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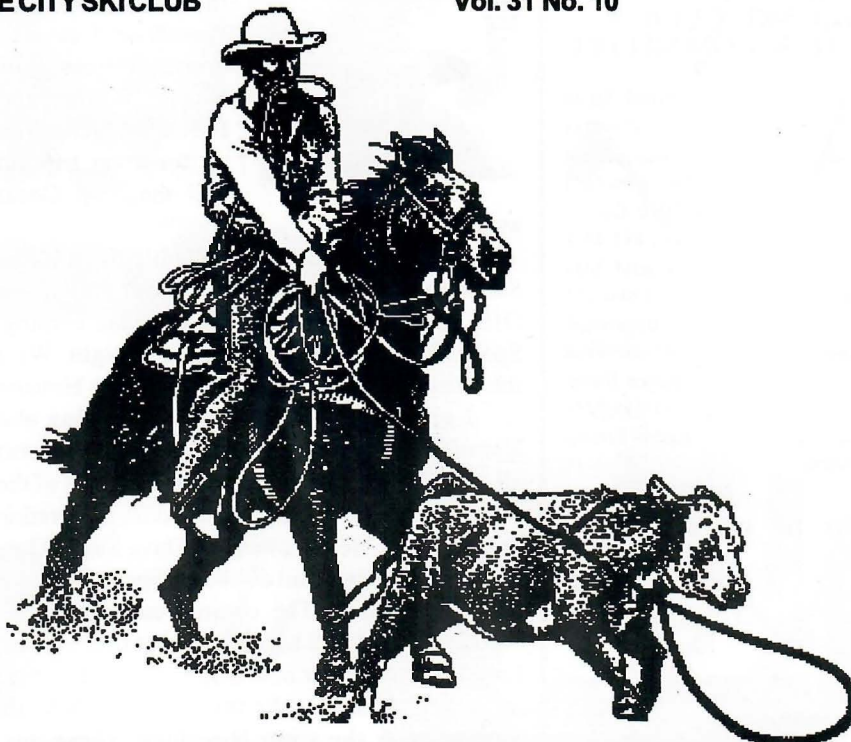
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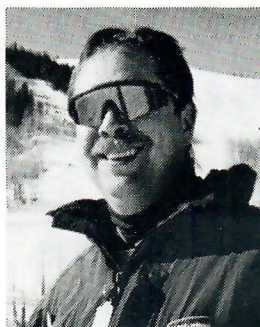
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February, 1999

Head of the Lifeline

by Merrel Smith



Howdy pard'ners, it's rodeo time. Break out the beads for Mardi Gras. Get your Valentines order in for flowers & candy for your sweetheart. Being the shortest month of the year, February is really packed full of things to do. Mardi Gras, Valentines Day and Presidents Day all happen in the same weekend. Some of the best skiing of the year is traditionally this month. We have trips to Les 3 Valles-France, Breckenridge, and Jackson Hole. If you're not signed up for a ski trip yet, time is rapidly running out, call the Trip Coordinator of your choice about

available space.

A lot of our members double as volunteers for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. I know they have really been looking forward to the Kick-Off. There's over two weeks of rodeo coming up, starting on the nineteenth. Space City has tickets for opening night. We also have a chance to wager on the horses at the Club's outing at Sam Houston Racepark on the 26th.

I sense the end is near. I'm talking about my term as President. The Nominating Committee's selections for officers will be presented this month. We all owe a big debt of thanks to the members of the Nominating committee: Chair, Jerry Montgomery along with Eddie Bayersdorfer, Debbie Bergeron, Ed Cain, Jean Jackson, Beth Nolen, and Dave Stotz. They put in countless hours of work, phone interviews, and deliberations to find us a group to take this club into the next millennium. The committees nominees are listed in this issue of the Sitzmarke, and will be presented at the February 8th General Meeting. Per By-Law 4.5 any further nominations must be made that evening.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who advertise in the Sitzmarke & the Club Directory. These ads help defray the costs of our publications. I would encourage all our members to seek out and utilize these valuable resources.

I hope to see you at a meeting, skiing, or maybe at the Rodeo.

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Holiday Inn Select - Champagne Escape for 2
Radio Music Theater - tickets for 2

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CALENDAR

February						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

February

1-6	France
6-13	Breckenridge
8	General Meeting
18	Happy Hour at Wild West
19	Rodeo - Hank Williams Jr
26	Horse Races
20-27	Jackson Hole

March						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

March

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

April						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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April

12	General Meeting
22	Happy Hour
??	Road Rally

FROM THE SKI DESK

by Barb Ehrlich



Well, I can hardly believe it, ski season is half over. I just got back from my trip to Sun Valley and sat down to review the February and March schedule to find another trip. This is absolutely unbelievable, but there is still space on *Crested Butte*, March 2 - 7. Anyone just joining the club or those of you who put off your 1999 ski decision until the last moment are truly in luck, but I'm sure this opportunity won't last, so get on the phone and call Louella before this gem of a trip fills up. The remaining trips include Breckenridge, Jackson Hole, Heavenly, and Alaska. Although these trips are full, the wait lists are all short to non-existent (some may even have openings due to unexpected cancellations), so if you want to go skiing this season just call and send in your \$100 check to be on the wait list. Your check will not be cashed until you are notified and accept a spot on the trip, it does however secure your place in the order of those called if openings do occur.

