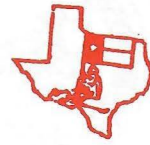




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Head of the Liftline

by Stacey Ronczy



Wow – what a scorcher! No, not the summer. Your SCSC 2000-2001 Ski Trips. I am so excited about the choices, I can't decide where to go! They all sound great. How about those activities! Such choices, variety and price points it is hard to choose – then again, why choose – just sign up for them all!

With Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day, it seems to be a time of reflection on our Nation's history. Because people took the time to give of themselves, we have the ability to choose where we live, work and play. Mothers, Fathers, Sons and

Daughters, none were exempt, everyone pitched in for a common goal. All for one and one for all.

In today's society, that concept seems to be lost...but only if we let it. We all seem to be very busy doing whatever it is that we do without thought to how it affects the "team". The resounding phrase seems to be, "What's in it for me?" Although we all do that to a certain extent, we as a society and as a club need to look and evaluate what is important to our inner as well as outer sphere of influence.

I guess the point is, look around. Who is feeling left out? Who needs help? How do your actions affect those around me? Your volunteering and participation contributes to the experience of members and guests. Remember how those first few moments when you walked in the meeting/happy hour felt awkward and how the actions of others made your first SCSC experience a positive one. Don't forget to return the favor.

We have no general meetings in June, July and August, however, we do have happy hours and activities. You can check out the website for details if the post office is slow in delivering your Sitzmarks or if in a fit of cleaning and straightening you, or your significant other – no I don't mean the maid - threw out the new one and kept the old.

Happy trails...

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SCSC Activity

Happy Hour

Wild West

6101 Richmond

near Richmond and Fountain View

June 15, 2000

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

713-266-2282

SCSC Activity



A Mid-Summer's Night Golf Tournament

Saturday, August 12, 2000

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June

- 15..... Happy Hour - Wild West
- 22..... Astros Baseball
- 22..... Miller Outdoor Theatre
- 24..... Comets Basketball

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July

- 15..... Laser Tag
- 20..... Happy Hour - Mesa Grill
- 22..... Miller Outdoor Theatre
- 29..... Wine Tasting

August

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August

- 12..... Summer Golf
- 17..... Happy Hour - Chianti Restaurant
- 26..... Miller Outdoor Theatre
- 27..... Bowling



Well, all of us have been very busy working on the trip schedule for your skiing pleasure. The trip coordinators have selected their assistant trip coordinators and they are hard at work searching for the best lodging and air schedules. I am very excited about the destinations we will be offering to you skiers. There will be that special trip for everyone.

Organizing ski trips for 600-700 skiers is quite an undertaking. But, it's not too much for the great group of volunteers that I have helping me. To all of you I say thank you. All of the trip coordinators and assistant trip coordinators are looking forward to sharing with you their plans for wonderful and fun-filled ski days. In addition to the Texas Ski Council trips, we are planning seven adventurous club trips.

I want to thank all of those who volunteered to be an ATC. Not everyone who volunteered will actually be able to assist with a trip since we had more volunteers than ATC openings. Those who were not selected, please volunteer again next year or volunteer to run an activity this year. The soul of our club is our members and their generosity of volunteering.

In case you missed the Texas Ski Council line up, here it is again.

Fall Roundup
Traditional
Expedition
Winter Shootout
Final Showdown

Keystone
Steamboat
Cortina, Italy
Mt. Bachelor
Heavenly

Nov 21-26, 2000
Jan 13-20, 2001
Jan 27-Feb 4, 2001
Feb 10-17, 2001
Mar 17-24, 2001

New Orleans Weekend Trip

Join us on **October 20-22, 2000** for the party trip to New Orleans. We will bus New Orleans to spend 2 nights at The Inn on Bourbon, a Ramada Plaza Hotel located at Bourbon and Toulouse Streets.

There is a \$50 deposit with a total cost of \$275.

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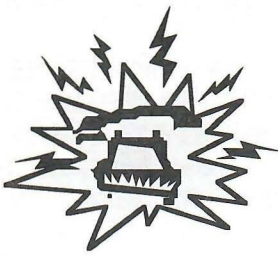
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Space City Ski Club 1999 / 2000 Trip Schedule (as of 4/14/2000)

Trip Dates	Nights/Ski Days	Trip Destination	Cost (See Notes)	Final Payment	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

**** Notes:** L=Land Package-excludes AIR ONLY 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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V. P. Programs

by Joe Walker and Diane Stotz

In the course of human events..... Whoops, that was a past life. Sometimes we lose perspective as to the things in life, which are important. Human beings are social animals, which thrive on the interaction, camaraderie, and the fellowship offered by others of our kind. Some of us go on a single ski trip each year and develop true friendships only to allow distance to grow as time passes to the next year. We renew old friendships and wonder why we didn't find the time see each other.

Hey horseflies, the time is now.

A huge group of your fellow ski clubbers aren't looking for baby seals.. they're looking for you! There is now a HUGE list of varying activities to sign up for. You want sports? We got Bowling, Golf, Comets, Astros (happening' quick, call now!) ,just had the bike and hike!!, and Laser Tag (if you weren't at the May meeting, you might be too late for this one! It sells out fast!). And back by popular demand, your all time favorite event. The Road Rally!

You want cheap theater? We got FREE Miller Outdoor Theater Shake Rattle and Roll, Tommy – The Who (my favorite), and The Barber of Seville.

You want hoity toity? We got two, count them, two wine events and more down the road. There is a super moonlight sail for 49 people in November that will include refreshments for only \$40. You just can't beat that for fun. Well, maybe you can. We have a weekend trip to New Orleans staying on Bourbon Street.

Let me dispel a common misconception; that concept being the erroneous idea that activities are for Ski Club members only. Nothing could be farther from the truth! We want you to bring friends and prospective members to all of the activities. Some of the events even have a reduced price for prospective members. Activities are the way to introduce your friends to the fun we have and allow us to make new friends as well.

Look elsewhere in this issue for the list of current approved, whitewashed, blessed, official events and happy hours. Here is a peek of more soon to come.

