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## SCSC General Meeting

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## Head of the Liftline

Sean O'Brien - President

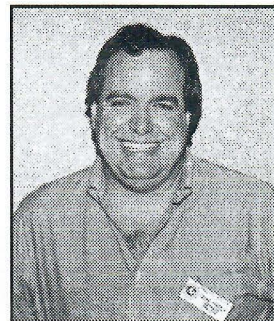
WOW! What an awesome September meeting. It was great seeing many of you after our summer break. We had approximately 40 guests at the meeting. Hopefully, each of these guests is a now new member. It was great to see on display the results of hundreds of hours of work from dozens of volunteers over the summer, in the form of the trip and activity sign-up tables. I cannot remember the last time there were so many options to choose from at one of our meetings. There is literally an activity and/or ski trip occurring each and every week between now and the end of April 2003. So sign up now!

Signing up for ski trips, from this point forward, is pretty much on a first-come-first-served basis. If you have any interest in a trip, please be in contact with the trip coordinator to sign-up immediately. There is no need to wait for the next scheduled meeting. If the trip is full, get your name on the waitlist and be patient. It could bring rewards. Also, if you want to participate in an activity, contact the appropriate activity coordinator ASAP.

We had a great turnout for our September meeting. Lets see if we can keep the turnout up for all of our subsequent meetings. It is a great opportunity to catch up on the latest news from friends and it shows new and prospective members how great a club we are.

Remember my challenge from several months ago, for each of you to try to recruit at least one friend to join our club. So far, membership numbers are up slightly from last year, but not significantly. Lets see what we all can do to get more people interested in SCSC.

After all, we are a wild and crazy bunch. Who else would spend an arm and a leg only for the opportunity to break one of them!!



*"After all,  
we are a wild  
and crazy  
bunch."*



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# Happy Hour

## The Old Heidelberg



1810 Fountainview  
(713) 523-6404

Thursday, October 24  
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Appetizers & Happy Hour Drink Prices

### Notice: NO Parking Fee

It was reported last month that Holiday Inn Select would be charging a parking fee this year. Although they agreed to waive this fee for members and guests attending our General Meetings, it was decided too late to correct the Sept. Sitz.

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## NEW (& YOUNGER) MEMBER MIXERS!



Tuesday, Oct. 8 5:30p till ...



**Sam's Irish American Pub**  
5635 Richmond Ave.

Beer & Well Drink Specials, Hors d'oeuvres, Live Band that evening. Limited free parking in front, \$3 parking in back.

Thursday, Nov. 14 5:30p - 9:30p

**The Social**  
3730 Washington  
(713) 426-5565

Happy Hour prices til 9:30p: Frozen/Well-\$3,  
Premium/Import-\$4+up, Premium Calls-\$4.50,  
Chard/Zinf-\$5.50, Draft-\$0.50 off.

#### Mixer Guidelines:

1. All SCSC members 45 years of age or younger are encouraged to attend and to bring at least one prospective new member age 45 or under.
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

October						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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#### October

TBA .....	SCSC Ex Comm Meeting
4 .....	Haunted House Tour
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
2 .....	Renaissance Festival
11 .....	SCSC General Meeting
14 .....	N&Y Member Mixer
21 .....	HappyHour-Red's/Ballroom Dance Lsn
23 .....	Roller Blading@ Cullen Park

December						
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#### December

TBA .....	SCSC Ex Comm Meeting
TBA .....	SCSC Board Meeting
TBA .....	N&Y Member Mixer
6 .....	A Christmas Carol-Alley Theater
7 .....	TSC Delegates Meeting
9 .....	SCSC General Meeting
19 .....	HappyHour-TBA
20 .....	SCSC Holiday Gala-Briar Club





“... do not miss the Treat of a great ski trip ...”

TRICK OR TREAT...Smell My Feet,  
Give Me Something *GREAT* to SKI!!!

OK, so it doesn't rhyme exactly – but we do have some exactly *EXCELLENT* destinations for reasonable prices. It's almost Halloween and time is flying; do not miss the “TREAT” of a great ski trip only because you missed the “TRICK” of signing up early enough -- before we have to drop the unsold air and lodging on our trips.

