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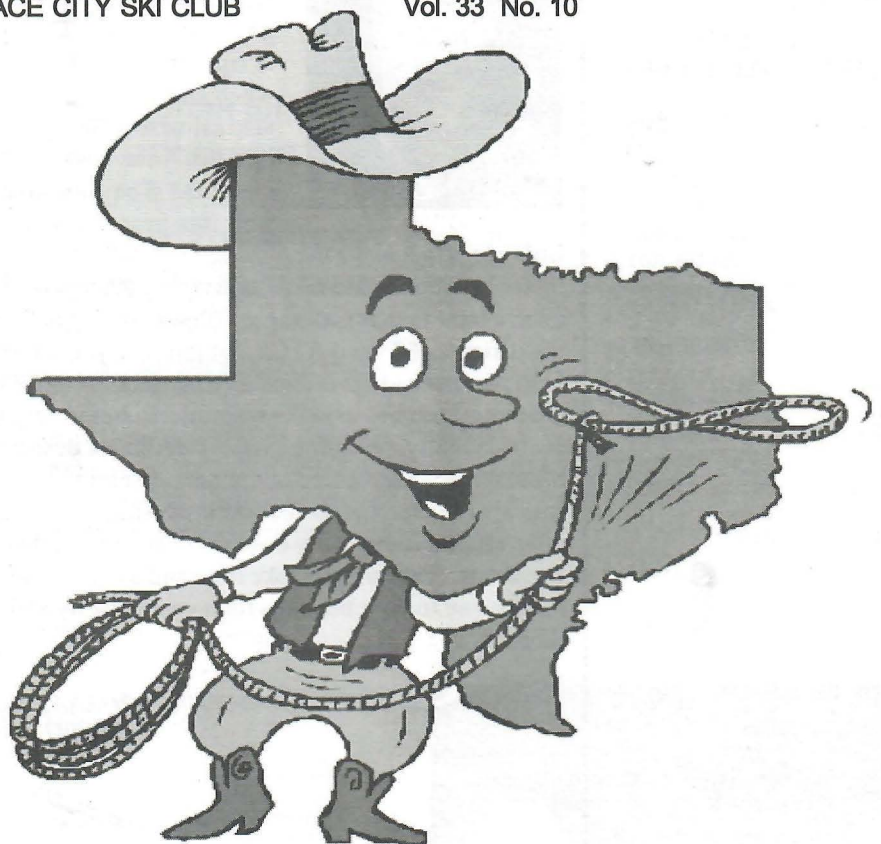
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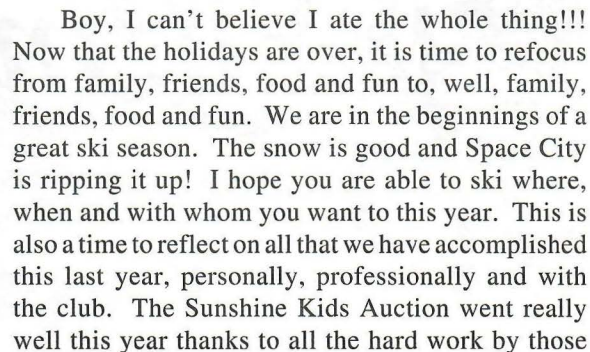
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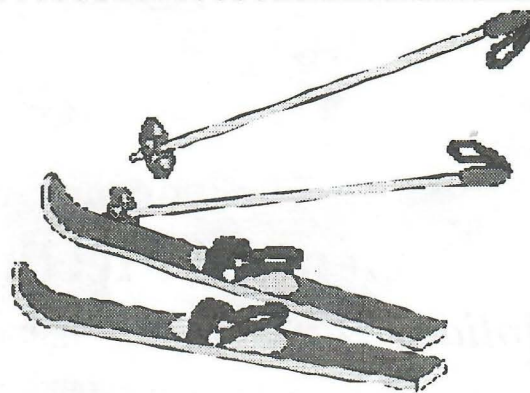
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by Stacey Ronczy



