

**MARCH 1999** 





# **March Meeting Dates:**

# **General Meeting March 8th**

at *Holiday Inn Select* • 6:30 p.m. • 2712 Southwest Freeway at Kirby (additional parking available at the Red Cross next door)

Happy Hour March 18th at Mucky Duck

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### **Head of the Liftline**

by Merrel Smith



Spring is here, or did we skip over spring and go right into summer. There is only a couple of ski trips left on our schedule, so if you haven't been to the slopes yet, time is running out. We usually get last minute cancellations that are hard to fill sometimes. If you're interested in a trip, call the TCs and they can tell you the up to the minute status on their individual trips.

We will have an election at this month's General Meeting, March 8. Because there were no other members nominated at the February meeting, the new

Executive Committee is in line to take Space City into the next millennium. Please come on out to the meeting and join me in welcoming our new officers. While there you will want to check out the upcoming activities. The Dart Tournament at the end of the month will be a blast, get on the list early. Our annual Road Rally is right around the corner, and if your in to White Water, Bill may still be looking for participants.

As an added bonus, VP of Programs Sue Salvage has arranged for a Fashion Show during the meeting. Spend some time with your SCSC friends, meet the new officers, and maybe find something new to wear this spring. On another program note, the Follies are sooner than you think, if you want to help out please contact Jerry Sadler.

If you are interested in going to the Texas Ski Council Bid Meeting, April 9 to 11, check with TSC Rep. Jeff Sarff. He has all the information on lodging and registration fees. If you haven't been to a Bid Meeting, I can speak from personal experience. It is much more than you can imagine. Along with the presentations from a dozen or so ski resorts, there is a very large ski show, and a Silent Auction, along with a raffle. The Saturday night party is everything you would expect when a couple of hundred skiers get together.

Well the ski season is winding down, but Space City will be active all year. We are looking for volunteers for activities, trips, and Officer Assistants. If you are curious what is involved, fill out an Volunteer Questionnaire and talk to one of the officers.

See you on the slopes(in Heavenly).

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

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# **Volunteer Party**

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#### **CALENDAR**

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

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12	General Meeting
	HappyHour
	Road Rally

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May		
1	**************	<b>Spring Golf Tournament</b>
		GeneralMeeting-Follies
27		HappyHour

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**SCSC** Activity



Spring Golf Tournament @ Cinco Ranch May 1, 1999 8:30am \$75.00

4-person Scramble, Shotgun Start, Handicap or Avg Score Needed. Vacation Prizes for Hole in One on each Par 3 Hole

AC: John Rice

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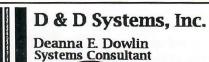
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At our March meeting we will be having a fashion show brought to us by BROOKS BROTHERS. Dana Wardell worked out the details with Rick Robinson at Brooks Brothers and has rounded up all the models. Brooks Brothers are really excited about working with us. Our models will be presenting for your viewing pleasure resort wear and business casual. I believe Books Brothers will have catalogs a few goodies to give away also, so be sure to attend.



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It's almost spring! By the end of this month our ski trips for the year will be over! So now all you have to decide is which activities you want to do, and we're ready and waiting for you!

Your Activity Coordinators has gone and done it again, and I want offer a special THANKS to them for bringing you these very successful activities:

LYNN BURCH rounded up our usual "small" herd of cowboys and cowgirls – JUST 100 SCSC'ers - and headed them out to opening night of the HOUSTON LIVESTOCK & RODEO. Hank Williams, Jr. was the performer. As always, it was a sell out.

CRAIG CAMPBELL - followed with the "animal" theme and took a rowdy group to the SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK for an evening of horse racing, drinking, dining, gambling/betting and a lot of other nonsense! Craig has run several "gambling" type events for us. I'm beginning to wonder about that soft spoken, mild mannered man?!?!

#### SCHEDULED UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 8TH..... March Meeting - BROOKS BROTHERS resort and business casual wear fashion show.

