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Head of the Liftline

by John Rice



Back in November & December we held a couple of events to raise money for the Sunshine Kids. Walter May performed a piano concert at Vargo's, and we had our annual auction at the December General meeting. I am very happy to say we raised over \$9,000 at these events, once again showing that SCSCers have the biggest hearts. On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, I want to thank each of you for contributing to such a worthy cause.

This year's Nominating Committee has completed their Herculean task of selecting a slate of nominees for the upcoming election of Officers. The list of nominees is located in this issue of the Sitzmarke and they will be presented to the General Membership at this month's general meeting. So please plan to attend the meeting to meet next year's candidates for office. Also, remember when you arrive at the hotel for the meeting that parking is free, but a token is required to get out of the parking lot - get yours at the Membership Check-In Desk.

Coming up in the third weekend of April (19-21) is the annual Texas Ski Council Bid meeting. It is held every year in San Antonio, on the Riverwalk at the Holiday Inn. Check out the preview on page 9 of this issue and contact TSC representative, Peggy Montgomery, for more information. It's always a fun & informative weekend, and I highly recommend attending.

It's Rodeo season, so this month's Happy Hour will be February 21st at the Texas Longhorn Saloon located at Northwest Mall off Highway 290.

See ya



RODEO HOUSTON!!
Friday, February 15 - \$14
Rodeo at 7 pm followed by Clay Walker!

Final Payment Date Feb. 11th

AC: Mary Kay Kitchens (281) 558-9736

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
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so you can exit the garage after the meeting.

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and activities - call the

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Ski Trip Price Reduction!!

Park City Trip - March 23-30

\$740 for the Week!!

See Trip Schedule on Page 5 for Info



New (& Younger) Member Mixer!

Tuesday, February 5 - 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

TEXAS LONGHORN SALOON

9900 Hempstead Highway
(Northwest Mall at 290)
(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

SCSC February C&W Traditional!

TEXAS LONGHORN SALOON

Thursday, February 21
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.



9900 Hempstead Highway
(Northwest Mall at 290)
(713) 683-0386

Drink Specials & Free Dinner Buffet!
C&W Dancing!

CALENDAR

February

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February

- 2-9 Big Sky Ski Trip
- 5 Y&N Member Mixer-Longhorn Saloon
- 7 SCSC Ex Comm Meeting
- 9-16 Durango Ski Trip
- 11 General Meeting
- 15 RodeoHouston-Clay Walker
- 21 Happy Hour-Texas Longhorn Saloon
- 23 Predict Time 3 Mile Run/Walk

March

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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-Doghouse Pub
- 23-30 Park City Area Ski Trip
- 24 Grand Casino Coshatta Day Trip

April

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April

- 6 Galveston Bay Day Sail
- TBA SCSC Ex Comm Meeting
- TBA Y&N Member Mixer
- 8 General Meeting
- 18 Happy Hour - TBA
- 19-21 TSC Bid Meeting-San Antonio



Love is in the air. Perhaps this year Valentine's Day will have a whole new meaning as we think of our loved ones. We send our love to each of you and we are glad you are part of our wonderful club. Come share the love of friendship on one of our fantastic trips.

A big thank you to Mary Ann Soto and Walter May for leading the **Lake Louise** trip. Also thanks to Sue Bohnert for assisting when needed.

Gary Butler had his hands full as VP for the Texas Ski Council (TSC) on this trip. Everyone had an incredible time.

Christine March and Lori Gilliland led our celebrities on a superb trip to **Aspen**. Thanks to you ladies for a wonderful trip.

Andorra now knows who the Texans are thanks to the leadership of Barbara Brescian and Harvey Hetzel. Our great group really enjoyed themselves on this trip.

Sandy Perry and Bill Brown are ready to head north to **Big Sky, MT**. This will be a fabulous trip. Check with Sandy for a last minute opening if you want to join the fun.

Joanne Fore and Melanie Morin have a great trip planned for the TSC Winter Shootout in **Durango, CO**. All the Texans are ready for this great mid-winter trip. Let Joanne know if you want to join the fun, she may have a last minute opening.

PRICE REDUCTION

We are pleased to announce a price reduction on the **Park City** area trip. The new price is now \$740. Contact Mike Dawson if you want to join the post Olympic fun and go for the gold.

