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# **Head of the Liftline**

by Stacey Ronczy



Wow, a whole new year of awesome ski trips and fantastic people! By the time you read this article, the Texas Ski Council Bid Meeting in San Antonio will be a fond memory and your VP of Trips – Jane Orr, DOTS – Patti Maudsley and Roger Holzman, are hard at work finding TCs and ATCs, and together they will be fine tuning the details of your next ski trip.

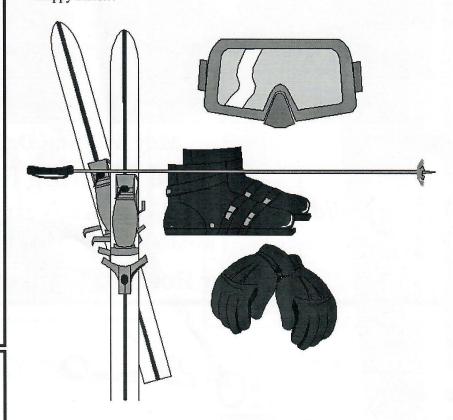
It is amazing how time flies. Someone asked me the other day how long had I been in the club and I said "not long". Then I started counting the years and realized it was just shy of a decade! I have volunteered

to help on trips, been an assistant trip leader, lead a trip, planned programs and now you have given me another opportunity to sharpen my leadership, event coordination, marketing, and people skills. I know that I am up to the task and look forward to learning new lessons and gathering valuable experience as President.

I can honestly tell you that if you volunteer to help out, perhaps for the VP of Membership – Mike Montgomery, by checking in people at a meeting, orienting new members, or just watching the door, that you will enjoy yourself. You will get to meet new people and try your hand at the art of small talk. You may even learn something new about someone you already know. But if you never do it, you will be missing out on something special.

Well, my space is about up here and to set the tone for the coming year, I challenge you to try something new...volunteer.

Happy trails...



**Sad Note:** E. J. Boudreaux passed away on March 21st. E.J. was a long time member and will be missed.

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Hello SCSCers! I want to thank all of you for your support and confidence electing me as your Vice President of Trips this year. I also want you to welcome your Directors of Trips (DOTS), Patti Maudslay and Roger Holzman. I just know that they will do a fantastic job for you this year.

While you were applying that summer coat of wax on your skis, the 2000-01 ski season planning started full speed. First, about 14 members and officers very graciously donated an evening of their time to review bids prior to the TSC (Texas Ski Council) bid review meeting. This helped prepare us in advance of the presentations so we knew what questions to ask and have a little idea of where you would like to see the council ski this year. Thank you for all of your time and hard work.

Next, about 50 members and officers attended the annual TSC bid meeting in San Antonio over the weekend of April 14<sup>th</sup>. We had a great time hearing the representatives from approximately sixteen ski areas present all the reasons why the TSC should sponsor a trip to their resort. Thanks to all of you who

were able to attend and provide input on where we should ski this year. There were a lot of super destinations that were not selected as one of the five council trips but, you will still have an opportunity to ski a few of these areas on a Space City ski trip.

I have also been busy searching for volunteers to lead a trip or assist leading a trip. Working to plan a ski trip is fun and a great way to meet new people. If you are interested, please call me as soon as possible.

With the assistance of my efficient and creative DOTS, I will be working over the next few months to finalize the 2000-2001 ski season trip schedule to be published in August.

Some of the destinations under consideration are Whistler, Montana, Sugarbush and Jackson Hole. While we are busy planning your wintertime ski vacations, you have a fabulous summer!

### P.S.: I almost forgot———

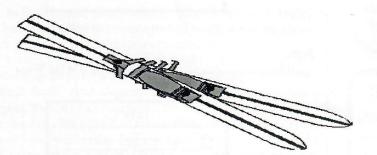
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# Space City Ski Club 1999 / 2000 Trip Schedule (as of 4/14/2000)

Trip Dates	Nights/ Ski Days	Trip Destination	Cost (See Notes)	Final Paymen t	Lodging	No. Skiers	Status/ Wait List	TC/ATC (DOT)	Home Phone
Aug 19-29, 2000 (Sat-Tues)	7/6	BARILOCHE Argentina South America	\$1949.	4/1/00	Pan Americano Hotel	32 (42)	32 WL 16	Deborah Christie Lynda Henry (ARI)	713-802-9801 713-956-0853

<sup>\*\*</sup> Notes: L=Land Package-excludes <u>AIR ONLY</u> and is available only on selected trips C=child Call TC about Child prices on Snowbird trip. Only six land packages are available on Sun Valley trip. Number in () is possible trip participant expansion size

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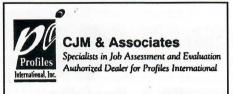
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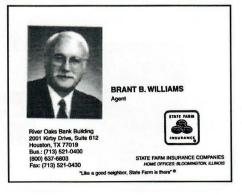
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V. P. Programs

by Joe Walker

Kick the tires and light the fires, Space City Activities are about to blast off into the new year with a bang. Diane and I are going to apply the "best of the best" approach by creating new events and doing the things which have been enjoyed in years past. Don't be afraid to suggest events and be even less afraid to offer help. You can look forward to the meetings next year being a lot of fun and having something interesting to do or sign up for as well. You won't want to miss a single meeting.

