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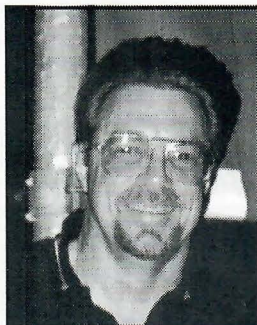
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Head of the Lifeline

by John Rice



Happy New Year, and I hope everyone had a safe and joyous Holiday Season. For some of us it's time to start getting in shape for that upcoming ski trip. If one of your New Year's resolutions is to get more involved with SCSC, and isn't that everyone's, see VP of Programs Roger Sahni or Director of Programs Jeri Hartman. They are always looking for good ideas for activities and for people to coordinate them.

A couple of months ago, we made some changes to the Club Bylaws with the approval of the general membership. This made me think of how we tend to overlook the importance of these rules. The Bylaws and Standing Rules are in place for the protection of Space City as a club, and its members. In every edition of the club's Directory are the current Bylaws and Standing Rules. It is important for every member, not just elected officers, trip and activity leaders and assistants, to educate themselves with the rules that govern our club. Beginning with this issue of the Sitzmarke, the "Did You Know That..." column will be highlighting selected rules to help give a better understanding of their meaning.

As is our tradition in January, the General meeting will be moved to the third Monday of the month. So mark your calendar and join us on January 21st at the Holiday Inn Select. And don't forget to pick up your parking token at the sign-in desk!

This month's Happy Hour will be Thursday, January 17th at Bayou City Crawfish & Tequila Bar located at 2414 University Boulevard.

See ya,

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MILE 26 OF COMPAQ HOUSTON MARATHON!

Sunday, January 20, 2002

**Volunteers Needed from
6:30 a.m. til Mid-Afternoon**

**Please Contact
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IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL FUTURE GENERAL MEETINGS!

**Parking at the hotel for our General Meetings is free.
The \$6 parking fee sign applies only to overnight guests.
However, be sure to pick up a parking token each month
at our Member & Guest sign-in tables
so you can exit the garage after the meeting.**

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New (& Younger) Member Mixers!

Wednesday, January 9 - 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.
ARCODORO S RESTAURANT & BAR
 5000 Westheimer (near Post Oak Blvd.)

Tuesday, February 5 - 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.
TEXAS LONGHORN SALOON
 9900 Hempstead Highway (NW Mall)
 (713) 683-0386

Rules of Event:

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. All SCSC members over 45 are welcome as long as you bring 2 prospective members age 45 or under.

No one will be "carded" - if your guest can pass for 45 or younger...bring them on!

AC: Cindy Moore (713) 984-1060

SCSC Activity
Happy Hour

Bayou City Crawfish Cafe
& Tequila Bar

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

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CALENDAR

January

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January

- 3 SCSC Ex Comm Meeting
- 5-12 Lake Louise Ski Trip
- 9 Y&N Member Mixer
- 12-19 Aspen Ski Trip
- 17 Happy Hour- Bayou City Crawfish Cafe
- 20 Compaq Houston Marathon
- 21 General Meeting
- 1/26-2/3 Andorra Ski Trip
- 27 Grand Casino Coshatta Day Trip

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February

- 2-9 Big Sky Ski Trip
- TBA SCSC Ex Comm Meeting
- 5 Y&N Member Mixer-Long Horn Saloon
- 9-16 Durango Ski Trip
- 11 General Meeting
- 15 Rodeo Night
- 21 Happy Hour-TBA
- 23 Predict Time 3 Mile Run/Walk

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March

- 1-9 Alyeska Ski Trip
- TBA SCSC Ex Comm Meeting
- TBA Y&N Member Mixer
- 11 General Meeting
- 9-16 Telluride Ski Trip
- 16-23 Sun Valley Ski Trip
- 19 SCSC Board Meeting
- 21 Happy Hour-TBA
- 23-30 Park City Area Ski Trip

FROM THE SKI DESK

by Patti Maudslay



Happy New Year! May the year ahead bring peace and prosperity to each of us and to our nation. Remember there is nothing better than the feeling of spending a great day on the slopes with your friends, so come join us on one of our fantastic trips.

Have you made any New Year's resolutions? Hopefully one is to be more active in Space City Ski Club. Be sure to watch for the **Trip Coordinator/Assistant Trip Coordinator (TC/ATC) application** in the February Sitzmarke. This is your chance to run a trip and make a difference in your club.

Many thanks to Roger Holzman and Patty Finch for all the hard work they did on the December trip to **Red River/Taos**. Besides skiing, the group also had the chance to enjoy the Old West feeling in Red River and the true New Mexico culture of Taos.

The **TSC Traditional trip to Lake Louise** is January 5 – 12. Gary Butler is the TSC VP for this trip. Mary Ann Soto and Walter May have a large group ready to show Canadians how to ski, board, and party Texan style. Will the Canadians ever be the same again?

