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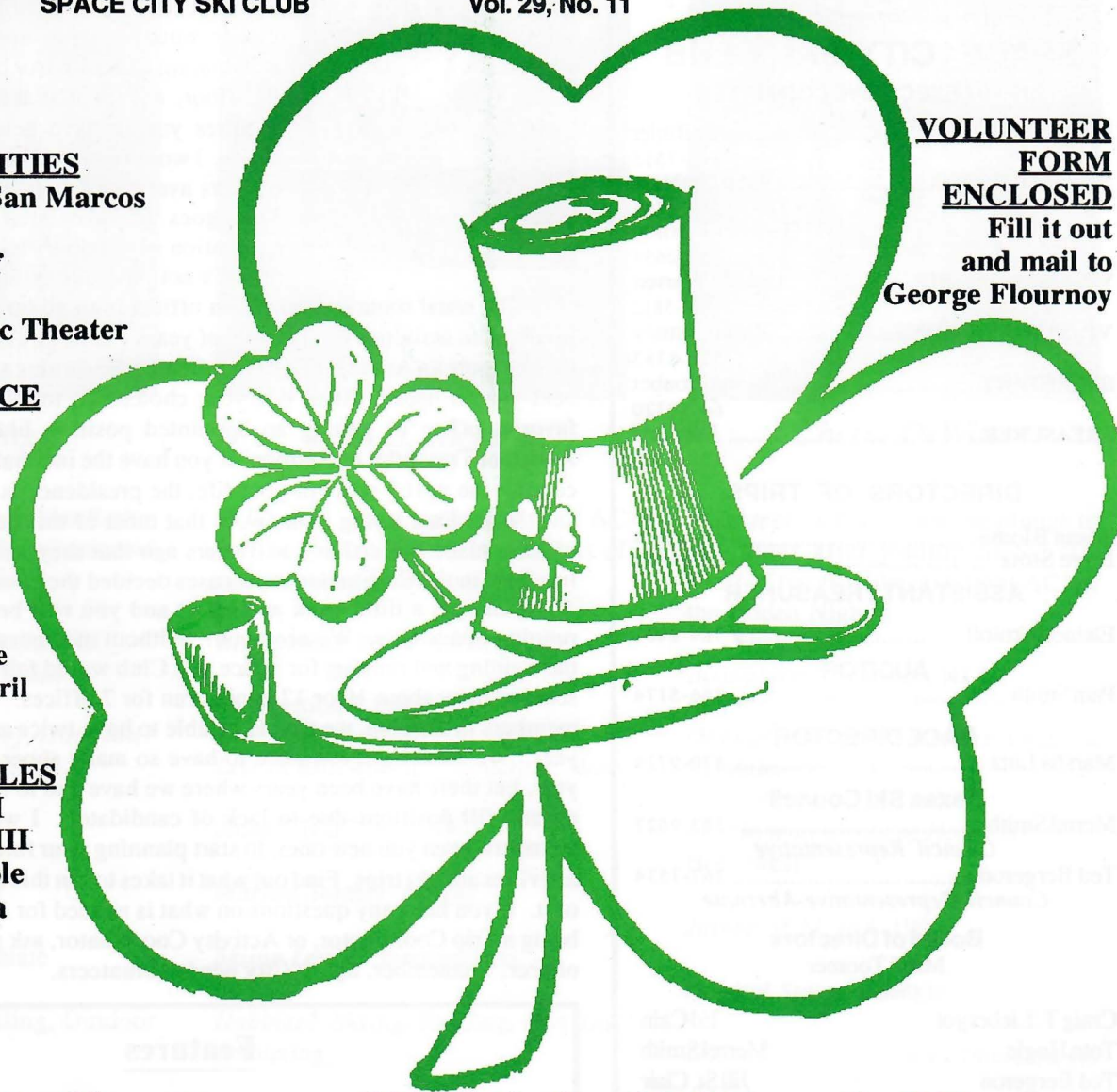
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## Head of the Lifeline

by Gary Butler



It's that time of the year again where we start to look to the future and select next year's officers. To become a Space City Ski Club officer, there is one major requirement, running for the office. All that our bylaws call for, is either putting your application in to the nominating committee or being nominated from the floor, except that the office of President requires you to have held a previous elected office. I would estimate that this year's group of officers averages less than 6 years in the Club. This goes to show that every year a new generation of members takes control of SCSC; that it's not the same group of old timers.

The usual route to become an officer is to go on ski trips and become involved in activities for a couple of years. Then you run an activity or two, then become an Assistant Trip Coordinator. Becoming a Trip Coordinator the next year is usual. After this your choices go to either running for your favorite office or getting an appointed position like Director of Trips, Assistant Treasurer, or Auditor. If you have the inclination and the ability to commit the next 5 years of your life, the presidency is another step.

What I am trying to show, is that most of this year's and next year's officers made a decision 2 to 3 years ago that they were going to get more involved in the Club and in most cases decided they wanted to be an officer. All it takes is a little work and effort and you will be the next generation running Space City. We need you! Without members stepping up, getting the training and running for office, the Club would fall apart. Each year we seem to have about 10 or 12 people run for 7 offices. With well over 1000 members in the club, we should be able to have twice as many running each year. We have been fortunate to have so many super candidates run each year, but there have been years where we have had to have old officers step up and fill positions due to lack of candidates. I want to encourage all members, even you new ones, to start planning your future. Volunteer to run activities and ski trips. Find out what it takes to run this Club and become part of it. If you have any questions on what is needed for a particular office, on being a Trip Coordinator, or Activity Coordinator, ask any officer or former officer. Remember, Space City needs volunteers.

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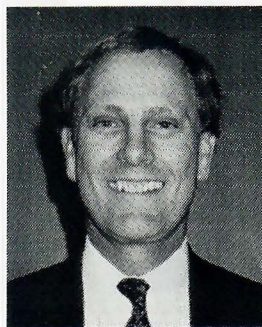
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Any time you spend 32 hours traveling through five states to arrive at Jackson Hole, Wyoming, you have an idea that something is amiss!!! I have heard of cheaper flights for an overnight Saturday night stay but this was a bit much!!! Forty trip participants began what should have been a routine six hour trip to Jackson Hole. Throw into the thirty-two hour trip, a "new" group of people and visualize a few scenes from *Planes, Trains, and Buses* and you have a recipe for a potential trip disaster.

How people contend with difficulties (or do not handle difficult situations) with travel is interesting to observe. Usually by the end of travel day one may reach their tolerance level. Tempers become short, whining begins and in general an ugly mood overtakes the participants. BUT NOT SO on the Jackson Hole five state extravaganza. I was awed by the tolerance and helpful efforts of ALL of the trip participants!!!

Nary a whine, whimper, or discouraging word was to be heard! Truly, I was in the Marine Corps of Travelers.... "only a few good men and women"....Outstanding Road Warriors.

This accomplishment occurred due to the "can do" attitude of the trip participants and the outstanding leadership skills demonstrated by TC Barb Ehrlich and ATC Jeff Warren. I believe almost every problem in the TC Trip manual was thrown at them. They jointly handled every situation with diplomacy, tact and grit. Outstanding performance combined with excellent execution of duties best describes their fantastic efforts.

And that's what this club is all about. Great people working together for a common goal. Soon it will be time for new leadership and selection of next years DOT'S, TC'S, and ATC'S. The road to becoming a TC will challenge you. Convert these challenges into results and the rewards are great!!! Now is the time to seek out the new VP of Trips, Susan Blome, and make known your desire to fill one of these positions for the 97-98 ski season.

The Texas Ski Council annual meeting where TSC trips are selected for the upcoming ski season will be held in San Antonio, April 5th and 6th. The meeting is open to all members of TSC clubs. Should you want to attend contact TSC Rep, Merrel Smith, or TSC Alternate Rep, Ted Bergeron, or myself.