The following are proposed summer events. Many of them should be ready for sign up by the time you read this article.

Bowling - AC Nancy Sarff
Windsurfing - AC open
Lazer Tag - Steve Amy
Weekend river raft - Gene Soo
Wine Tour and Weekend in Fredricksburg - Steve Kenny
Miller Outdoor Theater - Nora Montgomery
Tour of new stadium and baseball game - AC Open
Wine Tasting - AC open
Bicycle tour of Brazos Bend State Park - AC Open

Early Fall events

Beach Bash - AC Open
Road Rally - AC Julie Davis Raley
Wurstfest and river rafting - Mike Dawson

It is important that we generate excitement early and keep the momentum up next year so We have planned the following themes for the Fall SCSC meetings.

Sept. Sock Hop If you have to hear about the fun after the fact, you'll be sorry. Be prepared to party and kiss boring meetings goodby.

Oct. Fall Carnival This meeting will have booths set up with bobbing for apples, kisses, pin the tail on the Clinton, throw darts at the Newt, etc. A very small donation will be requested for each event with the proceeds going to the Sunshine Kids.

Nov. Swap Meet and Style Show A short "No Style Show" will be added for entertainment purposes. Be prepared to laugh. Dec. Sunshine Kids Auction The live auction will be moved up since many of the people left early last year. Bring your heart and your checkbook. You'll feel good about it. Offer to help the Sunshine Committee before hand and feel even better.

Call Diane or I if you have any questions or if you would be interested in helping with an activity.

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**SCSC** Activity

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Vail | By Mary Kay Kitchens

In the wee hours of Saturday morning, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 61 bright and shining faces showed up at Bush Intercontinental airport to change from a Vail Wannabe to a Vail Been There Done That had a GREAT Time and Would Do It Again. The flight to Denver was uneventful, thank goodness. It was a sunny day in Denver as we quickly loaded the buses so we could start to party. The news of snow in the mountains excited us as skiers but did create a slow ride to Vail as our skillful bus driver passed cars and trucks that had skidded off the road. Carolyn Gruenwald met us at Vail International, as she had been fortunate enough to ski the week before.

That evening we kicked off the trip with a wine and cheese party, along with some great clam dip made by TC Tom Hogle.

The next day we woke to sunny skies with lots of new powder, rumored between 6 and 9 inches. After a quick breakfast in Tom's condo and eager to get going we headed out to catch the shuttle over to Beaver Creek. On one of the first buses were Dennis Stockton, Kathy Young, Bill Simmons, Mary Kay Kitchens, Keith Kirkman, Heidi and Bill Hughes, Sherry Metcalf and Rosemary Yates, later known as the Blue Blob. Bill Hughes and Sherry Metcalf headed out for lessons while the rest of us set out to catch the rays and powder. It was a day skier's dream of with fresh powder and sun. A pizza party at Simba run with the gang from Vail II followed happy hour at Coyote Jack's.

Monday was our first ski day at Vail and again what a day. Not quite as sunny as Sunday, but there was fresh powder everywhere. Glen Jennings, Carrie Burns and Mike Willis were spotted zooming down some slopes. Dale Allbriton and Alice Luna were seen skiing together, every minute of everyday! We had some novice skiers on the trip as was noted when Rosemary Yates asked, "What's a gondola?" The Blue Blob went from that statement to skiing some bumpy black diamond by mid week. Happy hour at Trails End was filled with SCSCer's trying out "shotskies". I doubt "shotskies" had anything to do with the table dancing that followed or the snow angels created on the way home by Linda Licarione, Debbie Warren, and Linda Guice!

Wednesday morning came a day early for Janet Schafer who had promised to make spoon bread for everyone. She couldn't figure out why no one was showing up until she was informed it was only Tuesday morning. Rick Jaeger, Linda Walden, Jim Steele, and Patti Richards enjoyed Janet's breakfast as did Steve Amy and Sue Salvage who set the dress code for breakfast by showing up in her robe, slippers and FUR COAT.