Celebrity watchers are ready for the **Aspen trip** January 12 – 19. Christine March and Lori Gilliland have a terrific trip planned. This will be the ultimate for the true Aspen experience.

A real adventure is in store for our **TSC Expedition to Andorra**, a small country between Spain and France. Barbara Brescian and Harvey Hetzel will lead our pack of anxious explorers January 26 – February 3.

Look for the **New Zealand trip** article in this edition of the Sitzmarke. Contact Steven Teoh to join this exciting excursion.

Please check with the trip leaders for the current status on their trip. One of the January trips may have a last minute opening, so please check with the trip leader if you want to go. There are limited openings, as this goes to print, on the **Durango, Ayleska, Telluride, Sun Valley, Park City, and New Zealand** trips. **Big Sky** is full with a wait list.

When you inquire a trip may be full. Go ahead and get on the wait list. There is no obligation until you are cleared to go on the trip. Check with the trip leaders for complete details.

PLAN AHEAD! Mark your calendar now for the **Texas Ski Council (TSC) Annual Ski Bid Fest** in San Antonio, April 19

– 21, 2002. This is the meeting where the TSC trips are planned for the following ski season. Complete details will follow in future editions of the Sitzmarke. Contact Peggy Montgomery, TSC Council Representative, Jim Edwards, Alternate TSC Council Representative, or me for any immediate questions you may have.

Have a wonderful New Year and enjoy your trip.



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DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Space City Ski Club is governed by Standing Rules and Bylaws that help manage our club, protect our relationships with ski resorts and numerous other vendors, our fellow clubs, and the Texas Ski Council, and help maintain compliance with applicable state laws and governmental regulations. While this column will highlight various club policies on a periodic basis, your SCSC Board recommends that all members review the complete set of Standing Rules and Bylaws outlined in our annual Membership Directory. The Chairman of the Board or President will be happy to address any questions you may have.

Standing Rule 7.0 - Restrictions

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

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



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Space City Ski Club 2001-2002 Trip Schedule

Trip Dates	Nights/ Ski Days	Trip Destination	Cost (See Notes)	Final Payment	Lodging	No. Skiers Max.	TC/ATC (DOT)	Home Phone
Jan 5-12, 2002 (Sat- Sat)	7/6	LAKE LOUISE Canada (TSC Traditional)	\$881 L\$561	9/20/01	Chateau Lake Louise (Hotel)	80 L-6 WL	Mary Ann Soto Walter May (SEB)	281-679-5686 281-493-0016
Jan. 12-19, 2002 (Sat- Sat)	7/6	ASPEN Colorado	\$1067	10/08/01	Aspen Mountain Lodge (Hotel)	60	Christine March Lori Gilliland (JEH)	281-491-1129 281-493-3060
Jan 26-Feb 3, 2002 (Sat- Sun)	8/5	ANDORRA Between Spain and France (TSC Expedition)	\$1325	10/8/01	Crowne Plaza (Hotel)	64 WL	Barbara Brescian Harvey Hetzel (JEH)	281-242-7908 713-937-1515
Feb 2-9, 2002 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	BIG SKY Montana	\$1226 BLT**	10/18/01	Huntley Lodge (Hotel)	32 WL	Sandy Perry Bill Brown (JEH)	281-488-1033 281-930-8472
Feb 9-16, 2002 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	DURANGO Colorado (TSC Winter Shootout)	\$967 L\$669	11/1/01	Purgatory Village (Condos)	44 L-4	Joanne Fore Melanie Morin (SEB)	713-723-4707 713-686-0566
Mar 1-9, 2002 (Fri-Sat.)	8/7	ALYESKA Alaska (TSC Final Showdown)	\$1191 L\$608	12/01/01	Captain Cook Alyeska Prince (Hotels)	64 L-4	Linda Beebe Chip Stokes (SEB)	713-520-6305 281-485-5778
Mar 9-16, 2002 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	TELLURIDE Colorado	\$1099 L\$589	12/01/01	Mountainside Inn (Hotel)	42 L-4	Ladye Freitag Jill Nanney (JEH)	281-855-4110 832-251-7097
Mar 16-23, 2002 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	SUN VALLEY Idaho	\$870 L\$420	12/10/01	Sun Valley Condos (Condos)	52 L-4	Dave George Ellen Eastham (JEH)	281-320-2859 281-997-1496
Mar. 23-30, 2002 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	PARK CITY AREA Utah	\$857	12/10/01	Park Avenue (Condos)	36	Mike Dawson Leyla Ozkardesh (SEB)	713-266-2633 281-584-9723
Jul. 27-Aug 10, 2002 (Sat.-Sat)	14/6	NEW ZEALAND FIJI	\$2508	4/8/02	Copthorne Sheraton (Hotels)	32	Steven Teoh (SEB)	281-496-1275 713-582-8060

** Notes: Check with the trip leaders for the most current status on the trips.
L=Land Package-excludes air; certain trips excludes ground transportation
BLT=Big Sky has full breakfast daily and 5-day lift ticket included in trip price.

