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Head of the Liftline

by Merrel Smith



Hi all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the support I've received from everyone before and after the election. I hope our new Executive Committee lives up to your expectations. We are here to make this next year a lot of fun for all.

It begins with our VP of Programs, **Sue Salvage**, who promises to have entertainment and / or activities at all monthly meetings. This month our meeting is the 3rd Monday, May 18, when the always popular **FOLLIES** will take place. Look for activities throughout every month to get together with friends in the club.

The true purpose of Space City will always be **SKIING**, and VP of Trips, **Barb Erlich**, has been hard at work for weeks working on our next trip schedule. We spent a long weekend in San Antonio with 200+ other Texans deciding destinations for next seasons TSC trips. Joining us were representatives from 51 ski resorts and related ski industry companies.

VP of Membership, **Cheryl Houge**, is already collecting and inputting information from our membership applications. Remember you have until May 31st to renew your membership. After that it will cost you an extra \$5.00 to rejoin.

VP of Publications, **DeeDee Dowlin**, worked on this issue of the Sitzmarke and is already busy on next month's issue. If you have something to sell, or would like to tell our members about your business, call her about advertising in the Sitz.

Our Secretary, **Charles Butler**, is soliciting ideas for logo items our members would be interested in, so let him know what you think could be the next hot item. Charles will also be putting together our SCSC directory, which itself is a perfect place to advertise your services to the membership.

This brings me to our brave new Treasurer, **Ladye Freitag**, who has the dubious honor of handling all the trip, activity, and other income/expenses for the next 12 months. Please give all these great volunteers the support and help you have me, and I know we'll have a banner year.

I want to personally thank last years President & new Chairman of the Board, **Jim Edwards**, for the work he has done for Space City, as well as the help he has given me and the other incoming officers. All the members of last years ExCom, **Stan Broniak, Susan Blome, Dave Stotz, Bill Bomberger, Marsha Lutz & Pam Smith** deserve a big SCSC thank you for a job well done.

They will serve another term on the Board of Directors and will be watching over my shoulder, so I really need to kiss up.

I'll see y'all at the Follies.



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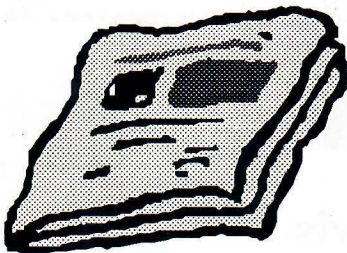
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MAY

- 9..... Spring Golf Tournament
- 9..... Brew U - Part 2
- 18..... General Meeting - The Follies
- 28..... Happy Hour @ Club Spy
- 29-31..... Hoedown - Bandiera Texas

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JUNE

- 12-14..... Camping Trip
- 13..... Comets Basketball
- 18..... Happy Hour

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JULY

- 16..... Happy Hour



FROM THE SKI DESK

by Barb Erlich



Hola! That's San Antonian for Hi Y'all. While most of you are putting up your skis and getting ready for your summer activities, almost 50 SCSC

members spent the first weekend in April in San Antonio attending the Annual Texas Ski Council (TSC) bid meeting where the five TSC ski trips are determined. For those unfamiliar with ski club jargon, the Texas Ski Council is an organization of Texas ski clubs dedicated to providing quality trips to its members. The annual April bid meeting attracts both Texas ski club members and numerous ski resort representatives, providing a venue for Texas skiers to gain valuable information on ski opportunities. The meeting is also the time when the Fall Roundup, Traditional, Winter Expedition, Winter Shootout, and Final Showdown trip locations are selected.

After last month's elections, many of you probably started feeling sorry for me wondering how I was going to put together a fantastic schedule of skiing for 1998 and 1999. We'll let me put your mind at ease. I don't have to do it alone. My job of reviewing bids and listening to presentations was a simple and fun task

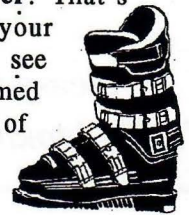
due to the great delegates that accompanied and aided me. This included officers, board members TSC reps and many helpful members willing to volunteer their weekend to help the trip decisions come off smoothly. My assistants included several previous VP of Trips including last year's VP of Trips **Susan Blome**. I want to thank **Susan** for a great year last year and thank her in advance for all the help she's providing this year. The job of VP of trips doesn't just end after a year. I also want to thank each and every one of you who attended the meeting and helped with this important decision making.