TRIP COORDINATOR-ASSISTANT TRIP COORDINATOR

Would you like to be a Trip Coordinator (TC) or an Assistant Trip Coordinator (ATC) for our club? Now is your chance. Look for the application in this issue of the *Sitzmarke*, complete your information and return the form no later than March 31, 2002 to: Patti Maudslay, P.O. Box 571605, Houston, TX 77257-1605. Being a TC or ATC is very rewarding and a lot of fun. The work is well worth the effort. One of the requirements is that you must have been on at least one ski trip with Space City Ski Club by April 1, 2002.

TEXAS SKI COUNCIL BID MEETING

Everyone is invited to attend the Texas Ski Council

(TSC) annual bid meeting in San Antonio April 19 - 21, 2002. You are especially encouraged to attend if you are interested in being a TC or ATC. This meeting determines where the TSC will ski in the 2002-2003 season. It is a lot of fun also. Registration forms are available from Peggy Montgomery. Early registration goes to March 15, 2002; after that the fee increases. We also have a block of rooms so if you are interested in staying with our group contact Peggy Montgomery immediately.

TRIP STATUS

Right now, as this goes to print, all of our trips have limited openings. Please check with the trip leaders for current status. Get on the wait list if a trip is full because there is a good chance you will get to go. We sometimes have last minute cancellations.

Have a great month and fun on your trip. See you on the slopes!

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, 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.

By-Law 2.7 Membership Renewal

Membership in the Club shall be for a period ending April 30 each year. Applications for renewal of membership will be accepted through May 31 of that year; applications received by the Club thereafter shall be treated as though received from an individual seeking to become a new member in the order of the date received. Membership renewal can only be made by a member in good standing. A member in good standing is defined as one who has satisfied the following conditions:

- A. Has made application and paid applicable dues within the membership renewal period as specified above, and
- B. Has not been the subject of disciplinary action by the Club in the preceding twelve (12) months.



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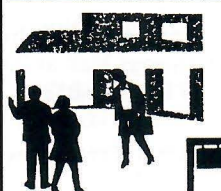
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Space City Ski Club 2001-2002 Trip Schedule

Trip Dates	Nights/ Ski Days	Trip Destination	Cost (See Notes)	Final Payment	Lodging	No. Skiers Max.	TC/ATC (DOT)	Home Phone
Feb 2-9, 2002 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	BIG SKY Montana	\$1226 BLT**	10/18/01	Huntley Lodge (Hotel)	32	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 LS669	11/1/01	Purgatory Village (Condos)	32 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 LS608	12/01/01	Captain Cook Alyeska Prince (Hotels)	64 L-4	Linda Beebe (SEB)	713-520-6305
Mar 9-16, 2002 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	TELLURIDE Colorado	\$1099 LS589	12/01/01	Mountainside Inn (Hotel)	40 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 LS420	12/10/01	Sun Valley Condos (Condos)	32 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	\$740 NEW PRICE LS565	12/10/01	Park Avenue (Condos)	32 L-2	Mike Dawson Leyla Ozkardesh (SEB)	713-266-2633 281-584-9723
Jul. 27-Aug 10, 2002 (Sat.-Sat)	14/4	NEW ZEALAND FIJI	\$2508	4/8/02	Copthorne Sheraton (Hotels)	32	Steven Teoh (SEB)	713-582-8060 281-496-1275

** 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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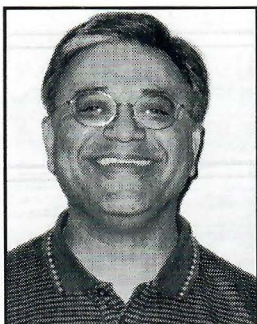
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Programs & Activities

by Roger Sahni, VP Programs



April 30, 2002 is the last date in office of your Executive Committee (President, VP Programs, VP Trips, VP Publications, VP Membership, Secretary, and Treasurer). That means I have only two more articles to write during my term, so I am going to start thanking those wonderful people who have helped us tremendously/ generously.

