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Erin go Bragh! (Ireland forever!) Tis the month we shed our cowboy duds, as the rodeo draws to a close, and don the green to celebrate St. Paddy and all things Irish. Before you put on that hat with the buckle or consume a wee bit much $0^{\prime}$ the Guinness, take a moment to peruse the upcoming trips and activities listed in this issue. There is, more than likely, still a chance for you to find a spot on one of these events, if you hurry and make your wishes known!

Begorra! It's a Pot o' Gold! This month also witnesses SCSC's Annual Meeting (March 9) at which we elect the officers who will take over the reins on May 1st and work to bring all of us another fun and rewarding year of membership. The candidates presented by the nominating committee at last month's meeting are some of the finest individuals I have had the pleasure to know and work with in our club and, for the value they bring to all of us through their volunteerism, are truly worth their weight in gold. Come to the meeting and let's show them how much we appreciate and support them with a really large turnout!

Leprechauns Wanted! All blarney aside, the seven officers we will elect could not possibly do all that is required to make SCSC the successful organization it has become. Seen and unseen, like the wee folk of Irish legend, there are many who work behind the scenes each year. From Trip and Activity Chairpersons, to Directors of Trips, Director of Programs, Asst Treasurer, Audit Chair, TSC Reps, Membership Sign-in at meetings, Ambassadors, Race Directors, etc. and so on. Please think about how you might spend a little $\mathrm{o}_{\text {: }}$ your time and volunteer to give a little back to SCSC for the fun you've had and the friends you've made. It's all work, but it's mostly fun work!

Avoid the 'Troubles'! Mind yer P's and Q's! A bit o' history... The petty officer on a ship is responsible to ensure a competent and (mostly) sober crew is available when needed. It became common, in years past, for this officer to admonish Irish sailors disembarking for shore leave to "mind yer p's and q's", meaning to watch the number of pints and quarts consumed at yon local pub. The phrase evolved to mean, in any situation, to "control oneself" or "mind your manners". Recent incidents have convinced me that we all need to be reminded to follow this old advice, particularly when traveling. We ALL go on trips to have a great time and to get away from the worries and stress of our daily grind. Traveling, however, can bring on stresses of its own, especially when flights are canceled or delayed, room accommodations are not as promised or as expected, mistakes are made in reservations, or ... well, you get the idea. When you're tired from long flights, long bus rides, or just from dealing with it all, it's easy to forget how much fun you're supposed to be having. It's easy to become the angry, or rude, or even obnoxious person you would, in other circumstances, look at with disdain.

PLEASE! Remember. Mind your p's and q's. Don't become that person, even when another has already done so. We sometimes forget that, when we travel, we represent not only ourselves ... we represent SCSC, and Houston, and Texas, and (when abroad) the U.S. Trip leaders and SCSC officers represent us to those they meet and to our members. Let's all do our best to keep our cool, make the best of bad situations when they arise, and to help others to do so also.

Sláinte is Táinte! (Health and Wealth!) Until next month, keep an eye out on Friday the 13th and the Ides (15th) of March. Enjoy your (safe) St. Patrick's Day celebrations, and ... may the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back, the sun shine warm upon your face, the rain fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

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3. $\qquad$
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14-15 Steamboat Springs II

## Activities Needed

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## Remember

for the latest ski club information and activities - call the
SPACE CITY SKI CLUB HOT LINE 713-688-SCSC


MARCH
1-7. $\qquad$ Park City General Meeting Happy Hour @ Grift's
14-21 Lake Tahoe
21-29 Lake Louise

| April |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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## APRIL




## MAY

9 $\qquad$ Brew U - Part 2
18
$\qquad$
28 $\qquad$
29-31

Happy Hour Hoedown - Bandier Texas


The ski season seems like it only just began, yet it's already March!!! By the time you read this article, eleven of our trips have been successfully completed and only FOUR MORE trips are left on this year's SCSC 97/98 schedule!! Three of these trips are actually in March. Our adventure to New Zealand, beginning in July, will have those fortunate participants that can boast of actually enjoying the sights and "coolness" of slopes "down under", while those of us that are not as fortunate suffer the heat of the summer. I hope all of you who have already been on a trip this year have had a GREAT time....and I hope all of you getting ready to go experience wonderful ski conditions and fantastic vacations!

Even though you may not have taken that one final run of the $97 / 98$ ski season, plans are already under way for 98/99. The Annual TSC Bid Meeting in San Antonio, the first weekend of April, will start the process by deciding the TSC trips for $98 / 99$. The meeting is open to all members of TSC clubs. Should you want to attend, please contact our TSC Rep George Flournoy, TSC Alternate Rep Gary Butler, or myself for details.

Once the TSC destinations are finalized, the club trip destinations will be decided. Where will we go next year?? A lot may depend on you...It's not too early to start thinking about volunteering for next year!!! The decisions as to "who" will be next year's TCs, ATCs, and DOTs will actually be completed by early May!!! And, our ATCs, TCs, and DOTs play a very active role in helping insure the club has exciting and reasonably priced trips for our members. The rewards and challenges of volunteering are often hard to measure, but running one of our trips is not only a lot of fun but can also gain you many new acquaintances and friendships. But, we can only run as many trips as we have qualified volunteers to do so!! Now is the time to seek out our new VP of Trips, Barb Erhlich, and make known your desire to fill one of these positions for the $98-99$ ski season.

