



Space City Ski Club e-Sitzmarke

Greetings!

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

THE SUNSHINE KIDS LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION

Monday, March 19, 2007 6:30-9:30pm

Vargo's Restaurant-2401 Fondren, Houston (Just north of Westheimer)

Get ready to donate anything you can think of for the silent auction to be held at the March meeting. Also, be creative by giving big things such as trips, timeshares, weekend free rental of a ski or Galveston condo or tickets for rockets for the live auction. We will also auction off services you can perform, (legal services, handyman for a day, a date, cooking brunch or dinner for a group, singing or band services, dance lessons, airport pick up service, calligraphy service) or any other service or talent you can auction off in the live auction! Contact Melanie Morin Sunshine Kids Silent and Live Auction Coordinator e-mail: bpm1415@msn.com or call her at 713-686- 0566 with any donations or to help with the auction. We will need an auctioneer and several crowd spotters and cashiers.

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APRIL GENERAL MEETING

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Monday, April 9, 2007 – 6:30 p.m.

Vargo's Restaurant – 2401 Fondre

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President's Message - Ellen Eastham,

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"Start your engines. As the starting flag drops, race cars and their motors as they blast off." Now visualize your new officers beginning their duties May 1, which is symbolic of a race. Plan to attend the March 19 general meeting, to elect officers and to support Silent Auctions benefiting the Sunshine Kids.

Seven officers presented by the Nominating Committee have been elected to serve, and are already starting their engines. In fact, the current VP of Trips, Ted Widmer, and incoming President, Pat Pieper, are revving up their motors as delegates to the TSC BidFest weekend in San Antonio. The incoming VP of Programs, Susan, is looking for a Director of Programs, working with Deb Cirigliano Moore to plan the May Follies meeting, June Volunteer Picnic, and upcoming summer activities. The future officers of SCSC will be on their first lap long before their office positions are effective May 1. When you see the officers-elect, thank them for volunteering their time!

Planning a program or activity comes natural for me. I need a little push back when I want to "start my engine," because it is my passion to come up with creative ideas. The next large-scale event will have real engines revving up, and race cars thundering off from a starting line. I have accepted a 3 month position as Volunteer Coordinator for the Houston Grand Prix April 20-22 at Reliant Stadium. I will be recruiting a mere 400 volunteers to plan a very successful "Celebration of Acceleration," as the rush of adrenaline is reached with Champ and American Le Mans Series cars accelerating to over 180 mpg. This will be one awesome party and I would love to have a large presence as a Volunteer Team. This will be tremendous exposure for our club, as a credit to my history with Space City Ski Club for event planning experience. I hope you would volunteer and join the winners circle! Additional details are included in a separate ad.

So rev up your engines and race off into some of these other fine upcoming activities as well, such as Pub Crawl March 24, volunteer and attend the Sports and Social Clubs Expo April 9, Wine Tasting with Dawn Rodriguez's April 28, Main Street Improv May 4, and volunteer to sign up for the Sandcastle Competition June 2. One last thought, my featured photo was taken at Mardi Gras-Galveston, where the Downhill Krewe participated in the Z Krewe parade. Gorgeous weather and huge crowds made it an incredible day for all! Read about it in the April Sitzmarke. Join us next year.

Space City Ski Club: 2007-08 officer

The Nominating Committee has announced the 2007-2008 Officer Nominees:

- President - Pat Piech
- VP of Programs - Sandra Perry
- VP of Trips - Ted Widmer
- VP of Membership - Barbara Della Longa
- VP of Publication - Ross Baker
- Treasurer - David Cone
- Secretary - Sarah Granbery

ACTIVITIES

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Date	Activities	Place	TC /AC	Telephone	E-mail
March 10—17	Ski Trip	Jackson Hole	Leyla Ozkardesh < /td>	281-584- 9723	leyla@spacecityskiclub.org
March 19	General Meeting Sunshine Kids Auction	Vargo's 2401 Fondren	Melanie Morin	713-686- 0566	bpmm1415@m sn.c
March 24	St. Patty's Day Survivor Limo Pub Crawl—\$40	TBA	Julian Langham Camille Laroe	713-526-6563 281-686-2274	
March 30—April 1	Texas Ski Council 2007 Skibidfest—\$65	San Antonio	Ross Baker	713-934-7368	www.texas- ski.org ross@rossbaker.
April 5	Happy Hour	Canyon Café 5000 Westheimer	Barb Rossetti	713-629- 5565	ber@loran cethompson.com
April 9	General Meeting SCSC Sports & Social Clubs Expo – 2007	Vargo's 2401 Fondren	Barb Della Longa	281-398- 7107	Prdirect or@spacecityskiclub
April 20—22	Houston Grand Prix	Volunteer for Free!!	Janis Harris	713-201- 6584	JEHar ris@mayerbrownro
April 28	Wine Tasting \$15 + Bottle of wine	11402 Hylander Houston, TX	Dawn Rodriquez	281-320-2040	
May 3	Happy Hour	Identify Bar 5959 Richmond	Barb Rossetti	713-785- 0999	ber@loran cethompson.com