Culinary School of Arts – Gourmet Dinner Sue Salvage 281-870-0762

Beach Bash – Gene Soo 281-530-8559

Hill Country Rafting and Camping – Mike Dawson (maybe a little motel camping too!) 281-438-5428

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A Night of Blues – Marsha Lutz 281-870-9724

Halloween Party - Steven Teoh 713-466-8868

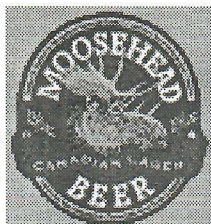
Christmas Gala – Bob Horan 713-664-9261

Fredricksburg Wine Tour – Steve and Cheryl Kenny 281-367-1778

If you are interested in any (or all) of the above-proposed events, give the folks a call so they can better plan an enjoyable event. Bring a friend. If you have an idea for an event or would like to join in on all this fun call Diane or I. We appreciate all help.

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<i>Activity</i>	<i>Activity Coordinator</i>	<i>Activity Date</i>	<i>Final Payment Date</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Houston Astros Baseball	Hazel Orbe (281)-530-8569 jhorbe1@aol.com	June 22, 2000	June 15, 2000	\$ 13.00
Miller Outdoor Theatre - Shake, Rattle & Roll	Nora Montgomery (281)-282-0922 Nora.Montgomery@SW.- Boeing.com	June 22,2000	June 22,2000	N/A
Houston Comets WNBA Basketball	Joanne Fore (713)-723-4707	June 24, 2000	June 17, 2000	\$ 17.00
Laser Tag	Steve Amy (281)-870-7622 steve.amy@kvaerner.com	July 16, 2000	June 15, 2000	\$ 25.00
Miller Outdoor Theatre - The Who's Tommy	Nora Montgomery (281)-282-0922 Nora.Montgomery@SW.- Boeing.com	July 22, 2000	July 22, 2000	N/A
Summer Wine Tasting	Janet Schafer (713)-349-9479 schaferj@hotmail.com	July 29, 2000	July 22, 2000	\$ 10.00/ \$ 5.00 guests
Summer Golf	Concietta Ruggiero (281)-293-7637r ruggiero@hal-pc.org	August 12, 2000	August 8, 2000	\$ 35.00
Miller Outdoor Theatre - The Barber of Seville	Nora Montgomery (281)-282-0922 Nora.Montgomery@SW.- Boeing.com	August 26, 2000	August 26, 2000	N/A
Bowling at Palace Lanes- Bellaire	Nancy Sarff (713)-461-9665 jeffsarff@worldnet.att.net	August 27, 2000	August 20, 2000	\$ 15.00
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Soll, Austria - TSC Winter Expedition

By Sean O'Brien



local Austrian beer served at the hotel was large, tasted great, and was relatively inexpensive (definition of heaven for some participants). **Joe Kulpinsky** and **Brett Litell** were the first in line for beer, after seeing how small their hotel room was. **Sherry Outlaw** met us in Soll after a pre-trip to Vienna - where she was able to meet

German. We hoped they were saying good things about us, although they could have been saying, "What the heck are all these Texans doing here?" They must have liked us, since they provided us with an ample supply of free "Gluhwein" (hot wine in English) and we were quite happy. **Kayleen Kill** extended our Texan hospitality, as she presented the Mayor of Soll with a cowboy hat. **Robert Knupp** contemplated climbing up the side of one of the hotels on the square because he thought one of the Texas flags was hanging backwards.

All flights ran on time, no luggage was lost and best of all no serious injuries while skiing. However, **Janell Peyton** got quite a headache from a fall in front of our hotel, but it didn't stop her from parting past 3 a.m. on our final night in Soll. Either she recovered completely or the injury turned her into a wild party woman. Little did we know that while waiting for our departure flights to Soll, the great romantic love story of the trip would begin. We will not mention names, but several un-named reliable club members on the trip have indicated that it involved a high-ranking member of SCSC.

As we left Houston, **Gloria Lopez** pledged not to buy anything new on the trip. She did quite well at purchasing only one scarf on the trip. However, other members on the trip more than made up for whatever **Gloria** chose not to purchase. On the flights to and from Austria, **John Brescian** and **Brent McGibbon** spent their time playing cyber golf for Mozart Balls (popular tourist chocolate in Austria). At last count, **John** owed **Brent** twelve Mozart Balls. **Barbara Brescian** watched this insanity and thought "Oh my God, I am related to these people".

After 15-hours of traveling, combined with a 7-hour time change, we arrived in Munich! Most of us took a power nap during the one-hour bus ride to Soll. This allowed us to start the trip on the right foot by enjoying Austrian spirits in the hotel bar after our check-in. The

her son who lives in England. Latter that evening, the few, the proud, and the exhausted listened to a live band at the Whiskeymuhle Disco and attempted to stay up to watch portions of the Super Bowl with the midnight kickoff time.

While some of us skied on our first day, others took the excursion to Innsbruck and the Swarovsky Crystal Factory. During the visit to the Swarovsky, the competition was on between **Holly Jones**, **Joe Walker** and **Barb** on who would buy the most crystal. **Joe** (a guy no less) won hands down. For those who skied, the mountain tours were excellent! The expanse of mountains to ski in the Ski Wilder Kaiser area was huge! **Charles Kulkarni's** first time ever exposure to a Poma Lift was heard to be amusing. **Margaret Walker** deserted her husband **James Walker** to go skiing while **James** toured the town. Rumor has it **James** had a memorable fall while touring the town.