## TRIP UPDATES:

**Breckenridge:** Still interested in combining great skiing/snowboarding destination with your turkey? At this time we have had to release all of the unsold air spaces, but Beaver Run/Breckenridge has assured us that lodging space should be available. Do not miss out on this great destination—use only 1-1/2 vacation days for 4 days of skiing.

**Whistler, BC, Canada:** Start off the New Year with a *BANG* – by skiing the destination often rated #1 by the readers of Ski magazine. We will be releasing any unsold space this month, so be sure to sign up now!!

**Vail:** So...You wanna Rock & Roll all night & ski/snowboard Vail every day? Daytime & nighttime adventures are everywhere. Vail is consistently ranked one of the finest resorts in North America.

**Lillehammer, Norway:** Challenge your “Olympic” spirit by skiing the same slopes as the 1994 Winter Olympians. (Remember that breakfast and dinner are included in the package).

**Crested Butte:** The “Butte” is big, open and uncrowded. The Last Great Colorado Ski Town and a true winter paradise is perfect for the adventurous. Excellent skiing and exceptional snowboarding destination—do not miss out!!

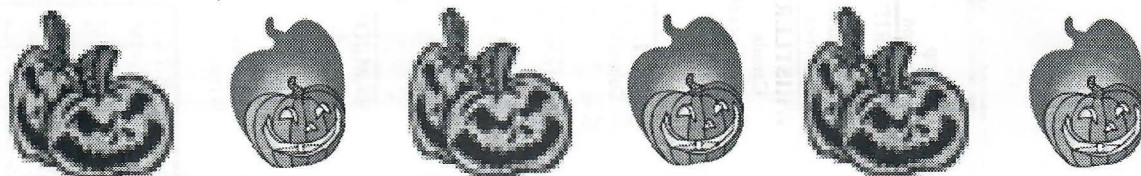
**Steamboat:** Arrive just a short distance from the resort and then stay right on the slopes so you will never get lost – day or night! Ski/snowboard hard on their famous “Champagne Powder” and then enjoy the night-life – PARTY...Yes PARTY!!

**Jackson Hole:** Visit the “Wild West” where the view is breathtaking, the slopes are uncrowded, and the powder is deep—skiers/snowboarders wanted for fun and adventure.

**Lake Tahoe:** How about a place where the night-life is as captivating as the skiing? The “Ides of March” begins with this breathtakingly beautiful destination.

**Quebec, QB, Canada:** Madames et Monsieurs, we welcome you to the last ski season destination ... one of the oldest French settlements in North America ... partake in this wonderful adventure.

(Some Travelling Humor: A man called and asked if he could rent a car in Dallas. The agent pulled up the reservation, and noticed the man had only a one-hour layover in Dallas. When asked why he wanted to rent a car, the man said, “I've heard Dallas is a big airport, and I need a car to drive between the gates and save time.”....)



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## Space City Ski Club 2002-2003 Ski Trip Schedule

Dates	Nights/ Ski Days	Trip Destination	Cost	Final Payment	Lodging	No. Skiers	TC/ATC (BB, CM)	Home Phone	E-Mail Address
Nov 26-Dec 1, 2002 (Tue-Sun.)	5/4	<b>BRECKENRIDGE</b> Colorado (TSC Fall Roundup) Family Optional	\$743 L\$407	9/20/02	Condos	36 L-4	Julie Davis-Raley (BB)	281-873-8730	davisraleyp@pocketmail.com wjraleyp@mail.ev1.net for attachments
Jan 4-11, 2003 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	<b>WHISTLER</b> Canada (TSC Traditional)	\$883 L\$522	10/14/02	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	<b>VAIL</b> 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 24-31, 2003 (Fri-Sat)	8/7	<b>LILLEHAMMER</b> Norway (TSC Expedition)	\$1380	10/14/02	Hotel	50	Harvey Hetzel Penny Chancey (BB)	713-937-1515 713-686-4863	harvey_hetzel@hcjpd.co.harris.tx.us pschancey@msn.com
Feb 1-8, 2003 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	<b>CRESTED BUTTE</b> 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, 2003 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	<b>STEAMBOAT</b> Colorado	\$1085 L\$599	11/11/02	Condos	32 L-4	Dana Wardell Kim Page (CM)	281-497-8552 713-271-4912	danawardell@aol.com Kpage3@Houston.rr.com
Feb 15-22, 2003 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	<b>JACKSON HOLE</b> 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	Wbrown@Shell.com cainsug@aol.com
Mar 1-8, 2003 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	<b>LAKE TAHOE</b> 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	<b>QUEBEC</b> 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

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## PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

*Dawn Rodriguez, VP-Programs*



*"... check out the activities list and indulge yourself."*

The energy is electrifying – and the pocket books are churning. Most of you obviously have taken the time to select the ski trips of your choice, as well as some activities for your social calendar. If you haven't, of course ... delay no longer, check out the activities list and indulge yourself.

