

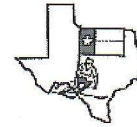


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## COPPER SHINES!

By Angie Westergren

Wow! What a GREAT week of skiing, snowboarding and FUN!

Upon arrival we gathered for a wine and cheese party in (TC) Angie and (ATC) Marnie's condo. Thanks to Sue Olstad who was kind enough to drive all of our beer and wine up to Copper. She and Marianne Pearce even iced them down for us. There were guest appearances by Cher (Linda Alardin), Rod Stewart (Ric Ploeger), Katherine Hepburn (Betty Storms) and Phyllis Diller (Gail Blanton). Everyone enjoyed guessing what name was stuck on their backs. It was a fun way for all of us to mix and mingle.

On Saturday, some people took lessons in the morning while others headed straight to the slopes. Our attempt to meet for lunch was stymied because our meeting place was closed, but most people were able to meet up with other SCSC members anyway. Unfortunately, this was not the only day that the lunch meeting place was closed (Marnie was fired as lunch coordinator after this happened a second time on Wednesday).

On Monday evening, everyone got a Valentine's present because it started snowing and didn't stop for several days. It was beautiful! Several couples on the trip took advantage of Valentine's Day and spent the evening alone together, including Joe Bruccoliere and Karen Mozisek.

The partying started up again on Tuesday with our SCSC party. Not only did we enjoy the food, beverages and company, but we were also treated to delicious homemade candy brought by Merlyn Harger. We learned that Robert Samen is a martini connoisseur. He treated any takers to his martinis

made with his own shaker (he never leaves home without it!). Tom Kaptain enjoyed a massage from three women at the same time. He was the envy of all! What did he ever do to deserve that?

Several people enjoyed other activities on Tuesday. Mac McNamara went dogsledding. The sled went off the roadway and fell over, Mac went face first into the snow and the dogs kept going! Eventually, Mac was reunited with the K-9's. Christina Heyne said the snowshoeing at

Copper is great. It was even free! On one of her trips, the leader got lost due to all the extra snow and it took an extra hour to reach the bottom of the mountain. Angie Westergren ventured out on the snowboard and had a blast.

Wednesday night several adventurous people went tubing, including Kayleen Kill, Kris Rogge and Alan Bitzer. Debra Brannen almost needed a dentist after going airborne on her tube! Afterwards at Apres-ski, Ron Hayes (the official cameraman) was never without his camera, and he usually had more than one with him. His efforts were appreciated throughout the trip. Thanks, Ron!

The individual and club races were on Thursday. Bob Wray, Race Director, did an excellent job of coordinating the SCSC racers. SCSC was third to compete in the morning Cup races. It was a difficult course and 18 fearless SCSC racers were forced to wait nearly an hour while the pacesetter needed three extra runs to complete the green course. Robert Samen earned a bronze medal

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A great day at Copper

## General Meeting - Kamon Iwanna LeiYa LUAU

### May 16 @ 6:30 p.m.

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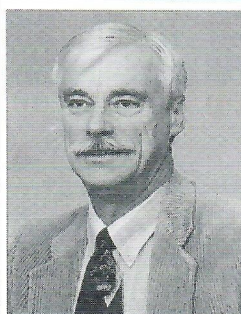
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Dana Wardell





Another fabulous SCSC ski year has come to a close. Please make a special effort to attend our May 16th "Follies" meeting. (Okay, it is really a luau party at Vito's!) It will be the perfect opportunity to reminisce about all of your recent SCSC experiences.

Thanks largely to the efforts of Bruce Lowther, and with help from Sean O'Brien, you will now be able to choose to pay your membership dues on line, with no extra fees, via Pay Pal by credit card. Even better, you will be able to

save time, effort and money by pre-paying in 3-year or 5-year increments if you choose! See details later in this Sitzmarke.

The time is now to grow our membership for next year. It is each member's responsibility to make guests feel welcome and included in meetings, happy hours and activities. If they don't feel welcome, they will not join. If we don't

have a continuous influx of new, young members join, our club will eventually die. I have a few plans to make this year the best growth year for SCSC in years. We will revitalize the Ambassador system at the meetings. You will hear more about this in future articles. If you enjoy meeting new people and making them feel welcome, please contact me about becoming an ambassador. We will need many volunteers in this area for next year. I am suggesting a tri-effort between the President's Office, the VP of Programs and the VP of Membership for this program to succeed. The success of this program is vital to our membership growth which absolutely needs a boost.

