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January Meeting Dates:

General Meeting January 18th

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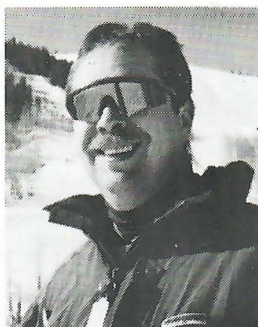
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January, 1999

Head of the Liftline

by Merrel Smith



Happy 1999, I hope the New Year brings everyone lots fresh powder, and/or beautiful groomed runs. We really had a busy month to end 1998 and three ski trips have already returned. The first week of December was filled with pre-trip parties, the Oshmans Downhill and the TSC Delegates meeting. The second week began with the Sunshine Kids Auction at our General Meeting, and ended with The Holiday Gala. Toss in a Board of Directors meeting, an Executive Committee meeting, and a Happy Hour, and it's been a whirlwind month.

After a change of venue, due to a broken ski deck at the Baybrook Oshmans, Space City had a walk at the Oshmans Downhill. No one showed from Clear Lake, so our group headed by Club Overall Race Director Chris Sheehan got off easy. Chris did a incredible of a job getting a team together at the right location, what with all the changes. Hopefully, we can arrange something again with Clear Lake so they can make a contest of it.

I had the pleasure of attending the TSC Delegates meeting on Saturday, December 5, which SCSC co-hosted here in Houston. Our delegate Jeff Sarff will have the details of what transpired in his article.

I want to thank all of those who contributed to the Sunshine Kids auction. This includes those of you who bought things as well as the individuals and companies who contributed items for the auction. Nancy Sarff put in hours of work to help make this auction work. Please, let her know how much we appreciate a job well done.

Space City's booth at the Houston Chronicle Ski & Snowboard Show November 21 & 22 received a lot of interest. I hope it adds more members to our coffers. I want to thank all the members who volunteered to work in our booth, as well as the organizers for letting us have a place in the show.

There is a lot going on in the next few weeks. Don't forget the General Meeting is the 3rd Monday, January 18. VP Programs Sue Salvage has a unique program planned. We will display work done by local artists. Check out Sue's article for details. The Happy Hour this month is the 28th at the Black Swan. If you plan to watch the Houston Marathon, join the Wall Committee, and help out on the last mile. Don't forget about the SuperBowl party.

Well, we've got quite a bit of Skiing left. If you haven't finalized your winter plans, or maybe you can fit another trip into your schedule. Check out VP Trips Barb Ehrlich's page for details on what's available.

Once again I am behind in my acknowledgments. I want to thank Mike Fleming for stepping up and filling the position of Asst. Treasurer. Mike took over the position on November 1. Stop by Layde's table at the meeting and give him a big attaboy. I'll see you on the slopes, or maybe at a meeting. Good skiing.

Space City would like to thank our Meeting Door Prize Sponsors:

October Meeting

Laff Stop - Tickets for 4

Tuscany Grill - Gift Certificate for 1 entree - Value \$15.00

Laff Stop - Tickets for 4

Oshman's Ski Service Card - Value \$70.00

Special prizes - Magic Island donated 50 discount coupons, for a 15% discount, on parties up to 18. Pretty good deal! These were given to new members at the meeting.

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Coordinator

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CALENDAR

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January

- 1-2 Whistler
- 9-16 Park City I & II
- 17 Houston Marathon
- 12-17 Park City III
- 16-23 Snowmass/Aspen
- 18 General Meeting - Art Exhibit/Slides
- 24 I-Max Adventure
- 23-30 Sun Valley
- 28 Happy Hour - Black Swan
- 29-6 France
- 31 Super Bowl Party

February						
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February

- 1-6 France
- 6-13 Breckenridge
- 8 General Meeting
- 18 Happy Hour
- 19 Rodeo
- 26 Horse Races
- 20-27 Jackson Hole

March						
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March

- 2-7 Crested Butte
- 8 General Meeting
- 18 Happy Hour
- 13-20 Heavenly I & II
- 17-21 Heavenly III
- 20-27 Alyeska

FROM THE SKI DESK

by Barb Ehrlich



Happy 1999! We are at the peak of the ski season. From now until the end of March we will have skiers out almost every week. The 1998 ski trips are mere memories, but I'm sure all went well. (Actually as most of you know I write my article a month ahead so the only trip I really know about is Copper). The Copper trip was a huge success, except for the lack of snow. We came in second in the races with eight medals. Cheryl May won her division for the individuals. We're off to a great start for the cup this year. Our two December trips, Red River and Whistler were full and I'm sure we'll be reading spectacular reviews of these in the months to come.

