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VAIL 2005

By Judy Schiro

WOW! What a GREAT week of skiing, snowboarding and FUN at Vail!

When we arrived at the Denver Airport, it was snowing and continued snowing all the way to Vail. We did manage a stop at AppleJacks so that we could make much needed purchases. Landmark Towers was awaiting our arrival and everyone was soon snuggled into their respective condos. Then the fun began with the ski/boot renters off to get fitted and the hard core shoppers off looking for a bargain. After obtaining the lift tickets, everyone decided it was time for dinner. There was a wonderful restaurant right out our back door and most of the group went there. Dana Wardell, Kayleen Kill, Shirley Lang, Linda Guice, and Linda Licarione managed to find our surprise guest, Effie Rubenstein (our Sportours Director) and were all seen having dinner.

The next morning it was still snowing and soooo cold! Since we were staying at Lionshead, the Gondola was convenient. Everyone was thrilled to be able to ride to the top in an enclosure. We all met for lunch with first time skiers, Tony Loverdi and Jim Masonhall were joined by Mary Jo Loverdi and Elba Villarreal for the big update. Tony and Jim had signed up for an all day semi-private lesson with a Kevin Bacon look-a-like. He was able to give some helpful skiing insights to the rest of us at the table.

Shirley Lang and Linda Guice were our expert shoppers. They even managed to out buy Ron Hayes, which was a difficult thing to do. And, Ron still had time to take his many photographs. Alas,

Judy Schiro didn't get to buy anything. Because of Ron's shopping they didn't have any more room in the luggage.

Jeannine Jiral, Brenda Soileau and Mary Wollmann were seen tearing down the slopes. Keith Kirkman kept trying to offer Pat Piech free skiing lessons.

Monday evening, Effie Rubenstein from Sportours, honored us with a wine/beer/cheese welcoming party. Everyone seemed to be present, after all, it was free and this group was lots of fun! Steve Slade (with his arm in a sling from a previous injury), Jim Edwards, James Parise, Rita Wright, Nancy Towery, David Delaney, Nancy DuFrane, Ash Moza, Bob Rexford and our two shadows, Jim Walker and Brian Korshak joined in for the fun and getting to know the other skiers.

Tuesday was another day of snowy weather and very cold. Braving the elements, Janet McKenzie, Carmen Mikhail, Rick Jaeger and Chuck Ratliff were seen trying to ski some of the bowls that opened. Too much poling was the consensus. That night was our club dinner at Blu's in Vail Village and it was wonderful. The chef really outdid himself. Dale and Alice Allbritton even joined us for dinner. As we understood it, they cooked frozen dinners every night and were in bed by 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, more snow. The short trip had to leave and the bus driver was very concerned over the road conditions. But Ron Hayes raced down the mountain in time to make sure he got a good photo of the group (you know how he is). Chaille and Tom

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General Meeting

March 20 - 6:30 p.m.

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Dana Wardell

VAIL 2005 (Continued from page 1)

Hutcheson, along with Kayleen Kill skied until the last possible moment while Patti Richards and Tom Hogle left earlier to brave the icy roads back to Denver in their rent car.

Thursday dawned and there was more fantastic skiing. Bob Olsen managed to find his new high-tech skis after much searching.

Friday, Bob Gottlieb was still looking for that perfect woman. He thought he had found her, but she was only a figment of his imagination. Roger Holzman and Ron Hayes did, however, find a nice English woman to ask to join their ski group. Jeri and Dane Fugua, Laurie Haisher, Betty Storms, and Tor Lileng joined

everyone at the last Apres ski.

Saturday was a time for fond farewells. We had a marvelous time with no lift lines and record snowfall. Let's do this again!!!

Join your SCSC friends in the

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Every Sunday morning. For the weekly meeting place and time see www.badblades.org, or contact Susan Austin, swicker@houston.rr.com or Dale Albritton (713) 776-9080



The SCSC ski trips are continuing to receive rave reviews! As the ski trips for this season wind down, I just can't say enough about the spectacular amounts of snow we've enjoyed everywhere we went this year. I also can't thank the trip leaders, DOTs and of course, Kayleen Kill, enough for the tremendous job and hard work they did in planning perfect trips!

