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First Place Group Photo: "Tahoe Queen Group" by Steve Barney

# **New General Meeting Location**

Starting with September 2003 Meeting Cadillac Bar (I-10 at Shepherd)

Happy Hour - Thursday, June 19
The Front Porch Pub



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# HEAD OF THE LIFTLINE

Dawn Rodriguez - President

"IT'S GETTIN HOT IN HERE, SO TAKE OFF ALL YOUR FROWNS!" Boy, are we having FUN! Lots of things in store all summer long to keep us cool and refreshed.

CINDY MOORE, ELLEN EASTHAM, SUE SALVAGE & ALL THEIR VOLUNTEERS are keeping it rolling with activities galore. Check out the calendar and start booking your schedules. Don't forget, NO MEETINGS DURING THE SUMMER. The next one is in September. So make sure you keep the club alive by attending some of the great activities this summer.

Thanks to all the volunteers that made our last meeting of the year a success. (ELLEN EASTHAM, PEGGY MONTGOMERY, RON RODRIGUEZ, ERIK GULDENZOPF, CHRISTINE TREMONTE AND THE MANY TALENTED PARTICIPANTS THAT MADE IT A SUCCESS.)

CHRISTINE MARCH, LORI GILLILAND, ROGER HOLZMAN & ALL THEIR VOLUNTEERS are diligently planning our upcoming ski trips with fabulously affordable budgets that are simply a STEAL. Not only are the trips sure to be a blast, but the trip leaders and assistants are simply running 90 to nothing to help make this the best year ever.

Keep in mind if you haven't renewed your membership, this will be your last issue of the Sitzmarke. I know you want to stay "up to date" on all upcoming activities and trips, so get that application in to the VP of Membership GARY BARRETT.

I am happy to announce that Sue Bohnert has been selected by this year's Board of Directors as the Texas Ski Council Representative. I'm excited for her to be our voice for SCSC and think our interests will be well represented.

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

ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION

Membership Renewal is extended until
June 30, 2003



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# **SCSC Hotline**

will no longer be available after July 31, 2003

Refer to the website for updates!

Editor

# **Happy Hour**

### **The Front Porch Pub**



217 Gray, Houston (713) 571-9571

Free Appetizers Happy Hour Drink Specials



Thursday, June 19 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

# NO GENERAL MEETING JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

Next General Meeting: September 8

# New (& Younger) Member Mixers!

Friday, June 13 6:00p – 9:00p Wild West

Richmond Ave.

Happy hour prices and country western dancing.

Mention SCSC at the door before 8:00 p.m. for free admission, free dinner buffet and two free drink tickets.

Thursday, July 24 6:00 p.m.
Cheesecake Factory & Ice Skating
5051 Westheimer (Galleria I)

Check in with the hostess and tell them you are with Space City Ski Club then proceed to the bar. Promptly at 6:30 we'll be seated at a big table to eat and drink some more. Everyone must be there by 6:30 or we'll lose our reserved table! At 7:30 p.m. we'll head to the Galleria ice skating rink for group rates on ice skating! Please RSVP (or for questions) contact A/C Samantha Davidson at: 713-857-1538 or samanthataryn@hotmail.com

### 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!

# **CALENDAR**

	June						
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<u>June</u>	
2	SCSC ExComm Meeting
	Volunteer Party
10	SCSC Board Meeting
13	N&Y Member Mixer
14	Bike Ride and Picnic
19	HappyHour - The Front Porch Pub
24	Swing Dancing - Azteca's
6/28-7/6	

	July					
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July	
	Costa Rica
TBA	SCSC ExComm Meeting
	Pool Party/Volleyball/Potluck
	HappyHour - Birraporetti's
20	Blade 'n Bike - River Oaks
	N&Y Member Mixer
	Wine Tasting
	Bowling Tournament
31	Alley Theater

	August						
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<b>August</b>	
TBA	SCSC ExComm Meeting
9	Miller Outdoor Theater
10	Astros vs. Montreal
15	YNM Mixer
22-24	Seabrook Water Toys Weekend



"We have lots of super fun activities and happy hours planned for this summer.
Make sure you check out the activity calendar for the scoop and plan NOW to participate."

Whew! What a whirlwind month this has been for Ellen Eastham, Sue Salvage and me! Not only have we been on a quest for a new meeting "home" for next year, but also we've been planning activities for this summer and fall. We've also been deciding programs and budgets for next year. Why has Ellen been helping so much? She is my terrific new Director of Programs! Why has Sue been helping so much? She is my fantastic mentor! I can't thank them enough for their help... I sincerely would have drowned without them! I heard the crawfish boil was a blast thanks to AC Tor Lileng and Dawn and Ron Rodriguez for hosting it at their place. Okay you procrastinators, it's time to commit for the Costa Rica trip June 28th through July 6th. Contact Marsha Lutz to sign up. Did you know that "final payment date" is only the last day you can get any kind of refund? You can still sign up for any activity right up to the date it happens as long as there is still room!

We are totally excited about the change of venue for our meetings next year. As of this writing we are looking strongly at the Cadillac Bar at I-10 and Shepherd. They have offered us some very good happy hour drink prices and other amenities. We are doing final negations at the moment of this writing. I will have a full report in my next article, so stay tuned!

