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Why Are All These People Smiling So?*



(Photos from the July Happy Hour)

* Someone Mentioned That They Might See YOU at the

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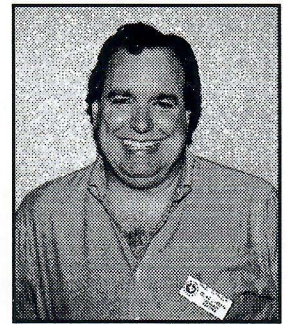
Sean O'Brien - President

The summer has come to an end and the beginning of fall means the beginning of our monthly meetings. I look forward to seeing all of you at our first meeting at the Holiday Inn Select on September 9. Another early mail-in sign-up has come and gone. I hope each of you got the ski-trip(s) of your choice. If not please sign up at the September general meeting. If a trip is full and you have an interest in going on that trip, please put your name on a waitlist. While I cannot guarantee it, I can tell you that club history has shown that if you put yourself on a waitlist and are patient, the odds are high that you will end up on the trip. In fact, the first trip I ever took with SCSC I began on a waitlist.

Last month's Sitzmarke concentrated on the ski trips for this year and early mail-in sign-up. This month you will note a huge increase in the number of activities. At our Executive Committee meeting last month, Dawn and Gary had over 20 new activities to present for approval (AWESOME!!!!). Check out Dawn's article as well as the ads throughout this Sitzmarke of all of the activities that have been set-up. You will be overwhelmed. There are definitely many fun things to be doing with your fellow club members when not on a ski trip. You can sign-up for any of these activities at this month's meeting or by contacting the Activity Coordinator (AC) directly.

The Nominating Committee is set and the members are Cheryl May - Chairperson, Sue Salvage, Stan Broniak, Ladye Freitag, Ron Rodriguez, Leyla Ozkardesh and Jason McCanna. Beginning next month, they will begin actively soliciting candidates to serve as the club's officers for next year. If you have an interest in being an officer next year please be proactive and get in contact with these folks.

Two days after our general meeting will mark one year since the worst terrorist attack to occur on our shores. I have no doubt that for the rest of our lives we will always remember where we were and what we were doing when we first heard the news. On that day, I ask each of you to honor the victims in some fashion. I also ask each of you to affirm to your loved ones how blessed you are that they are a part of your life.



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Happy Hour

The Elbow Room

5757 Westheimer
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Thursday, September 19
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Happy Hour Drink Prices til 7:00 pm
Buffet Served -- Plenty of Parking

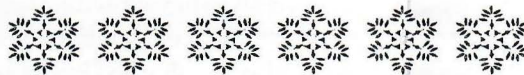
Notice: Parking Fee

Effective this year, Holiday Inn Select will charge for garage parking while attending the SCSC General Meetings. The fee for those attending our meetings will be \$2.

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NEW (& YOUNGER) MEMBER MIXERS!



Thursday, Sep. 12 5:30p - 8:00p

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2. SCSC members over 45 welcome, as long as you bring 2 prospective members age 45 or under.
3. No one will be "carded" - if your guest can pass for 45 or younger...bring them on!

AC: Cindy Moore (713) 984-1060

CALENDAR

September

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September

- 8/28 SCSC Ex Comm Meeting
6 J.J. Walker @ S.H. Raceway
6-8 SCSC Summer "Chill" Wknd
9 SCSC General Meeting
12 N&Y Member Mixer
17 SCSC Board Meeting
19. HappyHour-Elbow Room/Swing Dance
22 Cooking Class

October

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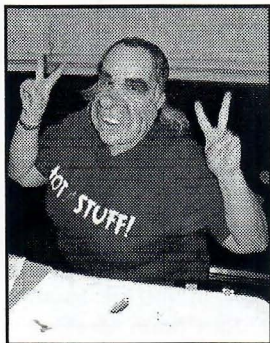
- TBA SCSC Ex Comm Meeting
4 Downtown Pub Crawl
8 N&Y Member Mixer
12 Bowling Tournament
14 SCSC General Meeting
19 Day Sail on Galveston Bay
24 Happy Hour - The Old Heidelberg
25 Radio Music Theatre
26 Halloween Party

November

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November

- TBA SCSC Ex Comm Meeting
TBA N&Y Member Mixer
2 Renaissance Festival
11 SCSC General Meeting
16 Rock Climbing-Austin Mtn Madness
21.. HappyHour-TBA/Ballroom Dance Lsn
23 Roller Blading@ Cullen Park



*“Early Mail-In
Sign-Up Has
Arrived ...”*

*Whhhhoosshhh—The Summer is Almost Over—Time Flies When You Are Having Fun
—THINK SNOW!—*



TRUST MEIf you missed early mail-in sign-up, you still have an opportunity to sign up for your favorite destination at the **SEPTEMBER MEETING** (September 9, 2002). All the Trip Leaders (and various resort reps) will be available to answer any of your questions and will be happy to add you to their trip, space permitting. Be sure to bring your checkbook and sign on for the complete travel experience that each trip team has designed for your traveling pleasure!!

If your favorite destination is “full”, get your name on the wait list. The wait list is **risk free**. Although we take your check, it is not cashed unless you are first contacted by the trip leader and then added to the trip. There may be some turnover due to various work and health issues so be “in line” and ready to go.