I have had feedback from many prospective and younger members that they will join us if we offer trips that are short enough to fit into their monetary and vacation time budget. I believe we need to start thinking out of the box and offer 4-day alternative trips to coincide with some of our best attended trips. Younger people most often only have 2 weeks of vacation a year, and need to make the most of every day. We need to cater to our current membership, while constantly thinking about the needs of prospective, younger members. I hope you'll join me in making this the best growth year in SCSC history!

## GENERAL MEETING - Kamon Iwanna LeiYa LUAU

**May 16 @ 6:30 p.m. (Note 3rd Monday)**

**NEW LOCATION: VITO'S DECK HOUSE**

**5810 Beverly Hill (at Bering)**

(location west of Chimney Rock, south of Richmond) (713) 334-8486

For a super time, be sure to attend the LUAU! You will get LEI'D when you arrive. Fabulous entertainment and Prizes: DJ, tropical music, "Don Ho band and his Waikiki Hula Girls", Gilligan's Island Survivors, "Margaritaville" sing-off, "Beat the Heat Summer Wear Fashion Show", prizes awarded for the "Most Authentic" tropical apparel, and more!

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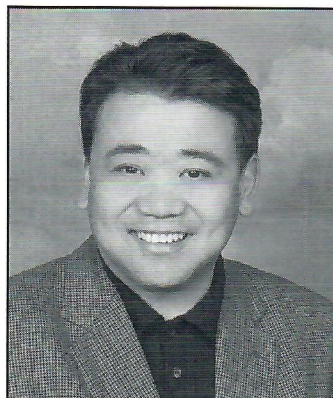
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# PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Jose Araujo, VP of Programs



I would like to begin this article and this new SCSC executive team term by giving thanks to Y'ALL for your support in bringing me to the VP Programs position. I am very excited about the club's potential.

We have so much to offer: a wide spectrum of activities, quality people and the backbone of 40 years of existence. We have an excellent beginning. Ellen Eastham, our former VP of Programs, already has scheduled many activities, (please see the activities calendar), that

will smooth the transition into my new role as your VP of Programs.

I face the challenge of putting together a dynamic, positive and goal oriented team. I am counting on each of you, and especially on a few of you, who are willing to share in the opportunity to organize and participate in non skiing activities. Activities that enrich our personal lives are the glue that keeps us together during the warm months, which is most of the time here in Texas! I have an immediate need for volunteers for the positions of Director of Programs, Activity Coordinators and their

Assistants. Please contact me by phone, e-mail or at the meetings.

The way to plan activities is very simple: present your idea to me, (something you would like to do and share with your fellow SCSCers), we discuss and agree to the details, identify an Activity Coordinator (maybe yourself), prepare a budget and present it to the club executive committee. The executive committee approves it and voilà, we have a fun evening, day, weekend or week for the club. At the same time there are some "traditional" activities where you can help a lot, like the holiday party, fashion shows, volunteer party, general meetings, happy hours etc.

SCSC Happy Hours are very important, monthly after work opportunities to drain the stress of the day in a couple of drinks, finger-food and good chatting. Deb Cini has been doing a great job and I am delighted that she has agreed to continue coordinating them.

I have, and I am sure that the rest of the executive committee members have too, an open door policy. Please come to us and tell us how we can make the club better. We can grow together. Just keep in mind that we need your help!

My evening phone is (713) 541-6838 and my e-mail addresses are jaraujoy@msn.com or jose.araujo@halliburton.com.

## MAUI, HAWAII 2005 TSC SUMMER EXPEDITION



**September 10-17, 2005**

Optional Kona Extension Sept. 18-20

**Final Payment Date May 16, 2005**

See January Sitzmarke or

spacecityskiclub.org for details and registration forms or contact Sean O'Brien (713) 787-9762 or seanobrien1981@sbcglobal.net