We are starting to plan the meetings for next year and would love to borrow a PowerPoint/video projector for at least the September (and maybe the October) meeting. If anyone (or his or her company) has one we could borrow, please call Ellen Eastham at 281-989-9935.

We have lots of super fun activities and happy hours planned for this summer. Make sure you check out the activity calendar below for the scoop and plan NOW to attend. Thanks to all the activity leaders who have volunteered (or been coerced by Ellen or I!) To just mention a few, we are planning a water toys weekend in the Clear Lake area for 08-22-03 through 08-24-03. Contact Marc Fellows if you can bring out any thing that floats to share a ride. The craft owner will request a reasonable contribution towards gas, etc. The TSC summer meltdown will be in Port Aransas the weekend of September 26th though 28th and I am currently still looking for an activity coordinator for that event and the Holiday Gala scheduled for 12-05-03. Please call Cindy Moore at 713-984-1060 to volunteer as an activity coordinator or assistant.

We are currently planning a bang up schedule of activities for the fall and winter. If you have any ideas give Ellen or I a call (especially if you'll volunteer to lead it!) We are working now on a September I-Max activity. For October we are working on a South Shore Dockside Food &Wine Festival package for 10-11-03 and a Halloween road rally/party 10-25-03 to name a few. See ya this summer!

DATE	EVENT	COORDINATOR	PHONE	E-MAIL
6/13	YNM MixerWild West	Cindy Moore	(713)984-1060	lucinda_moore@ev1.net
6/14	Bike Ride	Brenda Rodriguez	(281)494-6864	hunterrodriguez1950@yahoo.com
6/19	SCSC HH - The Front Porch	Laura Carmin	(281)495-4046	burtonpr@houston.rr.com
6/24	Swing Dance at Azteca's	Melanie Morin	(713)686-0566	bpmm1415@msn.com
6/28-7/6	Costa Rica	Marsha Lutz	(281)870-9724	mlutz@erm.com
7/12	Pool Party/Volleyball	Judy Schiro	(713)939-8235	ronhayes@airmail.net
7/17	SCSC HH - Birraporetti's	Laura Carmin	(281)495-4046	burtonpr@houston.rr.com
7/20	Blade 'N Bike	Susan Wicker	(281)970-1940	sjwicker@swbell.net
7/24	YNM Mixer- Cheesecake		,	-joroi @eneoiiinlet
	Factory & Ice Skating	Samantha Davidson	(713)857-1538	samanthataryn@hotmail.com
7/26	Wine Tasting	Melanie Morin	(713)686-0566	bpmm1415@msn.com
7/27	Bowling Tournament	Gerry Simpson	(713)984-9641	gerrysruning@ev1.net
7/31	Alley: "The Foreigner"	Janet Schafer	(713)349-9479	schaferj@hotmail.com
8/9	Miller: "Winter's Tale"	Nora Montgomery	(281)990-9771	nora.c.montgomery@boeing.com
8/10	Astros vs. Montreal	Brook McClain	(281)261-7185	cring@ev1.net
8/21	SCSC HH - The Hideaway	Laura Carmin	(281)495-4046	burtonpr@houston.rr.com
8/22	YNM Mixer - Seabrook		,	
	Beach Club	Marc Fellows	(281)286-0503	mjfreb@ev1.net
8/22-24	Seabrook Water Toys Wknd	Marc Fellows	(281)286-0503	mjfreb@ev1.net

### BE A STAR!!!

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



Cindy Moore, VP Programs 713-984-1060



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 Bikers welcome





# 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!

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



"The trips this year are going to bring you back to that high that you felt the first time."

How do you do it? Do you ride? Do you slide? Do you skid? Do you carve? The quest for the carve is what we all have in common. (That is except for the bump junkies.) It took me a while to figure it out, but the only way to get that deep cutting way over carve is that you gotta be going really-really fast. I began to figure all that out when I started snowboarding. You will rarely, if ever, see a skier leaning so far over that your shoulder is nearly scraping the snow, but you might see it on a snowboard.

Whatever you do and however you do it, you have a club that will get you there, with people that will become your lifelong friends. SCSC has a trip that will give you what you want. And if you don t get what you want, then next year, volunteer to lead a trip. If you want more short trips, then volunteer to lead one. The best way to make friends and to go where and when you want to go is to volunteer. We have a varied line up of trips this year, both long and short, high end and low end, early and late. To get on the trip of your choice, you have to renew your membership early. Your membership runs from May 1 to April 30. So renew your membership by June 30 to take advantage of the discounted membership fee AND to make sure you have renewed in time to take advantage of MAIL-IN SIGN UP.

**Keystone:** So far, the trips we are working on include Keystone for Thanksgiving (TSC Fall Roundup), led by our favorite ski-a-holic Janet McKenzie. This is an early season trip but with the snow making that Keystone does, there will be snow. This will be a family-optional trip, so feel free to bring your kids.

Taos: One of our newer members has agreed to take us on an adventure deep into the Land of Enchantment in the heart of the southwest for a trip over New Years Eve. A trip to Taos will be

led by our favorite reporter Rebecca Maitland. This will be a club trip and also planned so that we leave on Tuesday and return on Sunday to maximize vacation time. I hear that the New Years Eve bash will be a blast. This is also a family-optional trip.

Chamonix: The TSC Winter Expedition trip this year is to the famous Mont Blanc and Chaminox, France, led by Penny Chancey. Zees trip she promises zee vew, e zee snew, e zee French wine, e zee French gourmet. Eau la la. A must do on the lifetime list of things to do if you are a skier.