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SCSC Activity

Grand Canyon River Rafting

July 30 to August 5, 2001

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SCSC Activity

Happy Hour

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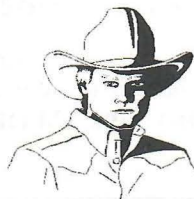
February 22, 2001
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
(713) 306-1952

SCSC Activity

Country & Western Dance Night

at the Wild, Wild West, C&W Dance Bar
February 23, 2001
\$5.00

Final Payment: February 13, 2001
Tom Hogle
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SCSC Activity

Fredricksburg Weekend Outing

Car pool to the Fredricksburg Inn
during the Wine & Wildflower Festival.
April 20-22, 2001
\$110.00

Final Payment: March 12, 2001
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The Woodlands, TX 77381
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CALENDAR

February						
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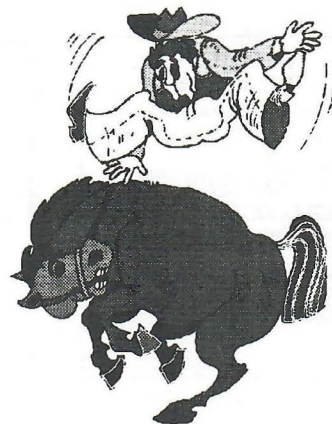
February

- 27-3 Cortina, Italy
- 3-10 Whistler, Canada
- 10-17 Mt. Bachelor
- 12 General Meeting
- 16 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo
- 22 Happy Hour-Blink
- 23 Country Western Dance
- 24 Predict Your Time 3 Mile Fun Run
- 24-3 Sugarbush

March						
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March

- 1-3 Sugarbush
- 10-17 Vail
- 12 General Meeting
- 22 Happy Hour-The Gatsby
- 18-24 Heavenly
- 25-31 Big Mountain





Hello fellow Space City Ski Club Members. Whew! This ski season is passing by quickly! By the time you read this article, six trips will have left and five of them are already back in Houston sharing their experiences on the ski slopes. It just doesn't seem possible that we only have six more departures scheduled for this ski season.

Mt. Bachelor, the TSC Winter Shootout, is scheduled to leave February 10th and I personally am looking forward to this ski vacation. Mt. Bachelor promises to be a challenging mountain and a great week with all of us Texans from the ski clubs across the state. Phillip Vice and Lori Gilliland have done an excellent job handling all of the details to make this a great trip.

There is still time to sign up for Sugarbush which leaves February 24th and don't forget about Big Mountain. Big Mountain is scheduled to leave March 24th. Both of these destinations promise great skiing and plenty of fun. The Trip Coordinators have worked extra hard to provide you with a premier vacation. Don't disappoint them; inquire about these trips and SIGN UP NOW!

We haven't even finished this year's ski season and we are already thinking ahead to next year's season. Very soon (I know it doesn't seem possible), we will be in search of interested parties to volunteer to be a Trip Coordinator or Assistant Trip Coordinator for next year's trips. If any of you are even remotely interested in volunteering, please give me a call and I can give you details of what is involved. Running a ski trip for this great club of ours is a very rewarding experience. Those of you who have reaped the benefits of the hard work of our trip volunteers in the past, it is time for you to step up and volunteer. Volunteering will provide you with an appreciation of what all is involved in running a ski trip that you could never imagine. It is also a great way to meet new people and implement ideas that you have to benefit our club. Running a ski trip, volunteering as a Director of Trips and then V.P. of Trips has been very rewarding experiences for me. Experiences that I'm glad I did not miss!

Happy Skiing!

Members: Be Considerate



When inquiring about trips or activities, please be considerate when contacting the TCs, ATCs or ACs. Volunteers give their phone numbers to the membership to aid in the promotion of the function, but **NO PHONE CALLS SHOULD BE MADE BEFORE 8:00 AM OR AFTER 10PM!** Also, if you call a work number, be respectful of their work time.