## HAPPY HOUR & 2ND ANNUAL POOL TOURNAMENT

**Thursday, June 16 - 5:30 p.m.**

**Fast Eddie's ~ 6306 Richmond Ave.**

Have FUN and make new friends! \$2.00 Entry Fee - Pool Tournament - prizes awarded in each category. Sign up to enter and play in a category: Experienced, Amateur, and Coed - Free appetizers and drink specials.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Coordinator	Phone	E-mail/Address
MAY				
5/7	"Get High on High Altitude"	Thuy Tran	(281) 376-0343	ttran@kmg.com
5/12	Happy Hour - Champps' Americana		(713) 627-2333	1121 Uptown Park Blvd.
5/16	SCSC Meeting - LUAU - Vito's Deck House		(713) 334-8486	5210 Beverly Hill at Bering
	LUAU Coordinator	Pam Smith	(281) 497-4407	smileycpa@hotmail.com
5/21	San Marcos River Expedition - CANCELLED			
5/26-31	Grand Canyon Hiking Trip - SOLD OUT	Leyla Ozkardesh	(281) 584-9723	leylajoz@sbcglobal.net
JUNE				
6/4	AIA Sandcastle Competition	Deb Cini	(832) 528-6125	dcini@victoria.com
6/16	Happy Hour and Pool Tournament - Fast Eddie's		(713) 952-9628	6306 Richmond Dr.
	Pool Tournament Coordinator	Sue Sedwick	(281) 326-4695	sueded@hal-pc.org
6/25	Volunteer Party - Ron and Judy home (by Invitation)			
	Volunteer Party Coordinator	Christina Anderson	(281) 589-8387	andersoncmt@hotmail.com
JULY				
7/21	Happy Hour - TBA			
OTHER ACTIVITIES				
9/10-17	Maui, Hawaii	Sean O'Brien	(713) 787-9762	seanobrien1981@sbcglobal.net

**\*For the latest updates on events, check out [www.spacecityskiclub.org](http://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.com or jose.araujo@halliburton.com. For more information or to pass on ideas about Happy Hours, contact Deb Cini (832) 528-6125 dcini@victoria.com.





Wasn't the 2004/2005 ski season great? Many thanks to Lori Gilliland, Marsha Lutz and all the TC's and ATC's who ran a great lineup of trips. As a Director of Trips last year, I learned a lot and now, I and my two DOT's (pending approval by the Executive Committee), Hope Flynn and Patty Finch, are in the midst of putting together the 2005-2006 schedule. We have a BIG job ahead of us.

If you are interested being a TC or ATC for next year, the application is on the website at <http://www.spacecityskiclub.org/Forms/SCSC-TC-ATC-App2005.pdf>. In particular, we are interested in TC's and ATC's for short trips (usually 5 days). But if you are only interested in a week trip, apply also. You must have been on an SCSC trip in the past in order to be a TC or ATC. It is a great way to meet new people and have a trip run the way YOU want it (within certain guidelines, of course).

So, you probably want to know where we are going next year. Well, we are still working on the list, but here is what we know so far. Five of our trips will be Texas Ski Council trips, which were selected at the annual BidFest on April 15-17 in Austin. Spend Thanksgiving with us at Keystone, Colorado for the *TSC Fall Roundup* - November 22-27, 2005. Have a great time at an SCSC favorite, Steamboat, Colorado

for *TSC Traditional* - January 7-14, 2006. Visit Finland for *TSC Expedition* - January 28-February 5, 2006. The *SC Winter Shootout* will be at Big White, British Columbia, on February 11-18, 2006. Finally, Big Mountain, Montana was selected for *TSC Final Showdown* on March 11-18, 2006.

So, that's what we know so far. We've got some ideas for the other trips, but if you are interested in a particular location, let us know and we will look into it.

As I mentioned, we are hoping to run more short trips. We will look at all our full week trips (both TSC and club) to see if we can offer a short trip alternative. This will be dependent upon airline flight schedules (we want to fly out after work), the length of travel from the airport to the destination, and getting an ATC to lead the short trip. And, finally, in order to get group rates on the air fare, we will need at least 10 full-package participants.

Last year we increased our skier numbers even though our membership declined slightly. Lori did this by declaring 2004-2005 the "YEAR OF THE SKIER". So, by the power vested in me by the Snow Gods and SCSC, I declare the year 2005-2006 to be the "YEAR OF THE SKIER - PART 2". Help Patty, Hope and me by letting us know where you want to ski and consider being a TC or ATC.

TO BE CONTINUED...