Remember that trip deposit amount has changed—\$150 (\$300 for Lillehammer) and make your checks payable to SCSC.

SIGN UP ... we have reserved a lot of space for most of the trips, but with the early penalty dates we will need to release the space after the September meeting so do not miss out!!

A BIG THANKS to all of the people and the effort that went into setting up this ski season and making my job *easy* – well, almost easy....

(A little traveling humor—A nice participant just called. The participant needed to know how it was possible that the flight from Detroit left at 8:20am and got into Chicago at 8:33am. I tried to explain that Michigan was an hour ahead of Illinois, but this person could not understand the concept of time zones. Finally I told the participant that the plane went very fast, and they bought that!)

2002-03 Appointed Position Available **Club Race Director**

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

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**SCSC is always on the lookout for great volunteers to plan
& help coordinate various activities for the upcoming year.**
**Please contact Dawn if you have ideas or are interested in
running an activity!**



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Space City Ski Club 2002-2003 Ski Trip Schedule

| Dates | Night s/ Ski Days | Trip Destination | Cost | Final Payme nt | Lodgin g | No. Skier s | TC/ATC (BB, CM) | Home Phone | E-Mail Address |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------------|---|--|---|
| Nov 26-Dec 1, 2002 (Tue-Sun.) | 5/4 | BRECKENRIDGE Colorado (TSC Fall Roundup) Family Optional | \$743 L\$407 | 9/20/02 | Condos | 36 L-4 | Julie Davis-Raley (BB) | 281-873- 8730 | davisraleypocketmail.com wjraleymail.ev1.net for attachments |
| Jan 4-11, 2003 (Sat- Sat) | 7/6 | WHISTLER Canada (TSC Traditional) | \$883 L\$522 | 10/14/0 2 | Condos | 80 L-6 | Trip Team 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 | 10/17/0 2 | Condos | 44 L-4 | Lori Gilliland Bruce Lowther (CM) | 281-493- 3060 713-785- 5196 | lgilliland@att.net rblowt@hal-pc.org |
| Jan 24-31, 2003 (Fri- Sat) | 8/7 | LILLEHAMMER Norway (TSC Expedition) | \$1380 | 10/14/0 2 | Hotel | 50 | Harvey Hetzel Penny Chancey (BB) | 713-937- 1515 713-686- 4863 | harvey_hetzel@hejpd.co.harris.t x.us pschancey@msn.com |
| Feb 1-8, 2003 (Sat-Sat) | 7/6 | CRESTED BUTTE Colorado | \$947 | 11/11/0 2 | Condos | 32 | Jane Orr Karen Mozisek (BB) | 281-835- 4673 713-856- 8015 | orrji@earthlink.net Karen.Mozisek@Halliburton.co m |
| Feb , 2003 (Sat-Sat) | 7/6 | STEAMBOAT Colorado | \$1085 L\$599 | 11/11/0 2 | Condos | 32 L-4 | Dana Wardell Kim Page (CM) | 281-497- 8552 713-271- 4912 | danawardel@aol.com Kpage3@Houston.rr.com |
| Feb15-22, 2003 (Sat-Sat) | 7/6 | JACKSON HOLE Wyoming (TSC Winter Shootout) | \$1099 L\$617 | 11/11/0 2 | Condos | 50 L-4 | Bill Brown Carol Cain (BB) | 281-930- 8472 713-665- 8121 | Wbrown@Shell.com cainsug@aol.com |
| Mar 1-8, 2003 (Sat-Sat) | 7/6 | LAKE TAHOE Nevada | \$839 L\$462 | 12/09/0 2 | 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 | 12/09/0 2 | | 50 L-4 | Walter May Chip Stokes (BB) | 281-493- 0016 281-485- 5778 | WaltMaySCSC@aol.com cstokes@andersonsouth.com |

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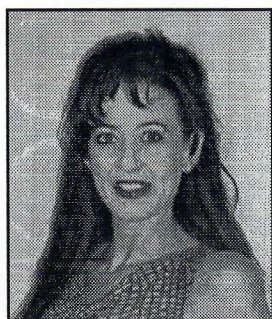
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PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Dawn Rodriguez, VP-Programs



"... even if you missed out ... over the summer, it's OK. You have plenty of activities remaining ..."

Are you ready to RRRRRRUMBLLE? That is, with your calendar book anyway. Boy, is this year packed full of fabulous activities. Do not hesitate to pick your favorite activities and reserve your spots.

