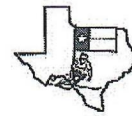




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General Meeting - October 13

Cadillac Bar (I-10 at Shepherd)

Happy Hour - Thursday, October 23

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On the Cover

Photographs taken by Ron Hayes at the Inaugural General Meeting held at the Cadillac on September 8. Attendance was very high, TRIP and ACTIVITY tables had so much to offer, and many door prizes were given out.



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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becahall@aol.com

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

SPACE CITY SKI CLUB WEB PAGE

<http://www.spacecity.org>





What a change. Our first General Meeting at the Cadillac Bar & Grill was roaring. The trips are filling at a rabid pace. Why should they not? With such a large and exciting selection, members are finding the trips of their dreams. Come out to the October meeting and see for yourself. The Trip Leaders and Assistant Trip Leaders are a blast

and would love to ensure this year your best ever. Special thanks for hard work and direction go to **Christine March, Lori Gilliland** and **Roger Holzman**.

The activities are in abundance and are sure to please as well. Just when you think you had many from which to choose last year. Attend the next meeting and you will find a sure fire way to book your calendars for several months to come. Thanks to the Activity Coordinators and their direction, **Cindy**

Moore and Ellen Eastham. I would like to extend a special thanks to these ladies, as well, for the time and dedication put into these general meetings. **WHEW!**

This Year's Nominating Committee is hard at work compiling a quality list of Officer candidates for the 2004-2005 ski season. Check out the article this month and take some initiative to let one of the committee members know your qualifications to be a "mover and a shaker" in this great organization.

The Annual Houston Chronicle Ski & Snowboard Snowfest at the George R. Brown Convention Center is coming up. SCSC will have a booth to promote Space City, so please contact **Gary Barrett**, our VP of Membership and lend a hand to one of the most fun events of the year.

Enjoy this month's meeting and do not forget to check out the Calendar of Events. We will love for you to join us in some other great Happy Hours and Activities.

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



Family Optional

RICE VS. NAVY FOOTBALL GAME

A TEXAS-SIZED ALL-AMERICA SALUTE

Saturday, October 18

Tailgate Party: 10 a.m.

Game Time: 2 p.m.

Cost: \$20

Final Payment: October 13

DAY FEATURES:

10 a.m. SCSC tailgate party

Great food, adult beverages and soda

12 noon, Pre-game pep rally

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Children's Festival

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Adults Only

ROAD RALLY & HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 25

4:30 p.m.

Cost \$25

Final Payment Date: October 13

HIGHLIGHTS: What is a road rally you ask?

Each group receives a cryptic road map, and while driving follows clues to a secret destination. The groups with the best times win prizes. Following will be a great Halloween Party with food and adult drinks. What a glorious way to spend a Saturday!

Contact AC Joe Walker (281) 489-0379 or joewalk@hal-pc.org or AAC Linda Beebe (281) 489-0379 or beebe@hal-pc.org for more details!

SCSC'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

October 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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

November 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

11/2 Funwerks
 8-9 Snowfest
 10 SCSC General Meeting
 13 YNM Mixer-Front Porch Pub
 14 ComedySportz Houston
 20 Happy Hour - Fast Eddie's
 25-30 Keystone - TSC Fall Roundup

December 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

12/5 Holiday Gala
 12/8 SCSC General Meeting
 12/11 YNM Mixer - Outback Pub
 12/18 SCSC Happy Hour - Sherlock's
 12/20 Tuba Christmas/Ice Skating



GENERAL MEETING Monday, October 13

Cadillac Bar
 1802 Shepherd (@ I-10)
 (713) 862-2020

Laredo Room - Doors open 6:30 p.m.
 Located behind restaurant
 (use separate entrance)

PROGRAM:

Halloween Carnival – win prizes!

Ski Items Swap – bring your old ski equipment and clothing to sell or trade at the meeting. To participate, notify Cindy Moore (713) 984-1060 or Ellen Eastham (281) 989-9935.

ComedySportz - Live Preview

Trip and Activity Sign-Up

HAPPY HOUR Thursday, October 23



Two Rows Restaurant & Brew Pub
 2400 University Blvd
 (713) 529-2739

Happy Hour 5:30-8 p.m. - \$3.75 beer tasting sampler - Free brickstone pizza - Tour of brewing facility



YNM MIXER Thursday, October 16

El Tiempo Cantina
 8135 Katy Freeway (I-10 and Wirt Rd)
 (713) 681-3978

6 p.m.

