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Head of the Lifeline

by John Rice



First of all, I want to thank Patti, Jessica, and Sue for putting together a fantastic trip schedule for this upcoming ski season. I have told you all summer about the fine job they were doing, and now the proof is in print. Hopefully, you were able to select a trip or trips and took advantage of the mail-in sign up. For me, probably the toughest decision is deciding which trip to go on. If you get a chance at the next meeting or happy hour, let these ladies know what a fine job they did.

Roger Sahn, our new V.P. of Programs, has been hard at work since being appointed a couple months ago.

He now has some help with activities Jeri Hartman has been approved as this year's Director of Programs. They are both very energetic and organized people, looking to keep things very busy for us all. So if you have an activity you would like SCSC to run, let Roger or Jeri know.

On a sad note, we recently lost one of our SCSC members to a very tragic diving accident. Jeff Eastham was with his wife Ellen and a group diving off the coast of Freeport at the Flower Gardens and Stetson Bank. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Ellen and her family for their loss. If you are on the SCSC e-mail list, then you know the details of this very unfortunate loss. Ellen has set up a memorial fund for ski club friends which will be donated to SCSC, and the Board of Directors will determine how to best honor Jeff at a later date. Checks can be made payable to Jeff Eastham Memorial Fund and mailed to Moody National Bank, Jeff Eastham Memorial Fund, 8323 Broadway, Pearland, TX 77584.

We're back at the Holiday Inn Select for this year's General meetings, which are generally held on the second Monday of the month. Due to a scheduling conflict with the hotel, next month's meeting will be October 15th. So make a note on your calendar of the change of date for the October meeting. This month's Happy Hour will be at Rubbernecks, located at 5810 Beverly Hill. See ya.

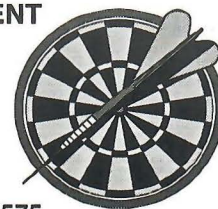
PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

**OUR OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING
IS RESCHEDULED FOR
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2001**

PUB NIGHT & DART TOURNAMENT

Saturday, Sept. 15 - 7:30 p.m.

Free Event! (Cash Bar)
Join SCSC Friends!



Contact Jeri Hartman at (713) 666-8575
for further information or to volunteer!

Reminder:

All address, phone number, and e-mail changes should be given to VP of Membership Sharon Smith at skimmerrel@juno.com or (281) 376-3249. The Sitzmarke is sent bulk mail & is not forwarded if your address changes, so be sure to notify Sharon. Also let her know if you'd like to be added to the Club's e-mail routing list.

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September

- (8/28) SCSC Ex Comm Meeting
- 10 General Meeting
- 15 Darts & Pub Night
- 20 Happy Hour-Rubbernecks

October						
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October

- TBA SCSC Ex Comm Meeting
- 5-7 Bolivar Beach Bash
- 15 General Meeting
- 18 Happy Hour-TBA
- 20 Galveston Bay Day Sail

November						
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November

- TBA SCSC Ex Comm Meeting
- 12 General Meeting
- 15 Happy Hour-TBA
- 30 SCSC Holiday Gala

SCSC Activity Happy Hour

Rubbernecks

5810 Beverly Hill Street

Special Drink &
Appetizer Prices

Thursday, September 20
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.



To Members Regarding Directory Ads:

It's time to renew your ad for the 2001-02 SCSC Annual Directory. As you know, this is the most exposure for the least amount of money you can get. Send your business card and \$25 check payable to "Space City Ski Club" to Lisa Smith, SCSC Secretary, P. O. Box 22567, Houston, TX 77227.

*Thank
you*

...Roger Holzman
for this month's cover shot of Cortina, Italy!

**Space City Ski Club extends
its sincere condolences and sympathy
to the family of Jeff Eastham.
Jeff was ATC Winter Park 2000 and
TC Big Mountain 2001. Our thoughts and
prayers are with Ellen and their family.**

FROM THE SKI DESK

by Patti Maudslay



Wow, is it September already? Where did the summer go? Hope you had fun and an enjoyable and safe Labor Day. While you are resting from your job duties take time to imagine your favorite ski trips. Many of you have already secured your trip spots during early mail-in sign-up in August. Those of you still trying to decide will have your next opportunity to sign up on the trips of your choice at the September 10th

meeting. Everyone should plan to attend this meeting to get the latest updates for your trips. Also you will have the opportunity to meet your trip leaders and other participants. We are excited to have many ski area representatives with us this year for added information on the trips.