May 4	Main Street Improv \$13.00		Sue Sedwick	713-898- 0076	suesed@hal- pc.org
June 2	Sandcastle Building Contest— FREE	Galveston	John (Easy) Thayer	979-297- 5436	Johncthayer@ comp
TBA	Volunteer Party Free for 2007 SCSC Volunteers Guest—\$20	TBA	Deb Cini Cindy Moore	281-277- 9679 713-984-1030	dcini@victoria.co cofb@space cityski
June 29—July 8	Summer Expedition \$2220	Thailand	Thuy Rocque	281-673- 6949	trocque@entouch. i

claroe@abm.com

From The Ski Deck - Pat Piech**VP Trips article - Pat Piech**

Wow, we are in the midst of a great ski season. tons of snow and over 400 Space City Ski Club planning on hitting the slopes this year. Unfortunately trips are sold out but often slots open up due to cancellations. Stay in touch with the trip leader: on a wait list.

Believe it or not, we are beginning to plan the s next year. The Texas Ski Council will be conduc annual Bid Fest next month in San Antonio. It is the TSC member clubs come together and decid ski next season. It is a great event and if you c highly recommend it. Whether you attend or no to know what resorts you would be interested in next season. We include the question on every and we really take into consideration your feedl planning our trips. As we prepare for Bid Fest, i any suggestions or other feedback, please feel contact myself or an ExComm member with you Spring is right around the corner, so enjoy the the final days on the mountain until next year.

Membership and Public Relations - Barabara De

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Membership and Public Relations by Barbara Della Longa, Director of Public Relations

It is membership renewal time! Starting March 1st, it's easy to renew your membership online while saving money. All one-year memberships expire on May 1st. Go to www.spacecityskiclub.org "My SCSC". Type in your user ID, and follow the directions to renew. After May 31, 2007, membership increase by \$5 per membership. Any new members who joined after January 1, 2007 are automatic members through April 30, 2008!

Along those same lines, don't forget the Recruit a New Member and Win Contest - Part II which ends May 1st! Ten (10) members will each win a free membership for recruiting the most new members! We require you to recruit at least 2 new members. A new member means an individual (or a dual membership) who has not previously been a SCSC member. The winners will be announced at the April general meeting. (SCSC members start recruiting!)

Finally, our annual SCSC Sports and Social Clubs Expo will be featured at the general meeting on May 19 on the main (upper) level of Vargo's. Last year, we had 25 guest organizations participating with over 250 people. This year we are expecting quite a large crowd again and certainly want all of you to have fun visiting the individual booths and speaking with the organizers of many of the great organizations in the Houston area. Some of the same clubs from last year will be attending as well as some newbies. At the time of this article, we have clubs featuring tennis, rollerblading, fitness/adventure racing, curling, outdoors, social and more! I encourage you to invite all of your friends (members and non-SCSC members alike) to the Expo. Due to the size of this event, we also need lots of volunteers to make it a success. Contact me at prdirector@spacecityskiclub.org to volunteer or if you have any other clubs to recommend for this event.

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HOUSTON GRAND PRIX The Festival of Speed and Entertainment

April 20-22



Champ and American Le Mans Series Races held at

Volunteer to assist on a choice of 8 committees for the Houston Grand Prix. Become a part of racing history at the "Festival of Speed".

In addition to car racing, weekend events include concerts, Family Fun Zone, Women's Beach Volleyball, extreme sports exhibition, and the Miss Grand Prix contest. See www.grandprixofhouston.com

AC : Janice Harris e-mail: JEHarris@mayerbrownrowe.com Tel: (713) 201-6584

TSC 2007 Summer Expedition

TSC 2007 Summer Expedition - Thailand



Thailand: Bangkok – Chiang Mai – Phuket

View the Trip Powerpoint

(MS POWERPOINT IS REQUIRED. CHOOSE "SAVE AS" AND THEN VIEW THE PPT.)