Snowmass I, II, and III were a huge success. A total of 136 participants plus about 10 shadow trip participants attended. A trip of this magnitude occurred due to significant effort on behalf of the TC'S Eddie Bayersdorfer, Nancy Sarff, and Julia Long. Their ATC'S Jane Orr, Charles Butler and Joan Henke contributed long hours to make this a very successful trip. A special thanks to all of you. I have heard great things from the returning Italy trip participants. Seems that TC Peggy Montgomery and Honorary ATC Jerry Montgomery put together an outstanding road show. Great trip Guys!!

We are very fortunate to have special people who volunteer their time like your DOTS Susan Blome and Dave Stotz and all of our TC'S and ATC'S. Be sure to tell them how much their efforts mean to you....it's the minimum we can do for these great volunteers!!!

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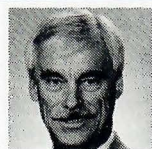
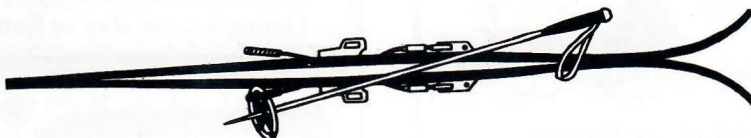
Trip Dates	Nights / Ski Days	Trip Destination	Cost (see notes)	Final Paymt	Lodging	No. Skier	Status / Wait List	TC/ATC (DOT)	Home Phone
Feb. 22 - Mar. 1, 1997 (Sat. - Sat.)	7 / 7	<b>BRECKENRIDGE</b> Colorado (Best of Breckenridge)	\$692	12/09/96	River Mtn. Lodge 2 / 2 Condos	32	Full	Debbye Crofoot (DS)	783-6831
Mar. 1 - 9, 1997 (Sat. - Sun.)	8 / 6	<b>MONTREAL/QUEBEC</b> 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	<b>SUGARLOAF</b> 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	<b>VAIL</b> Colorado (Spring Break)	\$781	1/10/97	Vail International 2 / 2 Condos	24	Full	Sharon Inman Pamela Whitfield (DS)	578-1942 468-1459
Mar. 26 - 30, 1997 (Wed. - Sun.)	4 / 3 1/2	<b>STEAMBOAT</b> Colorado (Easter)	\$451	When you sign up	Holiday Inn Hotel	16 to 26	23	Janet Arentzen	367-2617

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

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Director of Trips  
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## Slalom Scoop

by Marsha Lutz

The TSC Traditional "Texas Ski Week" at Snowmass was a great trip. The SCSC group had a wonderful time and the snow was great. Unfortunately, our showing on the race course was a little lacking. Either because we did not have enough race participants or because there were not enough speed demons, we came home with third place in Division I. At least the spread was not quite as large as it was for the Fall Roundup in Keystone. So here are the numbers:

Club	Adj. Pts./ Actual Pts	Racers E/S/F*	Medal Count	Avg. Adj. Pts. Per Started Racer
1. Los Amigos	2472/ 2400	153/88/88	39	28.1
2. Lone Star	2307/ 2156	108/82/70	39	28.1
3. Space City	2080 2080	111/73/71	39	28.5

\* E/S/F - Entered/ Started/ Finished

SCSC Activity

### Canoe Trip

May 16 - 18, 1997

Depart 6:00 p.m.

\$162.00



Canoe the San Marcos River

*Includes bus to New Braunfels, 2 nights at  
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It's interesting to note that we had the highest average points (just barely!) and all clubs had 39 medals - SCSC just had less silver and no gold medals. This shows that the points scored by our non-medal winners were a big help in keeping our average up. Once again, the numbers prove that we simply need more racers of all levels for a fighting chance to beat the competition! So for those that are "thinking" about racing, next time "Just Do It!". (What goes for Nike, goes for K2, Solomon, Rossignol, etc.)

Our top man and woman were Steve Jones and Christene Milla, while George Hirasaki and Lotty Gautschi were awarded medals for top senior man and woman. All the other 35 medal winners are recognized in their respective trip article - so look there for your name. Thanks to everyone that raced and special thanks go to Joe Daleo, Chip Doubet, and Clay Vollmer for volunteering to be Race Directors for this trip!



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✓ St. Patrick's Day Party	Terry McGuinness -789-9497	03/15/97	03/15/97	\$15.00
✓ Radio Music Theater	Susan Wicker - 465-0186	04/12/97	03/20/97	\$15.00
✓ Player's Gambling Junket	Jill Allen - 548-3013	04/26/97	03/20/97	\$15.00
✓ Spring Golf Tournament	Russell Benham - 460-8094	05/03/97	04/14/97	\$67.00
✓ Canoe Trip	Mike Montgomery -772-3133	05/16-18/97	04/14/97	\$162.00

SCSC Activity

## Radio Music Theater

April 12, 1997

\$15.00

*Optional Dinner At  
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AC: Susan Wicker  
8283 Kingsbrook #261  
Houston, Tx 77024  
465-0186 (H)  
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SCSC Activity

## Player's Gambling Junket

April 26, 1997

9:00 a.m. to ?

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*Beer - Wine - Snacks on Return Trip*

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SCSC Activity

## St. Patrick's Day Party

March 15, 1997

11 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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# Snowmass I

by Jane Orr

Houston's weather was it's typical warm and humid state but that did not dampen the spirits of 46 Space City skiers headed for Snowmass. Everyone arrived at the airport charged and ready for their journey. **Joyce Bayersdorfer** passed out named tags while **Merlyn Harger** and **Dave Stotz** wrapped ski bags for flight. Check-in went smoothly and we were soon settled in at the gate. **Bill Bomberger** surprised us by supplying noise makers for all to rattle when the pilot welcomed our group on board the flight to Denver. Fortunately for all the non SCSC passengers, the pilot never mentioned us! Who tipped-off the flight attendants to our plans! We landed safely in Aspen where **Leona Pleasant** was seen later leaving the men's room. We never ask! **Bob Fulweiler** was very gracious meeting us at the airport and transporting our excess luggage that the bus couldn't carry.

**Mike Birowski**, **Linda Cooper**, **Sandy Fowler**, **Karl and Lotty Gautschi**, **Dan Hendricks**, **Alex Sawicki** and **Donna Stewart** met our group at our lodge. **Steve Jones** had such a good time at last year's TSC trip that he flew in from California again to join us. This year he brought his wife, **Ann A.K.A. "the Pooh Bear on Skis"**. We kicked off our stay at the Mt. Chalet with a welcome party in the cozy game room complete with roaring fire and lots of great food. Our lodging was exceptional but **George and Darlene Hirasaki**, **Joe Daleo** and **Bill Bomberger** only had to walk 10 feet, pop on their skis and off they went down the slope!

Plans were made by all for a full ski week. All those ski plans did not include the fall taken by **Ann McIntyre**.

So Ann, is it true that the rescue guys are all gorgeous? Sorry you weren't able to ski the remainder of the week but we heard that you bought a great new pair of boots to wear over your air cast. **Gloria Rooney** gets the Florence Nightingale Gold Star for the care and attention she provided to Ann. **Linda Cooper's** system for stopp-ing on skis failed her in 6" of powder. Her friends did appreciate her entertaining fall; she gets the Blue Ribbon for the best face plant. Everyone was worried when she came up with snow under her sunglasses but were relieved that she was OK. Not to be outdone, **Neal Pleasant** ranked a score of 8 for a spill on Elk Camp, judging compliments of

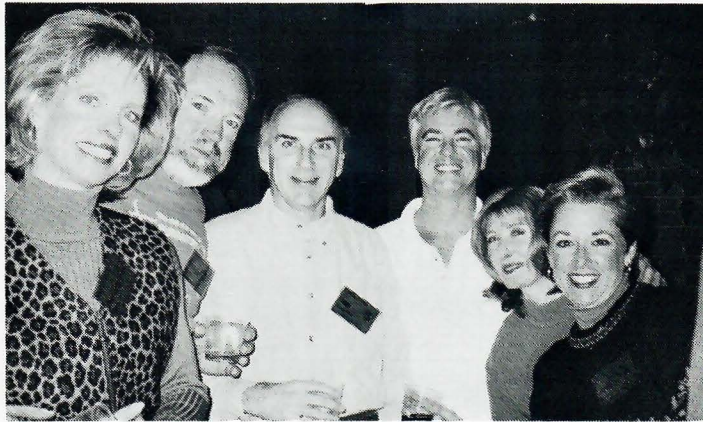
**Don and Rootie Moore**. No broken bones were sustained, thank goodness. **Joyce Bayersdorfer**, our beginner skier, took several days of lessons and passed the final exam with flying colors.