In the evening, the town of Soll threw a Welcome Party for all of the Texas Ski Clubs. They had a parade through the town with a Brass Band playing traditional Austrian Tyrolian music, instructors from the local ski school carrying torches (over 50 torches), a cannon (it was loud when it went off [multiple times at that]), followed by members of all of the ski clubs. Space City, with its banner in front, proudly led all of the ski clubs in the parade. The event ended with a ceremony in the Town Square. A part of the ceremony was in

The night had only begun, since the ceremony was followed by a Pub-Crawl. **Kimberly Smith**, **Gary Barrett**, **Elaine Sokoloff**, **Richard Sowrey**, **John Rice**, **Kayleen**, **Bill Canfield**, **Suzanne Hegemier**, **Joe Walker**, **Gene Soo**, **Sean O'Brien** and **Barb** crawled very well into many bars in Soll. They ended up in the Salvenstadl Bar. While standing on a large round table - one by one - the bartender shot Peach Schnapps into their mouths, and was most likely the cause of them crawling. **Carmen Mikhail**, **Gloria**, **Brent**, and **Roger Holzman** danced (but also crawled) late into the evening at the Whiskeymuhle Disco.

On Tuesday, the Venice excursion's highlight was ridding Gondola's through the canals - totally awesome! On this day of skiing, **Roger**, **Ky** and **Rhonda Griffin** were partially down a trail and wondered: "Where is **Susan Blome**? She was just skiing with us." They soon found out that, **Susan** was forced by some inexperienced skiers to ski into a ravine. The club has since renamed the ravine "Susan's Gulch". **Susan** fortunately was not injured and two cute Austrians apparently helped her out of the gulch. **Susan**, there are better ways to meet guys. The day ended with our Club's only Open Bar Happy Hour. It was held at the Dorfstadl im Keller Bar in our hotel and was enjoyed by all. Only two members (that we know of) tried out the totally nude spa in our hotel, others are keeping quiet. By the way, the only reason we know it was nude was - we had the brochure.

On our excursion to Salzburg, **Jane**

Soll, Austria - cont.

Orr and **Kimberly** were renegades who broke off from the main tour to sightsee on their own. **John, Barbara, Brent, Carmen and Gloria** dined in one of Salzburg's open squares on excellent sausages obtained from a roadside stand. **Maria Tramontin** and **Susan** provided **Sean** with consulting services on buying an Austrian Doll for his niece. **Maria** didn't believe that **Sean** had a niece, since she saw him looking under the doll's dress. Supposedly, he was checking for labels that the doll was not made in Japan or Korea.

A Tyrolian Folklore Mid-Week Party with live music, singing and dancing was held at the Postwirt Hotel. During the audience participation portion, **Holly J.** and **Holly Inkofer** proved that they could yodel while being pinched in the rear-end. **Kayleen** participated in a very interesting Tyrolian dance. She was flipped upside down by a young Austrian Tyrolian dancer and had her behind rubbed. Speaking of dancing, for ladies in the club who think Ricky Martin is cute, you obviously have not seen **Roger** "Living La Vida Loca" in a go-go cage at the Whiskeymuhle Disco. Not to be out done, **Holly J.** and **Holly I.** also tried out the go-go cage.

Edwin Kanyuck (who was unable to begin the trip with us) met us on our Munich excursion. As opposed to visiting historic sights, Munich involved drinking from large (and we mean LARGE) beer steins at the Hoff Brau while listening to German "oum-pa-pa" music. **Barb** was slow in learning the German word for "No" (Nein) from one of Munich's merchants when she persisted in trying to buy a crystal Lion. (She thought, Nine Marks? - what a deal!) Apparently it was a Swavorski Collector's Piece and was not for sale. Finally, **Bill Bomberger** and **Susan** finally dragged her away from the screaming merchant.

When we got back to Soll, we had a great toboggan pseudo race and party. The adventure consisted of taking a Gondola ride up the mountain after dark, with a small sled that could just barely hold two people. The duties on the sled consisted of

one person to steer and one person to scream. We have some great screamers. Once up on the mountain, there was a two-mile long winding toboggan trail to take us to the bottom of the mountain. **Randy DelMastro** and **Robyn Shaw** finished the course first. **Bill** and **Roger** clearly demonstrated that excellent ability in skiing does not translate into an excellent ability to toboggan. **Sean** thought he would end up hearing impaired from the screams provided by **Valerie Schoenberg**. **Barb** and **Suzanne** finished last. They claimed that this was due to **Barb's** responsibility as TC to make sure that everyone got down the hill safely. Yeah!!! Right!!! To warm us up after the run, ample "Gluhwein" was available at the finish. **Holly J.** and **Holly I.** had the best hats (However; **Barb** could not hold a serious conversation with **Jane** in her Minnie Mouse.) **Gary** and **Ken Zanewich** appeared to be having fun with ladies from other ski clubs. Other tobogganers included **Phillip Vice, Charles, Kimberly, Kayleen, John, Joe, Melanie Morin, Carol Hudson, Carolyn Tompkins, Mildred Jude, and Donna Berglund.**

Carmen and **Valerie** deserve the marathon skier award for skiing five full days in Soll. Rumor has it that **Carmen** liked the ski instructor. Friday's excursion led us to the Chiemsee Castle on Lake Chiemsee in Germany. Mad King Ludwig built this castle in an attempt to out do the Palace of Versailles. In the evening, we gathered with the other Texas clubs at the Whiskeymuhle Disco for our Farewell Party. We really danced the night away. **Carolyn** and **Carol** didn't want the evening to end, as they danced until 3 AM.

As some members headed off to Munich to begin their trip home, five members (**Donna, John, Kayleen, Sue Bean** and **Cathey Littell**) began a three-day post trip visit to Venice. Our best tourguide throughout the main trip ("Willy") showed the members a great time around the city.

Seventeen other club members began a four day trip to Budapest and Vienna. In route to Budapest, the group stopped in the


town of Wels. At an Irish Pub, with a sign behind the bar which read "Don't Mess with Texas", **Barb, Sean, and Gai-Lynn Marshall** meet a Houston native who was working in Wels as a translator. He was recognized by his Houston Astros baseball cap. It really is a small world.

In Budapest, we had dinner in a large wine cavern featuring Hungarian wine, music, Gypsy dancing. It was fabulous. **Barb** did her Martha Stewart imitation by preparing a Hungarian rice dish for the entire group at the table. **Brent, Janell, Roger, Joe, Bill, Carmen, Gloria, David George** and **Doris Carter** drank in a way that they will not soon forget. **Christie Burke, Gai-Lynn** and **Barb** were feeling great after a trip to the world famous thermal spas (i.e. Roman Baths) at the Hotel Gellert in Budapest (**Gai-Lynn** had trouble figuring out what the heck the apron they gave us was for).

