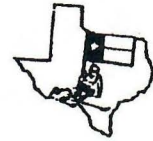




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## Head of the Liftline

*by John Rice*



Congratulations to this year's Officer candidates. Your willingness to give your personal time to make sure this club functions in a professional and efficient manner is greatly appreciated by all of the membership. At this month's General meeting, also known as the Annual Meeting, we will hold the election of the new officers. Please make an effort to come join your fellow club members at this meeting to vote in this election. In order to make this an official election, according to our By-laws, we must have a quorum of not less than 100 members.

With the election of the new officers, the planning for next year begins. That means the planning of next year's ski trips, as well as many of the activities that are scheduled throughout the year. What this means is we need volunteers to run and assist on trips and activities. Please give volunteering some consideration, after all, that's what makes SCSC what it is today.

Don't forget that coming up next month, April 19-21, is the annual Texas Ski Council Bid meeting, held every year in San Antonio at the Holiday Inn on the Riverwalk. It's a great opportunity to see how the Council trips are selected each year. You also have a chance to voice your opinion about the destinations at our Club caucus, which we hold at the end of the first day of trip presentations. There is also fun involved, with a golf tournament on Friday morning and a dinner with dancing afterwards on Saturday night. And don't forget there is the fun and beauty of the San Antonio Riverwalk. If you are interested in attending, please contact our TSC representative, Peggy Montgomery, for more information. It's always a fun weekend, and I highly recommend attending.

The General meeting will be on March 11, and this month's Happy Hour will be March 21<sup>st</sup> at The Doghouse Tavern located in downtown at Bagby and McGowen.

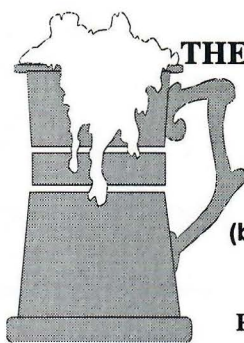
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### SCSC Activity

### Happy Hour

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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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## Ski Trip Price Reduction!!

**Park City Trip - March 23-30**

**\$740 for the Week!!**

See Trip Schedule on Page 5 for More Info



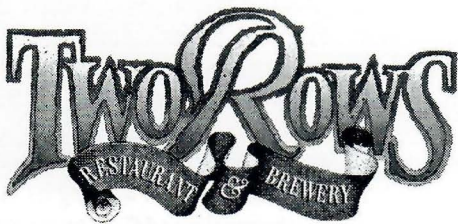
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No one will be "carded" - if your guest can pass for 45 or younger...bring them on!

AC: Cindy Moore (713) 984-1060

## CALENDAR

| March |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
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| 24    | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31    |    |    |    |    |    |    |

### March

- 1-9 ..... Alyeska Ski Trip
- 7 ..... SCSC Ex Comm Meeting
- 9-16 ..... Telluride Ski Trip
- 11 ..... Annual Meeting & Officer Election
- 12 ..... N&Y Member Mixer
- 16-23 ..... Sun Valley Ski Trip
- 19 ..... SCSC Board Meeting
- 21 ..... Happy Hour-Doghouse Tavern
- 23-30 ..... Park City Area Ski Trip
- 24 ..... Grand Casino Coshatta Day Trip

| April |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 14    | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21    | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28    | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |    |

### April

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

| May |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S   | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|     |    |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  |
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| 12  | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19  | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |

### May

- TBA ..... SCSC Ex Comm Meeting
- TBA ..... N&Y Member Mixer
- 13 ..... Gen'l Meeting & Follies
- 16 ..... Happy Hour - TBA
- 25-30 ..... Mexican Riviera Cruise



# FROM THE SKI DESK

by Patti Maudslay



Did you have the luck of the Irish and get to go on your favorite ski trips? This is your last chance for this winter's ski season.

Our Eskimos are enjoying the Iditarod Dog Sled Race and other wonderful experiences in Alyeska, Alaska until March 9.

Discover the treasures in Telluride with Ladye Freitag and Jill Nanney.

Join Dave George and Ellen Eastham for Ski Cub week in Sun Valley. There are many extra activities planned in addition to the club parties.

Go for the gold with Mike Dawson and Leyla Ozkardesh on the Park City area trip.

To join one of our March trips contact the trip leader for a last minute opening.

Contact Steven Teoh if you want to join the New Zealand/Fiji trip. There are still a few spots open.

## TC/ATC APPLICATIONS DUE

Do you want to help run a ski trip next ski season? Applications for Trip Coordinator/Assistant Trip Coordinator are due to me by March 31<sup>st</sup>. **Applications were in the February Sitzmarke and can also be found in this issue**, or you may contact me for one. You need to have taken at least one ski trip with Space City by April 1, 2002. I will contact each person who applies. If you do not hear from me, please call to make sure I have received your application.

## TEXAS SKI COUNCIL BID MEETING

Contact Peggy Montgomery immediately if you want to attend the Annual Bid Meeting in San Antonio April 19 - 21, 2002. Registrations are due to her by March 15. Peggy also has a block of rooms if you want to stay with our group at the Holiday Inn Riverwalk.

Enjoy the rest of your ski season, it is hard to believe it is almost over. Next month the planning for next season begins. Have fun, 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.

### Standing Rule 5.0 - Trip Penalties

#### 5.1 Final Payment Date

A. If a trip participant withdraws from a trip after the published final payment date, the trip participant will lose the entire payment upon withdrawal. If the participant can be replaced from the waiting list, the participant will be refunded the entire payment less any costs incurred by the Club in addition to cancellation fees specified in 5.2. If the trip participant cannot be replaced from the waiting list, the participant will be refunded the amount which the Trip Coordinator is able to recover by cancellation of lodging, transportation, and/or other commitments less any costs by the Club and cancellation fees as specified in 5.2.

**5.2 Cancellation Fees** - A participant may forfeit his full deposit if he fails to notify the Club in writing of his intent to withdraw on or before the published final payment dates. A minimum charge of \$30.00 or 20% of the published trip cost, whichever is less, said amount not to be less than \$10.00, will be assessed for each trip cancellation.



