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HEAD OF THE LIFTLINE

Dawn Rodriguez - President

The countdown has begun! One more month and both the SCSC meetings and sign up begin for the upcoming ski season. I can feel the cool, crisp days of Autumn, the biting cold of Winter and the breeze as I blaze down a double black! We have a fabulous season upcoming with SWEET trips to rockin' resorts. I would highly advise you sign up as soon as the September Meeting commences as our trips usually fill up rather quickly. Make it a point to attend the kick-off meeting at our new place, "The Cadillac Bar." It is sure to be a "right on" time at the Caddie. I, along with everyone else on the Executive Committee look forward to an excellent season with loads of excitement and much participation. Let us make this one of SCSC's best year ever!

On the Cover

Several scenes and a trail map from the Big Sky area as well as a photo of the hard-working TC and ATC.

Your editor apologizes that there was not enough space to include the photo of the Big Sky TC and ATC in the August Sitzmarke and wants to offer this cover which features the Big Sky trip to make up for that. Also look for a reprint of the trip details in this issue.

Race for the Cure

Saturday, October 4, 2003

Help fight breast cancer!
Volunteer as a Race Marshal

For more information contact:
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For the latest ski club info, membership inquiries, and activities:

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

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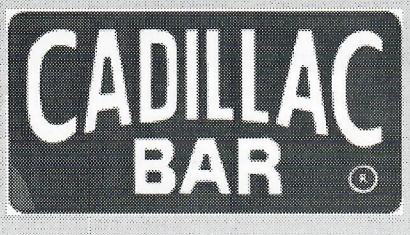
GENERAL MEETING

September 8
Cadillac Bar (Shepherd at I-10)
Laredo Room
(behind restaurant - separate entrance)
Doors open 6:30 p.m.

Program: Rock and Roll Ski Slide Show
Trip and Activity Sign-up



Happy Hour

Sullivan's

4608 Westheimer
713-961-0333

Free Appetizers
Enjoy live music from the band:
Commercial Art after 8:30

Thursday, September 25

5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

New (& Younger) Member Mixers!

Friday, September 12, 6:00 p.m.

SCSC provides a Keg in Memorial Park
-- and a little boxed wine, too!

Outside at the stretching center by the tennis courts

Until the free drinks run out.
This is very casual; ideal if you want to run first!
Contact A/C for more info: Cindy Moore,
713-984-1060 or lucinda_moore@ev1.net

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

September

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September

Aug 26 ..... SCSC ExComm Meeting
8 ..... SCSC General Meeting
12 ..... YNM Mixer - Memorial Park
20 ..... Wine Tasting
25 ..... Happy Hour - Sullivan's
26-28 ..... Summer Meltdown

October

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October

10/4 ..... Race for the Cure
10/11-12 ..... South Shore F&W Festival
13 ..... SCSC General Meeting
16 ..... YNM Mixer - El Tiempo
18 ..... Rice vs. Navy Football Game
23 ..... HappyHour - Two Rows
25 ..... Halloween Road Rally & Party

November

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(30)						

November

11/2 ..... Funwerks
11/8-9 ..... Snowfest
10 ..... SCSC General Meeting
13 ..... YNM Mixer - The Front Porch Pub
14 ..... Comedy Sportz
20 ..... HappyHour - Fast Eddie's
25-30 ..... Keystone - TSC Fall Roundup

From the Ski Desk

Lori Gilliland, Director of Trips

"There ain't no cure for the summertime blues"? You bet there is baby! Do what ski addicts in Houston do. Get ready for another adrenaline pumping ski season and sign up for some awesome ski trips organized by the pros at Space City Ski Club. When you're addicted to skiing, the saddest day of the year is when the lifts at your favorite resort stop spinning for the season. But, as a member of SCSC, one of your happiest days of the year should be during mail in sign-up, when the TC of the trip you signed up for calls or e-mails you with the great news that you've made it on the trip! For those that missed mail in sign-up, don't flip out just yet. There's still a chance that we can find a spot for you on the trip of your choice or at least put you high on a wait list.

Make plans to attend the **September General Meeting, Monday September 8, 2003 at The Cadillac Bar**. This is the first club meeting of the 2003-2004 ski season and your chance to get up close and personal with all the Trip Leaders and various Resort Reps. Bring your checkbook to lay down a deposit or get on the wait list of your desired destination. If you already got your reserved spot during mail in sign-up, swing by your trip's table, meet your TC/ATC, insure you're on the roster, grab a trail map, get the current scoop on your trip and meet fellow trip participants. This is a good chance to start scouting out a roommate if you don't already have one.

