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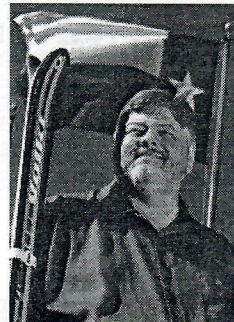
by Gary Butler, Space City Ski Club President

March is an important time of the year for Space City, we vote in the new officers for next year. By our bylaws we are required to have at least 75 members at the March meeting to vote for the officers and last year we almost didn't make it. Please mark your calendar for March 9th and plan on visiting with us at Dave & Busters so we can start the New Year off with a bang.

April is a big month for the club, first we are having our club expo at the April 13th meeting and the TSC Bid Meeting is that coming weekend April 17-19th in Dallas. Make your plans to visit all the different groups booth at the Expo for the April General Meeting. This is an important

opportunity to find additional activities you might be interested in as well as spreading the word about our Club. The Bid Meeting is a chance to interact with members of other ski clubs throughout the state as well as meeting the resort representatives and hearing what they have to offer. All the parties, etc. are just a bonus.

I want to thank Sun & Ski for a great presentation at the last general meeting on shaped ski developments and how to maximize your skiing ability through your boots. The demonstration on how proper insoles in your boots will improve skiing as well as keep your feet warmer was well done. I hope to see them expand further on these and other topics next year.



Countdown to Liftoff

By Marsha Lutz, Vice President of Trips

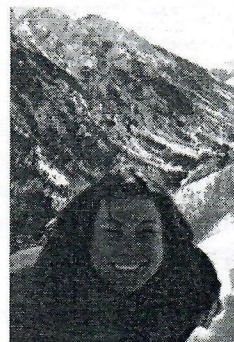
I can't believe there is only one more ski trip this season! Big Sky leaves March 14th. – so if you want to get one last trip in and can get your own air – contact Cindy Moore - dance_c_ski@yahoo.com for trip info.

Soon we will be planning next season's trips. Please consider going to the TSC Bid Fest on April 17-19. To repeat what Gary said last month, as part of the SCSC caucus, every member there has a say in which trips we place the SCSC votes for. If you haven't been, it is an interesting experience to see the bid presentations and decision making process. For details and registration go to <http://www.texas-ski.org/insidetsc/Meetings.htm>.

And if you are interested in a great summer vaca-

tion – think **Panama**. If interested contact Vicki Faulkner at vicki.faulkner@shell.com. By the time you read this we will finally have secured reasonable air fare. I would quote it to you now, but the contract hasn't been sent. Hopefully it is still the last price I was quoted – well under the \$850+ fares you may have been seeing. Watch for an email soon.

Thanks to all of you skiers for making this a great season. Despite suffering though Hurricane Ike and a weakening economy, all 12 of the planned ski trips have or will occur. Most of them have had great skiing conditions and all have been reported to have been a wonderful trip!



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You may also need to do this at your internet service provider's webmail.

Thank you!

Having A Blast!

by Camille LaRoe, Vice President of Activities

I don't need to tell you March is Go Rodeo in Houston. We have secured 20 seats for the Rodeo and entertainer Trace Adkins for the first Saturday of Rodeo, March 7th. Contact AC, Craig Campbell, to secure your seat and join us for a great afternoon of entertainment, cold beer and midway treats. Stay the evening and throw in some dancing at the Hideout..

Sandy Wellhausen is organizing an incredible day, April 25th, to Wimberley for a Zipline Adventure. They boast over 2,600 feet of thrilling zipline located a maximum of 100 feet over the hillsides below. Wimberley Zipline promises to be an exciting experience that will definitely give you a big adrenaline rush. Discount reservations are available before March 1st so see Sandy now! There is talk of organizing car pools and other adventures on Saturday evening or Sunday in the Wimberley area.

Rounding out the year we still have the AIA Sandcastle competition coming up June 6th in Galveston. Ellen Eastham has volunteered to start coordinating the activity for us but we really need a volunteer to AC this always fun event. Please give me a call if you think you might be willing to get some sand between your toes.



Ellen is also organizing some great volunteer activities that would go along way in promoting our organization. Give Ellen a shout and volunteer for the St. Patrick's Day Parade or to assist with the MS 150.

Don't forget to make plans to join us at Bid Fest on April 17th - 19th in Dallas. It is a great way to get a sneak peek at the 2009/2010 trips and is a fun weekend to boot. Check the website or see Chuck Pena for all the details. We are sure to have a blast so hope to see you there.

Calendar of Events

March 7, 2009	Rodeo Houston, AC: Craig Campbell
March 9, 2009	March General Meeting, Dave & Buster's
March 26, 2009	Happy Hour @ McGonigels Mucky Duck, 2425 Norfolk Street, AC: Peggy Schillinger
April 13, 2009	April General Meeting, Expo! - Dave & Buster's
April 17 - 19, 2009	TSC Bid Fest - Dallas, TSC Representative: Chuck Pena
April 23, 2009	April Happy Hour to be announced
April 25, 2009	Wimberly Zip Line Adventure, AC: Sandy Wellhausen
June 6, 2009	AIA Sandcastle Competition, AC: Ellen Eastham

PRESENTING THE NOMINEES FOR THE 2009-2010 OFFICERS OF SPACE CITY SKI CLUB

NOMINEE FOR PRESIDENT – Camille LaRoe



I can not express to you the surprise and honor I felt when I was approached by the nominating committee to serve as Space City Ski Club's president in the coming year. I am flattered that the committee, and so many of my friends, saw me as an attribute to SCSC and encouraged me to embrace this opportunity. Since joining the club in 1998, I have slowly become more involved in our club first by volunteering, serving as Director of PR and then VP of Activities. As your Vice President of Activities I have tried to listen to the members and organize activities that served a variety of tastes and interests and provided us with entertainment and camaraderie when we are not enjoying the many great ski trips. I believe I can bring some fresh ideas to our organization but not without the help of each of our members, the fantastic slate of officers nominated and the guidance of our experienced board of directors. I hope my enthusiasm and my dedication will be a positive as you consider me as your next president and you will support me in my quest to make SCSC the best it can be in the 2009/2010 year.