Remember - for the latest ski club information, membership inquiries, and activities - call the

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Space City Ski Club 2000-2001 Trip Schedule

Trip Dates	Nights / Ski Days	Trip Destination	Cost (See Notes)	Final Payment	Lodging	No. Skiers	Status Wait List	TC/ATC (DOT)	Home Phone
Nov 21-26, 2000 (Tuc.-Sun.)	5/4	KEYSTONE Colorado (TSC Fall Roundup) Family Optional	\$675 C\$404 L\$342	9/11/00	Condos	21	21	Peggy Montgomery (RJH)	281-437-5437
Jan 6-13, 2001 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	JACKSON HOLE Wyoming	\$837 L\$507	10/1/00	Condos	34 L-6	34/L6	Judy Katany Sue Bohnert (RJH)	713-864-7531 713-467-5027
Jan 13-20, 2001 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	STEAMBOAT I Colorado (TSC Traditional)	\$799 L\$447	11/6/00	Condos	53 L-11	53/L11	J.R. Ronczy Carol Cain (PGM)	713-861-6470 713-665-8121
Jan. 16-21, 2001 (Tues-Sun.)	5/4	STEAMBOAT II Colorado (TSC Traditional)	\$753 L\$344	11/6/00	Condos	31 L-5	31/L5	Marsha Lutz Sandra Perry (PGM)	281-870-9724 281-488-1033
Jan 27-Feb 4, 2001 (Sat-Sun)	7/5	CORTINA Italy (TSC Expedition)	\$1339	10/9/00	Hotel	60	60	Sean O'Brien Barbara Brescian (PGM)	713-787-9762 281-242-7908
Feb 3-10, 2001 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	WHISTLER Canada	\$923	11/13/00	Condos	60	60	Roger Sahni Mary Ann Soto (RJH)	281-493-4414 281-679-5686
Feb 10-17, 2001 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	MT. BACHELOR Oregon (TSC Winter Shootout)	\$888 L\$520	11/14/00	Condos	41 L-3	41/L3	Phillip Vice Lori Gilliland (PGM)	281-208-8458 281-493-3060
Feb 24-Mar 3, 2001 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	SUGARBUSH Vermont	\$837 L\$419	12/11/00	Condos	32 L-2	15/L2	Karla Darden David George (RJH)	936-851-2829 281-320-2859
Mar 10-17, 2001 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	VAIL Colorado	\$999 L\$641	12/21/00	Condos	52 L-10	52/L10 (7)	Jessica Halter Linda Beebe (PGM)	281-364-9972 713-520-9850
Mar 17-24, 2001 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	HEAVENLY Nevada (TSC Final Showdown)	\$740 L\$353	12/21/00	Hotel	64 L-10	64/L10 (L 1)	Curt Frisby Christine March (RJH)	713-807-0102 281-491-1129
Mar 24-31, 2001 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	BIG MOUNTAIN Montana	\$796 L\$387	12/11/00	Hotel	42 L-4	22/L2	Jeff Eastham Kimberly Smith (PGM)	281-261-1180 713-690-6753
Mar 31-Apr 5 (Sat-Thurs)	5/4	PANORAMA Canada	\$677	1/8/01	Condos	32	32 (8)	Christie Burke Joanne Fore (PGM)	713-465-5644 713-723-4707

** Notes: L=Land Package-excludes air; certain trips excludes ground transportation C=child Call TC about Child prices on Keystone trip.

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V. P. Programs

by Joe Walker and Diane Stotz



It's ski time, the activity we all love so much. There are still a few places left on some of the trips, so if you haven't planned a ski trip and have the time, we have the solution. If not, come join us in the kind of fun we have been having all year. And we have been having a lot! If you are new to the ski club and don't know quite the best way to get the most out of the club, give me a call. If I am not skiing, I'll quickly lead you down the road of making the most of your membership. Space City Ski Club is not just about skiing. It's about belonging to a social organization whose focus is skiing and having fun when they are not skiing. The best ski experience is with friends. True friends find ways to enjoy each other's company all year long. The more friends you have in the ski club, the more enjoyable your ski vacations will be. Come to the meetings and make some friends. Sign up for some activities

and make some more. Sign up for the follies and have an experience you will never forget.