**Free Appetizer Buffet until 7 p.m.
 Happy hour drink prices until 8 p.m.**

Mixer Guidelines:

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





Space City Ski Club

2003 - 2004 Ski Trip Schedule

Dates	Nights/ Ski Days	Trip Destination	Final Payment	Trip Price	TC ATC (DOT)	Home Phone	E-mail Address
Nov 25-30, 2003 (Tues—Sun) ***SOLD OUT***	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	Janet_mck@msn.com cburke@wt.net
Dec 30-Jan 4, 2003 (Tues—Sun) ***CANCELLED***	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	ladye.h.freitag@exxonmobil.com lescaldwell@peakpeak.com
Jan 30-Feb 7, 2004 (Fri—Sat)	7/6 Hotel	CHAMONIX France (TSC Expedition)	11/17/03	\$1,518	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) ***SOLD OUT***	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) ***SOLD OUT***	7/6 Hotel	BIG SKY Montana (TSC Final Showdown) Family Optional	11/24/03	\$1,086 L\$621	Hope Flynn Lori Matthews (LG)	713-621-5990 713-972-1513	hflynn@kathyandrews.com lmatthews@lockeliddell.com
TBA	5/4	END OF SEASON Best Snow-Best Buy		TBA	TBA		

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Trips identified as ***SOLD OUT*** have reached their maximum number of participants and have begun wait lists. If the trip you are interested in is sold out, check out the other trips that still have openings or contact the TC of the sold out trip to get on their waitlist.

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Cindy Moore, VP-Programs



The Cadillac is cruising at full throttle with SCSC! **Ellen** and I hope you enjoyed the inaugural meeting at the Cadillac Bar September 8th! If you had half as much fun as we did, then it was a huge success! The next meeting is October 13th and will be jammed packed with festivities! Dust off those old ski clothes and items you were going to sell in a garage sale and name your price! We will need

to know your asking price and also the lowest you will go. Bring them to the October 13th meeting for the swap meet and make some money to spend on your SCSC ski trips or activities! Also at the October meeting will be Halloween Carnival booths for prizes, and ComedySportz will give a demonstration of their hilarious antics! On November 10th you can look forward to the Fabulous Fitness Fashion Show. You will learn ski exercises from health club experts while salivating over the hottest fitness fashion. Contact **Ellen** or me to volunteer at the meetings.

We have had a super turnout for so many recent SCSC activities. Can you believe we had 140 participants between three clubs for Marc Fellow's Water Toys Weekend! And **Brook McClain** had 30 for his Astro's game. If you weren't able to attend, make sure you catch the excitement in our future events.

From October 11th through 12th, SCSC will play at South Shores Harbour's Dockside Food & Wine Festival. **Dan Petersen** has arranged a steal of a deal at only \$13.00 a person. This event features fine wines and cuisine, an art, fashion and boat show, live music from "Infinite Groove" and a laser-light show! Ask Dan about the several hotel packages we are offering...one for every budget!

On October 18th, **Sean O'Brien** is the guy to see about the incredible Rice Owls vs. Navy football game and SCSC tailgate party starting at 10 a.m. We will have great reserved seats, the largest flag in the U.S, Navy Academy Drum & Bugle Corp, a military fly over, children's festival and more. This is family optional and is sure to be an event you'll not soon forget for a mere \$20.00 a person!

Joe Walker and **Linda Beebe** promise an exhilarating Road Rally & Halloween Party on October 25th. For only \$25.00 you'll get to follow your cryptic road map and clues to a secret destination. Snacks and soft drinks are served during the road rally. There will be prizes for the winning group and a terrific Halloween Party with food and adult drinks to cap off the evening!

Diane Baker has a sensational family-optional Sunday planned for November 1st at Funwerks, formerly Malibu Grand Prix. Ask her about the several packages that include miniature golf, bumper boats, grand prix racing and game tokens. Bring the entire family and play with SCSC.

Check out the future events in the calendar in this Sitzmarke and habitually check our web site at www.spacecity.org for up-to-date activity information.

NOVEMBER 10 GENERAL MEETING FABULOUS FITNESS FASHION SHOW

Featuring Space City Ski Club models and Personal Trainers from local gym facilities. Clothing will be the "ultimate" fashion ware for workout training. Exercises will be shared by Personal Trainers in preparation of the SKI SEASON approaching!

