann McIntyre, Margaret Walker, and Donna Berglund on a tour of neighborhood housing. The trail bearing #13, normally associated with bad

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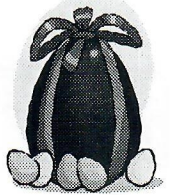
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SPACE CITY SKI CLUB SALUTES ITS VOLUNTEERS

Take a good look at the names listed on this page. These are the people who "powered" SCSC during the last year. They are the smiling faces at the check-in, activity, and trip tables, the arrangers of great trips and fun activities, and the solvers of problems you never know about. Most of the hard work was behind the scenes, making it look easy to the average member . . . but without them there would be no wonderful club like SCSC for you to enjoy. Let them know you appreciate their work the next time you see them. Better yet – join them and see your name here next time!

Addicks, G.A.	Halter, Jessica	O'Brien, Sean	St. Clair, Jimmy
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Burke, Christie	Lopez, Gloria	Rodriguez, Dawn	Weimer, Dutch
Butler, Charles	Lowther, Bruce	Rodriguez, Ron	White, Lee
Butler, Gary	Lutz, Marsha	Rowley, Laura	Wicker, Susan
Cain, Carol	Maitland, Becky	Ruggiero, Concietta	Woody, Brett
Campbell, Craig	March, Christine	Sadler, Jerry	Wray, Bob
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THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS...
FOR HELPING SCSC WITH ANOTHER
SUCCESSFUL (& FUN) YEAR IN 2002-03!

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 Smith, Lisa
 Smith, Merrel
 Smith, Pam
 Smith, Sharon
 Smith, Ty
 St. Clair, Jill

Everyone on this list will receive an invitation to the Volunteer Appreciation Party, to be held in June.

If we inadvertently left you off the list, please contact the officer for whom you volunteered ... before May 15th.

camera. What a ROUGH ride!

One group took a different kind of "ride" that night a luxury sleigh ride to Beano's Cabin in Beaver Creek. Participants included **Nancy Gentzel, David Edwards, Gary Freeman, Sue DeWitt, John Gay, Becky Reitz, Rob Hienaman, Jeff Kovacs, Mary Anderson, Beverly Roberts, Susan Wilson, Linda Mac, Ric Ploeger, Meynard Nussbaum.** This

five-star dining experience was Fantastic! **Gary** found the dessert to be better than sex and got the recipe from the chef, for future use on some lonely night.

Chapter 6: Thursday - "A Night with Steve Meyers"

A "light" dusting of powder during the night sent SCSCers in search of the ultimate ski trails. In the gladed terrain of Blue Sky Basin, fresh

powder was found! **Bob Wray** took **Martin Bradley** to ski some REAL snow & wore him out on the bumps and trees for two days straight. This became their "best kept" secret. **Martin** admitted he'd never had a better time skiing in his entire life!

After another hard day of skiing, or hardly skiing for some, après skiers gathered at Powder Hounds. **Steve Meyers** was the ever-so-popular & ever-so-insulting local entertainer for the evening. **Rita "Turbo T's" Wright**, as nicknamed by **Steve**, was selected to judge a singing contest. Amazingly enough, our SCSC group won several rounds of "free" drinks.

Lisa VanZant and **Michael Testa** enjoyed nightly gourmet meals prepared in the condo. **Lisa** shared her wonderful eggplant parmesan with condo-mates.

Although **Joe Kulpinsky's** condo-mates referred to him as *the stranger*, he was seen enjoying fine French cuisine at La Tour with **Beverly Roberts** and **Mary Anderson.**

Ladye Freitag & Barb Penkala enjoyed dinner at Alpenrose Tea Room. This was better than skiing. **Barb** worked off the calories by treating herself to a massage & **Ladye** worked them off by skiing downhill on her butt. "*It doesn't seem so steep when sitting on the ground!*"

Chapter 7: Friday - "SCSC Final Pizza Party"

Our last night in Vail began with a *polish off the booze* pizza party. **David** and **Guri Pryce** used their car to deliver 30 pizzas, four cheesecakes and a gigantic salad. Thanks for the help, enjoy the tip!

The pizza bash started at 6:30pm and went on until well after midnight. **Lori**, with her LOUD and PIERCING whistle, silenced the room to make important announcements for those sober enough to listen. A special tribute was paid to *Bud Lite Real Men of Genius & SCSC "Male Fur Coat Wearers"* **Mitch Gaspard, John Gay** and **Eric Wright.** "*It takes a REAL man to wear a ladies coat!*"

The festivities continued with dancing and body tattooing. Before the night was over, **Lori** shared a piece of cheesecake with **Ric Ploeger**, never using a fork. **Meynard Nussbaum** used his podiatry skills giving "free" foot massages. "Everybody Loved Meynard!"