Well enough of this babble about what already happened, let's cut to the chase and talk about the future ski season. First of all, a V.P. of Trips is only as good as his or her DOTs. That's Director of Trips, alias able-bodied assistants who work long hours behind the scenes to make the VP of Trip's job a million times easier. I'm pleased to introduce **Gene Soo** and **Kathy Young** as this year's DOTs. Next time you see them thank them in advance for the fantastic job they're going to do providing an unforgettable ski season. Also, don't be shy, let us know where you want to go and what's going on.

Now, what you've all been waiting for. Where the heck are we going next year? For starters, the Thanksgiving Fall

Round Up will have almost guaranteed snow at **Copper Mountain** November 24 - 29 with improved snow makers and the best snow fall record in the Summit area. Traditional is January 9 - 16 at the 2002 Winter Olympic ski resort of **Park City, Utah**. For winter expedition pull out those French tapes or sign up for the Evelyn Woods speed French classes so you can communicate on your ski trip to **Les Trois Valles, France** January 29 - February 7, 1999. For Winter Shootout get ready for some hardcore powder skiing at **Jackson Hole, Wyoming**. They have added a new Gondola, so be sure to visit the health club so you're in shape for no lift line, non-stop skiing. We will finish the year in great style. Save up those dollars for the slots, we're off to **Heavenly** for a week of skiing, gambling and mega partying.

You'll have to wait for the unveiling of the entire 1998-1999 ski season. O.K., twist my arm, I'll throw out a few hints - **Snowmass, Breckenridge, Canada, Sun Valley, Alaska, Red River**. That's enough! Enjoy your summer and we'll see you in August armed with a complete list of ski destinations.



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5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

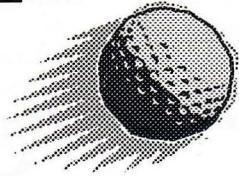
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Spring Golf Tournament Texas National Golf Club Willis, Texas

May 9th, 1:00 PM

\$55.00

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



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April 25th 3-6 PM, May 9th 7:00PM -?

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SCSC Activity

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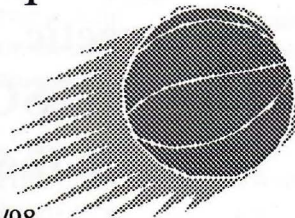
Saturday, June 13

\$25.00

Compaq Arena

AC: Joanne Fore

713-629-4146 (H)
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SCSC Activity

Camping Trip

June 12th - 14th

\$17.00 Weekend/per person

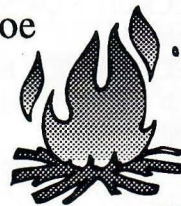
\$10.00 Saturday Only/per person

Saturday - Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Sunday - Breakfast

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V. P. PROGRAMS

by Sue Salvage



Spring has sprung, and your new officers have sprung into action! We're planning all kinds of ski trips, activities, and meeting programs for the year, and we're looking forward to seeing your smiling faces.

Jean Jackson and Diane Keane have volunteered to coordinate our happy hours. Please feel free to let them know if there is some place you'd like the Club

to have a happy hour.

Steve Amy and Tom Hogle have volunteered to head up the Ambassadors. If you're interested in being an Ambassador call or see **Tom or Steve**.

Dell Davidson has volunteered his time and talent as the unofficial "Club Photographer" so you'll be seeing him at various activities, meetings and happy hours snapping away.

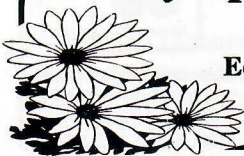
We have many goals this year, but the ones that will be most visible to you are:

1. **NEW, OLD, AND FUN ACTIVITIES** - To volunteer call or see **Joy or me**
2. **MEETING PROGRAMS** - We're working on what we hope you'll find to be enjoyable programs. Yes, we know, keep them short.
3. **RECRUIT NEW VOLUNTEERS** from our NEW members.
4. **RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS** - We'll be working with **Cheryl Hogue**, VP of Membership and the Ambassadors.

We can use your help and support in all of the above areas. Especially for activity coordinators and bringing in new members. So, be sure to volunteer yourself, or someone you know, when the opportunity presents itself. We would love it if you'd consider yourself an Ambassador and promote the Club. You never know when you'll meet someone who's a skier or a "wannabe". Don't forget, you don't have to ski, or plan on skiing, to be a member, so anyone could be a potential member!

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Our deepest sympathies go out to **Eddie Bayersdorfer and family** for the tragic loss of their loved one.