Special Thanks to our summer volunteers for the great activities that many members were able to enjoy. Starting with **Ellen Eastham**, who knows how to throw a party, which she did with the SCSC Follies – and what a blast it was for us all. The Fabulously Faithful Happy Hour Organizer **Laura Carmen**, has been keeping the spirits up all summer long. Our diligent little "worker bee" **Cindy Moore**, the New & Younger Member Mixer coordinator, also found time to organize, with **Cheryl Esposito**, the Seabrook Beach Club "Fun in the Sun" Event. The next thank you comes as a special note from my predecessor, Roger Sahni, who said, "**Kathy Young** did it again – she did a fabulous job for our Volunteer Appreciation Party. Everyone enjoyed getting lei'd, Hawaiian style. Thank you Kathy." Of course, Kathy graciously gives credit to others who helped with set-up, decorations, clean-up, etc.: **Linda Licarione, Howard Schoenike, Margaret Johnson, Dennis Stockton, Nicky Minear, Peggy Schillinger, Sue Bohnert, Nora Montgomery and Mike Montgomery**. Next, our mountain bikers really got a treat when they got to glide through "Double Lake" with **Lori Gilliland** and **Bob Wray**, who pulled off a great adventure. The Miller Outdoor activities, which have run throughout the summer, were fun and, I must say, quite eventful – thanks to **Gary Barrett**. Let us not forget the Wine Tasting, where the food was plentiful and wine flowed heavily, thanks to charismatic host **Ron Rodriguez**. Showing us where his true talents lie, with his thorough knowledge of the Sam Houston Race Course, was **Craig Campbell** – his activity allowed participants to take advantage of a Jerry Jeff Walker concert following an exciting horse racing event. And, of course, "The One and Only" **Peggy Montgomery** deftly coordinated this month's SCSC Summer Chill Weekend, even after the TSC cancelled the planned Summer Meltdown.

NOW, even if you missed out on these great events over the summer, it's OOOOOO KKKKKK. You have plenty of activities remaining to mark on your calendar. Get out there and have some fun

| ACTIVITY | | | | FINAL PAYMENT | |
|----------|---------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|------------|
| | DATE | ACTIVITY | COORDINATOR | CONTACT # | COST |
| 2002 | 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 - The Elbow Room | Laura Carmin | | - - |
| | 9/19 | Swing Dance Lessons @ HappyHr | Dawn Edwards | (713) 729-7639 | 9/9 \$4 |
| | 9/22 | Cooking Class-Sthrn Hospitality | Peggy Montgomery | (281) 437-5467 | 9/9 \$27 |
| | 9/27-29 | Beach Bash 2002 | John Burk | (281) 880-9042 | 9/9 \$110 |
| | 10/4 | Downtown Pub Crawl | Marianne Pearce | (713) 782-2240 | 9/9 \$5 |
| | 10/12 | Bowling Tournament | Gerry Simpson | (713) 984-9641 | 10/10 \$20 |
| | 10/19 | Day Sail on Galveston Bay | Concietta Ruggiero | (281) 293-7637 | 9/30 \$40 |
| | 10/24 | Happy Hour - The Old Heidleberg | Laura Carmin | | - - |
| | 10/25 | Radio Music Theatre | Marsha Lutz | (281) 870-9724 | 9/25 \$17 |
| | 10/26 | Halloween Party | Ron Hayes/Judy Schiro | (713) 939-8235 | 10/14 \$25 |
| | 11/2 | Renaissance Festival | Jason McCanna | (832) 439-8823 | 10/24 \$19 |
| | 11/16 | Rock Climbing-Austin Mtn Madness | Jamie Gordey | (409) 246-2236 | 11/11 \$90 |
| | 11/21 | Happy Hour - TBA | Laura Carmin | | - - |
| | 11/21 | Ballroom Dance Lesson @ HappyHr | Dawn Edwards | (713) 729-7639 | 10/22 \$4 |
| | 11/23 | Roller Blading @ Cullen Park | Ron Rodriguez | (713) 728-1955 | 9/11 \$12 |
| | 12/6 | A Christmas Carol--Alley Theater | Barbara Diane Taylor | (713) 840-9280 | 10/14 \$51 |
| | 12/19 | Happy Hour - TBA | Laura Carmin | | - - |
| | 12/20 | Holiday Gala | Rita Tucker Wright | (281) 531-1965 | 11/11 \$45 |
| 2003 | 1/11 | Lazer Tag | Lee White | (281) 477-8803 | 12/9 \$18 |
| | 1/26 | SuperBowl Party | Rebecca Maitland | (281) 498-4457 | 1/20 \$5 |

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We had a ball ... how could we miss with a great crew of SCSC voyagers; huge hospitality aboard the good ship *Celebration*, and fabulous ports of



call on the Mayan Riviera. With a world-class cruise ship based in Galveston, and the Memorial Day holiday, minimal vacation time was wasted during our five-day cruise.

Mid-day Saturday found one friendly group gathered at Fuddruckers on the Strand for a bon voyage luncheon. **Connie Mason** delivered her San Antonio-based parents, **Al** and **Concepcion Thomae**, and (Aunt and Uncle) **Billy** and **Rosemund Thomae** to the cruise terminal, only to be



OK in an Emergency, but not really our style!

“shanghaied”, seconds before sailing, to fill a vacancy. She boarded with only the clothes on her back to take the cruise of a lifetime.

The hospitality started before we left port: When Al discovered his ticket was still in San Antonio, Al and Connie were quickly accommodated and on board in time for the Life Boat Drill. The crew, meanwhile, delivered 4000 pieces of luggage to the various 180 sqft cabins. We found our cabins had been upgraded from Main Deck to Upper Deck, and that our requests for late seating, and aft dining room were met. All of this proved that Carnival’s staff is dedicated to customer service and hospitality.