Our club is very blessed with fantastic volunteers!! Next time you see any of the DOTs, TCs, or ATCs and Race Directors, please give them a special thank you for all of their efforts!!!

> It's the dedication of our volunteers that makes this club great!!!! Have a Happy St. Patrick's Day and remember to THINK SNOW!!


## Special Notes:

- We would like to congratulate Cheryl DeWitt and Steve Kenny on their engagement.
- We would like to give our best wishes and get well soon to Sandy Hoffman Balacek on her knee rebuild from a skiing accident. She needed some donor tissue to repair the damage and she said that she wanted it from an 18 year old hunk!
- Condolences to Anita Gentry for the death of her father in January. Regretably, she had to resign as ATC on the Heavenly Valley Ski Trip.


SCSC Activity

## Wine \& Dine at Clives

April 18th, 7:30 PM
$\$ 28.00$
517 Louisiana

AC: Connie Sutters 12215 Monticeto Lane Stafford, Texas 77477 281-498-6671 (H)
Final Payment due: 03/15/98


Adults Only

SCSC Activity

## Spring Golf Tournament Texas National Golf Club Willis, Texas <br> May 9th, 1:00 PM

 $\$ 53.00$AC: Ray Herndon
8435 Windell Lane
Houston, Texas 77040
713-937-3960 (H)
Final Payment due: 04/13/98


Adults Only


## SCSC Activity

## Houston Comets Basketball

Saturday, June 13
$\$ 25.00$
Compaq Arena

AC: Joanne Fore
713-629-4146 (H)
Final Payment due: 05/11/98


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## Hola!

Welcome to the month of the Irish. You know green beer, funny green shoes, \& hats...the usual routine. In keeping with the spirit $(s)$ of St. Patrick's Day, SCSC's Happy Hour location on March 19th will be at one of Houston's most popular Irish pubs.... Grif's, located off of Montrose and Westheimer, (713) 528-9912.

For your added pleasure and to add a little variety to the Happy Hour scheduling, April's Happy Hour will be held at yet another NEW location.... Join your fellow compadres as we flock to the Timber Wolf Pub on March 23rd in Rice Village, (713.261.1705).

Calling all "Socialites"...here's what's in store for YOU! Our SCSC Activities calendar includes the following: Connie Sutters, a veteran of many Wine Tasting Events (including the one held earlier this year), will be hosting a wine tasting event at Clives, (previously the old Charlie's 517) located at 517 Louisiana, in beautiful downtown Houston. This event will feature gourmet snacks, wine, special prizes, and Jazz held on Saturday April 18th at $7: 30 \mathrm{pm}$. The cost of this event is $\$ 28.00$ and will be limited to 50 people. Please sign up early, as this event always fills up quickly. Connie can be reached at $(\mathrm{H}) 281.498 .6671$. And just in case "Wine" isn't your forte... Another activity will be held that should appeal to both the hobbyist and drinker...an event run by Nancy Gentzel at Brew $\boldsymbol{U}$, (University Brewing Company, 3841 Southwest Freewayfeeder road across from the Summit), on April 25th and May 9th. What more can you ask for from an event? Competition and Drinking!! On April 25th, at 3 p.m. four teams with 8 members each will brew their own special brand of beer and design their beer label. Two weeks later on May 9 th at 6 p.m. we will return to Brew $U$ to bottle, cap, and label the beer. Then each participant will donate 2 of their 9 bottles for a "taste off." Prizes will be awarded for the best beer and best label. Join us for this one, and wet your whistle.

May's Four not to miss events: On the 9th the second half of Brew U; also a Golf Tournament hosted by Ray Herndon; the Annual SCSC Follies; and the Hill Country Hoedown weekend. Please note the date change to May

28th through the 30th.
Finally, don't forget about Patti Maudslay and the 1998 SCSC Follies. Now's the time for you creative sorts to come forward and put your creative skills to work. All skit ideas, acts, and writing jokes will be welcomed by Patti. Please contact Patti at (713) 532-1610(H), or (713) 627-5926 (W).

In closing, may the Luck of the Irish be with you and may there always be gold at the end of your rainbows!

SCSC Activity

## Hill Country Hoedown

## May 29th - 31 st


$\$ 257.00$ Flying L Guest Ranch

Bandera, Texas

AC: Cassie Gittings
281-495-4744 (H)
Final Payment due: 03/15/98
Adults Only

SCSC Activity

## Camping Trip

June 12th - 14th
$\$ 17.00$ Weekend
$\$ 10.00$ Saturday Only
Saturday - Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner Sunday - Breakfast Lake Conroe

AC: Julie Raley
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Once a upon a time, Space City Ski Club discovered a very special annual event to boggle our minds with a test of patience and fun. Once you've done a Road Rally, you'll know the opportunity to experience and relish in your victories.

Who'd thought so much work is so much fun for so many people!! First, my Many Thanks to Larry Christie, activity assistant, along with Pam Smith and Stan Broniak as the test team. Previously Pam played in teams of four to a car, but now says a Road Rally team of two is the real challenge and fun.

Seventy-nine SCSCer's experienced this unique way to spend a cold and windy Sunday afternoon, on October 26. At the starting point, the players joined their "car team", and received a Road Rally package of driving directions, and riddle clues to find during the route, along with an "I'm lost" envelope telling where to finish for dinner-drinks-stories-and more fun!! The driving directions read as "2nd light left", while finding the answers for the riddled clues at the same time. The challenge is to get to dinner with the least miles, most correctly answered clues, and keep the "I'm lost" note sealed. Only Batman and Robin could do as well as this year's players. I made up the 20 mile course, so I know it was a challenge.