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Winter Park, Colorado

by Angie Westergren

It was a wild and crazy week for the folks in Winter Park, thanks to 38 SCSCers. We hit the quaint little village of Winter Park with a good old-fashioned Texas force. Our first evening started with a wine and cheese party. Surprise celebrity guests, such as, Dr. Kevorkian (**Fred Straube**), Picabo Street (**Maryann McGinnis**), Queen Elizabeth (**Carol Battaglia**), Opie Taylor (**Bobby Viktorin**), Monica Lewinski (**Susan Danna**), Tanya Harding (**Janet McKenzie**), Bubba (**Richard Spinks**), Marv Albert (**Karl Bussey**) and Socrates (**Darrell Way**), just to name a few. Altitude hallucinations? No just a game.

The first day we awoke to a beautiful day for skiing and that's exactly what everyone did. (**Larry Christie**, **John Jacob** and **Byron Davis** managed to squeeze in a half day of skiing upon arrival.) With the first day of skiing under wraps the young and restless ran to the hot tub for a bit of refreshment, both hot and cold, served up by none other than Elmer Fudd (**Angie**). Sunday evening much of the group walked to Rome on the Range for dinner where **Richard Spinks** told a joke that lasted so long we almost spent the night in the restaurant. Afterwards, a few diehards went to Winter Park Pub for Disco Inferno Night. Although they weren't exactly dressed for disco, **Michael Baumgarth**, **Mark Chambers**, **Angie Westergren**, **Sarah Granbery**, **Laura Ciulla** and **Miranda Kelly** still boogied the night away. (Some of us still remember the "bump"!) It started snowing Sunday night and continued on for most of the week, which made for some really good skiing conditions. The skiing was a BLAST, with powder everywhere!

Monday night was the ever-popular pub-crawl lead by our Winter Park guide, Nathan. He took us to Smokin' Moe's, The Shed, Slades Underground (where **Jennifer Ham**, **Linda Thompson**, **Stefanie Clark** and **Bill Dahl** entertained us with their wild foosball game), Deno's and The Divide Grille. The 6th stop was a newly found Winter Park Pub, the TC's Condo where the attire is very casual, just ask **Sarah** (who was in her PJs)! Other party poopers were roused (aroused?) from a nearby condo to join the gang.

Tuesday was another incredible (and tiring) day of skiing for most. However, **Gregg Lenart**, **Stephanie Clark**, **Bill Dahl**, **Marshall Bennett**, **Miranda Kelly**, **Mark Chambers** and **Gus** and **Jennifer Ham** ventured off on a spectacular snowmobile ride to the Continental Divide. They said it was great, and their pictures are very impressive. That evening was the Mardi Gras celebration Colorado style, ala snowfall. The group gathered outside a certain Snowblaze balcony where **Angie Westergren** (TC) and **Sarah Granbery** (ATC) tossed beads and doubloons to partygoers while purple punch awaited them in the condo. A Mardi Gras mask contest was won by **Linda Thompson** (Butterfly mask) and **Clay Vollmer** (Femme Fatale). Many Mardi Gras revelers bundled up their beads and went to The Slope to see Ron Fruge and the Boudin Kings. Who was that bodacious blonde dancing? Others joining her (him?) on the dance floor were **Ann Michaels**, **Ralph Lojo**, **Byron Davis** and **Kathy Dalton** with **John Ginter** supervising from a distance! While those who caught the last bus returned home the warm-dry way, some true Texans,

Miranda Kelly, **Kathy Dalton**, **Gregg Lenart**, **Stefanie Clark** and **Marshall Bennett** (aka Big Banana) hitched a ride from some locals in the wee Rocky Mountain hours. Evidently, **Miranda** and **Kathy** became quite intimate with a satellite dish while riding in the hatchback of an "itty bitty" VW Golf. **Laura Ciulla**, however, had the most fun getting back. Ask her about her 2 mile ride in the back of a pick-up truck during a blinding snowstorm! It was perfect training for the next days NASTAR races in the blowing snow where **Cliff Aymes** and **Lou Kleinman** ferociously competed for the gold. 30 out of 38 skiers participated in NASTAR, over half were "never-ever racers" and everyone survived! **Miranda Kelly** did have a close call, though. If only she had worn a helmet.....