That evening, SCSC

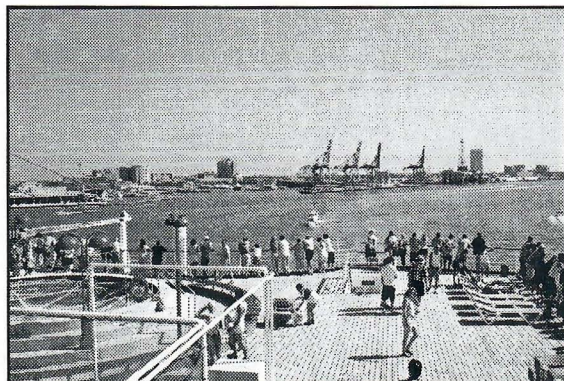
cruisers enjoyed the first of our fabulous gourmet dinners. Over the next 5 evenings, we also sampled the cocktail parties, Las Vegas-caliber stage shows, casino, and other nightlife. Great breakfasts began each day, and between meals there was a complimentary, 24-hour pizza bar just steps away from on-board activities.

It took the whole of Sunday, a full day at sea, to explore the ship and locate the three swimming pools, tanning decks (including one bathing-suit-optional), sushi bar, other bars, dining rooms, and the best places to just watch the ship knife smoothly through the blue sea. **Jim** and **Sally Ryan** and **Ed** and **Pat Menville**, new to SCSC and new to cruising, jumped right into the swing of things as they were often seen exploring the ship.

Bob Olsen, TC, relieved to get everyone on board, made an exercise morning of the days at sea: 3 miles on the jogging track. **Kim Page** and **Lisa Smith** were often caught cruising the Upper Decks enjoying the blue seas and salt sea air. **Billy Thomae** and big brother **Al** held forth most mornings on the rear deck after a scrumptious breakfast buffet

Our first port of call, Monday morning, was Cozumel, where we spent a full day plus the evening. **Ron** and **Roberta Rambin** rented bikes and toured; others hit the beach and shopping in San Miguel. **Rosemund Thomae** enjoyed seeing the world-famous reefs from a glass bottom boat, while **Bob Olsen** enjoyed the reefs from 90 feet below the surface, joining scuba buddies and ex-ski clubbers **Bob** and **Doretta Marwin**, **Jim** and **Tami Plummer**, and **Charles Goodrich** and **Tania Andrasko**. He reports the reefs near Cozumel are still the best in the world.

Many of our group took the *Fury* catamaran for some snorkeling and a beach party, then a mini-Fiesta on the separate Sunset Cruise. Booze, dance, pinatas, Riata Man,



Hasta la Vista, Texas!



Party at night and ...



Queen of Latin Rhythms & Her Subjects

music, flying fish, and back in time for a late dinner aboard *Celebration*. **Sharon and Merrel Smith** enjoyed the sunset and **Concepcion Thomae** won the ladies dance contest, beating out much younger competition on her octagenarian legs ... proof that Latin rhythms never leave your soul. A bottle of tequilla was her prize.

On Tuesday, our second landfall was Calica/Playa del Carmen, 15 miles south of Cancun. **Rod and Linda Seto** toured the Mayan coast around Playa Blanca and found a great resort for a return visit. The biggest contingent went to see the ancient ruins in Tulum and then to Xel Ha, a lagoon/water park, for more snorkeling or just some shopping and lazy beach-time.

We proved that you can have a party for 28 in a single spacious cabin ... if you allow some spillage into the passageway. We had an impromptu party to use up the extra beverages we "smuggled" on board. The rules prevent bringing alcohol on board,

but we found a loophole in the fine print regarding a 'special occasion'. Anywhere SCSC goes is, of course, a special occasion!

Wednesday evening at dinner, **Sue Edwards** and **Jeff Sarff** were birthday celebrities. **Jim Edwards** surprised his party girl with some gorgeous

earrings from an elegant jewelry factory we visited near Tulum. Jim and **Nancy Sarff** provided champagne for all participants to toast the birthdays and our wonderful cruise experience.

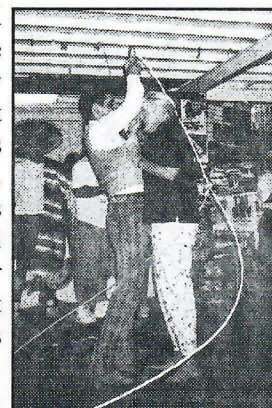
The memories are endless .. the Kitchen tour, daily towel animals in the cabins, ice carving, nightly singing and dancing by the dinner waitstaff, golf with the added handicap of a gently rolling deck, meeting new friends, Captain Marchetti's cocktail party, the "repeat cruisers" party, flying fish, midnight buffets, a rainforest of plants and animals made of fruit and vegetables. **Debbie Bergeron, Kim Page, and Sue Edwards** experienced some of the spa and massage treatments. After their reports, the rest of us will look for that for the next cruise. The casino did no lasting damage to blackjack players **Ron Rambin** and **Bob Olsen**. However, the mystical, magical **Ted Bergeron** felt a slot machine calling, and covered the trip cost for wife **Debbie** and himself within 24 hours of sailing. One lucky non-SCSC passenger hit the slots JackPot for a cool \$79,000. What luck!!!!



Thursday morning found us back at the Port of Galveston. Disembarking 1,500 passengers does take some time ... but clearing passengers from a cruise ship is easier than in an airport. They collected bags on the last evening, and checked them while we slept. Customs boarded and collected declarations before disembarkation. Security was tight, and discreet security staff were always within calling distance. Digital photo systems positively identified passengers leaving or returning to the ship at each port. These systems were fast and efficient.

