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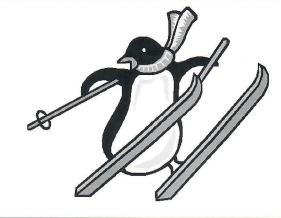
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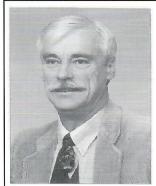
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The SCSC ski trips are in full swing and the snow keeps coming down! It's funny how my friends and relatives in the north constantly complain about snow, when all my friends here in Houston's SCSC only cheer for snow!

I am sure you are all getting very excited about your upcoming ski trips. I've also heard the completed ones to date have been terrific! Speaking of snow, did you

know Bruce Lowther just added a snow reports link on the bottom of the trips list? Also, make sure you take a few minutes to go into the website and update your membership profile. If you aren't getting the SCSC email blasts, that is the reason. You can update your mailing address, email address and phone numbers, as well as give us input as to what activities you'd like to see run through SCSC. You can also check boxes to volunteer for a multitude of positions. And speaking of volunteering, don't forget John Rice and his great committee are actively looking for officers for next year. If you are considering an officer position at all, make sure you fill out an officer application, which can also be found on the SCSC website. Make sure you mail it to John Rice.

Thanks for the hard work of AC Ann Dorn, Director of Programs

Jessica Halter and V.P. of Programs Jose Araujo as the SCSC Holiday Gala was a huge success! If you missed it this year, you missed a memorable and classy event. Van Lang kept the dance floor packed until midnight, when there were still many people who just didn't want to leave (including me!).

Pick up your Sun & Ski discount cards from Pat Piech and Kayleen Kill at general meetings, happy hours and ski trips. (Trip leaders will be given some to distribute on their trips.) This benefit of SCSC gives you ski labor sessions and ski deck lessons at 50% off! We also get 10% off of non-sale ski apparel and accessories.

Also, if you'd like input into where the Texas Ski Council and SCSC skis next ski season, plan now to attend BidFest, which is back in San Antonio this year from March 31st through April 2nd, 2006. Lunch, dinner, a dance party, the vendor presentations and the vendor ski show/exhibition are all included in the low price of \$55.00 if you pay prior to March 1, 2006. The venue will be the fabulous Crown Plaza River Walk at \$135.00 a night.

See TSC Representative Leyla Ozkardesh for all of the details and to reserve your spot. You can contact her at (281) 584-9723 or email her at Leylajo@spacecityskiclub.org. Information about BidFest will be on the SCSC website under activities with a link to the registration form soon. Happy skiing! Stay safe!



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Final payment date: March 10

AC: Penny Chancey (713) 686-4863 pschancey@msn.com

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES



Even with most of our thoughts to skiing and other winter sport activities, there are still plenty of opportunities for members to socialize right here in Houston. Most recently was the SCSC Holiday Gala held on December 2nd, and it was a tremendous success! Those of you that missed it, really missed a great time. The party goers enjoyed the music from Van Lang, along with the excellent food and the

ambiance from Chateau Crystale. A Big Thank You to Ann Dorn, Jessica Halter, Katy Halter, Penny Chancey, Ron Hayes and Bruce Lowther for volunteering before and during the party. And a special Thank You to Ann Dorn who coordinated the entire event.

This month our Happy Hour is at Arcodoro located at Post Oak and Westheimer on Thursday January 12th. The General Meeting is on Monday, January 16th at Chateau Crystale. We are always working on activities that our members will enjoy, so please check the web page and read the e-blasts, you do not want to miss them!

Jessica has some more news to announce:

Happy New Year! Can you believe it is January 2006? We hope you have made your plans to join in the February Galveston Mardi Gras fun and Rockets Basketball. There might still be space available, if you hurry!

At the November meeting, I ran a poll to see what activities you wanted to do. Overwhelmingly, short weekend trips drew the most interest, so I am working with a group travel planner to get that together for us. The most popular destination was Vegas followed by New York City. Details will be coming as soon as I have them. Anyone wanna volunteer to be trip leader to an exciting non-ski destination? Contact me at jessicahalter@yahoo.com.



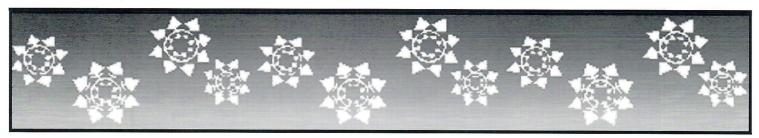
Other activities to look for this spring include a Galveston Bay fishing trip, Road Rally, and Golf Tournament. Be sure to sign up for these activities as they become available as I expect them to fill quickly.

Have great fun on upcoming ski trips, but don't miss out on other club activities, too. Sign up early! -

Jessica

For the coming activities, the Calendar of Events published below and is posted at www.spacecityskiclub.org.