Tuesday night was truly a night to remember as both Vail I and Vail II went to The Club to hear Steve Meyer. Always the quiet group SCSC took over the club. The table of Sherry Metcalf, Rosemary Yates, Bob Rexford, and some Vail II people won the first round of shots for their audience participation. Janet McKenzie, Gayle Brandt, Manolo Valle, and Janet Pickell seemed to be having a good time. Harry Gaston danced with any one he could grab. Margaret Johnson made her stage debut with Steve Meyer. The Library Bitches/Babes (Marsha Lutz, Barb Erlich, Elyse Turla, and Kim Paige) ruled during the" Wild Thing" contest beating out the "Virgins and Turbo Tips form Florida. Elyse Turla kept a "hard body and hottie alert" for all

those who were interested. Milton Lazarone and Janice Kohler seemed to be having their own private party. Don't deny it, we've got the pictures! Steve Amy was seen collecting dollars in his britches as he stripped with the Chipendale Dancers. Just how much did you collect Steve? There were rumors of some guys making 3 hour offers to the SCSC gals! Don't know if anyone accepted. Kim Paige thought Steve Meyer was as raunchy as they come but "she didn't hear anything she hadn't said".

As the week progressed things never slowed down. There was a moose seen up to his knees in snow from some people on a chair lift, wait that's only a 2 legged moose on skis! Manolo Valle did manage to fool a few people on the chair lift with his moose outfit. Vicki Faulkner provided "Hot Nuts" liquid courage on the mountain. It took Sue Salvage and Jerry Easterbrook, Hot Nuts virgins, till the last day before they tried some. Seemed to work as they finally "lost it" on Lost Boy.

Debbie and Jeff Warren accompanied Rod Hope to the Mauntauk Martini bar and had the four-drink limit. When Jeff got back to the condo and was offered a nightcap he replied, "you don't understand, I've hit the wall". Is that the same as one tequila, two tequila, three tequila, floor?

Sue Salvage, Keith Kirkman, and Jerry Easterbrook discovered it gets really cold after you get out of the hot tub and you are locked out of your condo.

Kathleen Fowler, Sharon Broughton, Carrie Burns, and Glen Jennings hosted a games night in their condo. It was a rather quiet evening as people were still recovering from Steve Meyer and another day of POWDER skiing.

Ray Naudain, Mike Birowski, and Merlyn Harger decided to try ski biking. How much had they had to drink when they made that decision?

Kathy Morgan was heard returning to the "blonde" condo singing "Mother Murphy" and the "Bite my Aspen" song to Sarah Brown, Carolyn Gruenwald and Barbara Carpenter. Didn't she know she was in Vail? Rumor had it the blonde condo fully earned its name. Can't imagine how those four gals got a reputation like that!

Seems like Tom Sausly's cousin is on Elsye Turla's hit list. What was it she was upset at your cousin about Tom?

Not everyone seemed to be able to leave work behind them. Rosemary Yates was seen doing some "light" reading on the bus ride home. Just what is Irritable Bowl Syndrome? Does it have anything to do with too much partying? We hope not! Sherry Metcalf received a call from home that all four wheels on her new Sable had been stolen. The thieves were kind enough to prop the car up on rocks to prevent too much damage. Poor Jim Steele and Tom Danowski had to leave the slopes early to take car of work related issues back home.

Home came much too early for the rest of us too. We had had such great ski conditions and such a great group of people that we hated to see the bus come on Saturday. The Wannabes were "Glad-to-bes", and all ready thinking of where next years destination should be.

# **Rodeo Night**

February 18, 2000

The Executive Committee wanted to offer SCSC members the opportunity to enjoy the rodeo again this year, so we reserved 100 tickets for opening night well before the list of entertainers was announced. Because of the increasing popularity of the HLS&R, it would be highly unlikely to be able to purchase a grouping of 100 seats if we waited until the performers were announced. Opening night always has an enthusiastic crowd with a well known entertainer, and this year we got the duo of Merle Haggard and good 'ole Willie Nelson.

When the tickets were first offered, no one seemed that anxious to reserve a seat; but two weeks before the show started –my phone starting ringing off the hook! I even had a call at 6:20 am the week of the show – yes you read that right – wondering if any tickets were left. Once the show sold out, it became very difficult to get seats, so we were lucky to have as many as we did. Just wish I could have supplied all the requests – and had front row seating, but all in all, believe everyone who did get tickets had a great time and they were happy to be a part of the kick-off of the HLS&R.