Finally – **Ed Menville** and I shared this vision about 5 am Thursday as we neared Galveston; daredevil dolphins, cutting across the the water at the bow of our ship, as if to say, "enjoyed your company, come back again." We hope to see you all again cruising the high seas.

PPS It is reassuring that, in these troubled times, an enterprise such as Carnival Cruise Lines can bring together a crew of nearly 600 people of virtually every race, nationality, and religion, to work in



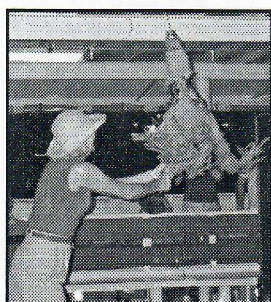
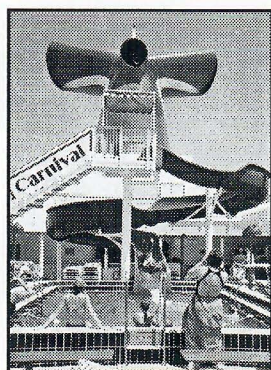
Wanna twirl my lariat?!



Our Waitstaff serves up La Macarena



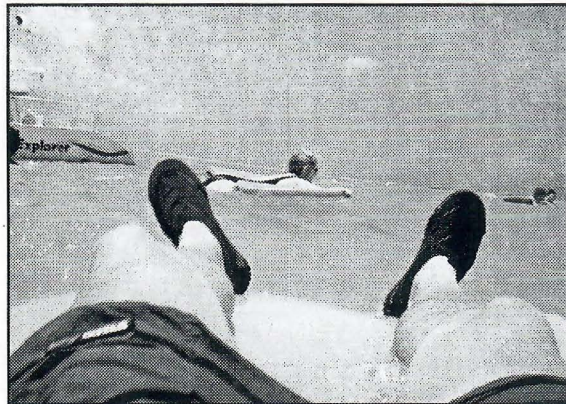
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More Cruising



Margaritas, Cozumel-Style!



close quarters and consistently deliver a high quality travel service. It is something to contemplate when discouraged by the negative events reported in the news media.

SCSC Activity



BEACH BASH 2002



Friday-Sunday, September 27-29, 2002

Fri/Sat nights in Beach-Front House
Sat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (Shrimp Boil)
Sun: Breakfast; Beer/Wine/Sodas
Party, Volleyball, Horse Shoes, etc.

Price: \$110 Final Pmt Date: 9/9/2002
AC: John Burk (281) 880-9042 jburk@tcwsoftware.com

SCSC Activity

Day Sail on Galveston Bay

October 19 - Saturday

Time: TBA
\$40 each

Final Payment: 9/30

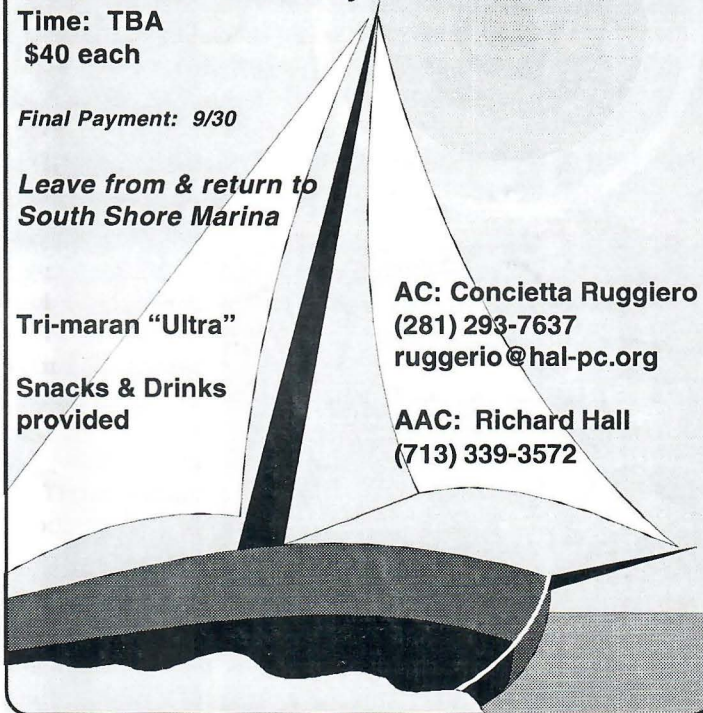
Leave from & return to
South Shore Marina

Tri-maran "Ultra"

Snacks & Drinks
provided

AC: Concietta Ruggiero
(281) 293-7637
ruggiero@hal-pc.org

AAC: Richard Hall
(713) 339-3572



SCSC Activity

RADIO MUSIC THEATRE



Friday, October 25, 2002
8:30pm

Come Laugh at the Fertle Family in
"A Rough Night at the Remo Room"
as they fight Big City Crime in Dumpster, TX!
(Optional Dinner @ 6:30pm)

Price: \$17 Final Pmt Date: 9/25/2002
AC: Marsha Lutz (281) 870-9724 marsha.lutz@erm.com

FABULOUS! OUTSTANDING! ROTISSERIE HOT! COOL!!!! These are just a few of the adjectives used by the many who attended the wine tasting to describe not only ME (Yeah Baby!!!), but the wine tasting in general. Approximately 50 people ventured to the Rodriguez domicile to indulge in great wine, NOT-so-great wine, lots of hors d'oeuvres, stimulating conversation and overall ski club camaraderie.