Marsha Lutz, Steve Samuel, Pam Smith, Stan Broniak, Cindy Moore, Bruce Lowther and **Ladye Freitag** wrapped up their evening enjoying a horse drawn carriage ride through Vail Village.

Kelly Reynolds never made it to the pizza party. She created her own party at some undisclosed location with 30 doctors. No additional details were given. (You go girl!)

Chapter 8: All Week - "Memorable Events"

Mitch Gaspard entertained us all week long with his variety of ski hats. For **Mitch**, packing was easy. Six ski days equals

six changes of hats and one change of underwear. We thought something *smelled!*

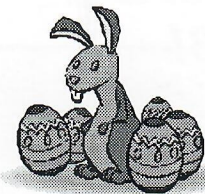
Fran Kaminsky took ski lessons almost every day. Wonder what her ski instructor looked like??? Must have been a cutie like **Ryan** from the Bachelorette!



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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.

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Gary Freeman & David Edwards were corralled nightly in the hot tub by the persuasive charms of **Leyla Ozkardesh**. She brought the beer.

New SCSC Member, **Samantha Davidson**, learned there is a choice in ski apparel ... fashion versus warmth and comfort.

Curt Frisby skied one afternoon with the ladies, **Ann Rogers, Marsha Lutz and Pam Smith**. Ann was thrilled after she successfully skied down a black run led by **Curt**. Way to go, Ann!

Janet McKenzie and **Richard Payne** misread a trail sign, ending up on a steep black diamond. Was this because of **Richard's** broken glasses or do they need a refresher course in trailmap reading? **Janet** bailed out, **Richard** followed. Both poled along a ridge with a 6-foot drop off, until they reached safety. They celebrated their survival that night in Vail Village.



The Boys singing "Piano Man" at the Red Lion

In addition to his embarrassing hot tub "flashing" experience, "**Woody**" **Bomberger** skied the bumps in Game Creek Bowl with buds, **Buzz Allen** and **Bob DeBell** when a twenty-foot pine tree jumped out at him. **Buzz** and **Bob** claimed they didn't witness this event. Fortunately, several other "big mouth" club members observed the "tree attack" from the chairlift, and felt it was their civic duty to report the incident. GOTCHA, **Bill**!

David Pryce, proud of his newest ski gadget, an altimeter watch, kept everyone advised of the altitude at the top of every run.

Lori Gilliland got locked inside the Vail Spa Condos stairwell. While enjoying the view from her condo window, **Maria Pavlik** saw **Lori** dashing through the snow barefoot in her pajamas. **Maria** ran for her camera but **Lori** was much too fast to be captured on film. **Lori**, what were you doing in that stairwell?

Poor **Bob DeBirthday DeBell**! It's hell having a birthday during a ski week! No one really knew Bob's "actual" birthday. His birthday was first celebrated at the Red Lion when **Jessica Halter** sang the Marilyn Monroe version of *Happy Birthday to You*! The wishes continued EVERY day after that. It finally ended when our plane landed in Houston as Continental Airlines wished a Happy 39th Birthday to **Bob DeBell** from Space City Ski Club.

Chapter 9: Saturday - "The Final Chapter"

Everyone had an incredible time on the Vail trip. Vail Spa Condos *Rocked*. The hot tubs were awesome (with added bonuses for some). The alcohol was flowing! **Becky Reitz** had such a good time that she offered to help **John** with the luggage ... she carried her fur coat. The only person in our group to get "special security screening" was **Robert Clements**, our own HPD officer!! And so our 2003 Vail adventures come to an end. Before we go, one last thing **HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOB!**



LILLEHAMMER, NORWAY – CONTINUED



luck, would have proven lucky, if chosen. **Sean** suggested taking #38, which emptied into a street, instead of skiing through the Mickey Mouse poles. It was a long trek to the next trail for this group. **Nery** and **Mark Voss** wouldn't get misplaced on the slopes, given the colorful outfits.

Tina should get the award for persistence. The poma lift at Gala ski area should be described as a "sling shot" and was too difficult for **Tina**. **Jack**,



*Tina – Leader of the Pack
Harvey Hetzel, Bill (Austin SC), Tina Williams,
Tom Huzzey, Sean O'Brien, Jack Sartin*

the southern gentlemen, insisted on staying behind with **Tina** until she gave up and went to another lift and conquered the poma. It seems when **Camille Laroe** and **Jill Nanney** were trying to get back to the Gala ski area, the directions given were a round about way back to Lillehammer instead.