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## Space City Ski Club 2001-2002 Trip Schedule

| Trip Dates                         | Nights/<br>Ski Days | Trip Destination                                 | Cost<br>(See Notes) | Final Payment | Lodging                                    | No. Skiers Max. | TC/ATC (DOT)                            | Home Phone                   |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|--|---------------------|---------------|--|-----------------|---|------------------------------|
| Mar 1-9, 2002<br>(Fri-Sat.)        | 8/7                 | <b>ALYESKA</b><br>Alaska<br>(TSC Final Showdown) | \$1191<br>L\$608    | 12/01/01      | Captain Cook<br>Alyeska Prince<br>(Hotels) | 60<br>L-4       | Linda Beebe<br>Diane Stotz<br>(SEB)     | 281-489-0379<br>713-862-9486 |
| Mar 9-16, 2002<br>(Sat-Sat)        | 7/6                 | <b>TELLURIDE</b><br>Colorado                     | \$1099<br>L\$589    | 12/01/01      | Mountainside<br>Inn<br>(Hotel)             | 40<br>L-4       | Ladye Freitag<br>Jill Nanney<br>(JEH)   | 281-855-4110<br>832-251-7097 |
| Mar 16-23, 2002<br>(Sat-Sat)       | 7/6                 | <b>SUN VALLEY</b><br>Idaho                       | \$870<br>L\$420     | 12/10/01      | Sun Valley<br>Condos<br>(Condos)           | 32<br>L-4       | Dave George<br>Ellen Eastham<br>(JEH)   | 281-320-2859<br>281-997-1496 |
| Mar. 23-30, 2002<br>(Sat-Sat)      | 7/6                 | <b>PARK CITY AREA</b><br>Utah                    | \$740<br>L\$565     | 12/10/01      | Park<br>Avenue<br>(Condos)                 | 32<br>L-2       | Mike Dawson<br>Leyla Ozkardesh<br>(SEB) | 713-266-2633<br>281-584-9723 |
| Jul. 27-Aug 10, 2002<br>(Sat.-Sat) | 14/4                | <b>NEW ZEALAND<br/>FIJI</b>                      | \$2508              | 4/8/02        | Copthorne<br>Sheraton<br>(Hotels)          | 32              | Steven Teoh<br>(SEB)                    | 713-582-8060<br>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

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# Programs & Activities

by Jeri Hartman, Director of Programs



Hello all you potential volunteers out there! Please don't be shy - if you have an idea for an activity, please contact Roger Sahni or Jeri Hartman. Planning activities for group participation requires some lead time, so don't delay - call today!

For the Follies this year, we plan to give out awards for silliness and frivolity because everyone needs a laugh now and then. So while enjoying the slopes and apres ski fun on your ski trips, please keep an eye and ear out for people, places, and things that are entertaining and humorous. Look for a flier with suggested categories at the next meeting or check out the announcement in this Sitzmarke. You can leave your contact information for Jeri Hartman at the sign-in desk at the March General meeting and someone will contact you. Or if you prefer, send an email to [jerih@ev1.net](mailto:jerih@ev1.net) (the number "1", not the letter "I").

We can't do this without your input, so send your ideas before April 15 so we can get this show (the Follies) on the road for our May meeting!

Activities coming up for the Spring include the Grand Casino Coushatta Day Trip in March, Galveston Bay Day Sail in April, and Mexican Riviera Caribbean Cruise in May. Yes, we can run more activities, but we need you to volunteer to coordinate them! SCSC members who give their time, talent, and ideas are the lifeblood of Space City and what makes our club such a success! Join in & become part of the team!

**Sincerest  
Congratulations  
to Diane McKenzie  
& Ross Baker,  
who were united in  
marriage on February 23, 2002!**



## BE A STAR!!!

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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| ACTIVITY<br>DATE | ACTIVITY                         | COORDINATOR        | CONTACT #      | FINAL PAYMENT |             |
|------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|
|                  |                                  |                    |                | DATE          | COST        |
| 3/12             | N&Y Member Mixer                 | Cindy Moore        | (713) 984-1060 | --            | --          |
| 3/21             | Happy Hour - Doghouse Tavern     | Laura Carmin       |                | --            | --          |
| 3/24             | Grand Casino Coushatta Day Trip  | Craig Campbell     | (713) 453-5798 | 3/07          | \$15        |
| 4/06             | Galveston Bay Day Sail           | Concietta Ruggiero | (281) 293-7637 | 3/11          | \$40        |
| 4/09             | N&Y Member Mixer                 | Cindy Moore        | (713) 984-1060 | --            | --          |
| 4/18             | Happy Hour - TBA                 | Laura Carmin       |                | --            | --          |
| TBA              | N&Y Member Mixer                 | Cindy Moore        | (713) 984-1060 | --            | --          |
| 5/16             | Happy Hour - TBA                 | Laura Carmin       |                | --            | --          |
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- \* Best recurring joke or prank on a trip
- \* Best trip theme participant

**Parties, Etc.**

- \* Best trip happy hour story or episode
- \* Best trip dinner that did not include lasagne
- \* Most regretted post happy hour purchase

**On the Slopes**

- \* Best ski run that deserves a different name
- \* Worst-marked ski trail
- \* Longest time finding skis after lunch
- \* Best skier's expression when she realized you were on a ski trail that was different than what you expected!

Submit your entries to the Awards Committee c/o Jeri Hartman at email jerih@ev1.net or by calling 713.666.8575. If you would like to help with the Awards Show in May in any capacity, volunteers are needed and most welcome!

**Day Sail on Galveston Bay**

**April 6 - Saturday**

**Time: 12:00 - 4:30**

**\$40 each**

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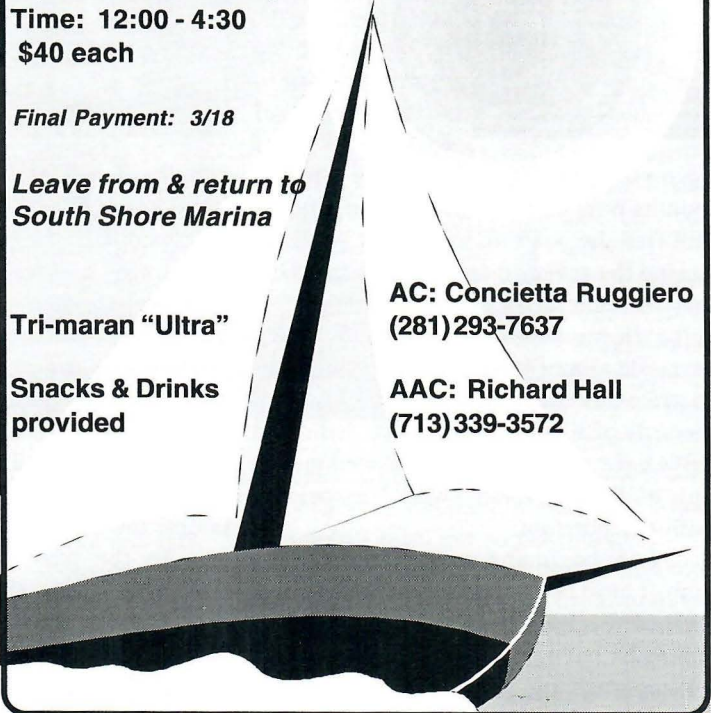
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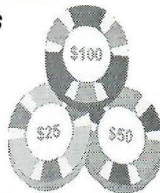
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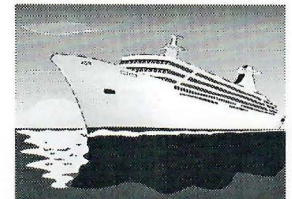
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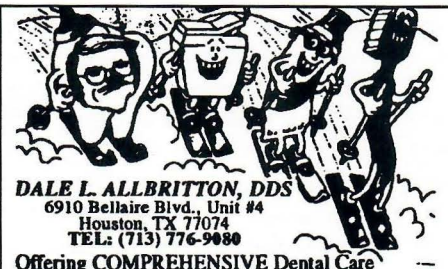
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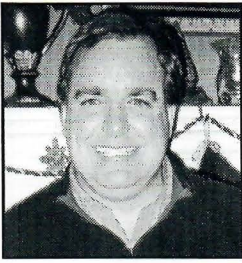