Wednesday evening the group shared a lasagna dinner where NASTAR medals were awarded. GOLD medals went to **John Jacob**, **David Stotz**, **Darrell Way**, **Gregg Lenart**, **John Ginter**, **Bill Dahl**, **Lou Kleinman**, **Byron Davis**, **Larry Christie** and **Angie Westergren**. SILVER medals were awarded to **Bobby Viktorin**, **Cliff Aymes** and **Richard Spinks**. BRONZE medals went to **Gus Ham**, **Mark Chambers**, **Laura Ciulla**, **Jennifer Ham**, **Diane Stotz** and **Janet McKenzie**. **Mark Chambers'** acceptance speech brought tears to everyone's eyes when he attributed his skiing success to his roommates (**Bill**, **Larry** and **Bobby**) who all responded "Stop, Yer killin' me man!!" **Gregg Lenart** had the fastest overall time. Many thanks go to **Lou Kleinman** who succumbed to arm twisting to be our race director. After dinner, a surprise snowball

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attack was made on **Linda Thompson** as the group ventured over to the TC/ATC condo for game night. Thank goodness we had **Susan Danna** to referee the game of "42" and **Bob Knupp** to keep the Jenga players under control.

On Thursday, The Good, **Gary Werner**, The Bad, **Angie** and The Ugly, **Richard Spinks** (aka Bubba) tried their skill at snowboarding. **Bubba** swears he's suffering from a dislocated kidney as the result of a snowboarding entanglement. Thursday night the scientific tubing crew (**David & Diane Stotz, Gregg, Stefanie, Angie, Bill & Sarah**) took off for Fraser to try out some physics theories by putting an adult size body on top of an innertube and sliding down a mountain. The unanimous scientific result is FUN! A good time was had by all!

Our last day of skiing was a cold one!

Some were so desperate to warm up that they were in the "pits" just trying to keep warm, uh Valerie? While skiing on Friday, the three Musketeers (**Bill, Bobby & Mark**) lost their "Fearless Leader" (**Larry Christie**), so **Bill** volunteered to lead the band of renegades. Alas, **Bill** went to the left while **Bobby** and **Mark** went to the right and that was the end of the three musketeers for the remains of the ski day. Rumor has it **Bill** ran out of excuses to quit skiing so he just disappeared.

The final evening, we took a gondola ride up the mountain for a five-course gourmet dinner at The Lodge at Sunspot. **Ralph Lojo** (aka Ladies Man) entertained the table of teachers from St. Louis, while **Valerie Vaughn, Kathy Dalton** and **Linda Thompson** (aka The Sun Singers), with a guest appearance by **Stefanie Clark**, serenaded the other diners with songs they

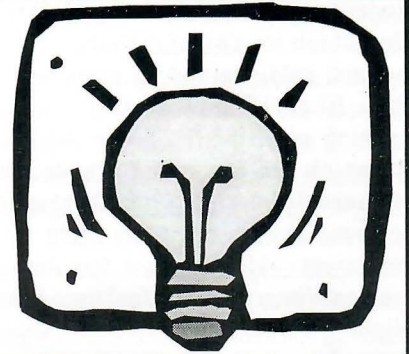
composed on the slopes while dreaming for sunshine. If you have never heard the word "Sun" sung to the tune of Amazing Grace, you're in for some kind of treat! As always, the fun-filled week flew by and it was time to head back home. Our final escapade occurred on the plane where the SCSC group had the flight attendants laughing so hard they had to stop in the middle of their instructions to settle themselves down. With the help of **Glenn Jennings**, we had homemade oxygen masks to do our traditional SCSC spoof of the flight attendants. One flight attendant was such a good sport, she received her very own SCSC oxygen mask and brought us her camera to take her picture styling her mask. It was a memorable week with many new friends made along the way. Hey, where are we going next year? How about the last week in February?

Got some great ideas for the Sitzmarke?

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Top Ten Reasons Skiing is Better Than Sex ...

Author Unknown

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9. YOU PAY ONCE TO GO UP AND DOWN ALL DAY
8. SKIS ARE ALWAYS HARD
7. YOU HAVE YOUR CHOICE OF EXPERT OR BEGINNER
6. YOU ALWAYS GET PICKED UP WHEN IN LINE
5. LUBRICANT LASTS FOR DAYS
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Telluride I, Colorado

by Ann Clinton

Valentine's Day 1998; 'twas a sweet day to head to Telluride for the TSC Winter Shootout. "The Love Daddy," **Tom Danowski**, started things off to a passionate start by presenting each lady on the trip, as well as other deserving females, with a rose. **Tom** claims to have gotten a lot of rewards for his thoughtfulness. Tell us more, **Tom**! **Bill Bomberger**, not to be outdone, provided flowers for the TC and ATC.

Arrival in Telluride started with **Sue Salvage** and **Helen Schilling** setting up direct hotlines with Housekeeping. Telluride's never had so many new appliances and repairs to condos during a trip! **Sue's** most diligent efforts focused on getting the hot tub at her condo repaired. Her efforts paid off, and it was finally fixed — alas, this didn't come to pass until the last evening.