Looking to improve your skiing ability or break out of that intermediate rut? Think you're a "Terminal Intermediate"? Got the "Intermediate Blues"? Well, the only way you're gonna improve, is to ski, ski, ski, and ski. The more ski days you get in each year, the better you get! Plan your vacation days right and take multiple trips. If you've already signed up for one trip, consider adding another. Try something *familiar* like **Keystone**, while enjoying a memorable Thanksgiving holiday with **Janet** and **Christie** AND something *new* like SCSC's 1st adventure to **Sun Peaks** with **Ladye** and **Leslie**. Or, try a *weeklong TSC trip* like **Big Sky** with **Hope** and **Lori** AND a *short club trip* celebrating New Year's in **Taos** with **Rebecca**. Or, experience the *historic charm* of **Telluride** with **Carol** and **Jeannine** AND *plush five star lodging* in **Beaver Creek** with **Susan, Jane** and **Thuy**. Or, enjoy a *European holiday* in **Chamonix** at the foot of spectacular Mont Blanc with **Penny** and **Carmen** AND *"The Bavaria of the Rockies"*, **Kimberley/Fernie,** with **Jerry** and **David**.

Now that you know the cure for the Intermediate Blues, lets get back to finding a cure for those summertime blues. Another way to keep the blues away and skiing on your mind is to keep your ski bod in shape during the off-season by keeping the adrenaline pumping. By the general meeting on September 8th, there will be only 78 days before our first trip departs, so keep yourself slope-ready with adrenaline sports. Try trail running, inline skating, mountain biking, rock climbing—any sport that gives you a rush. These activities will keep your lungs and muscles strong, reflexes sharp and your mind prepared for skiing. Check out Cindy's Programs/Activities Calendar, she may have a few activities like these on the schedule, or offer to help her by volunteering to be the Activity Coordinator of an adrenaline sport.

See YOU at The Cadillac!

Family Optional

Rice vs. Navy Football Game

Saturday, October 18, 2003
Tailgate Party: 10 a.m.
Game Time: 2 p.m.
$20
Final Payment: October 13

10:00 a.m.: SCSC tailgate party
Lots of great food, adult beverages and soda

12:00 noon: Pre-game pep rally
Largest flag in U.S.
Military Fly Over
Naval Academy Drum & Bugle Corp
Celebrities
Childrens Festival

Contact Sean today and buy your ticket!
Sean OBrien
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Join your SCSC friends in the
Bad Blades Rollerblade Group
every Sunday morning

8:00 am - Workout Skate
9:00 am - Social Skate

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

Space City Ski Club
2003 - 2004 Ski Trip Schedule

Dates	Nights Ski Days	Trip Destinations	Final Pmt Date	Trip Price	TC ATC (DOT)	Home Phone	E-mail Address
Nov 25-30, 2003 (Tues—Sun)	5/4 Condo	KEYSTONE Colorado (TSC Fall Roundup) Family Optional	09/08/03	$695 L$423	Janet McKenzie Christie Burke (RH)	281-980-6621 713-465-5644	janetmck@msn.com cburke@wt.net
Dec 30-Jan 4, 2003 (Tues—Sun)	5/4 Hotel	TAOS New Mexico Family Optional	10/23/03	$699 L$399	Rebecca Maitland (LG)	281-498-4457	ladymaitland@msn.com
Jan 10-17, 2004 (Sat—Sat)	7/6 Hotel	BEAVER CREEK I Colorado (TSC Traditional)	11/01/03	$999 L$737	Susan Blome Thuy Tran (RH)	713-680-1349 713-520-9088	sgblome@shellopus.com ttran@kmg.com
Jan 13-18, 2004 (Tues—Sun)	5/4 Condo	BEAVER CREEK II Colorado (TSC Traditional)	11/01/03	$848 L$619	Jane Orr (RH)	713-301-4163	orrj@fcrystal.com
Jan 24-31, 2004 (Sat—Sat)	7/6 Hotel	SUN PEAKS Canada	11/10/03	$877 L$482	Ladye Freitag Leslie Caldwell (LG)	281-855-4110 832-251-1296	ladych.freitag@exxonmobil.com lescaldwell@peakpeak.com
Jan 30-Feb 7, 2004 (Fri—Sat)	7/6 Hotel	CHAMONIX France (TSC Expedition)	11/17/03	$1518	Penny Chancey Carmen Mikhail (RH)	713-686-4863 713-664-7522	pschancey@msn.com mikhail@bcm.tmc.edu
Feb 7-14, 2004 (Sat—Sat)	7/6 Condo	TELLURIDE Colorado	12/08/03	$963 L$659	Carol Cain Jeannine Jiral (LG)	713-665-8121 281-930-8472	cainsug@aol.com jeannine@ev1.net
TBA	5/4	WOLF CREEK Colorado		TBA	John Cook (LG)	281-999-2262	j-e-c@att.net
Feb 21-28, 2004 (Sat—Sat)	7/6 Condo	KIMBERLEY-FERNIE Canada (TSC Winter Shootout)	12/08/03	$787	Jerry Montgomery David Eickhoff (RH)	281-437-5467 832-593-7620	the.monts@worldnet.att.net eickhoff@hal-pc.org
Mar 13-20, 2004 (Sat--Sat)	7/6 Hotel	BIG SKY Montana (TSC Final Showdown) Family Optional	11/24/03	$1086 L$621	Hope Flynn Lori Matthews (LG)	713-621-5990 713-972-1513	hflynn@kathyandrews.com lmatthews@lockeliddell.com
TBA	5/4	BEST SNOW-BEST BUY		TBA	TBA		