Beaver Creek: In January we are planning to go to Beaver Creek for TSC Traditional with a week-long trip led by Susan Blome, and a short trip option led by Jane Orr. On this trip you will be able to ski Beaver Creek, Vail, and Breckenridge. If you are looking to meet lots of people that love to ski and party and you want to do it at one of the premiere hot spots in the country, this is the trip for you.

Kimberley-Fernie: Jerry Montgomery went on a trip to Kimberley-Fernie and loved the place so much that when the TSC announced the Winter Shootout to this location he said that he had to lead this one. Canada is just such an incredible place to ski. Their snow is crispy and the U.S. to Canadian dollar makes these venues such a bargain. This is a location tucked in the Canadian Rockies and promises to be uncrowded, have great snow and be an absolute bargain.

**Telluride:** We do not have the dates yet on this, but Carol Cain will be leading a trip to Telluride. Stay tuned for details. I am planning on doing this trip to take advantage of the new backside they opened a couple of years ago because

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SCSC Activity

# Blade 'N Bike

Sunday, July 20, 2003 9:00 A.M.

Blade 'N Bike in River Oaks Brunch afterward at Central Market

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The Lake Tahoe trip from March 1 - 6 was perfected by the spring weather conditions. The departure from Houston went smoothly with our 36 full package participants except for poor Lee Holsenbeck who had to cancel at the last moment. Several of our land participants met the group at the Reno airport to hitch a ride on the bus while the rest of the 20 land package participants met us at the welcome party at the Forest Suites Resort. Steve Barney hitched a bus ride with the Wisconsin ski club to Lake Tahoe when his delayed flight kept him from joining our bus. Our wine & cheese party held a surprise for the trip leaders, Leyla Ozkardesh and Cindy Moore. Northstar had an unplanned presentation with a deal that couldn t be beat. Many thanks to Mike Murphy and Sue Salvage for organizing that side trip on Friday.



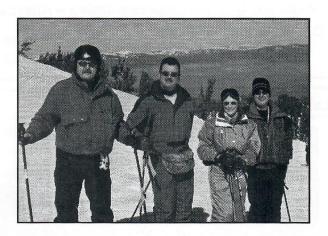
Sunday was a fabulous day at Kirkwood. The weather and snow couldn't have been better. Many of us had to miss the complimentary breakfast the resort provided each morning to catch that early morning bus to Kirkwood. The runs were nicely groomed. Carol Conner was thrilled that she skied down her first black run that day. Participants were invited to spend the evening at Game Night. There was an interesting card game happening, led by card shark, James Wayne. What new tricks did he teach Cheryl Crockett and Sue Salvage? There were several ping pong champions in the group, including Harry Melnick and Bob Knupp. And who actually won that game of Eight Ball at the pool table?

Monday was our first day at Heavenly with blue skies and great snow. The Heavenly Gondola was within walking distance from the Forest Suites Resort. The view from the Gondola was a wonderful way to start the morning. Janet McKenzie (TB) learned to assume the position when skiing with Steve Barney and Bruce Lowther. Larry and Deborah Christie, Johanna Kuang, Carol Conner, Marda Waters, Steve Shaddox, and Willi Murski hosted our club party that evening in their condos, located so conveniently, across from one another. It was a great time for everyone to meet one another. Many thanks to Bruce Lowther for his heavenly brucekit and secret BBQ sauces. Larry Christie kept an eye on those eaters who chose the Texas

Hot or the Wimpy version. Many thanks to **Bob and Mary Simpson** for sneaking the brisket on the plane under the guise of their luggage.

As for the rumors we heard, hey **Mike Murphy**, what s up with the missing shorts? There s a hot story that none of us heard but are dying to know. Just how hot was that sauna?

Tuesday started with a breakfast cruise aboard the Tahoe Queen heading towards Squaw Valley for the day. After breakfast, everyone enjoyed the sunshine on the upper deck with



a fabulous view of the mountains and lake. In their plea for attention, Leyla Ozkardesh and Cindy Moore wore their specially bought tiaras to wear as the Tahoe Queens on the Tahoe Queen but it was gay-pride week so they were definitely outranked. A shuttle transported the group from the marina to the resort for a great day of skiing. Squaw Valley definitely gets an award for most treacherous ski lift . Janet McKenzie, Bruce Lowther, Leyla Ozkardesh, Steve Barney, Jancie Chunn, and Gary Ladd felt their hearts stop when the lift stopped while they were suspended 500 feet or more above the valley.

What a wild time on the dinner cruise! Let s make some special mentions of our partiers. Sue Wicker, Al Austin, Melanie Morin, Carol Conner, (Birthday Boy) Carl Nordstrand, Ky and Rhonda Griffen, Christie Burke, and Mimi Markel had a conga line going all around led by head man, Marc Markel. Ky and Rhonda were the official Dance King and Queen. Interesting observation: Ky doesn t fit the image of a mortician? The group s high energy men, Howard Schoenike and Fred Straube had fun dancing with all the ladies. Howard must have had something special going, he was the one person with whom Cheryl Crockett agreed to dance. Larry Christie, Marc Markel and Ky Griffen ruled the floor when they did a fabulous ZZ Top air guitar rendition.

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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!