Don't forget that our General Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, and present a great time to catch you up on all the "up to date" information on club goings-on, as well as to mingle with your fellow members.

Then, of course, Happy Hours coordinated by our lovely and faithful **Laura Carmen**, are on Thursday, the week after the General Meeting each month, and are an absolute blast. Since they start at 5:30 pm, you can come directly from work. Talk about convenience. **EVERYONE NEEDS TO WIND DOWN AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH.....SO COME ON OUT.** You can even bring a friend – no strings attached. *October 24<sup>th</sup>* is at The Old Heidelberg.

Another activity that is a "regular" is the New and Younger Member Mixer. This is a perfect opportunity to have a great time, with a focus on the club's expansion and growth. **Cindy Moore**, with the help of **Bruce Lowther**, works very hard at making this evening festive for everyone. *October 8<sup>th</sup>* is at Sam's Irish American Pub. Keep yourself prepared for these events in the future by checking out [www.spacecity.org](http://www.spacecity.org) for updates.

Lat month's Beach Bash was exactly that ... Bashing all weekend. Thanks to **John Burk** and **Susan Wicker**. What a well-planned event, and a wonderful way to end the summer.

We are rockin'-n-rollin' into the fall, thanks to these wonderful volunteers, and are now looking for fun events to get a head start on the spring. If you are interested in volunteering, call me at 713-216-0692

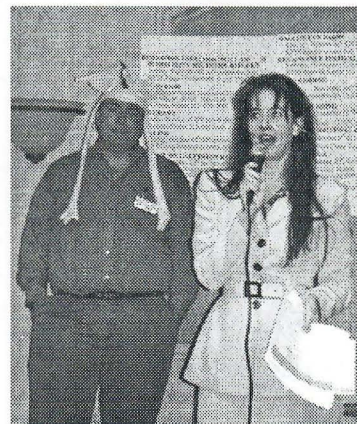
ACTIVITY					FINAL PAYMENT	
	DATE	ACTIVITY	COORDINATOR	CONTACT #	DATE	COST
<u>2002</u>	10/4	Haunted House Tour	Marianne Pearce	(713) 782-2240	9/9	\$35
	10/12	Bowling Tournament	Gerry Simpson	(713) 984-9641	10/10	\$20
	10/19	Day Sail on Galveston Bay	Concietta Ruggiero	(281) 293-7637	9/30	\$40
	10/24	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
	11/21	Happy Hour - Reds	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	\$43
<u>2003</u>	1/11	Lazer Tag	Lee White	(281) 477-8803	12/9	\$18
	1/26	SuperBowl Party	Rebecca Maitland	(281) 498-4457	1/20	\$5

### BE A STAR!!!

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!



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





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

SCSC Activity

## A CHRISTMAS CAROL

ALLEY THEATER



Friday, December 6, 2002

What better way to get into the Christmas 'spirit'.  
Come "Bah! Humbug!" with your  
SCSC Friends

Price: \$51      Final Pmt Date: 10/14/2002  
AC: Barbara Diane Taylor      (713) 840-9280

SCSC Activity

## DANCE LESSONS AT THE SCSC HAPPY HOUR

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

## 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

## HAUNTED HOUSE TOUR

Friday, October 4, 2002  
6:00pm

Price: \$35      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

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## TEXAS SKI COUNCIL CORNER

*Debbie Bergeron, TSC Delegate*

Sharon Smith and I trekked out to Midland/Odessa on August 17<sup>th</sup> for the quarterly **Texas Ski Council (TSC) Delegates Meeting**. Included on the agenda were Bylaw and Standing Rule proposals which were discussed and voted on. Proposed changes to race rules were presented by **TSC Race Committee Chair Ted Bergeron (Space City)**. Two primary changes were approved that will take effect on this year's ski trips: (1) two runs must now be completed in order to qualify for individual races, and (2) the age bracket for women racing in the Senior Division will now be consistent with Men's Senior Division — 50-59, instead of 48-59. Providing trophies for this year's races will be a new TSC sponsor, long-time SCSC member **Leona Schroeder** and her company, **C&L Specialties**. Many, many thanks to Leona for her most appreciated support of both Space City and the Texas Ski Council!