Michael Ruck (sans luggage) was the fashion plate on Sunday, in his rented ski outfit and big spender with the \$25 the airlines allowed him for expenses! Luggage



finally arrived, but **Michael** left with **Judy Katany** early in the week for business meetings. **Gary Pfeffer** had luggage, but ended up trapped in his condo every day on conference calls. **Helen Schilling** acted as his skiing valet — she did all his skiing for him! Luckily for **Gary**, he was headed to Beaver Creek the next week.

Mark & Sandy Vela were the first to ski Marmot and tour an open house tucked in among the forest. They shed skis and trekked through the \$1.6 million "cottage" in ski boots. Rumor has it, they're still trying to arrange financing. **Marty Toomer**, **Sue Salvage**, **Susan Blome**, and **Debi Alternern** also stopped by for the tour, so Marmot was soon renamed "The Real Estate Run." Oprah's house was nearby, and we just knew she'd have us over for a bash, if it weren't for that darn trial that held her up in Amarillo! Oh well, maybe next year, Oprah. With Oprah's cancellation, we decided to join the Telluride II group for a Wednesday evening bash for an evening of feasting and cheer. **Gary Butler**, **Charles Butler**, **Alex Bunsch**, and **Ken Spalding** were among the crowd enjoying the spread. The women's Olympic figure skating competition provided and amusing role reversal, as a female crew including, **Lauri Matthews**, **Becky Reitz**, **Mary Pat Rapp**, and others huddled around the TV for a sporting event.

After a long hard day on the slopes, **Leslie Adams** and **DeeDee Dowlin** were noted icicle-watching from the hot tub. And just how would you describe the shape



of that icicle, girls? **Joe "Cannon Ball" Loe** displayed his bruises in the hot tub, and the other guys bonded over a discussion about aging problems of the male body.

Racing was tough, as only one gold medal was awarded for all TSC racers! Our winners included **Chris Goll** with a silver, and **Tom Danowski** with a bronze. Our Individual racers made us proud with a silver from **Chris Goll**, as well as 2nd Place Senior in TSC, and bronze medals for **Bill Bomberger** and **Tom Danowski**. **Sue Salvage**, **Marty Toomer**, and **Becky Reitz** represented SCSC on the female side of the fence. Although **Becky** tumbled and has a knee injury to shoe for it, she deserves recognition for her ability to keep smiling all the way home. Other SCSC racers included **Keith Kirkman**, **John Gay**, **George Flournoy**, **Leslie Adams**, **Susan Blome**, **Phil Cezeaux**, **Hartley Chelin**, **Chuck Gore**, **Milt Kramer**, **Ken Spalding**, **Sandy** and **Mark Vela**, **Mitch Gaspard**, **John Stokes**, and **Gary Butler**.

Judy Katany reports that **Chris Goll** squeaked out a gold during a practice run on the Nastar course after a big lunch of black bean salsa. Who would have guessed that lunch could add that extra needed fuel to speed down so fast!

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Telluride I, Colorado *(continued from page 9)*

Mitch Gaspard entertained many on the slopes with his hat collection. His full pelt coyote hat was seen under a lift on morning. Rumor has it that someone mistook Mitch for a wild creature and took a shot at him! We hear Mitch is always looking for new hats; seems now he wants something orange and white, with a picture of a longhorn on it. Perhaps someone out there can help? Speaking of orange, David Corbin received several compliments about the lovely orange boots he wore on the slopes. — Amazing how Aggies get written up in these Sitzmarke articles, eh?!

Patrice and Lee Mixon avoided all lift lines, as they spent the week cross-country skiing. Phil and Ute Cezeaux and John Stokes cooked up yummy meals each evening, but evidently didn't have any leftovers for us. We all want to be in their condo next trip!

Congratulations, y'all!

Leslie Adams, in another plunge, was catapulted off Lift #8, as she and Ann Clinton were busy chatting instead of thinking of "tips up" — talk about a face plant — it almost ruined that great facial and massage she enjoyed the day before at The Peaks. Patrice Mixon also enjoyed

some special pampering at The Peaks.