### **Director of Communications**

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### **Auditor**

Texas Ski Council Representative – Alternate

**Open Board Positions** 

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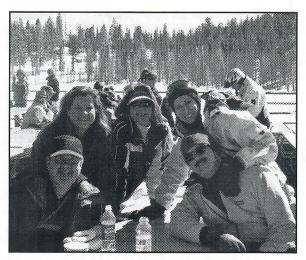


On Wednesday, most of the group skied at Heavenly. After skiing, most days, the hot tub usually had a big crowd so big sometimes it was hard to see the bubbles. Even though the hot tub temperature was lacking early in the week, Larry and Deborah Christie still made it steamy! Steamy Hot!! Speaking of hot tubs, there was a night that the late night hot tub crowd of Jancie Chunn, Brook McClain and Leyla was heard serenading the complex. Everyone must have enjoyed it because according to Bruce Lowther and Steve Barney, it was a topic of conversation at breakfast the next morning. Also noticed the evening before were shoppers Joe Kulpinsky and Pat McKechnie. Joe was seen pushing a grocery cart through the store with his ski boots on. They must have been some very comfy boots!

Thursday was another day great day at Heavenly. Unfortunately, the only accident on the whole trip occurred on Thursday when **Gary and Beneta Haley** got their skis tangled after getting off a lift. Gary s skis kept Beneta s ski in place while she did an acrobatic wedge. He didn t even know anything was wrong until she fell down. Beneta received injury to her knee.

Everyone gathered at Dory s Oar Restaurant for an evening of scrumptious dining and entertainment including Rick and Jane Adams, Doug and Elba Broussard, Morris and Sally Brown, Philipp and Shirley Maersch, Tom and Vicky McLaughlin, Debbie Abadie, Joe Daleo, David Tucker, Gary Ladd, Theresa Tancek, Leslie Adams, and Steve Ellsberry. After dinner, the singing duo providing our entertainment had several of us worked up and singing including Marc and Mimi Markel, Ky and Rhonda Griffin, Brook McClain, Bruce Lowther, Carol Conner, Larry and Deborah Christie, Sue Salvage and Steve Amy.

On our last day for skiing, our group divided among three resorts: Kirkwood, Northstar and Heavenly. **Janet McKenzie** skied her first run at Northstar with **Mike Murphy**, which



turned out to be her last run with him. What was she thinking? He passed her skiing backwards. Bruce Lowther, Steve Barney, Cindy Moore, Carol Conner and Leyla ended their day at Kirkwood at the Battered Beaver Saloon for a few brews

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Space City Ski Club had a fabulous FIRST ANNUAL BEST
TRIP PHOTO CONTEST at the April 14 meeting. Photos from a total of nine trips for the 2002/2003 season could enter five categories for the awards. Those in attendance at the meeting voted for their favorites, awarding first, second, and third place awards. Congratulations to the winners, who were awarded photo collage frames for displaying their favorite photos.

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#### **BEST GROUP PHOTO**

First: Lake Tahoe, NV - Steve Barney, "Tahoe Queen Group"

Second: Jackson Hole, WY - Keith Kirkman, "Big Dogs on Grand Targhee Steeps"

Third: Quebec, Canada - Ron Hayes, "Texans in Quebec"

### **BEST PARTY TIME**

First: Lake Tahoe, NV - Carol Conner, "Hot Tub Fun"

Second: Vail, CO - Guri Pryce, "Steamy Fun on a Cold Night"

Third: Quebec, Canada - Chip Stokes, "The Magic Bus"

#### MOST HUMOROUS

First: Quebec Canada - Cheryl May, "Mr. Potato Heads" Second: Whistler, Canada - Hope Flynn, "Oh Yeah, Baby!"

Third: Lillehammer, Norway - Penny Chancey, "A Hand

### MOST SCENIC

First: Whistler, Canada - Dave Stotz, "Mystic Waterfall" Second: Lake Tahoe, NV - Steve Barney, "View from

Third: Jackson Hole, WY- Keith Kirkman, "Easy Way Down?"

### **MOST UNIQUE**

First: Jackson Hole, WY - Bob Gottleib, "Winter Wonderland"

Second: Quebec, Canada - Walter May, "Carved World of Chilling Luxury"

Third: Whistler, Canada - Dave Stotz, "Jagged Edge"



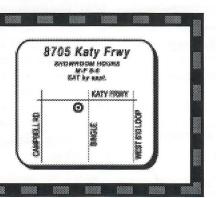
Second Place Group Photo
Big Dogs on Grand Targhee Steeps
By Keith Kirkman
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Third Place Group Photo

Texans in Quebec

By Ron Hayes



This year s Texas Ski Council BidFest was held April 4-6 in San Antonio, once again at the Holiday Inn, Riverwalk. As always, Space City made a strong showing with attendees that included outgoing officers, incoming officers, and several club members with significant interest in TSC trips and their selection process. Overall, there were over 270 participants at this year s BidFest, including 185 club delegates, officers, and member/guests and 86 resort reps, tour operators, and vendors.

TSC BidFest 2003 was generously supported by resorts and vendors who sponsored this year s Welcome Reception, Continental Breakfasts, and hosted beer, wine, and soft drinks during various segments of the weekend agenda. Sponsors included Ski Europe, Ski Canada, Steamboat, Park City/Deer Valley/Canyons, Telluride, Big Mountain/Grouse Mountain Lodge, and Sportstours. Vail Resorts also hosted a special, By Invitation Only, private happy hour for TSC club members after the official Friday Night Welcome Reception, which turned out to be a hugely attended event that helped get the weekend off to quite a festive start!