John Rice and his super nominating committee have found us a terrific slate of prospective officers for the upcoming year! This committee is probably the most hard working committee in the club, and without their commitment to their task, you wouldn't have any officers. Without any officers, we wouldn't be able to run this club. I hope you take the time, as I am now, to thank each committee member and each officer who has agreed to serve you next year. Although rewarding, being an officer is a huge undertaking and takes a good amount of one's spare time. Read more about them, and their qualifications in this issue.

Jose and Jessica have been hard at work planning some very exciting general meetings. Make sure you mark your calendar NOW for the March 20th, April 17th and May 15th General Meetings. PLEASE NOTE THE LAST THREE MEETINGS OF THE YEAR ARE THE THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH! It is vital you attend the March meeting to vote in a new slate of officers. We need at least 75 members in good standing to have a quorum.

I have appointed Barbara Della Longa as SCSC Public Relations Coordinator. She will be coordinating with other clubs and

businesses for cross advertising, web links and distributing SCSC promotional literature as well as to continue to head up the ambassador program. She will be contacting other organizations that might have common interests with our members to participate in a large April General Meeting. They will have tables and literature about their clubs available and all of their members will be invited to this meeting as our guests. I'm sure she would love help with this immense, but sorely needed, job. Please contact her at bdellalonga@sbcglobal.net if you can help! Jessica and Jose are also needing a committee to help with the May Follies Meetings. Please contact them if you can help. As I am writing this, they have a theme and plan that is an "entertainment extravaganza!"

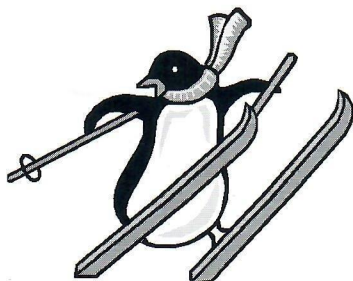
A short trip to Las Vegas is in the works and a fantastic trip to New York is planned for July 20th to July 24th! You have been asking for it and SCSC has delivered! This will fill up extremely quickly, so don't delay in signing up if you have any interest. It is currently capped at 20. See Jose's article and calendar for all of the upcoming activities.

Don't forget about Bid Fest 2006! It is back in San Antonio this year, March 31st through April 2nd, 2006. Please come and share your input as to where we should ski next year! Lunch, dinner, a dance party, the vender presentations and the vender ski show/exhibition are all included. 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. You can find the registration form on the SCSC website.

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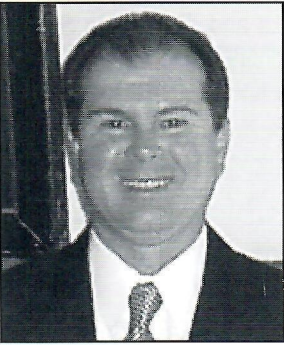
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Vail 2005
Picture postcard in Vail

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Jose Arango, VP of Programs
Jessica Halter, Director of Programs



By now you should have already heard of all the fun that the Downhill Krewe of SCSC had in Galveston. A very special thanks for Ellen Eastham for making this activity a success (this is starting to be a SCSC "classic"). As you may know, we prepare this magazine a month in advance and as I write this article, I am preparing myself for the Big White, Canada ski trip. I am very excited and will report to you all what

you missed if you did not go on this trip. Jessica is in high gear and promoting several exciting non-ski trips and activities -- a real Grand Finale for our term in Programs! We are still looking for volunteers, so don't be shy, you can coordinate that activity that you always wanted the club organize and share with your SCSC friends.

This month our Happy Hour is at the Crome Bar, 2815 S. Shepherd on Thursday March 16th. On Saturday March 18th, the action is at the Rockets game. Check with Penny Chancey for tickets and details on this exciting event. The General Meeting is on Monday, March 20th at Chateau Crystale, which is a very important meeting as it is voting day! Yes, you have the opportunity to elect your leaders for the next year so please check this issue for the candidates.

We have a very special weekend, March 31st - April 2nd, with the Texas Ski Council Bid Fest in San Antonio. I am planning to be there and celebrate my birthday! 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!