NOMINEE FOR VP OF ACTIVITIES—Sandra McCunis



I would like to thank the nominating committee for their confidence in my ability to serve as Vice President of Activities. I have been a member of Space City Ski Club since 1980 and have participated in numerous domestic and international ski trips and activities. I have met a lot of great people and made many new friends since joining SCSC.

After enjoying many years of membership, I wanted to become involved in the organization of the club. I have volunteered at the General Meetings and Volunteer Parties. I was the ATC for Park City in 2007, the ATC for Bansko in 2008 and the TC for Steamboat in 2009. I also served on the 2008-2009 nominating committee for officers.

I am a native Houstonian and have worked as a Mortgage Loan Officer for over 20 years. I am also a Real Estate Broker associate with Keller Williams. I enjoy meeting people and have been a member of a group that organized social events.

My goals for the 2009-2010 year are to coordinate new and exciting activities to complement our traditional activities and events. I hope to increase participation and offer members an opportunity to expand their social circles. I appreciate your support and look forward to serving as your Vice President of Activities and to a great year with SCSC.

NOMINEE FOR VP OF TRIPS - Melinda Hughes



After skiing for 18 years, I joined the club to meet others who enjoy skiing as much as I do. I hopped on the Vail trip and didn't know anyone at the beginning. By the end of the trip, I met several people and formed lasting friendships. The trips have always been fabulous, relatively inexpensive, and excellent destinations. After 5 years with the club, I have participated in over 15 trips and have been the TC for two of those. Additionally, I have served as a Director of Trips and attended the Bidfest as a delegate in 2008. As VP of Trips, my objective is to offer a great slate of trips to give everyone an opportunity to form new friendships and have an excellent ski experience.

I appreciate the nominating committee's confidence in my abilities and am ready to accept the challenge of making 2009-2010 an unforgettable experience for all.

NOMINEE FOR VP OF MEMBERSHIP — Patti Finch



Thanks to the Club for considering me as a nominee for Vice President of Membership for Space City Ski Club. I respect this position and office and pledge to bring my experience and knowledge to better serve the members of our Club. I am well versed in the technology tools necessary to maintain our membership database, and my office has a state-of-the-art information and technology department available to me. I have been a member of Space City Ski Club since 1988. I joined the Club to enjoy skiing with people who love the sport as much as I do. I have been on numerous trips, run numerous trips and I was a Director of Trips. I don't hesitate to sign up for a trip because I always meet wonderful people and have a good time.

While VP of Membership, I will use my professional skills to recruit more fun loving people to our Club. We have a great group of people right now but we could always use more. I will also be enlisting members to be Ambassadors at each meeting to assist me in greeting our members and prospective members. I want to thank the Club members now for any assistance you give me during my term of office. We all need to be a recruiter for new members. The Club can only survive if we all contribute. It takes a lot of effort from many people to keep the Club running smoothly and I totally respect each officer's duties.

I look forward to meeting new people this coming year and seeing each of you at a meeting.

NOMINEE FOR VP OF PUBLICATIONS — Jessica Halter



As we approach our next season of events and trips, I am honored to have been asked to serve as Vice President of Publications. I have been in the club since 1997 and have been delighted to ski on numerous trips, attend lots of meetings and happy hours, serve as ATC Telluride, TC Vail, Director of Trips, and Director of Programs.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration.

NOMINEE FOR TREASURER— Betty Storms



I thank you for your nomination for treasurer of SCSC. If elected treasurer of SCSC, appropriate management of the club's finances will be my priority. I have been a member of SCSC the last six years, as skiing is my hobby, as well as opera, bridge, computers, and the arts. I have gone on two ski trips annually the last sixteen years.

Professionally, I am in my third career, as an RN for twelve years, the last ten years working in critical care, which is my passion. Prior to obtaining my RN, educationally, I started out in accounting. I have done volunteer accounting over the years for various community groups, as it is a service to which I am able to contribute. I volunteered for this position, as I believe in giving back, in supporting the cause. I have been given many opportunities over the years, and consequently, my life has been enriched ten-fold.

NOMINEE FOR SECRETARY—Anne Marchetti



I am honored to be considered for club Secretary. I joined SCSC in 2004 and have been having a blast for last four plus years. I've been an ATC; TC and recruited numerous prospects to join SCSC. On the recent trip to Steamboat, I led a side trip to Strawberry Park Hot Springs where the water was 104 degrees and the ambient temperature was below freezing. That's warm...I mean burr.... My background is insurance brokerage & risk management consulting and I am active recreation enthusiast in my spare time. I love to dance, cycle, and ski and I am looking forward to spending time on the water this Spring. The 2009-2010 ski season should prove to have lots of great trips for our awesome members. I'm looking forward to another year with SCSC.