# IMPORTANT NOTICE!! TRAVEL TO CANADA & MEXICO

Current passports are now needed for travel to Canada or Mexico. Birth certificates are no longer accepted. Make arrangements well in advance to apply or renew your passport if travelling to either Mexico or Canada in the near future. An additional fee may apply for any rushes. Check with your local passport office. Some post offices also offer passport services.

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Garage – Hot Tub – Laundry
Sleeps 12 (TH) or 8 (Condo).

Saturday and Sunday's agenda included entertaining and informative bid presentations from 23 resorts and tour operators for the five winter ski weeks and the Summer 2004 event. The Ski Show Saturday afternoon gave all the resort reps and vendors a chance to show off their individual resorts and products. After more bid presentations, club caucuses followed Saturday late afternoon. Expedition presentations continued Sunday morning, then club deliberations began, and the final tallies for club votes brought about the following results.

Fall Roundup November 25-30 Keystone, Colorado Traditional January 10-17 Beaver Creek/Vail, Colorado Winter Expedition Jan. 30-Feb. 7 Chamonix, France Winter Shootout February 21-28 Kimberly/Fernie, Canada Final Showdown March 13-20 Big Sky, Montana Summer Expedition 2004 Western Caribbean Cruise

September 2004 brings a new TSC experience as Ski Europe hosts the first-ever TSC cruise for the 2004 Summer Expedition! The 7-day Western Caribbean Cruise departs from Galveston aboard Carnival Cruise Lines Elation, with ports of call in Belize, Cozumel, and Progressa/Merida. Be sure to keep a close watch on your Sitzmarke and SCSC email notices for details on signing up for all these great TSC trips!

Last, but certainly not least, on the BidFest agenda was election of 2003-04 TSC officers and their appointment of Winter and Summer TSC Expedition Coordinators. Included in this prestigious list are several familiar SCSC names, as well as some familiar and not-quite-so-familiar faces from our sister clubs within the Texas Ski Council.

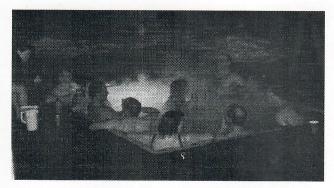
President **Gary Butler** Space City **VP Marketing** Sandy Ellison Flatlanders Treasurer Cheryl Mann Lone Star Skiers Secretary Vanisha Mallory Los Amigos VP Fall Roundup William Jackson Houston Ski Jammers **VP Traditional** Kayleen Kill Space City VP Winter Shootout Donna Crane **Flatlanders** VP Final Showdown Anthony Beissner **Austin Skiers** Winter Expedition Cheryl Mershon Lone Star Skiers Summer Expedition Peggy Montgomery Space City

In wrapping up for the year, and having been around the SCSC block a few times, I can say it was certainly a pleasure serving as Space City s TSC Representative for 2002-03. My fellow Alternate TSC Rep Sharon Smith joins me in extending our very best wishes to our successors for the 2003-04 season. Sharon and I encourage all of you to keep up with SCSC trips, activities, and these wonderful vacation opportunities where we can make new acquaintances and strengthen ties with those previously made, both within Space City and also with our sister clubs in the Texas Ski Council! See ya on the ski slopes and on the high seas in 2003-04!

### **BEST PARTY TIME**



First Place: Hot T ub Fun By Car ol Conner (Lake Tahoe)



Second Place: Steamy Fun on a Cold Night By Guri Pryce (Vail)

# Miller Outdoor Theater: "Winter's Tale"

Saturday, August 9, 2003

For more information contact: Nora Montgomery (2810 990-9771 nora.c.montgomery@boeing.com

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# Swing Dance Lessons at Azteca's

Tuesday, June 24, 2003 P.M. TO P.M

Azteca's Margarita Bar & Grill 2207 Richmond (713) 526-1702

Contact Melanie for more information:

Melanie Morin (713) 686-0566 bpmm1415@msn.com



Third Place: The Magic Bus By Chip Stokes (Quebec)

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# Pool Party / Volleyball Pot Luck Dinner

Saturday, July 12, 2003 2:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M

Swimming
Other Games

Volleyball Eating

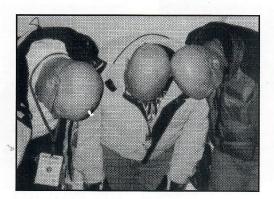
Volleyball tournament: organized the day of the event.

Bring appetizer, covered dish, dessert, or \$5.00 for meat Call Judy to RSVP and to tell her the food dish you will bring

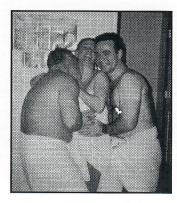
Judy Schiro and Ron Hayes (713) 939-8235 or ronhayes@airmail.net

### Trip Photo Contest: continued from page 11

### **MOST HUMOROUS**



First Place: Mr. Potato Heads By Cheryl May (Quebec)



Second Place: Oh Y eah, Baby! By Hope Flynn (Whistler)

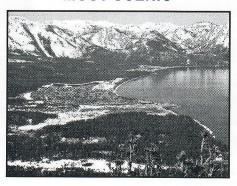


Third Place: A Hand Full By Penny Chancey (Lillehamer)

### MOST SCENIC



First Place: Mystic W aterfall By Dave Stotz (Whistler)



Second Place: V iew from Heavenly By Steve Barney (Lake Tahoe)



Third Place: Easy W ay Down? By Keith Kirkman (Jackson Hole)

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Join Your SCSC and TSC Friends in Port Aransas, Texas at the 2003 Texas Ski Council Summer Meltdown!!!