Robyn wins the marathon traveler award. **Robyn** left on the trip ten days before the main trip, did the main trip, the four day post trip to Vienna/Budapest, and one additional day in Vienna at the end (22 days total). We want your job. Well, at least your vacation.

Susan deserves credit for the closest timing of a business trip, as a friend met her at the Houston airport, only to give her new luggage so she could immediately board another plane to Las Vegas for a business trip.

All in all, we had a great time and many memorable experiences!

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TELLURIDE 2000 - MEMOIRS OF A SKI JUNKIE

by Jessica Halter



Feb. 19-26 - A good shrink will say that writing about emotional highs and lows is therapeutic. Telluride 2000 was a DEFINITE high, and I'm not just talking altitude, baabeeee!!! This report will only bend the truth when morally necessary. Of course we must adhere to the motto, "What happens on the mountain STAYS on the mountain." But here are the parts we CAN report:

Arrival and check-in at IAH went smoothly on Saturday morning...or so we thought. Several SCSCers became official PCs by upgrading to First Class. Enjoying the free drinks and comfy seats were **Jose Araujo, Dennis Newell, Dan Hendricks, Janet McKenzie** (who was **Dennis's** guest and bumped ME out of being **Jose's** guest!), **David Stotz**, and though it took some cajoling, our PC/TC, **Diane Stotz** agreed to join her hubby for the extra attention. We also began making new friends right away as we quickly discovered the Atlanta Ski Club was on board. Little did we know that THEIR luggage was loaded first, and our "smooth" check-in gained a new perspective when we discovered upon arrival in Montrose that about half of the SCSC luggage was never loaded due to overweight baggage!

After a short delay to place baggage claim reports, we finally hit the road for the one-hour drive to Telluride. We were assured that our

luggage would arrive that evening, and it did.

We checked into our condos and regretfully found that a few of our group were assigned to condos that were substandard. Luckily we had no problems getting changes made for **Walter and Cheryl May** and **Lotty and Karl Gautschi**, and the "Leper Condo" (an explanation follows in the race report) and after the first night, all substandard rooms were replaced with ski-in/ski-out accommodations. We wished the entire trip that everyone could have fit into Boomerang, our "headquarters" and condo location for most. This lodge and the next door lodge of West Willows (accommodating, **Bob Rexford, John Stokes, Ute and Phil Cezeaux**, and the Cezeaux's adult daughters & roommates who "shadowed" the trip) were about a block and a half from the Coonskin lift.

Our first gathering was at the Wild Flour Café where Atlanta and Houston enjoyed free drinks and snacks. On the walk back to the condos, about half of the SCSCers stopped at a restaurant called The Cosmopolitan. The restaurant wasn't expecting us, but did a good job of trying to accommodate us...(except for the Lisa Kudrow act-alike!)

There was a rumor that **Janet**

McKenzie wanted to exchange pj's with **Jose** on the first night, but according to **Jose**...he's STILL waiting!

The gung-ho skiers hit the slopes at 9:45 on Sunday. **Dennis Newell** logged the first official injury as he decided to test his flexibility while exiting a lift and ended up in a split position that gave his knee a twist. He spent the rest of the afternoon in the ER with **Janet McKenzie** lending moral support. After one day "off", some good "magic ointment" from **Randy and Susan Viereck** (awarded "Best Pharmacists" for their contributions), lots of ice, and a couple of days of careful skiing, **Dennis** made a stunning come-back to be the fastest male racer on Thursday. (He raced under **David Stotz's** number, as **Dave** was busy earning his "Damn-Near Dead Dave" award for being sick most of the trip. The post-injury **Dennis** logged the fastest time...much to the consternation of **Darrell Teague** who was .10 seconds behind!)

The group met for lunch at Goronno Ranch and the evening brought gourmet pizzas from South Park Café. **Mimi Markel** provided a fabulous salad and the Pillsbury Dough Boy and this author created a simple birthday cake for **Donna Hahus**. Indidentally, **Mimi and Donna** took one run called "Headbanger" VERY literally. It seems that **Mimi** actually DENTED her helmet on the run while **Donna** banged her head with a ski and had to have a couple of stitches. The party eventually became a dancing/sing-along/karaoke party. Tunes from "Grease" and the Dixie Chicks were performed by **Jessica Halter and Dan Hendricks**, with assistance from **Anita Suson**. Dancers, **Carrie Niemeyer** (the FASTEST female racer) and fiancée, **Darrell Teague** (the 2nd fastest male racer) were spinning and twirling everywhere! Other dancers included **Diane Stotz** with different guys, and **Anita with Bob Rexford, Jose Araujo, Joe Walker**, and anyone else she could talk into dancing.

Several people took the Free

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Guided Mountain Tour on Monday including **Diane & David Stotz, Bob Knupp, Donna Hahus, Mimi & Marc Markle, Jimi Hendrix, Bob Rexford, John Stokes, Mike Williford, Park Combest and Dave Launaray...** most of whom became affectionately known as the "True Blue Skiers."

The hot tub party that afternoon found **Anita** with seven guys in the tub... (**Bob, Dan, Mike, Mike, Jose, Marc, and Jim**) How does she do that? **Sue DeWitt and I** spoiled private party. An interesting side note...**Jose** wore **Anita's PINK** shorts all week in the hot tub. When offered men's trunks, he said he preferred the pink ones. Now THAT's a man who is secure in his masculinity...probably the reason he earned the "Best Escort" award. He was particularly attentive and helpful to **Sholeh Safaeian** on the beginner slopes.

For dinner that night, the group was nicely taken care of at **Fat Alley's Barbeque**. Afterwards, **Todd Buxton, Robert Todd, Mike Williford, Bob Rexford, Jessica Halter, Anita Suson, Jose Araujo, Sholeh Safaeian, Bob Mahan, and Jim Hendrix** did some pub crawling to the **Sheridan** and the local's bar.