Committee appointments were made at this Delegates Meeting, and two very familiar names within Space City were found volunteering yet again! As anyone who has ever served on a nominating committee knows, finding well-qualified candidates for office can be a monumental task. Charged with this responsibility next year on the **TSC Nominating Committee** will be a very dedicated, long-time SCSC member and a past TSC officer, **Peggy Montgomery** as Chair. Serving with her will be Anne Myers (Los Amigos) and Liz Earhart (Austin Ski Club). Playing another vital role in the Council is the **TSC Pre-Select Committee**, comprised of the TSC VP of Marketing and six TSC club delegates/officers from across the state. This committee conducts in-depth reviews of each and every bid received for the following ski season, then narrows the field significantly to the slate of bids presented at each year's **TSC Bid Meeting**. Assisting **TSC VP Marketing Gary Butler** will be SCSC's TSC Alternate Rep and past SCSC officer, **Sharon Smith**, whose analytical skills and attention to detail will make her a great asset as committee reviews get underway for the **TSC Bid Meeting, scheduled for April 4-6, 2003 in San Antonio**.



Next on the agenda were updates and reports presented by the 2002-03 TSC Trip VPs and Expedition Coordinators for their trips, all of which are on Space City's 2002-03 Trip Schedule — to **Breckenridge, Whistler, Norway, Jackson Hole, and Quebec**. For quite a change of pace, as a summer non-skiing activity, you may want to contact **SCSC VP of Programs Dawn**

**Rodriguez** for info on the much anticipated **TSC Summer Expedition Trip to Costa Rica in July 2003!**

Another new adventure is being finalized on the TSC drawing board — **the TSC Learn to Ski/Snowboard Trip** — designed to introduce non-skiers or beginners to the sport. The trip is scheduled for **December 10-15, 2002** and is expected to cost prospective Space City members no more than \$531. Beginner lessons, lift tickets, rentals, parties, lodging, ground transfers, and club membership are included in this price. Spread the word to your friends and family about this trip; it will be one of the best and least expensive ways of trying our favorite sport. The trip will be run by Ed Cain, who is a past president of Space City.. More details will be available soon, but if you have any questions, email [scsc@spacecity.org](mailto:scsc@spacecity.org).

The next **TSC Delegates Meeting** is **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** and will be in Houston at Hobby Hilton Hotel. Open Forum will be at 9 am, and the Delegates Meeting from 10 to 4:30. On the following day, TSC Officers will present a half-day Leadership Training Program for **Club Officers, Trip Leaders, or any Club Member** interested in this opportunity. For questions or further information on these events, contact me at [dbergeron@houston.rr.com](mailto:dbergeron@houston.rr.com) or Sharon Smith at [skimerrel@juno.com](mailto:skimerrel@juno.com). For further info on the **TSC Learn to Ski/Snowboard Trip**, send inquiries to the email address noted above or phone Ed Cain at (936) 448-1978. And if you'd like to gain a better understanding of the TSC and the services they bring to SCSC and our fellow clubs across Texas, check out the TSC newsletter, *Inside the Texas Ski Council*, on the TSC website at [www.texas-ski.org](http://www.texas-ski.org).



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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

Price: \$19 Final Pmt Date: 10/24/2002

AC: Jason McCanna (832) 439-8823

jason.mccanna@dril-quip.com

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



## 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

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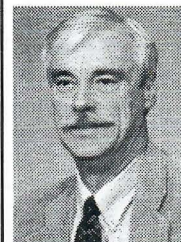


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(Article by Ellen Eastham, with David George, Gloria Lopez, Patti Maudslay, Carmen Mikhail, Steven Teoh, Eric Timmreck, and Thuy Tran)

Fiji/NZ participants, as noted in the article, include Alice and Dale Allbritton, Diane and Ross Baker, Sue Bohnert, Rita Bradley, Denise Butler, Penny Chancey, Karen Clapper, John Cornwell, Ellen Eastham, David George, Deborah Haynie, Suzanne Hegemier, Leigh Howlett, Ed Kanyuck, Tor Lileng, Gloria Lopez, Patti Maudslay, Carmen Mikhail, Nora and Mike Montgomery, Kelly and daughter Kelsey Murray, Ann Odegard, Concietta Ruggiero, Steven Teoh, Carol and Eric Timmreck, Thuy Tran, BobTripp, and Chuck Woolley.