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June 29-July 8, 2007

Trip Coordinator-Thuy Rocque

Pre - trip choices:

1. Bangkok - 2 or 3 additional nights
2. Hongkong - 3 nights
3. Tokyo - 3 nights

Post - trip choices:

1. Cambodia - 2 nights as per bid package
2. Singapore - 2 nights for clubs using Singapore airlines

Are you ready for a new experience? If your answer is "YES" then start making plans now for a diff Ski Council experience. The Kingdom of Thailand draws more visitors than any other country in So Bangkok and Chaing Mia are rated by Discovery Channel among the top ten most popular tourist de cities in the world. Thailand's irresistible combination of breathtaking beauty, inspiring temples, rer hospitality, robust cuisine, abundant in, on, above and below water activities promises to make thi most memorable trips of a lifetime.

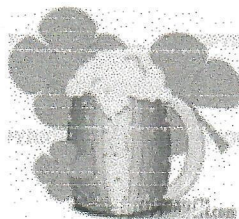
Variety is indeed the spice of life in Thailand. Imagine the cooler northern stuba-studded mountain tranquil villages, forest, jungles, rivers and waterfalls. Experience the historical and cultural museu activities, then on to the pulse-pounding dance clubs. Don't forget the stunning beaches, Thailand's world class golf courses, Thai Boxing events, Thai cooking classes, exotic spa massage and of cour shopping, and more shopping. With the favorable currency exchange, Thailand is a shopping Mecca

Add a pre trip experience with one of the fabulous trips for two or three additional nights in Bangko nights in Tokyo, Japan or three nights in Hong Kong or a post trip for two days in Angkor Wat and Cambodia; one of the seven wonders of the world or Singapore - 2 nights available for those flying Airlines.

TC: Thuy Rocque

Email: trocque@entouch.net

Phone: (281) 673-6949 work (281) 615-0405 cell

St. Patty's Day Survivor**St. Patty's Day Survivor Pub Craw****\$40****March 24**

**Transportation by limo bus
to 3 mystery bars**

**Munchies and non-alcoholic
drinks provided**

Final Payment Date: March 1

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AC: Julian Langham (713) 781-6881
e-mail: julian@energists.com

AAC: Carmille LaRoe (281) 686-2274
claroe@abm.com

WIN.



Wine Tasting

April 28th 2007—Saturday

At the home of: Ron & Dawn Rodriguez

AC: Dawn Rodriguez 281-320-2040 e-mail: dawncrodriguez@abm.com

AAC: Gary Barrett 713-533-0454 e-mail: garybarrett@msn.com

7pm to 11pm

\$ 15 per Person Plus your favorite bottle of wine

Final Payment Due: April 10th 2007

SCSC's SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUBS EXPO

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Monday, April 9 - 6:30 p.m. at the general meeting

Vargo's - 2401 Fondren

Volunteer to help with the Expo. AC Barbara Della Longa (281) 398-7107 prdirector@spacecityskis.com

SUNSHINE KIDS LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION - March



THE SUNSHINE KIDS

Dedicated to children with cancer



SUNSHINE KIDS LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION AT SCSC GENERAL MEETING AT VARGOS

March 19, 2007 - Monday

TO CONTRIBUTE ITEMS OR SERVICES PLEASE CONTACT MELANIE MORIN-AC

Tel: 713-686-0566

e-mail: bpmm1415@msn.com

The Sunshine Kids is a non-profit organization dedicated to children with cancer. Established in 1981, it is committed to providing positive group activities and emotional support for young cancer patients.

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Kids provides a variety of programs and events, free of charge, for kids who are receiving cancer treatment at hospitals across North America.

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Nomine

Nominee for President - Pat Piech

First I would like to express how honored I am at being nominated for the position of President for the Space City Ski Club. Although I have been active in many roles from ATC to VP of both Publication and Trips, the role of President seems distinctly different. The President leads the other volunteers in setting the tone and direction of Space City Ski Club for the coming year. It is a great responsibility and challenge to which I feel ready. There are many challenges ahead of us as a club. Increasing membership, providing great trip and event options for our members and being efficient in everything we do are only some of the key things I feel we need to address. I am eager to get a team effort going on these issues as well as others. I appreciate your support in the coming year should you choose to select me as the President of Space City Ski Club.

Nominee for VP of Membership - Barbara Dell Longa

Having been a member of SCSC for almost 3 years, I hit the ground running soon after I joined. I have been an AC for several activities including On the Water Spectacular Extravaganza and currently the 2007 Sports & Social Clubs Expo. In addition, I have made several trips and have participated in numerous other activities with the club.

For the last 1 ½ years, I have coordinated the Ambassadors and have met a lot of great and enthusiastic people whom I now consider friends. This past year, I was appointed Director of Public Relations. During this time, Jessica Halter and I have been working together to encourage membership and promote the club with innovative ideas, and we have about 200 new members!