As for specifics on SCSC members on opening night, well, we never have been accused of not having a good time — wherever that might be. After Willie finished his classics with his guitar surviving one more performance, several SCSC members gathered for a little cheer and two-steppin' in the coral clubs located in and around the dome. Those of us who enjoy the famous "milk punch," offered each year as a rodeo special — were able to imbibe that calorie-laden drink one more time. There never is a shortage of peanuts or popcorn — or every kind of food imaginable on the rodeo grounds, so no one left without at least the opportunity to spoil those New Year's diet resolutions. Some SCSC members took a tour of the rodeo grounds to check out various points of interest. Others enjoyed the shopping with every kind of western clothing, jewelry, art, gear and trinkets imaginable.

As a lifetime member of the HLS&R and also a member of the Speaker's Committee of the rodeo, I am called to promote the show whenever I get an opportunity. Let me give you a few details of Rodeo 2000: For the sixth consecutive year, rodeo attendance topped the 1 million mark. Overall general attendance set an all-time record this year at 1,889,861 attending the threeweek event. Out of 20 shows, 11 were official sellouts with 18 of the 20 shows having crowds in excess of 50,000. Attendance at The World's Championship Bar-B-Que also drew a recordbreaking crowd of 176,290. Currently more than 4,000 people are on the Show's waiting list for season tickets - which means prospective season ticket holders must wait approximately seven to 10 years before having the opportunity to purchase tickets. However, ground breaking for the new stadium to be built on the astrodome grounds occurred March 9th. The new stadium will have a seating capacity to about 70,000, which will greatly help! The state-of-the-art, retractable roof stadium will be shared by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and Houston's new National Football League franchise which begins play in the fall

of 2002. The first Houston Rodeo will be held in the new stadium in 2003. This is the first stadium of its kind specifically designed to accommodate the needs of rodeo.

All of this is great news for the youth of Texas who benefit from the success of the show. The HLS&R is a 501(c)(3) charity that will provide more than \$8.3 million in college scholarships and other educational programs this year. The show has contributed more than \$68 million to scholarships, research endowments and various other programs since 1957.

In closing, a big cheer for all the SCSC members who volunteer their time to make the HLS&R a big success every year. Their efforts help put on a terrific and fun show for all of us to enjoy plus help support our young Texans. I often hear some of the scholarship recipients express their gratitude for the financial aid they receive, and it makes the contribution of all committee members worth the effort. If anyone is interested in becoming a committee member or needing a program for any school or organization; please feel free to contact me or the HLS&R for more information. I keep a stock of pamphlets with information on the various committees in my office if you would like a copy. The Speaker's Committee has both adult and youth oriented programs (clowns, specialty acts, etc.) available all year long. To contact HLS&R, their main number is: (713) 791-9000 or you might want to check out their two websites: www.hlsr.com and also www.rodeohouston.com





Sun Valley

By Mary Simpson

Forty-four ski club members met at United's group check-in at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 11. Joe Walker handed out the goodie bags that Jerry Montgomery, our TC, had prepared for all the participants. "Floria" Hodge (name on airline ticket) was going around the airport trying to convince everyone that her name really is Gloria. Phillip Vice wanted a full refund – he paid for "Pillup" Vice (nametag). Keith Kirkman was on the trip even though he had a very serious major injury on a previous ski trip. We had a layover in San Francisco, and we were not sure if Sharon Rance would be going on to Boise. Twenty minutes before boarding, she realized that the code for her

locker where she had stored her carry on luggage was lost. She had to pull an OJ in the airport. Airport people sent her all over the place to fill out paperwork so the locker could be opened. She accomplished this with a few seconds to spare. We arrived in Boise, Idaho around 2:30 p.m. where we connected with eight more SCSCer's. We all managed to find a seat on the bus. The bus driver then hit us with the news that the door to the restroom was broken and could not be opened. He promised to make as many stops as necessary. Obviously, the bus driver doesn't know this group!! If we made as many stops as necessary, we would never get there. Boy did that put a damper on the beer drinking. Well, Bob Simpson (an Aggie) decided to put his engineering skills to work. Sue Howard offered Bob her Swiss army knife, and within a few minutes they had the restroom door working. Thanks Bob & Sue!!! It was amazing to see how fast that beer came out of the ice chest. Jerry Montgomery had sandwiches, chips and candy for us on the three-hour bus ride from Boise to Sun Valley. Bob helped keep the bus tidy by going down the aisle several times with a trash bag and was soon labeled "Trash Boy". To Bob's dismay, no one remembered the "Pepper Boy" skit from Saturday Night Live.