It was an amazing trip to Fiji, New Zealand and Australia, full of adventure, excitement, adrenaline, activities, and camaraderie. The writing committee compiled detailed and humorous stories, called the "Trip Memoirs". The stories and vivid memories demonstrate the wonderful and creative adventures shared by the group. This article is a brief recap, just 10% of our original document. Just ask the participants if you would like to hear more!

## FIJI, TROPICAL PARADISE

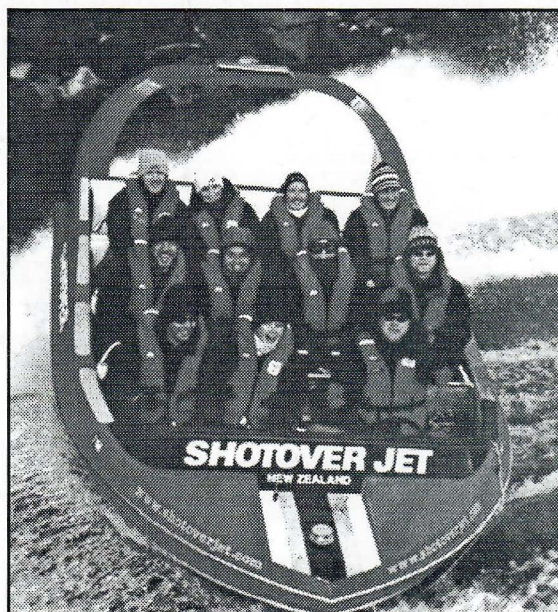
On Saturday, July 27, 2002, thirty-two SCSC members and those of four other Texas Ski Clubs, departed from many airports. David George was not on Continental's passenger list, but luckily was found before takeoff under George David! Travel

time, home to hotel, was about 24 hours, and included crossing the equator and International Date Line. Arrival in Nadi, Fiji was at the wicked hour of 3:15 a.m. Monday (17 hours ahead of Houston). Carol and Eric's luggage did not arrive. They had upgraded to First Class, but their luggage tags kept a final destination of LA, not Fiji. With a small compensation by Air New Zealand, they purchased "Island" style clothing, until their bags arrived.

**SUNRISE AND SUNSET SAFARI** - Shortly after arrival, a group went on the *Sunrise Safari Tour*, driving to a high point over Nadi to watch their first sunrise in Fiji. The group saw countryside, forest, and sugar cane fields. A later group went on the *Sunset Safari Tour*, and were treated to a beautiful sunset, the traditional kava ceremony and a lovo dinner. The southern sky filled with beautiful stars was a nice ending to the first day in Fiji.

**SAILING** - The Sheraton Fiji Resort offered catamaran sailing lessons.

Concietta and Ann became sailing fanatics, joined by Rob Smith (Austin ski club) for a sailing adventure. The adventure was short lived as their boat stuck rocks near the shoreline, only to be rescued by the sailing instructor. Others rode a 100' sailboat to a small island for the day, where the group completely demolished the on-board supply of alcohol after one hour. Leigh chartered a 37' catamaran from Captain Valentino, and was joined by Thuy, Suzanne, Carmen, Ellen, Tor and John for a day of sailing. Thirteen islands silhouetted against the sky and a beautiful sunset





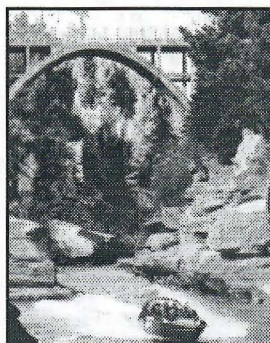
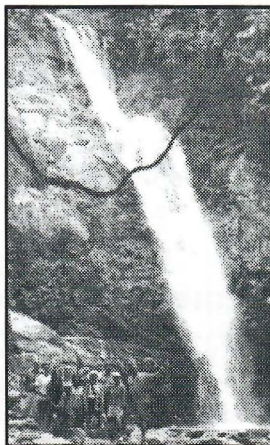
ended the day.