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## NOMINEE FOR PRESIDENT SEAN O'BRIEN



I have enjoyed serving as your Treasurer this past year and I hope that you all will give me the opportunity to serve as your President this

upcoming year. Believe it or not some 10 months now into my term as Treasurer, I still find the position to be fun. Working behind the scenes this past year, the thing that has impressed me the most about SCSC is the sheer numbers of volunteers putting in untold numbers of hours to do their part to make this club a success. The personal rewards of working with these dedicated folks have more than compensated me for any of the so-called "work" associated with the position.

I am beginning my sixth year in the club. I have been on a trip each year since I joined. Each and every trip has been great fun and I have no doubt that future trips will be great fun as well. Over the past three years, I have served in many other volunteer capacities within the club. I was the Assistant Trip Coordinator for Soll, Austria trip, the Trip Coordinator for Cortina, Italy trip, and this year served as your Treasurer.

One goal I have for the upcoming year is to further carry out John's goal of further increasing membership into the club. Our club's membership has declined over the last several years. I don't think this is so much a result of anything that is going on at SCSC but a reflection of what seems to be happening nationwide in the sport as a whole. Along that line, I am sure that next year's Executive Committee will try to develop new ideas for increasing membership in the club. However, the most effective recruiting tool I can think of is each current member in the club serving as a personal ambassador for the club amongst friends and co-workers. I intend to challenge each member of the club in the next year to recruit at least one new member for the club.

In conclusion, I want to compliment John Rice on the excellent job he has done as President this past year. It has been a pleasure to serve under him as Treasurer.

## NOMINEE FOR VP PROGRAMS DAWN RODRIGUEZ



It is with the utmost sincerity that I accept your nomination for the VP of Programs for the upcoming year. Please allow me to share a little about myself. I am

happily married to a wonderful member of the ski club, Ron Rodriguez, and we both enthusiastically enjoy the activities that Space City has successfully organized. We, like so many others, joined the club to bask in the pleasure of going on many ski trips without having to plan or pay premium pricing. Pleasantly, this club has brought us so much more than that: great friends, Wine Tastings, Christmas Galas, Halloween Parties, Happy Hours, and of course the list goes on and on.

In the past I was the "Program Chairman" over the South East Texas Apartment Association, where I accumulated a dichotomy of experience encompassing various activities and events. The involvement brought me great pleasure and success, resulting in the appointment of "Manager of the Year," the highest honor in my career in such a large geographical area. My additional experiences come from holding the Presidential position over the "Professional Communication Association" at Lamar University. This was a wonderful successful endeavor, which allowed me to oversee the improvement of membership growth as well as the stimulation of more attendance at activities.

My hobbies include snow and water skiing, international and domestic traveling, scuba and sky diving, golf, singing, dancing, decorating, and of course shopping. I am also a Child Advocate and appointed by Harris County as a Guardian Ad Litem to represent children in court who have been taken from their homes due to abuse and neglect.

Professionally, I am a Financial Advisor, and for the past several years, a top producer for JPMorgan Chase and Company. Recently, I was selected by

## NOMINEE FOR VP TRIPS SUE BOHNERT



**CHALLENGE**  
— best describes the VP of Trips' position. The VP and the team of TCs/ATCs must provide interesting venues at reasonable prices. The individual

holding this office needs to possess the following qualities:

- \* Superwoman(man) - able to leap TALL expectations and multi task multiple trips in a single bound
- \* the peacemaking skills of Ghandi
- \* Scrooge--get the best values for the dollar possible without the trip appearing "cheap" while still maintaining the Club standards
- \* the flexibility of Gumby
- \* the patience of Job
- \* most of all, a great sense of humor.

I joined SCSC in 1977 when the TC's most coveted supply was carbon paper and a strong wrist needed to press hard enough to fill out the original and three copies of a transmittal. I am a cost accountant and have traveled extensively for my employer—sometimes to somewhat remote destinations—anyone need the directions to Vernal, Utah? The ski trips and non-ski activities that I have participated in have afforded me the opportunity to make long-lasting friendships, cherished relationships and many wonderful memories. Where else can you have someone make all the arrangements for you, travel with 40+ of your closest friends, and always have someone to ski or sightsee with? SCSC!

I appreciate the Nominating Committee giving me this opportunity to rise to the challenge of the position of VP of Trips. *Think Snow 2002-2003!*



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## NOMINEE FOR VP PUBLICATIONS

### JIM EDWARDS



In the work-a-day world, I am a mild-mannered computer geek, overseeing the Information Technology department for a group of doctors in the

medical center area. How I came to be writing this article is a long story... here is the (relatively) short version.

**Starting Gate:** I learned to ski in January 1975 (OK, I'm still learning). I flailed around Steamboat Springs a few days and had many intimate encounters with the mountain. However, I finally got my body and mind traveling in the same general direction as the skis, and a love affair with skiing began.

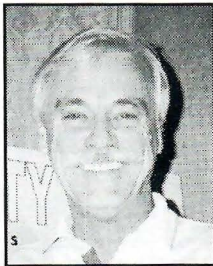
**Slow Start:** Unfortunately, ascending the slopes got pushed aside by several years of ascending the ladder of success and other mundane pursuits. Then, in the late 80's, I convinced my lovely bride, Sue, to give skiing a try and she quickly became a convert. In 1990, we discovered SCSC and the thrill of skiing and partying with a rag-tag group of 40 or so friends. We were hooked.