Trip full? Don't be discouraged if the trip you want is currently full. Get on our no-risk wait list. We will take your deposit check, but will not cash it. If there is an opening on the trip then we will contact you, and only after you accept to go on the trip will your deposit check be cashed. Plans frequently change and waitlisted people are often able to get the trip of their choice.

The time to sign up is NOW. We have a limited amount of time to hold space without penalties. Once that time is up we must release the space. Please don't wait til the last minute to make your commitment or else your spot could be gone. Decision time is now, especially for Copper Mountain, Red River/Taos, and Lake Louise.

NOTE: PRICE CHANGES – Due to changes beyond our control in transportation, there may be some changes in the trip

prices. Some trips may reduce in price and some may have an increase. We are trying to minimize the increases and still offer the best trip for your ski dollars. Please check with the TC or ATC for the current prices on their trip.

All of our DOT's, TC's, and ATC's have been working hard to bring you great trips. They are excited and can't wait to see you on September 10th. Be sure to stop and get information and brochures. I want to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication and also to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for their support. We could not have wonderful trips without everyone's help. Please thank all of these people when you see them at the meeting.

THINK SNOW ... SEE YOU ON SEPTEMBER 10TH

Do you love racing, working with people, & have good organizational skills?



Then SCSC NEEDS YOU to volunteer for SCSC RACE DIRECTOR.

Contact Patti Maudslay
(713) 532-1610

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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	TC/ATC (DOT)	Home Phone
Nov 20-25, 2001 (Tue-Sun.) Family Optional	5/4	COPPER MOUNTAIN Colorado (TSC Fall Roundup)	\$642 L\$354 C**	9/10/01	Condos	44 L-4	Cheryl Kenny Tor Lileng (JEH)	281-367-1778 281-469-3461
Dec. 6-11, 2001 (Thu-Tue)	5/4	RED RIVER/TAOS New Mexico (Learn to Ski/Race Clinic)	\$614 L\$375 LT**	9/20/01	Hotel	40 L-4	Roger Holzman Patty Finch (SEB)	713-461-7604 936-321-1529
Jan 5-12, 2002 (Sat- Sat)	7/6	LAKE LOUISE Canada (TSC Traditional)	\$881 L\$561	9/20/01	Hotel	64 L-6	Mary Ann Soto Walter May (SEB)	281-679-5686 281-493-0016
Jan. 12-19, 2002 (Sat- Sat)	7/6	ASPEN Colorado	\$1067	10/08/01	Hotel	60	Christine March Lori Gilliland (JEH)	281-491-1129 281-493-3060
Jan 26-Feb 2, 2002 (Sat- Sat)	7/5	ANDORRA Between Spain and France (TSC Expedition)	\$1325	10/8/01	Hotel	64	Barbara Brescian Harvey Hetzel (JEH)	281-242-7908 713-937-1515
Feb 2-9, 2002 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	BIG SKY Montana	\$1226 BLT**	10/18/01	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)	\$1065 L\$669	11/1/01	Condos	44 L-4	Joanne Fore Melanie Morin (SEB)	713-723-4707 713-686-0566
Mar 1-10, 2002 (Fri-Sun.)	8/7	ALYESKA Alaska (TSC Final Showdown)	\$1191 L\$608	12/01/01	Hotel	64 L-4	Linda Beebe Chip Stokes (SEB)	713-520-6305 281-485-5778
Mar 9-16, 2002 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	TELLURIDE Colorado	\$1099 L\$589	12/01/01	Hotel	42 L-4	Ladye Freitag Jill Nanney (JEH)	281-855-4110 832-251-7097
Mar 16-23, 2002 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	SUN VALLEY Idaho	\$870 L\$420	12/10/01	Condos	52 L-4	Dave George Ellen Eastham (JEH)	281-320-2859 281-997-1496
Mar. 23-30, 2002 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	PARK CITY AREA Utah	\$857	12/10/01	Condos	36	Mike Dawson (SEB)	713-266-2633

** Notes: Some trip prices may change, please check with TC or ATC for current information on the trip.

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

C=child Call TC about Child prices on Copper Mountain trip.