## 19TH ANNUAL AIA SANDCASTLE COMPETITION

**June 4, 2005 - East Beach, Galveston**

Sandcastle building competition begins at 10 a.m., awards at 4:30 - VOLUNTEER to assist in set up, parking, and assisting judges. Complimentary t-shirts, food, drink and MUCH FUN!

Shifts 6-11 a.m. and 2-7 p.m.

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Optional: Friday night BEACH BASH at the Galveston Hilton

Check website for photos [www.aiasandcastle.com/2004](http://www.aiasandcastle.com/2004)

To sign up as VOLUNTEER, contact AC: Deb Cini (832) 528-6125 [dcini@victoria.com](mailto:dcini@victoria.com)

## Trip Coordinators Wanted

Do you love to ski or snowboard? Do you enjoy working with people and making new friends? Are you good at planning and organizing? If your answer is YES to these questions, SCSC needs YOU to join the great team of Trip Coordinators and Assistants running fun ski trips to exciting destinations.

Please contact the 2005-2006 V.P. of Trips, Kayleen Kill, 12410 Shadow Island Drive, Houston, TX 77082 or e-mail [kayleen-kill@houston.rr.com](mailto:kayleen-kill@houston.rr.com).

You can also find the application form at: <http://www.spacecityskiclub.org/Forms/SCSC-TC-ATC-App2005.pdf>



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The SCSC Board of Directors (Board) is pleased to announce that effective immediately you can renew your membership on line and pay your dues with a credit card utilizing PayPal. SCSC elected to utilize PayPal for security purposes. By using PayPal, no one within SCSC will ever see or know a member's credit card information. As a further incentive to renew your membership online, the Board is also pleased to announce that multi-year memberships in the club can be obtained at reduced annual rates on your dues. The dues for multi-year memberships in SCSC for 2005/6 will be as follows:

### Single Membership

	Renew Before 5/31	Renew After 5/31
1-year	\$30	\$35
3-year	\$81	\$86
5-year	\$125	\$130

### Dual Membership

	Renew Before 5/31	Renew After 5/31
1-year	\$50	\$55
3-year	\$135	\$140
5-year	\$210	\$215

For the 3-year membership, your membership will expire on 4/30/2008.  
For the 5-year membership, your membership will expire on 4/30/2010.

1. To renew your membership online please do the following:
2. Go to the club website [www.spacecityskiclub.org](http://www.spacecityskiclub.org)
3. Click on "MY SCSC"
4. Enter Username and Password (If you do not yet have either set-up, please follow online instructions to get a username and password.)
5. Review membership profile and make any necessary changes.
6. Click on renewal button at bottom of profile.
7. Click on which type of membership renewal you wish to do (1-year, 3-year or 5-year)

At this point you will be taken automatically to the PayPal secure website to arrange payment. Verify your information and follow their directions. When finished, you will be returned to the SCSC website. You will also receive some payment verifications via e-mail. While you are online, please review your membership profile and make any necessary updates.

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Clear Lake Area Ski Club member Ken Goodwin will  
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Everest region, Tibet in August 2003.

To reserve your space, contact AC Thuy Tran [ttran@kmg.com](mailto:ttran@kmg.com)  
(281) 376-0343





# COPPER SHINES

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with the fastest SCSC time of 31.10 seconds, and Kayleen Kill received a silver medal for her time of 33.02. Additional bronze medal winners in the club race were Angie Westergren, Alan Bitzer and Bob Wray. Other racers, including Cindy Moore, Teri Welsh, Kris Rogge, Judy Schiro, Mac McNamara, Gunnar Heyne and Meynard Nussbaum successfully completed the course and contributed points to our grand total of 289. Other members of SCSC came to cheer on our racers, including Marianne Pearce, Elyse Turla, Linda Alardin, Sue Olstad and Betty Storms. After the race, we all enjoyed a great mountain BBQ lunch, then Kayleen, Angie, Judy, Robert, Alan and Gunnar headed off to compete in the afternoon Individual races. Kayleen and Angie received silver medals. Robert and Alan received bronze medals. Finally, at the Friday night awards dinner all three of our female SCSC Individual racers received TSC plaques for finishing in the top three overall in their respective age groups: Angie (second), Kayleen (third) and Judy (second). Congratulations and many thanks to all of our SCSC racers!

Thursday night, Linda Alardin, Teri Welsh, Janet Delgado and Debra Brannen invited everyone to their condo for a potluck dinner. Again, there was plenty of food and libations for all. Angie Westergren won the best pajama dressed leader award, but why was she avoiding drafty windows and Ron's camera?