Another option for you last minute ski trip shoppers is 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. Right now there are only 5 people on this list, so your chances of being called are very good.

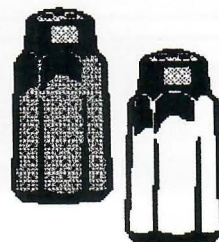
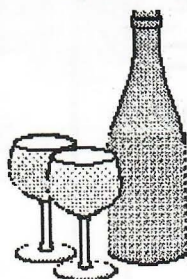
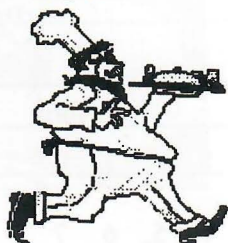
Ski trip planning is somewhat cyclical. As this year's planning winds down, several of us are already thinking ahead to the 1999 - 2000 ski season (that is if we make it past Y2K). Planning has been a lot of fun, but it wouldn't have been possible if it wasn't for the dedicated work of the DOT's, TC's and ATC's. Several of this year's ATC's will probably utilize their newly learned skills to run trips next year, however, to avoid allowing one group of people to have too much fun we will be needing a whole new group of innovative volunteer's to help with next year's ski season. If you're curious as to just how much fun this is, just approach one of this year's TC's or ATC's (maybe the week before their trip isn't the best time to do this!) and ask what is involved in running a ski trip. Or just observe on the trip how much fun they're having. Seriously, the best way to really enjoy being part of the club is to help run a trip. The next few months your Sitzmarke and meetings will have !!! **Get Involved !!!** forms for you to use in volunteering to run or assist in running a trip next year. Please feel free to ask any of us about the volunteer opportunity and consider filling out a form to be part of next year's ski planning team

In closing I just want to reiterate that we are having a spectacular ski season. If you don't ski this year, it's entirely your fault, because the opportunities have been virtually endless. Thanks again to everyone involved, this is a volunteer organization and volunteers have made this a great ski planning experience. Until next month, *Happy skiing!*

Rice Epicurean Cooking Class

by Darlene Hirasaki

Fun was had by all at the Rice Epicurean Cooking Class held in October. Nineteen SCSC'ers became experts in making Ginger Crusted Salmon with Ponzu sauce, Miso soup with roasted chanterelles, and Benjy's un-Cesar salad. A couple of days before the class we got a little worried. The original Chef from the Doubletree Hotel had to cancel, but Peg Lee, the cooking school director, came through with even a better deal. We had James Nakayama of Benjy's restaurant in the Village come teach the class. What a deal, not only did we learn to make the recipes, we received copies of them! Then while sipping on wine and socializing, we each tried a serving of all the recipes.



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Space City Ski Club

1998-1999 Trip Schedule

As of January 4, 1999

Trip Dates	Nights/Ski Days	Trip Destination	Cost (See Notes)	Final Payment	Lodging	No. Skiers	Status / Wait List	TC/ATC (DOT)	Home Phone
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	21	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)	60	58 5-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)	60	60 1-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	37	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)	52	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.

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V. P. Programs

by Sue Salvage



IT'S FEBRUARY! IT'S RODEO TIME! GET IN THE SPIRIT!
Cheryl May made the arrangements with the Speakers Committee of the Houston Live Stock Show and Rodeo for our February program and it's a melodrama. Join us on the 8th and be sure to wear your western duds!

This Club year is going by so fast. Did you know that we have completed trips to 5 ski destinations and have only 7 more ski destinations to do? Not only that, but Y2K is just around the corner.

We hope one of your new years resolutions was to "TAKE THE CHALLENGE" and be an unofficial **SCSC AMBASSADOR**. It is a wonderful way to make new members or guests feel welcome. We think once you've done it a few times you will also reap personal satisfaction and will even enjoy being



one of our Challengers!

The art exhibit at the January meeting was a new venture. The out "check the art cards" proved to be of benefit for our members, guest AND exhibitors as it got everyone moving around the room to check it ALL out. We had a special drawing from all the "check out the art cards" that were initialed by ALL the artists. The winner received a Champagne Escape for 2 from the Holiday Inn Select and tickets for 2 to Radio Music Theater.

As always, a special thank you goes out to our Activity Coordinators:

CINDY MOORE ran our first volunteer event with the Methodist Health Care Houston Marathon. There were lots of volunteers who had a great time at the parties as well as working the last mile of the marathon.

DEBBIE STARNES took us on an I-Max Adventure and optional lunch. It's been a while since we've done the I-Max and it is always a crowd pleaser.

PEGGY SCHILLINGER headed up our super "Super Bowl Party" along with dinner and drinks. As always the football fans had a great time as well as those just there for the "socializing"!