Due to some unusual circumstances, we still have several openings on the Sun Valley trip leaving January 23. Sun Valley is a great resort, and we've got a great group of people going, so if you can free up your schedule for the week of January 23 be sure to give Christie a call before it's too late. Another anomaly in this year's sign ups is the Crested Butte trip. There are 10 spots left. This is an incredible opportunity that I'm sure will not last long. Also, both Heavenly long trips are full with long wait lists, but the Heavenly short trip still has 9 openings. This is a great opportunity to participate the TSC Final Showdown and be part of an SCSC record group of over 150 skiers and/or gamblers.

If you still want to be considered for some of the other trips be sure to get your name on the wait list. Remember, all this involves is writing a \$100 check that will not be cashed until your are notified and accept a spot on the trip. It secures your place in the order of those called if openings do occur. The trips with relatively short wait lists include France, Breckenridge, and Jackson Hole. Or if you can sign up last minute, don't forget the emergency wait list. For five dollars your name and number will be placed on a list used by TC's in the last week before a trip when unexpected vacancies occur. You will discuss trip price directly with the trip participant canceling.

As we're getting to the point where your final payments are due, I want to spend a few minutes reviewing our cancellation procedures. If you cancel off a trip, you must notify the club preferably through the TC of the trip in writing. Your TC will have a cancellation form you can use to do this. You are not off the trip and we cannot find a replacement until we have your written cancellation. After final payment you will be responsible for the trip payment if a replacement is not found. SCSC Standing Rule 5.0 in your phone directory explains these policies. Several of you have made \$100 deposits and have not followed through with final payments or cancellation letters. Since you missed final payment we have replaced you on the trip, however we cannot refund any money without your written cancellation form.

In closing I just want to reiterate that we are having a spectacular ski season with over 700 skiers. I need to thank again this years great ski planning team of DOT's, TC's, ATC's, Ex-com, Board, and race director. From now on keep thinking SNOW and we'll see you on the mountain.



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Space City Ski Club 1998-1999 Trip Schedule