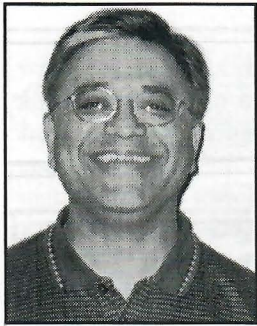
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Programs & Activities

by Roger Sahni, VP Programs



We wish you a very, very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. May you have a season of safe and fun-filled ski trips and activities!

Mark your calendar now for our January 21 General Meeting. We have fabulous door prizes, but more importantly, we have two brilliant speakers: David Braunreiter, MD and Michael Richard Mann, MD. Both of them are with Memorial Hermann

SPORTSCARE. They are team physicians for local universities and high schools and are going to share their wisdom with us regarding skiing preparation and injuries. This is a must even if you have already done with your skiing for this year.

At our November meeting, we were surrounded by beauty, charm, and yes, even comical stylings of several courageous club members who modeled for this year's **Winter Style Show**. Be sure to check out photos in this issue that capture the event.

SCSC NEEDS YOU!!!

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



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or jerih@ev.1net

Thank you to all our models, and a big thanks to Jeri Hartman, Coordinator, and Dana Wardell, Assistant Coordinator and Moderator for this year's show!

What a fabulous party! The **Holiday Gala** of this season was a huge success at the Briar Club. Thank you, Cindy Moore and her assistants, Bruce Lowther and Melanie Morin. 200 SCSC members and guests had a grand time eating, drinking, and of course dancing to the music of our own Jessica Halter and her band, *Off the Record*. You won't want to miss the photo spread in this month's Sitzmarke!

The December 10 meeting brought much excitement and success on behalf of the Sunshine Kids with our annual **Silent & Live Auction**. Many, many thanks to Marti Toomer, who coordinated the event, and to all the donors and bidders for helping SCSC raise funds to benefit this most worthy cause! Check out next month's Sitzmarke for the recap!

DON'T MISS OUR JANUARY 21ST GENERAL MEETING!

WITH GUEST SPEAKERS

DAVID BRAUNREITER, MD
MICHAEL RICHARD MANN, MD
OF MEMORIAL HERMANN
SPORTSCARE

ACTIVITY

DATE	ACTIVITY	COORDINATOR	CONTACT #	FINAL PAYMENT	
				DATE	COST
1/9	Y&N Member Mixer	Cindy Moore	(713) 984-1060	--	--
1/17	Happy Hour	Laura Carmin		--	--
1/20	Compaq Houston Marathon	Stan Broniak	(281) 531-6147	--	--
1/27	Grand Casino Coshatta Day Trip	Craig Campbell	(713) 453-5798	12/10	\$15
2/5	Y&N Member Mixer	Cindy Moore	(713) 984-1060	--	--
2/15	Rodeo Night	Mary Kay Kitchens	(281) 558-9736	2/11	\$14
2/21	Happy Hour	Laura Carmin		--	--
2/23	Predict Time 3 Mile Run/Walk	Arlen Isham	(713) 455-4858	2/11	\$7
TBA	Y&N Member Mixer	Cindy Moore	(713) 984-1060	--	--
3/21	Happy Hour	Laura Carmin		--	--
4/6	Galveston Bay Day Sail	Concietta Ruggiero	(281) 293-7637	3/11	\$40
5/25-30	Mexican Riviera Caribbean Cruise	Bob Olsen	(713) 436-0082	1/21	\$630/\$695

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Variety Band



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(2 Weeks: Saturday - Saturday)

\$400 Deposit
Final Payment: 4/8/02

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Well, we definitely saved the best for last. Imagine skiing in sunny New Zealand and then diving in exotic Fiji! And further imagine doing it first class all the way, with accommodation in exquisite resort hotels. Your itinerary includes 5 nights in Queenstown (Cophorne Resort Hotel), one night in Auckland (Sky City Hotel), and 6 nights in Fiji (Sheraton Fiji Resort Hotel).

Start off your magnificent adventure with skiing amid the spectacular scenery of New Zealand's Southern Alpine region, choosing either Coronet Peak, The Remarkables, Treble Cone, or Cadrona. Your ski pass also allows you to pursue numerous other pleasures such as bungee jumping, jet boating, or horse trekking. If that doesn't tickle your fancy, how about a short walk into Queenstown for shopping, or a stroll along Lake Wakatipu? To rest your aching muscles after skiing, might we suggest sipping a Pina Colada and lounging by the pool or exploring 25 acres of lush tropical gardens in your resort in Fiji? The more active might want to try their hands at championship golf, tennis, or watersports at the marina. Naturally, the scuba diving is world class, with a wide range of dive sites available each day. Perhaps you'd like to take in one of several guided tours to see firewalkers, private islands, orchid gardens, or nearby villages. Bring lots of film because you'll have a wide range of stories upon your return home.