**SCUBA DIVING** - Fiji is known for world-class diving. Two new divers, **Mike** and **Patti**, made their first ocean dives. They joined Dive Tropex, and experienced divers **Chuck** and **Karen**, to some popular dive sites. The many colors, sizes, and species of fish were amazing to see... especially brilliant were blue starfish.

**Diane, Ross, Ellen, Bob, Kelly** and **Kelsey** chose an unusual dive – the Aqua Trek 3-D Shark Encounter. Minutes from shore in Beqa Lagoon, divers took the plunge, descending to 100 feet. One dive master opened a trash can full of chum, and thousands of fish of all species swarmed for dinner. The divers appeared to be an audience in a movie, mesmerized by the abundant fish life. When sharks appeared, first in the distance, then up close and personal, they took no notice of the lined up divers. The group watched a fish-feeding frenzy at a shallower safety stop, finally entering the boat after an hour of being part of the fascinating underwater natural habitat.

**GOLF** - **David** and **Leigh** were joined by a rookie golf player, **Gloria**, at the beautiful course at the Sheraton Fiji Resort. The two male players managed to lose almost all the golf balls they pilfered in the numerous water hazards, but **Gloria** held on to hers!

**ISLAND TOURS** – Exploring beyond Nadi took the group to: *Garden of the Sleeping Giant*, an orchid farm on beautifully landscaped acres; *Kula Eco Park*, a native wildlife park; *Savu Na Mate Laya*, a large waterfall where we posed for photos, after a hike deep into the jungle, across eight streams; *Viseisei*, an original Fijian village; and *Kalevu South Pacific Cultural Centre*, where one could learn the history and customs of Fiji.



Fijian for “Hello” is “Bula”. **Ross**, driving a rental car with three passengers (on the left side of the road), became slightly distracted and the car’s front tire went off the road into a muddy ditch. A man approached, offered to help, said “Bula Bula”, and left. **Ross** went for help, returning with a group of men. Ten people could not lift the small car out of the ditch. The native wanders back, leading two huge bulls connected by yoke, who then easily pull the car from the ditch! It seems the Fijian was originally saying “Bullock Bullock” (Fijian for “Bull”)! The bulls were dubbed “The Fiji Tow Truck Co.”

### ADVENTURES IN NEW ZEALAND

Fiji to New Zealand entailed a major climate change and the donning of winter clothing. With numerous choices for activities around Queenstown, the group divided up daily and went many different directions as they chose to ski, experience “Adrenaline Sports”, or take Group Tours. **Ed** rented a car and explored New Zealand’s South Island. **Sue** explored Queenstown by city bus while shopping for souvenirs.

**SKIING** – “Kiwis” are New Zealanders; Kiwis that ski are “skiwis”. This being a ski club trip, some felt compelled to ski here, including **Denise**, on her first SCSC ski trip. While many opted for other activities, **Carmen** and **Tor** skied 4 days. Twenty skied *Cardrona* the first day, the largest group all

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### We need your enthusiasm and experience!

Stop by the Nominating Committee table at the monthly meeting, or call/e-mail one of us to discuss and learn more about the offices. Volunteer yourself, or let us know someone you think would make a great officer for SCSC. Better yet, fill out the Application Form in this issue of the Sitzmarke. Either way, let us hear from you!

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## September Meeting Moments *(more on pg. 15)*





week. Although close to Queenstown, the drive up the mountain required chains. Also in the area: **Treble Cone**, known as the “Jackson Hole” of the Pacific; **The Remarkables**; and **Coronet Peak**, which locals call “Concrete Peak” due to the hard packed snow. Overall, the snow and weather were ideal ski conditions.

**ADRENALINE SPORTS** – Some chose thrilling activities, such as the **Jet Shotover**, a high-speed jet boat ride through narrow canyons on the Shotover River. **Penny, Kelsey, and Kelly** took the plunge, fearlessly **Bungy Jumping** head first, and down 129 feet, off of the Kawarau Bridge, while a large cheering squad watched. Eleven chose an incredible combination of a 12-minute **Helicopter Ride**, across barren land and vineyards, to snow-peaked mountains, where they outfitted in red coveralls for **Snowmobiles**, crossing pristine fields of snow under a blue sky.