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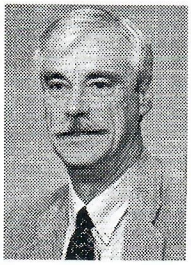

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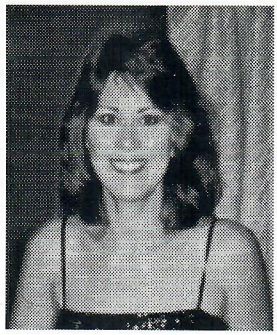

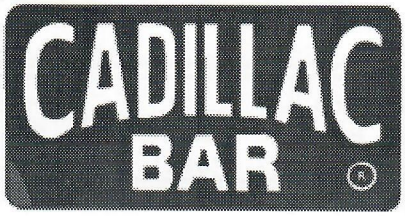

The Cadillac is where it's at! You will be missing the party of the year if you don't roll into our very first meeting ever at the Cadillac Bar on Monday September 8th! -The Cadillac is located at 1802 Shepherd Drive, between downtown and the 610 West Loop, just a half block south of I-10. We will be in the Laredo Room, which is the big room farthest east from the entrance. Look for the announcement of our meeting on their east marquee. Enter through their far southeast door, (not one of the main restaurant front doors).

The Cadillac will be parked and revving it's party engine at 6:30 p.m. There is a huge parking lot right outside our room, east and north of the Laredo Room. Park there, or across the street, and bring lots of dinero (that's cash for you Spanish-challenged members) for the bar! The drink prices are a bargain at $3.00 for house margaritas, $3.00 for imported beer, $1.50 for domestic beer, $3.00 for house wine and $3.95 for well liquors! Be sure to generously tip your hard working bartender because these drink prices do not include gratuity!

Bring your checkbook, as you will want to sign up and pay deposits for the fabulous ski trips and countless SCSC activities. Bring your friends who have not yet discovered the bliss of being an SCSC member! Gary Barrett will be thrilled to sign them up so they, too, will be on the road to happiness!

Oh, and did I mention the free chips and salsa and cheese quesadillas that the Cadillac will be providing? It is a reality! Besides our general meeting announcements, we will have a Rock 'n Roll slide showing SCSC members enjoying awesome SCSC ski trips over the last several years. The rest of this meeting will be dedicated to socializing and visiting the trip and activity tables. There you will get your questions answered and the paperwork rolling as you sign up for the ski trips and activities you will remember for a life time. It will be kind of like a Lay's Potato chip; there will be no way you will be able to pick just one! And after the meeting, chow down with dinner at the Cadillac with your SCSC buddies. How convenient! No driving to get your quality Mexican food! What a perfect way to end the night! See you at the Cadillac September 8th!

See Activities Calendar on page 7

October General Meeting: Halloween Carnival, Ski Swap, Live Preview of ComedySportz

Bring ski equipment and clothing to sell or trade. Please volunteer to help with the Ski Swap or Halloween Carnival. Contact Cindy Moore or Ellen Eastham.

Adults Only

Halloween Road Rally and Party

October 25, 2003
$25
Final Payment: October 13

HIGHLIGHTS: What is a road rally you ask? Each group receives a criptic road map and while driving follows clues to a secret destination. The groups with the best times win prizes.
There will be soft drinks and snacks on the costume road rally and a great Halloween party for the participants when it's over!

Coordinator:
Assistant Coordinator:
Joe Walker
Linda Beebe
713-840-1477

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Coordinator	Phone	E-mail
SEPTEMBER				
9/8	SCSC Meeting at Cadillac Bar			
9/12	YNM Mixer: Memorial Park	Cindy Moore	(713) 984-1060	lucinda_moore@ev1.net
9/20	Wine Tasting – at Dawn & Ron R.	Melanie Morin	(713) 686-0566	bpmm1415@msn.com
9/25	SCSC Happy Hour-Sullivan's		(713)961-0333	4608 Westheimer
9/26-28	TSC Summer Meltdown in Port Aransas	Debbie Bergeron	(713) 880-3946	dbergeron@houston.rr.com
OCTOBER				
10/4	Race for the Cure	Rebecca Hall	(713) 783-9990	Becahall@aol.com
10/11-12	South Shore Dockside Food & Wine Festival	Dan Petersen	(281) 280-0639	ddp01@orbitworld.net
10/13	SCSC Meeting at Cadillac Bar			
10/16	YNM Mixer – El Tiempo		(713)681-3978	8135 Katy Freeway (at Wirt)
10/18	Rice vs. Navy Football game 1/	Sean O'Brien	(713) 787-9762	sbobrien@trcsolutions.com
10/23	SCSC Happy Hour Two Rows Beer Tasting		(713)529-2739	2400 University
10/25	Halloween Road Rally and Party	Joe Walker	(281) 489-0379	joewalk@hal-pc.org
NOVEMBER				
11/2	Funwerks (formerly Malibu Grand Prix) 1/	Diane Baker	(713) 854-4889	Diane@RossBaker.com
11/8-9	Snowfest	Gary Barrett	(713) 533-0454	garybarrett@msn.com
11/10	SCSC Meeting at Cadillac Bar			
11/13	YNM Mixer at The Front Porch Pub		713-571-9571	217 Gray
11/14	ComedySportz	Pat Rheinhardt	(713) 664-1332	joewalk@hal-pc.org
11/20	SCSC Happy Hour/ Pool Tourney Fast Eddie's		713-952-9628	6306 Richmond Ave.
FUTURE ACTIVITIES				
12/5	Holiday Gala at The Briar Club	Melanie Morin	(713) 686-0566	bpmm1415@msn.com
12/8	SCSC Meeting at Cadillac Bar			
12/11	YNM Mixer at The Outback Pub		(713) 780-2323	3100 Fountainview
12/20	Tuba Christmas/ice skating 1/	Sue Salvage	(713) 690-5551	Sue_Salvage@mony.com
5/3/04 to 5/14/04	Greek Cruise	Barb Tuley	(281) 469-0821	BTULEY1188@aol.com

