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Cadillac Bar (I-10 at Shepherd)

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Happy Hour - Thursday, December 18
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On the Cover

A holiday gift wrapped collage of some our members enjoying the many social and trip events for 2003. Happy Holidays and a wonderful New Year!

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





Are you dreaming and having visions of a White Christmas? This is one club that works hard at making your dreams a reality! On behalf of the Executive Committee and Board, we extend the heartiest wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Have you prepared your shopping list and checked it twice before venturing out to buy the perfect holiday gift, or

should I say outfit? You will need it for the SCSC Holiday Gala, scheduled to commence on Friday, December 5 at

The Briar Club. I have personally attended this historic event the last couple of years and must proclaim, "The glitz and glamour of New York and Times Square has nothing on our annual bash." Elegance, beauty, and fun are the theme for the event, so mark your calendars as we expect to see you there. Melanie Morin and Judy Shiro are diligent in their planning to make certain that everyone has a holiday of a time!

Don't forget, **The Sunshine Kids** will also hold their annual Auction with a wide array of fantastic items from which to bid. Bring your game, display some snap, dazzle with fashion sense, and bring your checkbook! Let us make this year's event one to remember.



Happy Holidays from the SCSC Executive Committee. [1st Row Seated]: Dawn Rodriguez. [2nd Row]: Lori Gillilland, Christine March. [3rd Row]: Leyla Ozkardesh, Cindy Moore, Jim Edwards, Laura Rowley, Gary Barrett. [4th Row]: David Cone, Sue Bohnert, Bill Bomberger, Patty Maudslay.

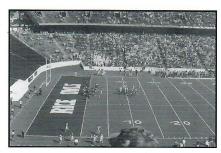


Ski Club friends thank Ronnie Livingston (2nd L)

EVENT REPORT - RICE OWLS VS. NAVY TAILGATE PARTY

By Sean O'Brien

On **October 18**, forty-one Space City Ski Club members and their friends participated in an excellent tailgate party that was interrupted briefly by a football game between Rice and Navy.



We got things kicked off by almost driving through the daily Rice ROTC exercises. This was quite an interesting detour. All other SCSC members who signed up to participate in the event proved to have a natural party 'radar'

and were able to locate the tailgate party without interrupting the ROTC. After one Mimosa, the partying began. Unfortunately for them, the ROTC had to continue their squats and couldn't join us. A tailgate feast ensued consisting

of barbequed chicken, pork, and sausage. SCSC continued their innocent cruelty to the poor cadets as the aroma from the barbeque grill drifted in their direction while



All eyes on the Rice Owls vs. Navy game

they were still going through their morning drills.

With such good food, fun and friends, I think more people were paying attention to the tailgating than the game. No one in the group knew the final score of the game at the postgame tailgate party, but that's what happens when you're having fun! Turns out our post-game tailgate party (PGTP) was really a pre, during and post-game tailgate event.

Christine Tremonte (the token Navy fan in the group) was probably the only one excited by the Navy lead. Thank you Ellen Eastman, Roger Holzman, Bill Bomberger, Christine Tremonte, Patti Maudslay and Bob



Rice tailgating bunch enjoy food, drinks and friendship

Horan for coming early to help with setup. Special thanks to **Ronnie Livingston** for providing his mobile trailer and serving as the principal barbeque chef.

Check out all the great events on the *Calendar at a Glance* posted every month in the Sitzmarke and sign up for an activity! We have over 700 members and you are sure to make a new friend each time you come out!

SCSC'S CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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12/5	Holiday Gala/Auction (pg 11)
8	SCSC General Meeting
11	YNM Mixer-Outback Pub
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20	Tubas & Ice Skating (pg 11)

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1/8	YNM Mixer-Belvedere (pg 14)
	HP Marathon Volunteering (pg 11)
19	SCSC General Meeting
20	Party/Houston Ski & Board
22	Happy Hour-Café Chino (pg 11)
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2/5	Radio Music Theater (pg 12)
	SCSC General Meeting
13-15.	Mardi Gras Galveston (pg 6)
19	Happy Hour-Drink Houston (pg 14)
20	YNM Mixer/Wild West (pg 14)

GENERAL MEETING

Monday, December 8 @ 6:30 p.m.



Cadillac Bar

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

Laredo Room - Doors open 6:30 p.m.

Located behind restaurant (use separate entrance)

PROGRAM:

SILENT KIDS LIVE AUCTION CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MUSIC

TRIP AND ACTIVITY SIGN-UP



Rice Tailgating bunch still tailgating...

YNM MIXER & 1ST WALL COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, December 11

The Outback Pub

3100 Fountainview @ Richmond (713) 780-2392

5:30 p.m.

Free drink ticket per person, great happy hour drink prices, free appetizers, band begins at 9 p.m. Free parking if you arrive before 7 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!

