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Head of the Liftline

I am going to guess that all of you have skipped ahead in this issue to read all about this year's trips and the details of mail-in sign-up. You have now come back to read this article as an afterthought.

This is at it should be, because this month you get the opportunity to sign up for the ski trip(s) of your choice. All the TC's and ATC's have worked their tails off to provide great trips for you all. I have no doubt that you will have a great time on any of the trips that are being provided. Let me reiterate Sue Bohnert's admonition – you need to read the instructions for the mail-in sign-up carefully so that you will not be denied your trip on a technicality.

Please note that the TSC Summer Expedition Trip to Costa Rica in July 2003 is not part of the Ski Trip Mail-in Sign-up. As a non-ski activity, this trip will be overseen by VP-Programs, Dawn Rodriguez. The price for this trip and details will be announced in the next couple of months, at which time sign-up for this unique trip will begin.

Nancy Sarff and Peggy Montgomery will be filling the two vacant seats on the Board of Directors this year. Not only are these ladies fulfilling a role on the board, they have taken on additional responsibilities as well. Peggy is running two club activities (TSC Summer Meltdown and a cooking class) and Nancy is running the Sunshine Kids Auction. You go girls!!!!

Next month we will begin having our monthly General Meetings at the Holiday Inn. Please note that this year **there will be a \$2.00 parking fee** for the garage. Parking at the Red Cross lot next door, or on any of the side streets, will be free. We were disappointed by this change and Dawn spent many hours looking at alternatives. Her research discovered that most other locations would be far more expensive for our club. Therefore, our meetings will continue to be held at the Holiday Inn Select for 2002-2003.

Why should everyone sign up for a ski trip this month? In many ways, skiing is better than sex. Here are some reasons why.

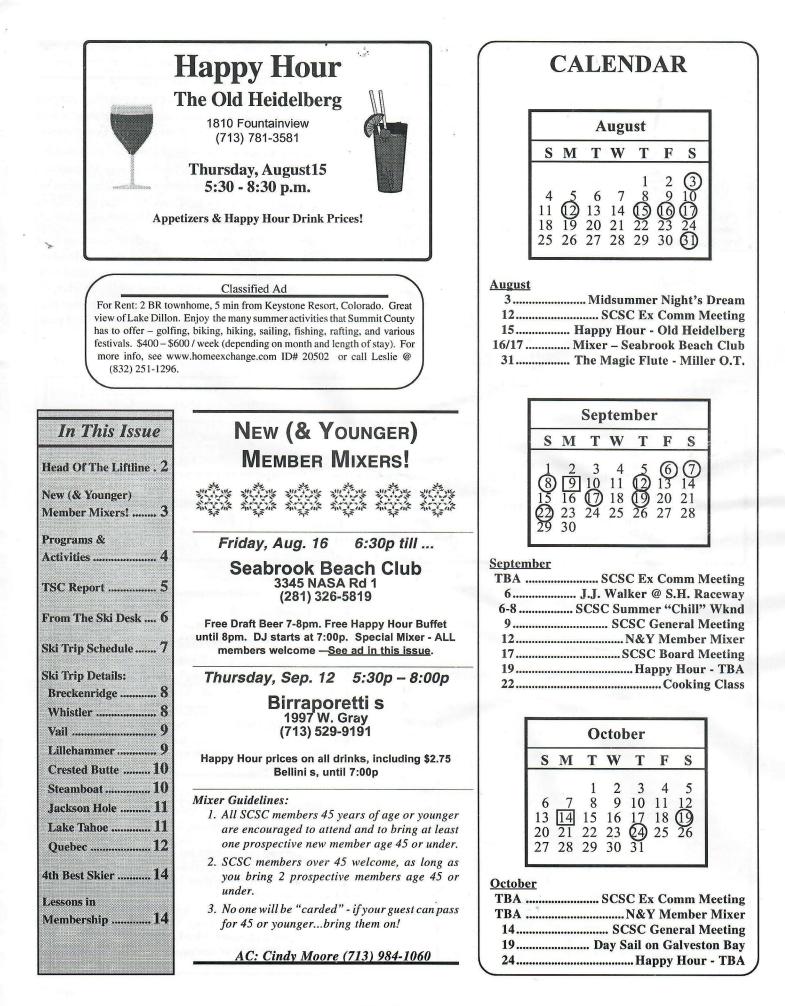
- 10. Choice of day or night
- 9. You pay just once to go up and down all day
- 8. Skis are always hard
- 7. You have your choice of expert or beginner
- 6. You always get picked up in the liftline
- 5. Lubricant lasts for days
- 4. Vertical is better than horizontal
- 3. You can ride more than 2 mounds at a time
- 2. Lessons are available
- 1. Abundance of virgin territory.



Sean O'Brien - President

"... this month you get the opportunity to sign up for the ski trip(s) of your choice."





PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Dawn Rodriguez, VP-Programs



"... summer days are coming to an end ... "

The summer days are coming to an end and fall is right around the corner, which means snow, snow and more snow. At this time of year the thought of skiing down the slopes, frolicking in the snow and even throwing snowballs is a temporary escape from the heat. Especially when you have to get into your car after it has been sitting in the blazing sun for several hours. An ode to "The glamour of residing in Houston with a love and passion of skiing in the snow." That is why we have SCSC to "Make that dream come true," bringing us closer to the snow while giving us many options from which to choose throughout the year.

Make sure and help yourself to some "fun in the

sun" at the Seabrook Beach Club on Friday, August 16 with Cindy Moore as Activity Coordinator and Cheryl Esposito as Assistant Activity Coordinator.

Follow that with additional activities coordinated by Peggy Montgomery. The "Summer Meltdown" @ Lake Travis on September 6-8 accompanied by a scrumptious Cooking Class on September 22 to help you get a jump-start on Holiday appetizers.