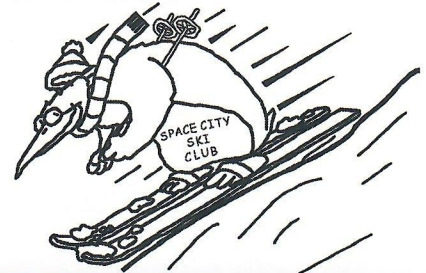
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Coordinator	Phone	E-mail/Address
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	ddp01orbitworld.net
10/13	SCSC Meeting - Cadillac Bar		(713) 862-2020	1802 Shepherd Dr
10/16	YNM Mixer - El Tiempo Cantina		(713) 681-3645	8135 Katy Freeway
10/18	Rice Owls v. Navy Football Game (FO)	Sean O'Brien	(713) 787-9762	sbobrien@trcsolutions.com
10/23	SCSC Happy Hour - Two Rows Restaurant & Brew Pub		(713) 529-2739	2400 University Blvd
10/25	Road Rally & Halloween Party	Joe Walker	(281) 489-0379	joewalk@hal-pc.org
NOVEMBER				
11/2	Funwerks (formerly Malibu Grand Prix) (FO)	Diane Baker	(713) 854-4889	Diane@RossBaker.com
11/8-9	Snowfest - George R. Brown (needs volunteers!)	Gary Barrett	(713) 533-0454	garybarrett@msn.com
11/10	SCSC Meeting - Cadillac Bar		(713) 862-2020	1802 Shepherd Dr
11/13	YNM Mixer - The Front Porch Pub		(713) 571-9571	217 Gray
11/14	ComedySportz Houston	Pat Reinhardt	(713) 665-1102	
11/20	SCSC Happy Hour - Fast Eddie's World Class Billiards		(713) 952-9628	6306 Richmond Ave
DECEMBER				
12/5	Holiday Gala - The Briar Club	Melanie Morin	(713) 686-0566	bpmm1415@msn.com
12/8	SCSC Meeting - Cadillac Bar		(713) 862-2020	1802 Shepherd Dr
12/11	YNM Mixer - Outback Pub		(713) 780-2392	3100 Fountainview
12/18	SCSC Happy Hour - Sherlock's West Gray		(713) 521-1881	1997a West Gray
12/20	Tuba Christmas/Ice Skating (FO)	Sue Salvage	(713) 690-5551	Sue_Salvage@mony.com
2004 ACTIVITIES				
1/18	HP Houston Marathon Volunteering	Bob Horan	(281) 222-8563	R_Horan_2@hotmail.com
1/22	SCSC Happy Hour - Café Chino		(713) 524-4433	6140 Village Parkway-Rice
1/24	Laser Tag	Steve Amy	(281) 870-0762	samy@oie.oceaneering.com
2/13-15	Mardi Gras-Galveston	Linda Licarione	(713) 468-2816	LLicarione@aol.com
3/2	Rodeo-Opening Night	Mary Kay Kitchens	(281) 558-9736	mkitchens327@aol.com
4/17-18	Beach Bash*	Jerry Sadler	(713) 874-0077	jsadler@jerrysadler.com
5/3-14	Greek Cruise	Barb Tuley	(281) 469-0821	BTULEY1188@aol.com
9/12-19	TSC Summer Cruise	Nancy Sarff	(713) 862-3006	nsarff@houston.rr.com

(FO) =Family Optional * Subject to Approval, date tentative

If you have an idea for an activity or would like to volunteer to be an AC or AAC, contact 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 or to pass on ideas about the regular happy hours, contact Laura Longbottom (281) 495-4046 burtonpr@houston.rr.com. For more information about Young & New Member Mixers (YNM Mixers) contact Bruce Lowther (713) 785-5196 rblowt@hla-pc.org.

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SPACE CITY SKI CLUB NEEDS YOU AS AN OFFICER!!

The Nominating Committee is beginning its search for the brightest and best leaders among the SCSC Membership to guide SCSC through another ski year. As stated by the By-Laws:

"The only persons eligible to hold office shall be those who have been SCSC members in good standing for the twelve (12) months preceding the annual meeting (March 31). Additionally, candidates for President shall have been or are currently an elected officer of the Executive Committee."