**Carving My Turns:** My first SCSC ski trip was to Park City and, even though I broke my collarbone on that trip, I had an absolutely wonderful time. So, I became involved. I've since worked on various activities, Volunteer Parties, and the Nominating Committee. I have been an Asst. Trip Coordinator, Director of Trips, Vice President Trips, and President of SCSC. I've served on the Board of Directors, including one year as Chairman, and have been the club's Texas Ski Council Delegate and Alternate Delegate. Along the way, I served on or chaired several committees and, in 1995, designed and wrote the program SCSC uses to keep track of its membership. Like I said, I became involved.

**No End to This Race?** So, after all of this, why on earth have I volunteered to be VP Publications for this next year? Like

## NOMINEE FOR SECRETARY

### MIKE DAWSON



I have been a member of SCSC since 1991 and have gone on numerous ski trips in that time, including Lake Tahoe (3 times), Mammoth, Mount

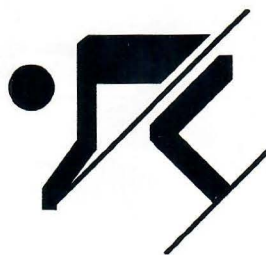
Bachelor, Snowmass, and Park City. I was the TC for Mammoth in 2000, TC for Park City in 2002, Race Director for the Mt. Bachelor TSC trip, and activity coordinator for the Rodeo in 1997 and an Astros baseball game in 1996. I've been on and participated in many enjoyable activities over the years, including the Follies, New Braunfels river rafting and camping, many Rodeos, baseball games, and a few Beach Bashes.

Besides ski club activities, I enjoy riding my mountain bike, hiking, camping, and a good margarita now and then. I spend most Saturday mornings jogging with my wife and running buddies, and have participated in numerous marathon running events over the years.

I had the opportunity, for twenty-five years, to live and work as a Civil/Petroleum Engineer in the oilfield, most of which was in the Middle East, North Africa and South East Asia. After being "retired" in 1994, I formed a real estate investment company with a Chinese partner, and I am now in my second enjoyable career in "boomtown" Houston.

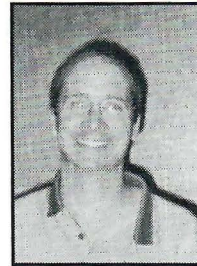
My work as the managing partner in a real estate company gives me experience in dealing with people and in paying attention to detail. Both of these attributes will be important for the position of SCSC Secretary.

I am excited to be nominated to the position of Secretary. I will work vigorously at this position with enthusiasm and am honored to accept this nomination.



## NOMINEE FOR TREASURER

### BILL BOMBERGER

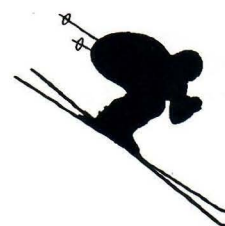


After joining Space City Ski Club in 1994, there has been little time to look back on the decision. After all, where else can you find people with a passion for life, especially skiing. I have met

more friends through this club than I have been able to meet anywhere else. My career (sometimes it seems like a career with the work involved) with SCSC started with volunteering to be an ATC on the Banff trip in 1996. I have been actively involved in the Ski Club running a couple of activities and Ski Trips. Volunteering to assist such a successful club in all of its activities has been a learning experience, and I welcome any of you to join in volunteering for the club.

I have participated in more than 15 trips with the Ski Club including Europe and New Zealand/Australia. I have also led a group of 16 whitewater rafters to the middle of nowhere Idaho for a week of peace, fun, and solitude. I have previously been an officer for the Ski Club as Vice President of Publications for almost two years from 1997-1999. I was a fill-in on the second year to replace a member who had to leave for a career decision.

For the position of Treasurer, my qualifications include a bachelor's degree in industrial management with 24 hours graduate studies in Business Administration. I have been employed with Satake USA for the last 11 years as the Production Control Manager. My work with accounting and manufacturing software over 20 years included setting up general ledger accounting systems and cost accounting. I feel that these qualifications will make me a great Treasurer for 2002/2003. Thanks for your confidence in the Nominating Committee for selecting me for this position.



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## NOMINEE FOR VP MEMBERSHIP

### MELANIE MORIN



Thank you Nominating Committee! I am delighted to have the opportunity to once again volunteer, be involved, and do more for SCSC. Many of you already know me, but if you don't, I am Melanie Morin. I came to SCSC in 1994 and met SCSCers who also shared interests in other volunteer events and clubs. I rejoined in 1998, but this time, I wanted to do more besides bringing in new members, be a leader and volunteer who has fun making SCSC plans and attending ski trips, events and parties. I enjoy recruiting new and existing members, who can make it happen with hard work that makes SCSC a great club! After all, it takes more than one individual to promote our club and bring in new members.

To follow Sharon Smith's footsteps will not be an easy task. Thank you Sharon for all the hard work, wonderful friendship and mentoring our New and Young Members Happy Hour ("NYMHH.") You helped make NYMHH happen! Every event, you have been there with your reassuring smile and support.

I have been ATC on this year's Durango trip and spearheaded with Cindy Moore for NYMHH and assisted her with the Christmas Gala sign-up and raffle donations. My volunteer activities also include participating in the "Rocky Horror" Follies and helping on the Marathon and Annual Volunteers' Party. I have also participated in Wine Tastings, Sunshine Kids Auctions, Astros games, ski trips, and Grand Canyon raftings. All have been great experiences!

My goal as Vice President of Membership is to ask each member to volunteer to take on an activity. Also, I am open to any suggestions for new ideas for bringing new members to help so SCSC will again grow to at least 1400 members. Each of us can contribute and support ALL that makes SCSC a great club to belong to. I want to support SCSCers "new" ideas.

I have worked in multi-functional

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## NOMINEE FOR VP MEMBERSHIP

### JOANNE FORE

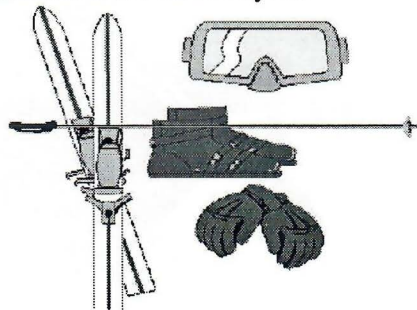


I will get straight to the point... I really enjoy volunteering! And I have a great deal of experience in volunteering and in heading up activities. I have been a member of a sailing club for 17 years, serving as the club's treasurer for nine terms. I definitely know how to handle paperwork in an organized manner. Additionally, I have served three years on the Crisis Team of the Houston Police Department...not that I expect any major crises should I become your VP of Membership, but it's nice to know I can handle problems that may arise.