Joe Walker and Sean O'Brien where the last to start, but they were at the finish line before I could put the balloon markers up!! They truly earned the Smokin award with the First To Arrive certificate. Although they correctly answered 4 out of 95 clues, the bonus points helped give them a score of 12 .

The Rally's competition is tough, and this year scores were categorized between teams of 2, and teams of 3+ (maximum of 4). Since Halloween was upon us, a special trophy was presented for the most creative hats/outfits, along with many other awards to earn. Several players wore awesome hats or outfits! Everyone agreed Mickey and his Bonnie Lassies, aka Mickey Carmichael, Joanne Fore, Patti Maudslay, and Johnene Bonno won the Most Creative Road Rally Hat/Outfit.

And the winners of the other stuff are?? For the Teams of 2, Best Performance winners: Beth Nolen and Lari Paradee at 1 st Place, with Milton Krammer and Christine Skirius at 2nd Place, followed by Roger Holzman and Linda Levens at 3 rd Place. For the Teams of 3+, Best Performance winners: Steve Amy, Linda Licarione, and Nancy Richard at 1 st Place, with Elyse Turla, Jeri Hartman, Marsha Lutz, and Nicky Minear at 2nd Place, followed by Robert and Phyllis Reichek, and Dan and Sue Wexler at 3rd Place.

Mike Montgomery won the "Crystal Ball" - Most Optimistic award by requesting before the race to engrave the 1st place trophy with his team's names. However, the rest of Mike's team - Nora Corke, Diana De Atley, and Deborah Gagnon won the "Way to slow" - Last to Arrive award.

Because some plans just demand a change, Pat McDonald and K. Jones received the "Heroic self-sacrifice" - Safe Driver award by surviving a flat tire, and they still made it to dinner way before Mike's slowest team.
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## ROAD RALLY 1977 (CONTINUED)

Many of the players came so close to receiving the trophies. Since one out of two top goals is still good, special awards were presented for: "Sherlock" - Most Answers award to Mark and Pam Taylor; the "Haven't got a clue" - Least Answers award to Bill Raley and Julie Davis-Raley; the "Don't follow me, I'm lost" - Most Miles award to Kevin Foster and Dustan Owens; and the "Save on gas" - Least Miles award to Gene Soo, Bill Simmons, and Mary Kay Kitchens.

Several teams tried for the "Too anxious to party" - 1st to Give Up award, but Joe Loe and Linda Walters proudly won this year! The Heidi Heinrich, Chris Goll, and Cathy Young team came close, but maybe next year. The route had one main "tie breaking", really tough instruction, which some had to confess and open the "I'm lost" envelope. I'm so glad the Lee Swords, and Sandy Cox team; the Ron and Sharon Geedman team; the Frances Smith and Rita Hagarty team; the Robbin
 and Daraleen Anderson, Megan Shephard team; the Russell Benham, Barbara Ehrlich, Ladye Freitag, and Barbara Penkala team; along with the John Marshall, Julie Butcher, and Gerry Simmons team arrived in plenty of time for extra party drinks before dinner and awards.

Competition was tough, and my challenge was to try to boggle their minds. In the Teams of $3+$ category, the Steve and Jacqueline Teoh, Bonnie and Christy Lugo team missed 3rd place by 4 clues. I guess too many Sherlocks in the car, most of this category teams opened the "envelope" and forfeited an award, but kept their priorities, party -food - stories of the route !!! In the Teams of 2 category, Ed and Kay Cain missed 3rd place by only 5 miles, followed by Terry McGuinness and Ellan Manhard by only 3 clues. Others gave it a great shot, with the Miles and Anne Merwin team just short by 16 clues, and the Susan Legg and Annette Schlaf team. Well they too had a great stories to tell and victories to relish!

CONGRATULATIONS to the SCSC Road Rally 1997 participants. You've concord the mind boggling limits of fun only an SCSCer loves to experience. Everyone loved the Octoberfest Dinner grand finale at the Rudi Lechner Restaurant on S. Gessner. Now when asked about the SCSC Road Rally, you know its a "HOOT" you gotta do!!