In his never ending quest to look the part of the perfect skier, **Mike Birowski** must have demo'd almost every ski available in Snowmass. Ask **Charlie Roberts** about his trip down "the elevator". There was one witness, who retrieved his skies after the yard sale, that claims it was a "great crash". **Charlie**, of course, was ready to do it again. **J.R. Ronczy** had the funniest ski hat, a dog bone, but he only wore it one day. He also was a beginner skier and with the expert instruction from **Stacey Ronczy**, he actually maneuvered a black slope the last day of our trip. **Merlyn Harger** outdid all of us with his interesting "ski hats" for each day of the week.

**Susan Blome** seemed to have some difficulty; she lost her hat, her briefcase and something to do with money! **Judy Katany** was our most dedicated employee of the group. Computer in tow, she was able to unplug Mt. Chalet's fax machine so she would

have a phone line for E-Mail. As race day approached, **E.J. Boudreaux** and **Jim Rinke** were spotted preparing by participating in a race clinic. Race day proved a challenge for most with snow falling and flat lighting. That didn't keep **Leslie Cashio**, **Beverly Roberts**, **Diane Stotz**, **Roberta Rambin**, **Peter Coulter**, and many others from braving the adverse conditions. They did a great job for themselves and SCSC. **Mike Wolfe** was four gates away from his first NASTAR medal when he performed a 9.8 score face plant. Better luck next time, Mike. **Steve Jones** had the men's best time. **Lotty Gautschi** and

**George Hirasaki** had the best senior times. **Alex Sawicki**, from California, impressed all of us by being able to convince our race director that she was 20 years hold. **Joe Daleo** tried to explain that for once it was to her advantage not to be 20 again. The women Bronze medal winners were **Leslie Cashio**, **Linda Cooper**, **Darlene Hirasaki**, and **Beverly Roberts**. The men Silver winners were **Dave Stotz**, **Merlyn Harger**, and **Mike Birowski**. The Bronze medals went to **Bill Bomberger**, **Ron Rambin**, **Charlie Roberts**, **Andy Cashio**, **Rick Wasson**, **Howard Schoenike**, and **Karl Gautschi**. Joe, you did a great job as race director --- thank you!



*Beverly and Charlie Roberts, Dan Hendricks, Andy and Leslie Cashio, Judy Katany*



*Howard Schonike, Jim Rinke, and E.J. Boudreaux*

## Snowmass I *(continued)*

The non-skiers of our group seemed to have a good time, too. **Becky Wolfe** took in sightseeing, shopping and cross country skiing. She still found time to join us for our soup lunch every day at Mt. Chalet along with **Helen Harger**. **Ted Widmer** was seen skiing with his very special friend from another SCSC Snowmass trip. Speaking of special friends, it seems that **Howard Schoenike** and **Ann McGowan** hit it off quite well. Ann was seen "massaging" Howard's knee and Howard, intent on impressing Ann, borrowed a shirt to wear to the Caribbean party. Oh, the Caribbean party? Fun was definitely had by all and some apparently had more fun than others --- I wonder if **Rick Wasson** ever found his pants!

Everyone seemed to have a great time including **Jef and Vicki Carson**, **Lynne and Walter Hester**, **Peter and Melinda Coulter**, **Ward Jones**, **Judy Stringer**, and **Ken Oldroyd**.

The end of the week and the time to return to Houston came far too soon. The skiing and party activities of TSC and in Aspen were too good to leave, not to mention the hospitality of Mt. Chalet. Everyone had a great time and our trip home was uneventful except, what did **Judy Katany** say to the gentleman at the Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory that she was able to get free cookies even though the store was closed? Thanks to all those who helped Eddie and Jane and thanks to all of you, it's great participants that make a great trip!



*Jane Orr, Eddie Bayersdorfer, Dave Stotz*



*Joyce and Eddie Bayersdorfer*



*Judy Katany and Joyce Bayersdorfer (Disco Queens!)*



*"Reggae Man" Dave Stotz, Diane Stotz, Steve and Ann Jones*



*Leona and Neal Pleasant*

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## Mystery Dinner Theater

by Mary Kay Kitchens

Thirty-four sleuths arrived to solve the mystery of "til Death Do Us Part" on a cold January night (it was not stormy). **Vic Celman** and **Joanie Osborne** arrived early to have time for an attitude adjustment and put on their detective caps. They were followed by super sleuths **Patricia Van Tassel**, **Ladye Freitag**, **Patti Maudslay**, **Sharon Inman**, **Peggy Boice**, and **Marsha Lutz**. **Sue Harris** brought her daughter to help her solve the mystery. **Steven Teoh** arranged his arrival so he could sit at a table with mostly women.

The bride arrived on time, along with her mother, soon to be father-in-law, cousin, and groom. As usual, the bride was a bit nervous and had reason to be. There was a lot of LOUD family squabbling going on and events weren't running smoothly.

As we were served our salad, **Jean Dowell** and **Anne Odegard** figured out the first clue. From here the action picked up, as did the volume. **Richard** and **Lucille Hall** barely managed to escape a

confrontation with one of the wedding guests. As we enjoyed our second course, a delicious chicken cordon bleu, the bride's mother, dressed in a hot pink, low scooped neckline gown, accepted bribes from anyone she could to answer questions about the mystery. And finally, right in front of us, the father-in-law .... well, was removed is a good way to put it.

**Marvin Volz** and **Dorothy Miller** were sure they had figured out "who done it" as was **Carolyn Rolsten**, **Robbie Adams** and **Gwen Barfield**. **Gary Quinn** and **Jane Jolly** gave it their best shot as did **Sharon Broughton**, **Bill Bomberger**, **Barb Penkala**, and **Arlene Robison**, but no one in SCSC was able to get the exact how, where, and why. SCSC should be proud, however, that we didn't receive any awards for the dumbest answers either. So who did it? You'll have to go to the Mystery Cafe to find out!



## Snowmass III

by Julia Long

With reports of great powder the Snowmass short trip left for Aspen on Jan. 7th led by TC **Julia Long** on the noon flight and ATC **Joan Henke** for the evening flight. We met **Larry Samuelson** from Gulfport, MS in the Denver airport, who was anxious to join us. But the great snow left 7 women (**Brenda Bennett**, **Petra Luchesa**, **Peggy Schillinger**, **Marsha Lutz**, **Becky Rushing** and **Debi Altenbern**) led by Joan, who didn't want to part with their luggage, unable to land in Aspen. Alas, the plane returned to Denver and they made it the next morning. There were also 7 others waiting for their luggage so they could ski - but **Glen Nordt** was the only smart one who carried all of his ski stuff in his carry on! **Greg Baxter** and **Barry Palmer** handled the wait better after the TC gave them a complimentary box of wine (courtesy of National Sports Rentals) for Greg's bota bag.

The group stayed at the Stonebridge Inn, which featured the "orange juice watering hole" where people gathered for breakfast including **Al & Stephanie Klimas**, who joined us for the parties. That morning **Rita Demko** enjoyed a complimentary tour of the Burnt Mountain area on fat sticks skis. **Susan Wilson** and **Pat Pease** found some time to enjoy local red trout at the hotel's new restaurant. **Bill** and **Scott Boyd** started their 5 night tradition of heading to Aspen and checking out the local watering holes.

Eager to practice the race course, **Larry Rapp** took a fall on his shoulder down the race course while competing against **Paul Guidry**, a.k.a. "No Ear". To conquer that powder more confidently **Becky Rushing** and **Kathy Matras** took lessons.