In Queenstown, a **Gondola Ride** rose to a scenic overlook at the Skyline Restaurant, high above the city, where we had our final night’s group dinner. You could also take a chair lift above the Gondola to the **Luge Ride**, for a choice of “scenic” or “fast-paced” tracks. Or, like **Bob and Ellen** you could hike from the restaurant to the **Tandem Paraglide**: a steep 20-minute hike, a quick explanation, and the guide and customer literally run and jump off a “perfectly good mountain”. The paragliders float with the wind, spinning slowly downward to a gentle landing.

**DART RIVER** - On a perfectly grand day with puffy clouds, bright sun, and moderate temperatures, fourteen took a scenic excursion by bus along Lake Wakatipu, and through the area where much of **the LORD OF THE RINGS** was filmed, arriving at Glenorchy. The Dart River Valley was especially

magical and majestic and included a hike through a wondrously primeval beech forest. The group then divided into two boats for a fast-paced ride down the Dart River. **David** kept his signature cowboy hat on even as he won “Wettest with Clothes On Award”. The boat driver swamped him during the many “360” spins with the boats.

**HIKING** - Swinging bridges, deep in an enchanted forest, highlighted the **Routeburn Track**, one of the world’s outstanding treks. Tiny dripping rivulets

squeezed through spongy stone, covered with all manner of moss, fungus, and lichens. Monstrous green rocks peopled the sun-rayed glades. In awe were the four small transient humans, **Suzanne, John, Carol and Eric**, who were privileged with brief membership in this land of wonder.


**SAFARI OF THE RING** - **Gloria, Carol, and Eric** took a tour to Middle Earth, enjoying high tea at Lothlorien, the Misty Mountains, Isengard, even braving the road to Mordor, but wisely turning back before approaching Mount Doom. **Gloria** became especially popular with super-guide Del when she characterized a kiwi as ‘about the size of a turkey’ and referred to kiwis as ‘critters’ ... seems these terms are considered less than complimentary in kiwi-ese! Gloria’s enjoyment of this tour was all the more notable in that she was the only person ever to take this tour WHO HADN’T SEEN THE MOVIE!

**MILFORD SOUND** – Twenty-two ventured on a day trip to Milford Sound. The tour crossed diverse landscapes from golden fields, tropical rain forest, towering granite peaks, beautiful waterfalls and incredible water. The day featured Mirror Lake, a hike through the woods, waterfall at the Chasm, driving through Homer Tunnel, and a spectacular cruise through Milford Sound, turning back at the Tasman Sea. The scenery of towering mountain peaks with beautiful waterfalls was magnificent. Playful dolphins accompanied the boat’s return to port. During the cruise, **Steven** accepted an additional job as translator for a Chinese tourist group.

**WINE TASTING** - The conclusion of sixteen that enjoyed the wine-tasting tour of famous vineyards was, “*The decibel level increases proportionally with the amount of wine intake, and inversely proportional to tour guide storytelling.*” Early in the day, the group boarded a bus in orderly fashion, obediently listened




SCSC Activity



## HOLIDAY GALA

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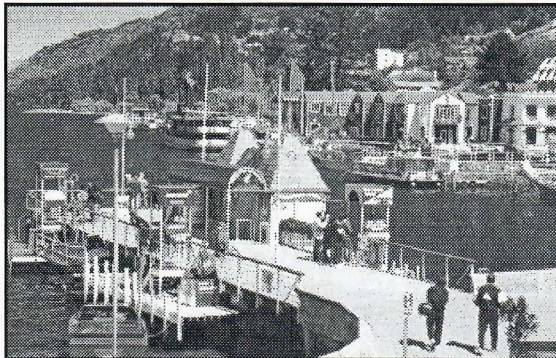


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to the tour guide, but after sampling eight wines at two vineyards, they became quite animated! After lunch and the third vineyard, the guides lost control of the group, many creating “mutiny” wanting to shop in Arrowtown, so the guides gave up and told the group to return to the bus in one hour. **Thuy** summarized, “A wonderful day was owed all to those “little grapes”.

**TSS EARNSLAW** – Several groups boarded the *TSS Earnslaw* (named after the highest peak in the region), for a boat ride across Lake Wakatipu. At Walter Peak High Country Farm, a gourmet evening buffet was served prior to a sheep-shearing demonstration by a Kiwi local, and a sing-along session on the return boat ride.