This includes **YOU!** If you have always wondered why SCSC does things the way it does or that maybe, just maybe, **YOU** could do it better, **NOW** is your chance to make a significant contribution to **YOUR** club. The following briefly describes the basic responsibilities of each office:

PRESIDENT:	principle executive officer of the club
VP- PROGRAMS	coordinates all club programs and non-ski activities
VP- TRIPS:	coordinate all ski trips
VP- MEMBERSHIP:	performs all membership duties (computer skills recommended)
VP- PUBLICATIONS:	publishes the Sitzmarke, solicits advertising (computer skills)
SECRETARY:	records official business of the club, publishes directory, and solicits advertising
TREASURER:	financial and accounting functions of the club (accounting and computer skills recommended)
	All officers are allowed volunteers for assistance!

If you are serious about becoming involved in club management and policy making, ask yourself:

- * Am I self motivated?
- * Am I enthusiastic about the club and the office?
- * Do I feel I have the ability to motivate and coordinate others toward a common goal?
- * Do I have any experience I can offer the club?
- * Am I willing (and able) for a two-year commitment (1) Officer, (2) Board of Directors?
- * Am I willing (and able) to devote twenty plus hours a month to being an officer?

If you feel you can honestly answer **yes** to these questions, then **you** are officer material. Now is your opportunity to really make a difference for **your** club!

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Joe Walker (281) 489-0379 joewalk@hal-pc.org

Please complete and submit the attached questionnaire by November to: SCSC Nominating Committee, 11402 Hylander Dr, Houston, TX 77070 (281) 320-2040.

HP HOUSTON MARATHON VOLUNTEER 2004

Saturday, January 18, 2004



DETAILS: Volunteers provide assistance and support to the runners. Volunteer benefits are Marathon t-shirt, breakfast, post-Marathon party, invitation to Marathon Volunteer Banquet, pre-Marathon Happy Hour meetings, and smiles & thanks from Runners!

Contact AC Bob Horan (713) 664-9261 (home), (281) 489-0379 (cell) R_Horan_2@hotmail.com or AAC Linda Beebe (281) 222-8563 joewalk@hal-pc.org for more information



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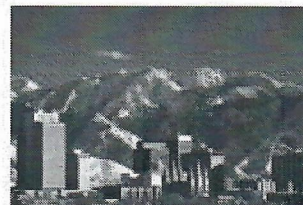
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Price includes:

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Also available:

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- Lessons **



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•\$TBD for 3.5 days
•\$TBD for 4.5 days

Youth (14-22) / Seniors (65+)

•\$TBD for 2.5 days
•\$TBD for 3.5 days
•\$TBD for 4.5 days

Payment Schedule:

\$250 - September 5, 2003 season kickoff meeting

\$150 - October 3, 2003 membership meeting

\$125 - November 7, 2003 membership meeting

\$120 - January 9, 2004 membership meeting

* Preliminary price subject to change
(also see TL for cancellation policy)

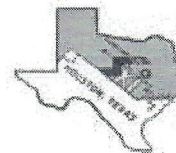
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Trip Leader (TL): Lee Bob Nash

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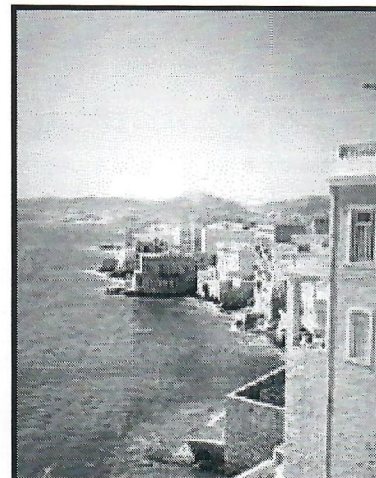
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SCSC NIGHT AT COMDEYSPORTZ HOUSTON

3802 N. Braeswood Blvd

Friday, November 14

Show starts at 8 p.m.