September 26-28
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Assistant Activity Coordinator:
Lisa Smith
(713) 218-6150
Ihsmith@myfirstlink.net

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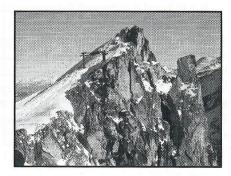


First Place: W inter Wonderland By Bob Gottleib (Jackson Hole)

### **MOST UNIQUE**



Second Place: Car ved World of Chilling Luxury By Walter May (Quebec)



Third Place: Jagged Edge By Dave Stotz (Whistler)

# YNM Mixers: July and August

Thursday, July 24, Meet at 6:00 p.m. at The Cheesecake Factory, 5051 Westheimer in the Galleria I (between Neiman Marcus and Lord & Taylor). Check in with the hostess and tell them you are with Space City Ski Club then proceed to the bar. Promptly at 6:30 we'll be seated at a big table to eat and drink some more. Everyone must be there by 6:30 or we'll lose our reserved table! At 7:30 p.m. we'll go to the Galleria ice skating rink for group rates on ice skating! Please RSVP (or for questions) contact A/C.

Samantha Davidson, 713-857-1538 or samanthataryn@hotmail.com

Friday, August 22, 5:30 p.m. 'til we stumble out, Seabrook Beach Club, 3345 NASA Rd. 1, Seabrook, TX, 261-326-5819, free dinner buffet, \$1.75 domestic beers, \$1.75 well drinks, DJ with games with give-aways. This is the kick-off for the SCSC Seabrook Water Toys weekend with boating on all types of water craft. Plan on staying all weekend. We have arranged cheaps rates at the NASA Quality Inn, Seabrook, TX. Contact A/C for more info.

Marc Fellows, 281-286-0503 or mjfreb@ev1.net

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# Seabrook Water Toys Weekend

Friday, August 22 through Sunday, August 24 Come for all or any part of the weekend

Friday: YNM Mixer (All Members & Guests Welcome) Seabrook Beach Club, 5:30 PM until ???

Saturday: Play with Water Toys All Day Cost: \$5 to cover fuel expenses

Staging Area: Clear Lake Park Picnic Area & Boat Ramp

Sunday: Champagne Brunch

Villa Capri Restaurant, 3713 NASA Rd 1 (on Clear Lake)

Time: 11 AM, Cost: \$14.95

Lodging: Quality Inn, 904 E NASA Rd 1 (281-333-3737) \$49.50 + tax (sql), \$55.00 + tax (dbl) (SCSC rates)

Contact Marc Fellows to volunteer a boat or for additional information: 281-286-0503 or mjfreb@ev1.net

### Lake Tahoe: Continued from page 8

and peanuts.

It was heard that **Steve Ellsberry** earned the nickname Ski Caddy. He was seen with up to four pairs of skis hoisted on his shoulders. What a guy! Constant ski companions, **Leslie Adams** and **Theresa Tancek** must have appreciated his strength. It is hoped that **Johanna Kuang** had luck with the realtors. Johanna loved Lake Tahoe so much that she and her husband are looking at property. As the trip drew to its close, **Phillip Maersch**,, **Brook McClain**, and **Steve Barney** gave a helping hand to empty the beer coolers.

Saturday was our departure day from Lake Tahoe. Fifteen minutes before the bus departure, **Davis Tucker** was still packing like crazy. He had his stuff scattered all over the condo. He packed and stuffed and packed and stuffed, breaking a sweat because he was working so hard. His ski pack looked like a snake after a big meal, his bag looked like a pregnant hog. He made it to the bus at the very last minute. All that work only to be seen at the airport unpacking his bag to get his camera.

Overall, most of the participants agreed it was a great trip. Everyone met new people, had some laughs, had a few drinks, did a little dancing and spent a lot of time on the slopes.



# Bike Ride and Picnic

Saturday, June 14, 2003 9 a.m. to ? p.m.

20-mile road bicycle ride in the Fulshear area
Any kind of bicycle will work|
Bring water and picnic lunch

AC: Brenda Rodriguez (281) 494-6864 hunterrodriguez1950@yahoo.com

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SCSC Activity

# Afternoon with the Astros

Sunday, August 10, 2003 Minute Maid Park 1:00 P.M. Game Time \$14

Final Payment: July 10, 2003

Astros vs. Montreal Baseball Game Free Astros gym bag for the first 10,000 people

Brook McClain, 2710 Creekway, Missouri City, TX 77459 281-261-7185, cring@ev1.net

SCSC Activity

# **Bowling Tournament**



Sunday, July 27, 2003 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Palace Lanes, 4191 Bellaire Blvd Final payment: June 29

Group will play 3 games. Trophies will be awarded.