Be sure to check out the Sitzmarke and the activity tables for details of the following upcoming events, meetings and happy hours:

FEBRUARY 8TH - Meeting

WEEK-ENDS - Work out to ski - Want to get in shape?
Call **BRENDA SANDERS** our coordinator

FEBRUARY 18TH - Happy Hour at Wild West on Richmond

FEBRUARY 19TH - Houston Live Stock Show and Rodeo -
Opening night - **LYNN BURCH** has the tickets and they are going fast.

FEBRUARY 26TH - Sam Houston Race Park - Horse Races and
Dinner Yes, - **CRAIG CAMPBELL** is doing another "gambling"
activity!!

MARCH 26TH - Darts with **DENNIS (DEAVENPORT)** and
MILT KRAMER

MAY 17th - 1998-1999 Follies - Jerry Sadler volunteered to do
this !! Look for his ad in the Sitzmarke, and see him or call him
to sign up!

JULY 20 - 26 - White Water Rafting Adventure with **BILL BOMBERGER**. - Great response to this activity. The trip has
filled and been expanded.

IN THE WORKS ACTIVITIES:

Road Rally - Date April 25th Bike Ride with lunch/picnic
Golf Tournament - Date May 1st Card / bridge / games night
Guadalupe River Raft Trip Volunteer Party
Cultural event Your suggestions/ideas

I know, it seems too early to be working on the Follies and the Volunteer Party, but it's not!

The May **FOLLIES** is our annual end meeting where members put on a program / skits / etc. for the members and it is one of our most fun meetings. The volunteer spots are prime, so call now to get on the list.

The **VOLUNTEER PARTY** is also one of our most important functions as this is one of the ways the Club says "THANK YOU" to all of those who gave of their time and talent during the 1998-1999 year. We need a couple of special folks to round out our committee.

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SCSC Activity

February Happy Hour

at



Wild West

February 18th

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Nominating Committee

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The Space City Ski Club Nominating Committee has met and places into nomination the following members to serve as the Club's 1999-2000 officers:

President	Richard Hall
VP Programs	Stacey Roncey
VP Trips	Kathy Young
VP Membership	John Rice
VP Publications	Darlene Hirasaki
Secretary	Louella Stellar
Treasurer	Elaine Sokolff

Finding members who are willing to, and able to, manage a volunteer organization is more complicated than most people think. The Nominating Committee first solicited volunteers and then actively recruited potentially qualified club members to become officers. This was not an easy task.

Some of the criterion that we looked for included:

1. Time available
2. Business experience
3. Previous contributions
4. Creativity
5. Enthusiasm - active in club
6. Accessibility - located in Houston vicinity
7. Stability - risk of relocation
8. Balance - male/female
9. Team work - complementary leaders



It should be noted that the Bylaws allow additional nominations from the floor at the February meeting. The election will be held at the March Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted - SCSC Nominating Committee

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Jean Jackson
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March 8, 1999

April 12, 1999

May 17, 1999

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September 13, 1999

October 11, 1999

November 8, 1999

December 13, 1999

January 17, 2000

Happy Hours:

February 18, 1999

March 18, 1999

April 22, 1999

May 27, 1999

June 17, 1999

July 15, 1999

August 19, 1999

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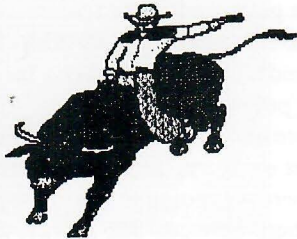
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SCSC Activity

Let's Rodeo at the Houston Rodeo

Friday, February 19th
Hank Williams Jr.



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Time: TBA

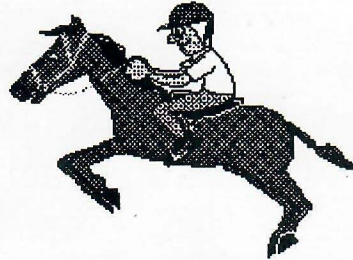
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COPPER MOUNTAIN

by Barbara Brescian and Patti Maudslay



A Great Start to the Ski Season

On Tuesday, November 24, 1998, 47 excited skiers bound for Copper Mountain, Colorado were whisked through check-in thanks to the excellent organization of United Airline's group travel desk. Even before the plane took off, the group was partying in the departure lounge, celebrating **Troy Broussard's** birthday—cake, candles, singing and all. Of course, the real partying started the Friday before the trip at Cabo's in downtown Houston. Enjoying a pre-trip Happy Hour were **Jose Araujo, Jessica Halter, Jill Kovar, Chris Sheehan, Cindy Moore, Paul Cain, Wanda Callahan, and Keith Kirkman**. After smooth flying on United, the Queen City Transportation Company afforded us the luxury of a superior coach with twin turbo. When the second turbo kicks in, that baby had 750 hp. We glided up to snow country in style and were greeted by the smiling faces of the Mountain Plaza staff who handed us room keys and had luggage and skis in our rooms in record time.