HAPPY HOUR Thursday, December 18 5:30 p.m.

Sherlock's West Gray

1997a West Gray (corner of West Gray and McDuffie) (713) 521-1881

Free Buffet, Happy Hour Prices 4-9 p.m.



Most of you SCSC skiers already know the drill. Sign up early and sign up often to get in on the trip you really want. Odds are, if you want it, everyone else does too! As you can see from this season's ski schedule, several of our trips have been sold out already! Two trips were cancelled because we had a deadline from the airlines, pay up or cancel. A cancellation is something we really have to do if we have less

than the minimum number of skiers signed up to get the wholesale prices. If you are a bit unsure of what you want to do and where you want to do it...please make your decision promptly while trips are still available.

Your choices as of today are Sun Peaks, Canada; Beaver Creek, Colorado; and Chamonix, France. By popular demand, we *may* add a late season trip if the snow is good and the money is right.

Those of you who have already decided on your destination and signed up for it, you are now probably pondering what our "look" is going to be this year. Hmm…how hot will you look in the warming house? How cool will you look on the white slopes?

Yes, at one point we had the whole grunge thing - baggy and taped together, but that is *sooo* not where it's at this year. The tight stretch pants and bright fluorescent colors went out about fifteen years ago, so please take a hint and do a little shopping, it's time to update.

Not all of the old stuff has to go. We can build on the basics. So pull your ski outfits out of the winter box from the depths of the back of your closet and take a look at what you have to work with. As a former fashion designer, I am going to graciously lend you some of my expertise on some simple ski style dos and don'ts.

Don't Do It!!

Looking *HOT* but feeling **CoLD**:

Oh you look so hot in that cute little hat. Too bad we all have to wait for you every ten yards because it blows off your head or your ears are purple and frost bitten. We know the dilemma; if you wear the hat we can't see in the hat designed for skiing, you look warm and smart and you can ski better, which will really be more impressive than freezing your butt and whining about wanting to go in early because you are too cold. So, get a nice warm hat that will stay on and wear it. Try on several and find something you will actually wear. Anything fleece is great and some are really fun.

CRAZY HATS:

My Director of Trips, **Lori Gilliland**, who sometimes thinks she's the undercover fashion police, will tell you to stay away from the crazy hats. Frankly, I like them. So long as it's not too shiny or glittery, or too disco. The classic warm and simple is always a good route to take. And a dragon tail here or there doesn't hurt anything. One thing Lori and do I agree on is that those huge, round, fake fur hats with a chinstrap are not too cute. It's one thing to wear a fun hat knowing you'll get a few laughs. It is, however, quite another thing if you are wearing something that *you* think is très chic and "oh so oo la la," but no one can really be sure if you are joking or serious.

BIG Polarized Sunglasses:

These fly eyes were last seen on Ponch & Jon from ChiPs. Knock, knock. Who's there? 2003! Please update accordingly. Unless we have an awfully close solar storm, or perhaps really sunny, late season, spring skiing, those shades are going to fog up and you are going to find yourself hugging a tree. Get some goggles, they work much better and if you shop around a bit you can get some that are polarized and great looking.

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Experience Awesome Spring Skiing!! SCSC End of Season Spring 2004 Ski Trip

We are planning one more SCSC trip for the 2003-2004 ski season. We would like your input to help with the planning process:

- ♦ Do you want to LEAD this trip? We need an experienced Trip Coordinator to volunteer.
- WHERE would you like to go? Give us your resort recommendations for great spring skiing.
- WHO wants to go on this trip? Let us know if you are interested in going on this ski trip. The planned dates will be in early or late March.

Please contact Lori Gilliland, Director of Trips (281) 439-3060 lcgilliland@att.net with your questions or input.





FROM THE SKI DESK (Continued from page 5)

DUMB & DUMBER

Can you say parody? Satire? Anything you saw Harry & Lloyd wearing in that movie is off limits. They were trying to show how silly some people dress in the ski areas. Take a hint; red Dutch plaid with baby blue astronaut ski pants tucked into your furry white knee high boots belongs in the "don't" category. Just say no.

Let's Do the Do's!

Do get technical with me

Go_Bshopping and check the new fashions from North Face, Nils, Bogner, Mountain Hardware, Burton, and Spyder. Keep in mind that clothing on the slopes is an important part of your equipment. Look for the technical details that aid in comfort, mobility, and warmth, as well as offer hydration options and focus on performance. Here are some things zero in on:

- ⇒ Does it have both interior and external access pockets?
- ⇒ A hook for your lift ticket?
- ⇒ An auxiliary hood for heavy snow and powder?
- ⇒ A hook for gloves?