## Space City Ski Club 1997-1998 Trip Schedule

As of February 9, 1998

| Trip <br> Dates | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Night } \\ \text { s/ } \\ \text { Ski } \\ \text { Days } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Trip <br> Destination | Cost <br> (See <br> Notes) | Final Payment | Lodging | No. Skiers | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Status } \\ \prime \\ \text { Wait } \\ \text { List } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | TC/ATC <br> (DOT) | Home Phone |
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| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. 28-Mar. 7, ‘98 } \\ & \text { (Sat.--Sat.) } \end{aligned}$ | 7/6 | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { PARK CITY } \\ \text { Utah } \\ \text { (Ski Utah) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | \$677 | Nov 10, '97 | Sun Creek (Condo) | 40 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Full } \\ 3-W L \end{gathered}$ | Janet Arentzen Christie Burke (BAE) | (281) 367-2617 (713) 973-0130 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mar 14-21, '98 } \\ & \text { (Sat.-Sat.) } \end{aligned}$ | 7/6 | LAKE TAHOE Nevada (Spring Break) | \$657 | Dec. 8, '97 | Forest Inn Suites (Condo) | 42 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Full } \\ \text { 14-WL } \end{gathered}$ | Leona Schroeder Jeri Hartman (EAB) | (713) 468-4609 <br> (713) 666-8575 |
| Mar. 21-28, '98 <br> (Sat.---Sat.)---- Mar. 22-29, 98(Sun.-Sun.) | 7/6 | LAKE LOUISE Canada (TSC Final Showdown) | $\begin{gathered} \hline \$ 99 \mathrm{~F} \\ \$ 617 \mathrm{~L} \\ \text { (See } \\ \text { note) } \end{gathered}$ | Dec. 8, '97 | Chateau Lake Louise (Hotel) | $\begin{gathered} \hline 48 \\ (7-\mathrm{L}) \\ --18 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Full } \\ 18 \text {-WL } \end{gathered}$ | Ladye Freitag Mary Favre (EAB) | (281) 855-4110 (281) 265-7525 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { July 24-Aug. 1, ‘98 } \\ & \text { (Fri.-Sat.) } \end{aligned}$ | 7/5 | QUEENSTOWN New Zealand . (TSC Summer Expedition) | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 1,731 \\ & \text { F } \\ & \$ 1,431 \\ & \text { L } \\ & \text { (See } \\ & \text { note) } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Apr. 13, '98 (See note) | Q'Town Park Royal (Hotel) | 42 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Full } \\ \text { 3-WL } \end{gathered}$ | Larry Christie <br> (BAE) | (713) 802-9801 |

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dillo Ski Club in Beaumont. The next two years we arranged trips on our own. After going through all the hassle of finding air, lodging, and the other packages we decided to join a local club and let someone else take care of the organizing.

The first couple of years we treated SCSC as our tour broker so to speak. It was after our second trip, Banff ' 91 , that things changed. We made new friends and decided to get involved. In no time at all, the true benefit of being active members became apparent.

Sharon was first to volunteer, but I stepped up soon after. My first official duty was as a trip Race Director. Shortly thereafter I was drafted to be ATC for the '93 Final Showdown to Park City. Next I was TC on the ' 94 trip to Jackson Hole, and Director of Trips during the 1994-95 season.

In 1995 I was elected to the office of VP of Trips and put together a solid trip schedule which was well received by the membership. During the ' 96 -' 97 season I was the club TSC Representative and served on the TSC Preselect Committee for two consecutive years.

I attended Officer Training in July of ' 95 , gaining valuable knowledge and insights into the administration of ski clubs, and a better understanding of the ski industry as a whole. Through these experiences, and while on ski trips, I have met and formed friendships with members of clubs from all parts of Texas and the country.

I feel I have the best interest of every member at heart, and will give my all as President to keep Space City as a premiere ski club. Your support will help me accomplish this.
V.P. Trips - Barb Erlich


I have
been skiing since 1984, ironically 2 years after I moved to Houston from Chicago. Almost all of my skiing has been with a ski club, Clear Lake Area Ski Club until 1990, then Space City. I enjoy going with the group, it gives me an opportunity to meet other skiers, and also have a hassle free vacation (well at least not my hassle when I'm not TC).

After years of just going along for the ride, I decided I wanted to participate in the trip planning. I enjoy negotiating pricing and working with the various resorts. Ieven enjoy talking on the phone, an integral part of this job and working with other ski club members. I first volunteered for the ski club as the Aspen trip race director in 1995, then went on to be an ATC for the Big Sky, Montana trip, TC for the Jackson Hole trip in 1997, and this year a DOT.

My goal as VP of trips is to provide a variety of trip options to fit everyone's needs in terms of trip length, difficulty of the mountain and schedule. Personally, I've enjoyed skiing in different and new places, the steeper the better, but I would also like to set up trips to the traditional places were many of us have had great times and want to revisit. I want to make this a team effort and know based on the quality of people I've met in ski club we will have a great group of TC's and ATC's to put together a great ski season.

When I'm not working or attending ski club functions some of my other free time activities include rumning either at Memorial Park or during "brain dead" periods hitting the marathon trail. I also enjoy bicycle riding and entertaining people who want a good laugh watching me hack away at little white balls (I think it's called golfing).

I'm looking forward to working with you all next year and continuing a tradition of fantastic ski trip opportunities.

## OFFICER NOMINEES 1998



I joined SCSC in 1993
In desperate need of friends that ski Or at least friends that try to

Three weeks later, I was off to Colorado
Can't call me - skiing desperado
I'm with the Space City Crew
One year later, I volunteer to help with Vail
With fun and challenge down every trail
I enjoyed the whole to-do
The year next, I'm the fearless leader of Aspen
A better time, I don't remember when And excellent skiing, too

From there on out, no more skiing for me please
Snowboarding's easier on the knees
I board blue, without much ado
Come '97, I assist with activities
One whole year arranging "aprèsski's"
Only without the "ski". . . make-do
Ninety Eight, asked to run for publications
Did so without hesitation
But can't do it without you
I offer creative time, endless energy
Faithful service is a guarantee
All you have seen hitherto

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Publication potential immense
Oh yeah, I have a tattoo

Treasurer - Ladye Freitag
V.P. Membership - Cheryl Houge


I had always heard how wonderful skiing was, but never got a chance to try it.....until March 1994. Even though I'm not a cold weather person, the beautiful snow covered mountains were breathtaking. It didn't take long for me to fall in love with skiing. I was also very impressed how everyone was so supportive of beginner skiiers. On my first SCSC ski trip to Purgatory, I was the first "NeverEver" hatmade ittolunch on the mountain. Everyone was already eating lunch, but as soon as they saw me, they gave me a round of applause!! At thatmoment, Iknew I had made the right choice in joining SCSC.