Trip leader **Patti Maudslay** stayed up all night getting Wednesday morning's breakfast ready for 47 hungry SCSCers. **Roger Holzman** served as head cook at breakfast. Several people said they wouldn't come to breakfast again unless Roger made the coffee, which he did every morning. **Peter MacDonald** set an oatmeal consumption record. Fellow condo-mate **Craig Campbell** took the open door policy in stride and pitched in to help.

Marginal snow conditions at Copper did not prevent these avid skiers from hitting the slopes. **Jose Araujo** described his Copper experience after a face plant: "I ate snow, and it is not good. It was man-made!" While skiing at the Excelsior lift trails at Copper, those around **Jessica Halter** were introduced to her ski chant: "Wow, nice slope...oh

ice...whoa"... (crash). **Peter MacDonald** wasn't watching the ski trail closely enough and went off into...not snow...but dirt...and crashed. Instead of brushing the white fluffy stuff from his jacket, he had to ski down and wash the mud off his jacket. **David and Jane Healey** enjoyed

Copper so much, they spent their four days skiing right outside their condo door.

Spotted at the liquor store later that afternoon were **Tom Mercer, Pam Holder, Debbie Starnes** and **David Lindsay** planning a party of their own.

After a hard first day's skiing, happy hour at Kokomo's, and a fun-filled Copper Mountain Welcome Party for the entire Texas Ski Council (TSC), all gathered at ATC **Barbara Brescian's** condo for more merriment and food. She and **John Brescian** slaved over a hot stove to cook up lasagna, garlic bread and mouth-watering **cheesecakes**, napoleons and cream puffs. In fact, wasn't that **Christine March** and **Bob Wray** sitting most of the night at the dessert table? For the diet conscious, there was a bowl of baby carrots. Funny, the bowl looked pretty full at the end of the evening. The dinner was so hot that we even set off the smoke detectors. We all joined in a fun get-acquainted game and **Jessica Halter** won a prize, a beautiful shirt, graciously donated by **John Brescian**. Everyone learned new things about each other. Partygoers then moved across the hall to **Patti Maudslay's** condo, where **Jessica Halter** strummed her guitar. **Roger Holzman** and **Troy Broussard** took creative license with lyrics that won't be repeated here! Special thanks to **Kayleen Kill** and **Shirley Maersch** who volunteered for door duty at the TSC Welcome Party.

Thursday most of the group headed to Loveland, where **Nelson Turner** was heard

saying: "Can I please demo just one more pair?" **Kayleen Kill** was attacked by a slope side tree monster, but emerged unscathed from the forest five minutes later. In his haste to meet the bus heading back to Copper, **Walter May** picked up **Chris Sheehan's** brand new skis. Chris was mighty upset thinking they were gone forever. Last report is that the guys are friends again.

Dee Dee Marks and **Gail White** headed to Vail and thoroughly enjoyed the snow, shopping perhaps, too?

Before heading to Thanksgiving dinner, sore skiers soaked in the hot tub. There were rumors there was going to be a "best bruise" contest there between **Jill Kovar, Jessica Halter** and **Kayleen Kill**. **Chris Sheehan** quickly volunteered to be the judge. **David and Jane Healey** were also spotted relaxing at the hot tub.

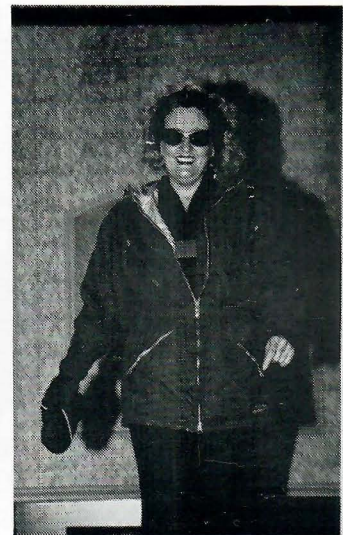
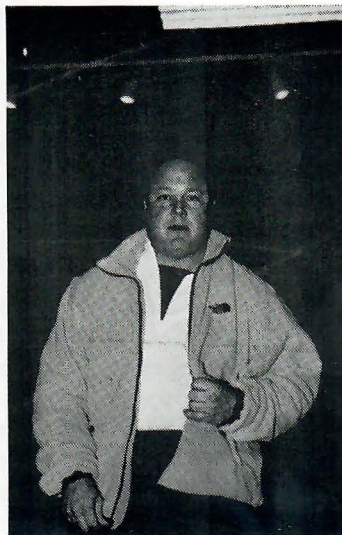
At Thanksgiving dinner, **Darlene** and **George Hirasaki** explained that they may never have married if there had been wind on a Maui windsurf trip a few years back. Since they had nothing to do but talk, they eventually



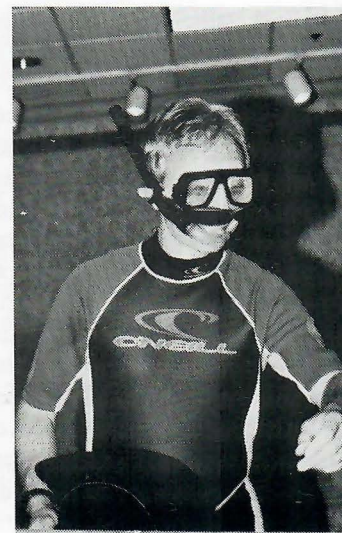
got around to talking about getting married. **Marti Toomer** said that obviously she and **Nelson Turner** had never been that bored. After dinner **Jill Kovar** had fun celebrating her birthday at O'Sheas.