We finally arrived in Sun Valley around 5:30 p.m. It sure was nice to have the luggage delivered to our rooms. Gloria Hodge and Sharon Rance thought they had the room from hell. The doorknob was about to fall off, the sliding glass mirrors were falling out of the closet, the telephone was disconnected, a light was missing in the bathroom, and the TV had to be replaced. The man of the hour was Phillip Vice. He helped put the sliding closet doors back on the track. Eventually, the maintenance people fixed things. Both Gloria and Sharon had a great time in Sun Valley in spite of the initial shock when they saw their room. Jerry Montgomery, Mary Simpson, Bob Simpson, John Smith, Jaime Grana, Jim Edwards, Sue Edwards, Jeff Sarff, Nancy Sarff, Charles Butler and Gary Butler went to Joe's Southwestern Grill for dinner on Saturday.

Sunday morning we were up bright and early to pick up our lift tickets at the SCSC continental breakfast before heading to the slopes. The weather was wonderful – nice and sunny. We attended the TSC Welcome Party Sunday night. A large group went to The Ram for prime rib after the welcome party. After dinner, Concietta Ruggiero, Jay Perreault, Pamela Whitfield, Laura Kinney, Robbin Anderson, Jerry Atkins, June Cullum, John Moss, Carolyn McGinnis, Dianna Carter and Lane Carter headed for the bus stop to go back



to the Elkhorn Hotel. Robbin did not have his jacket and was complaining about the cold. Not wanting to miss an opportunity, the others circled around Robbin to keep him warm. They came close together to aid in the body heat transfer. The group started moving in a circle when Chris Urbanczyk said everyone looked like a "rotisserie". Needless to say, the group had lots of laughs from all the comments made. Ask Joe Walker or Lane Carter about snow bunny sandwiches. June Cullum, Gloria Hodge, Carolyn McGinnis and Ann Odegard experienced the gourmet event many times. The two "I'll follow you anywhere" awards went to Nancy Schultz and Laura Kinney.

During the week we skied, visited the hot tub, shopped, went sight seeing, rode the KART bus system, and dined to our hearts content. Robbin Anderson fell on Picabo Street and broke his binding which the ski patrol helped fix. He then went back up to do the same black slope again. Contrary to what others may say, Phil Maersch is not a jinx on the chair lift!!! He said it is very lonely riding all by oneself on a high-speed quad. Tell one joke to Phil on the lift and you'll get 20 in return. Karyl Lawson earned honors for surviving altitude sickness on her first ever ski trip and went on to catch "ski fever". Best female skier yard sale went to Bonnie Ambrose. Gary Butler had a fantastic yard sale. He used his ski boots to keep from running into trees on both sides of the run. Joe Walker is probably not the best coach in SCSC because after instructing Karyl Lawson for a half day, she won the Daily Double for mowing down both Joe and an unsuspecting novice skier. Julie Davis-Raley (who prefers to ski slowly) had to fly down the trail when she was the second adult to round the bend of a blue trail that a teenage boy had seriously wiped out on and was going into shock. Bill Raley says she can ski fast when she has to! Marty Schulman had a lot of courage to take a snowboard lesson on Baldy Mountain. He is either very brave or losing his marbles. On the last day of skiing, Tommy McLaughlin went about 10 feet above the ski trail when trying to stop. When asked by Jerry Montgomery "What are you doing up there?", Tommy replied "I'm looking for Merrel Smith." (Merrel wasn't on the trip.) When it comes to skiing or anything else, June Cullum will do anything for an Altoid even ski a black slope. Carolyn McGinnis's son, Devin, joined us while on spring break from UT Law School. He was seen skiing with the group when he wasn't watching basketball. Jay Perreault, what happened to your goggles?

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# Sun Valley - cont'd

Ask Bonnie Ambrose how many speeds her Jacuzzi has. Jerry Atkins' answer is—"low, medium, and don't need a man". Brett Littell and Joe Walker conspired to put a brand new SCSC skier in the hospital for dehydration with an unusual combination of muscle relaxants and forty minutes in the hot tub.

Dianna Carter gave a new meaning to "Shop till you drop" in Sun Valley. We could all take lessons from her – a class act. Karyl Lawson did some last minute shopping Saturday morning in Ketchum. When she got on the KART bus back to Elkhorn, she said all she bought was a battery. Nancy Sarff responded "Well, after all, a girl needs her batteries."



Howard saw a white fox right outside the Sun Valley Inn. Many people visited the Sun Valley Lodge – the original ski destination. We missed Michael Keaton by one week! Many SCSC'ers visited The Heritage and

Sue & Dick

Ski Museum in Ketchum.