YE HA!

It's time to rodeo! This month is a celebration of skiing out west and rodeoing at home! Come to the meeting to see some special fun (we're gonna have a rodeo show) and sign up to join Space City for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Speaking of Fun, it is now time to sign up for the follies. Call Peggy Montgomery and have a blast. Upcoming activities in the making. Darts, Golf, Blues Night, Something that includes Wine, Something that includes food. Give us a call and help run an activity.

Joe and Diane

SCSC Activity

The Follies Needs YOU!

This year's follies version of "Rocky Mountain Picture Show" is now underway. We need actors, actresses, dancers, singers, stage hands, prop builders, lighting installers, you name it. No talent required!! (We'll find the talent hidden within) Contact the Director, Peggy Montgomery at 281 437 5467. This promises to be the best follies ever.

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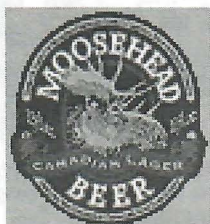
Space City needs volunteers to plan and run various activities in the upcoming year.

If you have an activity that you would like to run,

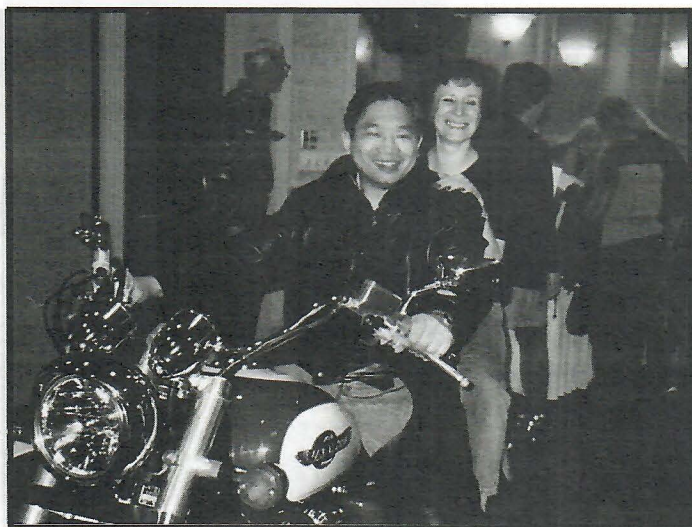
Joe Walker (281-489-0379 or joewalk@hal-pc.org)

or **Diane Stotz** (713-862-9486 or diane.stotz@ey.com)

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Activity Coordinator</i>	<i>Activity Date</i>	<i>Final Payment Date</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Livestock Show	Mary Kay Kitchens 281-558-9736	February 16, 2001	February 12, 2001	\$ 13.00
Country & Western Dance	Tom Hogle 713-789-9194	February 23, 2001	February 13, 2001	\$5.00
3 Mile Timed Run	Arlen Isham 713-455-4858	February 24, 2001	February 12, 2001	\$ 7.00
Fredricksburg Weekend Outing	Cheryl Kenny 281-367-1778	April 20, 2001	March 12, 2001	\$110.00
Grand Canyon Raft Trip	Diane McKenzie 281-471-5291	July 8-15, 2001	February 12, 2001	\$1835.00



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As we become older and wiser we learn that the world is indeed a small place. I left the country before Christmas, but made it back in time for New Year's Eve. Since I usually spend the holidays with my family, I headed to Luckenbach, Texas to visit my sister and have a belated Christmas with my nephews and nieces. We sat around the campfire, barbecued a goat, and listened to great music being played by the local talent (they will provide the songs and guitar if you provide the beer) when the question came up "what have you been doing recently?" I answered that I had been working to help organize the ski club's Sunshine Kids auction, which turned out to be a big success and a lot of fun.

