

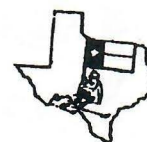


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## Head of the Lifeline

*by John Rice*



It's the time of year to make your list and check it twice, and hope you get a bunch of new ski stuff under the Christmas tree. On behalf of the Board of Directors, your current Officers and myself I would like to wish each of you a happy and safe holiday season.

This month we will have our annual Sunshine Kids Auction at the General meeting. Marti Toomer has graciously volunteered to organize this event, so if you have something you would like to donate, please contact Marti TODAY! And speaking of donations, last month Walter May performed a piano concert at Vargo's Restaurant and with his wife Cheryl organizing the event for SCSC, raised over \$1400 for the Sunshine Kids. Congratulations to Walter and Cheryl and thanks to all the generous members of SCSC.

A couple of months ago we started something called "The Young and New Members Happy Hour" which is an effort to try and increase our membership with younger members. Cindy Moore is the activity coordinator, so please contact her for all the details and to get yourself put on the Y&N mailing list. The next Y&N Member Mixer is December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Don't forget, it's never too late to sign up for another ski trip. And don't let that waitlist bother you, most trip leaders go through their entire list two or three times before they fill their trip.

Be sure to see the parking token notice below, which takes effect beginning with our December 10th meeting. This month's Happy Hour will be December 20th at the Chili's located at 5015 Westheimer, in the Galleria One, on the ice skating rink level. A great opportunity for socializing with your SCSC friends and to get a few last minute Christmas gifts in! See ya...



## Join Us December 10th for our Annual Live & Silent Auction benefitting the Sunshine Kids!

**Complete Your Christmas List By  
Bidding on Dinners, Gourmet Food Baskets,  
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Entertainment & Sporting Events!**

**Last Minute Donations Still Being Accepted!  
Contact Marti Toomer at (713) 681-8980**

## 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, beginning with our December meeting, be sure to  
pick up a parking token at our Member & Guest sign-in tables  
so you can exit the garage after the meeting.**



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## New (& Younger) Member Mixer!

**Thursday, December 4**  
5:30 til 8:00 p.m.

**The Volcano**  
2349 Bissonnet @ Morningside  
(The Village Area)

**Complimentary Buffet**  
50 cents off All Drinks!  
Club Info & Flyers

### 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

**Chili's - Galleria One**  
5015 Westheimer - Ice Skating Rink Level  
(713) 622-7924

**Thursday, December 20**  
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**Appetizers**  
**Happy Hour Prices**  
\$2 Well & \$3 Call Drinks  
\$2 Domestic & \$2.75 Draft Beer  
\$4 House Wine

Free Parking in Galleria Garage



## CALENDAR

### December

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### December

- 11/27 ..... SCSC Ex Comm Meeting
- 1 ..... TSC Quarterly Delegates Meeting
- 4 ..... Y&N Member Mixer
- 6-11 ..... Red River/Taos Ski Trip
- 10 ..... General Meeting
- 12 ..... SCSC Board Meeting
- 20 ..... Happy Hour-Chili's

### January

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### January

- TBA ..... SCSC Ex Comm Meeting
- TBA ..... Y&N Member Mixer
- 5-12 ..... Lake Louise Ski Trip
- 12-19 ..... Aspen Ski Trip
- 17 ..... Happy Hour-TBA
- 21 ..... General Meeting
- 26 ..... Grand Casino Coshatta Day Trip
- 1/26-2/3 ..... Andorra Ski Trip

### February

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### February

- 2-9 ..... Big Sky Ski Trip
- TBA ..... SCSC Ex Comm Meeting
- TBA ..... Y&N Member Mixer
- 9-16 ..... Durango Ski Trip
- 11 ..... General Meeting
- 15 ..... Rodeo Night
- 21 ..... Happy Hour-TBA



# FROM THE SKI DESK

by Patti Maudslay



Oh, the weather outside is frightful, but to skiers it's so delightful, we are ready to go, let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! Ski season is here. The resorts are already getting great snow so this is going to be a fantastic ski year.

