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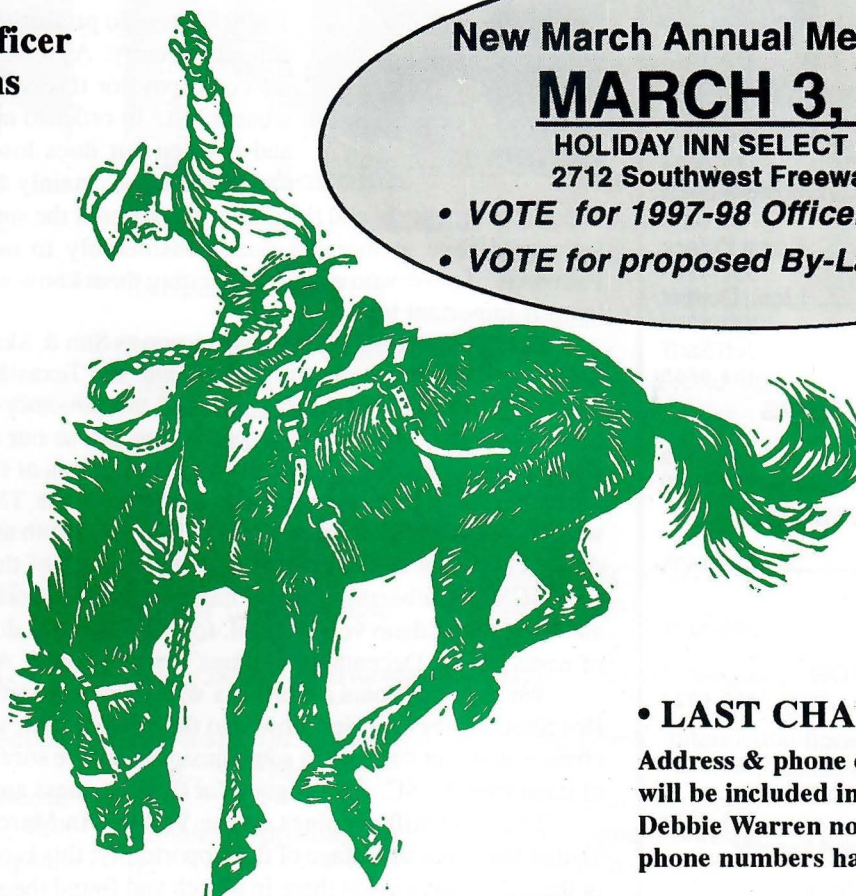
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- 1997-98 Officer Nominations Announced

- Proposed By-Law Changes

- New!!!
March Steamboat Trip!
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New March Annual Meeting Date

MARCH 3, 1997

HOLIDAY INN SELECT - 6:30 P.M.

2712 Southwest Freeway at Kirby

- VOTE for 1997-98 Officers
- VOTE for proposed By-Law Changes

• LAST CHANCE!

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Head of the Lifeline

by Gary Butler



If you have studied the financial statements listed in the November *Sitzmarke* it should be obvious that Space City Ski Club runs quite a few dollars through it each year, somewhere between \$600K to \$800K. It also takes quite a few dollars to operate the club our size. Your dues covers only about 60-70% of the annual operating costs. In fact, most of your dues (about 85-90%) pays to produce the *Sitzmarke* and our annual directory. As you can see there is no way we could pay for the running of the Club with what is left. In order to make up the difference and to keep our dues low we raise funds in a variety of ways, mainly by selling advertising in both the *Sitzmarke* and the directory. Without the support of these vendors we would have to increase dues considerably to make up the shortfall. Patronage of those who run ads and letting them know why you are supporting them is important to us.

Retail Concepts, better known to you as Sun & Ski Sports and Sporthaus Lindner, have been supporting SCSC and the Texas Ski Council for years. They have run ads in the *Sitzmarke* and the directory for every year I have been a member. They provide outfits we use in our annual fashion show. For the last two years they have displayed goods at the October Ski Show meeting. They have supplied the trophies to the TSC, presented to race winners at each TSC ski trip as well as having a booth at the TSC bid meeting. All this and they offer us a 10% discount at each of their stores by showing your SCSC membership card. I have personally worked with these people and have found them very helpful, for instance they donated a large number of items for the December Meetings' Sunshine Kids Auction.

We have had some advertisers who have been around for years such as Hot Shot delivery service, now into their fourth year with us. If you have a chance, give our supporters some business and be sure to mention you heard of them from SCSC. This is good for their business and our Club's business.

There are still openings on the Vail trip in March. If you have never visited Vail, take advantage of this opportunity; this is one of the finest resorts in the U.S. I have skied there in March and found the snow plentiful and the slopes in great condition.

We have had a great year so far for skiing, and it looks good for the future. *Think snow....*

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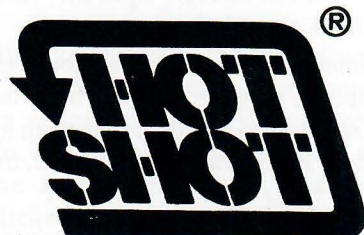
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CALENDAR

February						
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Coming Events

February

- 1-8 Telluride
- 8-15 Purgatory
- 10 General Meeting
- 15 Rodeo
- 15-22 Whistler
- 20 Happy Hour - Longhorn Saloon
- 21 Houston Aeros Hockey
- 22-Mar 1 Breckenridge

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March

- 1-9 Montreal/Quebec
- 3 Annual Meeting
- 8-15 Sugarloaf
- 15 St. Patrick's Day Party
- 15-22 Vail
- 20 Happy Hour - Griff's
- 22 Houston Rockets vs Phoenix
- 26-30 Steamboat!!!!(new)

HAPPY HOUR

January 20, 1997



**Longhorn
Saloon**

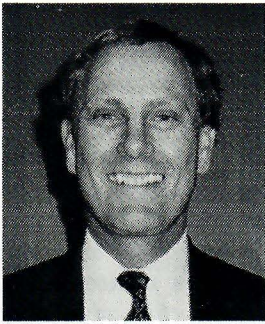
Northwest Mall at 610W and 290

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

Complementary Buffet

FROM THE SKI DESK

by George Flournoy, V.P.-Trips



Dorothy Returns to Kansas or is it Steamboat?