Do not forget, in the midst of all of this, our first General Meeting of the season is on Monday, September 9. You are sure to have a great time with all the trips and activities from which to choose. There are so many other things to spice up your life, you are sure to book your calendar for the next year.

ACTIVITY				FINAL PAYN	IENT
DATE	Αстіνіту	COORDINATOR	Contact #	DATE	Соят
8/3	Midsummer Night's Dream – M O T	Dawn Rodriguez	(713) 728-1955	N/A	_
8/15	Happy Hour - Old Heidelberg	Laura Carmin		-	-
8/16-17	Seabrook Beach Club Mixer/Beach Day	Cindy Moore	(713) 984-1060	N/A	see Ad!
8/31	The Magic Flute (Mozart) - Miller O	Г Dawn Rodriguez	(713) 728-1955	-	-
9/6	Jerry Jeff Walker @ S. H. Race Park	Craig Campbell	(713) 453-5798	8/30	\$7
9/6-8	SCSC Summer "Chill"-Lk. Travis	Peggy Montgomery	(281) 437-5467	7/30	\$143
9/19	Happy Hour - (TBD)	Laura Carmin		-	_
9/22	Cooking Class–Sthrn Hospitality	Peggy Montgomery	(281) 437-5467	9/9	\$27
10/19	Day Sail on Galveston Bay	Concietta Ruggiero	(281) 293-7637	9/30	\$40



Cooking Class Hors d'Oeuvres Exceptionale!

Southern Hospitality Kitchen Store Sunday, September 22, 2002

5:00p - 7:30p

In First Colony Center (Next to Pier One) Southwest Freeway @ Hwy 6 (281) 265-2662

Get ready for the Holidays with some of my favorite appetizers. Learn to make them, then try them out! Food, wine, and door prizes.

Price: \$27 AC: Peggy Montgomery (281) 437-5467





Dawn Rodriguez, Vice President–Programs (713) 728-1955 or dawn.c.rodriguez@chase.com

TEXAS SKI COUNCIL CORNER

Debbie Bergeron, TSC Representative

Fellow TSC Alternate Rep Sharon Smith and I attended the quarterly TEXAS SKI COUNCIL ("TSC") **DELEGATES MEETING in Dallas on June 8, 2002** on behalf of SPACE CITY and were quite impressed with the large turnout at this meeting and buzz of excitement as the agenda progressed. Not only is the TSC Board working very hard to put on a slate of excellent ski trips for us this year, but is also working towards helping all our clubs increase membership, improve trip leader and officer training, and offering closer interaction with member clubs across Texas. TSC President James Mershon is conducting open forums this year in conjunction with quarterly Delegate Meetings, which provide excellent opportunities for club delegates to discuss perceptions, concerns, and program successes. A new on-line newsletter is now posted on the TSC web-site giving updates on the Council's events and operations as well as from a marketing perspective on trips and skier benefits. You can access Inside the Texas Ski Council by going to: www.texas-ski.org. The web-site also contains a listing of TSC Member Clubs, TSC Trip Destinations, NASTAR race results, ski industry partners, and a photo gallery from prior TSC Trips where you may even find yourself captured in a photo memory!

Space City has a strong presence again on this year's TSC Board. Gary Butler takes over the reins in his new position as TSC VP of Marketing, and elected for a second term in their same positions are Jeff Sarff as TSC Treasurer, Susan Blome as TSC Secretary, and Kayleen Kill as TSC VP of Final Showdown. Just recently appointed as TSC Race Director is SCSC's past VP of Membership/ Race Director/TC/AC (and my own personal favorite), Ted Bergeron, who was coaxed out of "race director retirement" by the TSC Board to head up this year's Race Committee.

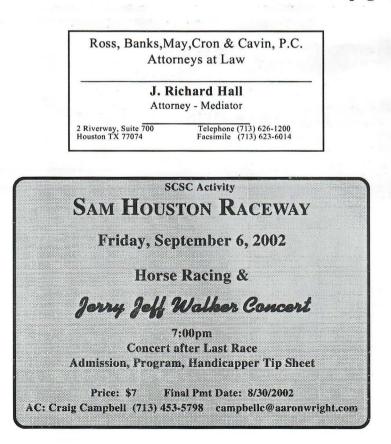
Check out Space City's 2002-03 Ski Trip Schedule in this Sitzmarke, brought to you by our creative and hard-working trips team, VP of Trips Sue Bohnert, DOTs Christine March and Barbara Brescian, and their entire crew of 2002-03 Trip Leaders. Here you will find five TSC Trips to exciting destinations including TSC Fall Roundup to Breckenridge for Thanksgiving, TSC Traditional to Whistler in early January, TSC Winter Expedition to Lillehammer (Norway) in late January, TSC Winter Shoot-out to Jackson Hole in February, and TSC Final Showdown to Quebec in March. In addition to Space City's great schedule of parties and activities you'll find on all our trips, TSC Trips expand your vacation



"The TSC is focusing this year to 'bring the Texas Ski Council to your club.'" experience by offering a wealth of opportunities to greet and mingle with new and old friends from all over Texas at TSC Welcome Parties, NASTAR race competitions between our clubs, mountain barbecues or picnics, apres ski hours, midweek parties, and the grand finale event of the week, the Final Awards Dinner and Party.