As of December 6, 1998

Trip Dates	Nights/ Ski Days	Trip Destination	Cost (See Notes)	Final Payment	Lodging	No. Skiers	Status / Wait List	TC/ATC (DOT)	Home Phone
Jan. 9-16, 1999 (Sat.—Sat.)	7 / 6	PARK CITY I Utah (TSC Traditional)	\$802	Nov. 2, 1998	Park Station (2br/2ba)	32	32	Mike Montgomery Dorann Valka (KCY)	281-752-0522 713-782-0871
Jan. 9-16, 1999 (Sat.—Sat.)	7 / 6	PARK CITY II Utah (TSC Traditional)	\$802	Nov. 2, 1998	Edelweis Haus (2br/2ba)	36	36	Stacey Ronczy Bruce Lowther (KCY)	713-861-6470 713-785-5196
Jan. 12-17, 1999 (Tue.—Sun.)	5 / 4	PARK CITY III Utah (TSC Traditional)	\$599	Nov. 2, 1998	Empire Coalition (2br/2ba)	32	32	Jane Orr Karen Mozisek (KCY)	713-771-4104 713-856-8015
Jan. 16-23, 1999 (Sat.—Sat.)	7 / 6	SNOWMASS/ASPEN Colorado	F:\$775 L:\$446	Oct. 12, 1998	Woodbridge (2br/2ba)	44	44 12-WL	Beth Wood Jennifer Schreck (GWS)	281-489-8304 713-855-4656
Jan. 23-30, 1999 (Sat.—Sat.)	7 / 6	SUN VALLEY	\$777	Nov. 19, 1998	Sun Valley Lodge(2br/ 2ba,3br/ba)	40	37	Christie Burke Russell Benham (KCY)	713-465-5644 713-460-8094
Jan. 30-Feb. 7, 1999 (Sat.—Sun.)	7 / 6	LES 3 VALLES France (TSC Winter Expedition)	\$1320	Nov. 19, 1998	Grande Hotel desTherme	47	47	George Flournoy Barb Penkala (GWS)	713-789-0654 713-432-0989
Feb. 6 –13, 1999 (Sat.-Sat.)	7 / 6	BRECKENRIDGE Colorado	\$665	Nov. 3, 1998	Pine Ridge Condos (2br/2ba)	44	44	Arlen Isham Ken Spalding (KCY)	713-455-4858 713-461-1224
Feb. 20 – 27, 1999 (Sat.-Sat.)	7 / 6	JACKSON HOLE Wyoming (TSC Winter Shoot-out)	F:\$816 L:\$425	Dec. 8, 1998	Wind River Condos (4br/4ba)	48	48 3-WL	Sarah Granbery Jeri Wilson (GWS)	713-662-0493 281-497-2686
March 2 – 7, 1999 (Tues.—Sun.)	5/4	CRESTED BUTTE Colorado	\$628	Jan. 7, 1999	Snowcrest (2br/ba)	32	22	Louella Steller J. R. Ronczy (KCY)	713-723-6713 713-861-6470
Mar 13-20, 1999 (Sat.-Sat.)	7 / 6	HEAVENLY I Nevada (TSC Final Showdown)	\$593 L:\$310	Jan. 18, 1999	Horizon Hotel (1br/1ba)	42	42 23-WL	Kim Page Elyse Turla (GWS)	713-271-4912 713-981-0359
Mar 13-20, 1999 (Sat.-Sat.)	7 / 6	HEAVENLY II Nevada (TSC Final Showdown)	\$593 L:\$310	Jan. 18, 1999	Horizon Hotel (1br/1ba)	42	42 25-WL	Lee Swords Diane Stotz (GWS)	713-973-1183 713-862-9486
March 17-21, 1999 (Wed.—Sun.)	4/3	HEAVENLY III Nevada (TSC Final Showdown)	F:\$528 L:\$262	Jan. 18, 1999	Forest Inn (2br/2ba)	44	33	Sharon Broughton Nancy Gentzel (GWS)	713-526-3572 713-952-4652
March 20-27, 1999 (Sat.—Sat.)	7 / 6	ALYESKA Alaska	F:\$937 L:\$454	Jan. 18, 1999	Prince Hotel (1br/1ba)	44	44 15-WL	Gary Haley Nicky Minear (KCY)	713-984-9884 713-436-9518

** Notes: L=Land Package-excludes AIR ONLY and is available only on selected trips.

Les Trois Valles, France and Whistler, Canada – Price is dependent on the exchange rate & current taxes at time of departure. Les Trois Valles pricing includes daily breakfast. Whistler – Family Optional, some discount pricing available for children, see TC or ATC for details.

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by Sue Salvage



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friend as well as an asset to Space City.

Hope you enjoyed the Spring Branch Elementary Hand Bell Choir and Annual Sunshine Kids Fund Raiser at the December meeting. NANCY SARFF gets a big round of applause as she was instrumental in bringing us another very successful fund raiser.

THANKS also go out to our ACTIVITY COORDINATORS

CHRIS SHEEHAN our Race Director worked with the Clear Lake Ski Club to bring together the annual OSHMAN'S DOWNHILL competition between our clubs.

STEVEN TEOH who brought you a great HOLIDAY GALA!

UPCOMINGEVENTS

January 17th - Methodist Health Care Houston Marathon - Call Cindy Moore for details and to sign up January 18th - January meeting - ARTEXHIBIT - come and see this new program We'll have a special 'art exhibit' prize too! January 28th - Happy Hour and the Black Swan in the OMNI HOTEL

January 31st - Super Bowl Sunday - Call Peggy Schillinger for details and to sign up February 8th.

February meeting - be sure to wear your western duds February 18th - Happy Hour - place to be announced July 20 - 26, 1999 White Water Rafting Adventure - Bill Bomberger has the scoop on this event for you.