The wicked witch of the West cast a spell on the Summit County trip requiring the trip to be downsized due to an insufficient number of trip participants. This created a loss of the ATC on this trip. **Janet Arentzen** (Dorothy), ex ATC, was soon approached by the good witch (VP of Trips .. or is he the scarecrow?) and asked if she would consider a short trip to OZ as many of the people who lived in the kingdom wanted a short trip. The Tin Man (DOT Susan Blome) and Dorothy worked very hard to follow the yellow brick road and found happiness in a trip to **STEAMBOAT!!!**

The Lion (Executive Committee) declared that this was indeed a worthy trip but certain very careful steps had to be taken. The Club could not be put at risk. Therefore, Dorothy must follow the yellow brick road in a manner new to the members of the Kingdom. So the Good Witch came up with a plan to get Dorothy and members of the Kingdom to Steamboat for Easter, while remaining on the yellow brick road. Here's the deal. The trip is budgeted for a minimum of sixteen people. If sixteen skiers do not sign up then the trip will be cancelled. Final payment is due when you sign up for the trip. By the time this is published we will know if the trip is made. See what you miss at the meetings/happy hours?

TRIP DETAILS: PRICE: \$451.00 WHEN: MARCH 26-30. WHERE: STEAMBOAT

Trip must have sixteen participants that can be accommodated in hotel rooms (2 beds per room). There will be a maximum of twenty-six participants allowed on the trip. Once past sixteen, the TC will accept only an even number of participants, unless a participant desires to pay a single supplement.

Lodging is at the Holiday Inn, refurbished summer 1996. The property is located approximately 1 mile from the slopes (all that's available) but there is a frequent shuttle. Trip price includes airfare, transfers to the property, lodging, baggage handling, one trip party, return transportation and the post trip party. Flights are Continental Airlines nonstop to Hayden, departing approximately 12 p.m. and arriving 1:30 p.m. On the return leg, it is a direct flight from Hayden, leaving around 2:30 p.m. and arriving in Houston around 6:00 p.m.


Normal cancellation charges apply in accordance with the Club standing rules...with one exception. Should the trip not make, that is sixteen or more fully paid participants, then you will be refunded the entire trip amount. Therefore, once you have paid your money, trip cancellation rules apply, in accordance with SCSC standing rules, unless the trip does not make. This means the trip is basically non-refundable unless you can be replaced from the wait list. Please read the standing rules!!! Also, if there are more participants on this trip than the minimum number (16), the trip will cost less, perhaps as much as \$40 less, depending on the comps which will be refunded. However, there are no guarantees we get the comps or a refund.

**This trip is the last chance in 1997 to follow the yellow brick road to OZ.
So sign up now!!!**

IMPORTANT STUFF: Inside tip....The nominee for VP of Trips is non other than **Susan Blome**. Although not yet elected, If I wanted to be a DOT, TC or ATC next year, I would make it a point to make this known to the right person(s). Also, do not forget to sign up on the Emergency Wait List. It looks as if there may be some movement as most of the normal wait lists have just about run their course and have very few participants on the list. See your friendly DOTs or the Good Witch for details.



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1996 - 1997 Trip Schedule

Status / Wait List as of 1/15/1997

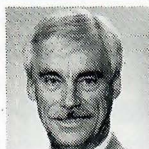
Trip Dates	Nights / Ski Days	Trip Destination	Cost (see notes)	Final Paymt	Lodging	No. Skier	Status / Wait List	TC/ATC (DOT)	Home Phone
Feb. 1 - 8, 1997 (Sat. - Sat.)	7 / 6 1/2	TELLURIDE Colorado (Members Request)	\$793 \$500 L	11/11/96	Ore Station 2 / 2 Condos	36 (8) L	Full	Bill Bomberger Joanne Fore (SB)	495-8668 723-4707
Feb. 8 - 15, 1997 (Sat. - Sat.)	7 / 6	PURGATORY Colorado (TSC Winter Shootout)	\$694	12/06/96	Tamarron Lodge 1 / 1 Condos	38	Full	Louella Steller Kathy Young (DS)	723-6713 497-5339
Feb. 15 - 22, 1997 (Sat. - Sat.)	7 / 6	WHISTLER Canada (President's Day)	\$752	11/23/96	Tantalus Lodge 2 / 2 Condos	40	Full 6 WL	Ivan Butterfield Matthew Sheehan (SB)	466-7760 783-7930
Feb. 22 - Mar. 1, 1997 (Sat. - Sat.)	7 / 7	BRECKENRIDGE Colorado (Best of Breckenridge)	\$692	12/09/96	River Mtn. Lodge 2 / 2 Condos	26	Full	Debbie Crofoot (DS)	783-6831
Mar. 1 - 9, 1997 (Sat. - Sun.)	8 / 6	MONTREAL/QUEBEC Canada (SCSC Adventure Series)	\$793	12/01/96	3 Five Star Hotels	42	Full 3 WL	Elba Villareal Ladye Freitag (SB)	977-3086 855-4110
Mar. 8 - 15, 1997 (Sat. - Sat.)	7 / 6	SUGARLOAF Maine (TSC Final Showdown)	\$650 \$320 L	1/13/97	Snowhorse Village 2 / 2 Condos	60 (8) L	Full 6 WL	Dana Wardell Barbara Weber (SB)	497-8552 467-8424
Mar. 15 - 22, 1997 (Sat. - Sat.)	7 / 7	VAIL Colorado (Spring Break)	\$781	1/10/97	Vail International 2 / 2 Condos	24	23 Call Now	Sharon Inman (DS)	578-1942
Mar. 26 - 30, 1997 (Wed. - Sun.)	4 / 3 1/2	STEAMBOAT Colorado (Easter)	\$451	When you sign up	Holiday Inn Hotel	16 to 26	New Trip Call Now	Janet Arentzen (SB)	367-2617

** DNotes: L=Land Package; Sugarloaf 60 total which includes up to 8 land.

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Proposed By-Law Changes

by Marti Toomer

Proposed Change to By-Law 3.2(C)(1):

3.2 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

C. APPOINTMENTS

(1) The Executive Committee shall approve an Assistant Treasurer, *a Director of Programs*, not more than two Directors of Trips and all Trip Coordinators, Assistant Trip Coordinators and Activity Coordinators.