This trip is filling up very quickly since our members are discovering what an incredible bargain this it is and spreading the word. Your price includes airfare from either Houston or Los Angeles, transfers, daily breakfast, non-motorized watersports in Fiji, and hotel taxes and service charges. How do they do it?

(Steven wishes to thank Carmen Mikhail for her assistance in writing this article.)

Grand Casino Couchatta
Sunday, January 27th - 9 am to 9 pm



Bus & Refreshments
\$15.00 Per Person

Final Payment: December 10th

Contact: Craig Campbell 713.453.5798



PREDICT YOUR TIME
3 MILE RUN/WALK

Memorial Park Tennis Center
Saturday, February 23
8:00 a.m.

\$7.00 - Final Payment 2/11/02

Awards, Door Prizes, Food
Optional Breakfast at Bubba's

AC: Arlen Isham (713) 455-4858



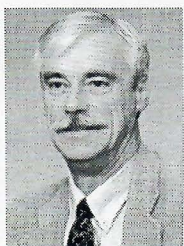
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Holiday Gala 2001

by Debbie Bergeron, VP Publications & Sitzmarke Editor



When the stroke of midnight comes much too soon, you know your party is a smashing success! Kudos to **Cindy Moore** and her assistants, **Bruce Lowther** and **Melanie Morin**, who did such a wonderful job in coordinating this year's **HOLIDAY GALA** with great food, games, and door prizes! Musical entertainment by SCSC's **Jessica Halter** and her band, *Off the Record*, kept the party-goers dancing the night away.

Even **Santa Claus** participated in the festivities, thanks to **Texas Ski Council President James Mershon** and his amicably generous wife, **Cheryl**, who was such a sport when several of our ladies (and a couple of mischievous bald-headed guys) decided to tell Santa their Christmas wishes! Other TSC related guests included **TSC Race Director Mike Morris** and **TSC VP Sandy Ellison** from Flatlanders, **Rollo Gurss** from Texas Twisters, and **Rick Wheeler** from Capitol Downhill ski clubs.

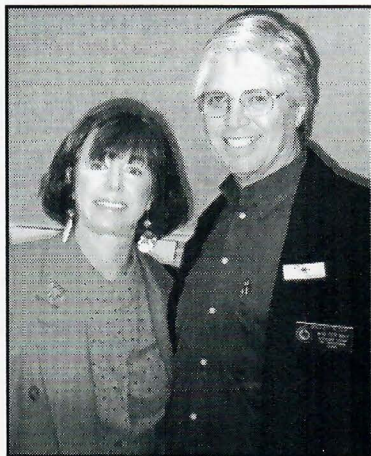
Here are some photo memories of the evening, courtesy of yours truly, **Steven Teoh**, **Stacey Ronzcy**, and **Jose Araujo**.





An Evening of Classical Music

by Cheryl May, Activity Coordinator



Peacocks were strutting their plumage and unofficially guarding the door as I carried an armload of SCSC "stuff" into Vargo's front door about an hour before C-Day (Concert Day). I had envisioned a possible downpour on this night with an unwanted encore of lightening and thunder. Vargo's is situated in such a beautiful scenic setting, and poor weather would have tainted the evening's

atmosphere. However, the "No Snow" gods smiled down on us in, and the weather was beautiful.

The phone had been ringing steadily prior to Tuesday evening wondering if perhaps tickets could be purchased at the door. Vargo's estimated the room capacity at 150+. We were hoping for 100 attendees, although the budget was proposed for 75. I anxiously counted chairs and rearranged the seating in case everyone who called and those who had already purchased tickets actually showed. When the final count was completed, we sold 165 tickets. We had a full house! We were able to raise over \$1,400 for the Sunshine Kids – almost three times what we expected. This included over \$200 in the "Sunshine Kids Tip Jar" when the audience determined (without too much pressure from me) that Walter earned his keep for the evening. I had always told Walter that perhaps someday – instead of having him be a greeter at Wal-Mart – I would drop him off at a "productive" street corner in Houston with a sign "Will Play for \$." This idea may have some merit!

The big day started just after lunch when the piano movers arrived at the office to transport Walter's grand to Vargo's. Carl Schaer, Walter's tuner, arrived at Vargo's shortly after Walter's and Vargo's pianos were placed side-by-side so that he could make sure they would both sound well together. Walter told me later that Carl had generously tuned both pianos free of charge as his contribution to making the evening successful. Had I known this at the time, I would have acknowledged his gift. He had purchased a ticket, so I knew he planned to stay for the evening. Belatedly, we thank him for his time and effort.

People were arriving – and Walter was so busy working with the sound system, that I had to remind him to change into his tux. Once changed, he looked official – tails and all. He laughingly told the audience that "looking the part" is often half the battle.

After introducing our club officers, board and volunteers, I took the opportunity to promote the ski club and directed the crowd to applications and trip schedules. About two-thirds of the group were SCSCers, with family, church members, Scottish Societies, piano and HLS&R friends comprising the remainder.

Shannon Lillis, Associate Director of the Sunshine Kids, was our guest for the evening. She took a few minutes to educate us on the organization, and expressed the organization's

appreciation for our contributions over the years.