Friday, TSC Nastar race day, everyone revved up under the direction of trip race director **K.J. Oldroyd**. SCSC took second place in the large club category. Our silver medal winners were **George Hirasaki, Nelson Turner** and SCSC race director **Chris Sheehan**. Winning bronze medals were **Troy Broussard, David Healey, Darlene Hirasaki, Kayleen Kill**, and **Cheryl May**.

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K. J. Oldroyd has a special tip for future racers "make sure you are across the finish line before you stop racing." Thanks to **K. J.** for being our trip race director, you did a great job!

Most of the group took advantage of the TSC Mountain Lunch following the races for a SCSC photo op. **Shirley Maersch** strolled up too late for the picture. Rumor has it she set a record of her own shopping in Silverthorne. Speaking of Silverthorne and the retail outlet mall there, after the race and lunch some SCSCers took the afternoon off for a little browsing and buying—**Jose Araujo**, **Barbara Bowie**, **Julie Butcher**, **Barbara** and **John Brescian**, **Ralph Lojo**, and **Cindy Moore**.

With no planned activities for Friday night everyone was on their own. **Jose Araujo**, **Roger Holzman**, **Ralph Lojo**, **Patti Maudslay**, and **Karl Skaggs** enjoyed dinner at the Blue Spruce in Frisco. Then they headed for the "Disco in Frisco", otherwise known as **Barkley's** and ran into **Robert Ellisor**, **K.J. Oldroyd**, **Troy Broussard**, **Jessica Halter**, and **Peter MacDonald**. They all partied and danced up a storm to music

all could enjoy the much better conditions at Keystone. Summit County's superb—and free—bus service afforded ski availability to all areas in the county.

Heading to Keystone on Saturday were **Patti Maudslay**, **Barbara** and **John Brescian**, **Darlene** and **George Hirasaki**, **Kayleen Kill**, **Marti Toomer**, **Chris Sheehan**, **Keith Kirkman**, **Jill Kovar**, **Frank** and **Susan Stanley**, **Roger Holzman**, **Craig Campbell**, **Christine March**, **Bob Wray**, **K. J. Oldroyd**, **Robert Ellisor**, **Peter MacDonald** and **Phil Maersch**. In fact, **Phil** became an instant celebrity at lunch at the Summit House—he didn't hear seven SCSCers yelling his name. Suddenly the entire cafeteria was chanting "Phil, Phil, Phil." **Nelson Turner**, not wanting to miss the fun, skied in the TSC individual races at Copper in the morning and "raced" over to Keystone's slopes in the afternoon. **Patti Maudslay** learned you have to be quick to catch the return bus from Keystone to Copper. Apparently she didn't load her skis fast enough on the outside of the bus. The driver took off

from the 70s, with the disco diva and guy in the purple Afro wig, and barely caught the last bus at 11:30 p.m.

Flexible as always, SCSC skiers could be found from Copper to Loveland, c y s t o n e , Breckenridge and Vail. Copper Mountain was good enough to refund some lift tickets so

and ran over one of her ski poles. He finally stopped and let her aboard. **Craig Campbell** had fun enjoying the night skiing at Keystone.

Houston with great memories of fun skiing, camaraderie and plans for more trips this ski season.

Opting for Breckenridge on Saturday were **Wanda Callahan**, **Randy Wingenroth**, **Cindy Moore**, and **Paul Cain**. **Wanda Callahan** was the only never-ever skier, she had a wonderful time and did fantastic. She can't wait to go on another trip and wants to try the Nastar races next time.

First time club racers **Jessica Halter**, **Troy Broussard**, and **Karl Skaggs** had superb times in the TSC individual races held at Copper Mountain on Saturday. On his first race, **Karl** even stopped in the middle of the course, executed a 360-degree wheelie on one ski and then finished the course, still beating several people's times. **Troy Broussard** came to close to one of the flags, got hit in the face and had his glasses smashed.



Thank goodness he didn't suffer any major damage, just enough to get lots of sympathy. **Cheryl May** again brought us honors with first place in the TSC "mature ladies" race. Tough guy **Karl Skaggs** took a nasty fall on his right shoulder when his skis stopped cold and he flew off like Superman, unfortunately he didn't land Superman style. He was a great sport, skied on down the mountain and was able to bravely maneuver his beer that evening with his left hand. After a sleepless night, he headed to the medical clinic Sunday morning and discovered he had broken his shoulder.