The Board of Directors recommends that the appointed position of Director of Programs be added to assist the VP of Programs. The VP of Programs is responsible for a wide variety of "non-ski" programs including coordinating or supervising monthly meeting programs (including the Style Shows and Follies), making hotel arrangements, arranging monthly happy hours, and coordinating the Volunteer Party, as well as, planning, recruiting, training, and supervising 20-30 activity coordinators throughout the year. Our intent is to assign responsibility for coordinating the monthly meeting programs and happy hours to the Director of Programs, in addition to assisting the VP of Programs with activities, as needed. We expect that the position will be reimbursed for trip or activity expenses identically to the reimbursement for the Directors of Trips.

SCSC has encouraged inexperienced volunteers to run activities as a way of "testing the waters" before volunteering to run a trip. Not only has this experience helped the volunteer understand club procedures and policies, but it has also helped identify future TCs and ATCs. The Board believes that it is critical that the VP of Programs recruit, train, supervise, and encourage activity coordinators in their first leadership role in the club. It is also critical to have interesting, fun monthly meetings to attract new and maintain the camaraderie of existing members. By dividing the "non-ski" programs between the VP and Director of Programs, it is expected that the VP of Programs will have time to focus on working with the activity coordinators, while improving the quality of the monthly meeting programs.

Editors Note: The Board of Directors planned on presenting the proposed By-Law changes to the membership at the January General Meeting, followed by publishing the proposed By-Laws in the February *Sitzmarke*, and then bringing the proposed By-Law changes forward for a vote by the membership at the February General Meeting. Since the January General Meeting was cancelled due to weather, the proposed By-Law changes will be presented to the membership at the February General Meeting, then presented for vote at the March Annual Meeting. However, the By-Laws are published in the February *Sitzmarke* in advance of the presentation to the membership as the March Annual Meeting has been moved to the **first Monday, March 3rd**, and it's unlikely that a majority of the membership will receive their *Sitzmarke* prior to the meeting. Please plan on attending the March meeting and exercise your right to vote. If you have any questions or concerns, please call **Gary Butler**, the President, or **Marti Toomer**, the Board Chairperson.

Proposed Change to By-Law 4.3:

4.3 ELIGIBILITY. The only persons eligible to hold office shall be those who have been members in good standing for the twelve months preceding the Annual Meeting:

- A. President. Nominees for President shall have been or shall currently be an officer of **Space City Ski Club** elected by the membership.
- B. Nominating Committee Members.

(1) No member of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to the membership by the **Nominating Committee** as a nominee for office unless such office by two-thirds of the Board of Directors at a Board of Directors meeting.

(2) No member of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to the membership from the floor as a nominee for office unless such member has resigned from the Nominating Committee prior to the last Nominating Committee meeting at which the Nominating Committee finalizes their nominees for office. Such resignations shall be in writing and delivered to the President.

The Board of Directors recommends that these changes be made to clarify the requirements for eligibility for office.

The change to By-Law 4.3(A) is recommended to ensure that a nominee for President has served as an officer for a full twelve-month term and has been through the election process. Typically, officers elected by the Board to fill vacancies on the Executive Committee serve for part of the year and are not involved in a full year's business activities.

The change to By-Law 4.3(B) is recommended to clarify the action needed when a member of the Nominating Committee runs for office as either the Nominating Committee's candidate or as a nominee from the floor. The Board believes the integrity of the Nominating Committee process is critical in continuing to ensure the most qualified members are presented as nominees. The revised wording clarifies that the Board's approval is required only if a member of the Nominating Committee is presented as the committee's nominee. The intent of the approval is to ensure that the Nominating Committee has reviewed all candidates fairly. If a member of the Nominating Committee runs from the floor, they must have resigned prior to the final Nominating Committee meeting. This is to eliminate any appearance of conflict of interest in the final Nominating Committee decision.

These changes allow a member of the Nominating Committee to run for office either as the Nominating Committee candidate or as a nominee from the floor, while protecting the integrity of the Nominating Committee.

Mark Your Calendar - MARCH ANNUAL MEETING Changed to *MARCH 3!*

PROGRAM ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Activity	Activity Coordinator	Activity Date	Final Pmt	Cost
✓ Houston Livestock Show	Susan Anslinger - 688-3933	02/15/97	01/13/97	\$11.00
✓ Houston Aeros Hockey	Joe Loe - 496-3701	02/21/97	02/10/97	\$16.00
✓ Houston Rockets	Bob Arnette - 765-8952	03/22/97	12/09/96	\$22.00
✓ St. Patrick's Day Party	Terry McGuinness - 789-9497	03/15/97	03/15/97	\$15.00

SCSC Activity

Houston Aeros Hockey

February 21, 1997
7:30 p.m.
\$16.00

Aeros vs Phoenix Roadrunners
Lower Level Seating
Optional Dinner Planned

AC: Joe Loe
11900 Wickchester Lane #1909
Houston, Tx 77043
496-3701 (H)
Final Payment due: 2/10/97

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SCSC Activity

Houston Rockets

March 22, 1997
7:30 p.m.
\$22.00

Two Time NBA Champions vs. Phoenix Suns
Optional Dinner Planned

AC: Bob Arnette
7794 Braniff
Houston, Tx 77061
765-8952 (H)
Final Payment due: 1/23/97

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SCSC Activity

St. Patrick's Day Party

March 15, 1997
11 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
\$15.00

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AC: Terry McGuinness
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TSC DELEGATE REPORT

Merrel Smith

The third TSC Delegates meeting of the 96-97 season was held in Houston, at the Hobby Hilton, on December 14, 1996. All clubs were present except Texas Tumbleweeds. Representing SCSC were our President Gary Butler, Board Chair Marti Toomer, DOT Susan Bloom, Alternate Delegate Ted Bergeron and myself. Also from our club were TSC Secretary Debbie Bergeron, and TSC Past President & Expedition Coordinator Jerry Montgomery.