Arrive at 7:30 p.m. to enjoy wine, beer, and sodas
(included in price)

Cost \$15

Final Payment: October 6

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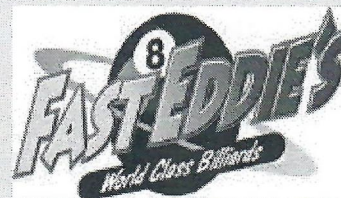
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Final Payment Date: November 20

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EVENT REPORT - COSTA RICA

By Marsha Lutz

Good things are worth waiting for and that was certainly true for SCSC's long-awaited trip to Costa Rica! In one week we experienced a spectacular tropical paradise on the Pacific Coast and jungle adventures near an active volcano. Read on to hear more of the Tale of Two Cities – Quepos and Arenal. But first we have to go from Houston to Miami to San Jose, Costa Rica! Fifteen of us met at the airport at 4:30 *a.m.* for our departure on American. The 16th person (**Mary Ann Harrell**) met us in Costa Rica. She decided at the last minute (read between the lines!) to take the direct Continental flight. As **Mary Ann** said, at least she earned mileage she can actually use and got to fly first class!

We began our vacation with a 3-hour bumpy bus ride to Quepos. It wasn't that bad (if you closed your eyes as we crossed over rivers on one-lane bridges made of very old wood planks). Costa Rica is known for its rough roads, and with all the bumpy rides we had, even in "all-terrain" vehicles, the horseback riding seemed smooth!

Once at the Hotel Parador, we quickly got our bags to the rooms and went to the Welcome Party. Parador is a gorgeous hotel – high on a cliff, overlooking one of the prettiest pools around to the surf of the Pacific Ocean. Each day we had a wonderful breakfast buffet. At first this seemed like a good idea, because you never knew when you might eat lunch or dinner. That turned out to be a non-issue! We were getting 2 breakfasts or 2 dinners a day since the activities included meals, but it wasn't always clear what meal it would be.

Sunday we visited Manuel Antonio National Park where our guide, Willie G., found great pleasure in showing us almost every iguana, sloth and white-faced monkey in the park! And those tiny bats and leaf carvers – ants carrying big pieces of leaves long distances, looking like miniature windsurfers! We looked through binoculars and camera lenses for better views, but for really close-up looks, we peered through Willie's telescope. **Susan Blome** found that you get a terrific picture by placing your camera inside the telescope's lens.

After the park, some of us went on the Canopy Tour – the infamous sliding between trees harnessed to cables over 100 feet above ground. Of course it was raining in the rain forest – so hiking between platforms was slippery. There was also

rappelling – sliding down ropes at varying speeds depending on if you were "a skirt" or not (that was a little misunderstanding due to the guide's translation and accent!). A few people rode double. **Maria Tramontin** especially liked her partner – one of the young, male guides! Many of those that didn't try the canopy tour here decided they didn't want to miss out and did it at Arenal – and **Jing**, did it again –that's how much fun it is!

Monday some of us went on a Mangrove boat tour, while others went biking or relaxed by the pool and checked out the hotel grounds. On the boat tour, **Marsha** and **Adam DeRidder** had fun taking pictures. The monkeys were curious and not afraid of us as they first showed off, then climbed to the ends of tree branches and onto the boat roof looking for handouts. **Barbie Miller** gave a monkey water from the palm of her hand. Speaking of hands – **Marsha** missed her chance to get a photograph in National Geographic. **Adam** held a leaf back so she could get a close-up shot of the boa constrictor three inches from his hand, with its tongue flickering. She didn't realize that "Take it now" means "Take it NOW" and **Adam** had to let go before the strike! But **Adam** did get a great picture the next day of a monkey turning over a table on his patio after it realized **Adam** and **Bill Lodato** forgot to leave treats out.

Meanwhile **Nancy Schultz**, **Dennis Newell**, **Ray Davis** and **Crystal Fryer** were on one of their many side adventures. Today it was bike riding. Remember, Costa Rica has mountains and the roads are bumpy just about everywhere – *i.e.* it was challenging! **Ray** was riding like a pro, jumping his bike in and over puddles and climbing rocky hills like they were flat, while the rest struggled with the hills and heat. The unplanned stop when **Crystal** got a flat tire (actually the whole wheel broke) was a welcomed rest for the group. More on **Crystal's** mishaps later.

Another excellent adventure was whitewater rafting on the Savegre River. **Jing** and **Johanna Kuang** practiced his company policy of splitting family members during risky transportation, but soon they saw they would have been safe together (except **Johanna** can really swing the oar!). The rapids were mostly Class 3, but the guides had a good way of making them feel like a 4 sometimes (Get down! They would yell!)! The safety guide in the kayak got great photos of us. There is one of **Maria Elena**

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Saade looking timidly at something up ahead (this was her first time to raft) and then later he caught her with a big "I did it" grin. In some of the photos we don't know who the people are because the entire raft is underwater. Amazingly only a couple people fell out; usually on purpose. Luckily no one decided to cool off as three rafts unknowingly passed over the 12-foot crocodile that those in the first raft saw go in the water.