Marti Toomer did a fabulous job running our Sunshine Kids annual philanthropic project. Thank you, Marti, and all those who donated as well as bid. A special thanks to Ryan Dennis and John Schiling of Holiday Inn Select for their donation of the Champagne Weekend Stay. One romantic couple is going to enjoy it immensely! A very special thanks to our perennial helper – she is always there to help us – Effie Rubenstein of Sportours, Princeton, NJ, who graciously donated a pair of Atomic ProCarv Skis, two Atomic Travel Bags

with wheels, and two Atomic Backpacks. These items were valued at \$600! Effie is one of our wholesalers and a great supporter of our club. Thank you, Effie, for your kindness and generosity and to all who helped support the Sunshine Kids!

I also congratulate all the nominees who have been nominated by the Nominating Committee. But a big thanks to ALL of you who submitted your names to be considered for an officer position. This is YOUR CLUB. You must get involved to make it better and more fun – and there is always room for improvement. I am enjoying it tremendously and have made fabulous friends!

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!



Roger Sahni, VP Programs (281) 493-4414
or enviropetroleum@yahoo.com

Jeri Hartman, Director of Programs (713) 666-8575
or jerih@ev.1net



PREDICT YOUR TIME 3 MILE RUN/WALK

**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 23
8:00 A.M.**

Memorial Park Tennis Center

\$7.00 - Final Payment 2/11/02

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Optional Breakfast at Bubba's**

AC: Arlen Isham (713) 455-4858

ACTIVITY DATE	ACTIVITY	COORDINATOR	CONTACT #	FINAL PAYMENT	
				DATE	COST
2/5	Y&N Member Mixer-Longhorn	Cindy Moore	(713) 984-1060	--	--
2/15	Rodeo Houston - Clay Walker	Mary Kay Kitchens	(281) 558-9736	2/11	\$14
2/21	Happy Hour - Longhorn Saloon	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 - Doghouse Pub	Laura Carmin		--	--
3/24	Grand Casino Couthatta Day Trip	Craig Campbell	(713) 453-5798	2/11	\$15
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	2/11	\$630/\$695

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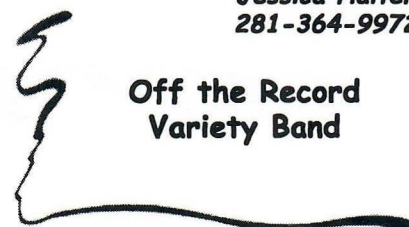
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Nominating Committee Report

Nominating Committee

It's already time to think about the change in leadership in Space City Ski Club for next year. The Nominating Committee has searched throughout the club to fulfill the task of selecting a qualified slate of candidates who are willing and able to contribute their time & talents to manage our ski club. With this in mind, the Nominating Committee submits the following nominees for the 2002-03 year:

President	Sean O'Brien
VP Programs	Dawn Rodriguez
VP Trips	Sue Bohnert
VP Membership	Melanie Morin
VP Publications	Jim Edwards
Secretary	Mike Dawson
Treasurer	Bill Bomberger

This slate of nominees will be presented at the February General Meeting, at which time additional nominations may be

made from the floor (with the consent of the nominee) per By-Law 4.5, found in your SCSC directory. All officer nominees need to prepare a brief biography and submit it to VP of Publications Debbie Bergeron by February 5th for inclusion in the March Sitzmarke. Elections will be held at the March General Meeting.

Respectfully submitted by the
Nominating Committee for 2002-03:

Gary Butler, Chairman	
Richard Hall	Keith Kirkman
Nora Montgomery	Ty Smith
Louella Stellar	Lori Gilliland

**MANY THANKS TO ALL OF
YOU WHO VOLUNTEERED!!!**

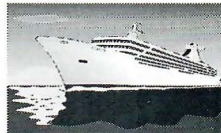
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\$695 - Outside Stateroom	Final Payment: Feb. 11

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AC: Bob Olsen (713) 436-0082