The TSC is focusing this year to "bring the Texas Ski Council to your club." In addition to training opportunities, the Council is bringing a wider and more attractive range of activities to our clubs. A TSC SUMMER MELTDOWN is now scheduled for September 6-8 where 150 club members from all over the state will converge upon Lake Travis for a weekend full of activities, including leadership training, a welcome party, team games & competitions, golfing, and on Saturday night a dinner and dance with DJ. As of this writing, Space City has reserved condos for 32 participants and the activity is filling quickly, so if you'd like to check availability, call Peggy Montgomery at (281) 437-5467. In June 2003, the TSC will bring us quite a unique opportunity with the TSC SUMMER **EXPEDITION TO COSTA RICA! SCSC VP of Programs** Dawn Rodriguez has already begun preparations to get Space City on board with this event, so watch your monthly Sitzmarke for further details. Also on

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FROM THE SKI DESK

Sue Bohnert, VP-Trips



(Picture by C. Guerra)

"Early Mail-In Sign-Up Has Arrived ..." Beep..de..Beep..Beep—Incoming Message From The BIG GIANT HEAD (VP–Trips)

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While most of you have been enjoying the sun and fun of summer, the TCs and ATCs have been working diligently to get their trips arranged and the budgets approved. We have worked very hard this year to keep the trip prices reasonable even though the airlines and resort prices continue to increase. Each trip team is designing a complete travel experience...come to the September 9th meeting and see for yourself!

EARLY MAIL-IN SIGN-UP HAS ARRIVED...PLEASE READ THE SIGN-UP FORM AND "THE ART OF MAIL-IN SIGN-UP" (*Back of Insert*) CAREFULLY.

We would hate for you to miss your favorite ski trip due to a technicality. Remember that the trip deposit amount has changed—\$150 (\$300 for Lillehammer) and make your checks payable to SCSC.

Be sure to read the Trip Articles for information on each of the trips, each team has researched their destination thoroughly and has excellent information available. Telephone numbers and e-mail addresses have been listed so that you can contact them with any questions. Include your e-mail address on the Sign Up Form so that you can receive trip updates quickly. PLEASE NOTE: Steamboat (and a great TC/ATC team) has been added to the list of trips...check it out!

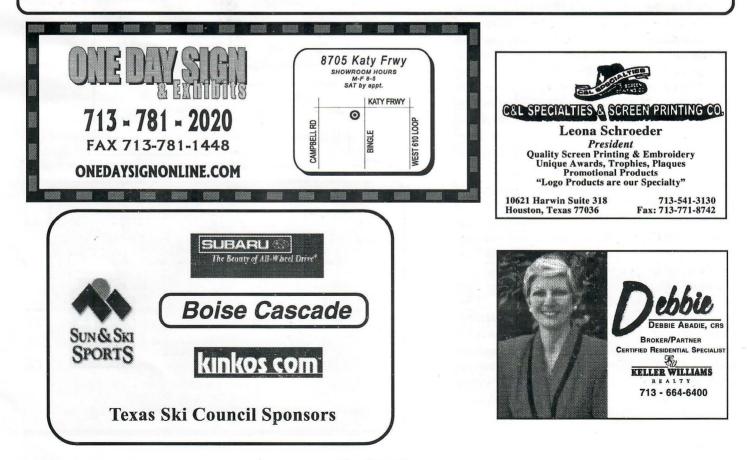
SIGN UP EARLY...we have reserved a lot of space for most of the trips, but with the early penalty dates we will need to release it so do not miss out...sign up NOW!! (*See Insert in this Sitzmarke*)

THINK SNOW!!! 30+ SCSCers already have...they just returned from New Zealand/Fiji for a little "Sun and Snow" and they had a blast! Thanks to Steven Teoh who lead the trip to such an exciting destination! Look for the trip article and wonderful pictures in a future Sitzmarke.

(A little traveling humor— A trip leader received a call from a participant who asked, "Is it possible to see England from Canada?" the trip leader said, "No." The participant said "But they look so close on the map.")

2002-03 Appointed Position Available Club Race Director

Contact Sue Bohnert (713-467-5027) to apply and for further information.





Space City Ski Club 2002-2003 Ski Trip Schedule

Dates	Nights/ Ski Days	Trip Destination	Cost (L=Land Pkg)	Final Payment Date	Lodging	No. Skiers	TC/ATC (DoT)	Home Phone	E-Mail Address
Nov 26-Dec 1, 2002 (Tue-Sun.)	5/4	BRECKENRIDGE Colorado (TSC Fall Roundup) Family Optional	\$743 L-S407	9/20/02	Condos	36 L-4	Julie Davis-Raley (BB)	281-873-8730	<u>davisraley@pocketmail.com</u> attachments: <u>wjraley@mail.ev1.net</u>
Jan 4-11, 2003 (Sat- Sat)	7/6	WHISTLER Canada (TSC Traditional)	\$883 L-\$522	10/14/02	Condos	80 L-6	Patty Finch (TC) Hope Flynn (ATC) Larry Christie (TC) Carmen Mikhail (ATC) (CM)	936-321-1529 713-621-5990 713-802-9801 713-664-7522	pfinch@lockeliddell.com hflynn@kathyandrews.com larrychristie@excite.com mikhail@bcm.tmc.edu
Jan. 18-25, 2003 (Sat- Sat)	7/6	VAIL Colorado	\$989 L-\$792	10/17/02	Condos	44 L-4	Lori Gilliland Bruce Lowther (CM)	281-493-3060 713-785-5196	lcgilliland@att.net rblowt@hal-pc.org
Jan 24-Feb 1, 2003 (Fri- Sat)	8/7	LILLEHAMMER Norway (TSC Expedition)	\$1380	10/14/02	Hotel	50	Harvey Hetzel Penny Chancey (BB)	713-937-1515 713-686-4863	harvey_hetzel@hcipd.co.harris.tx.us pschancey@msn.com
Feb 1-8, 2003 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	CRESTED BUTTE Colorado	\$947	11/11/02	Condos	32	Jane Orr Karen Mozisek (BB)	281-835-4673 713-856-8015	orrji@earthlink.net karen.mozisek@halliburton.com
Feb 8-15, 2003 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	STEAMBOAT Colorado	\$1085 L-\$599	11/11/02	Condos	32 L-4	Dana Wardell Kim Page (CM)	281-497-8552 713-271-4912	danawardel@aol.com kpage3@houston.rr.com
Feb 15-22, 2003 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	JACKSON HOLE Wyoming (TSC Winter Shootout)	\$1099 L-\$617	11/11/02	Condos	50 L-4	Bill Brown Carol Cain (BB)	281-930-8472 713-665-8121	<u>wbrown@shell.com</u> <u>cainsug@aol.com</u>
Mar 1-8, 2003 (Sat-Sat)	8/7	LAKE TAHOE Nevada	\$839 L-\$462	12/09/02	Condos	40 L-4	Leyla Ozkardesh Cindy Moore (CM)	281-584-9723 713-984-1060	leyla_ozkardesh@mckinsey.com lucinda_moore@ev1.net
Mar 15-22, 2003 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	QUEBEC Canada (TSC Final Showdown) Family Optional	\$1113 L-\$694	12/09/02		50 L-4	Walter May Chip Stokes (BB)	281-493-0016 281-485-5778	waltmayscsc@aol.com cstokes@andersonsouth.com