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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V. P. Programs

by Jeri Hartman, DOP



Hello all of you fellow SCSC'ers! In case you haven't noticed, over the summer, we acquired a new VP Programs, Roger Sahni and now you have a new Director of Programs, that's me, Jeri Hartman. Roger and I are getting geared up to bring you some fun activities and

interesting programs. If you have any ideas for new activities, please let one of us know. We would also appreciate some volunteers to help with activities that are already being planned. It is easy and also fun to coordinate an activity for SCSC and a great way to meet new people.

By the time you read this, the rescheduled annual Volunteer Party will be history and I am sure that a great time was had by all. This party was originally scheduled for the weekend of the great 2001 Houston Flood. For those new members who don't

know, the Volunteer Party is SCSC's way to show appreciation to all the people who volunteer to run a trip or activity, help with membership, or help the club in some other way. Only volunteers get invited to this party, so if you want to get an invitation to this great party next year, volunteer to help this year.

Some activities that are already in the works are: Sailing (contact Richard Hall), Bolivar Beach Bash (contact John Burk), and the Holiday Gala (contact Cindy Moore). We have several ideas for activities that need coordinators: Dart Tournament, Halloween Party, Fall Style Show, Rock Climbing, Golf Tournament, TUTS Performance, Wine Tasting, Cruise from Galveston, as well as Windsurfing, Laser Tag, Rockets or Comets game, and Enron Tour with dinner and game.

If any of these activities appeal to you, or if you have an idea for a new one, please contact Roger Sahni (281-493-4414, email: enviropetroleum@yahoo.com) or Jeri Hartman (713-666-8575, email: jerih@ev1.net) to volunteer.

Activity Date	Activity	Activity Coordinator	Contact #	Final Payment	Cost
9/15	Pub Night & Darts Tourney	TBA	(713) 666-8575	N/A	\$ -0-
10/5 - 10/7	Bolivar Beach Bash	John Burk	(713) 827-7111 (281) 880-9042	9/10	\$110
10/20	Day Sail on Galveston Bay	Richard Hall	(713) 461-8389	10/1	\$40
11/30	SCSC Holiday Gala	Cindy Moore	(713) 984-1060	11/12	\$44

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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Bolivar Beach Bash!!!

October 5 - 7 (Friday - Sunday)
\$110 (Final Payment Sept. 10)
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Fun & games in the sun!

Shrimp dinner by
Gary Sequeira and
breakfast by Tom
Danowski

Activity Coordinator: John Burk
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Brazos Bend Bike Ride

by James Barbee

The Brazos Bend Bicycle Ride and Exotic Wildlife Observation Tour was held on Saturday, June 23rd at Brazos Bend State Park. The morning was not as hot and muggy as we all expected. Since this ride was after the Great Flood of Houston, the mosquitoes were also expected to be numerous. However, those who did not sign up fearing the worst missed a wonderful morning and a relatively low insect population.

When I first arrived to set up the pavilion, there were four deer wandering around the picnic area. They were gone by the time the other adventurers started arriving, but we all were able to see them later during a ride around one of the campsite loops. Ross Baker was the first to arrive and helped set up the area. Following on his heels were Tom Danowski, Bill Bomberger, Lee Swords, and Sandy Cox.

While waiting for the full troop to arrive, we had a light breakfast while getting the bikes in shape. G.A. Addicks pulled in next, sans Mike Dawson. Mike sent his regrets, but was still able to have lunch via the Addicks home delivery service. We all missed the enthusiasm he brings to these events, but have no fear, Bomberger and Swords were here.

Well, the time had passed for us to be on our way with a few adventurers still missing. We decided to hit the trail when, lo and




behold, Susan Wicker and Al Austin made the scene. They were given five minutes to get their stuff together and come along. As we exited the Hale Lake loop, the final duo of Kathy Young and Dennis Stockton appeared. Now we were all moving out to Elm Lake to see what we could find. Danowski should have been in the lead with his solid chrome helmet, which no one could miss, but he was content to absorb the sights from the rear.


The wildlife observation tour had begun. The first sightings were a family of deer at an adjoining campsite. They were only 30 feet away and posed for pictures. They left without leaving an address for their copies. Next on the list were alligators. (No one can go to Brazos Bend and not see any.) One was swimming, one was sunning, and one tried to get up close and personal. The latter was while we were returning to camp. When he lifted himself up on the bank of the water and growled, we figured it was time to have dinner instead of being dinner. A five foot snake went right under us at the base of the Observation Tower and into the water. It was surprising to see it on the trail with so many people. Also sighted were various birds and hens and a wide assortment of butterflies.