IMPORTANT NOTICE!! **TRAVEL TO CANADA & MEXICO**

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

Day Sail on Galveston Bay

April 6 - Saturday
Time: 12:00 - 4:30
\$40 each

Final Payment: 3/18

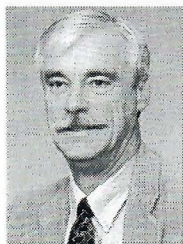
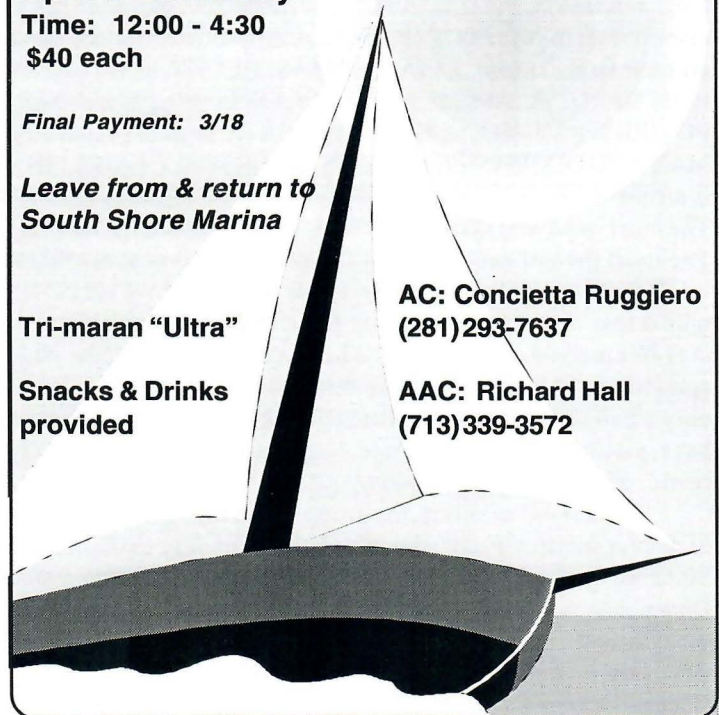
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Red River/Taos, New Mexico Ski Trip

by Roger Holzman, TC, and Patty Finch, ATC



Before the plane boarded on December 6th, we were all acquainted. One thing we didn't know was that MAX AMERY would be our comedian throughout the trip.

After landing in Albuquerque, we boarded a bus for our lodge while ATC PATTY FINCH distributed our goodies. It was also enough time for TC ROGER HOLZMAN to introduce those on their first ski trip: LISA THOMAS, BECKY MAITLAND, RON STROUP, JIM HEWETT, EVAN LOWE, SHANNON POWERS, PAT PIECH, KIM KUJAWA (first-time ever skier), MAX AND DIXIE AMERY, AND ROB BURTON. CLAIRE FINN is an old-timer on ski trips, but this was her first time to ski NM. The most improved skier was definitely DEBORAH CHRISTIE. The most determined skier was Claire Finn, and best instructor was Rob Burton. Always-happiest skier was LARRY CHRISTIE, with a toss up between Max and Evan as the craziest skiers.

We arrived at the Riverside Lodge and discovered the huge common kitchen that we'd use throughout the trip. It was not only a hangout, but a great place to cook breakfast, dinners and have parties. The 103-year old lodge was beautiful and very rustic, with hand-built furniture.

The first day of skiing, the group met in the common kitchen to devour more of Patty's goodies before heading to the slopes. Snowfall had been limited so only the Beginner slopes, one Green and one Blue slope were open. No one complained, though, as we passed each other on the ski lifts or flew down the slopes on man-made snow. Most of us skied all days available since there were no lift lines and wide-open slopes. Shannon had to have her "Latte fix" each morning before joining the race clinic. CHRISTINE MARCH adopted a snowboard while BOB WRAY often checked on her. Dixie shopped the town. Sunday, Wally drove Patty, CAROLYN MCGINNIS, ANN ODEGARD, the Amerys, Kim and Lisa to Taos for a day of touring and shopping.

Many met after skiing at the Lifthouse for drinks and to compare bumps and bruises, but we usually couldn't hang out for long, for many other activities were planned: Wally Dobbs hosted a Welcome Party at the lodge one night, complete with Capo's Italian Restaurant pizza and cheese sticks. While we sat

around the tables, Wally regaled his many interesting tales about the history of Red River, our lodge, and his life experiences. The next night a Wine & Cheese Party was held in our honor at the Lifthouse and it was a perfect night to watch the torch light parade coming down the mountain. Roger and Patty thrilled us all when they cooked a lavish dinner for the group! Deborah and Larry Christie along with Ann and Roger danced the tango that they learned on last year's Argentina trip! It was then that Ann made the comment, "I expect so much more of my zippers." Ann blushes beautifully.