Walter's Mother insisted that he start working towards concertizing at the age of four. Although his ambitions were later directed toward the field of chemistry, playing the piano has always been a passion for Walter. I have to believe his Mother enjoyed every moment of that Tuesday evening as she sat on her heavenly perch watching over her son's performance. Mothers always deserve a lot of unsolicited praise!

The first part of the program included: Sonata, 2nd Movement, Op. 7, Edvard Grieg; Fantasy – Impromptu IV, Op. 66, Frederic Chopin; Prelude, Op. 23, No. 4, D Major and Prelude, Op. 32, No. 12 G# Minor, Sergei Rachmaninoff.

After intermission, Donald Doucet from the Shepherd School of Music at Rice joined Walter in playing Concerto No. 1 in F# Minor for Piano and Orchestra by Sergei Rachmaninoff. This was a huge work, and I held my breath as Walter played by memory eighty pages of extremely difficult music. Donald played the orchestra part, and when they finished about thirty-five minutes later, the crowd gave them both a standing ovation. For an encore, Walter finished with Rachmaninoff's Prelude Op. 3, No. 2, C# minor. At the conclusion of the program, Walter and I decided to express our love for our country during this critical time. I joined Walter on my flute, and together we played "God Bless America". To our delight, the crowd began to sing along.

Everyone seemed to enjoy their glass of wine, hors d'oeuvres, and the music. Walter and I are very grateful to those who supported us in this endeavor – and we feel very appreciative that our efforts will help brighten the lives of some children struggling with cancer.



RODEO HOUSTON!!
February 15, 2002 - \$14
Opening Friday Night!

Final Payment Date Feb. 11th

AC: Mary Kay Kitchens (281) 558-9736

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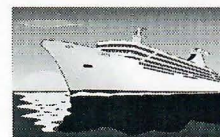
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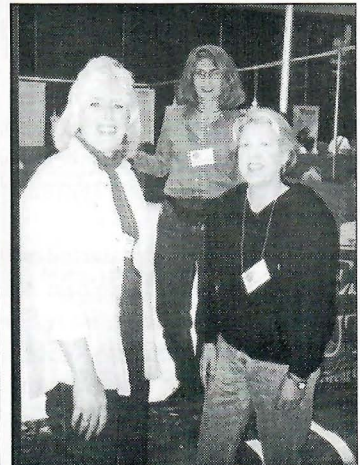
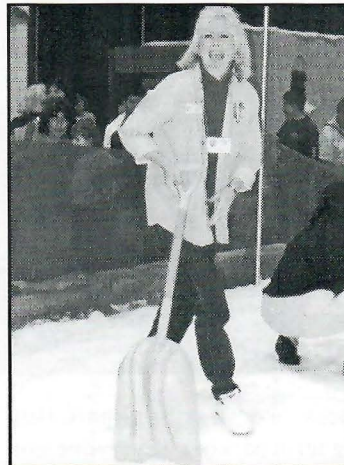
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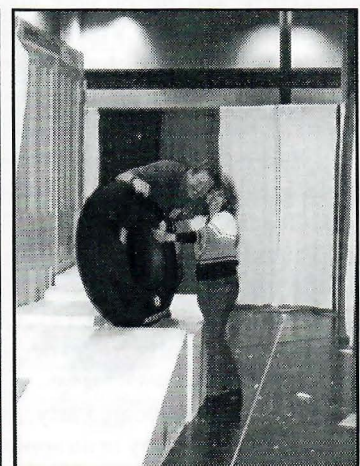
An Open Letter...

Dear Space City Ski Club,

On behalf of everyone at Events Marketing & Management, I would like to Thank You for all your help at the 7th Annual Houston Chronicle Snowfest. The show was a huge success, with an increase in total attendance of 5% over last year for a total of 19,264 people, and a 1% increase in children over last year for a total of 7,201 (99% of this number you probably pushed down the tubing hill or put snow shoes on).

Once again, Thank You for all your hard work! We could not have done it without you.

*Sincerely,
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TSC Fall Roundup - Copper Mountain

by Tor Lileng, ATC and Cheryl Kenny, TC

The first SCSC trip of the season was a huge success. Fun was had by all, and the group enjoyed 15" of fresh powder during their trip. It snowed all day on Thanksgiving, making it hard to remember it was Thanksgiving Day instead of Christmas Day!

Bill Bomberger started out the trip as a bus driver. While **Mike, Travis and Tyler Carr, Steve Slade, Ray Villarreal** and **David Stewart** helped to get the 7 coolers loaded down with food and drink to the check-in desk at the airport, **Bill** drove **Cheryl Kenny's** van to long term parking. Everyone got checked in and to the gate area in plenty of time. Our one challenge was **Kirby Viktorin**, while she had a ticket, the airline decided that **Dad, Bobby Viktorin** needed 2 reservations, while she had none. After 20 minutes at the check in desk, we got **Kirby, Erin, Carol** and **Bobby** cleared for boarding.