Since my first trip to Purgatory, I've been to Breckenridge, Steamboat, and Montrea//Quebec. I was the ATC on the latter trip which was quite an experience, especially since wemoved around somuch. Currently, I'm the TC on the Lake Louise TSC Final Showdown. The more I get involved with SCSC, the more wonderful people I meet and the more fun I have. Therefore, volunteering is an easy choice for me.

When not working on an SCSC activity, my spare time is spent jazzercising, playing golf, rollerblading, shopping, watching movies, crafts, patterning my neighbors little boy, and playing with my golden retriever puppy. I also recently got certified to scuba dive.

Professionally,I've been in accounting for almost 21 years with Exxon Company USA. While I'm not a CPA, I've always excelled at "math" and can practically balance my checkbook with my eyes closed. Besides wanting to give something back to the club and my math abilities, I bring my enthusiasm, dedication, team player attitude, and willingness to embark on a new challenge with SCSC.

I'm honored to be nominated for Treasurer of SCSC. To best sum up my enthusiasm, my favorite words from the movie Jerry Maguire are
"SHOW ME THE MONEY!!!"


When you are born at the foothills of the R ockies (Boulder), you are bound to observe that strange phenomenon of human beings always seeking different ways to convert nature's gifts of mountains and snow into fun and amusement. So I paid my dues of bumps and bruises before I added two digits to my age, when rope tows and T-bars were the main transportation, and you wore the skis and bindings that now hang in some bar. But, don't ask me how many years ago that was - because I don't remember!

What I do remember, though, happened in 1986 when I discovered "Texas has a Ski Club in It.", and SCSC became a special part of my life from that point on. So my enthusiasm for the sport and the club is tremendous. I thoroughly enjoy promoting participation in SCSC - whether on the slopes or in the variety of other activities and opportunities the club offers.

My first big break (?) in SCSC came when I was chosen to direct "The Best of the Follies." From there my acting career took off, and I manage to embarrass myself on a fairly regular basis now. On the serious side, I've been an Ambassador, AC, ATC, TC and DOT. I have helped with Sitzmarke articles, trip races and have served on the nominating committee. Past Treasurers have done their best to train me on paperworl. I'm familiar with the TSC bid meetings and have attended officers training.

In real life, I am a number cruncher (CPA) and do financial work for El Paso Energy. I serve as an elder in the Presbyterian Church and am also involved with two rodeo committees. Tennis, golf, rollerblading, scuba diving, music and theater capture my interests. And of course, I am having fun with my latest adventure - snowboarding.

SCSC has been very fortunate to have some great VPs of Membership. If

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V.P. Membership (CONTINUED)

elected, I hope to continue the tradition. They say you can tell the health of a organization by the involvement of people of all ages, interests and abilities. SCSC will thrive if we can provide a happy and beneficial environment for a broad spectrum of our skiing community. As a club, we need to continue to use all forms of communication to spread the good news about SCSC and make sure that everyone who visits us feels the warmth and friendliness of our membership. Every current member serves as an ambassador for SCSC, and I know I can count on your ideas and support. People are already offering suggestions, and I am taking notes!

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When I joined SCSC in 1990, I never thought that I would get involved in the club in any way except to go on ski trips. Boy was I wrong. The people in the club were great, the activities were fun, and the ski trips were a blast. Under the circumstances I felt obligated to get involved, so I help where needed doing the little things that need to be done. That lead to being the ATC on the TSC Traditional to Snowmass in 1997. I followed as the Trip Coordinator to Red River / Taos, a trip that included an excellent group of people. Now I have been honored with the nomination for Secretary of the Space City Ski Club.

I am a contract programmer with my own business. I have worked for or with many of Houston's largest businesses. I have also worked with some of Houston's smallest. I have spent a year in Saudi Arabia.

As the Secretary, I expect to put in

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***Application for trip coordinators are taken by the incoming VP of Trips in March \& April of each year for recommendation to, and approval by, the Executive Committee. This process is completed a the May Executive Committee Meeting held within the first 10-14 days of May.
***Current officers \& Directors of Trips are ineligible to serve as Trip Coordinators and/or assistant Trip Coordinators (Standing Rule 10.3.A).
${ }^{* * *}$ An ATC does not automatically become a TC the following year; they mustreapply and go through the approval process again. Further, TCs generally are not permitted to repeat the following year in the same capacity. the same time and effort as I have on any other activity I have been involved in. I expect the 1998-99 club year to be exciting, as well as fun, and expect great things for the next


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We had one hell of a - no it was a heavenly - no, it was a half way inbetween ski trip to Purgatory. I don't remember many details about it; however, that won't preclude me from making up stories about everyone. Everyone but me of course.

We all arrived at the airport bright eyed and bushy tailed well, at least everyone arrived. While Continental isn't thy favorite airlines, we were able to resolve an overbooking problem and include Mitch Gaspard (alias the Hat man) on the trip. We may have been better off to have left the Hat man stay in Houston.