The partiers in the bunch kept the stories rolling: The first night, the Bull in the Woods Saloon was invaded. A blues band provided dancing opportunities for Lisa, Kim, Carolyn, Ann, Jim, Pat, and Roger. Evan was in the group and needed an extra push to the dance floor. The following night the Mother Lode Saloon welcomed the group where many locals joined in. Max rescued Kim from one of them. All the ladies made sure Jim had little time off the dance floor.

Monday, we were to ski Taos, but the resort was closed due to lack of snow. That didn't stop OUR fun. There was snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, shopping, and relaxing available. The real thrill was the wilderness hike! Wally, Frank (from Capo's) and Drew Judychi, (ski resort owner), drove us to the La Junta Wilderness Area for an experience of a lifetime. The highlight was standing at the crossroads of the Rio Grande River and the Red River. After a picnic, we climbed back up the 800 foot mountainside and hiked back on a narrow trail. The day of the hike, like all the other days, was filled with beautiful, royal blue skies, crisp clean air, and lots of sun.

We received word that Pat's father was ailing so she had to leave Sunday. Claire received word that her father was critical, so she and Rob rushed back to Houston to be by his side. We were all saddened to hear of the passing of Claire's father, and our sincere sympathy goes to her and her family in their loss.

Overall, the trip was great! The people were great! We shared many laughs, a few drinks, a little dancing, a round or so of pool, and a heck of a lot of skiing! As we left the Houston airport headed home, I heard someone say, "I think I just made new friends for life." Yep, that about sums it up.



TSC Bid Meeting

by Peggy Montgomery



Come take part in deciding where the **TEXAS SKI COUNCIL** goes in the 2002-2003 Ski Season. Join the SCSC Board and officers at the Texas Ski Council "SkiBidFEST" the weekend of April 19-21, 2002 at the Holiday Inn Riverwalk in San Antonio. The registration fee is \$45 per person if you register **by March 15, 2002** (\$55 after that date). The fee includes a reception

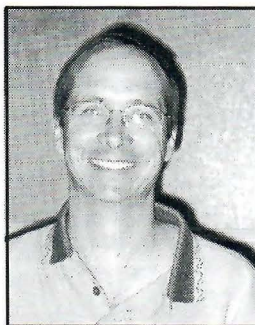
Friday night, entry into the meeting and ski show Saturday and meeting Sunday morning, lunch on Saturday, and dinner/dance with DJ on Saturday night. In the evening after the TSC activities, hit the Riverwalk.

Hotel rooms are \$127 per night. It is a great opportunity to meet folks from other TSC clubs and resort representatives from around the country, but the best part is being a part of the process of listening to bids and selecting the resort destinations for next year's domestic and foreign TSC trips.

If you are interested in attending the Bid Meeting, contact SCSC's Texas Ski Council Representative Peggy Montgomery at 281-437-5467 or the.monts@worldnet.att.net. In order to get your registration fee in on time, Peggy will need the fee and registration form by **March 10, 2002**, so call or e-mail her soon for the information. Also, a block of rooms has been reserved for SCSC participants, but will need to be cancelled by March 15th, so get on the bandwagon early!

Race Director's Report

by Bill Bomberger



Please assist your Racing Director in tracking your racing performances. NASTAR has a great website for tracking your performances as an individual and as a Club. This is not just for Texas Ski Council events, but some National Recognition as well.

Please assist your Racing Director and log on to the NASTAR site, www.nastar.com.