Our TSC Fall Roundup trip to Copper Mountain, CO has just returned. They had a super time and got the season started off in style.

What a great way to spend the Thanksgiving holiday. Thanks to Cheryl and Tor for their hard work making this trip a success.

A great start to the Christmas holidays is the Red River/Taos trip December 6 - 11. A clinic to improve your skiing and prepare for the rest of the season is an added bonus. To join the fun contact Roger for the current status. There may be a last minute opening.

Now is the time to take action if you haven't already secured your spot on a trip. Trips are filling up fast, plus we are at the deadline to reduce trip size before penalties are incurred. We base reductions on open spaces not reserved by either a deposit or full payment on the trip. All open trip spaces will be reduced after the December 10th General Meeting. Don't procrastinate sign up now or lose your place.

Get on the wait list if your favorite trip is full. After a trip is full, we start a no-risk wait list. All you have to do is put down a \$100 deposit and we hold your check. When a space opens on the trip you will be contacted. Once you agree to go on the trip then your deposit check is cashed and you pay the balance of the trip price. People are contacted in the order that they are placed on the wait list, so sign up early to get the first chance to get on the trip.

## CURRENT TRIP STATUS

Check with the trip leaders for the latest trip status. Trip status is continually changing.

Trips with openings (as this issue goes to press) are Aspen, Durango, Alyeska, Telluride, Sun Valley, Park City, and New Zealand.

Trips that are full and have started a wait list are Red River, Lake Louise, Andorra, and Big Sky.

## TRAVEL TO CANADA AND MEXICO

Current passports are now needed for travel to Canada or Mexico. Birth Certificates are no longer accepted. Make arrangements immediately to apply or renew your passport if you are on the Lake Louise trip. You may have to pay an additional fee for a rush. Check with your local passport office. Some post offices also offer passport services.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May your family and friends be blessed at Christmas and may the New Year bring peace.

**SEE YOU ON THE SLOPES!**

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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
Dec. 6-11, 2001 (Thu-Tue)	5/4	<b>RED RIVER/TAOS</b> New Mexico (Learn to Ski/Race Clinic)	\$614 L\$375 LT**	9/20/01	Riverside Lodge (Hotel)	20 L-4 WL	Roger Holzman Patty Finch (SEB)	713-461-7604 936-321-1529
Jan 5-12, 2002 (Sat- Sat)	7/6	<b>LAKE LOUISE</b> Canada (TSC Traditional)	\$881 L\$561	9/20/01	Chateau Lake Louise (Hotel)	80 L-6	Mary Ann Soto Walter May (SEB)	281-679-5686 281-493-0016
Jan. 12-19, 2002 (Sat- Sat)	7/6	<b>ASPEN</b> 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	<b>ANDORRA</b> 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	<b>BIG SKY</b> 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	<b>DURANGO</b> 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	<b>ALYESKA</b> 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	<b>TELLURIDE</b> 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	<b>SUN VALLEY</b> 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	<b>PARK CITY AREA</b> 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	<b>NEW ZEALAND FIJI</b>	\$2508	4/8/02	Copthorne Sheraton (Hotels)	32	Steven Teoh (SEB)	713-476-9364

\*\* Notes: Check with the trip leaders for the most current status on the trips.

L=Land Package-excludes air; certain trips excludes ground transportation

LT= Red River includes 2-day lift ticket for Red River and 2-day lift ticket for Taos.

BLT=Big Sky has full breakfast daily and 5-day lift ticket included in trip price.

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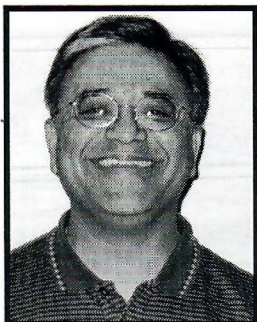
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# Programs & Activities

by Roger Sahni, VP Programs



One hundred sixty-five (165) attended Evening of Classical Music at Vargo's in November. What a great performance! What a great evening! And what a great cause! SCSC's own Walter May was superb with his selections which included Chopin and Rachmaninoff concertos! He was accompanied on the last piece by Prof. Donald Doucet of Rice University. The evening concluded with a duet by

Walter on piano and wife Cheryl on flute, playing a great rendition of "God Bless America". Cheryl, as Activity Coordinator for this event, also did a wonderful job emceeing the evening. Thank you all for supporting this wonderful function, especially the Mays who spent (donated) several hundred dollars from their own pockets to make this a huge success. Due to their and your generosity, approximately \$1400 will be donated to Sunshine Kids by SCSC. One more

very important thanks goes to Mr. Carl Schaer who tuned both pianos at no cost to us so that everyone could enjoy concert sound.