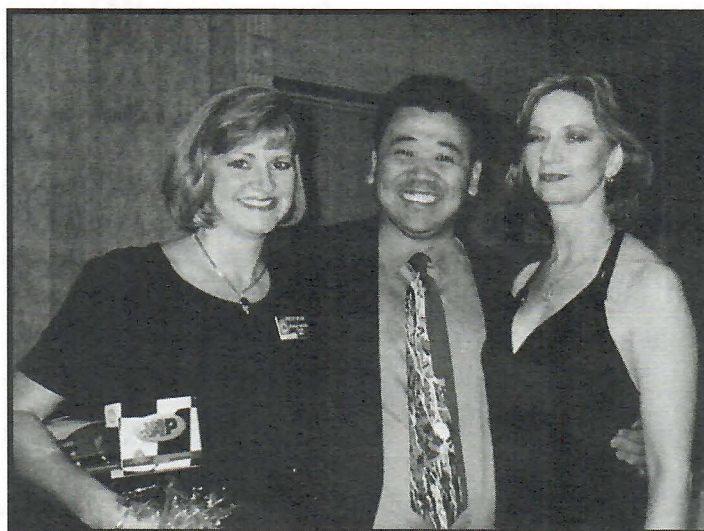
A few ears perked up. Someone said "Doesn't Sharon have something to do with Sunshine Kids?" My sister spoke up, "Yeah, Sharon's done a lot of stuff with the Sunshine


Kids. She went with them to California, and other places. The Sunshine Kids organization paid her way. She talks about it all the time down at the Lukenbach dance hall.

I thought, "What a strange coincidence to find someone who is associated with the Sunshine Kids who lives this far from civilization." The conversation went on describing how full of life Sharon is and how nothing stops her from doing anything she wants to do, including dancing, climbing trees, or playing with her children. They went on to describe what a great personality she had and how she always laughs constantly.

These comments went on and on. I still didn't understand until someone commented. "I just don't see how she gets around so well on one leg." I asked, "What happened to her leg? Was she in an accident?" I got the reply, "No, she lost it to bone cancer while she was very young." Then the light bulb came on. Sharon, now in her twenties, was a Sunshine Kid and won the fight against cancer.


Every year the ski club helps out with different charities. As I look back in time, all of the organizations I have belonged to tried to do something for the community. The focus of the December meeting has been an auction to benefit the Sunshine Kids for six years now. Many people donate their time and money to provide the auction with items. Many more come to the meeting to bid on these items.





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Sunshine Kids - cont.

It takes both to make the auction a success. Also, every year, some members step forward to provide special help, either in time, money, or resources. I don't want to minimize the contributions of anyone; it takes a huge group effort to make an event such as this work. However, there were quite a few who stepped forward this year to do more than their share.

Susan Blome brought so many items to the auction, we ran out of forms.

Sara Brown, Joe Kopenski, Gene Soo, Bob Horan, Linda Beebe, and Jessica Halter had the guts and nerve to allow them to be auctioned off for dates. Some were in the silent auction and some in the live auction so bidders could be silent or vocal as they chose (we didn't know what would work best!). The result was fun and a large sum was raised.

Special thanks to Gene Soo and Steven Teoh for their generosity in bidding on the items.

Jeri Hartman and Elyse Turla for the donation of a Cajun Dinner.

The Sunshine Kids BBQ group Jim and Sue Edwards, Ted and Debbie Bergeron, Charles and Gary Butler, and Lisa Smith.

And a special thanks to Cheryl

Kenny. Not only did she work on the Sunshine Kids committee, she made items for the auction and donated the gourmet brunch. Talk about stepping up to the plate! She also bid high on the Blue Face Peel even though she is the last person in the world to need it.

And of course, special thanks to all the members and non-members who contributed to making the auction a Success. Let us not forget, the auction is not about us, it is about the Sunshine Kids. Last year about \$7500 was raised at the auction. This year we raised about \$7600 and another \$600 in cash donations in memory of Frank Reisenberg, a great guy, and active ski

club member who recently died of cancer. We'll miss you Frank.