An exciting event of the trip was the two passes the pilot had to make to attempt to land in Albuquerque. The fog was low and we circled for awhile before we were cleared to try and land. And we do mean try. We aborted about 50 feet above the ground. The third try was the charm; we landed to loud applause and cheers. Several of the Bomberger clan from Virginia were less fortunate. American Airlines had mechanical problems in Virginia, which kept them from making the bus ride to Purgatory. Speaking of the bus ride, it was long and boring as usual.

Well, maybe the bus ride wasn't so bad, after all. The TC, Cheryl DeWitt and her children, (11 year old twins), Steven and Dana Kummins, had worked hard to prepare us all "made to order" gourmet sandwiches and great chocolate chips and raisin oatmeal cookies, washed down by plenty to drink. Since this was a family trip, we will not admit to

doesn't need another tax deduction. Just ask David Bemish, Mitch's Little Brother. He was overheard to ask for a receipt in the ski shop, "Because I am a tax deduction for my Big Brother."

After a quick stop at Albertson's in Durango, we arrived at the condos around 9:00 P.M. There was snow everywhere so everyone was pretty excited to see the sun the next day... and see it, we did. The day was beautiful and we had fresh powder. What could be better? If you wanted to find Mark and David Sager, just look somewhere on the slopes. They spent every minute they could up there having a great time. The first day out, Aaron Pyle hurt his shoulder boarding, and the last day he jammed his thumb...but nothing stopped him. He said he had a great time and the new snow board park was "awesome." That goes for Jon Montgomery, too. He spent all his time on the board and is looking forward to the next family ski trip.

Monday night was the night of the Sleigh Ride and dinner. Several, including Judy Mensinger, Bob Dyer, Aaron and Pam Pyle, Cheryl DeWitt, Dana and Steven Kummins braved the cold and had a great time. The night was perfect and the food delicious.

That same night James, Betty, and Susan Bomberger,
were awarded prizes at the Tuesday night Pizza Party. Actually, Bill barely beat out the team of Steven Teoh and Jon Montgomery. Coming in, close on the winners heals, were the third and fourth teams, Judy Mensinger and Bob Dyer, and Carolyn Rolsten and Tom Cowper. $\begin{array}{lllllll}M & a & r & s & h & a\end{array}$ Shainwald turned in one correct answer and finished last-but at least she tried. Marsha had about the same luck trying to talk someone into fathering her child - Mitch refused, but only because of the legal liability factor. Besides, he


## PURGATORY (CONTINUED)

the seriousness of his incantation but the rest of us knew it was a load of horse hocky. Mark and David Sager, Steve Teoh, several of the Bomberger clan, Mike Montgomery and Nora Corke spent some time in the Jacuzzi, where some more "adult issue" Kool-Aid was consumed. We can assure you that those who were immersed in the hot tub are still germ free. The chlorine ruined several swimsuits and burned eyes. However, the chlorine wasn't too strong for David Bemish, Aaron Pyle, Wes and Brad Dyar (our second set of twins, 18 years old and the oldest "kids" on our trip). They were still able to goggle eye those girls in the pool (thank goodness, the girls were from another group). We left before the show began, but we understand that they all went for a dip, although there wasn't a bathing suit among them. Is that true, boys? Can you explain, in detail, what happened?

Tuesday night everyone gathered at the Pizza Party, where along with the great pizza, Cheryl produced some more homemade goodies - chocolate and caramel brownies one would kill for. A good time was had by everyone, and as mentioned before, the Road Rally awards were passed out. Cheryl took all the booze (oops, Kool-Aid) back to her condo so anyone could come and help themselves whenever the DT's hit - or whenever they were thirsty.

Wednesday it snowed and everyone was on the slopes. Ask Cheryl, Tom Cowper, Steven and Dana Kummins how many times everyone fell on the Gelande Dead End. The story seems to change drastically, depending on whose version you are hearing. How-ever, the
 children.
consensus is that Dana might hold the record for falls. Dana, is this when you decided to try snow boarding? We understand "Board Rules" and you may never ski again. On the other hand, Tom seems to hold the record for the worst fall when he skied over
 some ice, fell down and took a beautiful (yet not so graceful) fall, and rolled down the mountain. We understand that was a sight to behold. What do you say, Tom? John Hollister was on the slopes that day - maybe he can collaborate someone's story - anyone's - can you, John?

This may have been the same day a fellow by the name of Bill took his niece, Lauren Lindley up the hill; his plan began to unravel, when she had him ski over the gravel. It will be a long time before Lauren is taken up the hill by Uncle Bill again.

We had what we came for - a White Christmas. Melinda and Peter Coulter wish to thank the Bomberger's and Tom Cowper for arranging for a special visit from Santa for Caitlin (5) and Cameron (3) - the youngest children on our trip although maybe not the youngest acting. The Bomberger's and Tom delivered a wonderful inflatable Santa on Christmas morning to the sheer delight of the

Also on Christmas morning, Cliff Aymes was testing his fire alarm while cooking eggs - but that doesn't explain why Mike Montgomery's fire alarm went off when Joyce Keppinger visited him BEFORE breakfast. What happened, Joyce? Can you explain the smoke? Can you also explain why Melinda Coulter spent more time walking and sliding down the blue runs than skiing them? We understand that you and Peter Coulter had something to do with that but we aren't sure what. It sounds like Joyce has a lot of 'splaining to do.