Saturday night was the TSC Final Awards dinner. After dinner and the awards presentation SCSC heated up the dance floor

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COPPER MOUNTAIN SUNSHINE KIDS

by Nancy Sarff

again. Seen on the crowded floor were Patti Maudslay, Roger Holzman, Randy Wingenroth, Wanda Callahan, Chris Sheehan, Jill Kovar, Jessica Halter, Troy Broussard, Cheryl and Walter May, Cindy Moore and Paul Cain, just to name a few. Must be some connection between skiing and dancing ... or was it the Budweiser sponsorship that caused the happy feet? We had a lucky club member, too. Susan Stanley won a pair of Kneissl skis.

Judy and Bob Dyar and their son, Brad went with the Clear Lake Club's family trip, but joined SCSC at all TSC functions and raced for SCSC. They joined Lucile and Richard Hall for the Saturday awards dinner – and the celebration of Lucile's birthday.

Sunday, most SCSCers took advantage of the time to snap a few photos and do last minute shopping in the Copper Village. Lucky Richard Hall got a massage at the Fitness Center.

Keith Kirkman was the only one happy that snow was falling as we departed from Copper. He had a Vail trip starting the following Saturday.

The bus drivers on each end of the trip were terrific. Greg served as quite a tour guide en route to Copper and Jeff took the scenic route back over Loveland Pass and through Clear Creek Canyon. It brought back memories for Cheryl May of earlier SCSC Arapahoe Basin capers and Ralph Lojo spotted the Loveland ski lift that had clobbered him in the back of the head.

Terrill Thomas may not be eating carrots before future plane flights. It seems a small piece of carrot went into the top of her lung, she had breathing problems and had to deplane for immediate medical attention. Thanks to Dan Conery for helping her during the ordeal. They flew back to Houston the next day and Terrill is fine now. They also wish to express thanks to United Airlines for the excellent care that Terrill received so quickly.

SUNSHINE AUCTION HUGE SUCCESS!! December 7, 1998 was the date of the 4th Annual Holiday Auction benefitting **The Sunshine Kids**. The final tally was **\$8,028.00—WOW!!** Where do I begin my many thank you's? First to **Jeri Hartman**, who not only helped me contact businesses for donations but also helped set up the auction items, worked the payment table and supported me in making this a very successful auction. Secondly, thanks go to **Dana Wardell** and **Sue Salvage** who helped contact businesses for donations—thanks to **Jeri, Dana**, and **Sue** we were able to auction 84 items in the Silent Auction. Thirdly, thanks go to **Frank Andrews**, our auctioneer extraordinaire, who managed to eke out the highest bids in the 9 Live Auction items.

Special thanks goes to our President, **Merrel Smith** who "gave up his hair" as a special live auction happening. For those of you who missed the meeting, **Merrel** agreed to have 1" of hair cut (*live on stage*) for every \$200.00 collected. Then, in a most grandiose gesture, **Merrel** helped the bidding escalate by offering to cut 12" if he could collect \$1,200. Generous SCSCers couldn't resist this challenge—it cost **Merrel** 12" of hair but netted **The Sunshine Kids** \$1,300!

The list of thanks continues to **Susan Stanley**, who donated new Kneissl Skis and **Merlyn Harger** who donated new Salomon Ski Bindings for our Raffle item which was won by a very ecstatic **Monolo Valle**. Special thanks to **Cheryl** and **Steve Kenney** who, at the last minute, asked if they could donate a trip to Big Mountain which included lodging, shuttle service and lift passes for 2 for 5 days! And last, but not least, a special thank you to the "August/Leo Birthday Party Group" who donated \$150 which was leftover from their 1st annual birthday party!

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And lastly, many thanks to **Sharon Smith**, **Leona Schroeder**, and **Jeff Sarff** who helped **Jeri Hartman** and me collect your very generous successful bid donations.

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RED RIVER

by Marvin Volz

We had some early signs that our trip to the "Land of Enchantment" was going to be special. Not only was the mountain of luggage efficiently checked in an hour before flight time at IAH, with one minor exception, and the shuttle from Ellington Field had waited for one late skier, but fresh sandwiches were all ready for us. And in Albuquerque we piled into a new bus with 10 extra seats, desperately needed to hold all of the extra luggage and 4 coolers. OK, we had 15 new SCSC members, but I won't mention those who didn't "pack light." After lunch my choice of watching "Smoky and the Bandit" got outvoted by Todd Buxton's "Top Gunn." In Red River we had time to get settled, rent equipment and "reconnoiter" before Wally and J.P.