From Jessica:

I just got back from Mammoth, CA where 24 very lucky skiers all enjoyed a GREAT week of skiing! During my time with other SCSCers, I got even more ideas for places to go and people to lead us there. In the works, and possibly on the website by the time this prints, you may find a trip to New York City, Las Vegas, or other exciting destinations to thrill you this summer. Other ideas

have included a New Orleans French Quarter weekend (or maybe the Jazz Festival?), an overnight at Lake Charles Casino, a Hill Country Weekend Adventure, and summertime in a mountain location for a long weekend. Special thanks to Penny, Craig, and Jim who have already volunteered to explore the options for some of these trips. Nothing is final yet, but we're getting closer! I just can't wait to see how it all works out!



We're still hoping to find leaders for a Road Rally, Laser Tag, Paintball, and other exciting stuff. I heard a rumor that Radio Music Theater might soon be closing its doors. Anyone interested in planning a group outing there just in case the rumor is true? How about the Improv Troupe we had at a meeting last year? That would be a fun, easy activity to do. All we need is

someone to say, "I'll do that!" and Jose and I will jump in with you to help it become a reality.

Where would YOU like to go? What would YOU like to do? Your VP and Director of Programs want to hear from you!

We are also looking for ideas and suggestions for our May "Follies" meeting. I know the Mammoth trip has a presentation to do. We challenge all trips to create a skit, song, poem, or whatever to recap any trip or activity at our May meeting. Remember the coconuts and grass skirts last May? What fun! Let's show our trip spirit with a presentation. Let us know how we may help. That's our job...to help you have FUN! -Jessica

For the coming activities, the Calendar of Events published in this issue 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 and Jessica's e-mail is jessicahalter@yahoo.com.



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What an incredible ski year we have had. The two trips I've been on had tons of snow and, of course, it was all that much more fun because of the awesome people on the trips. The photo accompanying this article shows all the snow I

found in the Back Bowls of the December Vail trip. As you can see, I was having some difficulty handling all the snow. But it was AWESOME!

We have only one great trip left, Big Mountain. Although it will be leaving March 11, we always have some last minute cancellations, so if you can be flexible, get on the wait list with TC Bill Brown.

We had four incredible trips in February, including two extremely popular ones. Aspen is always a favorite with SCSC and I know everyone had a tremendous time, led by TC Jill St. Clair and ATC Tom Hogle. TC Jerry Montgomery and ATC Rita Cardenas led a group of skiers and wine tasters on an unusual trip to Big White for 4 nights and the town of Kelowna for 3 nights. A jam packed short trip to Breckenridge has kept TC Carol Cain busy. About to return is a trip to Snowbird, led by TC Bruce Baird. Thanks to all these great TC's and ATC's.

Although the ski season is about to end, the work is beginning anew for the 2006-07 ski season. I will be asking for your help in determining where the Texas Ski Council might ski next year.

SCSC needs YOU to join the team of Trip Coordinators and Assistants running fun ski trips to exciting destinations. Give me a call and I'll get you on the list for next year. See you on the slopes!



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Coordinator/Phone/E-mail	Event Address/Phone
MARCH 2006			
03/16	Happy Hour – Crome Bar	Tammy Adjunta tjadjunta@att.net (713) 523 3100	2815 S. Shepherd - 77098
03/18	Houston Rockets vs San Antonio Spurs	Penny Chancey (713) 686 4863	pschancey@msn.com
03/20	General Meeting (Chateau Crystale)	Jessica Halter (713) 545-9020	2517 S. Gessner 77063
03/31-04/02	Texas Ski Council Bid Fest		San Antonio, Texas
APRIL 2006			
04/13	H-H/Dart Tournament BJ's Sport Pub	Laura Carmin burtonpr@houston.rr.com (713) 774-8120	9615 Southwest Fwy @ Bissonet
04/17	General Meeting (Chateau Crystale)	Jessica Halter (713) 545-9020	2517 S. Gessner 77063
04/22	SCSC Golf Tourn – Clear Creek Golf Club	Bob Olsen rolsen1@houston.rr.com	3902 Fellowes Road just East of Hwy 288 off the South Sam Houston Tollway 8
MAY 2006			
05/18	Happy Hour - TBA	Tammy Adjunta tjadjunta@att.net	
05/22	General Meeting (Chateau Crystale)	Jessica Halter (713) 545-9020	2517 S. Gessner 77063
OTHER ACTIVITIES			
07/20-24	Trip To New York	Penny Chancey (713) 686 4863	pschancey@msn.com
TBA	Trip To Las Vegas	Craig Campbell (713) 453 5798	craigcam48@aol.com

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 jaraurojo@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.