1/ = Family Optional

If you have an idea for an activity or would like to volunteer to be an AC or AAC, call VP-Programs, Cindy Moore (713) 984-1060 / lucinda_moore@ev1.net or Director of Programs, Ellen Eastham (281) 989-9935 / eceastham@panhandleenergy.com. For more information about the regular happy hours or for ideas for places contact Laura Carmin (281) 495-4046 burtonpr@houston.rr.com. For more information about Young and New Member Mixers (YNM Mixers) contact Bruce Lowther 713-785-5196 rblowt@hal-pc.org

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!

Club Race Director

Christine March, VP of Trips (281) 491-1129 christine.a.march@usdoj.gov

Texas Ski Council Representative — Alternate

Sean O'Brien, Board Chairman (713) 787-9762 sbobrien@trcsolutions.com

Big Sky, Montana -- TSC Final Showdown

March 13-20, 2004

(Saturday - Saturday)

Full Pkg: $1,086 Land Pkg: $ 621

Family Optional

It's been said "Everything is big in Texas." What about when Texas goes to Big Sky? We'll have lots to do—the Sky's the limit! Saturday, we'll arrive in Bozeman and enjoy the beautiful drive to Big Sky where the Huntley Lodge awaits (a hotel style resort). We'll check in (2 people per room) by 3:00, rent our skis, and then check out the town. Sunday morning, and every morning, we'll fuel up with our complimentary Big Buffet Breakfast so we have the energy to ski all day. Later that night, we'll meet our fellow Texans and have a Big Time at the welcome party. Monday, we'll ski, laugh, and, of course, après ski somewhere Big. Tuesday is more of the same followed by a Big Sky après ski. Wednesday we'll be Biggest Little Leprechauns in Montana and celebrate St. Patrick's Day in a Big Way that would make St. Patrick proud. Thursday is a "Day at the Races" and our club dinner that night. Be sure to bring your boots 'n' hat 'cause we'll be kickin' up our heels in a Big Texas way at one of the fine saloons afterwards. Friday you'll don your Big Smile (along with your boots and hats, of course) for the camera when we accept our many awards at the banquet and dance the night away. Yeee-Ha!

Big Sky boasts an average of 400 Big Inches of snow and 85 Big Miles of named runs. The Summit tops out at 11,150 Big Feet, and with an aerial tram, several hi-speed quads and chairlifts, there will be no Big Lines. Getting there isn't the cheapest or easiest thing to do, but we've taken care of that...we've secured the best flights available! We'll depart on Delta Airlines at 8:00 am Saturday the 13th with a short layover in Salt Lake City then on to Bozeman arriving around 12:30. We will leave Bozeman Saturday the 20th around 1:30, getting us back to Houston around 8:30 Saturday night....Early in, late out so you can enjoy your vacation without a Big Rush.

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BIG SKY
MONTANA

Greek Islands Cruise

MAY 3 - MAY 14 2004

$2763.93

FINAL PAYMENT: 2-19-04 (FEB. HAPPY HOUR)

This is what you have been waiting for, a chance to see the Greek Isles on a cruise ship!
Three nights in Athens with breakfast and a ° day tour - Seven nights on the cruise ship.

This is an activity, not a ski trip with sign up rules. You can sign up TODAY!