Wednesday night people dressed in their finest beach attire for the TSC Caribbean Party and **Stephan Mason** enjoyed the great dance music including the Macarena. Plenty of Budweiser logo freebies were handed out along with complimentary malt beverage refreshments.

Thursday morning **Susan Stanley** and **Carol Buck** discovered the TC's stash of chocolate... Susan must have been searching for something magical in that chocolate because she kept on asking for more... After dealing with 2 bad watch batteries **Clay Vollmer**, race director, finally made it to the hard-to-get-to race course. Winning racers included **Ron Honefenger** for a NASTAR Silver, and **Rita Demko**, **John Kelly**, **Marty Matras**, **Clay Vollmer**, **Bill Landfield** and **Gary Sequeira** won NASTAR Bronze medals. **Stephan Mason** missed a medal by a hair on his first trip down a race course ever; being the youngest SCSC male racer did not help... **Norm Rund** and his daughter **Natalie Rund**, among others, braved the cold weather for a great outdoor picnic lunch. At the biggest bar in Snowmass, The Timbermill, the 3 SCSC trips held a party and had a great turnout! **Marsha Lutz** and **Debi Altenbern** unknowingly dressed like twins in matching sweaters and black jeans. The night was still young so a number of people headed in to Aspen and checked out The Little Nell's bar. Talk about the classy place to be ... a number of Houston locals were there including **Eddie Bayersdorfer**, **Scott Boyd**, and **Norm Rund**. But the five youngest members of the trip (**Scott**, **Bill**, **Stephan**, **Julia** and **Natalie**) got restless and checked out Tippler's, McKenzie's, the Cigar Bar, and Eric's.

## Snowmass III *(continued)*

On Friday, a number of people including Gary and Sharon Sequeira ventured over to Buttermilk to try the snow there; Joan Henke was bound and determined to find the crepes she had heard so much about and she did!

Eager SCSC'ers lined up early to get dinner at the TSC Italian Party. Unfortunately the chairs ran out for Jane Shoppell and her husband John Kelly, but they made the best of it. At the silent auction Jason Schwartz with the help of his Mom, Doran Valka was the high bidder for a neat ski jacket. Charles Luschen and Bill Landfield checked for TSC ID's at the door and also checked out the women at the same time. After the TSC Party a group headed over to "Cowboys" where Lewis Altenburg gave a few dance lessons.



*Jane Shoppell and husband John Kelly enjoying a TSC Party.*

Most groups left on Saturday while the short trip enjoyed a nice day of skiing; David Launarey was glad when the sun came out so he could see how steep those slopes were. But Diane McKenzie did leave on Saturday; she was anxious to see the Houston marathon on Sunday. Given all of the snow that fell we weren't sure about making our return trip in the weather... Once we all arrived at the airport we learned that our

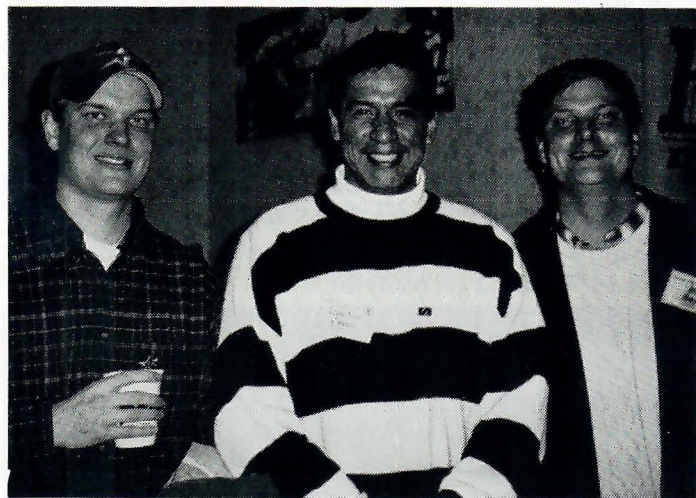
flight was canceled an hour before departure. Everyone including

Jeri Hartman, David & Karen Richards, Tommy Thompson, and Mike Figaro made the best of it while the TC handed out chocolate, playing cards and crackers and cheese. We finally got loaded onto 3 or 4 planes from a wait list 4 miles long only to hear that the connecting Denver flights were very full. Julia started her second career behind the United desk in Denver and got 39 people on



*Sharon and Gary Sequeira relax at The Timbermill.*

the plane from the standby list. We were never so happy to see the icy ground in Houston! Thanks everybody for a great trip!



*"3 Young Bucks" Scott Boyd, Stephan Mason, & Bill Boyd.*



*TSC Partyers Diane & Dave Stotz, Julia Long, Susan Blome, Gary Fritts, Joan Henke, & Debi Altenbern.*



*"Yes, I promise you will get back to Houston....." Julia at the Denver Airport.*

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# Val di Fassa

by Peggy Montgomery

A group of 44 from Space City Ski Club found a great European destination for skiing - Val di Fassa! However, for about half the group this fantastic Italy experience began with a pre-trip extension to Rome. Three days before the ski trip **Robert Clements, Don Crabtree, Don Cole, Cheryl DeWitt, Linda Guice, Cheryl Harland, Lynda Henry, Terri Hesse, Steve Kenny, Donna Kidwell, Bruce and Marsha Kilgore, Gai-Lyn Marshall, Jim McLaughlin, Lynn Messer, Nelson Messinger, Deborah Monahan, Eric Prentis, Liz Scarborough, Dan Stoltzfus, Lee Swords, Joe Walker** and I did a whirlwind tour of Rome's highlights. *(We also found this experience helped us get ready for skiing --- exercise by walking and adjusting to the time change before we got to the mountain!)* Various adventures were by foot, bus tours, moped and even by train. *(If you see Lynn Messer ask her the benefits of having new Italian speaking friends when experiencing a minor fender bender on a moped with an Italian National!)* The Rome Group also set the stage for a week of gastronomical indulgences --- Italian wine, pasta, veal, more Italian wine, more pasta, and of course, GRAPPA *(this stuff is the second cousin to "White Lightning"!)*

After our fun filled visit of Rome some of the group caught up with **Larry and Deborah Christi, John Brescian, Barbara Johnson, Patty Baker, Tommy Thompson and Susan Benhke** at the Rome airport for a quick trip to Venice. Because of so many Texans trying to get to Val Di Fassa, we ended up on a couple of different flights, not only from Rome, but from the States. We were all scheduled to meet in Venice by noon to start the bus trip to the Valley, but while we all made it some of our luggage did not. A small group of us making the shortest flight of the day ended up having to spend a couple of hours at the Venice airport making claims for lost luggage. Fortunately, particularly for **Cheryl Harland**, the luggage arrived in Val Di Fassa the next morning. *(Cheryl -- who packed everything to be checked for her brief Rome-Venice flight discovered one carry-on might not be a bad idea!)*

**Cheryl, Jim McLaughlin, Lynda Henry, Terri Hesse, Don Cole, Lynn Messer, Deborah Monahan, Donna Kidwell, Joe Walker** and I finally reached the Hotel Catinaccio just in time for dinner. There we finally met up with the SCSC group that traveled through Milan to get to Venice --- **Don Ballentine, Mark Chambers, Linda Day, Robert Gottlieb, Fred Hoffman and Lori Liatto** *(a couple of Corpus Christi Ski Club members traveling with Space City, Fred is a TSC officer)*, **Joe Kulpinsky, Bill Lively, Gary Pfeffer, Helen Schilling, Robyn Shaw,**

**Gene Soo, Andrea Yowman** *(another TSC officer and a member of the Houston Ski Jammers)* and of course my husband, **Jerry Montgomery** *(TSC officer and the Italy Expedition Coordinator.)* After dinner we all pretty much relaxed and went to bed early so we could hit the slopes the next day.

Those who skied had a very pleasant surprise waiting for them the next day -- surprisingly good snow conditions *(except for extreme fog the first few days.)* We were surrounded by several ski resorts -- all within 10-20 minutes by bus. Each day we had the opportunity to ski a different resort by using buses reserved exclusively for TSC members, provided by tour operator Central Holidays. According to **Steve Kenny** this was a great convenience as he had to use the city shuttle once to get home.