Milton Kramer did an admirable job at our October Dart Tournament with 16 teams, John Burk coordinated a most entertaining Beach Bash, and Richard Hall & Concietta Ruggiero's Day Sail was a rousing success! Many, many thanks to all our Activity Coordinators and their assistants!

We would like to have more activities such as golf, laser tag, Rockets games, opera, windsurfing, C&W dancing, gourmet dinners, skydiving in Elvis suits..... In order for us to offer activities like these, **WE NEED YOU!** We are a **VOLUNTEER** club and we are only as good as our volunteers. So, please help your club to make it more fun and enjoyable. You can also help us at our Sunshine Kids' live and silent auction (December General Meeting) either by donating or bidding on an item. You are encouraged to bring your friends to this, as well as other General Meetings.

I would like to personally thank Mr. Bailey Curtis (ladies, he is very handsome, cute, and a really nice guy), Manager Volunteer Services MHMC - Memorial Herman Memorial City Hospital (Gessner and I-10) for providing us with several door prizes for all our meetings. MHMC is also a great place to volunteer (mornings, afternoons or evenings); if interested call Bailey at (713) 932-3830.

Wishing you & yours a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## 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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Activity Date	Activity	Activity Coordinator	Contact #	Final Payment	Cost
12/4	N&Y Member Mixer	Cindy Moore	(713) 984-1060	--	--
12/10	Sunshine Kids Auction	Marti Toomer	(713) 681-8980	--	--
1/26	Grand Casino Couthatta Day Trip	Craig Campbell	(713) 453-5798	12/10	\$15
2/15	Rodeo Houston	Mary Kay Kitchens	(281) 558-9736	2/11	\$14
5/25-30	Mexican Riviera Caribbean Cruise	Bob Olsen	(713) 436-0082	1/21	\$630/ \$695

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# Racing Myths

by Bill Bomberger, SCSC Race Director



1. You must be fast!
2. You must race against an opponent!
3. Only good skiers need to apply!
4. Your results are gone after you finish the race!

**All of the above are false!**

## For number 1:

Getting down the course in 1 piece is the most important part of racing. **If it takes you 10 minutes to get down the course, that is OK as long as you get through the gates and complete the course.** For TSC racing, completing the course gets the ski club points, not finishing gets no points for the club. Ski too fast and you risk missing a gate or falling. On most race courses getting out of the starting gate is the most difficult part, some have a slight dropoff at the start. A good start can cut more than 1 second off of your time (a difference between a medal and no medal). Going down the race course will show you how you are improving as a skier. Going back and forth on a wide-open cruiser makes it hard to do a comparison. You can race at almost any ski area. It generally runs \$8 for 2 timed runs. For TSC and Club racing everybody gets a medal. See the club race director for information.

## For number 2:

Wrong, Wrong, Wrong. **YOU** are racing the clock, your time does not start until you push on the starting gate barrier. If there is a timer and he says go, let him, you can stand in the gate until **YOU** are ready to go. I personally will not race side by side an opponent. I will let them go first and try to catch them. Your time starts when you move the barrier with you shin at the start and when you cross the finish line.

## For number 3:

See number 1. It is probably the best way to see if you are really improving as a skier. Having to make turns on the race course makes you a better skier and helps you ski under control even when you are not racing. Making turns to avoid collisions is better than falling down or having a collision on the ski runs.

## For Number 4:

For club racing and TSC racing on NASTAR Courses, it is

available on their website [www.nastar.com](http://www.nastar.com); they will be posted within 48 hours of completing the course. For TSC races and Club races on NASTAR courses, your race director will have a printout of the results.