Being a TSC trip, there was no shortage of parties. At the Welcome Reception, we had representatives from Loveland Ski area. Transportation and attractive lift ticket prices were offered for Thanksgiving Day. The conditions sounded good, so **Bill Bomberger, Steve Slade, Ellen Eastham, Keith Kirkman, Craig Campbell, Erin, Kirby, Carol, and Bobby Viktorin, Jose Araujo, and Natalia Nouel** decided to take Loveland up on their offer.

After the Welcome Party, **Jane Healey** and **Ellen Eastham** joined **Cheryl Kenny** in an apple peeling party. They proceeded to peel 15 pounds of apples to make apple crumb pies for Thanksgiving dinner. Being the pros that they are, they whipped up the apple pies in about 30 minutes. A glass or two of wine helped to make this an official SCSC event.

Some of those that stayed at Copper on Thanksgiving met up with the World Cup winners and coaches to capture a Kodak moment. As you can see in the accompanying picture to this article, **Peggy Montgomery, Steve and Cheryl Kenny, Llona Doubet, David Stewart, Ray Villarreal, and Susan Blome** got to share 15 minutes of fame with the racers. (Notice the cowboy hats the winners received.) We have **Bob Wilbanks** to thank for taking this picture. We decided this was their reward for not skiing and working on the rest of the dinner fixins and setting up the dinning room for dinner.

Tor Lileng and **Linda Walters** spent Thanksgiving in charge of making the turkeys, stuffing, and gravy. **Linda** was appointed the Master Baster. **Tor** has developed a secret recipe over the years. It calls for



wine to moisten the stuffing. Since the bird is also part of the party, it too got to drink wine. This secret recipe also prescribes glasses of wine for the cook and any assistants. We can assure you, the turkeys didn't drink alone! (Maybe that's why they missed the picture with the World Cup winners?)

Friday was our day for "Bragging Rights" NASTAR racing. We were not able to make this an official race for club points, but a

good time was had by all. Thanks to **Craig Campbell** for being our race director. Our impressive list of racers included **Bill Bomberger, Craig, Bob Olsen, George and Darlene Hirasaki, Jane and David Healey, Bonmartino Carlotti, Cheryl Kenny, Ellen Eastham, Jim Hitchcock, David Stewart, Ray Villarreal. Chuck Strain** was our sole snowboarder on the course. **Bobby Viktorin** was chastised for watching the football game instead of racing. We really need to talk to that boy about his priorities! We are especially proud of **Bonmartino** who not only got a gold medal, but had a time that was a mere 4 seconds behind the pacesetter!

This was a trip with lots of snowboarders. Most of our under 21 participants decided that boarding was the thing to do, or at least try for a day or two. **Steven Kummins** and **Brian Kenny** set up a jump area on the bunny slope so they could catch some air (and eat snow when things didn't go as planned!) **Dana Kummins, Lauren Kenny, Bill Kenny, Jessie Goff, Travis and Tyler Carr** were additional members of the shredder group. For the young at heart, but over the hill crowd, we had **Steve Kenny** and **Chuck Strain** shredding the slopes. We had a little excitement on the trip thanks to the Carr teenagers. We learned that Snowboards are a great equalizer between "big" and "little" brothers. **Travis** advanced from snowboard to ski patrol sled with a little help from **Tyler**. Nothing serious, but afterwards **Travis** decided to go back to skiing. He could be heard muttering: "Keep that maniac away from me"!

We had a "burn up the mountain" set of skiers on this trip. **Ellen Eastham, Bill Bomberger, George & Darlene Hirasaki, Bob Olsen, Bonmartino Carlotti** and **Craig Campbell** were skiing with **Keith Kirkman**. They got so tired of seeing **Keith** shooting down the slopes without ever falling, that they considered having **Chuck** wiping him out doing his snowboard thing. Luckily, cooler heads prevailed. We had a more relaxed crew on the slopes that consisted of **Marda Waters, Jim Hitchcock, and Susan Blome**. On her first day out, **Marda** was complaining about uncomfortable ski boots. By noon she was getting irritable and finally realized that something was not quite right. She made the bold experiment and switched her boots to the other (designated) feet. Not only was this a relief, but it qualified as the most embarrassing moment of the trip. **Chuck Strain** was our most adventurous boarder. He quickly abandoned green runs for blue. We did notice that from time-to-time he



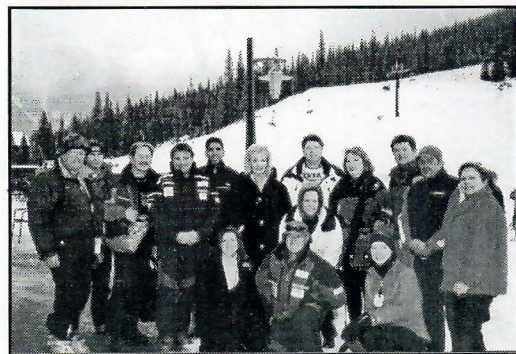
Race Director's Report

by Bill Bomberger

could use a "This Side Up" sign on his jacket.