The skiing, I think most on the trip would agree, was a great European ski experience. Most slopes were wide open, groomed and accessed by gondolas and/or chair lifts. Ski Latemar, a relatively new ski area, seemed to be the favorite of our group and when offered a choice late in the week to go back most took the opportunity. **Nelson Messinger and Liz Scarborough** also found cross-country skiing to be great, but encountered some Italians who made it clear what we thought were lift tickets for all the areas to be incorrect when it came to cross country skiing. But, they still enjoyed the cross-country terrain.

Early in the week most of our group headed to Cortina to ski and shop, but bad weather *(icy roads)* made for a long trip. When we finally got to Cortina we found shops closing shortly for the afternoon equivalent of the Mexican siesta, but **Linda Day** made the most of the brief shopping time by purchasing a chandelier *(not the one she has been thinking about since her last trip to Cortina several years ago, but close enough.)* Those skiing also encountered extremely poor visibility, but fortunately Cortina had set out a "welcome" feast for the Texas Ski Council, so when we arrived *(almost at lunch time)* we were

treated to fantastic pastries, small pizzas and free wine. While the trip ended up being a long bus ride for little skiing/shopping, most on the trip would agree that Cortina would be a great place to go back.

Midweek, **Helen Schilling, Gary Pfeffer, Donna Kidwell, Cheryl Harland, Terri Hesse, Don Cole, Lori Liatto, Fred Hoffman and Andrea Yowman** headed to Venice for the day while **Lynda Henry, Jim McLaughlin,**

**Don Crabtree, Deborah Christi and Bruce and Marsha Kilgore** rented a driver/car and toured Verona and Vencenza. Jim commented that it was a great way to travel -- seems Italian wine was one of their primary purchases, which flowed freely



## Val di Fassa (continued)

on the way back. The trip was also a big success for Marsha as one of the places visited was a gold factory.

On Thursday, **Barbara Johnson** and **Deborah Christi** opted to join a group headed to Trento for a castle/wine tour and left **John Brescian** and **Larry Christi** to try out the "Sella Ronda" with **Gene Soo**, **Robert Gottlieb**, **Mark Chambers**, **Don Ballentine**, **Fred Hoffman**, **Eric Prentis**, **Robyn Shaw**, **Cheryl DeWitt**, **Dan Stoltzfus** and **Bill Lively**. The Sella Ronda is a guided circular ski in which participants had the opportunity to ski in excess of 20 miles without ever skiing the same slope twice --- as you can imagine, this event created stories to tell because it was a beautiful day. Not only did approximately 200 Texans show up for this event, but the locals were out in force making for long lift lines. Not to worry, though. Some of our group were with an inventive and creative guide (*or he's been in this situation before!*) At times he had them use taxis to bypass the lift lines!?! (*You'll have to ask someone who did this how exactly this worked without missing any of the skiing.*) In fact, to complete the circle you had to keep moving at a significant pace. At one point **Dan Stoltzfus** stripped to the waist to cool down. Who commented, "the man has no body fat"? Quite by accident (?) those of us who went to Trento had our own "Cellar Ronda". After descending to the Wine Cellar at Ca' vit Winery to see the huge oak barrels and, of course, to sample the wines, purchases were made. On the bus home purchases were opened and passed around freely -- in sort of a "circle".

The bus wine tasting put us in the perfect mood for the predinner party put on for us by hotel owner **Nora Jellici**. The wine and champagne flowed while we nibbled on appetizers and then went in for a memorable special dinner. While not missing out on the party, **Joe Kulpinsky**, **Lynda Henry**, **Jim McLaughlin**, **Bruce** and **Marsha Kilgore**, **Robert Clements**, **Linda Guice**, **Cheryl DeWitt** and **Steve Kenny** had the ultimate gastronomic experience by taking a moonlight snowmobile/sled ride deep in the San Pellogrino mountains for a gourmet dinner at a charming restaurant.

After a last day of skiing or sightseeing in the valley our

last evening we had a SCSC predinner party which was quite an event. Once again, **Nora** and her staff made us feel at home and provided us with all the wine or champagne we wanted and delectable hors d'oeuvres (*a meal in itself*). As a part of this memorable evening a local artisan gave us a brief concert of Laplin music on a hundred year old musical instrument. From there we once again had a terrific dinner and some went to the TSC Final Party at a local discoteque where more wine flowed freely (*the local Italians treated us to a lot of wine during the week!*)



Shortly after the witching hour about half of our group boarded buses for the Venice airport and long plane rides home. Again, about half the group did post trip extensions (*and a late bus on Saturday!*). **Jim McLaughlin** and **Lynda Henry** took a train to Florence and then Milan. **Cheryl DeWitt**, **Steve Kenny**, **Eric Prentis**, **Dan Stoltzfus**, **Gai-Lynn Marshall**, **Susan Behnke**, **Larry** and **Deborah Christi**, **Robert Clements** and **Linda Guice** spent a few days sight seeing in Venice while **John Brescian**, **Barbara Johnson**, **Don Crabtree**, **Bruce** and **Marsha Kilgore**, **Nelson Messinger**, **Liz Scarborough**, **Patty Baker** and **Tommy Thompson** toured Venice and Florence. My thanks to **Gai-Lynn Marshall** and **Patty Baker** for agreeing to handle vouchers etc. for the extensions.

I should mention the "man of steel" on our trip. On the last ski day **Joe Walker** took a spill and injured his shoulder. While he indicated it was painful he thought he'd just pulled ligaments and decided to wait until he got back to the States to have it checked. He went straight to the doctor and found he'd not only pulled muscles, but had a broken humerus bone (*the large bone in the upper arm*). Even the doctors were amazed that he made the trip back with only over the counter medication. This was Joe's first trip with the Club and even with this experience he says he can't wait for his next SCSC ski trip.

In closing, I would like to let the individuals on my trip know how much fun I had guiding them to a new skiing experience and to thank them for all their help throughout the week to make this a memorable trip! As they say in Italy -- this trip was magnifico!



# Jackson Hole

by Jeff Warren

What do you get if you take thirty-eight eager SCSC skiers, two willing and fool hearty volunteers, a 737 jetliner, one short runway and boo coos of snow? Answer: **Barb & Jeff's Excellent Adventure**. (a.k.a. 5 States in 5 hours) That's right you take one closed airport, a couple of snow slides and what should have been a three hour trip, turns into a thirty-six hour adventure. We left Houston (state #1 TX) for Salt Lake City (state #2 UT) Saturday morning. From Salt Lake we headed for Jackson Hole (state #3 WY) and at about 500 hundred feet above the runway the pilot changes his mind. Of course if you ask **Debbie Warren** she didn't mind, she had a stash of beer and wine the flight attendant had given her. It seems Debbie helped collect the trash on board and this was her reward. (volunteering does pay) After traveling on to Billings, MT (state #4) for fuel we returned to Salt Lake City. When we arrive in SLC, Delta realizes landing on a snow covered runway

would have been a cake walk compared to dealing with **Barb "That's not good enough" Ehrlich**. I am sure Delta appreciates Barb for helping them find the hospitality suite they didn't know existed. While the TC was arranging our connections a

few of the group found the airport bar. While there they ran into **Dave Whitehead** and **Jim Emsley**, on their way to meet us from England and stuck in the same mess. Meanwhile, plans were being made to send us to Idaho Falls (state #5 ID) to spend the night and take a bus to Jackson the next morning. We arrive at the Jackson Airport the next afternoon, just in

time to meet another group from SCSC. **Ed Wolochin, Linda Licarione, Vicki Faulkner, Larry LaBorde, Danielle Mayes, Peter Schidlowski, Toni Edwards** and **Jon Rollo** had flown United and made one of only two landings at Jackson that day. It seems they had a pretty good adventure too. Well, we were

in Jackson Hole finally, but what about luggage? While Barb took the group to the condos, **George Flournoy** and **Jeff** waited for the luggage that arrived a couple of hours later. Thanks to George and our bus driver **Gibby** we didn't lose a single piece.