The meeting began with TSC President Bill Sneed announcing the appointment of the new Nominating Committee, Rick Wheeler of Capital Downhill Skiers, Marilyn Anderson from Clear Lake Ski Club, and Sam Ares of Flatlanders Ski Club. Applications for a TSC office must to be submitted to the committee by February 1, 1997. If that date has passed, and you would still like to submit your name, contact me and I will see what can be done. Nominations for a first time TSC Office require Club approval. Those interested in the Expedition Coordinator position need to give a letter, stating such and outlining your qualifications, to Bill Sneed before the April 4th TSC Bid Meeting.

There were several bylaw and standing rule changes approved. The most significant change was doubling the vote of each club while returning the trip destination selection vote

to the Board. It was felt that the Board members act in the best interest of the Council, and would have more clout when dealing with the resorts on Council business.

NASTAR and the TSC have a new partner, Cafe de Colombia. Juan Valdez is joining Dachstein, Kneissl and Revo as NASTAR sponsors. Several lucky TSC trip participants have already benefited from the great door prizes provided by these fine folks. Budweiser will continue to supply beer on this year's trips and will support club programs.

Trip participation is still very strong, 389 attended the Fall RoundUp in Keystone and a good time was had by all. The Traditional in Snowmass, January 4 - 11, is expecting about 750 from across the state. The Expedition to Val di Fassa, January 17 - 25, will be one of the largest in some time with 410 Texans invading Italy. Our Winter ShootOut in Purgatory, February 8 - 15, is going to be a true test of their total ticket package with over 300 planning to attend. Don't forget about our East coast adventure, 10 clubs are taking about 280 to Sugarloaf, Maine March 8 - 15. If you haven't been on a Council trip, you don't know what your missing. Talk to the Trip Coordinators and find out about all the fun we have with the other clubs.

I've got a Bid Meeting in April to prepare for, but first I'm going to Snowmass for a little R & R.

SLALOM SCOOP

by Marsha Lutz

Well now that I've survived the mad (but fun) rush of the holidays, I want to share a report on some of our racing activities during the holidays. As you may have heard at the December meeting, our group came back from the TSC Fall Roundup with a third place in the Division I NASTAR races held over Thanksgiving at KEYSTONE. **Matt Sheehan** was a very enthusiastic race director for the trip and I want to thank him for all his effort and support. He got 21 of the 32 participants to race. Unfortunately, the race results are one big numbers game and although we had some very good racers with lots of individual points, we did not have enough racers to compete with our rivals. The final tally was as follows:

CLUB	Handicap	Adj. Pts./ Actual Points	No. of Racers	No. of Medals	Avg.Pts. per Racer
1. Lone Star	1071	(1001)	32	17	31
2. Los Amigos	640	(621)	39	9	16
3. Space City	582	(582)	21	9	27

So you can see that if only 3 or 4 more intermediate skiers had raced, we might have captured second place. Anyway, all had a good time and no one fell! Now for congratulatory notes!

For the club races, **Matt Sheehan** won our only gold medal which seems fair that it should go to him for all his hard work, not to mention his 64 points! As usual, **Kayleen Kill**, **George Hirasaki**, and **Ron Honefenger** performed superbly and earned silver medals. Bronze medals were received by **Rita Demko-Whale**, **Bob Gottlieb**, **Bob Wilbanks**, **Karl Skaggs**, and **Ivan Butterfield**. Thanks to all the other racers for getting out there and earning points for SCSC.

Matt, George, Ron, Kayleen, Rita and Darlene Hirasaki

were our top 3 men and top 3 women and they raced in the TSC Individual Races. George, Matt and Kayleen received gold medals, Rita and Ron got silver medals and Darlene earned a bronze medal. After it was all said and done, gold medals were presented at the December meeting to George and Darlene for being the top senior man and woman and Matt and Kayleen for top man and woman representing SCSC. Where do these people keep all these pins and medals!

On December 4th, SCSC raced against Clear Lake Ski Club on the "Carpet" run at the Oshman's Downhill. Only 8 of our skiers hit the rug running. Maybe the shortage of fun-loving participants was due to the long drive for most down to Baybrook or the rainy weather or both. Clear Lake brought several more racers and cheerleaders, but to make things fair, the Oshman's ski instructor counted only the scores of their top 7 men and top woman against our 8 racers who included **Susan Wicker**, **Alan Bitzer**, **Bill Bomberger**, **John Burch**, **Craig Campell**, **Ray Davis**, **Kevin King** and **Joe Loe**. Yours truly, felt her role as race director made her a better cheerleader than racer in this particular race (truth is she had never tested the carpet and today was not the day to start!).

We all had a good time. Kevin scored 42 out of a possible 43 points, while Bill received an award for "taking out" the electronic eye and Susan "captured" the plexiglass plate when she skied out of bounds at the top of the slope. All part of the fun. Alan won a door prize consisting of a thermal shirt, weatherproof box camera, and other goodies. As an incentive for next year- Clear Lake's top man and top woman got their choice of ski parkas. Not bad for a couple of hours of fun!

The 42 Invade Red River

by Patti Maudslay

Bright and early Thursday, December 5, 1996, everyone was at the airport ready for our trip to Red River, New Mexico. Nicky Minear passed out bright red name tags as people came in the door. Don Payne, honorary ATC, helped everyone get their luggage checked in fast. We were ready early enough that we got the special privilege of pre-boarding our flight to Albuquerque, NM.



Karen Putney gets the "Fastest Shopper in the West" award. As we left the plane and turned on to the main concourse she spotted and stopped at the first cart to see what enticing items she could buy, we hadn't even been in Albuquerque five minutes. Dwayne Skweres gave everyone a good scare when he announced at baggage claim that "all the luggage has been lost!"

We boarded our bus for the trip through Santa Fe, Taos, and on to Red River. Carolyn Cole, Joyce Keppinger, Karen Putney, and Jeri Wilson helped pass out Antone's sandwiches and cookies for lunch. Michael Baumgarth thought he would have a beer until he found out it was still warm from the plane ride, then he sent it back fast. Our TC, Patti Maudslay, had everything so organized and took such good care of everyone that by the time we reached Taos she had already been given the name "ski mom." Then she read a poem she had written just for us. From Questa, NM to Red River our bus transported us to a new dimension, 100 years in the past, but with all the modern conveniences. We expected to see cowboys and miners come

walking down the street at any minute.