Whistlestop, Charles couldn't wait to attack the "real slopes," so Marc and Mimi Markel were happy to show him down a few "dark greens." He won the award as "fastest learner." Phillip Nelson also taught a clinic on backward skiing, bumps, carvings turns and ice skiing. Students who passed were Debbie Abadie, Janet

McKenzie, and Steve Slade. Steve also learned a "snow drift face plant" two days later, but had had some great high speed cruising with Janet, Darrell, and Ron and Roberta Rambin. We were sorry to say goodbye to Kristine Redfield who had to return to Houston. In the evening it was

medal in his first run down a NASTAR course. Darrell Way was doing great running all out down a good blue, until he missed a sharp left and had a "yard sale" all the way down a black mogul run, even losing his watch. Luckily we had no serious injuries on the trip and ATC Julie Davis-Raley's "Pharmacy" helped soothed those sores and tired skiers. Then she jammed a finger and kept it in place with duct tape until a doctor in Houston told her it was broken. Until then she really hauled on ski boards in Red River. Yeah, Julie! Then it was time to uphold an SCSC tradition and party, again. The Lodge restaurant pulled out all the stops for us with a huge buffet including appetizers, five hot dishes, sandwiches, and free first drinks - courtesy of Craig and the Riverside, all in an elegant cozy winter setting. And they kept bringing out more food! We then managed to stumble across the street to the Bull O' the Woods saloon for more free drinks and dancing to a DJ's spins. It was a little dark, but what was John Safos looking for in the women's rest room?

Friday there was a Gene Soo sighting in Red River as he entertained those in the Lift House by dodging yard sale debris on the black diamond "Face." Brett Littel had a tough time since he forgot his rock skis, but Brenda Reusser after a 10-year sabbatical from skiing showed great form! Irma Rosendahl found herself going like "greased lightning" on the cross-country course until her wax worn thin. Then she enjoyed watching five deer and the gorgeous scenery. In Taos, via the Minnow,



brought our lift tickets and hosted a welcome party in the comfortable old lodge, bringing goodies, two cases of beer, and 10 liters of wine. Those still hungry mobbed the Deli and left their cupboards bare.

Fresh snow a few days before had left the slopes in decent shape as we attacked Taos on Wednesday. After dropping off Llona Doubet, Dorothy Miller, Rosie Leuro, and Irma Rosendahl in Taos for shopping (eating and taking in fluids—to get used to the altitude), J. P. met our bus, steered everyone in the right direction, and came to TC Marvin Volz' rescue with a set of poles. It turned out that lessons were a waste for one of our four "never ever" first time skiers, Charles Kulkarni. After about 35 of us had lunch at the

discovered that with 15 in the hot tub there was very little room left for water.

Adhi Kusumajaya could hardly wait for her second ever day of skiing, waking up her roommate, Helen Kinnamon, at 2:15 AM for the 8:15 AM bus. Or, maybe she just takes a long time to get ready? Thursday in Taos it started out so cold that Cindy Overton kept looking for chili powder to keep her feet warm. Barry Norman also did his famous "tree dance" and completed his tune-up with a gold



RED RIVER

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with Skipper, Bubba, Bam-Bam, Barely Normal, Lumpy and Sassy; and Darrell's van packed with 13, it became apparent some previous instructions would have been helpful for **Carl Favre**. Practicing for a most funny video? Getting off a lift he tangled skis with Marc and Mimi Markel and they all ended up in a snowdrift. Getting off the next lift Charles took Carl's advice and ended up in a stranger's lap. The next time Carl got his coat caught in the lift, the time after that he tangled with Mimi again, and the last time his wife **Mary Favre** made him ride alone. That evening The Mother Lode dance hall in Red River waived their admission fee for us and we drank and danced the night away to the vibrant sounds of the "Electric Cowpaddy Daddies." Casanova **John Cook** was last seen dancing in a daze with some stunning locals, while **Justin Mask, Charles Allen, Ken Bower, and Heath Purcell** were a few who closed down The Stray Dog over in the next valley.

Saturday morning, as usual, about 30 or so gathered in the Riverside's kitchen and dining room to make plans and for some of **Bill Raley's** coffee, some juice, cereal, fruit, or danish. Der Market never did get a folks in Red River, including, of course, a fresh shipment of bananas, but they were better than they looked, and amazingly about the only leftovers included some danish, and beer for the return bus trip. **Dick and Sue Howard** just wouldn't take any more danish or an orange. Doing some shopping in Red River were **Llona and Chip Doubet, Harvey Hetzel and Diane Laderer, Bill Vasen, Ron Honefenger, and Skip Lang**. In the evening, while some were witnessing the famous "Fire on the Mountain" sunset, we had another reception given by the most hospitable free drink and tables full of munchies to stave off hunger while watching the Torchlight Parade and fireworks. Then it was next door to the Capo's restaurant for some revelry and a fine dining experience. Julie had preordered entrees and even arranged seating for 38 with individual nametags. **Diana Mills** had finally arrived so we gustily sang Happy Birthday for son **David Mills** and all shared his cake. We lingered until after 10, when a few went back to Bull O' the Woods and their live band, while others packed or partied.

Sunday by 11 AM we had said farewell to our hosts, and grazing deer, in Red River, had seen "Air Force One," and were all in Sante Fe shopping, sightseeing or eating lunch. Fausty, our bus driver, included a tour down the old Sante Fe Trail past the oldest church in the U.S., the state capitol and homes all ready for Christmas with electric luminary around roofs. A few hours later we'd had some brew and snacks at the airport and were home again in Houston. Thanks to all the participants for helping out, welcoming our new members, and having a great time!