Vice President of Trips

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Breckenridge, CO



TSC Fall Roundup Nov 26 - Dec 1, 2002 Full Pkg: \$743 Land Pkg: \$407 (Tues - Sun) Family Optional

Breckenridge prides itself on its instructors/lessons and the way the trails are laid out you can snowplow and not worry about being blindsided by any WILD TURKEYS this THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY! We will be staying in Beaver Run Condominium's two bedroom condos. Each unit accommodates a family of up to six or four singles, with one bedroom with King/ Queen and one bedroom with twins and the sleeper sofa in the living room. There are in-room movies available and all the usual amenities such as hairdryers, ski racks, and large closets. This will allow plenty of room for all those necessary items for NOVEMBER /THANKSGIVING skiing, and the great must-haves you find in the abundant shops during your stay. Of course with this being a ski/board-in ski/board-out complex you might have to squeeze in any extracurricular activities. Our complex has a full-service spa and massage therapist, TWO indoor/outdoor HEATED pools, EIGHT hot tubs, a cleared tennis court, fully equipped exercise room, sauna, video arcade, children's play area, night club, laundry / dry cleaners, on-site SKI SHOP, and convenience shops. You can also rent a car on-site.

You can go up, up in a balloon, take a dinner sleigh ride, or a very chilly river rafting adventure. With one phone call, the concierge in our lobby can arrange it all.

Beaver Run/Breckenridge has everything you could ask for this Thanksgiving and would make a great EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENT for your loved ones. We only have 44 slots, so send in your deposit at early sign up and you will be one of the first people skiing/ boarding/ shopping/ ballooning over Colorado this fall.

Breckenridge is a 142-year-old gold and silver mining town with a real Main street. It has that old mining town quaintness yet it also has the premier resorts and conference centers that will accommodate large groups. Our condos open right onto the Super Chair and Quicksilver six. Even if you want to just watch the action you should have a good view of the four interconnected peaks with a 3,398 foot vertical drop which YOU can decide whether to measure by feet per second or minute because the greens are at the bottom the blues above and the Blacks and double blacks are primarily on the upper and outer edges of this two thousand + ski able acre area. SNOWBOARDERS ALERT: This is where the World Class FREEWAY Terrain Park and SUPERPIPE is shredded! And for the tiny ones there is Kid Castle and the carpet lifts. NEVER-EVERS and NOT-LATELY skiers you'll have a ball, too.

TC: Julie Davis-Raley 281-873davisraley@pocketmail.com

Whistler, BC, Canada



TSC Traditional Jan 4-11, 2003 Full Pkg: \$883 Land Pkg: \$522 (Sat - Sat)

Start off the New Year with a bang by skiing the destination often rated #1 by readers of Ski magazine and the top "celeb hangout" according to People magazine. Whistler and Blackcomb mountains are blessed with over 7,000 acres of ski and snowboard terrain, 12 alpine bowls, 3 glaciers, over 200 marked trails and 33 lifts. Add to that the most incredible mountain and village food ever, the strong buying power of the American dollar, an exciting and cosmopolitan après-ski, scene, and a wide variety of nonskiing activities and you're signing up for THE trip of a lifetime!

Begin your adventure with a mid-morning nonstop flight to Vancouver on Continental airlines (earning LOTS of One Pass miles). Then relax and enjoy the absolutely breathtaking scenery en route to Whistler. Once we're settled into our condos, we're only a short stroll from the quaint yet vibrant village where you can find anything and everything your little heart desires. Neverevers can sign up for the flexible learn to ski program with afternoon, full day, or 3-day lessons. And don't worry about finding some ski buddies since you'll be among many SCSC friends, not to mention some more Texans thrown in just for good measure. Whistler will never be the same again ...

The Pacific Northwest is considerably warmer than is the rest of Canada, so a January trip should be no problem. In fact, the temperature should be pleasant enough for a little dog sledding, ice-climbing, skating, sleigh riding, winter fishing, snowcat touring, or snowmobiling. The slopes will be a short walk or shuttle away so you can alpine or cross-country ski whenever you fancy. Naturally, there'll be plenty of hot tubs to rest your weary little body at the end of a marvelous day.

Have there been times in your life when you've regretted not taking an incredible opportunity that was thrown your way? Well, don't let this be such a time. Sign up now so when everyone is talking about what a great trip this was you can sit back with a smile because YOU WERE THERE!

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Vail, CO



Jan 18-25, 2003 Full Pkg: \$989 Land Pkg: \$792 (Sat - Sat)

So.....You Wanna Rock & Roll All Night & Ski Vail Every Day?