Tuesday was a **SNOWBOARDERS** day! **Mike Rothermund, Todd Buxton, and Cheryl May** were old pros at it, while **Danny Singley and mom, Vicki**, decided to go the lesson route...smarts must run in the family! So that his backside didn't end up looking like his bruised calf, **Danny** went for ingenuity...he **DUCT TAPED** a towel to his behind for padding, earning him the "Most Inventive Skiwear" award, as well. (Hmmm...I wonder if THAT's why **Todd Buxton** was missing a towel that morning!!!) **Vicki Singley** earned the "Coolest Mom" award as she hung with **Danny** in every endeavor...skiing, snowboarding, and snow biking all in the SAME day!

Several brave souls took to the slopes at 4:30 to attempt snow biking.

It was reported that this "bike" with skis instead of wheels and short skis on your feet, was close to riding a bike for the first time. Attempting this unusual sport, in addition to **Danny and Vicki Singley**, were **Diane and David Stotz, Bob Mahan, Cheryl May, Mike Wolfe, and Donna Hahus**. **Bob Mahan** had the most spectacular wipe out and since most of the group had several wipe outs, that a **BIG** honor...congrats, **Bob**. So in addition to being part of the "Bob" Award, you should have also received the "Snow Biking Wipe Out" award!

Terri Ullrich, Linda Erdman, and Sue DeWitt cooked dinner on Tuesday night for their exhausted condomate, **Vicki Singley**. Son, **Danny**, and his condomates, **Robert Todd and Mike Rothermund** rounded out the dinner party. An interesting comment..."What exactly were **Mike R. and Robert T.** doing that required so much privacy and time together?" Behaving themselves, probably!

Just after lunch on Wednesday, unfortunately, 79 year-old **Karl Gautschi** was run over by one VERY large man in a slow skiing zone. Luckily, **Karl** was OK, and although a little sore, he did manage to ski the next day. You should have heard the tongue lashing that **Lotty, Karl's** lovely wife, gave the guilty skier! And with the help of "NO cheap wine," hopefully, he was able to ease the pain.

I joined **Sue DeWitt** (aka T.B. for Tiny Bladder!) and her "groupies", **Dan Hendricks, Bob Knupp, Mike Wolfe, and Bob DeBell** at lunch and we took the mountain by storm on Wednesday reaching the 30,000 vertical feet mark! Now, most of us have no clue about measuring such things, but **Mike Wolfe** was diligent with his wrist altimeter and kept us well-informed. The quest also gave us the "Ultimate Butt Slide" award that **Dan Hendricks** earned as he slid down one entire slope.

During that evenings hot tub party, we finally figured out it was **Robert Todd** doing his best "Cy Young"

impression as he hurled snowballs into the hot tub from below. Good Shot, Hot Shot!

Thursday brought race day and LOTS of snow...ALL DAY!!! Atlanta challenged us to a duel. We were humored to see the Welcome Sign at the NASTAR course calling us the "Spaced City" Ski Club. If the shoe fits...Well, it turned out that the NASTAR folks were more "spacey" than us, as all kinds of weird thing occurred. The scores, names and numbers were so jumbled that they asked us to return Friday morning to try again. **Marc Markel and Janet McKenzie**. Our race directors, did a great job of awarding the following medals at our Friday night dinner: Earning a Gold Medal was **Karl Gautschi**. (Actually, since he'd been run over the day before, a really nice ski patrol guy skied a gold in **Karl's** honor. **Karl** did earn a silver on his own the day before.) After two days of racing, earning Silver Medals: **Marc Markel, Park Combest, Dan Hendricks** skiing under **David Stotz's** name, **Darrell Teague, Dave Launarey, Carrie Neimeyer and Janet McKenzie**. Earning Bronze Medals: **Todd Buxton, Mike Wolfe, Cheryl May, Randy Viereck, Lotty Gautschi, Danny Singley, Jessica Halter, Mike Williford, and Mimi Markel**. A race story...after crossing the finish line on his Silver Medal run, **Dave Launarey** had an incredible wipe-out. We expect his "Agony of Victory" to soon replace ABC's "Agony of Defeat." It is worth noting, too, that the self-named "**Leper Condo**" (so named because they weren't in Boomerang) was the ONLY



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condo with a clean sweep of race medals. Way to go **Dave Lauranrey**, **Mike Williford**, **Park Combest**, and **Jim Hendrix**!

After the race, we met at Goronno Ranch for a group photo. Because it was snowing pretty hard, we opted for an indoor photo in the lodge. **Jim Hendrix**, the "Most Social" award winner, showed up an hour early for the picture and unfortunately, went downstairs to the bathroom just as the photographer showed up. By the time he returned, the entire Kodak moment had passed!

Thursday evening brought us to dinner at Howie's Floradora. **Anita Suson** provided the majority of the entertainment. She included an encore performance at the Sheridan bar later during our "official" pub crawl that included **Anita**, **Jessica**, **Jose**, **Todd**, **Bob R.**, **Bob M.** and others. It is just one of those times that you HAD to be there. 'Nuff said! Even with my award status of "ATC that goes above and beyond the call of duty," I still had trouble keeping up with **Anita**!

The Cezeaux's will forever hold Telluride dear...their daughter, **Andrea** accepted a proposal of marriage from her boyfriend, **Andrew Synott** coming down the gondola. A September 24 wedding in Boston is planned.

So Friday brought a final day of skiing, some re-racing for some of us, and a big crash for me. After a lengthy ER visit, I found that I may have hairline cracked my 11th rib, but otherwise, I just bruised my tailbone and strained some back muscles. The

rest of the trip is sort of a blur due to the pain killers, but I will do my best to continue. I DO know that I did not have to carry any luggage on the way home thanks to the chivalrous gentlemen on the trip. Thanks, guys!

We gathered at a nearby German bar to average our scores against Atlanta that evening and SCSC was VICTORIOUS over Atlanta. The Continental Flight Attendant congratulated us over the plane's microphone on the return trip! I wonder who clued the flight attendant in on THAT one...MOI???