A number of our crew decided this was a week designed for shopping and relaxing, with skiing just being a sideline activity. **Linda Walters, Llona Doubet, and Susan Blome and Peggy Montgomery** decided someone needed to do the job, so they quickly signed up. Just goes to show that there is something for everyone on an SCSC trip!

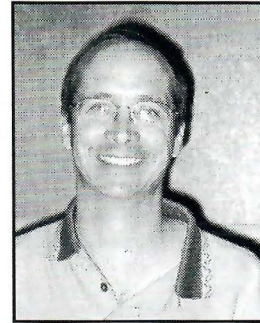
The Awards Banquet was a time that SCSC could again show the rest of the TSC that we know how to party. **Ray Villarreal** barely had time to eat his dinner; he was so busy burning up the dance floor. While he spread himself around, **Marda Waters** and **Susan Blome** were the ladies that had the most opportunity to be glided around the dance floor in his expert arms. While he did actually sit out one or two dances, **Jim Hitchcock** was another Fred Astaire and gave Ray some real competition. **Llona Doubet** was another one who couldn't get enough of the dance floor. Cheryl used bribery as the Trip Leader to make sure she got a dance or two with Ray and Jim. SCSC was the group that danced until the end - which was no surprise to any of us.



We didn't know if it was her regular diet, or due to the elevation, but **Natalia Nouel** was constantly inhaling BBQ chicken wings. **Natalia** later confessed that after returning from the trip she

spent one week in the Betty Ford clinic to kick the habit. **Jose Araujo**, the trip's designated Latin lover, spent his time skiing, giving private lessons and taking pictures (mostly of **Natalia**). His student got as hooked on skiing as on chicken wings.

A number of people wanted to make sure that got in every inch of snow that they could. On Sunday morning before we left, **Tor Lileng, Jim Hitchcock, Erin and Bobby Viktorin** snuck in a few more runs. Reports were that this was the best skiing of the week. Groomed slopes, small crowds and nice temperatures were a perfect way to end a delightful trip. Now to think about the next ski vacation!



News Flash from Copper Mountain!!!
Texas Ski Council invokes the No Snow policy for the Copper Mountain Thanksgiving trip.

This cancelled the official TSC Racing for the first trip of the racing season, but all was not lost, we raced for bragging rights anyway. Copper Mountain set up a race course for us on a lower run on the mountain in a driving snowstorm. The heavy snow on the course caused some reruns. The snowflakes were setting off the sensors at the finish line. I was not too amused when they disqualified my 18-second run, the best of my life. (The pacesetter went down the course in 30.76 seconds, details, details). Space City had 19 racers out of 39 participants. Now for the results:

Gold Medals:

Bon Martino Carlutti, David Healy, George Hirasaki

Silver Medals:

Bill Bomberger, Ellen Eastham, Keith Kirkman,
Darlene Hirasaki, Bob Olsen

Bronze Medals:

Jane Healy, Craig Campbell

Black Medals:

Cheryl Kenny

Green Medals:

Chuck Strain - Snowboarder; Ray Villarreal

If this had been an official TSC Race, Space City would have placed 3rd. We were 175 points behind Lone Star and 70 points behind Austin Skiers.

Remember, go to the NASTAR website (www.nastar.com) and register. Thanks!