For Space City Ski Club I have been an ATC on two trips, Telluride and Panorama, and I am currently the TC for Durango. I have also coordinated many activities for SCSC including 4 or 5 Rockets' and Comets' games, a Halloween Party, several Fashion Shows, and been involved in the Follies and several member check-ins for General Meetings.

While my "real" job involves working for a lawyer (for the past 28 years), I still feel that I have a generous amount of time to devote to the position of VP of Membership. If elected, I will make the business of SCSC my main priority. I like getting involved in the club and especially enjoy meeting new people. I would have no problem telling everyone I meet that SCSC is a GREAT club to join! I look forward to the opportunities and challenges that this position would afford me.

Thank you for considering me, Joanne Fore, as your Vice President of Membership. I would appreciate your support and will need your vote in order to serve. I am willing and ready to do the job. All I need is a vote from you!



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management, as "Financial Consultant of the Year" for the state of Texas.

I am really excited about the upcoming year and the ongoing successful activities we can all enjoy together. I am enthusiastic about adding value to our organization and using my passed experience and diligence to ensure a fantastic term. Thanks for your support.

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others who have given of their time to SCSC, I found I have been able to work, spend time, and become friends with some of the finest people I have had the pleasure to know. Although it is sometimes challenging to fit the demands of volunteering into our busy lives, the rewards have been more than worth it.

**Finish Line:** I have previously published a newsletter for a group to which I belonged. I am familiar with the publishing software the club uses and have worked with the printer on several occasions. With these qualifications and my previous experience in the club, I hope to publish a Sitzmarke which will both inform and entertain. I look forward to the opportunity to working with the other volunteers this year and to meeting as many of you as I can.

*Continued - Melanie Morin*

energy jobs for 17 years, lived a good life, and found change is good and it works. Currently, I am a Project Manager with responsibilities for turnkey power projects and management of purchasing, finance, vendors and engineering contractor professionals at GE Power Systems. In my spare time, I volunteer for my church and non-profit groups. I affirmatively believe in "giving back" to the community.

I look forward to the challenge of the coming year, to keep our current membership strong as well as help supply the leadership this club deserves.



# TSC Bid Meeting

by Peggy Montgomery



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.

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

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](mailto: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!

## The 2002-2003 Ski Trip Selection Process Begins!!!



**Texas Ski Council  
Bid Meeting & Ski Show  
San Antonio, Texas  
April 19-21, 2002**



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The Texas Ski Council Bid Meeting & Ski Show will be held in San Antonio the weekend of April 19-21 and is open to all SCSC members. You are invited to attend the meeting and observe bid presentations and the selection process of Texas Ski Council trips, which lay the groundwork for our annual trip schedule.

The registration fee is \$45 before March 15 or \$55 after that date.

For more information, or to volunteer to assist at this year's meeting, contact your TSC Representative, Peggy Montgomery, at 281.437.5467 prior to March 10th.

Prior to the TSC Ski Show & Bid Meeting, a golf tournament will be held Friday, April 19, with tee times beginning at 10:00 a.m. Cost for the golf tournament is \$75 per person, and pre-registration is required.

Contact Kayleen Kill for further information on the golf tournament by email at [kayleen.kill@ev1.net](mailto:kayleen.kill@ev1.net) or by phone at 281.293.9533.



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# Lake Louise, Canada - TSC Traditional

by Walter May, ATC

The Lake Louise trip had everything going for it, the Texas Ski Council Traditional Trip, a great price, the Fairmount Lake Louise Chateau, the best racers and, last but not least, wonderful participants. An amazing one hundred ten – yes, 110 – SCSCers signed up for the trip – full and land packages, shadows and Council officers.

Because of the size of the trip, the flights were divided. TC Mary Ann Soto pulled rank on her ATC Walter May who took the early trip. Following a 3:30 AM rising and 5:30 AM appointment at Air Canada's counter at Bush Intercontinental, thirty-one sleepy but good natured people boarded for Calgary. Our Prez John Rice was the last to show and had to sit in the back of the bus – I mean plane. The early group arrived at the Chateau around 2 PM local time, had a leisurely afternoon and relaxed dinner. They had a great opportunity to enjoy spectacular scenery and learn that Lake Louise was named for a daughter of Queen Victoria who never visited the site. The only known hitch was that Joe Meyer had some "dirty money" that attracted the attention of dogs at customs. He talked his way out of that.

Mary Ann's group left at a more civilized time. However, Dianne McKenzie and Janet McKenzie were issued duplicate boarding passes. The plane was overbooked and delayed. OK ladies, next time which of you will use a different surname? The second section also had the alcohol permit and made a liberal liquor stop before leaving Calgary. As a result, they dragged in at almost midnight. With this inauspicious beginning, one could only wonder what would happen next. It only got better.

After an easy day finding our ski legs on the slopes on Sunday, the Ski Council and our Canadian hosts arranged "light



hors d'oeuvres" on a buffet table about half a kilometer long – they measure in metric in Canada. After plowing through about 100 dishes, we puzzled over what the banquet would consist of on the following Friday evening.

Monday was another snowy day on the mountain. Some of us went to Sunshine Village for a good day of skiing although it was rather foggy. Mary Ann arranged another "light snack" buffet and drinks in the beautiful Lakeview Room off the lobby. Again, the Canadians

outdid themselves.

Tuesday the weather was better and we skied and snowboarded ourselves silly. This day ended with the Mountain Rocker party at the Lake Louise Ski Lodge. This was a slightly smaller snack – only 90 dishes.

Wednesday was an off day for some of us. A group took the bus to Banff Springs to enjoy the town and hotel. The Banff Springs Hotel is also owned by the Fairmont Group, subsidiary of the Canadian Pacific Railroad Co. It is obvious that both hotels were built for royalty in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Mary Ann Soto, Roger and Carol Sahni, Bob and Francine Sheffield, and Marc and Mimi Markel had dinner at a wonderful French restaurant, Le Beaujolais.

Thursday was race day. SCSC did very well. We relaxed afterward at the mountain picnic with more food and music. We had a photo session for the group after lunch. Following a fun day of sunshine on the mountain, many of us went to the Torchlight Dinner. Festivities started off at 4:30 PM with a very open bar. Presentation of the food – 110 dishes this evening – was outstanding with fireworks accompanying a haunch of meat from a sizeable Alberta steer on a trolley pulled by several handsome ski instructors. (This latter detail was pointed out to me by some of the ladies sitting around me.) Some of us viewed the trip down the mountain by torchlight with some degree of trepidation. It was achieved without a hitch, perhaps due to the fact that Janet McKenzie took the snowmobile down. She can do moguls in daylight but has been known to wipe out entire groups at night. Ann Nettles' light went out on the way down and was almost taken out by a skier going the opposite direction.