MARCH 18TH . . . . . . . . . Happy Hour at McGonigel's Mucky Duck

MARCH 26TH . . . . . Darts with Dennis & Milt

APRIL 12TH ..... April Meeting - It's a party. There'll be a live band and dancing

APRIL 22ND ..... Happy Hour

APRIL 25TH ..... Road Rally - Joe Walker

MAY 1ST ..... Spring Golf Tournament - John Rice

MAY 17TH..... Annual Follies Meeting - Jerry Sadler

The VOLUNTEER PARTY Co-chairs (that way I don't have to say chairman, chairwoman, chairperson or chairpeople) have been rounded up and work has begun. So, if you were one of the fortunate members who volunteered your time and efforts during the 1998-1999 season we think you'll really enjoy this year's party. Our Co-chairs are all new or fairly new members and they are ready to put on a party! If you didn't get around to volunteering this year, please consider volunteering next year the Club (your officers) always need volunteers!!

There are more activities in the works, so keep your eyes and ears open.

Happy St. Patrick's' Day and may the luck of the Irish be with you.

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**SCSC** Activity

# **March Happy Hour**



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March 18th 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm 713-528-5999 \$3 Guiness Beer

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**SCSC** Activity

1999 Follies at the May Meeting Looking for Ideas, Acts, Writers, Support Personnel



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AC: Jerry Sadler

Home: 713-522-5121 Office: 281-497-8485

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**SCSC** Activity

Dart Tournament March 26th, 1999

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Buffet
Happy Hour Drink Prizes
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AC: Dennis Davenport

(H) 281-474-2635 (W) 281-604-4837

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**SCSC** Activity

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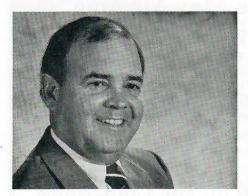
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### Nomination for President



Richard Hall

For those of you who don't know me, I am a native Houstonian and married to a wonderful and beautiful woman, Lucile Landis Hall. By profession I am an attorney. On leaving as District Judge for the 270th District Court (here in Houston), I associated "of counsel" with Ross, Banks, May, Cron & Cavin, P.C.

After joining the Club in 1973, I served as secretary in 1992-93, Director 1993-94, and as an ATC on a ski trip to Winter Park in 1991. I like to play tennis and golf. In 1992 I sailed the Columbus Quincentennial Jubilee Regatta from Lisbon, Portugal to San Juan, Puerto Rico. My most recent adventure was sailing from the British Virgin Islands to Panama this year.

I am active in professional, political, and social organizations and am honored to be the nominee for President of the SCSC. I promise to do a good job leading the Club into the year 2000.



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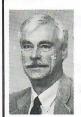


Darlene Hirasaki

I was a new skier when I went on my first trip with SCSC to Snowmass. It didn't take me long to realize I really enjoy skiing. That was a memorable trip. I was introduced to my first Nastar race and to my first black run at Buttermilk on that trip by George Hirasaki. You guessed it, we were married two years later. I've really enjoyed the ski club and have been on at least two trips a year since then. I have really made some wonderful friends.

I recently retired from Shell Oil Company after 32 years (I started when I was 10!). I felt that it was time I really did something for SCSC. V.P of Publications seems like an excellent opportunity and challenge for me. I haven't done a publication like The Sitzmarke, but I served for three years as editor of a scuba diving newsletter back in the days when cut and paste meant manually using a pair of scissors.

I am looking forward to helping SCSC members keep in touch with coming events and to relive through the Sitzmarke their ski trips and activities.





Mike Dawson Civil Engineer Real Estate Broker

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# SCSC ANNUAL DATES Meetings:

March 8, 1999
April 12, 1999
May 17, 1999

Summer - No Meetings September 13, 1999

October 11, 1999

**November 8, 1999** 

December 13, 1999

January 17, 2000

February 14, 2000

# **Happy Hours:**

March 18, 1999

April 22, 1999

May 27, 1999

June 17, 1999

July 15, 1999

August 19, 1999

**September 23, 1999** 

October 21, 1999

November 18, 1999

December 23, 1999

January 27,2000

February 24, 2000

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## Nomination for **Treasurer**



**Elaine Sokoloff** 

For those of you who do not know me, I was the Assistant Treasurer for the past two years. I have been a member of Space City Ski Club since 1996. I have skied for many, many years in the east, so when I came to Texas in 1995, I knew I would need to be in a ski club to continue an activity I have known most of my life.

My day job is working for an insurance company. I am a Certified Public Accountant and presently manage a department that supports the many computer system interfaces within the organization.