Friday night the group enjoyed a fabulous awards dinner at the Powderhouse. In addition to the race medals, we gave door prizes and some additional "fun" awards. With the help of my condomates (**Jose**, **Sholeh**, **Linda**, **Dennis**, **Anita**, and **Joe Walker**, honorary condomate), we came up with the aforementioned awards, and added a few more...There was the "Bob Award", as we had FIVE on the trip...And then there was **Robert Todd** who prefers "Todd" to either Robert OR Bob! Confused? We were!

We also had a "Mike Award" for the three Mikes we had on the trip. **Linda Beebe** and **Sholeh Safaeian** won the "Best Breakfasts" award. **Anita**, amidst many nominations won the "PATC" (Party Animal Trip Coordinator) award, and **Joe Walker** won the "Joe Walker" award because he is in a class all by himself! **Diane Stotz**, our fantastic TC, was presented a signed picture frame from everyone on the trip and she, in turn, gave me a beautiful Telluride frame...do we think alike, or what?

Several people still had energy to dance after dinner, including **Diane** and **David Stotz**, **Bob Rexford**, **Jose Araujo**, **Sholeh Safaeian**, **Jessica Halter**, and **Anita Suson**.

Saturday brought the trip to a close. We purposely beat Atlanta to the airport to make sure OUR luggage made it on this time. We stopped long

enough to get a group photo along the road and yes, **Jim Hendrix** made it for THAT photo. **Sue DeWitt** and **Dan Hendricks**, having left early, were the only two not originally in this group shot. Through computer magic, they appear in the photo.

A hot game of Trivial Pursuit ensued at the airport, (girls vs. guys) and sadly, I must report that the guys beat the girls really badly. How did **David Stotz** know that Harry's American Pub was located in Paris...Come ON!?!?

We were glad that **Danny Singley** was allowed to fly with us. Had it not been for the insistence of "THE MOMMA," he might not have been able to join us. A little last minute drama is always fun!

I then drifted off into a drug-induced sleep until the First Class PCs came back to the peon section of the plane to disturb and disrupt. It seems the free-flowing alcohol in First Class had kicked in and they wanted to party! So we did! (Twist our arms!)

We bid farewell at baggage claim amid hugs, smiles, and maybe even a few tears. The group really bonded on this trip, and I, for one, had severe withdrawals the next week. I missed all of my friends, old and new. My jacuzzi bathtub just wasn't the same, and I couldn't figure out why restaurants wouldn't give me my first drink free. I kept explaining, "In Telluride they do!"

So, Doc, now that you've heard my ramblings, is there hope for this ski junkie? Wait a minute...there MIGHT be some hope. Maybe the answer is to be a TC for a trip in 2001. It could happen! Watch for details.

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TSC Delegates Meeting – San Antonio, Texas

by Susan Blome

What does April, skiing, and San Antonio have in common?? The 14th Annual Texas Ski Council Ski Show and Bid Meeting - SkiBidFest 2000 - April 14-16th. The weekend actually began Friday afternoon as several of the over 50 members of SCSC arrived early to take part in Friday pre-bidfest activities. These activities included a golf tournament at Canyon Springs Golf Club and the TSC Officer / Trip Leader Seminar at the Holiday Inn.

The BidFest began Friday evening with registration and a reception sponsored by Austria Ski and Ski Europe. On Saturday morning, the actual business at hand – selecting this year's TSC trips – began bright and early. The delegates from all the TSC clubs listened as the ski areas presented the their resorts and answered questions. Space City delegates serving with me were Jane Orr, Kathy Young, Stacey Ronzcy, Richard Hall, Merrel Smith and Jeff Sarff. During this process we were visited by a high school band, saw film from a previous TSC trip (several SCSC members were among the stars!!), and were treated to Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream and a visit from the Ben & Jerry's cow. During the process we were treated to Continental Breakfast hosted by Vail, Beaver Creaek, Breckenridge, & Keystone (Saturday) and Purgatory (Sunday) and break on Saturday hosted by Copper Mountain. After lunch we went to the Ski Show to obtain information from Resort Reps and Ski Vendors, then saw several more presentations before each Club had free time to meet and discuss which areas we thought our Clubs would support for voting on Sunday. Special thanks to the SCSC members who participated in our caucus and provided input for our club vote.

Saturday night everyone enjoyed

a TSC style party with dinner and a DJ. The dance floor was full, bids were being made on the Silent Auction items, and cascarones were breaking.

Sunday morning brought another early start with presentations from Resorts bidding for Expeditions, Fam Trip reports, and announcement of nominated and voting on 2000-2001 TSC officers. The TSC, like SCSC, depends on volunteers and SCSC is proud to have several of our members involved with the TSC in officer roles.

The TSC officers for 2000-2001 are:

President:	Karen Mann
VP of Marketing:	James Mershon
Secretary:	Sandy Ellison
Treasurer:	Kayleen Kill
VP Fall Roundup:	Karen Prater
VP Traditional:	Ray Harvey
VP Winter	

Shootout:	Peggy Montgomery
VP Final Showdown:	Gary Butler
Expedition Coordinator:	Nina Cazort
Past President:	Anne Myers

Last but not least, deliberations and votes were taken on the destinations for 2000-2001:

Fall Roundup:	
Keystone, CO – November 21-26	
Traditional:	
Steamboat, CO – January 13-20	
Winter Shootout:	
Mt. Bachelor, OR – February 10-17	
Final Showdown:	
Heavenly, CA – March 17-24	
Winter Expedition:	
Cortina, Italy - Jan 27-Feb 4	

Before the morning ended, the business had been concluded, one successful ski season (1999-2000) had been completed while another one (2000-2001) had just begun. The first Quarterly Delegate Meeting will be held Saturday, June 10th in Lubbock.

Although this was the fifth TSC Bid meeting I have attended in San Antonio, this was the first one I served as the TSC Representative for our Club. I have enjoyed serving this year and being part of the process of deciding our club destinations. My deepest gratitude goes to all for your help and support through this process!! The rewards of volunteering are often hard to measure, but one of the extra rewards I've found are the friendships and seeing first hand the commitment and enthusiasm of the volunteers in our club. It is truly the dedication of our volunteers that makes this club great!!!