Gracious Hosts

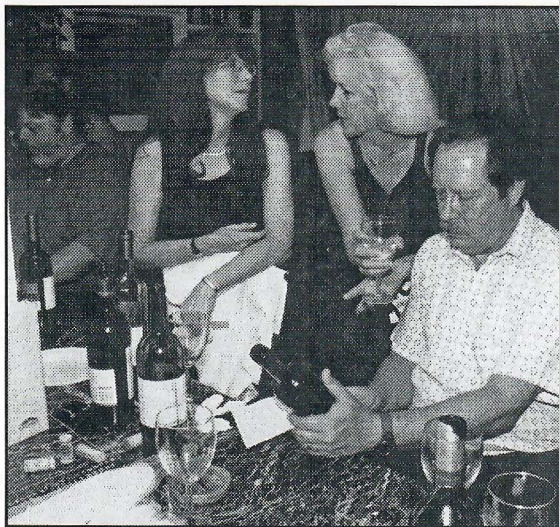
Jim and Sue Edwards were the first to arrive, as they were very eager to start drinking! In fact, I was fresh out of the shower and still in a bathrobe when they rang the doorbell. If it were not for my lovely wife, Dawn Rodriguez (VP of Programs) intercepting their arrival, things could



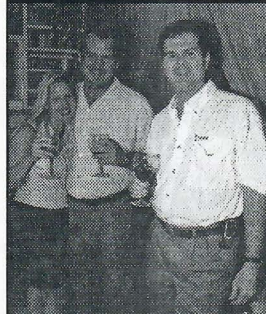
have gotten very interesting. Better yet, as they were making their entry, my French bread was spontaneously combusting in the oven due to excessive heating. Fear not – my oscillating fan and human-flame-fanning ability quickly doused what could have been a HOT topic later. Blissfully unaware of the backstage heroics, Jim and Sue were primed and ready to drink.

After my exciting beginning which, of course, I would have no other way, the drinking began. I had initially wanted to give a brief description of each wine before tasting. **Debbie & Ted Bergeron, John Rice & Kayleen Kill, Jeff & Nancy Sarff, and Lisa Smith** wanted nothing to do with that. Pop it, pour it and drink it was all they, and everyone else, wanted. **Sue Bohnert** had a difficult time finding a wine she truly enjoyed, but eventually settled on a “blood” red. **Carmen Mikhail, Gloria Lopez and Bruce & Marsha Kilgore** analyzed, drank and tried in vain to tap the hidden talents which their palettes possessed. A large number of folks, including **Sue Salvage, Jose Araujo, Merrel & Sharon Smith, Milt Kramer & Chris Skirius, Gary**

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Awful spelling on the label, but this one comes from Idaho; Close To Boise!



Is that, perchance, another bottle of wine you have there?

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SCSC Activity

SCSC SUMMER "CHILL" WEEKEND!!

(formerly the TSC Summer Meltdown)

Come have an End-of-the-Summer Fling Weekend with SCSC!!!



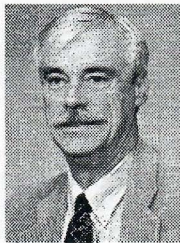
WHEN: September 6-8, 2002
WHERE: The Shores, Lake Travis (Outside Austin)
 (Lodging is 2 bedroom/2 bath condos)
COST: **\$143 per person** – Includes Lodging Friday/Saturday, plus all meals Saturday thru Sunday morning
 (Transportation not included in price.)
PMT SCHEDULE: **\$50 Deposit – July 10, 2002 / 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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 Missouri City, Texas 77459
 281-437-5467 (home) / 713-656-6864 (office)



Tentative Activities List

Friday: Pool-side Welcome Party 6:00p-7:30p
Saturday: Group Continental Breakfast; Games – Volleyball, Obstacle Race, Golf (Contact Peggy), Etc.)*
 Group Lunch; Dinner and Evening Fun (TBD) 6:00p - ???
Sunday: Group Continental Breakfast; Check Out



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SCSC Activity

Cooking Class Hors d'Oeuvres Exceptionale!

SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY KITCHEN STORE

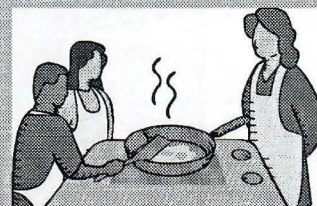
Sunday, September 22, 2002

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
 the.monts@att.net



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Wine Tasting – Continued from page 10



Can we get refills?

Butler, Charles Butler, and Larry Hord were happy just wandering from room to room, sampling wines to their heart's, or maybe their head's, content.

The evening got even more interesting as heavy rains began to fall and eager participants continued to drink. As usual, **Tracie Armand and friends** were fashionably late, but provided some enticing moments with their wet, drenched entry! (Yeowwwwwww!) It was apparent that **Tor Lileng, Jason McCanna and Sean O'Brien** were having a blast as they made their way around the house sampling every wine. Correct me if I am wrong, but did I not see them sampling the various vintage milks in my refrigerator also. Talk about guys who will try and drink just about anything ... I want to party with you cowboys!