We settled in just in time. The occupants of condo #2 **Patti Richards, Tom Hogle, Mary Kay Kitchens, Bill Simmons, Sue Salvage, Milt Kramer, Harry Melnick** and **Dale Allbritton** invited everyone for a Super-Bowl party. It

was a great party with everyone putting together strategies for attacking the slopes on Monday.

On Monday everyone was eager to hit the lifts. While a few of us waited for the shuttle, we had visions of "Northern Exposure" as a moose meandered through the condo area. There were stories of other visions also. Apparently **John Allen, Tom Danowski** and **Derrick Schoobridge**, on their only tram ride, felt a heavenly presence at the summit with clear skies and zero wind. Several people enjoyed the mountain tour provided by the resort.

Supposedly **Kelly Gibbs** took a self guided tour through some previously unexplored terrain. She was heard telling tales of deep powder and new trails she had discovered. (the trails were marked with orange rope & a sign "ski area boundary")

Monday evening was group dinner night in the TC/ATC condo. We enjoyed lasagna, wine and garlic bread. Thanks to some help from **Vicki Faulkner, Larry LaBorde, Linda Licarione, Ed Wolochin** and **Elyse Turla, Linda Erdman, June Cullum, Carolyn McGinnis, John Allen, Tom Danowski, Ladaune Ashley** and **Derrick Schoobridge** for the use of their ovens. Also thanks to **Susan Wicker** and **Debbie**

**Warren** for their help in the kitchen. Almost everyone came over to share stories of the first day of skiing. **Ky Griffin** was overheard planning a funeral for the Parabolic skis he had rented.

Tuesday morning and it's snowing again. Today 35 of us



## Jackson Hole (continued)

are off to Yellowstone Natl. Park to ride snowmobiles to Old Faithful. The day began at 6:00a.m., groan, moan, groan. After a hearty breakfast we start putting on our gear, snowsuits, boots, etc. Elyse made a comment to Dale standing between Patti and Mary Kay all dressed with his bright red balaclava on, "You look like a pimple." The trip took twice as long (something we're getting use to by now) as planned because of the weather. If you ask Danielle Mayes she might think it was worth the long ride. While we were at Old Faithful, Peter Schidlowski knelt down and proposed to her. The scenery was breath taking and the abundant wildlife was spectacular, well worth the trip.

By Wednesday we had settled into routines; a little skiing, a little shopping and a lot of drinking so well that we didn't even notice our trip to Grand Targhee had been canceled. (by you guessed it, "the weather") The Mangy Moose had become the official apres ski hangout. On any afternoon you might see **Joy Taylor, Rod Hope, Sharon Broughton** and Elyse Turla soaking up local

ambiance. You might also spot **Mike Rothermund** and **Robert Todd** trying to catch a glimpse of Fancy Nancy, another local treasure. The after dinner crowd discovered The Million Dollar Cowboy Bar. It was a great place with live music and a huge dance floor. Some of the group seemed to be there every night. **Mike Gerstenberger** and **Kelly Gibbs** closed it down every night, but several people including **Karin** and **Kurt Schidlowski**, **Martha** and **Helmut Zenger**, **Toni Edwards** and **Jon Rollo** would stop by to kick up their heels.

Speaking of kicking heels, **Rick Kivich** made a couple of quick moves on the icy streets of Jackson and ended up at the clinic. He had a small concussion but is okay. On Thursday Tom Hogle and Patti Richards thought they might have a romantic dinner

at the Snake River Grill, only to have a large familiar group, John, Joy, Linda Erdman, Susan, June, Carolyn, Dale, Derrick, Sharon and Tom Danowski, seated next to them. The Thursday

night dance lessons found the likes of Joy, John and Derrick learning a local step, The Jackson Swing.

Friday was race day with the wind blowing 20 m.p.h. and the snow falling so hard you couldn't see the gates (this is getting redundant). The snow didn't bother Dale Allbritton as he cut through the gates like butter to win a gold medal. Jim Emsley skied the course on telemark skies and did a great job. Mary Kay Kitchens made her first NASTAR run and did very well. There were many silver and bronze

medals won along with a couple of Challenger medals. Thanks to Patti Richards our race director for a job well done. Congratulations everyone.

We had time Saturday for some last minute shopping and even some skiing for a few. **Dan Conery** and **Terri Thomas** rented a car and made the rounds in town. I believe we were all

ready to get home. I say this because everyone was loaded on the bus for the airport except for **Martha** and **Dennis Deavenport**, **Gene Davis**, **Kelly Gibbs** and **Mike Gerstenberger** who had been in town shopping that morning. Five more minutes and the group were voting to leave them. Funny you forget who your friends are. We made the flight and the trip back without incident. As ATC and speaking for the TC, this was a great group to travel with. They handled an uncomfortable situation very well. I believe a good time and fun was had by all in

standard Space City style. Thank You!!

PS: On a sad note, during our trip we received news of the loss of a dear friend and fellow Club member Reneta Heyne. We will think of her often and miss her deeply.



# 1997-98 Officer Nominations

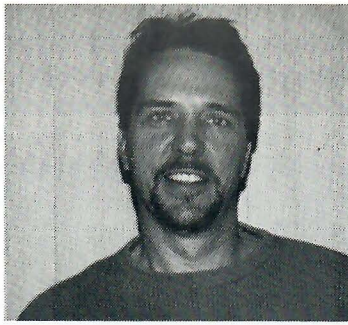


**Jim Edwards**  
President

For those of you who don't know me, in work-a-day life I am a business systems analyst (computer geek), who has worked as a contractor/consultant to various companies over the last several years. Outside of that, I am an avid skier, camper, bookworm, and a charades fanatic (split personalities). I recently celebrated my 42nd birthday (ok, I'm OTH) but haven't begun to feel it yet.

I joined SCSC 6 years ago (with Sue, my better two-thirds) and quickly fell in love with the Club and its wonderful people. I broke my collarbone on my very first Club trip, but still had a great time. So, I became involved (a glutton for punishment). I have since worked on a Volunteer Party and the Nominating Committee, chaired the Computer Systems Committee, led a group of intrepid bowlers for a day, ATC'd a trip to Aspen/Snowmass, and served as a Director of Trips and Vice President of Trips. Whether working or playing, I've also made some great friends along the way.

I believe SCSC offers not only a unique skiing experience but also a wonderful opportunity for association with a number of equally wonderful people (that means you). The Club has grown and evolved over the past 30 years, but has remained true to its origins. As President, I would be honored with the opportunity to help the Club take its next tentative steps of growth (without, of course, stepping in anything).



**Stan Broniak**  
V.P. Programs

Having been a member since 1989, I always look forward to the new season of SCSC activities and ski trips. I view the program activities as an important component in building and maintaining the Club membership. These year round activities offer potential new members an opportunity to "check out" the Club and see it's benefits first hand. Many new members have been gained through these one and two day activities.

As V.P. of Programs, I will build and encourage a strong esprit de corps and volunteerism that has made Space City the successful organization that it is today. This coming year of program activities will be an exciting one. I plan on sharing my enthusiasm, excitement, and hopefully sense of humor, with the activity and assistant activity coordinators recruited from our ranks. I remember when that spark of volunteerism ignited within me, after my first two activities, the '94 Follies, and as activity coordinator on the Brazos Bend Bike trip. After that I was hooked. I then followed as ATC on Whistler, TC on Taos, Fashion Show model, and assistant on the Road (Biker) Rally.

I bring a sense of humor, high energy level, and excitement to the V.P. of Programs position. My professional background includes 15 years in Medical Sales and a degree in Finance. Additionally, I have served as President of my Home Owners Association for 10 years. I ask you for your vote on March 3, and your continued willingness to participate as a volunteer in 1997/98.



**Susan Blome**  
V.P. Trips

I became a skier quite by accident. I saw some friends' ski trip pictures about 10 years ago and decided that I had to see the mountains for myself. Being a Houston native, I had never seen that much snow or the beauty of snow covered mountains! In the early years, I think I enjoyed the scenery much more than the skiing.