Wednesday was the transfer day to Arenal. But not before **Maria** saved Pedro's life! The hotel driveway had a drainage hole that was painted "Pedro's house" (like a mouse hole). Pedro, a lizard, was chilling in the driveway as a bus was pulling in. **Maria** stood in front of the bus to make sure that Pedro did not get run over! The lunch stop was next door to a souvenir shop. We all know about this "tourist trap", so how come so many of us fell into it! Costa Rica has many unusual native woods and the souvenirs made from it include placemats, coasters, belts, purses, puzzles, and more. We made a big dent in the store's inventory, similar to the coffee-buying spree at the grocery store earlier that day. And anywhere **Johanna** was spotted, cash registers were ringing!

Many of us toured a cloud forest via the Arenal Hanging Bridges. The bridges are hung on suspension cables - some over 300 feet above the forest below. The views of the foliage, streams, and Arenal volcano were breathtaking, but you had to wait until no one was walking to get a picture; otherwise the bridge bounced too much to focus! We heard, but didn't see, Howler monkeys - they sound like barking dogs. We smelled, but didn't see, what was described as a "big cat", probably a jaguar.

As we checked into the Tabacon hotel, I was happy to learn that **Maria Elena**, **Mary Ann**, **Bill** and **Adam** did indeed have reservations here instead of at Los Lagos. Unfortunately the tour operator wanted to *confirm* things, so instead of letting them know then, he said he'd call in the morning. Naturally they had unpacked, and were given 10 minutes to get their stuff on the bus, so they could join tours departing for hiking and horseback riding. The thing that made this all worthwhile was that Tabacon is a fabulous hotel with beautiful hot springs rumbling through the grounds, a wonderful spa, and

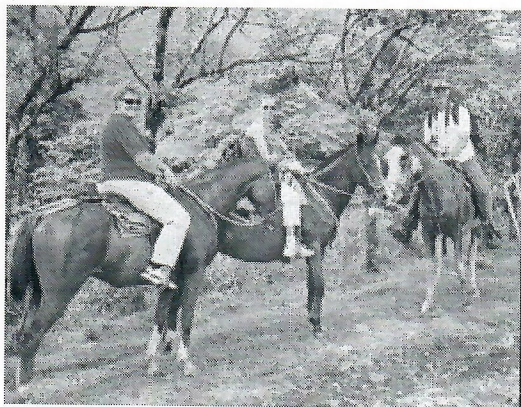
background sounds of regular volcanic eruptions. The volcano wasn't disturbing or frightening at all, but instead exciting to hear, see and know you were so close, yet safe!

Crystal, **Johanna**, **Susan**, and **Marsha** indulged in spa treatments - from facials, reflexology, hot stone massages, to volcanic mud body wraps. Where else do you get to rinse the mud off in a private pool of natural hot springs instead of a sink or shower? The first night we arrived, **Crystal** and **Ray** couldn't wait to try out the springs. Their bruises were proof that you need shoes to keep from falling. Another place you had to be careful not to fall was at La Fortuna waterfall. After a lot of climbing, we reached the waterfall. As some of us played in the water, **Erika** worried about **Adam** when he got behind the waterfall. It is so powerful that it broke someone's neck not long ago. But all was ok with our group.

While we waited for **Adam** to climb back, we laughed at a sign that had a strange combination of rules. It said "Prohibidas las escenas amorosas, no extraer plantas, y no botar basura." I could test your Spanish skills, but I will interpret for you. The sign says - "Love scenes are prohibited, do not take plants and do not throw trash". It was nice to have two people in our group fluent in Spanish - **Maria Elena** and **Mary Ann**. But most of us got along pretty well with the language. Most commonly heard phrases were "Mucho Gusto" - the response to Gracias meaning "my pleasure" - and "20 minutes" which means one hour on American watches!!