Judy Schiro enjoyed the wines while companion **Ron Hayes** and his trusty photographic contraption captured many of the happenings. As it happens, by the end of the evening, I do not think I saw one sober individual. It would be quite difficult – considering we consumed approximately 52 bottles of wine. Newer members such as **Ina Picarello** and **Carol Conner** seemed to have a great time, drinking and mingling with their new ski club buddies. Leave it to **Melanie Morin** to tamper with our home stereo system and blast it louder, so she could thoroughly enjoy her 80's music along with the great wine. I was beginning to feel like Sonny Crockett in a Miami Vice episode.

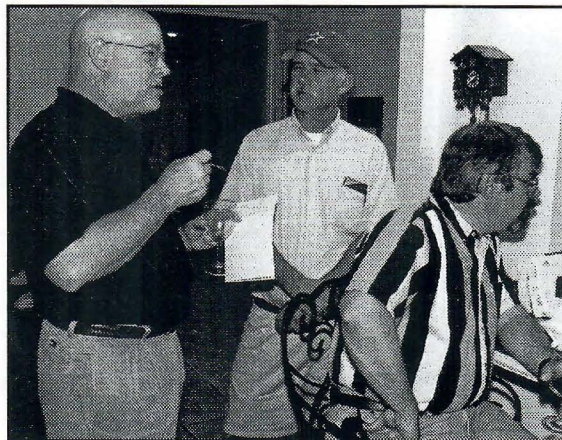
Overall, a great time was had by all. The people who attended truly epitomized what a wine tasting should not be ... the stuffiness, swirling and



Pop it! Pour it! Drink it!

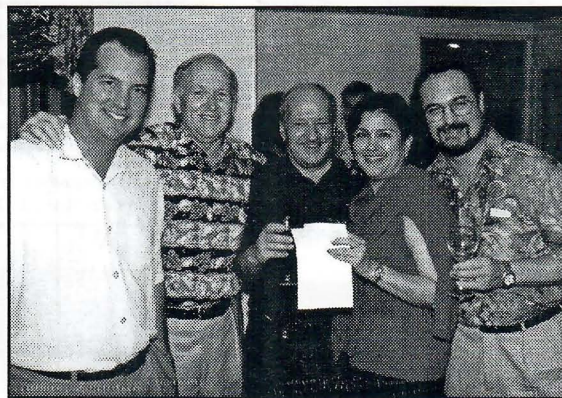


I'm the Sommelier's wife (i.e., the kitchen help)



Hmm, slight fruitiness – and just a hint of old, dirty socks.

spitting, proper grammar, social grace and etiquette, and superior wine knowledge were nowhere to be found. We were just a bunch of misfits looking for a place to drink, fraternize, indulge, and have a smashing time. I think we accomplished this ... Don't you?



OK, our tastes aren't refined -- but our sense of fun is!

More Wine Tasting



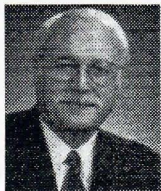
Go find your own dessert ...



Ok, That's enough ... we're getting silly!!!



Can't hide it – we're having a great time!



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SCSC Activity

SAM HOUSTON RACEWAY



Friday, September 6, 2002

Horse Racing &
Jerry Jeff Walker Concert

7:00pm

Concert after Last Race

Admission, Program, Handicapper Tip Sheet

Price: \$7

Final Pmt Date: 8/30/2002

AC: Craig Campbell (713) 453-5798 campbelle@aaronwright.com

SCSC Activity

DANCE LESSONS

AT THE SCSC HAPPY HOUR

September 19, 2002 Swing
November 21, 2002 Ballroom
January 23, 2003 C & W



Enjoy the Happy Hour. Learn a New Step or Two.
Singles or Couples

Price: \$4 ea. lesson

Final Pmt Date: Call for Details

AC: Dawn Edwards (713) 729-7639

SCSC Activity



DOWNTOWN PUB CRAWL

Friday, October 4, 2002
6:00pm

Price: \$5

Final Pmt Date: 9/9/2002

AC: Marianne Pearce (713) 782-2240

marianne@academicplanet.com

SCSC Activity

BOWLING TOURNAMENT



Saturday, October 12, 2002

Price: \$20

Final Pmt Date: 10/10/2002

AC: Gerry Simpson (713) 984-9641

LESSONS IN MEMBERSHIP

It requires a lot of effort to run a social club such as Space City Ski Club. The next few Membership Lessons articles will introduce you to the large group of volunteers who put forth this effort, and will try to give you some insight into how they find themselves in the role of volunteer and why they do it. It is our hope that by better understanding the hows and whys of volunteering in SCSC that you may decide to join the ranks of these special individuals.

The Officers of SCSC

Each year, Space City Ski Club's membership elects a new set of officers to oversee the day to day operation of the Club. There are seven (7) offices: President, VP-Programs, VP-Trips, VP-Membership, VP-Publications, Secretary, and Treasurer. These volunteers, along with appointed positions such as Director of Trips or Auditor, and those selected to run trips and activities, give copious amounts of time from their personal lives to see that SCSC meets those goals and objectives for which it was formed. As stated in the Club Directory, under "History of the Club", this means that SCSC "introduces the sport of snow skiing to and encourages beginning skiers; it provides an acceptable, desirable social outlet, and sponsors economical and enjoyable ski trips."