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FALL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

by Sandy Cox



On Saturday, November 7, 40 people participated in the annual SCSC Tennis Tournament at Chancellors Racquet Club. It was a great turnout and there were a lot of really good tennis players signed up. The idea was a "FUN" tournament (repeat "FUN"!!!) and everyone seemed to have a good time (especially after we got the air conditioning turned on HIGH!).

There were five teams of eight players each (four men and four women) and every team played four rounds with each having one bye. The teams were matched as evenly as possible by the playing abilities of all of the participants and the number of games won by all of the teams was VERY, VERY close. The first and second place teams were within one game of each other. The first place team was made up of Peggy

Van Orden, and Doug Atkins. Prizes were awarded to all members of the first and second place teams.

The remaining three teams very close on the heels of the winners were: Team #3 consisting of Christi Williams, Sharon Sequeria, Liz Kinne, Mary Faulk, Kevin Bishop, Ed Cain, Phillip Nelson, and Gunnar Heyne. Team #2 made up of Connie Devore, Mary Kleinhenz, Susan Tuohney, Christina Riseley, Ron Hayes, Bill

Pierce, Leona Schroeder, Mary Kay Kitchens, Nancy King, John Burk, Jeff Brauning, Bob Gerrits, and Arlen Isham. The second place team consisted of Judy Schiro, Sharon Pannel, Jo Beth Isham, Ellen Manhard, Lee Swords, Robert

Taylor, Joe Kulpinsky, and Bill Perks. And Team #1 of Carol Dixon, Louella Steller, Janet McKenzie, Jeri Wilson, James Barbee, Gary Sequeria, Dewey Flock, and Bill Simmons.

Thanks so much to all who participated for showing up and the great sportsmanship!! Jim Kraus - where were you????

There was a wonderful buffet dinner served courtside afterwards provided by the chef of the Chancellor's restaurant. It was first class and the desserts were awesome!!

Many thanks to Lee Swords for all of his help in the scheduling and team assignment. Again all of the teams came really close in number of games won and there were some really exciting matches during the evening.

See you all on the courts!!



HOLIDAY GALA PICTURES



Clear Lake and Space City Halloween Party

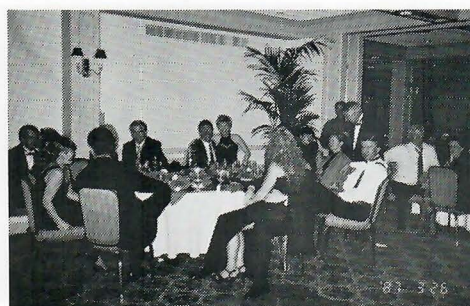
by Ray Naudain

As the moon broke through the clouds 120 from Clear Lake and Space City Ski Clubs, gathered at the bayside home of **Charles and Katy Morgan** for a Costume Halloween party. The Morgans enlisted the aid of their houseguests from Great Briton to smoke the briskets, chickens, and assist decorating for the party later that day. Clear Lake provided the refreshments and a large tent in case of rain. Both clubs had members assist in decorating on Saturday and clean up on Sunday.

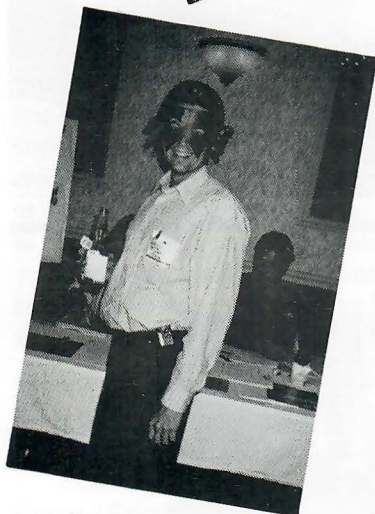
After a BBQ buffet, a joint committee selected participants for the entire group to vote for best cross dresser, scariest, most creative costume etc. Teams were formed for the four person grass ski races that a Clear Lake team won. The panty hose swing races attracted a large cheering crowd. The final game of snap the weenie had many female participation's. After a full fun evening of visiting with each other, food and refreshments, the costumed revelers started their journeys home at midnight.



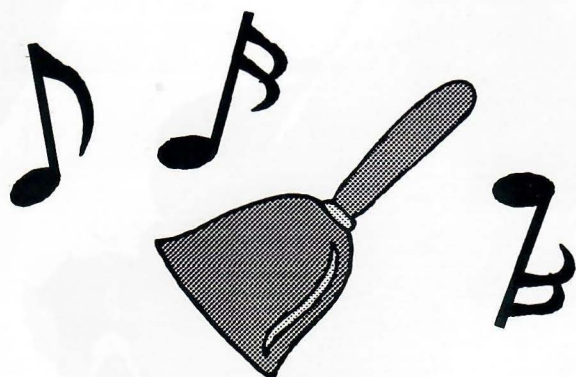
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