There are two ways to register for racing, one is on the NASTAR website or fill out a form at your pretrip meeting. If you are preregistered all you have to do is give them your registration number. It is a 5 digit number that you can get on the website.

## Please Help Out Your Race Director:

If you have previously raced NASTAR, go to their website and find your name. Get a password and log in to your information and make any corrections that you need to. PLEASE ADD SPACE CITY to your information as your ski club team. At the end of the season I will be able to publish all of your racing results and see where we stand in the National NASTAR Standings as a ski club. For new racers on TSC and club racing, we will enter your information for you. Experienced racers need to log in and get a password to add Space City.

**Enjoy  
The  
Racing  
Experience!**



**Grand Casino Coushatta**  
**Saturday, January 26th - 9 am to 9 pm**



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# Day Sail on Galveston Bay

by *Concietta Ruggiero, AAC*



Aye-Aye-Captain.... ALLLLL Aboard! .....**Captain's Log....** **Saturday**, the 20<sup>th</sup> of October. **Weather...** sunny, low 70's. **Time...12:40 PM.** ...The trimaran "Ultra" departs dock with 47 SCSC'ers ready to set sail. **Destination:** Clear Lake Channel to Marker 7, turn South & head toward San Leon. Turn east @ Baycliff and sail as close to the wind as possible toward ship channel. Turn north, sail for Red Bluff, return to ship channel, turn with following wind

toward Clear Lake Channel...wind not strong enough to push us....sooo... we motored in.

Yes my friends, this hearty group of sailors came armed with sunglasses, sunscreen, deck shoes and tevas. They were prepared for a day of Jimmy Buffet, margaritas and a gourmet buffet prepared by **Concietta Ruggiero, June Cullum and Sharon Rance**. It was a feast set for a king. One fellow shipmate looked at the food and said, "I can't believe this is a ski club event!" Speaking of "kings," our fearless leader, **Richard Hall** selected the menu for the day...smoked salmon, tuna, champagne, etc... which everyone loved. The captain commented that there was enough food for a 2 day trip rather than a 4 hour trip. Richard looked like a professional from 3 Man Movers getting the food and supplies on board. Everyone enjoyed the feast. In fact, before we could finish setting out the food, the passengers attacked the trays with the gusto of hown'dawwwgs! Thanks to **John Tulloss** and his special guests, **Mary Langford Morris** and **Jose**...that's Jose Cuervo Gold w/Triple Sec! Mmmmm...Great Margaritas! We couldn't seem to stop drinking them.

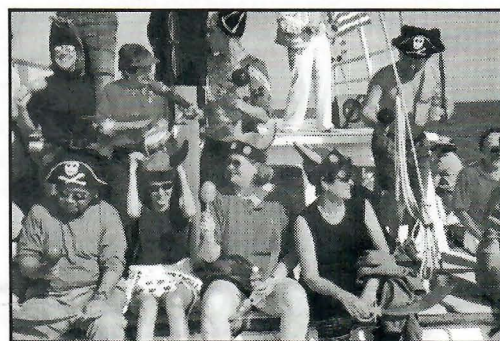
**Mary** even signed up as a new member. **Janis Naidus**, our newest member from the East Coast, enjoyed her first activity w/ us. Welcome to SCSC -- the best group of people in Texas. Names of other participants read like a "Who's Who List" of beautiful people with reputations for Parrrrrrteeeeeeeing!! **Sean O'Brien**, the perennial good humor man and Commodore for TAAS, just came back from sailing the Adriatic Sea. **Joe Walker**, "Yes, I'm having fun. Life is eating, life is sleeping, and life IS having fun." **Mary Ann Pearce & Ellen Manhard** matched notes about old friends. **Robert Becker** joined the group as a "walk on." Glad you



took a chance & made the sail with us. **Pam Thacker** met a tax accountant and was unable to board on t i m e . W h a t ' s