We're gonna SKI a lot, SHRED a lot, LAUGH a lot, PARTY a lot, make every attempt to totally embarrass ourselves and have lots of FUN, FUN, FUN!!

So, Lurkers, Losers and Couch Potatoes, stay at home !!

When you walk into VAIL SPA Condos in charming Lionshead Village, your first word is gonna be "WOW." We guarantee that this lodging alone will make you realize this trip is one Killer deal. But, if you require further encouragement, consider the fact that Vail is consistently ranked the finest ski resort in North America, if not the world.

Find out why Ski Mag rates Vail's night-life tops. There's great entertainment with live music, offering everything including, piano jazz, 80s music, hip-hop, reggae and good ol' Rock n' Roll. Every Wednesday night, Vail's streets come to life during the free "Street Beat" concert series.

Daytime & nighttime adventures are everywhere! Vail's 5,000 + acres, including the Front Side, legendary Back Bowls & the gladed terrain of Blue Sky Basin will fill your day. Up for a little nighttime adventure, you endorphin-loving hellions of the world? Keep your adrenaline raging with après-ski excitement at **Adventure Ridge**, Vail's now-famous on-mountain activity center, delivering a new kind of downhill exhilaration with the top to bottom head-first rush of Thrill Sledding as well as ski-biking, tubing, laser tag and more.

We fly Continental Airlines direct to Denver. A scenic bus transfer will take us to Vail, where fabulous lodging awaits in Lionshead Village. **Vail Spa** is famous for First Class & spacious accommodations, a wealth of amenities including indoor/outdoor pools and hot tubs, private changing rooms with lockers, exercise and weight rooms, steam and dry saunas, ski storage and on-site masseuse. Vail Spa is a short walk to the Eagle Bahn Gondola, ready to whisk you up the mountain for a day of skiing, boarding, or a night of entertaining fun at Adventure Ridge. The free Vail Village shuttle stops right in front of our fabulous lodging.

So, if you're Fun loving, Young at heart, Passionate about real skiing and boarding, an adrenaline junky, a legendary partier or if you're just plain COOL...you NEED to be on this trip!!

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ATC:	Bruce Lowther rblowt@hal-pc.org	713-785-5196



TSC Expedition Jan 24 - Feb 1, 2003

(Fri - Sat)

Full Pkg: \$1,380

Lillehammer- a difficult pronunciation and rumored to be the most difficult word you will have to pronounce in Norway. Be with fellow SCSCers as we begin our trek to Lillehammer, home to the 1994 Winter Olympics. We will depart on NW/ KLM on January 24th, 2003, spending our first two nights in Oslo at the four-star Scandi Hotel. Following an orientation tour of Oslo, we are free to explore the city and partake of the night-life.

Lillehammer, Norway

We then depart, via private coach with a guide for the short transfer to Lillehammer and our ultimate destination – five nights in the three-star Rica Hotel. We will be welcomed with a Viking Party Night. Lillehammer boasts four major ski areas located from 10-40 minutes away from the town and offers an array of activities of Olympic proportions. The mountains are blessed with very stable weather, cold winters and lots of snowaverage depth over 80cm. Alpine and cross-country skiing abounds. Snowboarders will have areas also. There are lighted trails for evening alpine skiing as well as ski tours around Lillehammer. The opportunity to experience a taxibob – bobsled with a pilot traveling down the track at speeds in excess of 120kph or bobrafting - in a rubber five-passenger bobsled that "only" reaches speeds of 80kph should be on your list of activities.

For those who seek a day or two of respite from skiing, the pedestrian shopping area is in the heart of town. With a total of over 250 shops, SCSCers should be able to satisfy their need to spend. An optional full day excursion of Lillehammer and surrounding areas will be available as well as other optional activities. Some of Norway's leading museums; Lillehammer Art Museum, the Norwegian Olympic Museum and the Maihaugen are all close to the center of town.

Please plan to join us for this trip of Olympian proportions where your breakfasts and dinners are included in the package. The slopes should certainly be challenging enough for our wannabe Olympians and the nights are also of Olympian length, whether you need a hearty night of partying or a long night's rest.

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ATC:	Penny Chancey pschancey@msn.com	713-686-4863

Crested Butte, CO



Feb 1-8, 2003 Full Pkg: \$947 (Sat - Sat)

Come ski with us at the fabulous resort of Crested Butte, known as the "Butte"— exceptional skiing and a cool town! It's rustic and friendly with its Victorian ambiance and reflections of turnof-the-century mining life. Downtown resembles a western movie set come to life in 2003. The "Butte" is a designated National Historical District with colorful buildings, shops and local watering holes.

The "Butte" is a short 28 miles from Gunnison Airport in the midst of the Elk Mountains. There are 14 chairlifts, moving over 18,000 skiers per hour, including three high speed quads to cover the 1,058 acres of ski terrain with 85 trails. The longest run is 2.6 miles and the vertical drop is 2,775 feet with total vertical of 3,062 feet. The peak is 12,162 feet and the base area sits at 9,375 feet.

The "Butte" is big, open and uncrowded. The Last Great Colorado Ski Town and a true winter paradise is perfect for all level of skiers from beginners with 145 acres to you extreme skiers with 448 acres of ungroomed trails. Intermediate skiers will enjoy the 340 acres of terrain and the Half Pipe/Terrain Park and the new Pipe Cutter appeals to all of you snowboarders that join us on this fantastic trip. For the adventurous, there's Snowcat access to luxury powder skiing and snowboarding.

If skiing is not your choice, try snow shoeing at the designated 4mile loop, let the dogs provide you a tour on their sled or let the power of a snowmobile exhilarate you. Shopping is always an excellent option. The downtown district, just a short shuttle ride away, offers excellent shopping and dining. In addition, you'll have plenty of opportunity to meet and mingle with your fellow trip participants at the SCSC parties.