Previous Racers on NASTAR:

If you have raced NASTAR in the past 3 years, you might already be in their database. If you are, please check to see if you are in the system multiple times then merge the multiple entries into 1. Check to see if your Club Name is Space City Ski Club. If not, log in and add Space City as your Club Name. It is found under your personal information and you will need to add a password to their database for this information

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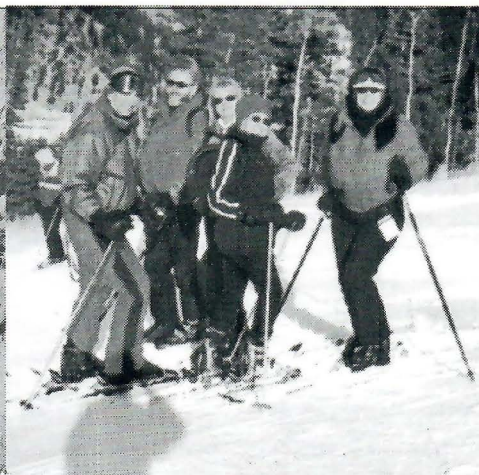
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Sunshine Kids Auction

by Marti Toomer



I had the great honor of presenting **The Sunshine Kids** with checks totaling \$9,406 from our December Holiday Auction and the November Piano Concert coordinated by Cheryl and Walter May. Proceeds from the

auction totaled \$7,989, and the concert made \$1,417 for the Sunshine Kids. For the seventh year, SCSC members gave a special gift to this terrific organization! Shannon Lillis, associate director with the Sunshine Kids, was extremely appreciative of our continued support to help children with cancer and their families with fun and educational activities as well as emotional support.

Coordinating SCSC's annual **Sunshine Kids Holiday Auction** is one of the most rewarding volunteer opportunities in our club because you see how generous both our club members and many businesses are in helping this cause. Thank you to everyone who donated an item, contacted a donor, or came and bid at the auction. It took everyone to have this success!

I would like to thank some special volunteers who helped with the auction: Joe Walker, our auctioneer, Darlene Hirasaki, Nicky Minear, Cheryl Kenny, Dutch Weimer, Rex Henderson, Jeff Sarff, Peggy Montgomery, Jill St. Clair, and Leona Schroeder. Thank you again Walter and Cheryl May for the inspiring benefit piano concert at Vargo's and to the many businesses & club members who graciously donated items for the auction!

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Volunteer Spotlight - Melanie Morin



Hello SCSCers! If you don't already know me, I am Melanie Morin. I came to SCSC in 1994 and met SCSCers who were also sailing club members. I rejoined in 1998, supported my friend's ski trip, but this time, I wanted to be a volunteer involved with everything with the club, skiing and nonskiing. I am now an experienced sailor and still a humble skier.

My friends and I convinced singles to give their beer money to a charitable black tie party or golf tournament. We had fun and took a little time to pick up the phone or send a mailout to our friends on running club races, happy hours & black tie parties or get donations. Currently, I am a Project Manager with responsibilities for turnkey power projects and manage purchasing, finance, vendors and engineering contractor professionals at GE Power Systems. In my spare time I spoil my nieces & nephews. I enjoy my church and Bible study. It is a great time and place for me to relax, reflect, learn, be with God and meet new friends. I volunteer in Women's Energy Network, which has become a bright light for me because we exchange one-to-one advice on professional development and put on both corporate and charitable events.

In SCSC, I have been ATC Durango (70% new members), Volunteer Host, and spearheaded with Cindy Moore for the New & Younger Members Happy Hour and the Christmas Gala. I have volunteered for the Follies, Marathon, and Volunteer Appreciation Party. Wine Tastings and Astros games, many ski and Grand Canyon rafting trips, have all been great experiences!

My advice to New Members is that you can enjoy EVERYTHING the club has to offer. Don't hold back, sign up and bring your ideas, we need you! The hard work of dedicated volunteers is what makes SCSC a great club to belong to. You can promise fun vacations and parties to make and renew friendships.

A very special THANK YOU goes to my friends who have come over from other clubs to join SCSCers in the last 3 years and supported the ski trips, events and happy hours, and especially for those who have been my mentors, Peggy Montgomery, Mike and Nora Montgomery, Jane Orr, Diane Stotz, Jessica Halter, John Rice, Patti Maudslay and Cheryl Mershon (of Lone Star Skiers), all who have worked so hard for SCSC for so many years and offered me good advice and support to make things happen and were always there when needed by me and other volunteers.

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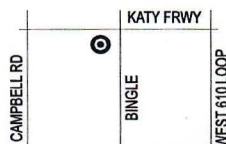
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