Friday was our last day of skiing. The Texas Ski Council Awards Party & Dinner capped the week's activities. And yes, the Canadians outdid themselves one more time. This was a more sumptuous feast than anything before. The highlight of the evening was announcement of the race results. The results were as follows:





## Club Races, Division I

Space City Ski Club - 1st Place

### Individual Races:

Super Senior Women – Lotty Gautschi – 1st Place

Senior Women – Kayleen Kill – 1st Place

Open Women – Susan Wilson – 2nd Place

The following medals were awarded:

**Gold:** Gunnar Heyne, George Hirasaki, Kayleen Kill, and Susan Wilson.

**Silver:** Karl Gautschi, Darlene Hirasaki, Janet McKenzie, Robert Samen, Bob Sheffield, Phillip Vice and Helmut Zegner

**Bronze:** Stephen Barney, Michael Carter, Robert Cloutier, Lotty Gautschi, Bruce Lowther, Diane McKenzie, Linda Meyer, John Rice, Kenneth Smith, and Jeff Sarff.

**Black:** Mimi Markel, Douglas Shows, and Luis Torres.

**Blue:** Charles Butler and Marc Markel.

**Green:** Hartley Chelin and Rick Jacobs.



Many thanks to our race director, Darlene Hirasaki. Mary Ann was last seen proudly carrying the race trophy home.

J. R. Ronczy has on film Phillip Vice's wipe-out on the mogul run – it's not often we get to see Philip go down. Stacey Ronczy did a very graceful "face plant" causing her knight in shining armor (J. R.) to hop his snowboard up the mountain to retrieve Stacey's newly purchased poles.

Joe Bruccoliere turned out to be an excellent ski instructor. He brought Karen Mozisek from a green to blue slope skier by Thursday afternoon. New members Tom and Lisa Gossett enjoyed themselves thoroughly. This was the first time Tom had skied since Army days and Lisa was a first-timer. Tom demonstrated an amazing ability to take a nap almost anywhere. As usual, we didn't see much of George Hirasaki and his skiing buddies. We hear that they were jumping off precipices,

taking the tree routes and avoiding avalanches. Cheryl May once again demonstrated that she can get down a mountain faster

on a snow-board than Walter can on skis. She took a tumble getting off a lift on her board and still has sore ribs to prove it.

There were plenty of funky hats on the mountain, but none com-



pared with Jane Orr's chapeaus. One day was a purple and black jester, the next day, Mickey Mouse, and the big finale was a hat sprouting red hair. You couldn't miss her on the mountain.

Nominated for the best party "couple" were mother and son team Dianne and Michael Carter. They were reported to have shut down the lounge every night.

The early group rolled out for a 3:30 AM luggage loading and 4:00 AM departure for Calgary Saturday morning. While in the park, the bus driver slammed on his brakes to avoid hitting a moose, the first he had seen in nine years driving. The plane was on time and we arrived in Houston about noon. The later group left again at a more civilized time and arrived in time for dinner. Rank does have its privileges.

Our thanks go out to the Texas Ski Council and especially Gary Butler who looked after the SCSC group, and to the Canadians and the Lake Louise Chateau who outdid themselves with food, drink, hospitality and friendliness. Thanks to Cheryl May who kept her wayward husband, Walter, on the right path for his ATC duties, and Sue Bohnert who assisted Mary Ann and Walter on the trip.

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# Aspen, Colorado

by Christine March, TC, and Lori Gilliland, ATC

## Dear Diary:

**Saturday, January 12.** Mom told me not to go on this trip; there were just too many lawyers, six of them in all. But there were also tons of single guys so, why start listening to her now? I signed up for the SCSC Aspen 2002 trip. I mean, like, if I am going skiing, where else should I go but Aspen? On Saturday, January 12, 2002, we were told to be at the airport at an ungodly hour, so I decided to party all night and skip the sleep. I got to the airport at 5:20 a.m., which is usually way too early for me to be awake, or way too late, whatever. Any way, I thought I was dreaming, but who walked in next, but **Marsha Lutz** who arrived at the United Airlines ticket counter bright and early with a huge smile, followed by the entire Houston Aeros Hockey team. Huh, I wonder . . . oh, never mind. The airport security went well. The security officers were looking for someone to choose for the

random full body and baggage check, so they picked our own **Bob Wray**, the UC Berkeley grad with a math degree, who just so happens to look a little like Theodore Kaczynski. Yeah, random, I'll bet. Everyone made it on time, except **Blake Gillespie**. He straggled in an hour and a half late, after several calls to try to locate him, and just moments before we were about to abandon the search. He tried to act nonchalant, but he looked a bit bedraggled after being dropped off by the dorm mother from some sorority. The rest of the flight went off without a hitch, and we arrived at the Aspen Mountain Lodge

precisely on schedule. It did take two vans and four baggage handlers to get all of **Marianne Pearce's** luggage, **Sholeh Safaeian's** hats, and **Yvonne Guy** into the lodge. After a quick check in, we all hit downtown for rentals. Rick and Jane Admas went with **Lori Gilliland**, our ATC and virtual expert on Aspen, to shop for boots. Lori planned to get boots from a famous boot fitter in Aspen so that the fit and performance would be perfect. Rick and Jane bought boots too, but they only wanted the boot fitter's advice on color. That evening we gathered for complimentary "après ski" food and drinks at a Welcome Reception and a presentation by Aspen Ski Co. They sent this guy from the ski school and some dude to talk about the Nastar races. The Nastar guy was a hottie from Australia.

**Sunday, January 13.** It was so cool that we got free breakfast every morning at the lodge. The hot waffles were totally yummy. We all planned to ski Snowmass for the first day to warm up our ski legs. I had heard that Snowmass was an intermediate's dream. It was. Every slope was covered with beautiful corduroy, groomed

to perfection, completely uncrowded, and not a single lift line anywhere. We also discovered some great powder stashes. **Nick Palma** discovered a new strategy to determine powder depth; dive in headfirst! While Nick was hiding his head in the snow **Effie Rubenstein**, our Sportours rep, gave us a surprise visit to ski with the group. The surprise was what a righteous skier she was. She sure served up some humble pie to everyone who thought they knew how to do a bump run. This was after most of us waited an hour for **Sholeh Safaeian** to come down the first green run. Later that day she took a lesson and came off saying something about mouse poison. **Rita Wright** announced at breakfast the next day that Sholeh was now skiing double blacks. Wow, I gotta get some of those lessons! **Lourdes Jenkinson** did not do as well in her class, as she severed her ACL trying to get on the Poma Lift. Guilt ridden, her husband, **Glen Jenkinson**, spent the week catering to her every need and trying to get a refund on that class.