Friday, our last day of skiing proved to be a bit much for some. Gaynell Blasé and Mamie Lamb were a little out of their league on one of the steeper blue runs and ended up sliding down an ungroomed mogul run on their butts, which was easier for Gaynell since she just followed the trail that Mamie had already blazed! They would like to thank Ron Hayes for his questionable navigational skills in finding a "safer" alternate route.

At the TSC farewell party, SCSC was represented on the dance floor by Lesly Van Dame, who encouraged many others to join her, including Rita Cardenas



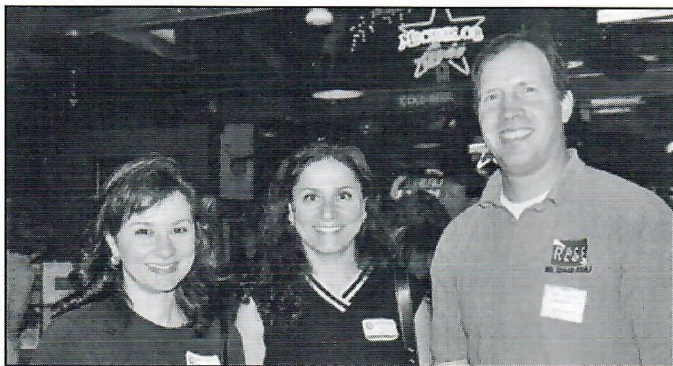
**Women Racers Rule**

and Leyla Ozkardesh. She was also joined by Mike Mason and Cindy Moore, who impressed us all with their dance skills. Rumor has it that Mike is a dance instructor! After the party, a few people went to a bar and played pool. Angie, and especially Mamie, surprised us all with the skills they obviously learned very well at Texas A&M. Other pool teams included Doug Broussard & Janet Delgado, Mac McNamara & Teri Welsh and Elyse Turla and some random man at the bar.

A great week may have come to an end, but many new friendships were just beginning. There was such a fun group of people on this trip and many of the participants expressed the desire to ski together again next year. Mamie, where are you and your ATC taking us in 2006? Angie will loan you her whistle!



**Many smiling faces from the April General Meeting - "Membership Round-up."** The crowd mingled with various organizations that made the meeting a success. Thank you to Hostelling International, Houston Sierra Club, Houston Singles Tennis Association, Houston Underwater Club, Make-A-Wish Foundation, and the Texas Association of Single Sailors for their participation at the meeting.





After expanding this popular trip to an amazing 80 people, we set out on Saturday morning, February 26. An army of excited SCSCers filtered into Bush Intercontinental. Continental did a great job checking in our group. Lou Kleinman, was so excited to go that he left his boarding pass in the e-machine. Luckily, the TC was able to locate him before this security breach shut down the airport. The only loose end was not realizing some excited participants had arrived prior to the TC and ATC and were already at the gate. Janet McKenzie and Frank Adams were the last to arrive much to the relief of their buddy, Morris Covin, who was incredulous that these hard-core skiers might miss the trip to Vail. Charlene Fleming got the award for "traveled the farthest to join us" by coming from her job in Russia. Even the jet-lagged Charlene did better than Steve Jaeger who obviously needed a few more hours sleep. As a joke, the trip leaders gave him a nametag with two green smiling faces and a misspelled name. He didn't even notice!

Once in Denver, we were met by Leslie Adams and Steve Ellsberry from San Jose, California who were joining buddies Greg Conary and Theresa Tanchak on the trip. Once the group was organized we took off for a planned stop at Applejacks to fill up with adult beverages, some groceries, and eat lunch. Applejacks had just barely enough adult beverages for our thirsty group. Business was so good that in appreciation, Applejacks donated three free cases of wine for our evening wine and cheese welcome party. Why were the buses having such a hard time climbing out of Denver on I-70? Perhaps it was those adult beverages. Upon our arrival in Vail, we were joined by our land participants. Nora and Mike Montgomery, Judy Corke and Ray Garrett came from Denver where Mike is now working. Helmut and Martha Zenger and their buddies the Schidlowskis came from Colorado Springs where the Zengers now reside. Ski bum, Keith Kirkman, who had leisurely driven from Houston, also joined us. An added bonus, Stacey and JR Ronczy dropped in from Denver. Excited conversation flowed along with the wine. A loud bell had to be used to get the group's attention to listen to a welcome speech from Mary Lou, our representative from Vail Resorts. Mary Lou told our excited group about a wide variety of events happening in Vail including "telemarking" lessons. Tina Williams misunderstood and thought she said "telemarketing." OK, get those phone banks ready!