Upon our return to the pavilion, we met up with another member of the group, Rick Jaeger. Refreshments followed while waiting for lunch. Within minutes, Louella Steller drove in with the barbecue lunch and all the trimmings. Good timing. Good food and conversation rounded off the morning while butterflies landed in our hair and on our arms. Everyone thought the barbecue was wonderful, especially the chicken.

It was now time to go with everyone full. Bikes were reloaded and the wildlife adventurers started to depart. As the group drove away, we all waved to Ross and Rick as they braved another ride in the heat of the day.








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Grand Canyon Rafting Adventure

by Diane McKenzie



SCSC – known on the river as Space City Splash Cats...

Before hitting the river, most rafters set off to Las Vegas for a weekend of fun and entertainment, including Kim and Steve Finder from the Los Amigos Ski Club. While the theater was a prime attraction, Mary Ann Harrell and Melanie Morin found endless shopping opportunities. Thanks to Jerry Sadler for making arrangements so everyone could see the "Siegfried and Roy" show. Vegas was hot in more ways than one, and Manolo Valle has melted shoes to prove it.

At 5:30 Tuesday morning, our outfitter, Arizona River Runners, greeted us in the lobby. After taking a scenic flight to Marble Canyon, Arizona, we met our 4 river guides. We had breakfast and orientation, then made a final run to the store for such necessities as beer and wine. Soon, it was on to Lee's Ferry where we began our long awaited journey down the Colorado River.

For 6 days, we traveled 187 miles on two 35-foot inflatable motorized rafts. Scott, our guide, provided daily geology lessons and stories of folklore, soon to be called "Story Time." We looked like children sitting around their teacher with all eyes glued to him! Everyday brought us great rapids with Hermit Rapids being the most fun. We knew we were in for a thrill when the boatmen's smiles were as big as ours were going through a big rapid.

Elaine Sokoloff and Richard Sowrey wore wet suits much of the time and were able to endure the cold, splashing waters best. Bob Tripp and Diane McKenzie tried to keep warm and dry by sitting in the back of the raft. Nora Montgomery's fear of water had her timidly sitting in the back on Day 1, but soon she was up front riding the big rapids with Mike. What a woman!

Our lodging consisted of "luxury waterfront accommodations." After an exciting day of running the rapids, we would pull into a campsite on a sandy beach. Everyone would stake out a campsite, form a "duffle line" and unload the rafts. Once camp was set up, we were on our own for awhile. Most attempted some sort of bath in the frigid 47° river. Others located the private restroom, which gave new meaning to "A Room With A View." Later, we all enjoyed the daily happy hour and snacks.

Each evening we were served a delicious dinner. Kim Finder always helped the chefs. After eating, we would share stories and try to stay awake. The full moon brought us "howling

at the moon" by Kayleen Kill, Vicki Faulkner, Jerry Sadler, and Marsha Lutz. We slept under the stars except when a light rain turned into a fierce sandstorm. The winds were so strong that many in the group, including Joe Walker, Jerry Sadler, and Vicki Faulkner were seen chasing their tents down the beach. This sandstorm also provided each participant with a luxurious, facial dermabrasion.

Each morning we were up at daybreak with the holler of "COFFEE." Breakfast was always great. One morning we were treated to delicious, fresh grilled trout that Mike Montgomery and Walter Hester had caught the evening before.

Each day allowed us to further explore the Canyon via some kind of side hike. These ranged from short walks to steep climbs. One of the favorites was a visit to the Little Colorado River. Its beautiful topaz blue water and 70° temperature warmly welcomed us. One by one we jumped into the river and floated downstream via a fast river current that took us in between many rocks. We wore our lifejackets upside down to protect our bottoms. It was so much fun! Most everyone enjoyed several rides. Nora Montgomery is afraid of water and screamed for help all the way down, but even she was seen doing it again.