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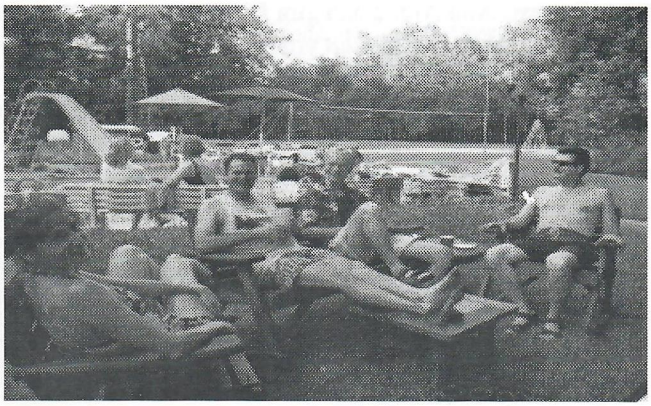
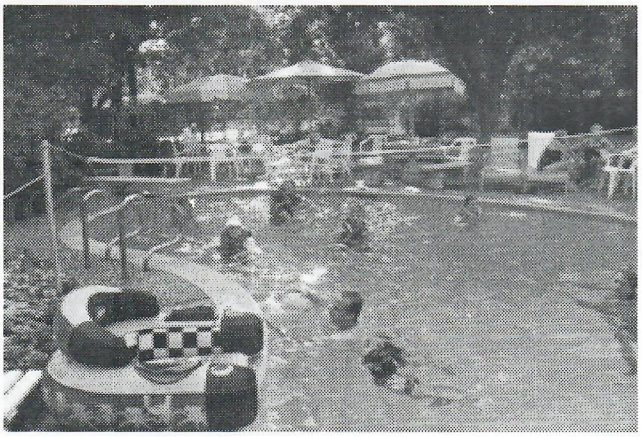
Pool Party

By Judy Schiro and Ron Hayes

On Saturday, July 12, 2003, about 50 members and guests arrived at 2:00 p.m. for a day of fun and frolicking at the SCSC Pool Party hosted at the home of Judy Schiro and Ron Hayes. The menu consisted of hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixins', plus many side dishes including a variety of salads, vegetables, and a wonderful array of desserts. Horseshoes were played, as well as land and water volleyball. For those not into playing games, there were many that enjoyed cooling off by wading, dangling feet, or taking a dip into the swimming pool.

Water volleyball was a new adventure for Ron's pool. He said he has hosted many parties, but this was the first time he has played water volleyball. He thought that it couldn't be done in their pool because of the deep end. He surprised us all with his creative genius to make it happen! Various people brought life jackets for the deep end team to wear, since there was no way they could touch bottom. Although many were avid water volleyball players, this was a totally new and humorous experience to play this sport while wearing a life jacket! It was extremely difficult to serve when there was no leverage from the bottom! The shallow side by the net was actually very deep. The front row of players found it difficult to return the ball when it landed in this area. When the deep end players realized this fact, they began placing the shots there. The deep end team actually won every game, although the teams switched sides! Life jacket water volleyball will have to become an SCSC summer tradition!





Some (but not all inclusive) of those attending were Ellen Eastham, Ross and Diane Baker, John Smith, Gerry Simpson, Marc Fellows, Cindy Moore, Bruce Lowther, Roger Holzman, Penny Chancey, Christina Anderson, Susan Wicker, Al Austin, Linda Beebe, Joe Walker, Laura and Larry Longbottom, Jerry and Leda Sadler, Susan Blome, Bill Bomberger, Pat Reinhardt, Liz Kinney,

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A special note from Cindy Moore: "A big thank you to Activity Coordinators Ron and Judy for their hospitality and diligence in making this no budget summer event a huge success!"

Membership Corner

Gary Barrett, V.P. - Membership

It appears that most of you who move or change your home or work phone number remember to notify SCSC of the change, but, we have evidence that many of your email addresses listed in our latest annual directory are no longer working addresses.

We ask that each of you check the directory for the accuracy of your email address(es). If it is not correct please notify our V.P. - Membership, Gary Barrett, with a note to our SCSC post office box. The post office box is the return address on the address label portion of The Sitmarke. Please write Attn: Gary Barrett on the envelope.

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Wine Tasting Event -- July 26, 2003

By Ron Rodriguez

"This is awesome!" "What a great party!" "I cannot wait until the next one!" These are just some of the comments which were voiced at the 2nd Annual Ron Rodriguez SCSC Wine Tasting, held July 26. The Tasting was attended by approximately 56 wine connoisseurs, drinkers, novices, and guzzlers. Believe me when I say, "No one went home sober or disappointed."

The event began earlier than expected as **Peggy and Jerry Montgomery,** along with TSC Member **Tere Ayson** were the first to arrive. Somehow Peggy was under the assumption that my "gig" was to commence at 7:00 p.m. (It was actually 7:30 p.m.) Not to worry, as I was showered, dressed to a "T" and smelling very nicely! **Dawn Rodriguez,** my trusty assistant and wife, was also looking pretty "fly." The next participants to arrive did so in droves, as **Ted and Debbie Bergeron, John Rice and Kayleen Kill,** TSC Members **James and Cheryl Mershon, Jim and Sue Edwards, Gary Butler, Ron Hayes and Judy Schiro,** and **Jeff and Nancy Sarff** excitedly entered my home and proclaimed, Let's drink!