The trip leaders discovered very soon that they had lost control. Who

was sleeping with whom? It took to about the middle of the week to find out where some people had relocated. Condo 1423 had no one left that was originally assigned to it. Where did they go? Perhaps, they heard of a sight to behold over in the next condo: Kurt Schidlowski doing morning push-ups in his birthday suit (really).

Seriously, there were no complaints about the lodging. This was good since TC, Kathy Young, didn't discover until Sunday morning that the phone in her condo was not plugged into the wall. What a good excuse to avoid any whining!

Sunday, our first day to ski, began with many of the group taking advantage of the free mountain tour at Vail. They got to cut the lift lines and cruise all over the mountain.

Tuesday night, a 60's and 70's theme party was held in honor of SCSC's 40th anniversary. It was a hit with many of the skiers digging deep into their closets for retro outfits. The era was well represented, however, Mike Dawson was heard to lament that no one wore any hot pants or mini skirts. We did see tie-dyes, long hair, peace symbols, the works, including Hari Krishna, Michael Makris, resplendent in the bed sheets from his condo. We were joined by some of the era's celebrities: Jack Sartin as Jimmy Buffett, and Dennis Stockton as John Denver. Both Davis Tucker and Robert Todd wore what appeared to be a vintage t-shirts apparently salvaged from their deepest past. Bob Horan wore a classic polyester shirt that was so ugly he inspired a group song: "BAH, BAH, BAH, Bob Horan."

Awards were given for best costume. The finalist for the men's best costume were Michael Makris, Dennis Pechal, Bill Hughes, Bob Horan, Jack Sartin, and Ray Garrett. The finalist for the women's costume were Heidi Hughes, Billie Nowak, Anne Marchetti, Martha Zenger, and Judy Corke. The Hughes family took home the top honor in both categories. An award was also given to the longest standing SCSC member present. This went to Dale Allbritton who evidently was born a SCSC member. Runner up was Jimmy St. Clair who has been around so long he couldn't remember when he joined. We also welcomed eight new members who joined the club to go on our trip: Mark Clarke, Michael Makris, Anne Marchetti, Dennis Pechal, Carlene McDevitt, Michael Blum, Judy Corke

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Big Boys and their toys



Peace Love & Snow



# VAIL 2005

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and Ray Garrett.

On Wednesday, while many of the group went skiing on fresh snow that had fallen the night before, seven intrepid adventurers decided instead to go on a snowmobile tour. Participants included Bob and Mary Simpson, Ray Davis, Mike Dawson, Arlen Isham, Rick and Jane Adams. Most of the group had been on a snowmobile at one time or another, but the fact that Jane had never ridden one did not stop the group from letting her join them. After a brief discussion of operating instructions, safety tips and a review of hand signals they would be using, they took off over the open ground toward the mountains nearby. The guide had wisely encouraged the less experienced to ride in the back of the line. It was soon evident why. On more than one occasion Jane came upon the group at rest, waiting for her to catch up.

When they came to an open field, the "kids" were finally allowed to "let them run". Of course, in between the times they got themselves stuck in snowbanks or in snowwells near trees. A search party had to go looking for Arlen Isham who buried the front of his snowmobile when he tried to run over a stump. Mike Dawson came a bit too close to a tree, but the guide was able to kick out the dent Mike created. Ask Bob Simpson how he got stuck in a snowdrift. Iron man, Arlen Isham caught so much air, the guide said that it just had to hurt when he landed.

Meanwhile back on the mountain, while skiing with Cheryl Crockett, Chris Manges, Sandy Fowler, and some others, Steve Jaeger made an unfortunate remark to Cheryl who was leading them around. He was frustrated with a customer who was calling from Houston and remarked that the customer was a typical cheerleader type: cute but stupid. Cheryl said "Hey I was a cheerleader!". Steve spent the rest of the day killing himself following Cheryl and the others on 10 miles of catwalks which are torture for a snowboarder. She swears it was a coincidence!