"How" then, did I become nominated for VP of Trips?? I really joined SCSC to go skiing and meet new friends. Before I joined, my motto was simple: Send me the info. I'll mail a check!!'. In the years since I made my first Club trip in '93, I have discovered a wonderful group of people go on SCSC trips. I have made new friends and found a group with all levels of skiers, so that I can find someone at my level to ski with. And, the Club trips are run by dedicated volunteers -- our TCs & ATCs.

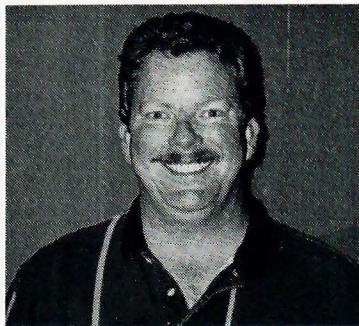
Because I had a desire to give back to the Club, I became interested in working a trip of my own. As the Vail '95 ATC and the Park City '96 TC, I have learned valuable knowledge about the planning and efforts that goes into running a trip. This season as Director of Trips has taught even more about the task I have ahead as VP of Trips.

When not working on trips, my spare time is spent playing volleyball or dancing with friends. I also spend time volunteering with another favorite organization -- the MD Anderson Children's Art Project. I spend my days at Shell Oil Company, currently working within the Diesel Team.

The year ahead as VP of Trips offers many challenges. I look forward to hearing your ideas and suggestions, and even your offers of time (as a TC or ATC), to help me make next year's ski season full of trips that will be attractive to all members!!

Thanks in advance for all of your help and support!!

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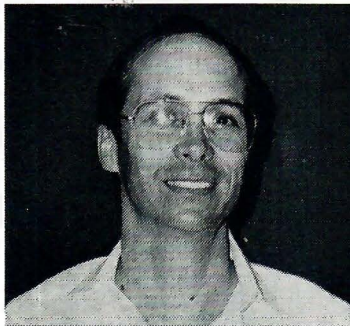
**Dave Stotz**  
V.P. Membership

Well, here we are in the March issue of the *Sitzmarke*, and once again you're reading about candidates for office in SCSC whom you may or may not know. You're wondering to yourself, "Why should I vote for these people? What have they done and what will they do for the Club? Why in the world do they want to be officers?" I've been asking myself those same questions, and although strangers have been staring at me for talking to myself, I've come up with some answers.

I've been in SCSC since 1989, and have been on numerous trips as a participant. In 1992 on the Jackson Hole trip, the TC of the trip, Angie Westergren, convinced me that I could and should be an ATC. I think that this is the most common way that people get involved as volunteers in the club, seeing someone else running an activity and having a great time in the process. In 1995 I was the ATC on the Steamboat trip, and the TC of the Vail trip in 1996. For the past year I've been helping the Trip Coordinators put their trips together as one of the Director of Trips.

As VP of Membership, one of my main goals would be to increase the exposure of SCSC in the Houston community to get more skiers into the Club. I would expand our contacts with the local media and attempt to get them to publicize SCSC. I would advertise at local universities to bring young people into SCSC. I believe that these actions and others will help the SCSC membership fill with skiers.

Some of my most pleasurable memories are of experiences with SCSC. I look forward to many new memories while serving you as the VP of Membership.



**Bill Bomberger**  
V.P. Publications

I first learned about the Ski Club through an article in the Houston Chronicle that was published in approximately 1992. I kept this article in my office desk until some of my friends and I had some serious disagreements about the financing of ski trips that I was arranging for them. This parting of the ways finally occurred in 1994, and I finally joined the Ski Club.

After joining Space City, I have not looked back toward going skiing any other way. Since joining, I have been on seven ski trips with the Club, including being an ATC on Banff '96 and TC on the Telluride trip this year. Some of the greatest people that I have met recently are members of Space City. I would not trade these experiences for anything.

In order to support my activities in the Club, I hold the position of Production Control Manager for a manufacturing company in Houston. This experience of being responsible for everything that can and will go wrong, has trained me well for the position of V.P. Publications. I have developed the skill of balancing numerous things at one time.

Other hobbies include running into burning buildings and emergencies with the Stafford Volunteer Fire Department. I enjoy woodworking, camping, river rafting, working on charity bicycle rides and just having a good time.

Just remember that the Ski Club is only as good as the volunteers that run it. Please remember that the *Sitzmarke* belongs to all of you. I will be open to any positive suggestions to improve it. If at any time that any of you have any information that is newsworthy please feel free to call.

I am looking forward to the challenges of the V.P. Publications position for the next year.



**Marsha Lutz**  
Secretary

I began skiing in 1981 but had not yet heard of Space City Ski Club. In 1985, a friend introduced me to SCSC and the rest is history! It's so much better to be in a Club with hundreds of skiers and trips all season, instead of relying on a few other skier friends that might want to go when and where I do.

I have been on 15 ski trips with the Club and participated in lots of activities, including plays, sporting events, road rallies, rodeos, etc. SCSC depends on volunteers to make these events possible. I have enjoyed helping and the events seem even more fun when you are directly involved in their making.

I first volunteered as an ATC for the Winter Park '88 TSC Traditional. I've also assisted in membership data entry, worked the meeting sign-in tables and was Activity Coordinator for *Miss Saigon*. I was TC for the Park City '96 TSC Traditional. Currently, I'm the Club Race Director.

I am honored to be nominated for Secretary. Having worked for engineering consulting firms for 18 years, I am used to the demands of successfully meeting our clients' needs. As an SCSC officer, you will be my clients! Share your ideas with the officers. It is our challenge to meet the needs of the SCSC membership in a fun, cost-effective way.

I want to give something back to the Club and be a part of its continued success. My qualities include being energetic, dedicated, enthusiastic, a good planner, open-minded and a team player. I believe the entire slate of officer candidates is a great group. I know I will enjoy working with them to make the next year the best we can for the members of SCSC.

# 1997-98 Officer Nominations



**Pam Smith**  
Treasurer

I was first introduced to snow skiing in December, 1992. The cold weather, snow, and beautiful mountainous terrain captivated my heart. The atmosphere was breathtaking for this native born Houstonian. I almost instantly fell "in love" with this sport ... after surviving the frustration and bruises experienced by many beginner skiers, that is.

Then, the mad search began. To satisfy this new taste for desire, I was looking for "ski buddies" to share and further explore the art of snow skiing. One of my co-workers, aware of my dilemma, suggested the idea of joining a ski club. "A ski club in Texas?" (I thought to myself), "Is he crazy?" Well, his wife gave me a Sitzmarke to browse through (from an SCSC member/acquaintance of hers), and ... VOILA! ... the rest is history. I had decided to act on this recommendation. And, I must add, I have had no regrets!

After joining Space City Ski Club at the end of 1993 and having a great time on the Purgatory ski trip, I realized the importance of Club involvement. The activity/trip coordinators appeared to be having such a good time; so, I decided to take the plunge and join in the fun. The more I participated in the various events, the more people I met, the more fun I had. I started out as ATC for the Breckenridge trip in 1994. Due to circumstances beyond my control (i.e. WORK), I had to abandon my post before trip departure. I was granted a reprieve in 1996, and willingly accepted the TC position for the Sun Valley ski trip. Later that summer, I was activity coordinator for the annual Road Rally. I had a blast working on all events. My latest endeavor includes being the 1997 Audit Chair, which is a challenge within itself. Volunteering has been a very rewarding experience for me. Not only do I like helping others and meeting new people, but I honestly feel somewhat "guilty" about the personal satisfaction that I receive in return. Therefore, my quest continues...

Looking to the future in the spirit of "volunteerism", I willingly accept the nomination for SCSC Treasurer for 1997-1998. Professionally, I have enjoyed working with "numbers" for 12+ years now and thirst for yet another, new experience. I will use my CPA and accounting background to assist me wherever possible. I am also looking forward to the opportunity of meeting more club members. It will be my privilege to represent our Club membership as an Executive Committee member.