Space City Ski Club 2005-2006 Ski Trip Schedule

<i>Trips Completed</i>		
Nov 22-27, 2005	*38 Skiers!*	KEYSTONE
Dec 3-10, 2005	*22 Skiers!*	VAIL
Dec 3-7, 2005	*24 Skiers!*	VAIL - Short
Jan 7-14, 2006	*76 Skiers!*	STEAMBOAT
Jan 10-15, 2006	*28 Skiers!*	STEAMBOAT -- Short
Jan 21-28, 2006	*24 Skiers!*	MAMMOTH
Jan 28-Feb 5, 2006	*27 Skiers!*	FINLAND
Feb 4-11, 2006	*50 Skiers!*	ASPEN
Feb 11-18, 2006	*34 Skiers!*	BIG WHITE
Feb 24-28, 2006	*36 Skiers!*	BRECKENRIDGE
Feb 25-Mar 4, 2006	*30 Skiers!*	SNOWBIRD

Dates	Nights/ Ski Days (DOT)	Trip Destination	Final Payment	Trip Price	TC ATC	Home Phone	E-mail Address
Mar 11-18, 2006 (Sat—Sat)	7/6 (HF)	BIG MOUNTAIN (TSC Final Showdown) Family Optional	12/7/05	\$1056 L\$630 C\$573 -\$588	Bill Brown Bob Gottlieb	281-930-8472 281-486-0254	bill.a.brown@shell.com rgottlieb@houston.rr.com

Children prices dependent on age and sharing room with two paying adults. Prices subject to change by changes in the fuel surcharge, taxes and/or currency conversion. Number of land packages may be limited.

Mark Your Calendars!

Come to the March General Meeting to
check out the Ski Trip Tables

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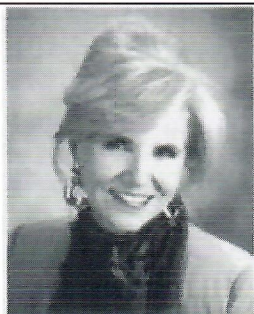
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Race director Don Macken and his assistant John Zavala put together a team of 35 Space City skiers and boarders who raced at Steamboat on January 5.

In the morning club race, Kayleen Kill was our fastest woman with a gold medal run down the yellow course in 26.46 seconds, and Tom Mercer led the men with a 24.30 time on the green course, good for a silver medal. Other silver medalists were Diane Jamail, Pilar Gonzalez, Dale Allbritton and Bob Wray. Bronze medals went to Sue Prater, TC Thuy Tran, Elyse Turla, ATC Richard Rocque, Gary Hercules, Kenny Prater, Bruce Lowther, John Zavala, Don Macken, Ron Rambin, John Rice, Ray Naudain and Merlyn Harger. SCSC black club pins were given to Peter Kubik, Paul Lee, Stan Smith, Robert Clements, David Lindsay, Kuo-Chih Wang and Roger Holzman. J.C. Sha received a blue pin, and green pins went to Pat Piech, Tseng-Pu Wang, Corrina Huang, Fei Tam, Shelley Dunham, Thomas Chin, Tony Tam and Edward Huang.

In the afternoon, Kayleen struck gold again in the individuals race with a combined two run time of 73.43, winning second overall in her division. Pilar received her second silver and third place overall in her division. More silver medals went to Thuy, Sue and Bob while Richard, John R., Don and Kenny received additional bronze medals for their individual performances.

Congratulations to everyone who competed, and to all of our first-time racers – welcome to the team!