Check in at the *Ponderosa Lodge* (no we didn't see the Cartwright's) went smoothly until we discovered a light blue suitcase no one claimed and Tom D'Andriole discovered that his large black duffel bag was missing. Patti quickly played detective and found out that Tom's bag was in Albuquerque locked in TWA baggage claim (we were on a *Continental* flight). Since we had the blue "hostage" bag they were willing to get our bag to us, but it would be the next day. What was Tom to do? Everyone came to the rescue; Irma Rosendahl even offered her "one size fits all" night shirt so Tom could sleep comfortably that night. Wally Dobbs, ski instructor, got Tom fitted in warm clothes for skiing the next day. After two days Tom started looking like Wally complete with gray beard, if only he could ski like Wally. His bag finally arrived about 10:00 p.m. the next evening. Tom and Patti never want to see another light blue suitcase again!

After ski fittings on Thursday the group went to eat at *The Lodge at Red River*. The food and service were excellent, however we noticed part of the group seemed to be missing. Where could they be? It turned out that Margaret Allen, Judy Barnett, Will McCracken, Pat McLaughlan, Neal Grossman, Bob Lynds, Tony Mikos, and Ed Wolochin had all been partying in their condo. Now normally this would not be unusual. However all these people had marked their information sheets "quiet type"...see it is the quiet ones you have to watch. Especially Neal Grossman, we understand he is a joke meister and quite the entertainer...watch out David Letterman!

After dinner we had our welcome meeting and mixer. Everyone got to know each other and Wally Dobbs (the Red River ski bum who is probably the best ski instructor in the Rockies area) talked about what to expect on the mountain. Next Dwayne Skweres, Ed Wolochin, Joyce Keppinger, Carolyn Cole, Jim Kraus, Karen Putney, Nora Corke, Yvonne Guy, Steve Benson, Michael Baumgarth, Jennifer Benson, Jeri Wilson, Linda Day, Bill Raley, Julie Davis-Raley, Vic Celman, Joanie Osbourn, Tim Malone, Lee Swords, Caren Walker, Becky Hauri, and Patti Maudslay took over the *Motherlode Saloon* nightly hot spot of Red River.

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Red River (continued)

We were amazed by the band *The Cowpaddy Daddys*. You won't find entertainment like this in Houston. Some of our group even won door prizes.

Friday morning started with continental breakfast in our 24 hour meeting room. The latest sleep wear fashions were modeled by **Nora Corke**, **Julie Davis-Raley**, and **Nicky Minear**. Christmas bear pajamas anyone? Now it was time to hit the slopes and learn how to ski. There were a number of celebrities in our group. **Dorothy Miller's** ski instructor was the Chief of Police of Red River and **Karen Putney's** also owned a local restaurant. We also saw Jean Claude Kiley (**Richard Spinks**), Tommy Moe (**Jim Kraus**), Alberto Tomba (**Tony Mikos**), Telly Savalas (**Ed Wolochin**), A. J. Kitt (**Mike Montgomery**), Phil and Steve Mahre (**Al DelGaudio** and **Horst Schwarz**) and Picabo Street (**Jennifer Benson**). Donna Weinbrecht (**Nora Corke**) invented a new way to freestyle. **Lee Swords** would make Glen Plake jealous with his super snowboard attire and the way he got a face to face look at the north side of Chicken Drop. Everyone had a great day skiing and the never-ers wondered why they had waited so long to try skiing.

We all met at *The Lighthouse* for a complimentary wine and cheese party hosted by Wally Dobbs where tall tales flowed as fast as the beer and wine. **Dwayne Skweres** took part of our group and went snowmobiling. **Wanda Stevens** enjoyed it so much that she became our "Snowmobiling Queen" and after that whenever we couldn't find her she would be snowmobiling. Our group was the "talk of the town" and **Gary** and **Karon Martin** were surprised when they went shopping and the salesman asked "are you with *The 42?*"

Everyone split into three groups for dinner. The "Toastmaster's" award goes to **Lee Swords**. He told his dinner companions and the restaurant staff that he had traveled through Europe teaching ski lessons. He also indicated that he had no language problems in Europe because he was fluent in all languages except Greek. Everyone believed him hook, line, and sinker until his story fell apart the next day when they watched him attempt to ski down the mountain.

Friday night we invaded the *Motherlode Saloon* again. The "I'm too Sexy for My Shorts" award goes to **Carolyn Cole**. It seems things got too hot to handle and somehow she left the saloon without her long underwear...better ask Carolyn for details on this one.

Saturday was bright, beautiful, and reminded us why we came to New Mexico to ski. Everyone had a super day. **Marvin Volz** gave a new meaning to "fast food lunch" by trying to ski into the cafeteria. He quickly found out that skis stop abruptly when they hit a wooden deck, however the



body keeps going and results in a sprained wrist. He claims it still hurts and will gladly accept any sympathy offered. **Bill Raley** thought he had been transported into a cartoon when **Julie Davis-Raley** looked like Wylie Coyote by skiing up the side of the mountain leaving a foot long perfect set of ski tracks before she flipped back and landed on (thank goodness) a puffy snowdrift. The next moment she was up like the Road Runner, beep-beeped, and continued down the mountain at full speed. **Irma Rosendahl** gave cross-country ski lessons to **Will McCracken** and **Wanda Stevens**.

Saturday night was filled with excitement. First we went to *Capos Corner* for an excellent dinner and to watch the Torchlight parade. The ski instructors all ski down the mountain with flares and then fireworks are set off from the top of the mountain. It was a spectacular sight and all the dogs in town started howling...Oh!, you mean that wasn't dogs but our group? Dinner was wonderful. Next we went to our favorite night spot the *Motherlode*. We were really wild since it was our



last night in town. **Bill Raley** wore a fish naked shirt and kept everyone laughing with his dancing antics. Then there were several versions of the twist performed. **Michael Baumgarth** (Fred Astaire) didn't get a chance to rest as the ladies waited in line to dance with him. **Judy Barnett** now believes in miracles. It seems that **Ed Wolochin** had sprained his thumb that afternoon but by nine that evening no evidence of the injury was visible on the dance floor. Miraculous!