AC: Gerry Simpson 8654 Greiner Houston, TX 77080-3504 (713) 984-9641 gerrysruning@ev1.net



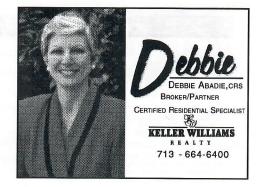
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### Ski Desk: Continued from page 6

it has the best terrain for learning to snowboard that I have ever seen. So I may just leave my skis at home and ride the whole week.

Wolf Creek: Mr. Too Cool John Cook grew up near Wolf Creek and like a large salmon he heads back up there every year to ski again. This year he agreed to let a group of us tag along. We are working on the details. All I know is that whenever I check the snow reports, this place always has more snow than anywhere else. John promises very deep powder and suggests you dust off your chubbs and if you come, maybe you can learn to ski powder.

Sun Peaks: Sun Peaks is the newest of the North American resorts. Located on the east side of the Canadian Rockies, I am told that the snow there is so dry that you can blow it off your hand days and sometimes weeks after a snowfall. The whole town was built on a slight incline so that everything is ski in and ski out. The streets don t have cars, but you can ski right down the street with shops on either side. That is totally cool, and I have got to see that. This trip also promises to be an absolute bargain. Ladye Freitag really knows how to run a trip with lots of great parties and fun and she promised to out-do herself this year.

**Big Sky:** BIG is the word for the TSC Final Showdown. We will be heading to Big Sky, Montana in March. A side trip to Yellowstone is also being planned. This trip is going to cover some spring breaks and is going to be a family-optional trip. I love spring skiing and I have been told that they promise that there will not be a single lift line here ever. Wo, that would be totally cool. The trip will be led by Hope Flynn.

Best Snow, Best Deal: Every year the club gets tons of offers on killer deals for the end of the season. Of course they do not advertise or offer these deals when we usually start planning our trips, they offer these deals after January. So to take advantage of this, we are going to also offer a trip that we announce after January that will be to the location that has the best snow and that offers us the best deal. We don't have a trip leader yet, so stay tuned or come and volunteer, that would be the best way for you to be the one to make the decisions on where and when.

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# WINE TASTING

Saturday, July 26th
7:30 p.m.
\$10/person
Final Payment: July 23rd

Each "PARTIER" should bring his or her favorite bottle of wine to the event

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Hosted by: Ron Rodriguez 11402 Hylander Dr. Houston, TX 77070 281-320-2040 Adults Only

# Alley Theatre Night

Summer Chills Event
"The Foreigner" by Larry Shue
Thursday, July 31, 2003
7:30 P.M.
\$14

Final Payment: June 30

Meet at 7:00 p.m. See this hilarious comedy!

COORDINATOR
Janet Schafer, 6611 Morningside Dr.,
Houston, TX 77030
(713) 349-9479 or schaferi@hotmail.com



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# SPACE CITY SKI CLUB

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2003-2004 (MAY 1 – APRIL 30)

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■ MINIMUM AGE FOR MEMBERSHIP IS 21 ■ Make Checks payable to: "SPACE CITY SKI CLUB" ■ Mailing Address: P.O. Box 22567, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77227-2567				For Club Information Call 713-688-SCSC or Visit www.spacecity.org		
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#### 1.0 DUES.

- Dues shall be \$30 per single person and \$45 for a dual membership. Two individuals applying for a dual membership must use the same mailing address and will A. receive one (1) monthly copy of the Sitzmarke and one (1) club directory, when published.
- Members who renew their current membership within the first month of the membership year will receive a \$5 discount per membership.
- Dues are nonrefundable, may not be pro-rated, and may not be converted to dual membership status during the membership year.

### TRIP PENALTIES.

5.1 FINAL PAYMENT DATE

- If a trip participant withdraws from a trip after the published final payment date, the trip participant will lose the entire payment upon withdrawal. If the participant can be replaced from the waiting list, the participant will be refunded the entire payment less any costs incurred by the Club in addition to cancellation fees as specified in 5.2. If the trip participant cannot be replaced from the waiting list, the participant will be refunded the amount which the Trip Coordinator is able to recover by cancellation of lodging, transportation, and/or other commitments less any costs incurred by the Club and cancellation fees as
- If a trip participant fails to make final payment by the published final payment date the Trip Coordinator may replace the participant after making a diligent effort to contact the participant, who will be subject to cancellation fees as specified in 5.2.

A participant may forfeit his full deposit if he fails to notify the Club in writing of his intent to withdraw on or before the published final payment dates. A minimum charge of \$30.00 or 20% of the published trip cost, whichever is less, said amount not to be less than \$10.00 will be assessed for each trip cancellation.

5.3 A charge of \$10.00 will be assessed for each trip transfer. A transfer will not be considered after final payment date unless a replacement can be secured.

Deposit, transfer and cancellation charges for non-domestic trips shall be determined by the Executive Committee and included in the trip release form as well as in 5.4 all trip publicity; in no case shall these requirements be less than those provided in Sections 5.2 and 5.3 of these Standing Rules.

NO SNOW

If the Club encounters a cancellation situation prior to the departure of a trip, the trip participant is entitled to recover the entire cost of the trip less charges incurred by the Club as a penalty for cancellation of lodging, transportation, operating expenses and/or other commitments made on behalf of a trip participant. Refunds to any trip will be made upon receipt by the Club of the total refund due the Club by the resort, airline and/or other entity or as approved by the Executive Committee.

RESTRICTIONS.