Do try the New

The resort fashion industry is now integrating gear and clothing used by snowboarders and skiers alike. This marriage

of snowboard gear and ski gear has produced an interesting offspring. The clothing that boarders prefer is loose and comfortable, and allows enhanced mobility and performance, but, not so easy on the eyes. That is where the classic, chic and fun styles of the ski clothing add vitality to grunge. You no longer have to lay on the bed to zip up those pants! You can be comfortable and look good too.

Do shield yourself from the elements properly

The waterproofing formerly offered exclusively by **Gortex** is now widely available from other designers because of the lapse of the Gortex's patent, making it easier for you to make sure your gear has waterproofing and wind resistance.

Layers continue to be the key to comfort. Start with a thin breathable layer that will wick the moisture from your body so that you don't get wet and chilled.

Do wear a helmet

Ok. Maybe not. But I'm getting one. And the more people I can convince to strap one on, the less I stand out. Safety cannot be underestimated. Crashes at high speeds, especially if you like the woods can be very dangerous. It is a good idea for children under 10 to wear one.

I hope you all enjoyed the **Fabulous Fashion Show** at our November General Meeting. I am confident that if follow my advice carefully, you will be comfortable, safe, and most importantly, you will look smashing!

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SCSC began its own Krewe by participating in the Z Krewe Procession Mardi Gras festivities in February 2003. Join now and get involved in the planning of the Galveston Mardi Gras 2004 festivities. Fee includes a parade package for the Z Krewe Procession on February 14, as well as other parties.

Contact AC Linda Licarione (713) 468-2816 LLicarione@aol.com or AAC Shirley Lang (281) 218-8515





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)	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, 2004 ***********************************	5/4 Hotel	TAOS* New Mexico	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) ***SOLD OUT***	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 ***CANCELLED***	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.n et eickhoff@hal-pc.org
Mar 13-20, 2004 (SatSat) ***SOLD OUT***	7/6 Hotel	BIG SKY* Montana (TSC Final Showdown)	11/24/03	\$1,086 L\$621	Hope Flynn Lori Matthews (LG)	713-621-5990 713-972-1513	hflynn@kathyandrews.co m lmatthews@lockeliddell.c om
TBA (March ??, 2004)	5/4	END OF SEASON Best Snow-Best Buy		TBA	TBA		Gilliland to Volunteer to 93-3060 lcgilliland@att.net

^{*} Family Optional

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Vice President of Trips

Christine March (CM) (281) 491-1129 christine.a.march@usdoj.gov

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 the other trips that still have openings or contact the TC of the sold out trip to get on their wait list.

Director of Trips

Roger Holzman (RH) (713) 461-7604 RogHolzman@aol.com





As the Holiday seasons are upon us, November and December are overflowing with great activities. You must make time for three holidayrelated SCSC events:

The Holiday Gala at The Briar Club on Friday, December 5 featuring the Sunshine Kids Silent Auction;

The Holiday General Meeting on Monday, December 8 at the Cadillac Bar showcasing the Sunshine Kids Live Auction;

The **Tuba Christmas and Ice Skating** with lunch activity on **Saturday, December 20**.

The Holiday Gala will be the grand event, with a full prime rib buffet, dancing until midnight by Death by Injection (formerly The Convictions), games and prizes. Contact Activity Coordinator, **Melanie Morin** (713) 686-0566, or her very capable Assistant Activity Coordinators, **Randy Kratz** (713) 522-9484 and **Judy Schiro** (713) 939-8235, if you can graciously donate your tax deductible silent auction items, or if you didn't sign up but want her to try and squeeze you in to this event. But hurry!

The **December 8 General Meeting** at the **Cadillac Bar** will be merry with our usual live auction for the Sunshine Kids and with a holiday surprise if you've been good boys and girls! Please contact the following live auction assistant coordinators to volunteer a talent or maybe a service of your business: **Ana Hnat** (713) 789-0283 ana.hnat@sbcglobal.net, **Ina Picarello** (713) 432-1315 Ipic15@aol.com, or **Leona Schroeder** (713) 468-4609 leonaschroeder@sbcglobal.net. Be creative! Just about anything goes. Don't forget your checkbooks.

Your final opportunity to celebrate the 2003 Holidays with your Space City friends is the **Tuba Christmas** event. Imagine a concert of tubas playing Christmas Carols on the lawn! Then lunch and ice skating at the Galleria.

Sue Salvage (713) 690-5551 has all the details.

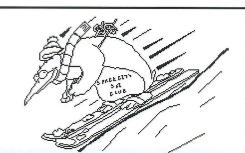
CALLING ALL RACE VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 18TH! SCSC has volunteered for **The Wall of the Marathon** (the last 6 miles) for several years now. We are so proud that more and more of our usual volunteers are now running in the half marathon. That also means we need volunteers like you to take their place. Volunteers are critical on this portion of the course where the marathoners need people the most! Call **Bob Horan** (713) 664-9261 or come to the first social hour/meeting **Thursday, December 11** at **The Outback Pub** at **6:30 p.m.** See the ad in this issue for more details and for the many things you get for your participation in this FREE event! Check it out to see how much fun you can have while playing a valuable role in Houston's largest single day sporting event!