Shirley & Phil Maersch witnessed the adventure highlight of the KART bus system. While returning from dinner at Warm Springs Ranch, an irate and probably drunk bus patron (must have been one of those Texans) tried to board the bus in the middle of an intersection in downtown Ketchum. He pounded on the bus door, but the driver refused to open the door. The drunk then stood in front of the bus, grabbed the windshield wipers and refused to move. The police were called, they pulled the drunk off the front of the bus and took him away. If you ever need to know anything about the KART bus system, just ask Pat Schulman. She spent most of her time on the buses. In the middle of the night in 20 degree weather at the bus stop in front of the Sun Valley Inn, Joe Walker, Karyl Lawson, Brett Littell, Sharon Rance, Chris Urbanczyk, and Gloria Hodge were shuffling around in a rotating "Snow Bunny Rotisserie" to keep warm.

Joe Kulpinsky, Bob Simpson, Mary Simpson, Cheryl Kenny and Steve Kenny did not dine together but agreed that The Wild Radish restaurant was excellent. Nancy Sarff and Sue Edwards ordered a glass of wine for lunch at a local restaurant and were told by the waitress that only breakfast was being served. Not to worry, they decided that Country French Fritatas would go well with wine. After breakfast they both agreed that wine with breakfast can be an adventure. It was noted that two soups and BLT sandwiches cost \$26 in Ketchum. Tommy & Vicky McLaughlin and Marty & Pat Schulman, who are neighbors, were seen together most of the time. They were spotted dining at the River Rock Steak House.

We had a night on the town in Ketchum Tuesday. Many of the art galleries stayed open late and provided drinks and snacks for the Texas skiers. Joe Walker easily won a gold medal in shopping. Ask

him about his new artwork. Pamela Whitfield also came back with an artistic acquisition. Mary Linden and Pamela Whitfield partied at Whiskey Jacques. SCSC had it's own party Wednesday night at Joe's Grill near our hotel. Joining us were Sandra McCunis, Gary McCunis, and Linda Cizek-Skinner. Sharon Inman, Bruce Lowther, and Marianne Pearce were seen enjoying the party. The TSC races were held Thursday at Dollar Mountain. Jeff Sarff is a real salesman. First, he sold the group on racing in the team competition. Second, he was seen on the streets of Ketchum selling horses and mining claims. Third, he was selling accident insurance on the bus back to Boise. We had barbecue (hamburgers) at the mountain for lunch while being entertained by a singer who knew songs the baby boomers liked. Chris Urbanczyk won the "sharpest turn on the mountain" award for vowing he wouldn't ski in the club races, but showed up anyway to race and win points for SCSC. Jeff Sarff, our Race Director, had told Chris to "Put up or shut up" - so Chris did. Jeff Sarff lost his left ski coming out of the start gate. After putting it back on, he finished the course in a scorching 58 seconds. Jaime Grana demonstrated his artistic talent by carving curves on his snowboard in the TSC club race. This was the only day that Sun Valley wasn't so sunny. It was cloudy most of the day and snowed in the afternoon. That did not stop the SCSC'ers. In case you are interested, SCSC came in second place!! Van & Suzan Miles each won a bronze medal in the individual races. Suzan placed second in the Sr. Women's Division. Phillip Vice and Van Miles won silver medals in the club races.

Friday was St. Patrick's Day, so green was the dominant color on the mountain. Jim & Sue Edwards were easy to spot with their green hair and hats. The TSC Final Awards Party was Friday night. Everyone wore their green. Bill & Julie Raley won the costume competition with their unusual leprechaun costumes. Jim Edwards looked dapper in his green bowler, green suspenders, and cac-tie. Nancy Sarff, sporting her green cap with a propeller, was alternately called "Turbo Nancy" or "The Weedeater." "Fast Lane" Carter enjoyed his table dance with a social lady from another ski club at the Awards Dinner. Chris was seen demonstrating, to Gloria on the dance floor, the secret of snowboarding. With arms stretched out shoulder height, hips swiveling and rotating, he said the secret is "making love to the mountain."

Saturday we headed back to Houston. Laura Kinney and John Moss had a hard time teaching Robbin Anderson the real game of Hearts. After about 10 hours of lessons, he was starting to learn the game. Karyl Lawson claimed Concietta Ruggiero's luggage at the baggage carousel twice — once in Boise and again in Houston. Everyone must have had a great week in Sun Valley — it was much quieter on the way home.

Sing along:
From the catwalks
To the artwalks
To the mountains
Fresh with snow
God bless America....



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Mammoth By Mary Simpson

Twenty-four hopeful skiers arrived at California's spectacular wonderland to find a snow base as deep as 180", spring-like weather, and an enormous mountain that offers something for everyone. After a scenic bus ride from Reno (which seemed more like a guided tour thanks to the driver!), we were welcomed at a wine and cheese party hosted by the condo manager and our Mammoth Rep, Tony Dublino.