So what are you waiting for? This trip has it all-short bus ride from the airport, great skiing, fun optional activities, excellent dining experiences, fabulous shopping, and wonderful condominium accommodations. Don't miss the "party" at the "Butte", sign up now and ski with us!

Steamboat, CO



Feb 8-15, 2003 Full Pkg: \$1,085 Land Pkg: \$599 (Sat - Sat)

Are you ready to PARTY? No, REALLY – Are you READY to party?

Join us for some of the best skiing Colorado has to offer. If you haven't skied Steamboat, you haven't lived! For you powder hounds, the Champagne Powder is not to be believed. But there's something for everyone in Steamboat – long cruising runs, double black diamond slopes with all the moguls you can handle, fun beginner slopes with a first class ski school, and even a superpipe and terrain parks for all you shredders. What more could you want? Well, there are these hot springs in Strawberry Park that are wonderful on a snowy night, or tubing at night, or snowmobile tours, cross-country skiing and even back country heli-skiing for the more adventurous. This place has everything!!!

Did we mention there would be parties? Are there bears in the woods? Steamboat has the advantage of having a delightful village at the base of the mountain containing restaurants and shops and yes—numerous bars. Then they have this wonderful transit system to get you around in the village or on a ride to downtown Steamboat Springs, which has even more to offer, and all this transportation is free. We will also have a shuttle provided by the condos to facilitate our comings and goings. We'll be staying right on the slopes so you won't have to worry about getting lost – day or night.

We will arrive Hayden airport—just a hop, skip and a jump from Steamboat—the afternoon of February 8th and will be there for the last two days of Winter Carnival. Then we'll have six days to ski and play and ski and play. Join us in Steamboat where the cowboys are real and the skiing is superb.



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Jackson Hole, WY



TSC Winter Shoot-out Feb 15-22, 2003 Full Pkg: \$1,099 Land Pkg: \$617 (Sat - Sat)

Jackson Hole, WY, is what the west is all about – uncrowned slopes, deep powder, breathtaking views and terrain to suit everyone. Yes, all the area resorts welcome snowboarders!

That's what they say on the Web Site!

Many of you have visited this spectacular destination in the Tetons and we're going back this year as part of the Texas Ski Council Winter Shoot-out. TSC means extra everything, the resorts roll out the red carpet for the Texas Skiers! And don't forget the all -important Racing!

But, Bill and Carol hope to put the rhinestones on that red carpet and make this an even better than usual TSC excursion. Let's call it the Blue Plate Special!

We're leaving on Saturday morning the 15th to arrive by noon in Jackson Hole. Out return on the 22nd will get us in for our Saturday date! Darn, no soggy bus ride sandwiches!

The accommodations will be the Wind River Condominiums.

We're looking at some options for a day trip for the Space City group. We have a lot of choices with the usual dog sled rides, snowmobile trips, etc. How could I forget (gasp!) shopping!

Only those wanting fun and adventure need apply but that all you SCSC skiers, so sign up EARLY. We've got the worms!



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Lake Tahoe, NV



Mar 1-8, 2003 Full Pkg: \$839 Land Pkg: \$462 (Sat - Sat)

Do you describe yourself as a party animal? Do you like to ski in breathtaking beautiful resorts? Or how about a place where the night-life is as captivating as the skiing? YES, then join us for a fabulous ski adventure in one of the country's most beautiful spots...LAKE TAHOE.

Our ski experience begins 9:00 am Saturday flying nonstop to Reno on Continental Airlines followed by a short 45 minute bus ride to **LAKE TAHOE**. We'll stay at the newly renovated Forest Suites Resort; a mountain lodge atmosphere combined with condo suites. Resort amenities include two pools, hot tubs, game room, fitness center, massage studio and daily continental breakfast. Our 2 bedroom/2 bath deluxe condos are located only steps away from the Stateline casinos and the Heavenly Ski Resort Gondola.

Few ski resorts match **Heavenly Ski Resort's** superior scenic beauty and expansive network of lifts, terrains, trails and snow-making. Heavenly has over 4800 skiable acres in two states on 82 runs serviced by 27 lifts, 7 high speed. Two-thirds of the runs are beginner to intermediate so there is something for skiers and snowboarders of all levels.

We'll also ski fabulous **Kirkwoood** featuring 2300 acres of skiable terrain offering beginning, intermediate and advanced skiers and snowboarders challenging chutes and wide open bowls.

At midweek, we'll take a scenic, high-speed boat shuttle across the lake for a day at **Squaw Valley**. Seventy percent of Squaw's terrain is geared for the beginner and intermediate skier with wide open bowls and miles of meticulously groomed runs with vast areas left in its pristine state for the more adventurous, advanced skier. Save some energy to dance to live music on our return cruise aboard the fabulous Tahoe Queen.

Besides all the snow related activities like snowmobiling, there is a myriad of other activities available in South Lake Tahoe. Very little waiting for shuttles here ...casinos, restaurants/bars, shops, grocery store and even the Heavenly Gondola are within close walking distance. And let's not forget about the club parties planned for the week that are sure to be unforgettable.

Come ski and party with us... and enjoy the ski trip of a lifetime! But hurry, this trip will sell out fast!

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Quebec, QB, Canada



TSC Final Showdown March 15-22, 2003 Full Pkg: \$1,113 Land Pkg: \$694 (Sat - Sat) Family Optional

Bienvenu aux Quebec! Madames et Monsieurs, we welcome you to Quebec. For the outstanding adventure of the 2002-2003 ski season, join us for the Texas Ski Council Showdown March 15-22, 2003 in the beautiful Quebec Charlevoix ski region.