Dinner was served first, as it was my goal to saturate my guests "bellies" before cleansing them with a variety of wines from all over the world. **Sean "My Main Man" O'Brien, Gloria Lopez, Tracie Armand, Carmen Mikhail, Ina Picarello, Carole Moffatt, Christina Anderson,** and **Beverly Hicks** all seemed eager to try the fabulous Italian cuisine. It appeared that **Millie Jude, Joy Taylor** and **Sylvia Hudspeth** not only enjoyed their dinner and wine, but the company of my dogs as well. Thumper, Clarissa, and Sebastian were well received and admired by my guests, and I appreciate the generous treatment they received. I am surprised that none of the wine participants tried to "run" off with one or all of the dogs!

As for the wine tasting itself, there were some fabulous and not so fabulous wines in attendance. This did not seem to matter for a number of guests, as **Melanie Morin** "gracefully" made her way around the room trying several wines. **Sharon Smandle** and **Bill Bomberger** were enjoying dinner as the tasting began and I had to coerce them to join the fray. **David Cone** and his wife **Barbara,** along with newlyweds **Larry Longbottom and Laura Carmin** were enjoying themselves so much they needed to reside outside by the pool for a much needed break. Barbara was well prepared as she whipped on her bathing suit and took a dip. Meanwhile, the tasting continued inside with **Manolo Valle** trying desperately to find a wine of his liking. **Cindy Moore, Cheryl Esposito, Joe Daleo,** and **Steve Jaeger** arrived fashionably late, but not without much wine and CHAMPAGNE in hand! If I am not mistaken, there was everything to drink from wine to champagne to beer to martinis, as **Jason McCanna** was inclined to sip.

The highlight of the evening was not only watching my guests try to remember each other's names in addition to their own, but awarding the door prizes to participants who were still present. **Steven Teoh** and **David Cone** were recipients of the second and third place drawings, while **Larry Longbottom** was awarded the grand prize drawing, a crystal carafe/snifter. A wonderful time was had by all and I am truly looking forward to next year's event, which I hope will draw twice as many as this year. But wait, if you hurry and buy now you can attend the wine tasting scheduled to be held at the Rodriguez home in September, compliments of Melanie Morin and Glacier. Who says Ron Rodriguez does not know how to throw a party!

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Bowling Party

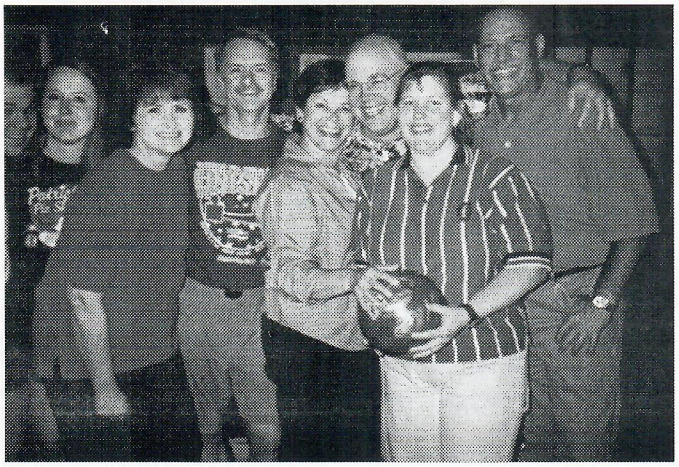
By Gerry Simpson and Cindy Moore

There's hot and then there's Houston! The sun was melting the Houston Skyline as twenty-four SCSC'ers were melting six Dynamic Lanes with bowling balls of fire! However, THEY stayed cool at 72 degrees!

There were trophies and door prizes galore! Gary Butler boasted the highest score at 186 with Ross Baker next at 185 and 184. Ted Bergeron was third at 180, Gary Barrett fourth at 178 and Arlen Isham at 173. The top female was Penny Chancey's 161 with Sharon Smith second at 154, Sandy Williams third at 143 and Lucile Landis at 138.

The highest series (male) was Ross Baker at 519. Others were Robbin Anderson at 491, Arlen Isham at 458, Gary Butler at 441 and Jeff Sarff at 440. The highest series (female) was won by Penny Chancey's 412 series, next was Sandy Williams at 361, Sharon Smith at 353, Nancy Sarff at 343 and Molley Boehnke at 334.

Regarding predicting what each bowler would bowl, Charles Butler said he was going to bowl a ball! Ha, ha Charles! Anyway, it was amazing how competitive this part was! Ted Bergeron was the best male predictor, missing by only one. Ross Baker and Gary Barrett were next, both missing by three. The best female predictor was Janet Schafer missing by three. The



next best was Sandy Williams by ten, Lucile Landis by twelve and Laura Kinney by twenty-nine. Was Laura over confident or under confident? Only those attending know!

The highest team score was by the Lane 30 team (Penny Chancey, Molly Boehnke, Jeff and Arlen Isham.) They earned 1575 points to Lane 25's 1538 (Charles and Gary Butler, Sharon and Merrel Smith).