Professionally, I have a finance background and work with trusts and estates in the oil and gas industry. I also keep busy at home with 2 teenagers. I look forward to another year with SCSC and will continue my goal of increasing the membership of the club by encouraging all of us to spread the word about this great organization if elected VP of Membership.

Nominee for Secretary - Sarah Granbery

When I was interviewed by the nominating committee and they asked why I wanted the officers job, I told them I had enjoyed the ski club for 12 years and I felt that it was time to take on some of the responsibilities in order to keep the club going. When I moved to Houston in 1994 my sister suggested we join the club so we could go to a windsurfing class. We did, had fun, and met some new friends. After that I was hooked and took the SCSC ski trip to Banff/Lake Louise where I made even more new friends. Since then I have been a TC (Jackson Hole 99) and ATC (WinterPark 98 & Steamboat 00). I've worked in the health care field since 1977 in direct patient care, training & staff development, clinic administration, and now research. I spend my leisure time with family & friends, golf, movies, reading, and traveling.

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I look forward to working with a great group of dedicated officers to keep our club active.

Nominee for VP of Programs – Sandy Perry

I am very excited to be your nominee for Vice President of Programs. I joined Spa Club about 10 years ago and have enjoyed several trips, happy hours and many fun activities with the club. Through these activities, I have had the good fortune of meeting a great group of friends.

I have had the pleasure of serving as TC and ATC for our club. As TC for Big Sky, I have had as many fun activities as the ski resort had to offer. I have served on the board for the Bay Area Whip Dance Club and a local investment club. I am also a committee member for The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Currently, I tutor various computer classes at a local community college. I enjoy Web Programming and Design. A few of my interests include history, water sports, dancing (country and whip), music, travel, and photography. I plan to find, organize, and coordinate as many activities for the club as you all wish to participate in. If elected, I have some very exciting ideas for activities I would like to do for us. I feel that my computer skills, organizational skills, and dedication would be an asset to the club. So let the fun begin!!!

I wish to express thanks to the nominating committee and, if elected, I look forward to serving the club.

Nominee for VP of Trips-Ted Widmer

I first went to a Space City Ski Club meeting back in the late 60s mostly to meet the people I had heard went there. The meeting was at the old Wood Hollow club and was pretty packed. I did what I thought every one would do and wore a ski sweater and ski pants. Needless to say I was the only one. I also didn't have a clue how to ski.

I went on my first ski trip that Christmas to Sante Fe. The skis I rented were made of wood and had cable bindings and were 215 centimeters long. The boots were lace up. I never skied the bunny slope but I was hooked and have skied almost every year since. I ran for Space City in 1976 before some of you were born. A busy law practice kept me from doing much volunteering in the ensuing years, but now I am partially retired and have time to give to the club. I appreciate the confidence the nominating committee has shown in me. With lots of help from the rest of the volunteers, I will do my best to develop a fun and affordable slate of trips for the coming ski year.

Member

Membership Drive

Recruit a New Member and Win Contest - Part II - Start 2007 on the right foot and get rewarded for recruiting new members! Ten (10) members will each win a free membership for recruiting the most new members. The free memberships are non-transferable and must be used for the 2007-08 membership year. However, if a winning member previously paid for a multi-year membership, the free membership can be applied to the next year that a renewal is due. The contest runs from January 1 to April 1, 2007. The winners will be announced at the April general meeting, so start recruiting!

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Check www.spacecityskiclub.org for all of the contest's rules. Please contact Barbara Della Longa at prdirector@spacecityskiclub.org if you have any questions.

Winners of the Recruit a New Member and Win Contest - Part I

The winners of the "Recruit a New Member and Win Contest" were announced at the general meeting on October. Congratulations to the following winners:

Mike Carr - \$200 ski trip credit
Sandy Oballe - \$100 ski trip credit
Barbara Rossetti - \$100 ski trip credit

Recognitions - free memberships for 2007-2008: Anne Marchetti and Trish Ramirez

Vargo SCSC Dinner

At each meeting come early for the early bird and late evening awesome Vargo's SCSC dinner special announced on the meeting page of the web site 2 weeks prior. These dinners are \$9.00 off Vargo's price! You won't believe the quality of food for this price

SCSC Meeting Night Dinner Specials - Oct 9 Your choice:

Ribeye steak

Mahimahi Almondine

Chicken Marsalla

each served with vegetables, rice or potato, bread and a salad

Our Price: \$19.95

[Menu](#)

Sun & Ski Sport 10% Discount



Member Benefits - Sun & Ski Sports offers Space City members 10% discount on merchandise and services. Present your personalized SCSC discount coupon at 1 get yours, go to www.spacecityskiclub.org, click on "SCSC" tab, login and a link to your coupon will appear the logout button. Click on it, print the page and take
Our Price: \$

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