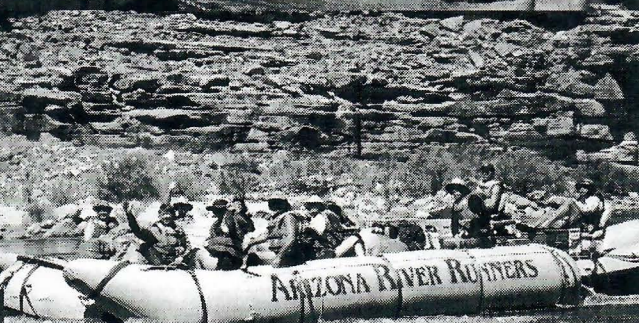
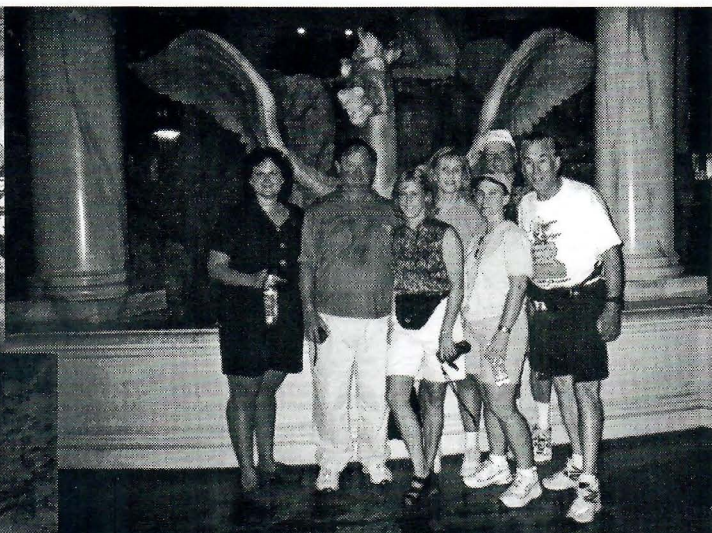
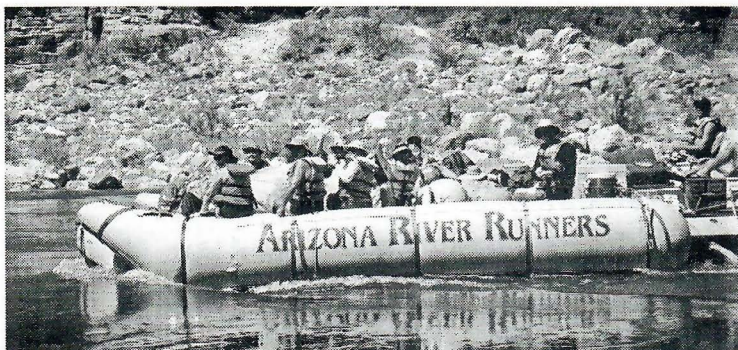
Before leaving the Little Colorado, several of us connected together in a train-like fashion for a final run. Ky Griffin was the engine as we headed downstream like an out of control AMTRACK. Kelly McGraw seemed to have more fun here than on the roller coaster ride she took in Vegas.

Deer Creek was another wonderful hiking destination. Here, a beautiful 80' waterfall coming directly out of the canyon greeted us all. This hike was steep and included walking along a very narrow ledge. Suzanne Hegemier decided to sit this one out along with several others. Steve Finder daringly took his tripod and camera equipment along. Ultimately, this hike led us to more waterfalls where Dave Pavlesic, Barb Penkala, Ian Palmer, and many others enjoyed a refreshing swim.

It's tough to choose the best part of being on the river each day. The rapids were always exciting, yet the scenery was always exhilarating. It was easy to stare up at the Canyon walls and soak in its beauty for hours at a time. The geology of the Canyon was simply amazing, yet difficult to fully comprehend. The wildlife was also beautiful. We saw rams with full curl horns, deer, lizards, scorpions, rabbits, blue herons and other creatures. Lynne Hester abandoned her campsite one night after seeing 3 sets of green eyes in the dark. They belonged to ringtail cats.

Sadly, on Day 6 we broke camp for the last time and floated a short distance down river to Whitmore Wash. Here we found our helicopter pad, a sandy area on a beach. We were lifted out of the canyon in a thrilling, helicopter ride and were brought to the rim at the Bar 10 Ranch. Soon, we boarded our chartered plane and said farewell as we took one last scenic view of the Canyon. We headed back to Vegas and eventually on to Texas. Everyone, including our "rafting skeptic" Nora Montgomery, agreed this trip was more than just a great time. It was a fantastic experience!

What was the most fun – white water rafting, hiking, camping, eating? We learned from our guide how to answer that – Yes!