Our group got the chance to join a bachelorette party and a wedding celebration. Red River must be an undiscovered love haven.

Sunday morning found our group of snowmobilers ready to go. **Tony Mikos** may be a great skier but don't follow him on the snowmobile trail. It seems he led the group over the wrong hill and the guide had to start search and rescue looking for them. Next, inquiring minds want to know why **Pat McLaughlan** stayed on the snowmobile while *petite Margaret Allen* got off and pushed him out of the snow. Watch out! Dynamite does come in small packages! The rest of the ride was fun and the scenery was breathtaking.

We were all sad that it was time to leave Red River and come back to Houston. **Vic Celman** tried to ease the pain by singing an *interesting* rendition of Winter Wonderland. Then he passed out a game for all to play. We had a safe trip back home.

One of our never-ers summed the whole experience up by saying: "If this is what ski trips are like I can't wait to sign up for my next trip."



Park City, Utah

by Gary Haley (Joe Daleo)

As most Space city ski trips start out we all met at Intercontinental Airport a lot earlier than needed, we were all there by 8:00 am and the flight didn't leave until 9:56 AM. **Elaine Sokoloff**, **Rex Henderson** and **Gary Haley** were there handing out our trip packets and making sure we got checked in. After an uneventful flight and bus ride we were welcomed to Park City by some snow and cold weather. Shortly after our arrival **Elba Villarreal** gave Gary and Rex some news everybody knew was coming, except **Jeannie Badeaux**, when she walked into their condo and asked "did you know he proposed" she was referring to **Anthony Seligman** who upon our arrival took **Jeannie** to the base of the mountain and proclaimed his love for her was bigger than those mountains and asked "will you marry me?" She said yes, congratulations you two.

Since we didn't have an even amount of single guys and gals on the trip **Nancy Meier** said "OK someone has to do it, I'll stay with the three guys in the party condo". This worked out very well for Nancy except she couldn't stop calling her room mate by the wrong name. It's **Skip, Skip Sockwell**. **Richard Dinwiddie** wouldn't share his Grand Mariner but that's OK we brought Amoretto which CC, Rex and Gary tried to finish the first night.

The first day of skiing was at Park City ski resort and the conditions were wonderful, lots of new snow. **Rita Demko**, **Karl Skaggs**, **Ron Honefenger**, and **Joe Daleo** spent most of the day on the black runs. That night we took a road trip into Salt Lake City. The bus dropped us off at the Mormon Tabernacle, when we got there we were all starving. **Rita Demko** was familiar with the city and recommended a restaurant just two blocks down and to the right, after we walked about eight blocks down and to the left we found the restaurant she was speaking of. It was too busy so we ate across the street. The tour of the Mormon Tabernacle was very interesting. We saw the Mormon Tabernacle choir and toured the grounds which were all decorated for Christmas. While we were there we learned a little about Brigham Young and Joseph Smith. The Salt Lake tour made quite an impression on **Heidi Heinrich**, she said that night she had a night mare that she was being chased down the mountain by Mormons.

The next day we were off to Dear Valley ski resort, the conditions were again just wonderful, a perfect mountain for

intermediate skiing. Apparently **Robin Clark** put on a show for **Sherry Outlaw** and **Carol Buck** during a run at Dear Valley when a zipper broke and he lost half his pants. Sherry and Carol didn't mind since they got to help Robin put his pants back to together. **Elaine Sokoloff** offered to help get Rex off of the double pink diamond runs (As Rex refers to bunny slopes) but after skiing with him for a while she told him "Don't you ever!!!! go to the top of the mountain." **Robert Simpson** had the best spill on the trip, unfortunately it was on the steps at the bottom of the resort not on the mountain. He got an ovation from the crowd and once he collected himself he noticed his wife **Mary Simpson** was leading the applause. **Pricilla Harris** was spotted one evening all dressed up and looking good with a big smile on her face; she wouldn't reveal who she had been to dinner with, I guess we will have to assume it was some dark and mysterious stranger.

One night several of us went on a sleigh ride to dinner. It always amazes me how many stars you can see in the mountains at night. If you ever have an opportunity to go on one take it. There were two sleighs to ride; when we arrived one was for us and the other one had the group that brought liquor; of course that's the one **Pricilla** tried to get on. They kicked her off and made her ride with us. **Joe Daleo** didn't mind at all as **Nancy** and **Pricilla** kept him warm during the sleigh ride (Joe wrote this article and I can guarantee you that it wasn't the stars he was lov'in). **Cindy Overton** was so taken by the sleigh ride she ended up reins in hand driving the sleigh. Dinner was great and they had a live band. Even though they didn't have dancing **Nancy** and **Gary** got up and showed us how the Cha Cha is done.

Phil Dowlin's wife was in town one night on business so he moved to another hotel and somehow managed to get **Emilio Estavez's** room. The third day of skiing we were back at Park City, a small group was lost in trying to decide which runs to take. Directions got a lot easier after **Doug** and **Gary** discovered they were still using a Dear Valley ski map. **Dale Davis** took a spill and wrenched her knee. A.G., her husband, was there to help her down. I hope everything is OK. By the end of the trip **Robbie Adams** and **Sherry Outlaw** decided that the next trip they would room together, it seems **Cecile Childs "CC"**, Sherry's roommate, would wake her up at least three times a night -- to change clothes, get things, and finally to go to bed.



Left to right: **Richard Dinwiddie**, **Jeannie Bardeaux**, **Anthony Selegman**, **Gary Haley**, **Elba Villarreal**, **Cecile "CC" Childs**, **Ron Honefenger**.



Left to right, **Rita Demko**, **Gary Haley**, **Richard Dinwiddie**, **Heidi Heinrich**, **"CC" Childs**, **Elba Villarreal**, **Cindy Overton**.

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Park City (continued)

Frank and Susan Stanley hung out in the Chocolate Factory. Continental Airlines wouldn't let Karl Skaggs on the airplane when we left because they said for some reason the airplane was too heavy! I want to say thanks to our shadow participants Joel and Donna Berry for providing us with a great group picture and Michael Blum for adding so much color to our trip. I would like to thank Joe Daleo for writing this article and Nancy Meier for collecting the notes for Joe to use.