Ski Mont-Sainte-Anne, Le Massif and Stoneham. Not one mountain but three exciting mountains. From the moment you pick up your *Guide des pistes*, you will be thrilled with the snow, the mountains, the runs. The *Conditions de Neige* (snow conditions) are expected to be excellent – these mountains have average snowfall of 140 to 252 inches annually. A total of 116 trails varying from easy to extremely difficult. And snowboarders are welcome.

We will be staying at the magnificent Chateau Fairmont, one of the grandest hotels in North America. Your evenings will be taken up with fine French dining and entertainment in the old French city of Quebec, one of the oldest French settlements in North America.

This trip is operated by Sportours who gave us the incredible trip to Lake Louise in January 2002. Evening entertainment for the week will start with a welcome party at the Chateau Sunday, an SCSC party Monday, elegant French dining in old Quebec City Tuesday, Meat Madness with the Barbarians at the Summit Lodge of Mont-Sainte-Anne Wednesday, more elegant French dining Thursday and the TSC Final Awards Dinner and Dance Friday. In addition, there will be an elegant lunch on Thursday.

If you get tired of skiing, eating, drinking and partying, there will be guided tours of the old city, snow rafting, snowmobiling, ice skating, snow shoeing and cross country skiing available – something for everyone. And for our hardier travelers, plenty of shopping.

Let us hear from if you want to partake in this wonderful adventure.



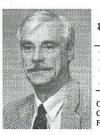
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ÿ	SCSC Activity SCSC SUMMER "CHILL" WEEKEND!! (formerly the TSC Summer Meltdown) Come have an End-of-the-Summer Fling Weekend with SCSC!!!
WHEN:	September 6-8, 2002
WHERE:	The Shores, Lake Travis (Outside Austin)
	(Lodging is 2 bedroom/2 bath condos)
Cost:	\$143 per person – Includes Lodging Friday/Saturday, plus all meals Saturday thru Sunday morning (<i>Transportation not included in price.</i>)
Рмт Schedule:	\$50 Deposit – July 10, 2002 / Final Payment – July 30, 2002 Initial lodging will be based on deposits received by July 10th, so don't delay in signing up for trip.
	If you missed the July 10 deposit, call Peggy to check availability of additional space.
ACTIVITY COORD:	Peggy Montgomery
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Tentative Activit	ies List
Friday: Poo	I-side Welcome Party 6:00p-7:30p
Saturday: Gro	up Continental Breakfast; Games – Volleyball, Obstacle Race, Golf (<i>Contact Peggy</i>), Etc.)* up Lunch; Dinner and Evening Fun (TBD) 6:00p - ???
	up Continental Breakfast; Check Out

Membership Lessons

This column is intended to help you get the most from being a member of SCSC. You will find here an article about SCSC and your relationship to it. The information is often derived from SCSC's Bylaws and Standing Rules. Sometimes seriously, sometimes humorously – we try to simplify and put them in perspective for you.

This Month:

Mail-in Sign-Up, Land Packages, & Wait-Lists

Mail-In Sign-Up (Standing Rule 8.1): Until this year, the process of Mail-In Sign-Up required approval by the Executive Committee, or ExComm, (the club officers) each year it was offered. Last October, the Board of Directors (the ExComm plus 10 past officers) approved changes to the club's Standing Rules which made this an official form of enrollment for ski trips.

It was originally started about 15 years ago as a way to more fairly offer sign-up opportunities to the membership. Prior to that, members had to attend the September General Meeting to sign up "early" on a particular trip. If a trip was popular, as today, it would often "sell out" at that meeting. If you could not get to the meeting early enough to get a good place in the line, or if you could not attend the meeting, you would find your first, and maybe second, choice trip already full and with a long wait list (more about those later). By offering ski-trip sign-up through the mail, and for a specified period, SCSC "levelled the playing field" for all members, giving everyone the *opportunity* to get their registration in before a trip filled. A side benefit was a reduction of the enormously long lines that formed at each September General Meeting.

Be sure to read ALL of the details of "The Art of Mail-In Sign-Up" on the back of the trip registration form in this issue. Paying attention to those details will help ensure you get the trip you want this ski season.

Land Packages (Standing Rule 8.7): A Land Package is a lower priced trip package that does not include air transportation to the ski destination. This gives those who have lots of frequent-flyer miles, travel points, or other low-cost travel options the opportunity to save money on a trip, and possibly afford more trips! Land packages also work for out-of-town members who don't want or need to come through Houston to reach the destination.

Actually, if you read SR 8.7, you won't find any mention of Land Packages. They fall under the

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"unless otherwise authorized by the Executive Committee" portion of the rule. On each trip budget, the Vice President of Trips works with the TC and ATC to determine if land packages are feasible for the trip. For example, if the trip is sold to the club as a complete package, with air, by a tour operator (as some TSC trips are); or if offering land packages would significantly decrease the comps, or group discounts, we receive and thereby make the full package price too high, then land packages will not be offered. If land packages are offered on a trip, then the land package is approved by the ExComm along with the trip budget.

Like Mail-In Sign-Up, land packages have not been around for an extremely long time. We first offered these on a couple of trips in the 1994-1995 season. They proved to be, and still are, very popular and we have continued to offer them on each trip we can each season.

One thing is optional on land packages – ground transportation. Before signing up, you need to find out from the TC or ATC if a land package includes transportation from the airport to the ski resort. Usually it is – often, SCSC must arrange group transportation, such as a charter bus, and must pay for the full bus even if not all seats are filled. In this case, the land package will contain the bus cost, even if it is not used by the participant. Many land package participants arrange to arrive on the same flight as the group, or arrive earlier, and want to be transported to the resort with the group. On the other hand, transportation to the resort sometimes is strictly on a per person cost basis, as with some shuttles, and the ground transportation will be left out of the land package to allow the participant to choose how they are transported to the resort, and at their own cost. For these reasons, ALWAYS check with the TC to see if ground transportation is included in a land package.