For complete results got to:

<http://www.nastar.com/index.jsp?pagename=raceresults&race=44454&year=2006>

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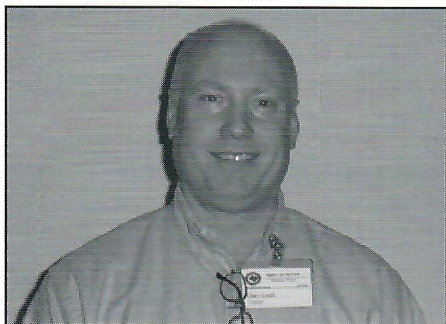
Vail 2005
Vail group having fun in the snow



Vail 2005
Partygoers in Vail

2006-2007 NOMINEE – PRESIDENT

GARY D LADD



I'm a native Texan, born in Corpus Christi in August 1955.

I grew up in St Louis, where I developed my appreciation for cold winter weather – no skiing though, and moved back to Houston in late 1981.

I began skiing during a three-month business trip to Alaska in 2002, where I also had my first contact with SCSC group on the Alyeska trip. I immediately joined the club and have enjoyed being a part of the SCSC family ever since. I've only been on four trips with the group, but

thoroughly enjoy skiing and the comradery that I've found in the club.

I acted as the ATC (Assistant Trip Coordinator) on the '05-Snowmas trip and I've also been the SCSC Treasurer during the 2005-06 year.

My professional life has primarily been centered in the accounting and finance fields.

I currently work for a large international industrial gases company located in the Galleria and enjoy traveling whenever time and money permits.

2006-2007 NOMINEE – VP OF TRIPS

PAT PIECH



As a bit of a road warrior, I sometimes feel I spend more time in an airport and rental car than my own house. Perhaps that experience will help if approved as your VP of Trips for the 2006-2007 season.

I have enjoyed being a member of the Space City Ski Club since 1999 and served as both ATC (Big Sky and Park City) as well as VP of Publications. Prior to joining SCSC, I was an active member of the Austin Skiers for many years. In addition to traveling for fun, I am tasked with similar responsibilities at work where I coordinate several meetings and employee incentives program for groups as large as 400 every year.

The VP of Trips position holds a tremendous amount of responsibility for which I am ready to accept. With over 40 ski trips under my belt, I hope to put together an outstanding selection of ski trips for next season. I would like to bring to the club an interesting combination of both long and short trips encompassing both familiar favorites and some exciting new destinations. Something for everyone..from the big dogs to the never-evers. I will also work to provide the best possible options available from convenient flight schedules to comfortable, quality accommodations.

I thank the SCSC nominating committee for their confidence in my abilities and welcome the opportunity to once again support the club should I be so chosen.

2006-2007 NOMINEE – TREASURER

DON MACKEN



If elected treasurer of the Space City Ski Club, I will do my best at managing the finances for the upcoming year. I have been a member of the Space City Ski Club for five years and on several skiing trips. I have been the race director on two of those and have been active in non skiing activities as well. I was on the planning committee for the On The Water Spectacular Weekend Activity last August, have participated in Mardi Gras for four years (have been a member of Royalty twice) and participated in other ski club activities.

I started skiing when I was in high school when I went to Winter Park, CO the first time. I have skied quite a bit since even though there were many years when I did not ski. I do not have any horror stories to tell concerning injuries as (knock on wood) as I have never been seriously injured from skiing but

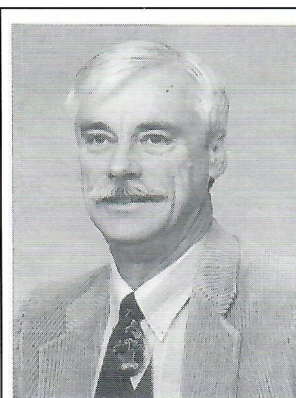
have had my share of exciting falls including numerous face plants, lots of double binding releases and even broken some skis.

I believe I have the qualifications for the position of treasurer. I have worked as a senior premium insurance auditor for a large insurance company for a number of years. I also am an accountant and previously served as president and treasurer of the Houston Insurance Auditors Association. I am a former member of the Board of Directors for the Municipal Utility District in the subdivision where I used to live. I have been involved in other activities including charitable organizations. I am a graduate of Colorado State University and have also taken post graduate classes at the University of Houston.

I have many interests and hobbies. I do long distance bicycle riding including the MS 150 ride from Houston to Austin each year. I have a motorcycle and enjoy riding it through the countryside. I am an animal lover, owning both cats and dogs, and the dogs have lots of miles on their paws from walks including charity walks / runs. I also enjoy hiking and camping as well as some indoor activities such as going to movies, plays, museums, C & W dancing, etc. I am usually game for most activities.