Following is a Christmas Story by Mitch: "Once upon a Christmas day, a petite, young lady, Susan Goucher (alias The Man "Hater") sweet talked a true Southern Gentlemen, Mitch Gaspard, down a run named Gelande Dead End, whereupon Gaspard proceeded tolaunch himself and loose all contact with spatial reality and entered the Twilight Zone. Upon re-entry, who should appear upmountain but Santa Clause, himself. Santa, with great courage, skill and kindness, picked up Gaspard's skis halfway up the mountain, skied down and gave him the best Christmas present Gaspard could ever have wished for. And as Santa turned to ski down the run, he was heard to say, "Но Но Но". What is a dumb-ass idiot like you doing on a Double Black Diamond anyway?"

Christmas night several on the trip enjoyed a wonderful, buffet dinner at the restaurant at the condos. This is a fivestar restaurant and as far as we know, everyone was pleased with their meal. They must have been since they grazed for hours.

Friday was the big day - RACE DAY. Bill kept everyone in suspense until the bus ride home. Everyone was curious, but ole "closed mouth" wouldn't even give a hint. However, overheard Friday night, after the races: "What does it take to be a really good skier? One who can compete with great zest and zeal?" "Plenty of sleep, plenty of booze, and no sex." No wonder you finally won a medal, Bill Bomberger. No one could figure out why he was so secretive.

While some were racing, Fran Margolis pampered herself at the Pergosa Hot Springs, while her future husband, Lou Kleinman, and his friend Cliff Aymes
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Bill Bomberger announced the results of the race and awards were passed out: Participation: Jim Bomberger. Green: Steve Kummins and Steven Teoh. Blue: Bradley Dyar, Mitch Gaspard, John Hollister, Julie Lindley, and Jaqueline Teoh. Black: David Bemish, Susan Bomberger, and Susan Gaucher. A gold medal

Cliff Aymes spent another day on the slopes. When they go to ski - they ski. This was just one of many ski trips that Lou takes each year - that's the life of an attorney.

Everyday Mitch entertained us with a different hat - each day getting more bizarre than the other, climaxing with his prized "Chicken Hat." He said if you think his hats are bizarre, you should see his Mardi Gras costumes.

Someone on the trip has had several lessons, both in Colorado and New Mexico and you would think she could at least navigate a beginner green without a face plant or yard sale by now; however, turning is important - or at least snow plowing to stop is. You may want to ask Nora Corke what kind of superlatives she says after a wipe out.

Friday night Mitch led a group, including Steve and Jacqueline Teoh, Emily Montgomery, Marsha Shainwald, Bill Bomberger, David Bemish, Mark and David Sager, Joyce Keppinger, Tom Cowper, Susan Gaucher, John Hollister, and Carolyn Rolsten into Durango for dinner at Gaspchos and shopping. After dinner the group learned the sidewalks roll up early and missed out on shopping. Nonetheless, they all had a good time and were glad they could spend some time in the quaint little town of Durango.

As you know, all good things must come to and end. We boarded the bus on Saturday morning headed back to Albuquerque. Lo and behold, there were still some of Cheryl's goodies left which everyone enjoyed. If anyone didn't gain weight on this trip, it was not Cheryl's fault.
went to Peter Coulter; Silver to Bill Bomberger and Cheryl De Witt. Bronze medals went to Clifford Aymes, John Bomberger, and Lou Kleinman. Our overall medal winners for the men were Peter Coulter (First place) and Clifford Aymes ( $\left.2^{\text {nd }}\right)$. The medals went to our outstanding women, Cheryl DeWitt (First), Susan Bomberger (Second), and Jacqueline Teoh (who is only 12 years old but placed Third). Looks like we have another great competitor to help SCSC bring home the gold. NOW WE KNOW WHY BILL WASN'T TALKING.

Thanks to David Bemish for being our "Trash Monitor" on the bus ride back. He must have made a dozen or more trips up and down the aisle gathering everyone's discards. Mitch shared some of his hats with Jacqueline Teoh and Caitlin Coulter, but no one was allowed to touch that Chicken Hat - nor the Armadillo Hat which he kept in a bag (the smell alone said something). When Wes Dyar wasn't being our "Howard Sterns wanna-be," he and his brother Brad and David Bemish were reading Emily Montgomery's young girl's magazine. Now none of them know if they are heterosexual or something else. The test did not go well for any of them.

Congratulations to Fran Margolis and Lou Kleinman, Judy Mensinger, and Bob Dyar, Nora Corke and Mike Montgomery on their upcoming marriages. Does this have anything to do with this being a family ski trip?

A good time was had by all. Special thanks to Cheryl DeWitt for her hard work arranging a great trip for everyone to enjoy.

## STEAMBOAT (CONTINUED)

or not his turtleneck matched his gray hair.
Stephanie Klimas - Since I am not a skier and from "hot" Housston, my memorable moments were sitting in the condo with a roaring fire and the snow falling. Great people that make you feel most welcome and part of the group.

Al Klimas - What a great bunch of friends and snow! Boy did we have snow. Too bad it was a week late and we had to watch the new groups arriving to enjoy skiing in beautiful sunshine. Everyone I talked to before the trip said "watch out for the trees". I tried to get close to one, but the six feet of snow stopped me.

Linda Erdman-Condo419 (Linda, Vicki, Dorann \& Ted) turned into "Margaritaville" everyday from 5-7 p.m. It was a closely guarded secret until Beth Wood \& John Marshall invited the rest of the group over for a late night Margarita party. Of course, it took running out of Margaritas to get everyone to leave so the condo tenants could finally go to sleep. Pretty clever to throw a party in someone else's condo, huh?