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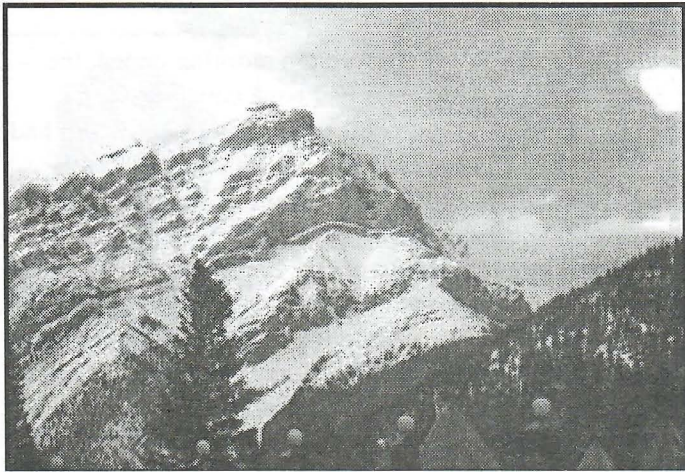
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Saturday, February 12 – a group of 28 anxious skiers ready to begin an exciting ski adventure collected at Houston Airport early and ready to party. United Airlines made sure the plane left on time. The bus from Denver to Winter Park was excellent including a great dinner to quench our appetite.

Sunday morning everyone was treated to breakfast at the trip leader's condo. James Mershon, TSC VP of the Winter Park trip dropped by. He discovered we had transported beer across state lines and threatened to alert the authorities to Bootlegging Ski Mom Patti and her accomplice Big Bad Chef Jeff. He was quickly bribed with Jeff's homemade buttermilk pancakes from Grandmother's secret recipe.

Some trips this ski season have complained of no new snow and poor ski conditions however, in Winter Park we had a winter wonderland all week, with possibly the best snow in years!

Irma Rosendahl, Lila Davis, and George Malone chose to cross-country ski and had a great day. George made a fashion statement wearing his outfit, complete with knickers and wool socks.

The *I'd Rather Be Shopping* award goes to Sharron Harrod, Patti Maudslay, Nannette Pikkarainen, Rachel Pratt, and Christina Riseley, who skipped the mountain and went straight for the shops. We understand that Christina is the master shopper and

never pays full price for anything she buys.

On Monday morning we wondered if Larry Hord was a flasher until we found out that his ski bib zipper was broken. He stood patiently while Ski Mom worked and fixed it. Later we saw two horny men,

Charles Butler and brother Gary Butler in their Viking ski hats. Tell us the truth guys; do these hats really attract the women while you conquer the mountain?

Staci Hester and Nannette Pikkarainen got a pleasant surprise of receiving flowers for Valentine's Day. Everyone enjoyed a SCSC dinner and party complete with red streamers, balloons, and heart decorations. The group sampled a box of chocolate Valentine candy and other assorted "red hot sweets". Did you ever wonder why the trip leaders take so many coolers filled with food and drinks on the trip? One reason is so there is plenty to eat after the trip leader drops a pan of lasagna upside down on the floor!

Claudia Gaxiola and Karen Verwold won prizes for being the quickest at the Valentine games. Everyone else discovered their secret Valentine. Mary Ann Harrell skipped the games and captured Chef Jeff until he revealed his great recipes. We all celebrated Mary White-Dollmann's birthday a day early. We're sure husband Steve Dollmann had special plans for her the following night.

Tuesday was another great day. Jack Hord was our token snowboarder complete with lime green body suit, no coat, and a Santa hat. How does that man stay warm? Only Sharron Harrod knows for sure.

That evening Lila Davis, Claudia

Gaxiola, Mary Ann Harrell, Donna Hathaway, Lynne Hester, Staci Hester, Nannette Pikkarainen, Rachel Pratt, Karen Verwold and George Malone went out on the town to "The Shed" and had a wild time. Poor George surrounded by his harem, it's a tough job but somebody has to do it.

Unfortunately, Irma Rosendahl was diagnosed with altitude sickness and confined to quarters with an oxygen machine for the rest of the trip. We tried to cheer her up the best we could. Lila Davis gave her a special *Got Oxygen?* T-shirt.

The powder hounds were up early on Wednesday for first tracks in a foot of new snow. Novice skiers wondered how to ski in so much snow. The sun came out by ten o'clock and it was a great ski day to remember.

Christina, Nannette, and Rachel had a great snowshoe adventure. The other Ski Council trips arrived during the day, including Kayleen Kill and Peggy Montgomery.

On the slopes, the bump gang, Jeff Eastham, Ellen Bush, Diane McKenzie, and Gunner Heyne were ready to take a flying run down the Expert-Only run Outhouse. Patrick Kitten, a member of The Flatlanders, joined them. Patrick proved to be an outstanding skier. He mastered all the bumps and surprised us later that day as we discovered that he skis on an artificial leg!

Gunnar took advice and mastered the skills of skiing the bumps. The bump queens, Ellen and Diane, challenged everyone to follow. Pacesetter Jeff waited at the bottom of each run wondering what was taking everyone so long?

Wednesday evening was the official TSC Welcome Party. SCSC stood out from the other clubs by wearing Mardi Gras beads. After the party, Ellen, Jeff, Ken, Patti, Nannette, and Rachel took the scenic shuttle express ride to

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the Crooked Creek Saloon in Fraser. Normally a 5-minute drive, they arrived 45 minutes later!

Ken Mach was very surprised when the local cowboys admired his Mardis Gras beads and he couldn't return to the table fast enough to take them off. He said "those cowboys were looking at me real funny!"

Thursday was another great day for skiing and joining everyone at the TSC Mountain Lunch. **Karen** took a dog-sled ride.