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Alley Theatre -- "The Foreigner"

By Janet Schafer

People came from near and far to see the Alley Theatre's performance of "The Foreigner." Cindy Moore was accompanied by her parents who had just arrived from Overland Park, Kansas (okay, maybe the play wasn't their only reason to come to Houston). Jean Walke drove all the way from the hill country to accompany her friend Patti Richards. And even Bruce Lowther battled illness to come see it. I'm sure they got their money's worth as the play was a real stitch!

Prior to the show, several members gathered at Birraporetti's, and although we were jerked around with conflicting messages regarding happy hour specials (this location was definitely not as generous and friendly as the one on West Gray), 21 people still showed up. After spotting Mary Kay Kitchens and Bill Simmons outside at the corner, I expected to see them walk through the doors any minute, and I even remarked to Susan Blome that they either went to another bar, or had encountered difficulty walking the extra 40 yards. One hour later they sauntered in and said they had indeed decided to start their "happy-houring" at Sambuca. They joined Milton and Janice Lazarone at the bar and continued their pre-show dining.

Patti Maudslay was a very happy fill-in for a last-minute cancellation and she joined Sue Salvage and Steve Amy for dinner. Once in the theatre, we noted that a nice looking gentleman was sitting in Christina Anderson's seat, and while we contemplated the interesting opportunity that might pose, Christina decided instead to sit behind David Cone's foursome. Darn, a missed opportunity! The play was hilarious, as evidenced by the thunderous laughter all around us, and although several members had seen it before, we all agreed that we'd enjoy seeing it again!

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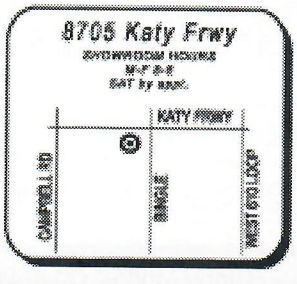


Heavenly/Lake Tahoe

Editor's Note: Space City Ski Club and Clear Lake Area Ski Club are offering reciprocal holiday ski trips (family optional) this season. SCSC members can participate in the CLASC Heavenly/Lake Tahoe trip over the Christmas holiday and CLASC members can participate in the SCSC Taos ski trip over the New Year holidays.

CLASC is offering a wonderful chance to ski at beautiful Lake Tahoe for Christmas 2003. Here is a terrific opportunity for you and your friends or family to experience a very memorable Christmas.

We will be flying to Reno on Saturday December 20 and returning on Friday December 26. So you will be able to ski up to five days, or you can choose to take a few days and enjoy the other attractions of the beautiful Lake Tahoe area.

We will be staying at the Horizon Casino Hotel right on the state line in South Lake Tahoe. This is right in the middle of the Tahoe casino and nightlife area. The Horizon offers all the amenities of a deluxe resort hotel plus the excitement of the casino.

Skiing at Heavenly couldn't be much handier. If you choose, you can now walk just a few blocks from the hotel to the gondola and ride directly up to mid mountain. Bus transportation is also available to either the Nevada or California base areas. Opportunities also exist to ski at several other Lake Tahoe area mountains.

This trip is being offered for the estimated price of only $750! So it is a terrific value as well.

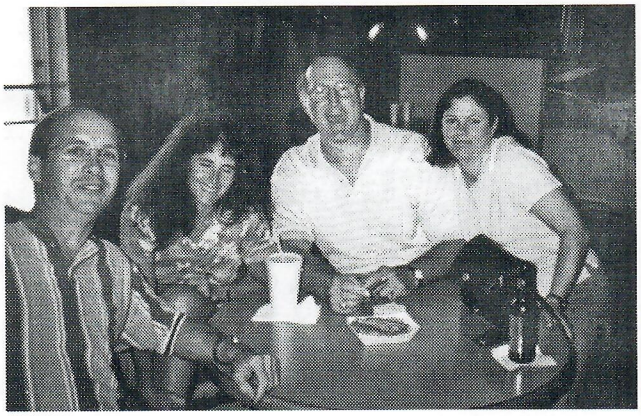
Bowling Party (continued from page 13)

The team prediction competition drew screams from Lanes 29 and 30 as competition seared! Lane 30 missed their prediction by just twenty points coming in first. Lane 29 points (Janet Schafer, Ted Bergeron and the Sarffs) missed their collective prediction by only twenty-one. Ted got a spare and a strike in the last frame to put his team one point over. Oh, Ted, you are just too good!

Gary Butler was the strike king with seven strikes in one game and ten in three games. Penny Chancey was the strike queen with seven strikes in a series and Molly Boehnke had five.

It is interesting to note we had six bowlers converting one split each. They are Ross Baker, Gary Barrett, Joel Berry, Arlen Isham, Jeff Sarff and Gerry Simpson. Sue Edwards must have practiced the splits as a high school cheerleader as she was the splits champion! She collected a whopping six splits, perhaps creating a splitting headache?

Larry Hord was the lucky winner of the lemonade set door prize, one of ten door prizes. I am indebted to Nancy Sarff for her incredible help, before, during and after this activity. I would also like to thank Janet and Arlen who assisted with trophy winner determination. What a great way to escape the heat! I just hope everyone escaped hangovers the next day just as well!