**DUNEDIN** –Six stalwart adventurers followed **David** on a trek to the city of *Dunedin* on the East Coast, and to *Otago Peninsula*. Two carloads hired Arthur, a jolly Scottish tour guide, for a city tour, including the historical Railroad Station, Baldwin Street (the steepest street in the world), plus the spectacular harbor view from Tower Mountain. Otago Peninsula provided getting close to fur seals and the yellow-eyed penguin, an endangered species, as they popped out of the sea. On the drive back to Queenstown, the group searched for quaint New Zealand cuisine in Alexander at 9:00 pm. Unfortunately, the only restaurant open was a KFC!

**BUDDY AWARDS** – Each of us was assigned a person to whom we would present an award at the last evening’s group dinner. One which brought laughter was **Thuy’s** award to **Ross**. “Ross brought numerous “super-size” bags filled with audio/video equipment. He has state-of-the-art underwater photography equipment for diving, numerous digital cameras and tiny Sony camcorders for land purposes, which he downloads every night onto his laptop. He even brought his HAM radio

to communicate to home, like E.T. **Thuy** and others developed a condition, AVEE (Audio/Video Equipment Envy).” For his award, she bought him something he would never buy..... a disposable camera.

**Nora** received the “Hard Luck Award”, as she was sick several days in Queenstown and missed activities. **Patti** gave her several souvenirs collected on tours she called, “A Trip in a Bag.”


#### SIGHT-SEEING IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

On August 10, twenty boarded the plane to return to Houston, while twelve ventured to Sydney, Australia. The first night **David**, **Concietta**, **Penny**, **Alice**, and **Dale** traveled to at the top of the AMP Tower (1,000ft) to experience the *Skytour* journey through Australian landscapes. The attraction uses technology to showcase the different areas of Australia with the movement of a roller coaster ride.

The entire group enjoyed a city sightseeing tour, a buffet luncheon while cruising Sydney Harbour on the *Captain Cook Tour Boat*. During the Sydney visit, some explored the restaurants in Chinatown and some toured the *Darling Harbour* area. **Kelsey**, **Kelly**, **Deborah** and **Rita** went to the *Tanonga Zoo*, saw kangaroos, an emu chased them, and enjoyed seeing native creatures. **Diane**, **Ross**, **Alice** and **Penny** made the 3-hour Bridge Climb to the top of *Sydney Harbour Bridge*, for a breathtaking view.

The final day’s highlight was the *Opera House*. Some took a day tour, while others attended the evening opera. In a city of 4 million there is so much to see and do – the group agreed they needed more time. However, after seeing three different countries in 3 weeks, on August 14, the last twelve people had to return to “normal lives.”





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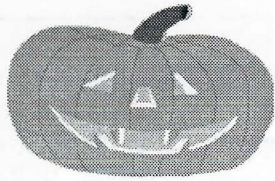
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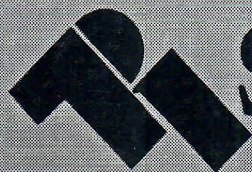
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"The only persons eligible to hold office shall be members in good standing as of the date of the Annual Meeting, and who were active members in the preceding membership year. The Nominee for President shall have been, or shall currently be, an elective officer of Space City Ski Club who has served a minimum six months term of office at time of nomination as President."

This includes **YOU** ! If you have always wondered why SCSC does things the way it does or that maybe, just maybe, **YOU** could do it better, **NOW** is your chance to make a significant contribution to **YOUR** club. The following briefly describes the basic responsibilities of each office:

<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	principle executive officer of the club
<b>VP- PROGRAMS:</b>	coordinates all club programs and non-ski activities
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*All officers are allowed volunteers for assistance!*

If you are serious about becoming involved in club management and policymaking, ask yourself:

- \* Am I self motivated?
- \* Am I enthusiastic about the club and the office?
- \* Do I feel I have the ability to motivate and coordinate others toward a common goal?
- \* Do I have any experience I can offer the club?
- \* Am I willing (and able) for a two-year commitment (1) Officer, (2) Board of Directors?
- \* Am I willing (and able) to devote twenty plus hours a month to being an officer?

If you feel you can honestly answer **yes** to these questions, then **you** are officer material. Now is your opportunity to really make a difference for **your** club!

#### Nominating Committee

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