EVENTS IN THE WORKS

I-Max Adventure
Galveston Mardi Gras
Cards / bridge / or games night
Golf Tournament
Houston Rockets game
Horse Races and dinner

Rodeo Night
St. Patrick's Day Party and Parade
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Bike Ride and lunch/picnic
Guadalupe River Raft Trip
Volunteer Party

Want to help with any of these, or something else?!?! Call Dana Wardell at 281-497-8552 or Sue Salvage at 281-870-0762. You know there wouldn't be any activities if no one volunteered, so think about it and call us!



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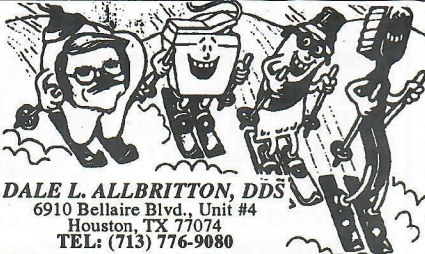
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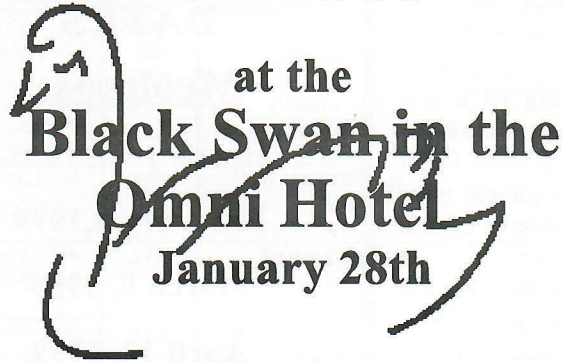


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January 17th, 6:30 am

Optional Breakfast at Bubba's Sports Bar
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January 17th, 8:00 am

Be on mile 25-26
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February 14th, 5:00 pm - 8:00pm
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The group travelling to Copper Mountain over Thanksgiving set a new club record and used 78 four-ounce tubes of the product in a five day period. Other clubs in the Texas Ski Council were absolutely amazed at the results of this group on the slopes.

It should be pointed out that skis and snowboards require frequent application. The material dissolves in water and is removed by friction on snow. This is different from more familiar uses in which the operating system is closed and only one application is generally required. Excessive use of the compound should be avoided. There was a report of one couple sliding from a bed because of over application.

The authors of this report prefer to remain anonymous although they are happy to share some of their research on uses of these types of polymeric compounds.

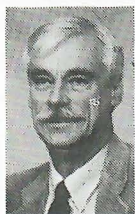
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January 18, 1998

February 8, 1999

March 8, 1999

April 12, 1999

May 17, 1999

Summer - No Meetings

September 13, 1999

October 11, 1999

November 8, 1999

December 13, 1999

Happy Hours:

January 28, 1998

February 18, 1999

March 18, 1999

April 22, 1999

May 27, 1999

June 17, 1999

July 15, 1999

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September 23, 1999

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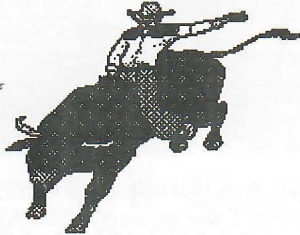
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December 23, 1999

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SCSC Activity

Let's Rodeo at the Houston Rodeo Friday, February 19th Opening Night Act



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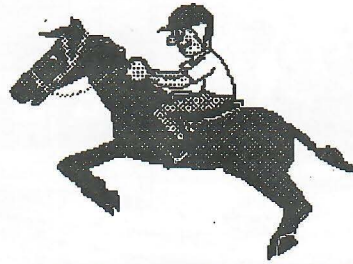
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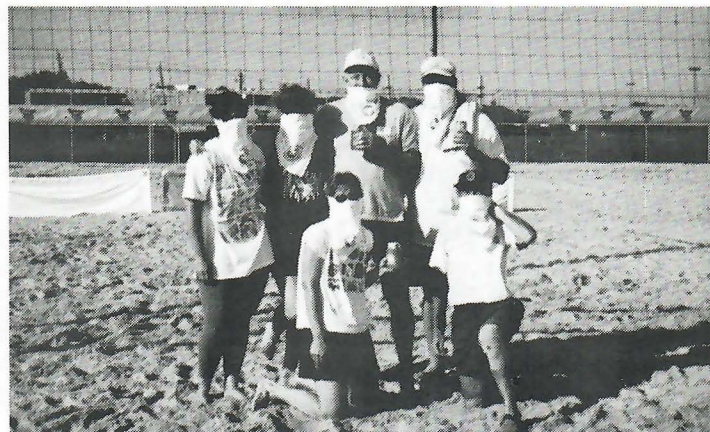
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FALL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