The Spice Boys — Gunnar Heyne, Tom Danowski, Chris Goll, Bill Bomberger, and Mark Vela met up with the Go Fast Girls — Marty Toomer and



girl-friends, at the top of Lift 9 near Guiseppe's for a secret mission on the last day of the trip, last run on the trip. Although some believe it was to retrieve the glove David Corbin dropped in the crapper up there, others believe there were secret initiations being held along with other shenanigans. We hear

hours with, but rumors have it he was at Eagle's Nest with Lauri Matthews, Mary Pat Rapp, Keith Kirkman, DeeDee Dowlin, and of course Susan Blome, who could be seen carrying her dancing boots most evenings, so as not to miss a dance. Tom Danowski asked to offer a special thanks to Keith Kirkman, Chris Goll, Gunnar Heyne, Sue Salvage, Marty Toomer, Mark and Sandi Vela and Bill Bomberger for their half eaten granola bars, power bars, and candy after he arrived late at Big Billie's for lunch. Tom says he still has leftovers and his phone number is in the directory, if anyone would like some!

A big thank you from ATC Sharon Broughton and TC Ann Clinton go to all participants for the sweet cooperation from everyone, and a special thanks to our VP of Ice Chests, Mr. David Corbin! You guys really did make it the sweetest SCSC trip of the year!



Lessons paid off for many on the trip, including Cathy Phillips, Christine Skirius, Leslie Adams, Chuck Gore, Ken Spalding, and especially Sharon Broughton and Debi Altenbern. Their Swedish instructor Bjorn's last words of wisdom had something to do with positioning hips. Ask them for the graphic details!!!

Telluride's black run, "The Plunge" was a popular run for Leslie Adams, Sharon Broughton, Ann Clinton, David Corbin, Chuck Gore, and others. Not to be outdone, upon hearing about "The Plundge," Milt Kramer really took the plunge as he planted himself on bended knee to propose to sweetie, Christine Skirius. See, we told you this was a sweetheart of a trip.

there are pictures! Speaking of shenanigans, a number of the females including Marty Toomer, Leslie Adams, and Ann Clinton were labeled "Polar Queens", but ended up as "Palmrea Bimbos"—so, is that a good thing, girls?

No one seems to know all of the women Bill Bomberger was keeping late night



SCSC Shredder "Wanna-Be's"???

by Cheryl Hogue

A fellow SCSC member (*and I won't mention his last name is AMY*), who kindly gave me a "dirtbag" shirt a few years back, has now decided that this is the year he wants to try boarding. So, he asked me if I'd give him some pointers in Montana. Now, knowing this guy as I do, I wouldn't be surprised if he hasn't already started practicing his smooth womanizing lines for all of us ladies on the trip. But, on the outside chance that he and **Rodney H.** and a few others could really be serious, I thought I might offer a few tips to all who may be planning to clandestinely sneak off to learn to board - thus saving public humiliation - since club members can be unmerciful upon "yard sale" and "face plant" mishaps - ending up with the victim of the snowsnake attacks having to buy the beer to silence all witnesses.

My first words are a disclaimer. I ain't no expert and still spend a lot of time on my rear - but hopefully, I can give you a few hints that will make you forever grateful - and appreciative - perhaps if you see me at the bar or at other opportune moments, etc. etc.

Do not plan to board on your trip without packing a few **ESSENTIAL** items. If you are a rollerblader, you already have the knee pads and wrist guards that you should always wear when boarding. The majority of areas do not have these protectors available, and if they do, you pay a premium and have few choices with brands or sizes. I did not use pads the first time I tried boarding, and my knees paid a **BIG** price. You will really thank me for this advice! Wrist injuries are probably the most common injuries for boarders, and wrist guards can prevent serious sprains. Instinctively, a boarder will use the hands/arms to brace for a fall, and you need those guards! Remember, your feet are locked into your bindings, and they do not release like skis, so your arms and hands get a workout. Most boarders remove the front plate, which allows you to wear your gloves over the guards.

Now, rear padding also helps - whether natural or added. I understand **Dale A.** and **Tom H.** used "bubble" packing material at Jackson Hole - which probably worked - but looked a little strange. (*Oh well, we have a reputation to uphold wherever we*

go.) Anyway, rollerbladers can now purchase guards to protect their tailbones, so if Mother Nature was not as generous to you as to some of us, you might want to include this added protection.

Before you decide to try boarding, think about the snow conditions. If the snow is not good for skiing, don't decide to spend the day trying to learn to board. (*I stole this advice from Angie W. in Sun Valley a few years back.*) You want **SOFT, FLUFFY** snow. It is much kinder on the body, and gives you traction. Remember this saying: "A price for ice!"