I have been on two trips, so far, with Space City. They were to Park City, Utah and to New Zealand/Australia. I am going to Alaska in March with the club. I enjoy skiing in the west and look forward to many more trips with Space City.

. In addition to skiing, I also scuba dive and am a member of the Houston Underwater Club. I have a passion for singing and rehabilitating Texas wildlife. These are all very rewarding experiences. I believe in 'stepping up' for a volunteer organization. Without volunteers, many clubs would be unable to exist.

If elected your Treasurer, I will do my best to accommodate the needs of the club and its members. I feel the Assistant Treasurer position has prepared me for the rigors of the Treasurer's job. I know what I am getting into and am up for the challenge.

# Nomination for **VP Trips**

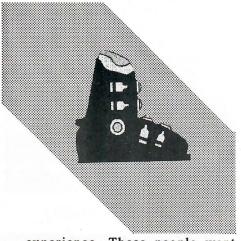


**Kathy Young** 

I have been doing the ski club scene for the past eleven years starting in San Antonio with those "tiger-tailed" people. Yes, I am a recovering Amigo, but don't let that sway your vote! It was on Texas Ski Council trips that I first became familiar with the SCSC gang. I found that the SCSCers were a friendly fun-loving group of people who shared my passion for the good things in life. So, in 1993 when I moved to Houston, I found that I was not moving to a strange city but coming to join a ready-made family of friends here. I am eager to repay this organization for all the fun and friendship it has afforded me and am honored to be nominated as the VP of Trips who will lead SCSC into the next century of skiing adventures.

My volunteer experience runs the gamut from coordinating tennis tournaments to participation in the follies. I have been an ATC, a TC, and this past year served as a Director of Trips. My position in real life that pays for all this fun and frivolity is that of a sales representative for an industrial container company. I feel that my sales experience will aid me greatly in executing the duties of this office in a variety of situations from convincing members to get involved to negotiating the very best ski deals with resorts. I also bring energy, enthusiasm, patience, and willingness to work hard to get the job done. I am a good listener and would welcome your ideas and suggestions.

I have ambitious goals for the 1999-2000 ski season. I believe that SCSC has in many ways become a sophisticated group. There are some of us who are seasoned skiers who are looking for the ultimate ski



experience. These people want premier trips. On the other hand, to survive as an organization we also need to start trying to attract the younger crowd. This means more economical trips and family optional trips. I would like to explore the possibility of offering more land package options to accommodate those who like myself have frequent flyer miles from business travel. Finally, I would like to try to promote a trip to an exotic destination in celebration of the millennium.

I ask the membership to vote for me as your next VP of trips and to please step forward and volunteer to help make the 1999/2000 ski season the best.

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Holiday Gala by Steven Teoh

Once again I'm tardy, so apologies to those of you who have been anxiously awaiting this article -- both of you! As usual, Susan Blome and I attended as Space City's delegates, and Gary Butler and Peggy Montgomery were there as TSC officers. Other SCSC members in attendance were Debbie Bergeron, Kayleen Kill, Merrel Smith, Barbara Ehrlich and Marti Toomer.

The meeting was held on Saturday, December 5, 1998 at the Hobby Hilton here in Houston with Space City as the official host. Fourteen clubs were represented.

Sponsorships: The list of TSC sponsors for this has been finalized. Returning sponsors include Budweiser, Dachstein Boots, Kneissl Skis, Cafe' de Columbia, and Sun & Ski. Boeri Helmet is a new sponsor this year. Please support our sponsors whenever possible.

#### **Trip Reports:**

Fall Roundup: Ray Harvey reported that participation on the trip to Copper Mountain totalled 361. Unfortunately, poor snow conditions limited the skiing but the resort refunded lift ticket payments for those that requested it. A number of people made the trip over to Loveland Pass where the snow conditions were better.

Traditional: At the time of this delegates meeting the Park City trip was still a month away. It has since taken place and although attendance was disappointing, everyone had a fabulous time, including yours truly. Natural snow was in short supply, but there was enough of the man-made variety to keep skiers happy and occupied. Side trips to Deer Valley and The Canyons gave everyone more than enough variety, and the weather (aside from the lack of snowfall) was beautiful. If you've never been to The Canyons, be sure to try it the next time you go to Utah - - it is still under development but is already very impressive.