Poor Lourdes, this was her second time ever on skis. She was not able to ski, but she really was a trooper. She kept a smile on her face and used the time to socialize, catch up on work, and read. We did a pub-crawl that night. And yes, we pretty much crawled home.



**Monday, January 14.** This week, the ESPN Winter X-games scheduled their competition at Buttermilk so I have been on the lookout for the rich and famous. I think I saw a celebrity today. He had a really fancy outfit and one of those new shiny crash helmets. He was telling everyone how fast he skis. There was a large group around him that said he was some kind of race

director, probably for the X-Games. They said his name was **Bomb Bragburger**. Monday we skied Ajax. They changed the name from Aspen to Ajax Mountain. Oh, my gaud! Ajax rocks! What was groomed corduroy at Snowmass was totally cashmere on Ajax. There were no lift lines, there were no people on the mountain and we had the whole place to ourselves. **Barry Hardy** skied Ajax on Sunday so he scoped out the place for us. **Sue Salvage**, who took the day off, and non-skier **Christine Sirikus** found their way to the top of Ajax when they scored some free lift tickets to take the gondola. After finishing lunch at the Sundek, **Milton Kramer**, **Lori Gilliland**, and **Lou Kleinman** ran into **Sue and Christine** enjoying the breathtaking view, blue skies, and sunshine. For Après ski we found **John Stoner**, **Barry Hardy** and **Nick Palma** at the Little Nell drinking beer out of champagne glasses. Talk about champagne taste on a beer budget. Fellow SCSC members **Bob Fulwiler** and **Eddie Bayersdorfer** just so happened to be hanging at the Little Nell too. That night **Rick Adams** was nearly arrested for child abuse by a couple of overprotective parents. You have to watch those quiet types. I



heard that he bent up some ski instructor's poles that day, too. Wow, that dude needs to chill! To top off the night, we got back to the Lodge for our daily free Après ski with wine, cheese, hot soup, chips, salsa and dips only to learn that **Marianne Pierce** injured her ACL. She was probably looking at the ski patrol dudes again and not looking where she was going. Either that or she used the old "Help me, Mr. Lifeguard, I'm drowning!" thing. Any way it worked because she got a ride with a view behind a total fox ski patrol dude.

**Tuesday, January 15:** We skied Aspen Highlands in a huge blizzard with fresh powder as the reward. That night, the club party at the Grottos was a drunken debauchery with **John Gay** looking on as his wife, **Becky Reitz**, gave dirty dancing lessons to the local rugby star and his local teenage groupies. She broke the ice, and like really fast, everyone hit the dance floor. Rock star **John Salinas** sang "Last Kiss." And the best "get to know your fellow participant question" came from **Martin Bradley** who asked **Kelly Reynolds** if she had ever had sex in her fur coat. The best comeback came from **Lou Kleinman** who responded, "How do you think she got the fur?" Of course they were all teasing **Kelly**, but she took it in stride, loved the attention, and gave them all a few come backs of her own. **Kelly**, you go, girl!

**Harold Kaminsky** was most cordial when he thanked our entertainer for singing to his wife for her birthday. **Fran Kaminsky**, on the other hand, questioned his choice of song. **Patti Maudslay**, **Rita Tucker Wright**, and **Marsha Lutz** entertained the crowd with a dance show to the song "Friends in Low Places." **Martin Bradley**, the biggest fan of the "good old fashioned singsong," sang along to nearly every song and actually knew all the words to "Waltzing Matilda." **Leslie Adams** knew all the words to every Neil Diamond song the singer knew. After singing her heart out, she and **Steve Ellsberry** kicked up their heels on the dance floor. **Blake Gillespie** thought no one saw him when he snuck out early. The rumor was that he was trying to hook up with some waitress. And guess who **Marianne Pearce's** waiter was?...the ski patrol dude that gave her the ride of her life the day before.

**Wednesday, January 16.** The lodge provided fluffy robes in each of the rooms. It seemed like



people began showing up for the free breakfast more and more casually dressed. **Johanna Kuang**, **Patti Maudslay**, **Yvonne Guy** and **Marianne Pearce** came to the dining room dressed in their robes each morning. You might think that this was a bit too casual, but actually they were the trendsetters. Soon, most people came in their robes, jammies, long johns, and such. Those robes were everywhere. People were walking down Main Street in them! It was also a sign of how comfortable people were getting with each other. The set up of the lodge was a large central room with a fireplace and couches on one side and a dining room on the other. It was pretty homey and we were starting to feel like one big happy family.

**Thursday January 17.** The X-Games at Buttermilk were way cool. We got a bunch of free stuff and hoped the TV cameras that were everywhere got us on tape. **Christine March** and **Harold Kaminsky** took their first "never ever" ski lesson together some six seasons ago. Today they got to ski together again while **Fran Kaminski** took a lesson. It was like a reunion. They both have come a long way. Most people are now showing up at the Après ski in their robes. To get to the hot tub, you had to go out the front door of the hotel and walk down Main Street wearing the white fluffy robes. We got a couple of great pictures. The legal team and hottie bachelors, **David Edwards** and **Gary Freeman** ruled the hot tub. In addition to looking fine in his robe, **Gary Freeman** is one of those skiers that look so graceful on the slopes. Rumor had it that he was a ski instructor at Vail years ago.

**Friday, January 18.** Race Day at Snowmass. There was a huge blizzard. It was snowing so hard that Aspen Ski called and asked if they really needed to set up the race course or not. We told them "Of course, we came to race and race we shall do." The visibility was so bad you could barely see three gates. Hey, remember that celebrity I saw earlier. It wasn't a movie star after all, but the Race Director for SCSC, **Bill Bomberger**. We had two silver medal winners, **Martin Bradley** and **Blake Gillespie**. After the races we ate barbeque at the rustic Lynn Britt log cabin. We had a group pictures taken at the cabin and were able to see the pictures that night at the awards dinner when the photographer came with the proofs. The most notable figure in the pictures was

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# Dart Tournament

by Milt Kramer



It was a dark and stormy night. Actually, it wasn't, but that was all that was missing for a scary SCSC Dart Tournament on the last Saturday night in October. (OK, to be honest it's always scary watching skiers at a bar throwing darts!) The pub was lit up with Halloween lights and several people, including Sue Salvage, Jeri Hartman, and Mike Murphy showed up in great costumes. While waiting for all the participants to arrive and check in, people practiced their dart tosses and helped themselves to the available munchies. Some folks, like Kayleen Kill and John Rice, showed up for the socializing and didn't throw darts, but the more the merrier!