## CALENDAR Coming Events

March						
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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

April						
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### April

- 4-6 ..... TSC Bid Meeting - San Antonio
- 12 ..... Radio Music Theater
- 14 ..... General Meeting Meeting
- 24 ..... Happy Hour
- 26 ..... Gambling Junket

### SCSC Activity

## Spring Golf Tournament May 3, 1997

Tee Times 11:30 to 1:30

\$67.00

Longwood Golf Club

*Four Person Best Ball Scramble. Long Drive and Closest to Pin Contests. Includes range balls, green fees, Cart, Prizes.*

AC: Russell Benham  
3866 Willow Spring Ln.  
Houston, Tx 77080  
460-8094 (H)

Final Payment due: 4/14/97

Adults Only

# Spotlight on Volunteers

by Marti Toomer

Meet a few of our dedicated Activity Coordinators!



**Susan Anslinger**

**Volunteer:** Susan is the AC for Rodeo Night and has previously volunteered as an AC, TC, and ATC.

**Birthplace?** Corpus Christi, TX  
**Occupation?** Network Sales

**Live in which area of Houston?** Galleria

**Joined SCSC in?** 1992

**Marital Status?** Single

**Skiing Level?** Intermediate

**Hobbies?** Running, Skiing, Outdoor sports

**What do you enjoy most about SCSC?**  
Ski Trips and New Friends



**Jean D. Jackson**

**Volunteer:** Jean is the assistant AC for the Casino trip. There is lots of fun planned for this activity!

**Birthplace?** Milwaukee, WI

**Occupation?** Sales

**Live in which area of Houston?** West

**Joined SCSC in?** 1993

**Marital Status?** Single

**Skiing Level?** Intermediate

**Hobbies?** Skiing, Reading, Partying, Antiquing

**What do you enjoy most about SCSC?**  
Skiing and Meeting New People.



**Cheryl DeWitt**

**Volunteer:** Cheryl took the plunge to volunteer after joining SCSC last year! Cheryl is the Assistant AC for the Rodeo Night.

**Birthplace?** Teaneck, NJ

**Occupation?** Customer Liaison (Systems)

**Live in which area of Houston?** Near Northwest

**Joined SCSC in?** 1995

**Marital Status?** Single

**Skiing Level?** Advanced Intermediate

**Hobbies?** Tennis, Dancing, Rollerblading, Gourmet Cooking

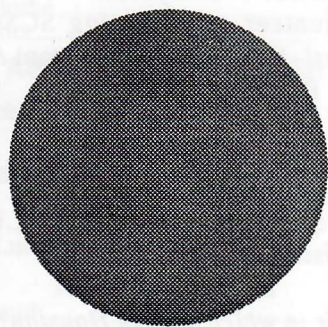
**What do you enjoy most about SCSC?**  
Great Ski Trips and Fun People



The Sitzmarke

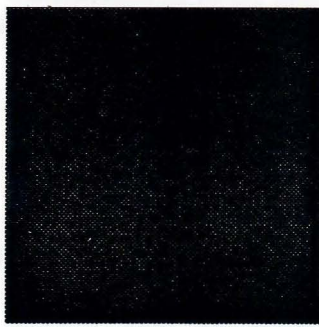


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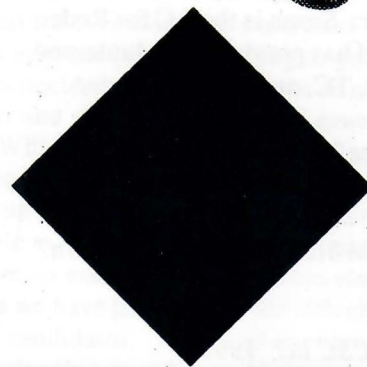
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19032 Gulf Freeway (near Baybrook Mall) 286-7770

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# !!! 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:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

1. I am volunteering for
- |             |       |                 |       |                  |       |                     |
|-------------|-------|-----------------|-------|------------------|-------|---------------------|
| Ski trip:   | _____ | Coordinator     | _____ | Asst Coordinator | _____ | Race Director       |
| Activity:   | _____ | Coordinator     | _____ | Asst Coordinator | _____ |                     |
| Meetings:   | _____ | Ambassador      | _____ | Member Check-In  | _____ |                     |
| Sitzmarke:  | _____ | Typing/Proofing | _____ | Photographer     | _____ | Advertisement Sales |
| Follies:    | _____ | Writer/Artist   | _____ | Stage Crew       | _____ | Lighting/Sound      |
| Other Help: | _____ | VP Programs     | _____ | VP Trips         | _____ | VP Membership       |
|             | _____ | VP Publications | _____ | Secretary        | _____ | Treasurer           |

2. Have you previously volunteered with SCSC? \_\_\_\_\_  
 If Yes, please list prior volunteer activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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

4. On which SCSC trips have you traveled? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What factors have led to your willingness to volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_

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

## IF VOLUNTEERING FOR A SKI TRIP:

1. Would you prefer: \_\_\_\_\_ short trip (4-5 nights) \_\_\_\_\_ long trip (6-7 nights)

2. Destination preferences: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you understand the time and effort requirements of volunteering for a ski trip? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
 (If No, please talk to an officer or previous SCSC volunteer, or call the number at the bottom of the back page.)

4. Please list any days, dates or time periods that you would be unavailable to attend orientation/training sessions or to run a trip: \_\_\_\_\_

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**IF VOLUNTEERING FOR AN ACTIVITY:**

1. Do you understand the time and effort requirements of volunteering for an activity/trip? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
(If No, please talk to an officer or previous SCSC volunteer, or call the number at the bottom of this page.)
2. Please list any days, dates or time periods that you would be unavailable to attend orientation/training sessions or to run an activity/trip: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Indicate the type of activity you would be interested in coordinating:

<input type="checkbox"/> Aeros Hockey Nite	<input type="checkbox"/> Dance - Country/Whip	<input type="checkbox"/> IMAX & Dinner	<input type="checkbox"/> Sailing/Boating
<input type="checkbox"/> Astros Game	<input type="checkbox"/> Dance - Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Livestock Show/Rodeo	<input type="checkbox"/> Space Center Houston
<input type="checkbox"/> BBQ/Chili Cookoff	<input type="checkbox"/> Dart Tournament	<input type="checkbox"/> Mardi Gras	<input type="checkbox"/> St. Patrick's Party
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<input type="checkbox"/> Bike Ride MS150	<input type="checkbox"/> Football Game	<input type="checkbox"/> Party Bridge Night	<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis
<input type="checkbox"/> Bike Ride - Blue Bonnet	<input type="checkbox"/> Galveston Beach Blast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pub Crawl	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater
<input type="checkbox"/> Bike Ride - Brazos Bend	<input type="checkbox"/> Golf	<input type="checkbox"/> Races (Dog/Horse)	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Ride & Dinner
<input type="checkbox"/> Bowling Party	<input type="checkbox"/> Guadalupe River Trip	<input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Camping Trip	<input type="checkbox"/> Tubing on the Comal
<input type="checkbox"/> Cards/Games Nite	<input type="checkbox"/> Halloween Party	<input type="checkbox"/> Riverboat/Casino	<input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball Tournament
<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Party	<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking Trip	<input type="checkbox"/> Road Rally	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Sports Day
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Affairs	<input type="checkbox"/> Houston Grand Opera	<input type="checkbox"/> Rockets Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/> Windsurfing
<input type="checkbox"/> Comedy Club	<input type="checkbox"/> Ice Skating	<input type="checkbox"/> Roller Skate/Skating	<input type="checkbox"/> Wrestling
<input type="checkbox"/> Book Class			

Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail To:

**George Flournoy**  
**1718 A Nantucket**  
**Houston, TX 77057**

Questions? Call 789-0654 (VP Trips 96/97-George Flournoy) or 589-7661 (VP Programs 96/97-Don Crabtree) or 680-1349 (VP Trips 97/98-Susan Blome) or 531-6147 (VP Programs 97/98-Stan Broniak)

Return by April 15, 1997