Coming up **Sunday, January 25** is one of the clubs traditionally favorite activities, **Laser Tag**, led by **Steve Amy** (281) 870-0762. Sign-up for this event before it fills up!

I'd like to thank all of the meeting volunteers, the activity coordinators and assistants, without whom this club couldn't function. I also owe a huge debt of gratitude to **Ellen Eastham** and **Sue Salvage** for the countless hours a week of help and dedication they both give to Programs. SCSC would simply not have the quality meetings and activities you have been experiencing this year without them.

I am currently seeking activity coordinators for early summer events and short trips. How about a rafting/tubing trip in New Braunfels? Give me, **Cindy Moore**, a call at (713) 984-1060 if you are interested.





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12/5	Holiday Gala/Sunshine Kids Silent Auction The Briar Club	Melanie Morin	(713) 686-0566	bpmm1415@msn.com
12/8	SCSC Meeting - Cadillac Bar - Sunshine Kids Liv	e Auction	(713) 862-2020	1802 Shepherd Dr
12/11	YNM Mixer - Outback Pub - Marathon Volunte		(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
JANUAR	Y 2004			
1/8	YNM Mixer - Belvedere		(713) 552-9271	1131-01 Uptown Park Blvd
1/18	HP Houston Marathon Volunteering	Bob Horan	(281) 222-8563	R_Horan_2@hotmail.com
1/19	SCSC Meeting - Cadillac Bar - Mardi Gras/Choo	sing the Royal Court	(713) 862-2020	1802 Shepherd Dr
1/20	Free Member Party - Houston Ski & Board		(713) 785-7669	6375 Westheimer
1/22	SCSC Happy Hour - Café Chino for the Chinese	New Year	(713) 524-4433	6140 Village Parkway-Rice
1/25	Laser Tag	Steve Amy	(281) 870-0762	samy@oceaneering.com
FEBRUA	RY 2004			
2/5	Radio Music Theater	Peggy Schillinger	(281) 859-0232	
2/9	SCSC Meeting - Cadillac Bar - Country Western	Dance	(713) 862-2020	1802 Shepherd Dr
2/13-15	Mardi Gras - Galveston	Linda Licarione	(713) 468-2816	LLicarione@aol.com
2/19	SCSC Happy Hour - Drink Houston		(713) 290-0041	7620 Katy Freeway
2/20	YNM Mixer - Wild West		(713) 266-3455	6101 Richmond Ave
MARCH	2004			
3/2	Rodeo-Opening Night	Mary Kay Kitchens	(281) 558-9736	mkitchens327@aol.com
3/6	Game Night	Jose Araujo	(713) 541-6838	joseangel888@aol.com
3/8	SCSC Meeting - Cadillac Bar		(713) 862-2020	1802 Shepherd Dr
3/18	SCSC Happy Hour - TBA			<u> </u>
TBA	YNM Mixer - TBA			
ADDITIO	ONAL 2004 ACTIVITIES			
4/17-18	Beach Bash*	Jerry Sadler	(713) 874-0077	jsadler@jerrysadler.com
9/12-19	TSC Summer Cruise	Nancy Sarff	(713) 862-3006	nsarff@houston.rr.com
(FO) =Fan	nily 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@hal-pc.org.



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Hello, I am Scott Tonnessen the Director of Communications (DOC) for the Space City Ski Club. "Who is he?" you ask? Well, first and foremost I am a native Houstonian. (Can you believe it?). I work as a Technical Support Representative for a NASA Contractor in the Clear Lake area. So, yes I am kind of a computer geek. But, not entirely, I am not always in front of a computer. I like to run during my off time. I am currently a

head coach and the organizer (President) of the Houston Fit Bay Area Marathon training group. I have a personal goal of qualifying for the Boston Marathon. This means that I need to run a qualifying marathon course in 3:10:00. Yikes! Other interests include cooking, wine, and cooking with wine (or any other liquor, hehehe). I have two dogs, a Chocolate Lab named Link, and Laney, an Irish Setter. They are both spoiled rotten.

So you are wondering, how did this guy get involved with the

ski club? Well, ironically the Treasurer of the club, **Cheryl Esposito**, is one of my coaches in the running group. She is an advocate of SCSC and we started talking. My wife, **Heather Tonnessen**, and I (yes I, the geek, am married) went skiing this past year on our own and thought, "Wow this would have been awesome with a group!" So, after hearing about SCSC from Cheryl, the rest is history. As your DOC, I send you emails about what's new and exciting with SCSC.