A lot of areas have special packages for beginners - saving money on tickets, lessons, and equipment - so check it out before you pay. Rental shops are pretty good about fitting you with the right board for your height, weight, and ability. On days when crowds are expected, you should reserve a board in advance to ensure you have one suited to your size and needs. (*Or support our local retailers and really get good service!*) If you are comfortable with your left foot in front, you are "regular." If you board with the right foot in front, you are "goofy." If you are unsure which leg to have in front, stand with your legs together and have someone (*you trust*) gently push you forward. Whichever foot you place in front to catch yourself is the foot to try forward. You can always experiment and try both ways. Experience on skateboards is a real plus. But regardless, be sure to take a lesson before you start. You will save yourself a lot of down time - and I mean down time. Because learning is very visual, if you are "goofy" try to have an instructor who is also "goofy" or if you have your left foot in front, have an instructor who is regular. It is much easier to learn when you can mimic the instructor's maneuvers. As a beginner, it makes it more difficult to translate their movements and understand weight shifts when you face opposite directions going down the slopes.

Last year my real high was when a teenage guy asked **ME** for a few tips and lessons on the slopes. This gave me an immediate attitude which was great until reality set in on my next flop. However, now when I go down, I have perfected the art of faking a rest stop - since boarders can only rest when sitting. (*You learn that real*

quickly.) Anyway, by the end of the day, I am sure my teenage prodigy was zooming by me, but then when you are that age - you're invincible - and everything heals faster, you need an good excuse to skip



school, Dad pays the bills, and Mom takes you to the doctor and waits on you as you relax in bed with the TV blaring and compassionate friends visiting over the next few weeks. Ask **Harry G.** if he forgot he was not 16 when he did **BLACK** last year at Breckenridge on his first day out for the season and then had to cuddle crutches for the next month or so. It helps if you practice saying "First **GREEN**, then **BLUE**, then maybe **BLACK** - in that order. Repeat after me: **GREEN, BLUE, BLACK. GREEN, BLUE, BLACK (or light gray).**

Courtesy mandates that you never ask a first time snowboarder if they had a fun day. Even the best of friends will receive a dirty look or that fond finger sign. And don't plan to learn when you have a heavy evening planned - the spirit may be willing, but the body protests big time - although I witnessed **Scott P.** do his best after a hard earned day.

The word is out that **Ray D.** is getting around pretty good now, and **Big John C.** is getting to be a "hot shot" although he has hugged a few trees (*I said trees*) along the way.

It has been stated by an SCSC member that all new snowboarders should be required to wear "orange" attire (*with skull & crossbones insignia*) as a warning to everyone on the slopes to beware.

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SCSC Shredder "Wanna Be's"??? (continued from page 11)

Even if you choose not to board, do remember, new boarders are just like new skiers. They want control - but it takes practice, so be understanding. As a precaution, please note that a boarder has a blind side (*we need rear view mirrors*) - so when approaching their back side - be careful! Also on the lift, a boarder has one foot in the binding and one foot out - and is doing a "balancing" act when unloading. The kids make it look so easy - but it is not! It is always a good idea to quickly move out of the way after unloading, but really important if you have inexperienced boarders behind you. Talkers make unfortunate bowling pins! I am always so grateful if I don't

fall. You know you might be in trouble when you start negotiating who is going to be on top before you get off!!! (*Did I say that right?*)

The good news is that boarding is like biking - once you grasp the balancing - it is grins. The maneuverability is so much fun!! It is a whole new form of freedom on the slopes - forward/sideways/backwards, etc. You even get credit for "tricks" you weren't trying to do. They say boarding is easier to learn than skiing. If you just get past that first learning curve, you will have a ball. Trying to understand all the lingo is really the hard part. And, the good news is that you only have to look after "one" board - not two skis and two poles!

Now I understand the average age of boarders has greatly increased over the past few years. I have even endured the remarks of SCSC "friends" commenting how I single-handedly skewed that average. I don't think so. We have enough members in the club entering their second, third and fourth childhood and elsewhere around the country to have lent me a hand.

Well, hope my tips help those adventurous souls. If you can't beat 'um, join 'um. People will always be wanting to try new "toys." Next thing you know, we'll all be racing down Nastar on shoe skates or sleds!!



by George Flournoy

San Antonio Under Seige By Skiers

Dateline April 5, San Antonio, Texas

The River Walk was the scene this past weekend for late season skiers arriving from as far away as *Canada and Switzerland* to talk SNOW and TRIPS!!!! Once again skiers migrated south, to The Annual Texas Ski Council Bid Meeting to caucus (new word for *exaggerating* ones skiing abilities) and select ski trips for the forthcoming season. For you *new club members*, the Texas Ski Council or TSC, is an organization of several Texas ski clubs dedicated to serving it's members interests. One of the functions that the organization performs is to select sites for the next ski season, where member Texas clubs will ski together. So, we selected some great trips for you !!!