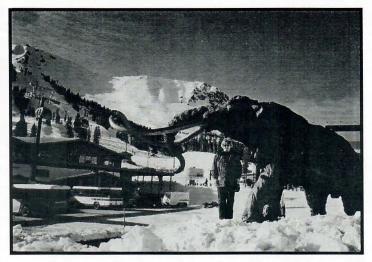
Upon arriving in Reno, we successfully met Jason Sanders (one of the Doc.com's) who had flown in from Seattle, but we did not successfully meet the ten pairs of skis that started with us in Houston. But fear not, United Airlines delivered them to Mammoth about 2 A.M. the next morning and our tireless TC, Mike Dawson and dedicated wife G.A. Addicks helped the taxi driver lug them to their condo so that the next morning everyone was able to hit the slopes.

This mountain is so big that you could ski all week and not see anyone you know. Thank heavens for group lunches on the mountain every day! And in keeping with the SCSC tradition, we all met at the summit for a group picture. We tried again at the condos before our departure. But a few of us were more visible than others. Nancy Schultz soon became known as the "Yellow Streak" for her expert ability and bright yellow ski parka. And Bob Davis (the first of the "Bobs 2" duo, was spotted on a double diamond run earning the award for the "Longest Trek UP the Hill to Retrieve Skis"! Apparently there wasn't much Bob Porter (the other of "Bobs 2") could do but be there to cheer him on! Meanwhile, closer to the bottom of the hill, Pat Toppenberg endured a first-time lesson in a group so "Mammoth" that it took 2 days to finish the lesson. And when Ray Davis and Bobbie Sellers weren't busy watching the "X Games", Ray was cruising the great snowboard slopes with Bobbie close on his heels.

Jo Beth Isham, a real trooper, came on the trip doubtful that her back was going to co-operate but ended skiing up almost all week while her husband Arlen clocked every

vertical foot he skied that week! We are told that on Wednesday alone he skied a total of 29 runs and a total of 35,000 vertical feet! And sources tell me that Chris Sheehan and Meghan Stevens had him beat...they skied over 40,000 vertical feet in a day. Sounds like a marathon to me! And powder skiers Nancy Schultz, Meghan Stevens, Chris Sheehan, Wayne Kanak, and Arlen Isham enjoyed Thursday's fresh snow by blasting down the mountain only to get lost on Broadway, the slope in front of the Main Lodge! There are rumors this same bunch have petitioned to rename the run "Side Show" to "Face Plant".....We wonder why? Thursday's whiteout was also experienced by another group of skiers led by Paul Pavlik, who used his Slovakian mountain savvy to guide them down the back side of Face Lift. Because of the whiteout, Karla Darden experienced a romantic embrace on the slopes with a fellow who did not turn out to be her husband, Bob!

The week was filled with many laughs. There were several "boot challenges". Sue DeWitt found out the hard way that you shouldn't take your boots off until you are done skiing! It took the creative efforts of "Doc.com" (Kim Smith, Robert Yetman, and Jason Sanders) to get her back into them after lunch. Hasn't



anyone heard of buckles?!!! Then well-meaning helper Bob Darden put Pat Toppenberg's boot on backwards while Mike Dawson was unsuccessfully trying to wear GA Addicks' boots! Ray Davis found a new use for duck tape after something in his boot rubbed a hole in his foot! And instead of yellow snow, Wayne Kanak left a trail of purple snow as his ski boot disintegrated on the slopes. Karla Darden lasted only one day before she scrapped the rentals for a new pair of her own. After hours she clomped around in a new pair of apres' ski boots...one a size 7 and the other a size 9!

There were other things to do, also. On the last day, Mike Dawson and Maria and Paul Pavlik, Pat Toppenberg, and Arlen Isham rode snowmobiles in uncharted country. They had a great time and got to ride to places that were the tour guide's favorites. The only mishaps were Pat's turning her machine over and the Pavlik's getting stuck in 3 feet of new snow. Does a snowmobile really go 45mph or are they just bragging??? Thanks to Paul Pavlik's great videoing skills, we all have enjoyed the awesome scenery they saw on this wild and wooly trip!

The fun continued after the skiing as well. Chris Sheehan and Meghan Stevens guarded the hot tub with true dedication (and later received an award for it!). On any night you could join a group to go to dinner. One night, 17 of us went to a nice Swiss restaurant where the fun continued. Chris Sheehan had us in tears when he suggested that someone should design a dual-catheter camel pack to for Bob Darden's coffee habit. The design would include an in-take tube and an out-flow tube to accommodate the problems resulting from excessive coffee drinking! On another night a bunch of us went for pizza (and beer and wine....) and Mike Dawson tried to pay for his meal with a Sear's credit card! (and wine and wine and wine....!!)