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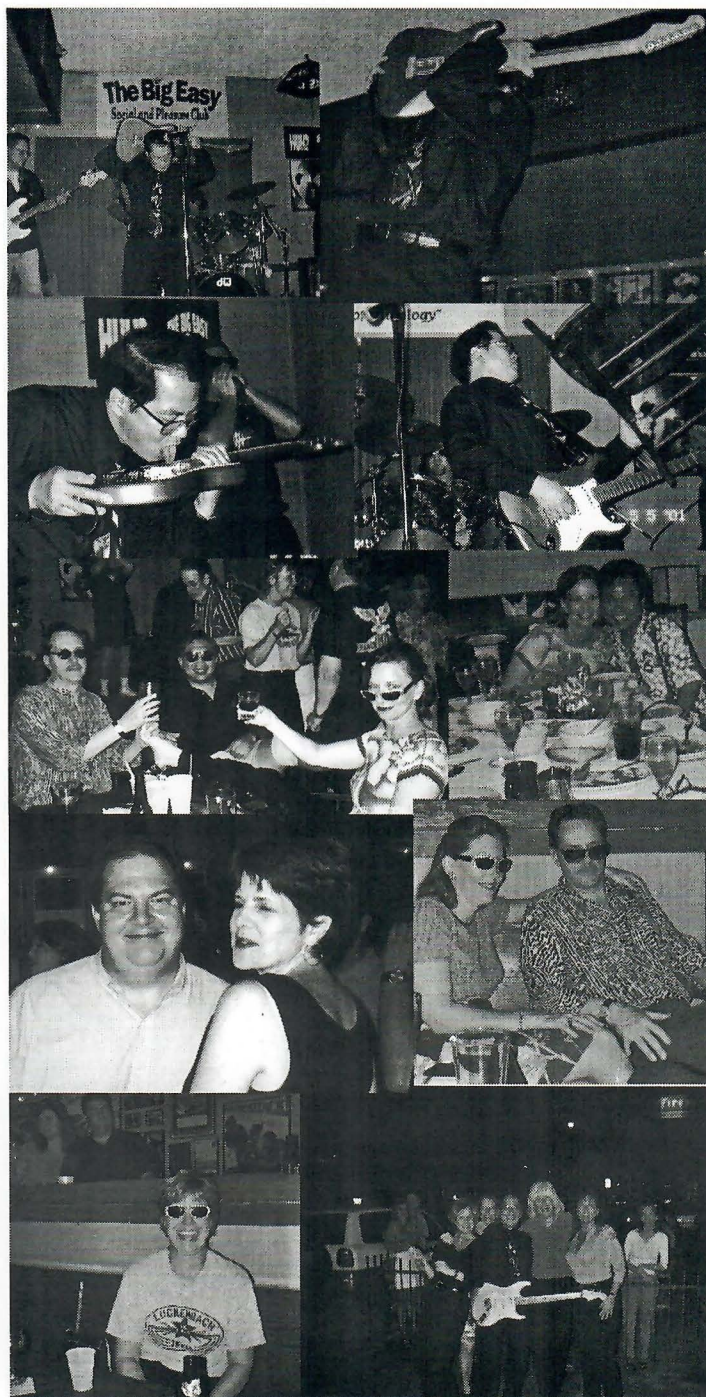
SCSC Blues Night

by Debbie

Bergeron "Don't Nobody Sing The Blues Like This Chinaman Can!" Kudos & applause to **Claire Finn** for coordinating a most lively night of entertainment on May 5th!

On her evening's menu were the cuisine of Thai Spice where over 20 SCSCers dined, followed by a night of absolutely awesome blues music & dancing at The Big Easy with Rick Lee & his band! Another 20 club members eventually joined the group at the Big Easy, and as the night progressed, pretty much all 40 of us found ourselves on the dance floor. (Not to mention several who followed Rick outside where he actually played in the middle of Kirby Drive!!) Not only can this guy sing, but Rick Lee's guitar playing abilities surpassed anything an unsuspecting new fan could have imagined, as these photos by **Gene Soo & Pam Smith** reveal!

Claire, thank you again for bringing us an evening of great fun & surprises -- we all had a fabulous time!



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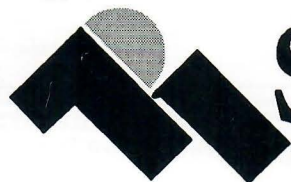
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