Please take a look at the newly reconstructed SCSC website at www.spacecity.org. I have recently taken over the duty of Webmaster. On the site, you will find great information about our club's history, upcoming activities, young and new member mixers, happy hours, as well as a direct link to email our officers, links to 71 popular ski resorts, and other ski related links. And, of course, you can find the information for all of our fabulous ski trips this season and the corresponding trip coordinator to contact about signing up. Please email me at Stonnessen@houston.rr.com if you have any ideas you would like to share to enhance or update the information on our website.



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Thursday, January 22,

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5:30 p.m.

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For more information contact AC Cindy Moore lucinda moore@ev1.net (713) 984-1060



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\$C\$C Follies at the May General Meeting May 17, 2004



Here is your chance to be a star! Neither Peggy Montgomery, nor Marsha Lutz can commit to being the director, but they are both on the steering committee for The Follies this year.

Contact **Peggy** at (281) 437-5467 the.monts@att.net or **Marsha** at

(281) 870-9724 Marsha.lutz@erm.com to sign up to be a part of this fabulous SCSC theatrical production from the very beginning!

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V.P. of Membership

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During the weekend of **August 22-24**, SCSC teamed up with the **Texas Association of Single Sailors** (TASS) and the **Clear Lake Area Ski Club** (CLASC) for the "Water Toys Weekend." This was a series of activities on and around the waters of Clear Lake and Galveston Bay.

The weekend got rolling on Friday with a mixer at the Seabrook Beach Club, located on the north shore of Clear Lake, where we got an opportunity to mingle with members of the other clubs. The next morning, we were back at the Beach Club for a water volleyball tournament between SCSC, TASS, and CLASC. Our SCSC team, led by Ellen Eastham, won the tournament. The honor of SCSC was upheld, but most importantly the tournament prize was won (and promptly downed at the bar).

The main event for the Water Toys Weekend was the Saturday "Sail and Pool Party" at **Portofino Marina**, perfectly located on the channel between Clear Lake and Galveston Bay. Our home base was the party at the picturesque marina pool and clubhouse, overlooking the procession of boats passing through the channel. Partiers enjoyed their favorite beverages, hung out in the pool, ate food from the barbeque,

and listened to the strains of beach music such as Jimmy Buffett and Bob Marley. We had 6 large sailboats pick people up from the party through out the day and evening for leisurely sails on Galveston Bay. The most popular sail was at 7 p.m. to view the awesome sunset over Clear Lake and Galveston Bay. We also had a number of powerboats picking people up from the party for short trips around Clear Lake. We were able to put a total of 75 people on sailboats and had a total of 140 people attend the pool party.

On Sunday morning we had 60 people continue the festivities with a champagne brunch at **Villa Capri Restaurant**, located on the north shore of Clear Lake. The food was excellent, the mood was festive, and the sun was shining. This was a fitting end to a great weekend

Special thanks to TASS member, Inga Birkenstock for lining up the party facilities and the sailboats, and to the numerous sailboat and powerboat owners who volunteered their time and their boats. Thanks to Truda Furr for coordinating activities for Clear Lake Area Ski Club. A common theme from the members from all three clubs was "we need to make this into an annual event." Plans are to do just that.







Sailboats...



And Pools...Oh My!

Upcoming January & February Happy Hours (all 5:30 to 8 p.m.)

YNM Mixer: Thursday, January 8, <u>Belvedere</u>, 1131-01 Uptown Park Blvd (in the Uptown Park Center between Memorial and Post Oak) (713) 552-9271, Sheik, upscale, yet comfortable with 12 screens. This is the "happening" place to be. No jeans after 8 p.m. Dress is business casual.

\$C\$C Happy Hour: Thursday, January 22, <u>Café Chino</u> to celebrate the Chinese New Year! 6140 Village Parkway (in Rice Village, 1 block East of Kirby) (713) 524-4433, Free appetizers, beer, and wine specials. Parking in lot and roof.

YNM Mixer: Friday, February 20, Wild West, 6101 Richmond (713) 266-3455, Free appetizer buffet, \$1 u-call-its, No Cover until 8 p.m.

3C3C Happy Hour: Thursday, February 19, <u>Drink Houston</u>, 7620 Katy Freeway in the Marquee Center (713) 290-0041, In the 80s room, Free dinner buffet, free drink ticket, free cover, drink specials (\$3 u-call-its, subject to change).

The Fabulous Fitness Fashion Show was held at the November 10 General Meeting at the Cadillac Bar. It was a super turnout for this unique fashion show and the first of its kind. Ski club members showcased fashions by Oshman's Sporting Goods. We appreciate Oshman's working with our models in choosing the perfect fitness, work out, and sports attire to suit their lifestyle. The female models were Deb Cini, Samantha Davidson, Barbie Miller, Diane Stotz, and Thuy Tran. Male models were Bill Bomberger, Joe Daleo, Mike Mangum, Brook McClain, and Chip Stokes. Our MC, Ron Rodriguez, was at his best with his humorous commentary.