Before I announce next years trips, I have to confess a few SCSC secrets. It takes a ton of paperwork and scads and scads (not to be confused with scuds) of hard work to pull the TSC bid meeting off. Space City had the responsibility for hosting the bid meeting this year. **Peggy Montgomery** served as committee chairperson for the bid meeting with her able assistants **Nancy and Jeff Sarff, Lona Doubet and Sharon Smith**. Approximately fifty SCSC'ers braved the Katy Freeway, *green run*, to assist their club in it's time of need.. Others providing assistance were: **Dave and Diane Stotz,**

Lisa Smith, The Butler Boys (that's Charles and Gary), Ted and Debbie Bergeron, Chip Doubet, Cheryl Dewitt, Steve Kenny, Bill Raley, Julie Raley, Stacy and JR Ronczy, Kayleen Kill, John Rice, Lee Swords, Steven Teoh, Patti Maudslay, and Joanne Fore. Believe me, without and their help this meeting would not have come off nearly as smoothly as it did. Also performing various functions included officers, board members, TSC Reps, DOTS, and many other willing volunteers.

So on to the great news!!! The TSC voted on some FANTASTIC TRIPS for next year. Fall Roundup (Thanksgiving) will be Copper Mountain, Colorado. Traditional (Jan 9-16) will be held at Park City, Utah. Those of you who are not familiar with a TSC trip, historically Traditional is the big do. At some of these functions as many as a *thousand* Texas skiers descend (pun intended) upon a resort town. So naturally, many ski resorts covet this type of business so they can add big name skiers, *like SCSC SKI DOGS*, to their marquee (*look out Tommy M.*).

At Winter Expedition we will be saying things like bonjour you'll. That's the type of French they speak in Southern France, as we are going to The Three Valleys, one of the largest and best known ski resorts in the world. Winter Shootout

is scheduled for late February, and will move to cowboy country at Jackson Hole, Wyoming. If the urge to drop a few coins into a slot machine occurs occasionally.....then save those coins for Final Showdown at Heavenly Valley, to be held mid-March.

One of our finest **Jerry Montgomery** is stepping down from TSC. Jerry has served as VP of Traditional, VP of Final Showdown, Treasurer, President for two years and Past President for two more. Jerry has been very influential in the shaping of the TSC into the premier council organizations that TSC is today. Also leaving the TSC Board is **Debbie Bergeron**. Debbie served as VP Fall Roundup, and for two years as Secretary. A special thanks to both of the fine individuals who performed an excellent job combined with outstanding service.

Newly elected to the TSC board as Treasurer is our own **Gary Butler**. **Peggy Montgomery** will serve as the VP Final Roundup. TSC is very fortunate to have such highly qualified individuals as board members and SCSC is well represented with the addition of these two great persons to the board.

Last item of business; the next TSC meeting will be held in Port Aransas (*near Corpus Christi*) June 20. See your new TSC Rep for details and housing.

To the members of the Space City Ski Club:

It has been two years since we lost Rosanne, which has been a very difficult time for our family.

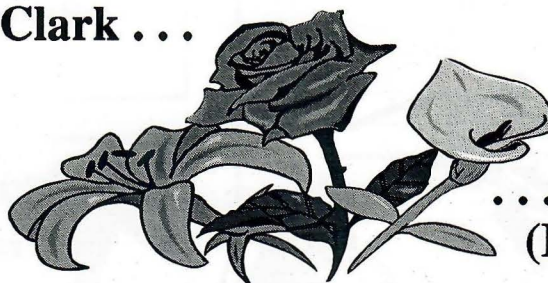
We know that Rosanne really enjoyed being a member of your club and spent many happy hours with your members.

As we cannot contact everyone personally, our family wishes to express through your publication, our deep gratitude to the members of the club for the freindship you gave her, and for your expressions of sympathy following our loss.

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Space City Ski Club 1997-1998 Trip Schedule

as of March 18, 1998

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July 24-Aug. 1, '98 (Fri.-Sat.)	7 / 5	QUEENSTOWN New Zealand (TSC Summer Expedition)	\$1,731 F \$1,431 L (See note)	Apr. 13, '98 (See note)	Q'Town Park Royal (Hotel)	42	Full 3-WL	Larry Christie (BAE)	(713) 802-9801

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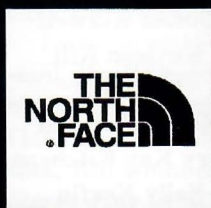


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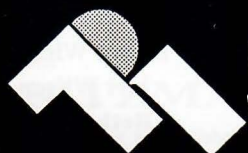


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