Wait Lists (Standing Rule 7.6): When a trip has signed up as many participants as they have budgeted for the trip, they begin placing those who wish to participant on the trip on a wait list. A wait list is used to allow members to "get in line" for vacancies which occur on the participant list after the initial sign-up. Every ski trip has several cancellations between sign-up and time for the trip to depart. Those who tender their trip deposit and sign-up for the wait list, will be offered, in the order they were added to the wait list, vacancies on the trip as they occur. The deposit is held by the TC until the member agrees to fill a vacant slot on the trip. When a vacancy occurs, the TC will begin calling, in order, those on the Wait List and offering them the open slot. If the member accepts, the member's check is deposited and the member is added to the wait list. If the member does not accept the slot, he/she is dropped from the wait list and the TC calls the next person in line on the list.

On trips which have Land Packages, separate Wait Lists are maintained for the full-package and land package registrations. The two wait lists are worked independently, as openings occur for each type of trip package.

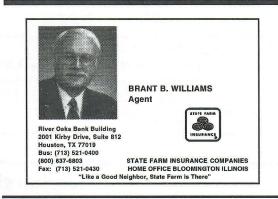
Some people feel that getting on a Wait List is a waste of time. Many members, however, can attest to having gotten the trip of their choice by first being on the Wait List for that trip. NEVER hesitate to get on the wait list for a trip you really want. As stated previously, cancellations ALWAYS occur, and if a wait list is long, the club can sometimes negotiate additional space on the trip to allow as many members to participate as possible. After all, that is our goal!

If you have any questions about the items discussed in this column, or other issues relating to your membership, don't hesitate to call any officer of the club and discuss it with them. Our goal is to offer our members the best club experience possible.

Fourth Best Skier In His Class

James Wayne, a longtime SCSC member who lives in Victoria, participated on the SCSC Park City trip this last season specifically to compete in the United States National NASTAR finals.

We're glad he joined his SCSC friends on the trip, and we're even more pleased with his showing. James finished in fourth place in the Expert division, 60-64 year age group. WOW!!! Essentially, this means that James is the 4th best expert skier in the United States in his age group. This is an incredible achievement, and from one of our own. Our heartfelt congratulations go out to James.



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the TSC drawing board is a Council-wide LEARN TO SKI TRIP being checked into for this December and a even a TSC SUMMER CRUISE under consideration for 2004!!

TSC Officers have offered to attend club Board of Directors and Monthly Meetings this year, and TSC President James Mershon and VP of Marketing Gary Butler will be hosting half-day Trip Leader Training Sessions in conjunction with upcoming quarterly Delegates Meetings, on both Sunday, August 18, in Odessa, and Sunday, December 8, in Houston. This will be a wonderful opportunity for Club Trip Leaders or any SCSC Club Member desiring a better understanding of the TSC bid process and trip operations, so mark December 8th on your calendar if you're interested in attending. For further information on this training session, or on the Texas Ski Council itself, contact me at dbergeron@houston.rr.com or Sharon Smith, TSC Alternate Rep at skimerrel@juno.com, and we'll be glad to answer your questions.

The next quarterly **TSC Delegates Meeting is August 17th in Odessa**, so watch for our report on that meeting and more info & updates on the Texas Ski Council in your October Sitzmarke!

SCSC Activity Seabrook Beach Club – Mixer PLUS A Day at the Beach (optional)



3345 NASA Rd 1 / (281) 326-5819

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2002

6:30 pm – Closing FREE Draft Beer 7pm–8pm / FREE Happy Hour Buffet to 8pm D.J. at 7:00 pm

The Seabrook Beach Club offers a casual atmosphere with both indoor and outdoor seating on Clear Lake. The dress is cool summer casual. To stay really cool, bring your swimsuit and participate in a friendly game of water volleyball in the specially designed pool on the waterfront deck.

ALL SCSC MEMBERS WELCOME AT THIS SPECIAL MIXER. TRY TO BRING AT LEAST ONE PROSPECTIVE MEMBER.

Be smart and safe – stay the night in the NASA area. Space City Ski Club has an awesome group rate of just \$50.00/night plus tax for 2-person room or \$55.00/night for 3-4 person room at the Quality Inn Clear Lake, 904 E. NASA Rd. 1 (at El Camino), Houston, TX 77058, (281) 333-3737. Spaces will fill quickly. Contact the hotel and say you are with Space City Ski Club. Rate good for 1 or 2 nights and should be booked two-plus weeks early. Rooms are not blocked and will fill quickly this time of year. <u>IMPORTANT:</u> Contact Cindy Moore (see below) if you are interested in staying at the hotel

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2002

SCSC Saturday Events, Pay As You Go

8:00a-10:00a - Breakfast Buffet at the Nassau Bay Hilton

 10:00a-1:00p only – Special group rates at Clear Lake Charter Boats, Inc. at 3000 NASA Rd 1, #125 (behind the Hilton) on:
 "MAGNIFICAT" CATAMARAN – 16-person, 36' catamaran, captain and one crew member for 3 hours. \$33.83 per person if we have 16. E-mail Cindy (see below) to reserve this.

SKI BOATS – 5 to 6 person, including a captain and ski package. \$292.27 for 3 hours. Get your pals together and plan this! WAVE RUNNERS – \$65 per hour for 3 hours (\$195 total). Get several friends and trade off riding it! PARA-SAILING – \$25 per ride, per person. Can take up to 6 people out at a time.

Rain Plan: If weather keeps us from the beach: A Tour of NASA, for only \$10.95 pp, if we have 16 or more (\$5 off regular price).

Contact: Cindy Moore (AC) at 713-984-1060 or (preferred) lucinda_moore@ev1.net, or Cheryl Esposito (AAC) at 281-474-3846 or caespo@pdq.net



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