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Photos by Debbie Bergeron

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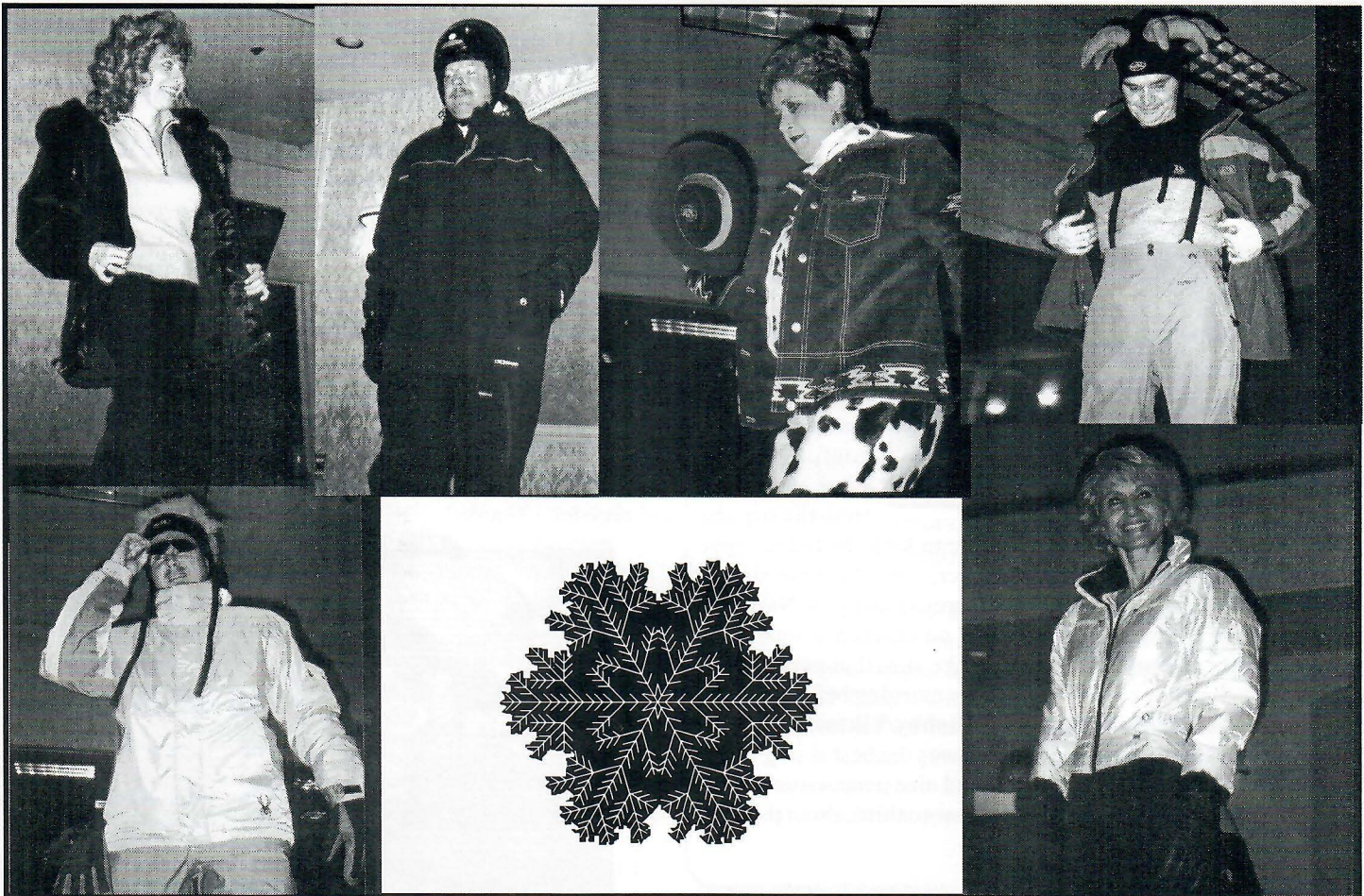
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Volunteer Spotlight - Lucinda (Cindy) Moore



A running friend of mine used to be in Space City years ago. After I broke up with my boyfriend of 4 years, my friend told me I needed to get more "circles" of friends, instead of just hanging out with my running club all the time. He suggested SCSC for one, so I joined 4 years ago at an SCSC Happy Hour at his advice and to get in on inexpensive ski trips. I am now an active member of 4 different clubs. I also serve on the Houston Marathon Committee. The same friend looks at me now and says he created a monster!

I have been a special investigator for GEICO Direct Insurance for almost 6 years. I combat insurance fraud. By far my favorite past time is dancing. My first love was swing, and now I'm really getting into West Coast Swing (whip). I am also learning country & western dancing, which is by far my worst dance. I have never been a fan of country music, but after 16 years in Houston I've finally decided, "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em!" I also run, play racquetball, work out, and am highly involved in PSST (my singles toastmasters club.)

Prior to Laura Carmin, I was the regular Happy Hour coordinator for SCSC. I have also served on several Volunteer Party committees. I was the activity coordinator for the Houston Marathon volunteering for SCSC, which is now an annual activity for the club. (See Stan Broniak to volunteer January 20th!) I was also an Activity Assistant for the Holiday Gala.

Most recently, I implemented an idea a group of us dreamed up last year on the Heavenly Valley trip...a Young and New Member Mixer, geared at attracting new younger members, while giving younger members a special event of their own. I am the coordinator for this event and am very proud of it. It has netted at least an average of 3 new younger members a mixer. The next one is January 9th, 2002 at Arcodoro. Melanie Morin is spearheading that one while I'm on the Lake Louise trip. Melanie Morin and Bruce Lowther have greatly assisted with these mixers. I am also on the membership committee.

Very recently I was the activity coordinator for the SCSC 2001 Holiday Gala. From the feedback I've received, I think it went very

well this year, which gives me a warm, fuzzy sense of accomplishment. I couldn't have done it without Bruce Lowther and Melanie Morin (again my assistants) and without the wise guidance and support of Roger Sahni.

Advice to new members or those who haven't yet volunteered: If you are new to the club and single, go on SCSC trips WITHOUT a boyfriend (or girlfriend if you're a guy.) You miss the opportunity to really get to know the other SCSC members if you go with a boyfriend. If you go without, you will come back with a whole new group of friends for life...and you just might even find some romance on the trip!

If you haven't volunteered...what are you waiting for? Just DO IT! Sure it can involve some stress...but when the event is over, and you know it was a huge success, there is just no other feeling that can compare.

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