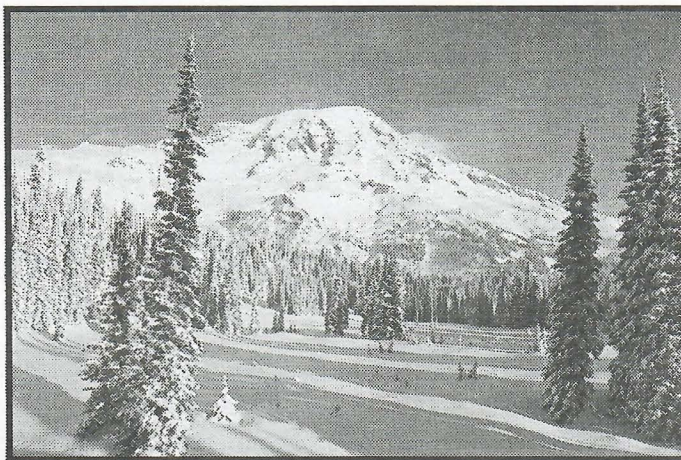
That night **Rachel** went on a dinner sleigh ride while others acting like children went to the Fraser Tubing Hill. The youngsters tubing were **Ron and Sharon Geedman, Claudia, Mary Ann, Donna, Lynne, Staci, George, Patti, and Karen**. When you go to Winter Park be sure to plan a trip to go tubing. We had so much fun we raced, made chains, and totally forgot our age for a short time.

Friday was race day. Our race director **Chris Goll** worked to get us out early and assure that the course was suited for a win. Our club races put SCSC close to the lead as even the never-ever skiers **Claudia** and **Nannette** ran the course.

Several awards for the club included Gold for **Chris Goll**, Silver for **Kayleen Kill**, **Ken Mach**, **Jeff Eastham** and **Gunnar Heyne**. Bronze medals went to

Ellen Bush and **Ron Geedman**. Way to go Space City!

At the end of the races, **Chris** challenged Jeff to a private race but no track could be decided, **Jeff** pointed to the bumps and **Chris** to the groomed



snow! Call it a draw guys!

In the afternoon six skied in the individual races with medals awarded to all. Gold medal went to **Kayleen, Chris, Jeff** and **Ken**. Silver medals went to **Ellen** and **Gunnar**.

Friday night was the final awards party. SCSC came out in full force ready to party, party, party! Chef Jeff made special tortilla roll-ups to share with the entire Council. Everyone raved over them and wondered if the jalapenos were brought from Texas! Dinner was great and then the party elevated as the awards and music began.

The Pub-Crawl award was given to


Donna Hathaway, even though she claims not to have visited all those places. How many bars did she really go to? **Charles, Mary Ann, Donna, Karen** and **George** asked mom **Lynne** if daughter **Staci** could join them for tequila shots. Lynne said "absolutely not without me". Later they all stumbled to the dance floor. The theme for the party was *Return to Woodstock*. The D. J. spun vinyl and we burned up the dance floor putting the other TSC clubs to shame. Ms. Freebird, **Rachel** was doing flips on the dance floor! Everyone participated in the famous *Chicken Dance* and our club favorite *Friends in Low Places*.

Kayleen had a special partner on the dance floor, a huge trophy! By the end of the evening all the other clubs left and SCSC shut down the place. They had to stop the music and turn off the lights before we finally left, taking the last shuttle home. **Saturday**, we had a memorable bus ride back to Denver. The group surprised trip leaders **Patti** and **Jeff** with special gifts and recognition for a job well done. TSC had provided door prizes for everyone. We all reflected back on the memorable week of fun as a gift was given to each trip participant.

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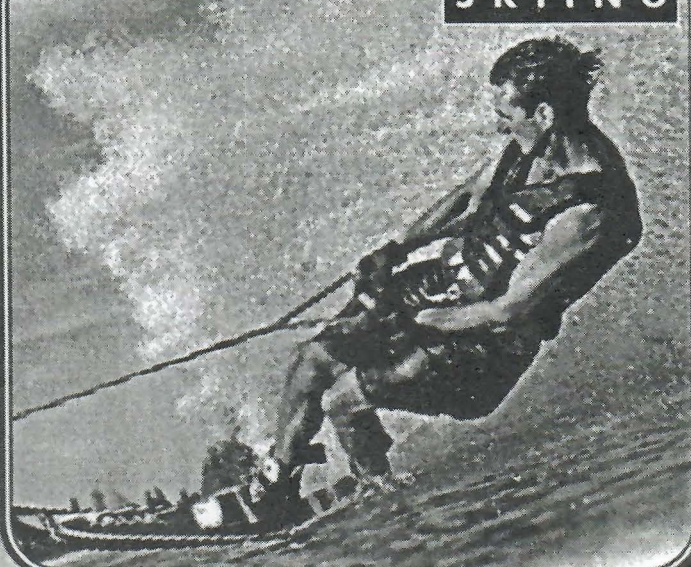
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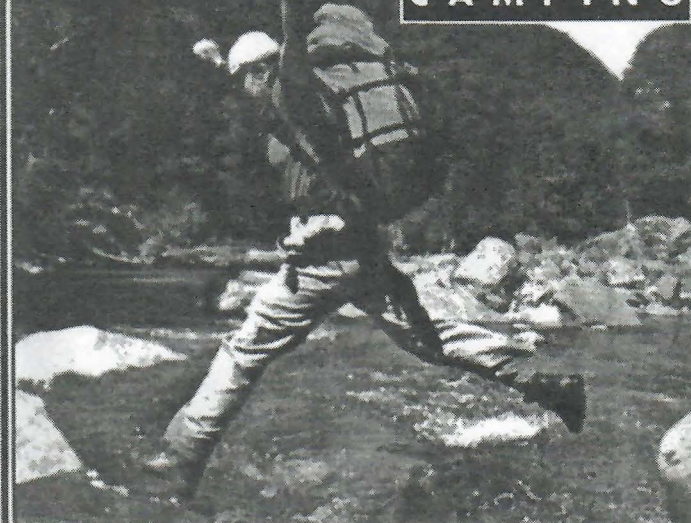
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