Finally, remember to send me any SCSC past files, memorabilia, documents or items. My evening phone is (713) 541-6838 and my e-mails are vpprograms@spacecityskiclub.org or jaraujoy@msn.com. Jessica's e-mail is jessicahalter@yahoo.com.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event/Address/Phone	Coordinator/Phone/E-mail				
JANUARY 2	2006					
01/12	Happy Hour – Arcodoro	Jose Araujo	(713) 541-6838	5000 Westheimer at Post Oak (713) 621-6888		
01/16	General Meeting (Chateau Crystale)	Jessica Halter	(713) 545-9020	2517 S. Gessner		
FEBRUARY	2006		, ,			
02/16	Happy Hour – Flat	Tammy Adjunta	tjadjunta@att.net	1701 Commonwealth		
				(713) 521-FLAT		
02/20	General Meeting (Chateau Crystale)	Jessica Halter	(713) 545-9020	2517 S. Gessner		
02/24-26	SCSC Mardi Gras at Galveston	Ellen Eastham	(281) 989-9935	eeastham@prodigy.net		
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03/16	Happy Hour – Crome Bar	Tammy Adjunta	tjadjunta@att.net	2815 S. Shepherd		
				(713) 523-3100		
03/20	General Meeting (Chateau Crystale)	Jessica Halter	(713) 545-9020	2517 S. Gessner		

For the latest updates on events, check out www.spacecityskiclub.org

If you have an idea for an activity or would like to volunteer to be on AC or AAC, contact VP of Programs, Jose Araujo (713) 541-6838 jaraujoy@msn.net or vpprograms@spacecityskiclub.org, or Director of Programs, Jessica Halter (713) 545-9020 jessicahalter@yahoo.com. For more information or to pass on ideas about Happy Hours, contact Tammy Adjunta tjadjunta@att.net.



As I write this article, they are getting tons of snow out west. This is going to be a great year to ski, so I hope you've signed up for the trip(s) you wanted. The final payment dates for all the trips have passed, so openings on the trips will be harder to come by. But don't despair, there are always cancellations in the last couple of months before the trips take off. So, be sure to get on the waitlist if there is a trip you really want to go on.

Occasionally we actually find we can add air and lodging, so always ask.

Those who were on the Keystone trip are saying, "WOW, what a trip." We had 14 children who participated in the youth camp and I understand that all the families said the camp was incredible. Next year Breckenridge will be hosting the camp and we hope all those that were at Keystone will also go to Breckenridge and tell others about this opportunity. Many thanks to Louella Steller and Laurie Haischer for leading this great trip.

By the time you receive this issue, Vail will have been back a long time, and Steamboat will be about to leave. I happen to be on both of these trips and my excitement is building. Vail is led by TC Dana Wardell and ATCs Judy Schiro and Shirley Lang. On the

Steamboat trip, TC Thuy Tran is assisted by Richard Rocque and Leyla Ozkardesh.

In January, we have trips to Mammoth and Finland leaving. And don't forget Aspen, Big White, Snowbird, Breckenridge and Big Mountain in February and March. All of these areas are sending us pictures of their great early snow.

Can you believe we will start working on the 2006-07 ski season soon? I am a member of the Pre-Select Committee for the Texas Ski Council. I will be receiving bids from the various ski areas and tour operators in February for next season. The Pre-Select Committee will be meeting February 25 to narrow these bids down to about 4 per TSC trip. The final selection will be made at the Bid Meeting on March 31-April 2 in San Antonio. If you are interested in seeing how we select TSC trips, come join us at the Bid Meeting. I guarantee you'll have a great time.

We always want to know where the members want to go the next year. Feel free to shoot me a note or email with your desires.

If you've had a great time on a trip this year, consider being a TC or ATC for next year. We are always looking for new people to help with the trips. The club can't run without volunteers. Without people to run the trips, there won't be any trips.

See you on the slopes!



DOWNHILL KREWE OF SCSC Salutes "WILD WEST"

February 24-26, 2006 2ND weekend of Galveston Mardi Gras

\$70 Parade Package includes:
Take part in Z Krewe parade Feb. 25, 1:00
DK Cowboy hat, DK bead, tailgate party,
parade beads to toss, and entrance to Strand

Weekend Optional Activities:

2 nights at Galveston hotel (need to reserve ASAP)
2 parades on The Strand Fri. – Krewe Babalu 7:30 and
Bards of Bohemia "New Orleans Comes to Galveston" 8:30
Zestival balcony party room over The Strand - Fri./Sat.
Knights of Momus Grand Parade Sat. Sat. 6:30
Barkus and Meoux Mardi Paws Parade (animals) Sun. 1:00
Check out www.mardigrasgalveston.com

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Space City Ski Club 2005-2006 Ski Trip Schedule