Nancy Meier, Cecile "CC" Childs (Beaumont), Pricilla Harris.



Nancy Meier



Ebba Villarreal



The girls came in late & decided to (Jump His Bones) Rex. "CC" Childs, Nancy Meier, Elaine Sokoloff, and Rex Henderson,



Joe Daleo & Friend



Newly engaged - Anthony Selegman and Jeannie Bardeaux



Elba Villarreal, Skip Sockwell, "CC" Childs



Space City Ski Club in Park City

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

ELECTIVE OFFICER CANDIDATES FOR 1997-1998

The following candidates for officer positions were selected by the 1997-1998 Space City Ski Club Nominating Committee:

President	Jim Edwards
VP - Programs	Stan Broniak
VP - Trips	Susan Blome
VP - Membership	David Stotz
VP - Publications	Bill Bomberger
Secretary	Marsha Lutz
Treasurer	Pam Smith

The Nominating Committee was pleased to have so many talented volunteers who are willing to serve as SCSC officers. Criteria upon which we based our selections included:

- ✓ Previous contributions to the Club
- ✓ Enthusiasm for SCSC
- ✓ Leadership qualities
- ✓ Teamwork; ability to work together
- ✓ Available time and accessibility
- ✓ Business experience
- ✓ Creativity

We felt confident in our selection of a group of leaders who are enthusiastic and talented, and who demonstrate qualities which will allow SCSC to continue to meet the needs of the current membership as well as those of potential members. We sincerely appreciate the willingness of all who submitted their names for consideration.

The By-laws allow for additional nominations from the floor at the February General Meeting. The election will be held at the March Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

SCSC Nominating Committee, 1997-1998

Ginger Howard-Hanks, Chairperson	
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Holiday Gala

Thanks to all of you fun loving SCSCers and your guests who helped make the Holiday Gala a big success! It was attended by nearly 200 people who danced the night away! Everyone was decked out in their finest evening attire. The women were beautiful and the men quite handsome. Did you see **John Allen's** red, white, and blue cumberbun?

A special thank you to my hard working assistants, **Sharon Broughton** and **Kathleen Fowler** for their help. I couldn't have done it without them, and YES, they actually volunteered! Between the three of us we were able to collect some great door prizes.

We also had lots of help from all the other gracious volunteers at the sign-in table. We hope you had fun too!

This year the Gala was held at the Hilton Southwest and began with cocktails at 7:00. The Christmas Card game was a fun mixer which everyone played, and was won by four groups of great mixers. The first place group, **Mary Kay Kitchens, Muffet Oualline**, and a mystery guest, each won a bottle of liquor. The other groups received tickets generously donated by the Laff Stop.

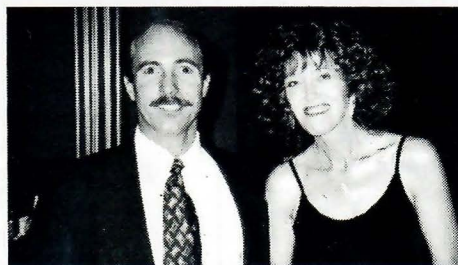
We were lucky to have a wonderful, very friendly Santa (thanks to **John Burke**) who promised everyone their holiday wishes would come true.

We nearly panicked when all the door prizes, including the check for the band, seemed to disappear, but thanks to those at the check in area for finding them out of sight under the table.

The band, Easy Money, played a catchy variety of pop, soft rock, even some good old country music. And of course, the Macarena. Those 2 crazy guys, **John Cook** and **Steve Amy**, stole the show with their version of the dance as



*John Cook and Steve Amy
doing the Macarena*



by Kathleen Fowler and Sue Salvage

they swung their hands and hips around to the tune!

The buffet, especially the chicken florentine and the desserts were exceptional. In fact, the desserts were so good, we ate almost all they set out!

This year it was more difficult to get door prizes, as we were competing with many worthwhile charity organizations, so we are very grateful to our generous sponsors and we ask that you help support them as they have supported us. They are:

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- Laff-Stop - *a nice way to laugh the night away*
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- Oshman's Superstore on Gessner - *a favorite for all your sporting needs*
- Oshman's Superstore on Post Oak - *same favorite, another location*
- Radio Music Theater - *hilarious original plays about a dysfunctional Texas family*
- Sun N Ski - *large selection of sporting goods and clothing*
- Tuscany Grill - *marvelous Italian food*
- Vargo's Restaurant - *excellent International Cuisine*



SCSC Grabs the Gold!!! Sand Volleyball

by Becky Hall and Linda Licarione

October 19th—Another perfect day in Paradise as SCSCers gather at the Backyard Bar & Grille for fun and frolic in the sand. Sixty would-be Olympians arrived early to learn their fate or as luck has it -- the luck of the draw for their team assignments. Noyice and experienced players alike were anxious to go for the Gold. Many had just as much fun going for the Cold (Miller that is).

The five and six person co-ed teams drawn, the day of volleyball or was it volleybrawl began. Sand Volleyball is a game played by volleying a large inflated ball over an eight foot net in a giant sand box. Mike and Kelly, the Backyard referees, did a commendable job explaining the rules to the team captains. However, attention deficit was the rule of the day. The Co-ed rules proved to be a challenge for a few but not Mike Gerstenberger and Dan Stolfus.....John Cook was heard requesting a team of ten while Barbara Ehrlich was confident they could take the Gold with five players.

Scott Petersen's team of Joan Osbourne, Becky Hall, Walter Hester, Gunnar Heyne and Daniel DeBakey decided early in the day they should be in serious contention with Steve Amy's team of Jeff Warren, Sandy Williams, Mary Barnes, Chris Goff and Nancy Sarff for the "True Grit" award.

As the sun began to set on an absolutely beautiful day, everyone was declared an Olympian hero in spirit.