Joe Walker Chairman
2000 Sunshine Kids Committee

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Bariloche, Argentina

by Larry Christie



Buuuurrriiloche—News sources report the arrival of 49 “Space C” skiers in Bariloche, Argentina. There were high spirits as the landing party delighted in wearing sweaters, boots and gloves in the cold August winter.

The Saturday finally arrived for the departure of long awaited South American Expedition. “Space” joined Dallas and Austin skiers in Miami for the trip to Bariloche.

The party started upon arrival at Bariloche hotel. Ski passes and travel plans were confirmed on the “what did I buy, when do I fly” program from TC Deborah Christie, while sampling wine and enjoying snacks and sandwiches. Coach Larry Christie documented the event with his digital camera.

The skiers found some challenging terrain in the Cerro Cathedral area early the next day. It seems the visibility was “limited” for the first 3 days. Kathy Young and Dennis Stockton reported that they were able to determine proximity to the top of the lift by watching for the strobe positioned at the top of the chair. There were conflicting reports on the purpose of the lollipop trail marker colors.

Dawn and Ron Rodriguez, KJ Oldroyd, Rosemarie DiMarco, Fritz Kronberger, Maria Tramontin and Chris Urbanczyk skied as much as possible, enjoying the opportunity to ski the Andes. Karin and Kurt Schidlowski admitted to a day of wild skiing (Karin confided they were *wild*, not good skiers). Roger Holzman was accused on navigating the mountain by following blondes down the hill.

Good things happened for those that who waited. The fog cleared on the fourth day and skiers were treated to spectacular views with blue skies and a light powder snow covering. Hardworking TC Deborah Christie found an opportunity to relax at a champagne lunch on top of the mountain and spotted condors flying below.

Bariloche has many fun activities for the group. Liz Scarborough and Nelson Messenger managed a cross-country skiing day. Phil and Mary Endacott scouted a local brewery one afternoon. Bob Gottlieb found a ranch and spent a day horseback riding in the countryside.

Lake Tours aboard ferryboats were popular day excursions. Ann McIntyre, Diane McKenzie, Mary Ann Harrell, Joe Walker, David George, Wayne Kanek, Carol Buck and Joe Daleo were among those who journeyed to Victoria Island and hiked through “Bambi-Land” in the Arrayannes Forest. Christie Burke, Jim McLaughlin, Lynda Henry and Diane McKenzie took in another Lake adventure touring Lago Fria, and spotted a wild boar.

Ann Odegard, Carolyn McGinnis, and Manolo Valle joined many others visiting Mt. Tronodor, a wonderful rumbling glacier. This group enjoyed a full day of *possibilities*: lunch, hiking, waterfalls and restroom, too.

Wednesday night we bid Hans Nadig, Brigitte Litz, Martha and Helmut Zenger, Carol and Eric Timmerick, Teresa Morris, Leigh Leathers, Liz Scarborough, Nelson Messenger, and the Schidlowski’s an adios party before their Lake Crossing trip to Chile.

The Lake Crossing gave the twelve travelers a 4-night tour over land and water on a journey to Chile. The many amazing scenes along the bus-boat-air trip that ended each night in a 4-star hotel awed them.

Meanwhile, the remaining Space group flew to the next stop, Buenos Aires.

The “Lakers” rejoined the SCSC group in Buenos Aires after their two-night visit in Santiago.

Hello Senor Tango! The tango dinner show was the talk and dance of the day. Deborah Christie represented the group admirably by dancing with the handsome tanqueros.

Julia Ostistaya and Dawn and Ron Rodriguez spent an evening at the Teatro Colon, taking in an opera. Sandra McCunis, Jose Araujo, Caroline Grunewald, Gai-Lynn Marshall, Luis Torres, and Roger Holzman danced the night away in a town that begins partying at midnight.