Poor Steve let himself in for more torture when he asked a companion on the lift how he felt about snowboarders. He said, "I think they are wonderful". Steve said, "Really?" He said, "Yes, in fact they should have their own mountain". Kevin Foster thought this was pretty funny

Extreme skier, Mike Willis, completely "zoned out" a huge wooden "Warning Danger Cliff" sign, attached to a permanent access gate, and roped off on both sides. Having skied through the gate and finding himself on the precipice, he resorted to the predictable solution and tried to go around the 10' jump, lost a ski, broke a binding and slid down the mountain 30'. Not to be out done, wild Bill Prater threw himself off the same cliff in a remarkable display of camaraderie. All this happened under lift #4. The people going overhead on the lift egged them on to "Go for it!" Not a bad adventure for their first day and they actually walked away albeit some without skis.

When Tor Lileng's companion on the lift chair asked him if he was ready to lower the safety bar. Tor told him, "The bars don't open until 11AM!" No secret as to his priorities! His female counterpart was Laura Kinney who was never missing from a single happy hour all week.

Melinda Hughes is such a celebrity skier that she uses an alias. Wasn't her name "Maybelline?"

Tough guys, Chris Manges and Michael Rothermund, both had boot-



Perfect day in Vail

fitting problems but neither let this stop them. They skied like fiends and used the ill-fitting boots as an excuse to soak in the hot tub.

Jeri Wilson had the pleasure of skiing with her brother, Lee Wilson and his family who live in Denver. She skied the whole mountain from Blue Sky to Game Bowl. By the end of the day she was exhausted from skiing the entire resort, but not one fall! Way to represent us, Jeri!

Was our group going to the dogs? A group of mutts were spotted skiing behind the Big Dog, Keith Kirkman, most of the week since Keith knows Vail like the back of his paw. The pack included a couple of Mad Dogs, Bob DeBell and Bill Prater, who often decided the dogs were lazy and not hitting enough bumps. Some Bad Dogs, Gary Davis, Jim Hodges, Frank Adams and Charlie Roberts followed Keith down anything he would throw their way. A few Smart Dogs Nancy Schultz, Beverly Roberts, and Dennis Newell sometimes found a more civilized route to the bottom to meet the pack at the lifts. Only Wild dogs could keep up with Arlen Isham, Bob Wray, the Schidlowskis, the Zengers, and the Allbrittons. Lone dog, Alex Bunsch was always ahead of the pack. Clever pups, David Edwards and Dennis Stockton, cruised the blues with a pack of women including Carlene McDevitt, Billie Nowak, Kay McKeough, and, of course, the alpha female, Kathy Young.

On Thursday evening, a group dinner party was held at Lancelot's in Vail Village. The entire gang drank champagne and dined on a sumptuous dinner, but not before Dennis Stockton made an announcement.

He and TC, Kathy Young, had decided to get married! The group, including the couple that had a hand in the matchmaking, Skip and Nancy Lang, gleefully toasted the happy couple. Ky Griffin, was so elated that he ate two deserts in celebration.

It was a wonderful trip: great weather, fantastic group, so much fun and laughter. Speaking of fun, if you were on the trip and we didn't mention your name here then you were probably having more fun than the law allows and didn't want to tell us exactly what you did in Vail. Our lips are sealed.



## SCSC THANKS THESE 2004-2005 VOLUNTEERS

The list of volunteers below deserves a round of applause and a standing ovation. They have given their time and energy to serve as your club officers, to assist in the planning and running of club business, ski trips, activities, meetings, happy hours, and numerous tasks that add to a very successful year. All the events planned add up to why Space City Ski Club exists, and they depend on its VOLUNTEERS!

This year's volunteers will be honored at the Volunteer Party to be held June 25. If you are not listed below and were a volunteer, contact Ellen Eastham (281) 997-1496 [eeastham@prodigy.net](mailto:eeastham@prodigy.net).

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### SCSC VOLUNTEER PARTY

Saturday, June 25 at 2:00 p.m.

Location: Home of Ron Hayes and Judy Schiro

Activities: Volleyball, water volleyball, croquet, and games

Volunteers invited are listed above. Invitations will be e-mailed/mailed in May. If you are not on the list and would like to be, contact Christina. You can volunteer to assist with the party, then YOU, too, can attend!

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