wrong, Pam T., aren't WE good enough for you? We have tax accountants too, if you really want one! Okay, well you missed the event but at least HE got the ticket & had to pay the \$500 damages to your car. We're glad that you weren't hurt in the accident. Our Norwegian, **Tor Lileng**, was happy breathing in that salty air. Did you know that his ancestors were Vikings? Wow...what a legacy. No wonder he was so happy and we thought it was the Margaritas. Newlyweds **Jim & Victoria Shrock** were aboard and sporting beautiful tans.... must be all that high living on Lake Conroe! **Jing Kuang** and his lovely wife, **Johanna**, were delightful company. Name any place in the world and they've lived there! **Philip Nelson** and **Margie Taylor** traded tennis courts for a fabulous day on the water. Other couples that enjoyed this glorious day of sailing were **Claire Finn/Rob Burton**, **Lynda Hysell/Tye DeMass**, **Beverly Maurice/Jim Rutherford**, **Pam Smith/Stam Broniak**, **Roz Evans/William Shaw** and **Marilyn/Tom Mullner**.

Between the margaritas, the salty air, the margaritas, the sunny sky, the margaritas.... our mighty crew suddenly became The Pirates of Pen-zance! **Steven Teoh, Chip Stokes**



**Patti Maudslay, Carmen Mikhail and Robert Knupp** led this rowdy band of revelers as we passed the Kemah Boardwalk 3 times. The Kemah sightseers were very impressed with our champagne flight lifestyle as we battled with swords and guns, mooned with large plastic "gazongas" & "tushes", and serenaded them with tambourines & moroccos. Some of our most noted swashbucklers present were **John Smith, Linda Walters, Mildred Jude, Margaret Schillinger, Joyce Margarge, Barbara Davis and Bill Perks** .....Nice gazongas, but you should shave off the beard before putting on those things!

A very special recognition goes to our Galley Crew headed by **Diane McKenzie** and **Yvonne Guy**. This REALLY is THE most important duty. Thanks a bunch! As our fellow SCSC'ers exited the gangplank we could hear them exclaim with glee, "When do we sign-up for the next sail? Well check the Sitzmarke closely; it may be scheduled when you least expect it.

Hard Core Sailors proceeded to Cadillac Bar & continued to party afterwards. **Mary Ann Harrell** led the charge.

Thanks to all of you for helping to make this a FUN day and a very successful event!





## Volunteer Spotlight - Laura Carmin



After hearing about SCSC through friends who were having so much fun at all the events, both skiing and nonskiing, Laura Carmin joined the club about 9 years ago, "to meet new people and have more fun than I already was — a difficult job, but someone has to do it!"

Laura is a full "Brit" and says it's fun to have a "strange" accent among other non-Brit accents. She was born in Scotland, educated in England, and

emigrated to South Africa with a new husband at the tender age of 21. She has 2 daughters, Helen and Kirsty, who have delighted her with a grandchild each. Laura says she has spent almost 20 years in America and absolutely loves it!

A graphic designer/marketing coordinator for Tractebel North America (an energy company) by day, Laura is getting ready to go back to night school for Web designing courses. She anticipates this to be quite a challenge — coordinating a job, 4 nights of school, ski club activities, and dancing!

Laura is SCSC's Happy Hour Coordinator and her "resume" of volunteering for SCSC also includes coordinating fashion shows, participating in numerous Follies (Diane Stotz signed her up before she was even a member), working sign-in tables, and she recently helped teach the ladies how to throw darts and shoot pool at the October Darts Night.

Laura can attest to the fact that SCSC is much more than skiing — and says she knows because she's been a member for (mumble, mumble) number of years and skied only once. She recommends that members enjoy EVERYTHING the club has to offer, be it the Christmas Gala, Rodeo, and of course skiing. And to those members who haven't yet volunteered, Laura says "Go for it! Sign up for what you like to do — you'll have too much fun — especially seeing people enjoy what you have organized."