I have a son and a five year old grandson, both of whom reside in CA. Hence every so often I travel to that state to visit them.

Again if elected I will do my very best at being the treasurer of the Space City Ski Club.



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2006-2007 NOMINEE – VP OF PUBLICATIONS

STEVEN TEOH



I am excited to be your nominee for VP of Publication.

I joined SCSC in 1992. During these years, I had met a lot of great people and made a lot of friends. I have been traveled to many countries with my friends in SCSC, such as Switzerland, Spain, Morocco, Austria, New Zealand, Fiji, Egypt, China and many others. It has been a great experience and I have enjoyed all my involvements with the club as TC & AC for many ski trips and activities.

After 13 fun years with SCSC, it is time for me to contribute back to an organization that has provided me with fabulous skiing, vacation and fun. I decided to run for VP of Publications in 2006. With my strong computer, marketing and business experience, I am looking forward to serving you as VP of Publications.

My hobbies are traveling, playing tennis and skiing. When I am not traveling or skiing, I love to sell real estate – it's my passion!

I thank the nominating committee for this opportunity and I would appreciate your vote on Election Day!

2006-2007 NOMINEE – SECRETARY

JANET MCKENZIE



I would like to thank the Nominating Committee for selecting me as a candidate for the position of Secretary. I have been a member of SCSC for ten years and have taken many trips with the club each year. In 2003, I was the Trip Coordinator for the Thanksgiving TSC trip to Keystone.

I was born, raised and educated on the East Coast and started working for Texaco after college. After 15 years at the Texaco Eagle Point Refinery and Petrochemical Plant, I was transferred to Southern California. Since I lived a 45-minute drive from the mountains, my friends and I decided to try skiing one winter. I immediately became hooked and skied most weekends until the snow melted in the spring. In taking a transfer to Houston, there was the realization there would be no mountains close by. In finding SCSC, I was able to meet many good skiers and ski many new mountains. My non-SCSC activities include traveling in the United States and Europe, tennis, working out at the gym, reading, and volunteering at the Houston Hospice and Palliative Care facility.

I feel I'm qualified for this position as I held various office and secretarial positions while working for Texaco for over 20 years. I am also willing to spend the necessary time and effort that this position requires in the coming year and look forward to serving on the board with dedication and enthusiasm and to help promote SCSC.

2006-2007 NOMINEE – VP OF MEMBERSHIP

JESSICA HALTER



Hellllllooooo, Space City Ski Club." You may have heard this once or twice during this year's meetings. That would be me, Jessica Halter, your current Director of Programs, trying to get our monthly meetings underway.

As we approach our next season of events and trips, I am honored to have been asked to serve as Vice President of Membership. 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 currently serve as Director of Programs.

Our membership includes some of the nicest, most fun-loving and genuine people I've ever met. I have met and befriended so many people since joining SCSC. My goal, should I be confirmed as VP of Membership, will naturally be to find and recruit more people with similar mindset and a devotion to FUN. This will ensure that our club becomes an even greater, more interesting social group. I challenge every member to serve as a "recruiter" and spread the word to find other members. SCSC is a GREAT GROUP of people. Let's expand to include even MORE!

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration. I look forward to serving and meeting every single person at the meeting check-in table monthly.

SCSC Sport and Social Clubs Extravaganza



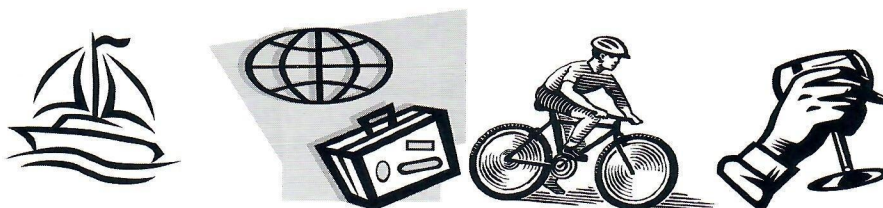
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Monday, April 17 – 6:30 p.m. at the general meeting

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