Expedition: The trip to Trois Valles in France is underway as I write this article. James Mershon reported at the December delegates meeting that he was expecting participation of 225. Hopefully everyone is having a great time.

Winter Shootout: Trip VP Tere Ayson missed the delegates meeting but President Anne Myers reported on the schedule of activities, including a side trip to Grand Targhee, snow tube races, etc.

Final Showdown: The Heavenly trip looks to be the most successful of the season with anticipated participation of over 700 according to Trip V.P Peggy Montgomery. Space City alone will be taking 150 or more. A side trip to Kirkwood is planned for Monday. The Tahoe Queen cruise to Squaw Valley and Northstar is planned for Tuesday - - don't miss this if you can help it.

Nastar Racing: Space City came in 2nd in its division on both the Fall Roundup and the Traditional trips. First place went to Lone Star (Dallas) on both trips. With a first place finish on the Winter Shootout and Final Showdown trips we could still take first place for the year, so we need a good racing turnout on both trips. For those of you who are experienced racers, be sure to encourage others to race - - it's great for building individual confidence and "esprit de club."

Clubs were reminded of the reciprocity rules on racing - - if someone from one club travels with another club on a TSC trip, they must race with their parent club if that club is represented on the trip. Anne Myers reported that some consideration is being given to reinstating the past practice of awarding 1 point to every racer who finishes the course regardless of time.

Bid Meeting: Our own Marti Toomer is in charge of the Bid Meeting this year which takes place April 9-11 at the Holiday Inn Riverwalk in San Antonio. If you've never attended you should give it a try -- it's a great way to see how the TSC picks destinations for ski trips. Friday night is registration and a reception for delegates, guests and resort representatives. Bid presentations run all day Saturday followed by a great party, including dinner, Saturday night.

More bid presentations take place on Sunday morning, followed by the vote on all five TSC trip destinations for the upcoming year. The meeting is over by noon on Sunday so you have the rest of the day to stroll, shop, eat, drink and drive home. Registration is \$35 (including lunch and dinner on Saturday) if you register by March 15th, and \$45 thereafter. Ask anyone who has been (last year we had over 30 from SCSC) - - it is well worth the time and money!!! If you are interested in attending, please contact either Susan Blome or me for more information, including room reservations.

On December 11th, 1998, more than 170 SCSC members and guests kicked off the holiday season by attending the Annual Holiday Gala at the exclusive Briar Club. The Briar Club was beautifully decorated for the Christmas season. Especially notable were the beautiful Christmas trees located throughout the club and the white, green and red tablecloths which were accented with beautiful candle centerpieces.

The gala started out with a fabulous Mexican buffet dinner. The entertainment was provided by Supreme Court Decision, and they played enough great Top 40's music to keep the crowd dancing all night long.

For an icebreaker, dance cards were given out at the door. Each member or guest was to ask five different people to dance with them and sign the dance card to be eligible to win the door prizes. The winners for the door prizes were Sandy Cox, Joe Loe, Sue Salvage, Warren Schroeder, Diana Stotz, and Robyn Shaw.

What were the beautiful ladies wearing for this Holiday extravaganza? Debbie Bergeron, Robyn Shaw, & Sharon Smith wore striking red dresses. Karen Mozicek, Marsha Lutz & Kayleen Kill were in festive green, Christi Williams wore a snow white grown. Patti Maudslay wore a sequined Christmas dress, Louella Stellar wore a black dress with shawl. Concietta Ruggiero, Cindy Gilkerson, Barb Penkala, and Claire Johnson looked lovely in their low cut sexy dresses.

The success of the event was ensured by enthusiastic help from several members: Joe Walker, Cookie Nguyen, Karen Mozicek, Cindy Gilkerson, John and Nancy Burk, and Vic & Patsy Celmen manned the sign-up table; Warren Schroeder photographed the festivities; Tori Williams & Phi Nguyen were cashiers. Oshmans Super Sports and Sun & Ski Sports donated the clever door prizes. Sue Salvage helped with the guidelines for the event. Special thanks to my assistant, Christi Williams and Jaime Rivale of the Briar Club for helping to put this fabulous evening together.

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