Personal Trainers from local fitness centers accompanied Space City Ski Club models. They discussed workout techniques to help us get into shape prior to the ski season. They also shared with us various new fitness center equipment and demonstrated several exercises that skiers could do to isolate specific muscles used while skiing, as well as overall endurance that will better prepare us for the approaching ski season. Chip Stokes enjoyed watching KAT

of TRK Fitness doing "Brain Crushers" with weights. Michael Rice of Post Oak YMCA demonstrated jump rope techniques.

We appreciate the Personal Trainers and other personnel who came from Fitness Centers to participate in our show: Bally Total Fitness, 1980A South Post Oak, Curves for Women, 5326 Weslayan St., Fitness Exchange, 4040 Milam, Post Oak YMCA, 1331 Augusta Dr., and TRK Fitness, 4676 Beechnut. Many of these centers have other Houston locations as well. Thank you all for spending the evening with us.

With much help to make this show possible, a pat on the back goes to the great production Staff of Deb Cini, Ann Dorn, Sara Green, Erik Guldenzoph, Patti Maudslav, Cindy Moore, and Sue Salvage. Ellen Eastham was the "creator" of the show and coordinated with the Fitness Centers. The staff assisted with the models, music, room layout, lights and sound system. With so many involved in the show, it was a successful production!



Bally;s Skip gives advice to Samantha Davidson



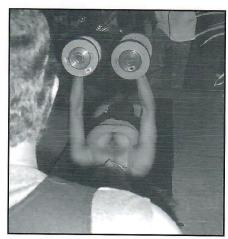
Bill Bomberger on the balance bal





Curves for Women Tara demonstrates a Curves Kiss with Joe Dalec





Chip Stokes watching the fitness moves

Modeling tennis attire is Brook McClair



Bones and his women

The spooky skies opened up and the rain poured. Luckily, it stopped just before the rally started and held off for Space City Ski Club's hard-core fun seekers. Ron

(Jump My Bones) Hayes and Judy (The Gypsy) Schiro arrived early, which was good because their scariness kept away the random people stopping by the sign up table to buy shrimp (we were set up in the parking lot of the Cadillac Bar). Judy helped put teams together and did a great job! Thanks Judy. Also, thank you, **Cindy Moore**, for welcoming everyone to her home for the Halloween Party.

The costume awards were decided by group noise measured by the very technical Applause-O-Meter, Linda Beebe (Nurse Felon). As each category was discussed by Stubby the Elephant (Joe Walker) and voted upon, Nurse Felon would swing both her outstretched arms to the right (mostly) to indicate the winner. Due to leaning too far to the right she fell over requiring assistance from Steve Amy (Mardi Gras Reveler). Steve was so kind to lend a firm hand to Nurse Felon as he helped anchor her by clasping her buttocks as she diligently measured the applause. Drastic times call for drastic measures.

Since the Road Rally is a day trip and the Halloween Party houses denizens of the night, the rally course was designed long and intended to run after dark. "First to show" at the finish line was **Buckwheat (Gary Haley)** in the best "witch

Competing for Couples Trophy



doctor" costume I have ever seen, Good-Witch (Benita Haley), and Susan and Bud Wilson as Crybaby Texas Democratic Senators. The four decided booze and food was a better lure than an Architectural Tour of Houston and won the Smokin' Award Trophy. Susan and Bud also won the Best Couple Costume.

Sue Bohnert (a Richard Nixon Pig) and Street Walker, Ellen Eastham, skipped the rally to help put the food out at the final destination, which was also the location of the Halloween Party. Thanks guys for all the hard work

Monster team.

decorating and pitching in to make the party a success.

Ron, Judy, Cindy (Party Girl) Moore, Ina (Hippy)

Picarello, and Camille (Bat Girl) LaRoe, also known as

Bones and his Women, won first place in the rally for a five

The best Rally score overall and the winner of the Four Monster Team went to the **Revelers**, **Jeff** and **Debbie Warren**, **Sue Salvage** and **Steve Amy**. They won by getting the least wrong answers to about 150 clues along the course, which ran about 40 miles across Houston from the Pigdom to the Beer Can House. The Revelers' Mardi Gras matching outfits were colorful and outrageous.

The worst Score on the Rally course was concocted by Charlie's Fallen Angels. Pam Smith (Charlie), Marcia Lutz, Nancy Gentzel and Barb Ehrlich (The Fallen Angels) in their devilish red outfits compete with horns and pitchforks. This team even tried bribing an official with a BIG ruby ring! This group also won Most Imaginative Costume as devilish fallen angels.