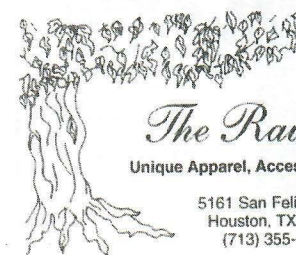
The group wound down activities (the Estancia and City Tours) with a final party at the hotel. David George and Wayne Kanek caught a ferry over to Colonia, Uruguay and spent the day touring (and they were able to visit Paraguay before leaving Iguazu Falls).

While Monday found the Iguazu Falls post trip group on their way and the Houston bound group doing last minute shopping, Susan and Frank Stanley enjoyed one of the best city views in town – relaxing poolside on the 23rd Floor of the hotel.

Deborah Christie continued with the adventures and found the Iquazu Falls – awesome. Everyone was so pleased and impressed with the massive falls surrounding us at all times. Everyone has a memorable moment.

After the Falls, about half of the group returned to Houston, while Deborah and many of the die-hards flew to Santiago for a couple more ski days. The city is wonderful to tour, but the 60+ switchbacks to the ski slope is a view of a lifetime. Santiago’s influence with the ocean and the Easter Islands gave some interesting choices other than Argentina beef.

After Santiago, half did a Rio weekend, while Deborah, worn out, took the others home.



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NOMINATIONS FOR 2001-2002 OFFICERS

Our nominating committee has been working hard to select a good slate of candidates for next year's officer positions. After much consideration, we propose the following slate of members as our nominees for SCSC's 2001-2002 officers:

PRESIDENT.....JOHN RICE
VP OF PROGRAMS.....JERRY SADLER
VP OF TRIPS.....PATTI MAUDSLAY
VP OF MEMBERSHIP.....SHARON SMITH
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TREASURER.....SEAN O BRIEN

Finding members who are willing and able to manage a large volunteer organization is not an easy task. The nominating committee actively recruited potentially qualified members to become officers. Some of the criteria we looked for included:

- Time available
- Business experience
- Previous contributions to the club
- Creativity
- Enthusiasm
- Accessibility (located in Houston area)
- Stability (risk of relocation)
- Ability to be a team player
- Other relevant volunteer experience outside SCSC

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Our committee believes that the above slate represents a team of talented individuals who will work well together to the benefit SCSC. Many thanks to all those who volunteered to be officers. The slate will be presented at the February General Meeting at which time nominations may be made from the floor (with the consent of the nominee) per By-law 4.5, found in your SCSC directory. Elections will be held at the March General Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

2001-2002 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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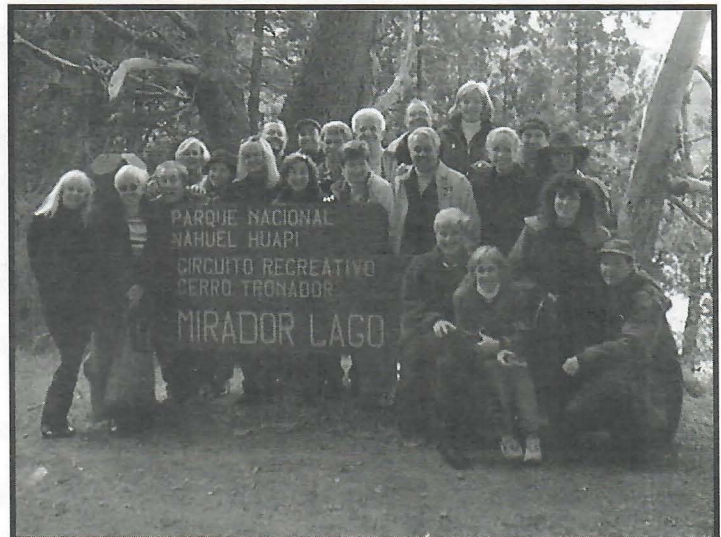
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SCSC Activity

3 Mile Timed Run/Walk

February 24th

\$7

Final Payment

February 12th

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SCSC Activity

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February 16th

\$13

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February 16th

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