Hiking was one of the main events in Arenal - hiking to the waterfall, hiking around the Arenal volcano and a very challenging hike to Cerro Chato volcano. **Ray**, **Mary**, **Roger**, **Nancy** and **Dennis** did the Cerro Chato hike with their guide, Felix, El Gato. While it started gently, it quickly transformed into a steep mountain climb on tree roots. **Mary**, requesting positive feedback from Felix to keep moving up the mountain, quickly tired of the feedback from her fellow hikers. After **Dennis** yelled "Mary you're doing great!" one too many times, she began sharing some of her British insults and humor the rest of the way. It was a great day, but brutally tiring. A trip to the hot springs was just what that group needed after the hike. Horseback riding was popular at both locales and **Mary**, **Roger**,

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Crystal, Barbie, Maria, and **Bill** did one or more tours. **Barbie** especially liked the one with lunch at the French woman's home.

Friday some of us traveled for hours by van, boat, and two more vans to get to more hanging bridges high in the Monteverde Cloud Forest. The scenery was spectacular, but unfortunately rain kept the colorful birds out of view. That night the TSC clubs celebrated the Fourth of July with a group dinner at the Tabacon. There were no fireworks per se, unless you count Arenal's eruptions – a great substitute!

Saturday morning was free for another hike, shopping, massage or relaxing by the pool, before heading to San Jose where we stayed the night before getting up again at 3:30 am! Oh well, it makes it easier to sleep on the plane – with visions of monkeys iguanas, sloths, volcanoes, hanging bridges, and friendly Costa Ricans in our heads!

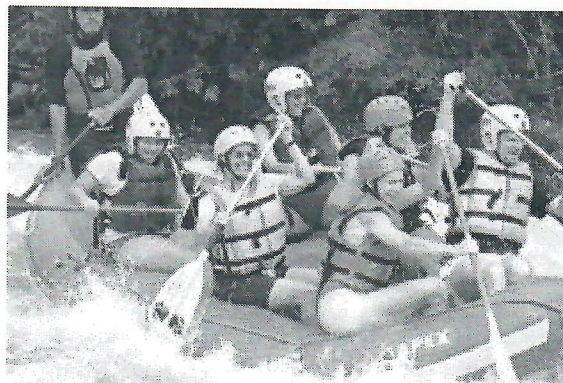
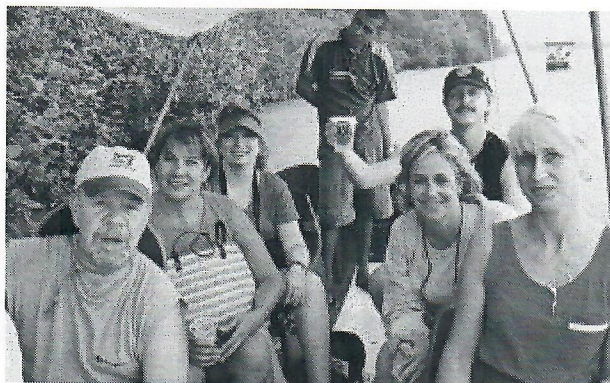
I forgot to fill out an injury report (maybe mishap is the better term), so let this be it.

Participant: **Crystal Fryer:**

Incident (s)

1. knocked over and broke Mary Ann's glass of beer
2. had flat tire on mountain bike
3. dropped room key at beach
4. dropped watch at beach
5. lost wallet right outside room
6. almost lost watch when loading bus
7. got big bruise at hot springs
8. her horse had a broken shoe
9. even came to post trip party with sprained ankle!

Seriously, **Crystal** was a real trooper - a new member who survived being the roommate of the trip leader. That should override all of the items above! I really enjoyed being the trip leader for such a nice, fun, easy-going group. Looking at the photos, you will notice a great group of people playing in that tropical paradise and jungle adventure that Costa Rica gave us! Finally, many thanks to new members, **Mary** and **Roger**, for hosting a great post-trip party.



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February 13 - 15, 2004

Cost \$53

Final Payment Date: January 22

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EVENT REPORT - AN AFTERNOON WITH THE ASTROS

By Brook McClain

What better way to spend a Sunday afternoon on August 10th than with old friends and new acquaintances at the Minute Maid Ball Park. The group of nearly 30 individuals were enthusiastic as our division leading Houston Astros beat the visiting Montreal Expos 8 to 2. This group was predominately made up of Bayou City Road Runners and SCSC members.

This game was a promotional date with "give-away" Astros sports bags sponsored by Kroger Food Stores. I personally apologize to any of our group members that were unable to arrive at the Ball Park early enough, as this is one of the most popular promotions. The give-away sports bags were distributed to the first 10,000 adult attendees.