Allowing non-trip participants to occupy any room as a non-registered guest is strictly prohibited, and in violation of Club policy. 7.1 7.2

The illegal use of controlled substances and/or alcohol during Club trips, or any other official Club function, is in violation of Club policy, and is strictly prohibited. No substitutions of trip participants shall be allowed without the knowledge and approval of the Trip Coordinator, and new additions to the trip shall come from that 7.3 trip's Waiting List. The Trip Coordinator shall make all substitutions.

It is the policy of the Club not to allow the active solicitation of the general membership at a Club function or in the Club publication for any other than Club 7.4 sponsored trips or activities without the consent of the Executive Committee.

No person may participate in a Club sponsored trip, or participant paid activity, without first completing a written and signed Release of Liability for that trip or 7.5 activity, on a form approved by the Board of Directors.

No person may sign up on a wait list for a Club sponsored ski trip without being a member in good standing. A trip must be full before a wait list can be started. A 7.6 deposit is required in order to sign up on a trip wait list.

A Club Officer, Director, Director(s) of Trips, Director of Programs, Assistant Treasurer or Audit Committee Chair shall not accept a gratuity in excess of \$25.00 7.7 from a vendor without notice to the Executive Committee.

#### 8.0 MISCELLANEOUS.

SKI TRIP SIGN UP. 8.1

Members shall be allowed to sign up for club ski trips each year by 1) following the directions for Mail-In Sign Up, as published in the August issue of the Sitzmarke newsletter, or 2) beginning with the opening of the September General Meeting, by contacting the Trip Coordinator and paying the appropriate deposit or amount due for the trip. No other methods of sign up will be accepted, except as authorized by the Executive Committee and published in advance in the Sitzmarke.

Each member may sign up for him/herself and one other member on any ski trip or ski trip waiting list.

WEATHER. If a trip should be "weathered-in," the additional lodging expense will be left up to the individual, although the Trip Coordinator will assist in making 8.2 accommodation arrangements and collection for same shall be left up to the lodge. 8.3

NON-SKI TRIPS/ACTIVITIES. Reservations for participation in such activities may require full payment, instead of a deposit fee.

DIRECTORY. The directory will be delivered to the printer no later than January 31. A supplement will be mailed to the membership within 30 days of reaching the 8.4 membership limit, but no later than the mailing of the April Sitzmarke. The cost will be offset by advertising and/or budgeted through the office of Secretary. 8.5

A member who does not follow/adhere to accepted business practices in financial dealings by, for, or with the Club is in violation of Club policy, is subject to disciplinary action, and may be held financially responsible for any resulting liability incurred by the Club.

- A member who fails to abide by the laws of the state in which an activity or trip is being held and/or fails to meet policies and rules of our contractual vendors (airlines, bus lines, lodging and/or properties, etc.) while participating in a Club activity or trip, which results in placing himself, another member, or the Club into a position of liability, is in violation of Club policy and is subject to disciplinary action as stated in the SCSC By-Laws Article 2.4. TRIP PACKAGES
  - It is the policy of the Club to sell complete trip packages (air, lodging, and ground transportation) at the full budgeted price unless otherwise authorized by the A. **Executive Committee.**
  - "Shadow participants" shall be defined as members making their own travel and lodging arrangements, but wishing to participate in club or Texas Ski Council activities on a trip. This type of participation will be allowed on each ski trip as authorized by the Executive Committee. Shadow participants shall pay the appropriate fee for the trip's activities plus a \$10.00 shadow participant fee, the sum of which shall be set forth on the approved trip budget.

### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I certify and recognize that SCSC is a non-profit organization, run entirely by volunteers who have no special training or experience at conducting trips or other activities and I do not rely on the expertise of any director or officer or their appointed representatives in conducting trips or activities. I am aware that SCSC carries no insurance nor maintains a

I wish to participate on this trip or activity because SCSC provides me with the economics and discounts of group purchasing power, social interaction with compatible individuals, and does all the planning and reservation work for me.

In consideration of the above, I, for myself, my heirs, executors and assignees do hereby release and discharge SCSC, its directors, officers, members and any other person appointed by them, from all claims, damages, demands or actions whatsoever in any manner arising from my participation on this trip or activity. I agree that I am solely responsible for my personal safety and conduct. I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless SCSC, its directors, officers, members and agents, or contractors from any loss, cost, or expense, incurred by, or attributable in any way to me, in connection with this trip or activity.

I also certify that I have read, that I understand, and that I agree to abide by, all the Bylaws and Standing Rules of SCSC. I understand that payments made for trips or activities may not be refundable, in whole, or in part, and that all payments will be handled in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bylaws and Standing Rules.

I hereby appoint SCSC, its directors, officers and agents, as my agent to perform all acts and to enter into, any and all contracts as may be deemed desirable in connection with this trip or activity. I understand SCSC acts only as coordinator and accepts no responsibility for the service of any person, ski area, resort, airline, motorcoach, hotel or any organization whatsoever rendering any of the services or accommodations being offered on this trip or activity. Trip and activity fees are based on current tariffs and are subject to change without notice. SCSC accepts no responsibility, in whole or part, for any delays, delayed departures or arrivals, missed plane or other carrier connections, loss, damage, or injury, to person or property, mechanical defect or failure of any nature, however caused, or for any substitution of hotels or common carriers, with or without notice, or for any additional expenses occasioned thereby.