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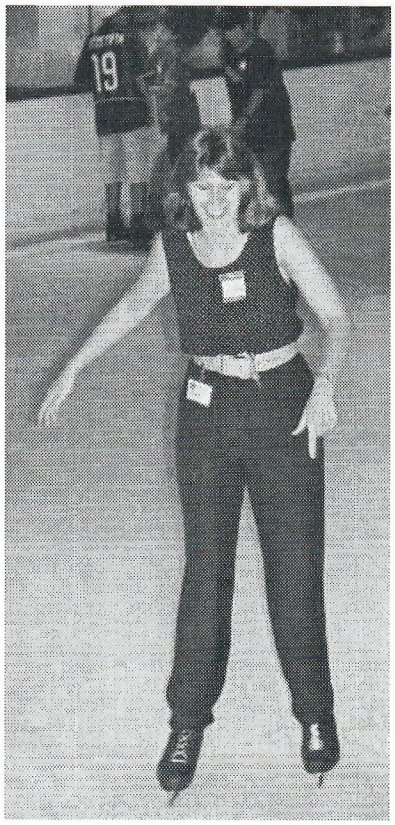

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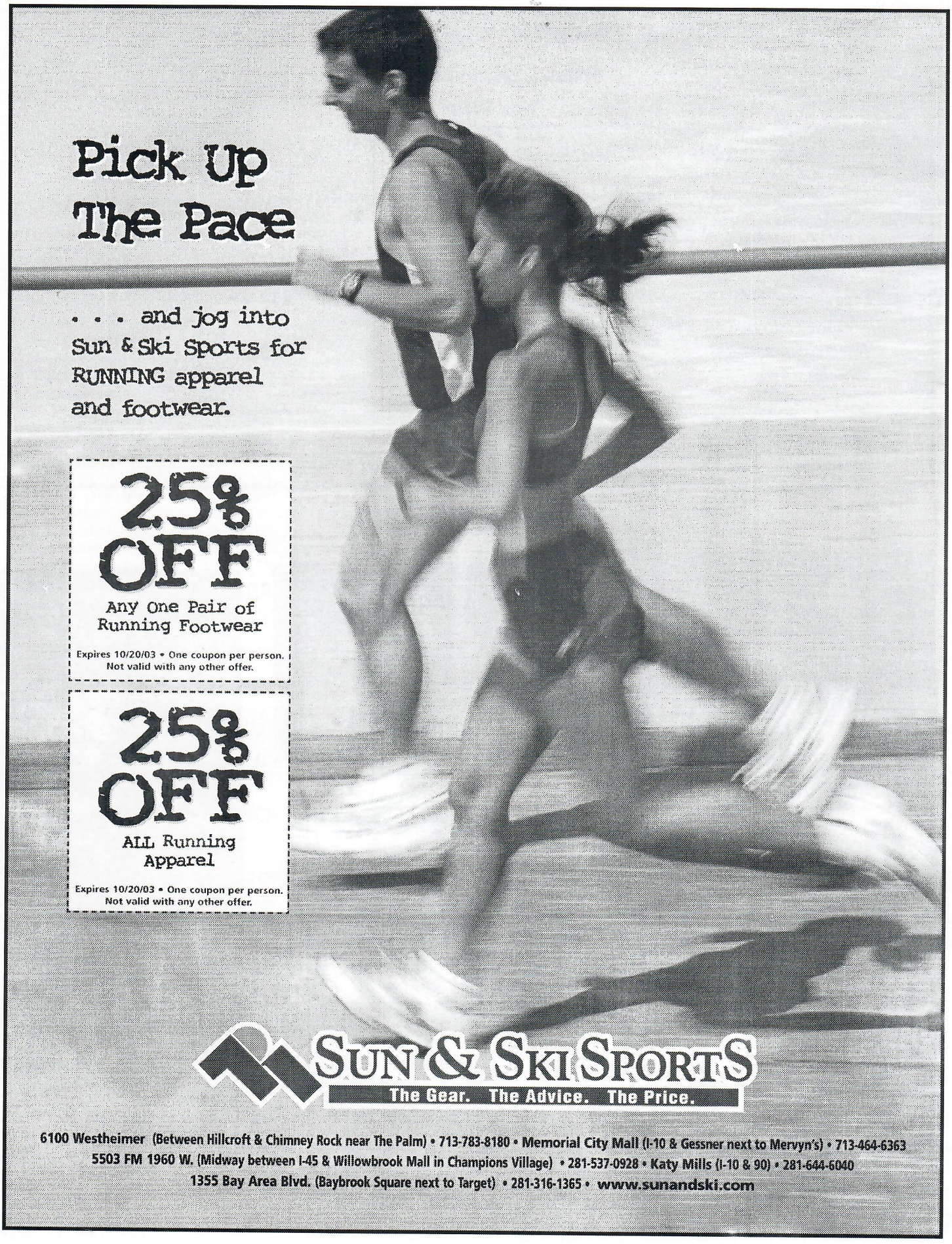
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