Trips Completed

Nov 22-27, 2005

38 Skiers!

KEYSTONE

Dec 3-10, 2005

20 Skiers!

VAIL

Dec 3-7, 2005

24 Skiers!

VAIL - Short

Dates	Nights/ Ski Days (DOT)	Trip Destination	Final Payment	Trip Price	TC ATC	Home Phone	E-mail Address
Jan 7-14, 2006 (Sat—Sat)	7/6 (HF)	STEAMBOAT (TSC Traditional)	10/3/05	\$940 L\$609	Thuy Tran Richard Rocque	281-376-0343 281-376-0343	ttran@kmg.com rrocque@entouch.net
Jan 10-15, 2006 (Tues—Sun)	5/4 (HF)	STEAMBOAT – Short (TSC Traditional)	10/3/05	\$740 L\$522	Thuy Tran Leyla Ozkardesh	281-376-0343 281-584-9723	ttran@kmg.com leylajoz@sbcglobal.net
Jan 21-28, 2006 (Sat—Sat)	7/6 (HF)	MAMMOTH	11/1/05	\$1166 L\$763	Bill Bomberger Sharon Simandl	281-495-8668 713-862-4883	bbomberger@satake-usa.com ssimandl@hotmail.com
Jan 28-Feb 5, 2006 (Sat—Sun)	7/6 (HF)	FINLAND/ STOCKHOLM (TSC Expedition)	11/15/05	\$1825	David Eickhoff Jan Ferrell	713-825-6021 281-799-0001	eickhoff@hal-pc.org ferrellj@sbcglobal.net
Feb 4 -11, 2006 (Sat—Sat)	7/6 (PF)	ASPEN	10/13/05	\$1084 L\$750	Jill St. Clair Tom Hogle	713-783-6945 713-256-7800	jstclair@hal-pc.org thogle@aurorafin.com
Feb 11-18, 2006 (Sat—Sat)	7/6 (KK)	BIG WHITE (TSC Winter Shootout) Family Optional	12/12/05	\$1139 C\$721	Jerry Montgomery Rita Cardenas	281-437-5467 281-353-2713	jerrymont@houston.rr.com rita.cardenas@bmo.com
Feb 25-Mar 4, 2006 (Sat—Sat)	7/6 (PF)	SNOWBIRD Family Optional	12/12/05	\$1097 L\$699 C\$518	Bruce Baird	281-496-4661	bruce2skis@aol.com
Feb 24-28, 2006 (Fri—Tues)	4/4 (PF)	BRECKENRIDGE	12/1/05	\$560 L\$329	Carol Cain	713-665-8121	cainsug@aol.com
Mar 11-18, 2006 (Sat—Sat)	7/6 (HF)	BIG MOUNTAIN (TSC Final Showdown)	12/7/05	\$1056 L\$630	Bill Brown Bob Gottlieb	281-930-8472 281-486-0254	bill.a.brown@shell.com rgottlieb@houston.rr.com

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RACING NEWS - TSC FALL ROUND-UP, KEYSTONE, CO

A team of 18 Space City skiers, led by race director Craig Campbell, competed in the Texas Ski Council Cup Race during the Thanksgiving trip to Keystone.

Although the team finished third with a total of 323 earned points, they were only 41 points behind second place Austin Skiers. (Just a few more racers and they would have captured second.) Lone Star was first and Los Amigos finished fourth among the Division I large club teams. Evan Lowe had our fastest time on the blue course of 26.59 to lead the SCSC men and Pilar Gonzalez led the women with our best red course time of 27.61. Tammy Bauer and Marti Turner finished second and third for the women, while Nelson Turner and Jose Araujo came in second and third for the men. Pilar and Nelson also received bronze Nastar medals for their runs.

Our racers must have just been warming up because later on they made an excellent showing in the Individual Races. Evan, Eddie

Bauer Jr. and Jose finished third, fourth and fifth overall in the Men's Open class, Pilar and Marti placed third and sixth overall in Women's Open and Nelson captured fourth overall in Men's Super. In addition to their podium awards, bronze Nastar medals were earned by Evan and Pilar (her second) for their Individual performances. Marti also received a bronze and Nelson received his second bronze in the Individuals.

Although they didn't receive Nastar awards (this time), the following racers received Space City medals for competing in the Cup race:

Black – Tammy, Jose, Eddie, Arthur Duenas, John Zavala, Craig, Tor Lileng

Blue – Don Smith, Matthew Marchetti, Albert Zavala, Les Weison

Green – TC Louella Steller, Anne Marchetti, Judy Weison



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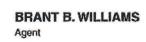
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JANUARY 16 SCSC MEETING

The January meeting theme will be MARDI GRAS!

The Downhill Krewe will feature a Royal Processional, tossing beads to the crowd.

This year's apparel is not your typical purple, gold, and green because the 2006 Z Krewe parade theme is a salute to the "Wild West". Wear your western wear apparel to this festive meeting and enjoy C&W music!

Take part in the annual cake cutting to determine who will be this year's Sheriff and his posse!

2005's King Slalom III Chip Stokes and Queen Moguls III Brenda Soileau will hand over their title to the incoming Royalty.

In addition to the King and Queen, four males and four females will be honored to take part in the 2006 Royal Court.

The Downhill Krewe will participate in the 2006 Z Krewe parade on The Strand in Galveston on February 25.

Find out how to join the Krewe, learn more about festivities at the 2006 Mardi Gras-Galveston, or come to the meeting just to have fun and catch some beads!

See y'all there!

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