While Jay Domser from the Houston Darts Association explained the format and rules to everybody, yours truly made

up the team pairings and tournament draw (completely random, of course). For this tournament, we played 301 with the trick being to double out each game. This meant in order to win, a player would have to hit an obscenely small area on the board called a double.

Play started and teams scored pretty well, but sure enough that darn double caused some trouble. Don Crabtree, Billie Nowak, Mark Ollom, and Lynn Burch had a titanic first round match trying to hit the double, and they weren't alone. But being the good sports that all SCSCers are, everybody remained of good cheer and eventually a winner of all the first round matches was proclaimed. With one round under their belts, the remaining



participants gained more confidence and each successive round produced better darts. Before you knew it (yeah right!), we were down to four teams. Out of these teams, Mike Murphy and Beneta Haley won first place, defeating Nick Palma and Helena Alexander in a close match. Beneta threw great darts and won the Kick Butt Dart award for her performance. Mark Ollom and Lynn Burch won the consolation match over Dutch Weimer and Joanie Osbourn.

All in all, a great time was had by all. I'd like to thank everybody who came to play and socialize. Thanks also to Betty of B.J.'s Sports pub for helping us out.



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# SCSC WANTS You!!!!

by Debbie Bergeron, VP Publications & Sitzmarke Editor

Dear Members,

**Think about it.** Are you making the most of your membership with SCSC? We are fortunate to belong to a vibrant organization that brings not only ski seasons filled with fantastic trips to exciting destinations, but also entertaining times at our monthly meetings, year-round activities and happy hours that bring opportunities for mass socializing and developing many long-lasting friendships!

Check out these photo memories of recent Monthly Meetings, Happy Hours, and New Member Mixers. At our January general meeting, a Memorial Hermann Sportscare physician spoke to us on skiing preparation & injury prevention. In February we were entertained by SCSC's own Cheryl May and singers from her HLS&R Speaker's Committee. This month we'll have our 2002-03 officer elections. In April, a Spring Style Show is a possibility, but we need volunteers right away! In May our annual Follies is under way to wrap up the 2001-02 season!



Cindy Moore has been doing a superb job coordinating New Member Mixers that are in addition to the fun Monthly Happy Hours. Laura Carmin has arranged at so many



varied locations every month. Roger Sahni and



Jeri Hartman have worked hard to keep our activity schedule full, but **WE NEED YOU** to help expand the offerings, particularly now that ski season is winding down!



So, perhaps you haven't volunteered for SCSC yet? Now's the time to **DIVE IN & JOIN US FOR SOME FUN!!!** Whether it's an idea for a new activity (or an old one), or you have a little time (or a lot) to contribute



by taking the reins & coordinating an activity (or trip!), or assisting in the background til you're ready for your own spotlight on the SCSC stage, contact any of our Executive Committee officers and we'll be glad to get you lined up as a member of the SCSC "Production Crew"!



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## Volunteer Spotlight - Sue Edwards



In this month's **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT** is **SUE EDWARDS**, who not only presently volunteers as one of our two Logo Ladies, but also has been a prior First Lady of SCSC when husband Jim was SCSC President during 1997-1998. When asked what she might like fellow members to know about her, Sue's response was sprightly this -- "computer nerd with Texas "Big Hair"! Here's a little more about one of our long-time members who can

frequently be found lending a helping hand...

I first heard about Space City Ski Club through a friend at work who was a member and joined during the 1991-92 season. Why did I join? To ski with what has turned out to be 100 of my best friends!

Volunteer work I've been involved with for SCSC in the past includes ATC Mt. Bachelor, TC Mammoth Mountain, and as a mule for my husband, Jim, who volunteers for everything! To those of you who haven't yet volunteered, here's my advice: Join, contribute, and have the best years of your life! If you are short on friends, you can't get any better than those you find when participating and volunteering. You can make "life long" friends, and they are worth more than anything!

## LAKE LOUISE- Continued from page 13

The trip included many wonderful people in addition to those mentioned above. They included former and current Space City officers and Texas Ski Council representatives: Sue Bohnert, Charles Butler, Gary Butler, Susan Blome, Darlene Hirasaki, Kayleen Kill, Cheryl May, Jane Orr, President John Rice, Stacey Ronczy, Roger Sahni, and Jeff and Nancy Sarff.

We had a lot of new and not-so-new people: Frank Adams, Charles Allen, Bruce Baird, Judy and Stephen Brown, Christie Burke, Todd Buxton, Carol Cain, Joseph Cannata, Robert Clements, Danielle DiLeo, Tom Fore, Tonya Gardenhi, Linda Guice, Gary and Beneta Haley, Christina Heyne, Terry Higgs, Lawrence Hord, Michael Hughes, Kimberley Jordon, Curt and Lauralyn Johnson, Albert and Stephanie Klimas, Joe Kulpinski, Bill Landfield, Chris Lewis, Deborah and James Marsh, Brook McClain, Diane McKenzie, Janet McKenzie, Doug and Vergie Meigs, Joe Meyer, Lucinda Moore, Karen Mozisek, Philip Nelson, Meynard Nussbaum, Leyla Ozkardesh, Don and Sandy Parker, Cathy Phillips, Eric Ploeger, David and Guri Pryce, David and Winnie Pullen, Roberta and Ron Rambin, Robert Rexford, Robert Samen, Carol Sahni, Joy Saphla, Howard Schoenike, Francine Sheffield, Andrew Sikes, Harvey and Nancy Steisslinger, Jim and Linda Walker, Ted Widmer, Tina Williams, Jeri and Bud Wilson, Steve Wolfe, Martha Zenger.

P.S. Thanks for the kind verbal and written notes of appreciation.

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**Eric Wright** who is really tall to begin with, but he had this really cool tall Russian hat with a giant red star.

Saturday, January 19. Oh, tell me it's not true. It can't be over! I really don't wanna go home. We made such a hit in Aspen. Standing in line at the airport **Sue Salvage** and **Steve Amy** were talking to a couple from Minneapolis who told them about the cool group that was in Aspen that week wearing black and white puppy tails. But that was us! At the welcome party we all got furry black and white puppy tails, and we all wore them somewhere on our ski outfits. Several people also got furry puppy neck gaiters. You should have seen **Becky Reitz** and **John Gay**. They wore their tails on the back of their ski suits. Too Cute! But **Geri Mork** won the award for the best tail. She wore hers all week along with the gaiter. **Geri** and **Chuck Albright**

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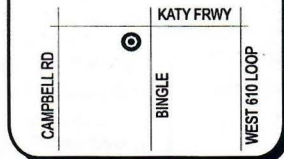
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Are you available for monthly SCSC meetings (Sept-May) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Are you available for monthly SCSC happy hours? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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