by Debbie Warren



The annual Volleyball Tournament took place Saturday, October 24th at Drumstick's Backyard. After weeks of dodging tropical storms and hurricanes, the sun gods smiled on 44 SCSC'ers. The gorgeous weather drew out a few more last minute players that just couldn't stay home and watch T.V. We quickly placed everyone on teams, Mike Miksich briefed us on rules and safety and then the whistle blew for the first round of play.

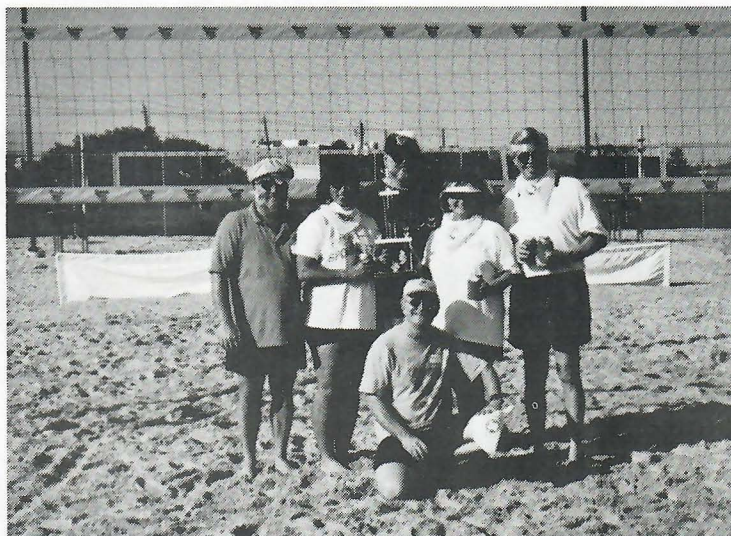
We had eight teams with names like Taos Terror, Breckenridge Bunch and the Park City Spikers. Marsha Lutz of Air Alta realized she was not only captain but had all guys on her team.....women were in short supply.....but co-ed rules still prevailed. Elyse Turla and Cheryl May of the Heavenly Devilish Dinkers were devilish indeed. Teammate Steven Teoh came in complaining of arm pain but promptly

forgot it as he, Merrill Smith and Harvey Hetzel were rallying in the semi-finals. The Sun Valley Shredders experienced mayhem amongst themselves as Debbie Warren rearranged Gunnar Heyne's glasses while trying to get to a perfect pass

Blome, Ray Herndon and Gerry Simpson AGAINST the powerful Ski Aspen Team of Linda Licarione, Gary Butler, Dennis Deavenport, Walter May, John Burk and Gloria Raminka. It was a hardfought battle but in the end, Team Ski Aspen was victorious.

Lynne and Walter Hester, Keith Kirkman, Diane Stotz and Joe Loe say they never win but ALWAYS have a good time. Jeff Warren, Steve Amy and Lee Roy Luedecke said they just came for the beer coupons and sunshine. Kurt Frisby, Lynn Borker, Jim Krauss, Milton Lazarone, Charles Butler, Jeri Hartman, Kevin Bishop, Billie Nowak, Lee Jones, Sean O'Brien and Stan Broniak all stayed to cheer on the finalist.

We also had a great cheering squad of Ted and Debbie Bergeron, Lisa Smith, Kris Rogge and Sue Salvage who all came out just to watch us pull muscles — and to enjoy a truly great day.



from her team of Russell Benham, Joe Lohon and Alan Bitzer. The finals matched the Copper Cats talent of John Cook, Pam Smith, Diane Laderer, Susan



Volunteer Party

We want to try something a little different when putting on the annual "Volunteer Party"!

Interested? Read on...

Wanted: Six New and/or First Year Members who have not volunteered yet.

For What: Volunteer Party?!?! This is our annual "Thank You" party for all of those who have volunteered their time and efforts during the year.

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