Our last night in Mammoth was celebrated with a lasagna party in Mike's condo. In lieu of the normal awards, skiers received valuable prizes such as t-shirts, keychains, koozies, glasses, and offbeat videos for their Kodak moments and their prowess on the mountain. Kim Smith, Pat Toppenberg, and Maria Pavlik all tied for most improved skier. Craig Campbell and G.A.Addicks got awards for the most unfortunate chair lift departures.

Sugarbush By John Rice

On a more serious note, thanks to wonderful conditions and the skill and good sense of all our skiers, we suffered no serious injuries. GA Addicks had a slight timing problem with disembarking lift #9 and suffered a bump on the head. And Keith Strandtman sported a shiner after losing a match with his goggles. Other than that, we were all in great shape for our last night in Reno where most of us lost some sleep but found a little money. Word is out that with some advice from Karl Ferenczy, Craig Campbell was successful at betting on the horses. Someone said that the moral of that story is "never under-estimate a limping horse"! And we understand that Karl dropped his first coin ever in a one-armed bandit! Mike Dawson closed down the BlackJack tables at 3 A.M. while the Dardens found 2-quarter machines that were hot. At another casino, Jo Beth Isham was a jack pot winner for the first time. And with complimentary show tickets in hand, about of us gambled and won on a great show headlined by none other than our own Mickey Gilley!

All in all, everyone had a great time skiing Mammoth Mountain, making new friends, renewing old friendships, and partying in Reno. This was truly a wonderful vacation and a great bunch of people!



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Recently, I had the opportunity to represent Space City Ski Club on a Texas Ski Council fam trip to Sugarbush, Vermont. The ski resort is located about one hour southeast of Burlington, Vermont in the Green Mountain range. A group of about a dozen representatives from Texas ski clubs were shown some fine Vermont hospitality. Our hosts were Jim Halavonich, the Sales and Marketing Director for The Bridges Family Resort, and Shawn Sullivan, the Sales Manager for the Sugarbush Resort Properties.

We arrived on Thursday, February 24, and after stops in Dallas and Boston, we arrived in Burlington and were greeted by Shawn. The drive from Burlington is about one hour, but if this were a club trip I would recommend flying to Manchester, N.H. The drive is about twice as long, but the airfare is considerably less. Sugarbush has two separate trail systems on two peaks linked by a 2 mile quad chair, with an approximate 9 minute ride. The base elevation is 1485 feet and the top is 4135 feet, with a vertical drop of 2650 feet. They have 18 lifts and 115 trails, with a good mixture of beginner, intermediate and advance ski runs. Snowboarding is allowed at Sugarbush. Three miles from Sugarbush is Mad River Glen, the only cooperative owned ski area in the country. Mad River Glen is also the only ski area in the East that does not allow snowboarding. MRG, as the locals call it, operates the only surviving diesel-powered single person chairlift in the United States. Sugarbush Resorts operates a shuttle to MRG every 90 minutes and the ride takes approximately 20 minutes. At MRG the base elevation is 1600 feet, to top is at 3637 feet with a vertical drop of 2037 feet. Mad River is known for its advanced level skiing, but it also has plenty for the not-soadvanced skiers. A couple of novelties about Mad River Glen are that they have their own beer called, Single Chair Ale and they make their own hot sauce.

We visited The Bridges Family Resort and several of the Sugarbush Resort Properties, both have very fine lodging facilities that would make for a great trip. In addition, Bridges has a health club with an indoor pool, an outdoor hot tub, sauna, game room, and even a fireside lounge. Sugarbush Resorts has what is known as the Sports Center, which is used as a health club. It has fitness equipment, indoor pool, steam room, indoor and outdoor hot tubs, racquetball, and tennis. It even has converted a racquetball court into a rock climbing area.

In the evenings, it was part of our obligation to check out the Sugarbush nightlife. It was a tough job, but we were up to the challenge. With several bars and restaurants, either at the resort or in the towns of Waitsfield and Warren, there is plenty of nightlife.

Sugarbush is a wonderful resort area. It has everything SCSC would want for a weeklong trip. It's a nice change from the usual areas we visit. Even though it rained on us during the fam trip, the mountain was groomed and very skiable. With Mad River Glen a short bus ride away, I believe there is plenty of skiing available for all levels of skiers. There are plenty of restaurants and bars at the resort and in town. The people in charge of Sugarbush Properties and The Bridges Family Resort are very helpful and really want our business. This would be an excellent destination for a SCSC trip.

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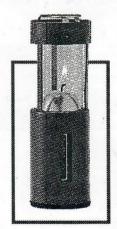
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