Of special note Diane (The Little Vampire) and Dave

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The Rally Gang



Linda & Judy selling shrimp to Steve Amy





Ron & Headless Dawn Rodriguez

(The Rockport Fisherman) Stotz along with Sharon (The Black Widow) Freitag and Linda (Gypsy) Hysell almost won first place four seater, but kept marking out the right answers and replacing them with wrong ones. Go with your instincts guys!

The "Eat up With The Dumb Ass Award" was presented to **Dawn (Headless Man) Rodriquez** mostly for just being president of the Space City Ski Club. **Ron Rodriquez** on the rally in his **Superman** costume was seen downtown flying around small buildings! (Ron, Superman is supposed to fly *out*

of phone booths, not *into* porta cans!) Super Ron asked trophy presenter "What does, eat up with the dumb ass, mean?" I explained to Super Ron that if you have to ask, you deserve the award. By this notice, Ron is to hereby share the Eat Up With The Dumb Ass Award



Bruce and his ministry

with his lovely, vivacious, personable wife, Dawn.

In competition for calcium were Jose (The Bone Collector) Araujo and his purple haired witch, black widow, and snake charmer (Sylvia Hudspeth, Nancy Bryan, and Natalia Nouel). Jose won Best Male Costume.

Since sex bribes were allowed for road rally points and offered by the car of Patti Maudslay, Linda Simmons (a Birthday Present), Christine Tremonte (Hooker), Barbara Rossetti (Cruella) and her daughter, Nicole Rossetti, they did not win any rally trophies. However, Patti won Best Female Costume for the truly scary witch and Christine won Most Realistic Costume for the sleaziest hooker in town. Next time offer money. Hmm... she did offer money.... next time, try offering more money!

The "2 pretzel bribe" offered by the Black Eyed P's (Chip Stokes, Lynn Burch, Judi Hendrix, and Christina

Anderson) and the "anything" bribe offered by Pirates of the Deep (Tom and Marilyn Mullner, with Louise and Jack Cuthbertson) didn't win any prizes but were nominated for many!

Newcomers to the rally, Gonul and Glen Youngblood (Failed Medical Team), and Ana Hnat and Kate Charvel (Harem Women) were spotted having a great time.

The last costume category was Scariest Costume. This was won by Linda Beebe as Nurse Felon with her turkey baster against Dawn Rodriquez (Headless Box Shaped Ghoul?), but Linda (who was putting on the activity) felt it was only appropriate to graciously offer her trophy to Dawn for walking around with no head all night. It was really a tie anyway!

Now that everyone was wound up and was enjoying generous portions gourmet food such as tarragon chicken and oriental slaw, the party was rockin'!

Giant zucchinis were brought in while everyone lined up into two teams. Two giant zucchinis (played by English Cucumbers) were presented to the leaders of the two teams, **Natalia (Charming Snake Woman) Nouel** and Patti (Scary Witch) Maudslay. The party instantly turned into an episode of Girls Gone Wild!!! You have never seen such bouncing and gyrations in a ski club activity! After the girls calmed down (a little) the games began.

Hilarity ensued. Ron (Bones) had more assistance with his zucchini than he expected. Ron (Superman) was way too close to Marsha Lutz, which left no zucchini for wife, Dawn. Larry (Greaser) Christie had (or gave) third party zucchini assistance to Debra (Pink Greaser Girl) Christi. Bruce Lowther (The Priest) was punished for sly silent zucchini transfers.

Perhaps we should stop there and say a good time was had by all. Anyone who missed the Road Rally/Halloween Party missed a good time along with a great batch of Pumpkin Pee and more Beer, Wine, and Food than the party could handle.

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Nurse Felon kisses Stubby's Trunk



The 2003 TSC Summer Meltdown September 26 through 28 kicked off to a great start with hot dogs on the grill and refreshing tropical beverages, served courtesy of SCSC member Peggy Montgomery, who is our Texas Ski Council Expedition Coordinator for the September 2004 TSC Cruise. Joining her was her able assistant, tropical drink Mixmaster and SCSC member, Jim Edwards.

A Saturday morning breakfast was held in Party Central aka the Trip Leaders' condo. After everyone got "lei'd" with tropical leis, we strategized for our various sports of choice.

Ed Cain, Lucille Landis, and Marci Keller opted for the nearby golf course. Meanwhile, the games and competition with our TSC sister clubs began. Leona Schroeder and Al Austin showed fine technique on the tennis court, while SCSC's sand volleyball team challenged Lone Star and Los Amigos Ski Clubs. Eager to escape the heat, Ted Bergeron, Gary Butler, John Rice, Jeff Sarff, Merrel Smith, and Jim soon headed for the 500-foot long lagoon style pool for water volleyball. Half a dozen games later, SCSC emerged victorious over a befuddled Los Amigos team, who were caught off guard by the skill of our determined team. (And yes, WE DID SO have two "girls" on our team!) After the revelry wore down a bit, the action moved to the beach for the Obstacle Course Relay Race. Along with Richard Davidson, Dorothea Rasser, and Susan Wicker, Al, John, and Leona gave a real team effort on the very tough course, but alas ended up in Third Place out of three teams. Next time, course designers Kayleen Kill and Jeff get to demonstrate first!