Meeting these objectives requires the combined talents of many individuals. This article will give you a little insight into requirements to be an officer of SCSC, what the individual officers do, and why they do it.

What is required: The basic requirements, paraphrased from our bylaws and standing rules, are that 1) you have been a member of the club during both the current and previous years; 2) you are a member in good standing (i.e., you have not been subject to disciplinary actions by the club in the last 12 months); 3) you are willing to volunteer for two years, one as an Officer and one as a member of the Board of Directors; 4) you are willing to fulfill the duties of the office for which you volunteer. The office of President has a couple of additional requirements, in that, 1) you must have previously served as an SCSC officer, completing as least 6 months in the office; and 2) your commitment is for five years: one as President, one as Chairman of the Board, and three more years on the Board as past-president.

General Duties: The President presides at all meetings of the officers and membership, and works with the other officers to help them fulfill their duties. The VP-Programs is responsible for organizing and overseeing non-ski-related trips and activities, and programs at the General Meetings. The VP-Trips has overall responsibility for planning, organizing, and running the Club's ski trip schedule. The VP-Membership promotes membership in SCSC and maintains membership information for the club. The VP-Publications publishes the Club newsletter each month. The Secretary takes minutes at all ExComm, Board, and General meetings, manages the Club calendar, and oversees Logo sales. The Treasurer handles the Club's finances and tax returns. Each of these officers utilizes other volunteers as necessary to help them fulfill these duties.

From May through April each year, Officers attend a lot of meetings and events. These include: 1) an Executive Committee (officers) meeting once each month, 2) a Board of Directors meeting once each quarter, 3) General Meetings once each month from September to May, and 4) Happy Hours once each month. In addition, they are encouraged to attend as many ski trip pre-trip parties as possible, and to participate on as many ski trips and non-ski activities as they can. If the Club participates in a special event, such as the annual fall Snow Fest, or a weekend membership drive at one of the local sporting goods retailers, the officers are there along with other volunteers, promoting the Club and recruiting members.

At ExComm meetings, officers share information, approve proposed activities and trips, review participation of upcoming activities, coordinate preparations for General Meetings and other events, discuss ways to improve and grow the Club, and handle any problems that may arise. Board meetings, in general, are for resolving any Club policy-related issues, or anything that falls outside the day-to-day operational issues of the Officers.

In the days and hours between the meetings, and worked into and around their "regular lives", officers recruit volunteers; train trip/activity coordinators; enter info into databases and spreadsheets; write articles; arrange contracts; create budgets; solicit advertising; prepare reports; communicate with members, other volunteers, and each other; and perform myriad other activities as required by each office.

So ... given all the demands on their lives outlined above, why do people ever volunteer for these positions. Although our officers are reimbursed a portion of their ski or other activity costs, that is only pennies per hour for the work they put in. The biggest reasons are these: 1) When all is said and done, having worked with others to sustain and build an organization, such as SCSC, really gives one a wonderful feeling of accomplishment. 2) Officers get to meet, and know, many more members than they otherwise would have, and

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Member News

Congratulations to longtime members Frank and Susan Stanley. They have recently accepted an assignment in Berlin, Germany and will be there for 2 to 5 years.

LESSONS-CONT'D

SCSC has a LOT of really fun and interesting people. These "casual" acquaintances can lead to friendships, something-more-than-friendships, or even to working relationships. 3) Lastly, working side by side with others who share common goals and who have common interests is fun (despite the effort) and it builds relationships that last long after the effort is a distant memory. As an SCSC officer, you may disagree, fervently argue, and passionately debate over issues. You may sometimes find it impossible to see things from another's perspective. However, as long as your ultimate goals are the same, the group will work through the problems, and you will come away from the process richer and well rewarded, in friendships and in experience.



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SCSC Activity



HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 26, 2002
6:00pm

Food, Fun, Prizes
Buy, Rent, or Create-a-Costume
Be Scary or Be Glamorous or Be Silly
Keep Everyone Guessing ("Who IS that??")



Price: \$25 **Final Pmt Date: 10/14/2002**
AC: Ron Hayes/Judy Shiro (713) 939-8235
ronhayes@airmail.net

SCSC Activity



ROLLER BLADING IN CULLEN PARK

Saturday, November 23, 2002

An Easy, Enjoyable Day of Blading

Price: \$12 **Final Pmt Date: 9/11/2002**
AC: Ron Rodriguez (713) 728-1955 ronrodriguez65@aol.com

SCSC Activity

ROCK CLIMBING LESSONS AUSTIN MOUNTAIN MADNESS



Saturday, November 16, 2002

Learn Something New or Brush Up Your Skills
Basic Climbing Techniques & Safety Instruction
Rope Management, Belay Skills
Outdoors -- The Real Thing

Price: \$90 **Final Pmt Date: 11/11/2002**
AC: Jamie Gordey (409) 246-2236 agonyavenue@aol.com

SCSC Activity



RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

Saturday, November 2, 2002

Join Your Friends for Some Medieval Fun
Jousting, Outdoor Theater, Royal Processions
Music & Jugglers, Beggars & Wenches, Food & Frivolity
Dress the Part or Come as You Are

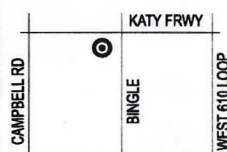
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