Olympian Bronze:

Mike Wright (Captain)	
Chris Schweer	Merrel Smith
Barbara Ehrlich	Joan Hauf

Olympian Silver:

Dave Stotz (Captain)	John Rice
Diane Stotz	Shelley Weitzel
Patrick Briggs	Park Combest

Olympian Gold:

Susan Blome (Captain)	Linda Licarione
Gary Butler	Russell Benham
Alan Bitzer	John Burk

Other tough playoff contenders included Debbie Warren's team of Glenna Moody, Larry Rapp, Cal Doody and Gerry Simpson. Other formidable contenders included John Cook's team of Bill Bomberger, Karen Putney, Mary Ann McGinnis, Dan Stolfus and Joe Loe and Tom Danowski's team of Lynne Hester, Lee Jones, Tim Malone, Don Newcombe and Jeri Hartman. Most Fun in the Sun commendations go to Elyse Turla's team of David Grissom, Lee Swords, Dick Howard, Kayleen Kill and Greg Grenney and Marsha Lutz's team of Larry Landers, Charlie Butler, Mike Gerstenberger, Doug Nordhaus and Rita Blasier.

As the tired but happy players drove off into the sunset, Elyse Turla and Jeff Warren could be heard drowning their sorrows with their cowardly lion (from Wizard of Oz) imitations, and vowing to be king of the sand pile next year. A special thanks to Shay, John, Mike and Kelly at the Backyard for once again hosting a first class event!

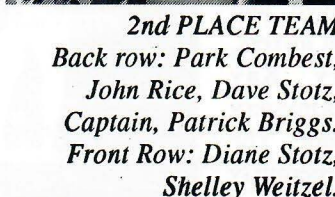


"The Fun in the Sun Gang"



1st PLACE TEAM

Back Row: John Burk, Russell Benham, Alan Bitzer, Gary Butler. Front Row: Linda Licarione, Susan Blome, Captain.



2nd PLACE TEAM

Back row: Park Combest, John Rice, Dave Stotz, Captain, Patrick Briggs. Front Row: Diane Stotz, Shelley Weitzel.



3rd PLACE TEAM

Back Row: Merrell Smith, Chris Schweer, Mike Wright, Captain. Front Row, Joan Hauf, Barb Ehrlich.



TEAM CAPTAINS: Back Row: Dave Stotz, Tom Danowski, Susan Blome, John Cook, Debbie Warren, Scott Petersen. Front Row: Mike Wright, Steve Amy, Elyse Turla and Marsha Lutz (standing).

Spotlight on Volunteers

by Cheryl Houge



Sue Salvage

Service: Holiday Gala Activity Coordinator

Birthplace? Ohio

Occupation? Financial Planning Admin. Coordinator

Where do you live? Spring Branch

Been an SCSC Member since? 1987

Marital Status? Single

Skiing Level? Intermediate

Previous Trips: Steamboat, Keystone, Lake Tahoe, Vail, Winter Park, Banff, Aspen, The Summit, Sun Valley

Hobbies? Travel, snow skiing, scuba, back packing, rollerbalding, reading, sewing, plants & flowers

Volunteer Experience in SCSC? VP Programs, TC, ATC, AC for Guadalupe River Raft trip, St. Patrick's Day Parade & Party, and Holiday Gala. Participated in several fashion shows & follies.

What do you enjoy most about SCSC? Friends I've made over the years, skiing, activities.



Elaine Sokoloff

Service: Assistant Treasurer

Birthplace? New York

Occupation? CPA, American General Life

Where do you live? West

Been an SCSC Member since? 1996

Marital Status? Single

Skiing Level? Intermediate

Previous Trips: None with SCSC; New Member

Hobbies? Anything fun to do

Volunteer Experience in SCSC? Assistant Treasurer

What do you enjoy most about SCSC? Meeting people



Gary Haley

Service: Park City 1996, Trip Coordinator

Birthplace? Mississippi

Occupation? President, Coastal Flange, Inc.

Where do you live? Galleria

Been an SCSC Member since? 1991

Marital Status? Single

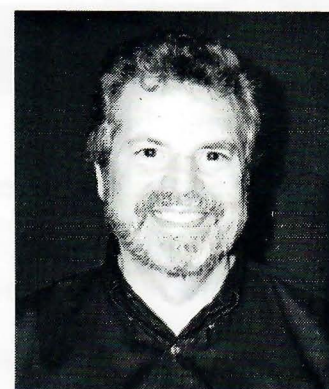
Skiing Level? Intermediate

Previous Trips: Winter Park, Copper Mountain, Badgastein, Austria

Hobbies? Flying, scuba, Dancing, Skiing, Rodeo Committee

Volunteer Experience in SCSC? Activity Coordinator for Rodeo Night 1996, Park City 1996 Trip Coordinator

What do you enjoy most about SCSC? Making new friends, enjoying old ones, and participating in activities.



Eddie Bayersdorfer

Service: Snowmass I 1996 Trip Coordinator

Birthplace? Ohio

Occupation? Logistics Representative

Where do you live? Galleria

Been an SCSC Member since? 1991

Marital Status? Married

Skiing Level? Intermediate

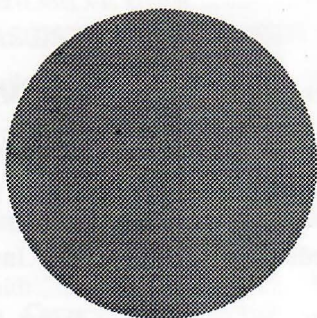
Previous Trips: Snowmass, Park City, Steamboat, Winter Park

Hobbies? Horse Racing Handicapping, Dancing, Skiing

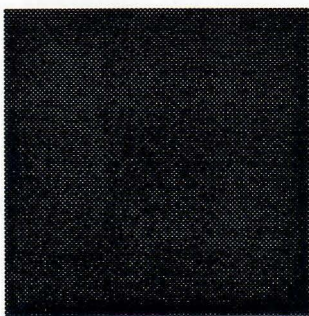
Volunteer Experience in SCSC? Park City 1996 Assistant Trip Coordinator

What do you enjoy most about SCSC? Meeting new people, and the varied activities.

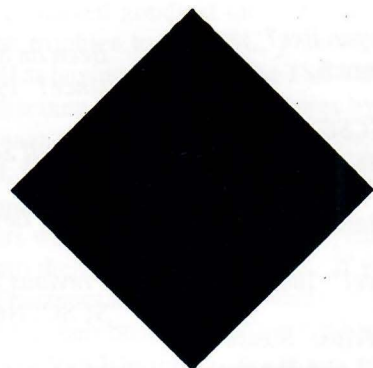
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