Eddie Bayersdorfer - Great time at Ore House. Good dinners - Bayersdorfer, Carson \& Moore dinner at Coral Grill. First black thanks to Neal \& Leona Pleasant.

Anonymous Quotes:
Enjoyed the music at Tugboat's one night.Being above the fog on the chair lifts. Trees - evergreens that were completely flocked in white.

Not being able to see the mounds of powder from the ice-flat. Being stuck on a city bus at Taco Bell. Meeting the "Boy Next Door" \& a ski instructor at the Inferno.

Carl Vos said "My luggage is coming." Jennifer said "What?" Carl "My luggage is coming." Jennifer "You itch where?" Gary (bystander overhearing \& laughing) "I itch right here. Will you scratch it for me?" From then on Gary was to be heard saying "I have an itch Jennifer"

From Joan \& Beth: Best wishes to everyone for ensuring such a successful and fun trip. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. Good luck to our wounded warriors (Joyce Bayersdorfer, Mary Ann Soto, and Don Moore). Let's do it again next year!!!




Sequeira cooked jambalaya in the condo, but didn't tell anyone until dinner reservations had been made. Stephanie "smile, please" Klimas captured everything on Kodak. Mary Ann "Shop till you drop" Soto never let a twisted knee slow her down on the downtown slopes for a

RIDE OF THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN! The Mag. 7 took on the mountain, bars, hot tubs and hangovers like they were a horde of banditos. The seven skiing samurai, consisting of Glen "Follow Me - Not!!" Nordt, Jim "Face Plow" Slaughter, Carl "Has anyone seen my luggage?" Vos, John "I swear I thought those were my skis when I took them" Stoner, Al "Over the Cliff" Klimas, Rod "Toe" Hudson, and John "Scotch" Schneider, and friends hit the slopes and town with equal fervor. Meanwhile, Joan "Snow Ball Fight" Henke, Beth "How do I get out of this snow bank?" Wood, and Jennifer "Hot Tub Jet Connoisseur" Schreck, gave new meaning to the term "Hot Tub", as Jennifer demonstrated the navel ring while lecturing on the advantages of hot tubs. Kathleen Hannaman slipped into the hot tub quietly to take a few notes on the lecture. Eddie "Where's the bottled wine?" Bayersdorfer and his wife Joyce "I'd meant to get that ACL repaired anyway" had made sure the plane got to Hayden without detouring to Denver. Rookie skier John "They told me this black slope was a green" Marshall did very well for his first time out. The Margarita Maids, Vicki Kelley, Linda Erdman, \& Dorann Valka paced themselves. Julie "Doesn't this town have a C \& W bar?" Butcher \& Pat "Veggie Plate" Pease helped the Mag. 7 and friends enjoy their dinners out on the town as did Margaret "Peggy" Schillenger. Sharon and Gary "Darlin"


Rod Hudson - The Magnificent 7 will ride again!!!

Jim Slaughter - Hot Tub Fun (hot water/cold wine), "The Mag. 7 Rules!" Joan, I enjoyed dancing with you.

Jennifer Schreck - After a very challenging day on the slopes, I find anticipation growing as I approach the "Hot Tub" to sooth my exhausted muscles. Upon arriving I am greeted by an overwhelming "Hey!", much to my surprise I am not the only one with this idea of R \& R. Not only am I not the only one - the hot tub resembles a photo from National Geographic of a "Cuban Refugee Boat". Fortunately, there is one small space available, I climb in \& we all arrived safely at our intended destination.

John Stoner - Having the privilege of riding with the "Magnificent 7 ".

Rootie Moore - Don was the Friday night entertainment in the E.R. Doctors \& nurses kept coming by to check his knee - no one had ever seen anything like it. Finally, a young Dr. said he'd seen it twice. I was glad he helped with the procedure! The doctors and nurses were really nice, as were all our Space City Friends.

Vicki Kelley - Being from S. Carolina, Bob Davis
snowmobile. The following Space City Ski members were spotted on the airplane to and from Steamboat: Ron Garner, Ron Honefenger, Brett Littell, John Smith, Pam \& Mark Taylor, Bill Landfield and Ted Widmer. Neal Grossman and Juli Stiger were seen enjoying all of the quiet spots, as not to be bothered by the rowdy bunch.

Other Comments from the trip:

Carl Vos-I never thought I could have so much fun skiing with so many "strangers". The Posse (Mag. 7) really made riding the slopes an adventure not to be forgotten or duplicated.



## !!! Get Involved !!!

SCSC needs volunteers for trips \& activities in the coming year. Volunteering is certainly work, but it is also the way to get the most from your membership: the most fun, the most memories, and the best friends. We want to get to know you better. Become Involved! Become a Leader! Volunteer!

## ALL VOLUNTEERS:


3. For what activities outside of SCSC have you done volunteer work?

4. On which SCSC trips have you travelled? $\qquad$
5. What factors have led to your willingness to volunteer? $\qquad$
6. Are you available for monthly SCSC meetings (2nd Monday, Sept-May)?
__Yes __No
7. Are you available for monthly SCSC happy hours (3rd Thursday each mo.)

Yes No

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1. Would you prefer: $\qquad$ short trip (4-5 nites) $\qquad$ long trip (6-7 nites)
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