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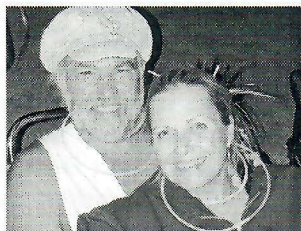
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# Beach Bash 2001

by John Burk, AC

Another successful Beach Bash has come and gone. If you missed it, you missed a great time. The weather forecast said a cold front was coming in bringing a lot of rain and colder temps. They exaggerated. Several folks (**John Smith, Laura Carmin, Doyle Jennings, Barbara Belzung, Jerry Sadler, Bill Simmons & Mary Kay Kitchens, and John & Nancy Burk**) arrived midday on Fri. The weather was warm but dry until 10:30. Most went out to dinner and still had time to get back and enjoy the fire on the beach before the rain. The rain moved the party indoors and out came the Jello Shots (thanks to **Susan Wicker**) and temporary tattoos.



A special welcome to the newbies to the Beach Bash -- **Tor Lileng, Robbie Adams, Doyle Jennings, Ana Maria McDonald, Al Austin (new), Dave Cone, Joe Ann Zimlicka, Ross Baker, Tona Hickman.**

It rained hard Friday night, but Saturday morning was dry and cooler. **Jerry Sadler** prepared a gourmet breakfast for about 50 consisting of eggs benedict w/hollandaise sauce, potato pancakes w/salmon & sour cream, asparagus w/dill sauce, and cherries jubilee w/ice cream for dessert. Recruited as Jerry's "assistant chefs" were **Barb Belzung, Debbie Bergeron, and Ross Baker.** There were plenty of mimosas to go around also. Not bad if you are roughing it at the beach.

After breakfast, **Ross Baker and John Smith** helped set up the volleyball net. It was a little cool at first, so the players were slow to join in, but as the temperature rose, the games got going. We had 12 players at a time on the sand playing, and several more watching/cheering on the sidelines.



**Ed Cain, Jeff Sarff, and Ted Bergeron** (part of "The House of Nine") left to go play golf for the afternoon while **Sharon & Merrel Smith, Debbie Bergeron, and Lisa Smith** did some power shopping on the Strand. **Kay Cain** kept **Nancy Sarff** company back

at The House of Nine, as Nancy recuperated from a twisted knee suffered at home the day before. **Nancy Burk, Louella Steller, and Susan Wicker** also headed out shopping where Nancy & Susan bought some sexy tops to use with their togas later that night.

Late afternoon put **Gary & Sharon Sequeria** into gear preparing the Cajun shrimp boil, which everyone enjoyed immensely. Saturday evening was a little cool, so all did not participate in the toga theme, but several did put together some great outfits. **Jan Collard's** was the most glamorous. **Nancy and Susan's** (due to their shopping trip) were the sexiest, IMHO. Some like **Mary Kay** put their togas on over clothes to stay warm. **Carol Chedsey**



was late to dawn her toga, but since we were all around the fire on the beach, she decided it was not too cold. The Jello shots and "sex on the beach" shooters helped keep things warm.

The new twist this year was the glow lights. We had 300 green, yellow, & purple glow sticks that we made bracelets, necklaces, halos & horns with using the connectors. All the glow

and the fire on the beach attracted some young kids to our party. They got a few glow sticks and they said that we were "Pretty cool old people". I guess that was a compliment.



**Sunday** morning was beautiful & clear. **Tom Danowski**, with some help from a couple of breakfast babes, prepared pancakes and custom omelets for everyone. It was a slow process, but well worth the wait.

Some folks headed home early and some stayed around to soak up some rays before rejoining the real world.

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## November Meeting Highlights

Our November meeting had quite the agenda, with a Ski Attire & Ski Equipment Swap, updates on all our exciting trips, a few business issues, and Marti Toomer previewing this month's December 10th Auction benefitting The Sunshine Kids! The night was capped off with an annual highlight -- our Winter Style Show -- emceed by the lovely Dana Wardell and starring a plethora of your fellow SCSC members!! Here's just one shot from the Style Show -- watch for the January Sitzmarke for more fun photos of the event! And BE SURE not to miss our December 10th meeting and annual Sunshine Kids Auction to place your bids and support this very worthy cause!!!

*Debbie Bergeron, Editor & VP Publications*



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