That evening the TSC Luau Dinner & Dance brought out

Dawn and Ron Rodriguez, Sue Edwards, Charles Butler, R.J. Schroeder and Leona, Gail Blanton, Barb Tuley, Millie Jude, and the whole gang in their finest tropical attire. Upon returning to Party Central, waiting on the doorstep was a surprise - someone smuggled the beer keg from the ballroom. So the wild and crazy late partiers were a merry band of SCSC and TSC partygoers! The gang found themselves unwillingly dispersing a bit too soon, so a small clandestine group decided that the hot tub and pool were calling. They mistakenly believed their singing in the waterfall was drowned out by the rushing water above. Not so. Sharon Smith, Kay Cain, Nancy Sarff, ATC Lisa Smith, and yours truly sought cover in the alcove behind the pool's waterfall as pool curfew neared and security guards made their rounds. As Lisa pointed out something dark and mysterious at the bottom of the pool that seemed to be growing larger and closer to the surface, a sudden explosion of water almost brought on heart attacks until the Sisters Of The Waterfall realized it to be merely a rogue Los Amigos club member on an after-hours trek down the 200 foot water slide! Not much later was heart attack #2 for the evening...as a security guard's head suddenly emerged from the side of their hiding place in the alcove to announce the dismal news that the pool was closed for the evening.

What better way to wrap up an entertaining weekend like this than with a Farewell Champagne Mimosa Breakfast? Port Royal koozies and shot glasses were awarded to the competitors. For her team spirit and reluctantly facing the obstacle course, Susan Wicker was presented with the

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Volleyball game in action



Lisa & Nancy float the "Big Dog," Gary



Leona & Al demonstrate form on the court



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Halloween Grim Reaper Candy Dish awarded earlier to the team by the TSC.

Sincerest thanks go to the many who went above and beyond to assist with hauling of groceries, supplies, as well as meal prep and cleanup - Peggy, Nancy, Sharon, Kay, Jim, Ted, and of course, Lisa, who was a real trooper as Assistant Trip Coordinator and helped make the weekend such a success!

In closing, here are some curious Meltdown incidents to ponder.

- ⇒ Who was the only person to participate in all three major competitive events?
- ⇒ Who arrived a day late and brought a closet full of his wife's tropical outfits?

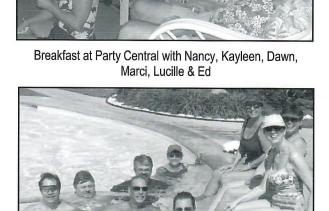
- ⇒ Whose digital camera went on its first and final snorkeling trip?
- ⇒ Who accidentally flung the now deceased digital camera into the pool?
- ⇒ Who thought he lost his room keycard in the pool, engaged a search party, and then finally found the card within the depths of his swimming trunks?
- ⇒ Which male participant wore a pink thong all weekend?
- ⇒ Who spent a frustrating hour or two untangling all the thongs in the first place?

If you don't know the answers to these questions, you missed out on an awesome weekend of fun in the sun with a great group of new and long-time SCSC and TSC friends! Don't miss out on the next one!

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Meltdown group chill at Port Royal's lagoon pool



Gary, Merrel, Ted, Jim, Jeff & John celebrate volleyball victory

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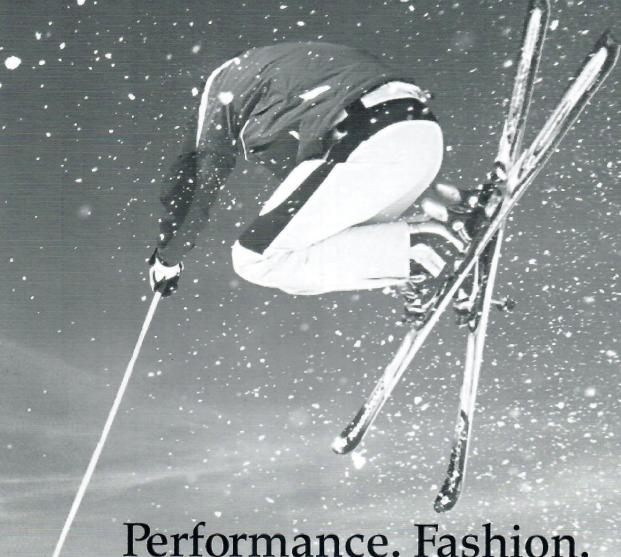
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