While the skiers were getting lost (?) and fighting with the poma,

some of the nonskiers were enjoying another activity. Our group went riding in bobsleds down the same track used during the 1994 Olympics. The track record was 51.33 seconds and several came very close to that time. **Chris Urbanczyk/Gai-Lynn Marshall** - 55.47, **Caroline Grunewald/Ann McIntyre** - 55.81, **Russ Collison/Carolyn Burris** - 58.40, **Bruce/ Marsha Kilgore** - 58.58, **Suzanne Woods/Brenda Soileau** - 55.47 and **Penny Chancey/Austin** - 57.31 **Russ** was a very "brave" person who went down the icy track face first on a skeleton sled, not just once but twice and lived to tell about it

While the skiers were trying the Kvitjell area on Thursday, others in our group were becoming dog sled drivers. Each sled had six dogs that were trained to follow a trail through the woods and across a frozen lake. Despite the warning by the owner of the dogs to never let go of the sled, **Joanne Fore** found out the hard way not to clap her hands and shout "let's go". The dogs went forward and she went flying backwards. When the owner saw the team had no driver, he ran back to **Joanne's** sled as it was racing across the lake. Even though **Joanne** broke her finger, she said this was definitely a wonderful experience. After the experience of driving a dog sled, **Diane Garner**, **Millie Jude**, **Cathy Littell**, **Sue Bean**, **Russ**, **Rena**, **Bruce**, **Marsha**, and **Penny** then gathered with the others

inside of a tent and learned how to make stick bread over the coals. This was a great treat after mushing through the snow.

Since many of us were leaving in the early morning hours, we convinced the hotel to keep the disco open until our departure. Although many of us couldn't stay up, a few actually made it for the 4:45 am departure. **Harvey** brought his cds to treat the locals to some Texas two-stepping.

For those going on to Russia, the excursion could be described as an adventure. Although one of the buses transporting us to the Oslo airport turned up lame, we were able to limp to the airport. We quickly developed the ability of packing people and luggage in the back seats and the aisles of the buses, an art necessary every time we moved to a different city. . The group spent their days touring the highlights of St. Petersburg including the Hermitage, Catherine's Palace, Peter and Paul Fortress, the circus, Resurrection Cathedral and St. Nicholas Cathedral. **Carolyn McGinnis** and **Dale Allbritton** helped the wedding couple at St. Nicholas Cathedral by picking up the coins that were thrown for good luck. At every stop the vendors were selling fur hats, hats with military pins, and caviar. The first fur hat adorned the head of **Everett Rego** and others followed quickly when the cold winds started to whip around their ears. **Mark Kenney** was able to find a submariner's pin for his collection. One of the highlights was the Russian Folk Show and dinner complete with red caviar and champagne. The St. Petersburg excursion ended after the circus the next night. **Brett**, **Cathy**, **Bruce**, **Marsha**, and **Tom "Speed Racer" Huzzey** departed earlier while the remaining 21 members continued on to Moscow via the overnight train. **Harvey** and **Maria** in car eight and **Alice** and **Dale Allbritton** in car fifteen got a good night's sleep, while car nine partied for several hours. Phrases such as, "Pass the nugatti.", "Any more food in the boxes?", "Open another bottle." and "When will the rest room



In front of St. Basil's Cathedral – Moscow, Russia

LILLEHAMMER, NORWAY – CONTINUED

be unlocked?”, could be heard from the compartments of **Carolyn, Everett, Mark, Caroline, Ann, Roger, David** and **Gai-Lynn**. **Brenda** was busy making **Suzanne** comfortable after she sprained her ankle. The train porter went in one direction with the luggage and didn't notice **Suzanne** until it was too late. The next morning we met our guide Alla, who escorted us to our hotel for a quick breakfast and a tour of Moscow. After an exhausting first day, some turned in early or explored the hotel restaurants while others ventured downtown. The days were full and complete with trips to the Kremlin, Red Square, St. Basil Cathedral, Gum Store, Lenin's tomb, Metro (underground), and Mariinsky Theater where we watched the Bolshoi Ballet perform. Our two photographers, **Donna** and **Gai-Lynn** should have a world record for pictures taken during this trip.

As we got ready to leave Russia for our trip home, a typo prevented **Margaret** from being allowed to leave the country. After negotiating a “fine” with the Russian consulate, we were able to get Margaret through immigration.

We enjoyed meeting our new out of town members, **Everett Rego, Mark Kenney** (Boston), **Russ Collison** (California), and **Pilar Gonzales** (Washington D.C.). We missed **Ann Odegard**, a fixture of international trips, who had to cancel at the last minute due to illness. You were in our thoughts, and we'll reserve a spot for next year.

Penny and I hope you enjoyed your trip. We had a wonderful group.



Birthdays!
Diane Garner & Christie Burke



Haffell @ Lillehammer – The Olympic Runner



Dinner Gathering

*Bk: Mark Voss, Tor Lileng, Caroline Grunewald,
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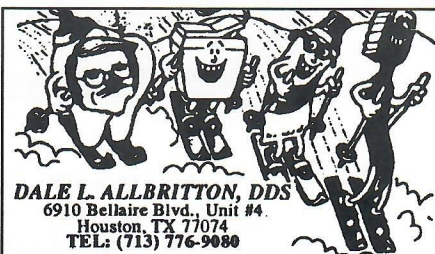


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