This game against the Expos was exciting from Craig Biggio's lead-off hit in the first inning to the home runs by

Hidalgo, Assumus, Kent and Berkman. Our group had decent view of the game's excitement. We were sitting in right field mezzanine section 252, scattered through out rows 2 through 4.

The group in attendance visited with seating neighbors and enjoyed consuming the Ball Park cuisine and drinks. **Barbie Miller** was able to assess the exotic dining of the 9 Amigos restaurant. At games' end, groups spilt up and made their way to a few different places for post-game refreshments. One larger group went to the Bus Stop and a small group went to Larry's Bamboo Hut. This was a promotional weekend at Larry's with live music and drinks specials. I personally spoke to Larry (Dierker) and got my sports bag autographed.

A great time was had by all at the Astros game, and I am looking forward to an event like this for next year.

Family Optional



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**Saturday, December 20
11:45 a.m.**

Cost \$9

Final Payment Date: November 20

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Upcoming November & December Happy Hours

YNM Mixer: Thursday, November 13 at The Front Porch Pub

SCSC Happy Hour: Thursday, November 20 at Fast Eddie's World Class Billiards

YNM Mixer: Thursday, December 11 at The Outback Pub

SCSC Happy Hour: Thursday, December 18 at Sherlock's West Gray

Check out the Calendar of Events and ads for more information on these events.

For additional information about YNM Mixers, contact Bruce Lowther (713) 785-5196 rblowt@hal-pc.org, and for SCSC Happy Hours, contact Cindy Moore (713) 984-1060 Lucinda_moore@evl.net or Laura Longbottom burtonpr@houston.rr.com.



EVENT REPORT - SEPTEMBER WINE TASTING

By Melanie Morin

On September 20th, SCSC had a good company of friends, new and existing members ready to party, drink wine and eat fine gourmet cuisine prepared by Chefs **Dawn** and **Ron Rodriguez** and **Melanie Morin**. It was time again for the club to gather together once again for a wine tasting, but this time we had the appearance of wine expert and friend, **Bill Hardin**. **Bill** brought his newly released wines now featured at one of his largest retail customer, HEB Stores. We expanded our knowledge of wines from California, namely Rancho Zabaco Dancing Bull Zinfandel, Rancho Zabaco Dancing Bull Sauvignon Blanc and Bella Sera Pinot Grigio. They all pared well with our beef tenderloin, Italian pasta with marinara sauce, grilled vegetables, garlic potatoes and **Dawn's** incredible brownies. **Bill** even arranged a large display of SCSC and these

wines at local Houston HEB stores. Everyone had a great time! The cost was only \$10 for each of 70 people- incredible! Some even walked away with raffle prizes. A total of 15 raffle prizes were given; 12 of which were donated by **Bill**. THANK YOU, **BILL** and **HEB**! Everyone attending could be heard chanting a resounding "HEB" to **Bill's** question of where we should buy our wines!

Thank you again **Dawn** and **Ron Rodriguez** for generously offering your home as host for this wine tasting. Yes, SCSC members and friends, we will have another wine tasting hosted at a SCSC members home. Feel free to bring a friend and gain new and renewed friendships at your next wine tasting. SCSC is always ready to party!



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**Saturday, October 11
11 a.m. – 11 p.m.**

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Cost \$13

**Final Payment Date:
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"The only persons eligible to hold office shall be those who have been SCSC members in good standing for the twelve (12) months preceding the annual meeting (March 31). Additionally, candidates for President shall have been or are currently an elected officer of the Executive Committee."

This includes **YOU** ! If you have always wondered why SCSC does things the way it does or that maybe, just maybe, **YOU** could do it better, **NOW** is your chance to make a significant contribution to **YOUR** club. The following briefly describes the basic responsibilities of each office:

PRESIDENT:	principle executive officer of the club
VP- PROGRAMS:	coordinates all club programs and non-ski activities
VP- Trips:	coordinate all ski trips
VP- Membership:	performs all membership duties (computer skills recommended)
VP- Publications:	publishes the Sitzmarke, solicits advertising (computer skills)
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- * Do I have any experience I can offer the club?
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- * Am I willing (and able) to devote twenty plus hours a month to being an officer?

If you feel you can honestly answer **yes** to these questions, then **you** are officer material. Now is your opportunity to really make a difference for **your** club!

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