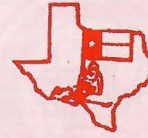




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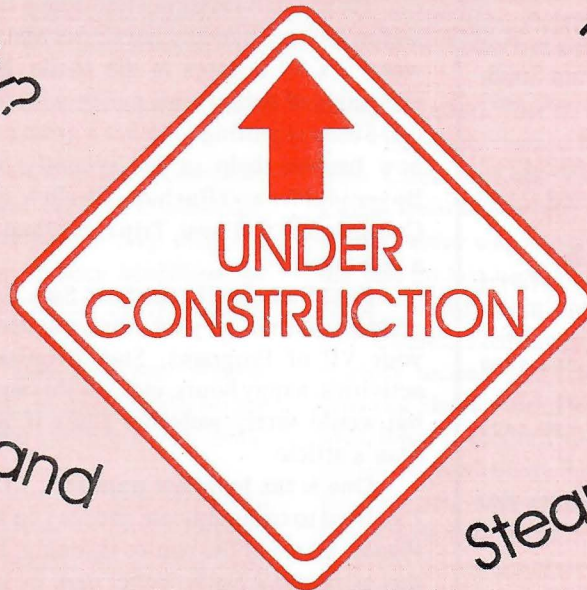
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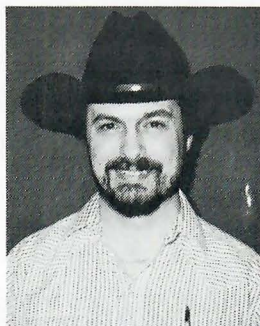
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Head of the Liftline

by Jim Edwards



Summertiime, and the livin' is eeeasy ... Fall fell, winter went, spring sprang. Now, summer will sizzle – it's June in Houston. Simmering sidewalks, sand & surf, skimpy suits & sheer skin, suntans and sunburns. But while you sit and sip soda (*suck suds, swallow swill, or otherwise soak your scorched soul*), your selected servants are slaving to see your satisfaction swell and supplement your schedule with a surplus of scintillating sport. She sells seashells ... (*sorry, got carried away*). This is one of the busiest times of the year for those who set

up all the fun activities, trips, happy hours, and meeting programs that we all will enjoy as the year unfolds. As a matter of fact, we could use your help. If you have an idea, a suggestion, a plan, or (even better) time to invest, give one of the officers a call. We'll all enjoy our summer (*and the rest of the year*) a little more if you do.

There's no business like snow business ... Just ask your VP of Trips, **Susan Blome!** It may seem a little odd to be talking about champagne powder when it's 80 degrees in the shade. For the diehards among us, however, memories of recent trips merge with anticipation of our next ride on a chair lift. Susan is putting together a great roster of ski trips for you as I write. She now has the help of her recently appointed Directors of Trips, **Eddie Bayersdorfer** and **Barbara Ehrlich**, as well as a number of adventurous Trip Coordinators and Asst. Trip Coordinators. See Susan's article in this issue for a few details.

Fun, Fun, Fun in the Sun, Sun, Sun ... OK, I understand. Snow skis and gondolas are not on your current agenda. For your more immediate pleasure, your VP of Programs, Stan Broniak, is conjuring up a number of fun activities, happy hours, etc., for this summer and beyond. He has lots of ideas, but would surely welcome yours if you volunteer it. For more details, see Stan's article.

One is the loneliest number ... Don't let our relationship end like this. I've tried to communicate and let you know what I need if we are to continue. Please, let me know you're listening. I know that if we both try we can make this work and it can be better than we imagined. (*Translation: This is the one last issue of the Sitz that you will receive if you don't renew your membership NOW. Look in the April and May Sitzmarkes for the application that you forgot about, fill it out and return it to SCSC. Then, get involved and help us keep SCSC growing.*)

Danke Schoen ... Thanks again to those who volunteered your time last year to keep SCSC on an even keel. The Volunteer Party is June 8th. If you volunteered and didn't get an invitation, contact Stan Broniak. Have a great time – you deserve it!



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June						
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June

- 19..... Firehouse Saloon
- 21..... Bicycle Ride - Braes Bayou

July						
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July

- 18..... Dart Tournament
- 17..... Happy Hour - To Be Announced



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FROM THE SKI DESK

by Susan Blome



It's only June and the sun is just beginning to remind us how hot it will be in July and August, but it's time to start thinking SNOW and next winter's wonderful ski trip agenda. And, let's not forget to mention the fun and excitement we will have next summer in New Zealand on the TSC Summer Expedition. But before we fly off to the South Pacific, the winter of 97/98 will be here and we are planning GREAT ski trips for you to choose from. Favorites, such as Aspen and a Family Optional trip at Christmas are certainly on the list. Big Mountain and 2nd Annual Beginner Ski trip to Red River will be there due to member requests. Other locations are not firm at this time, but ALL locations promise to make your choice of trip(s) hard to make. *Stay tuned through the summer for more details.*

Although the TSC trips were decided in San Antonio in April, the SCSC Dream Team of DOT's Barb Erlich and Eddie Bayersdorfer have assisted me in finding Great TC's and Great ATC's to run those trips as well as finding GREAT TC's, GREAT ATC's, and GREAT DESTINATIONS for next year's club trips.

All of the trips are run by volunteers and we are fortunate to have many folks who volunteered to become TC's and ATC's. By the time you read this, our schedule and difficult selection of TC's and ATC's will be complete. Unfortunately, not all who volunteered were selected to work a trip this year. But, I'm happy to see so many members express an interest in becoming involved with our club. **Thank you for your interest!!** If you were not selected, please keep your name in the hat and volunteer in some other way. We may call upon you in the future.

Choosing TC's, ATC's, and Trip destinations for our club is truly a **TEAM EFFORT**. A lot of time and effort goes into making our ski season a success – all volunteer!! In addition to DOT's Barb and Eddie, the "Team" includes the Board, the Ex-Com, previous TC's, and fellow members, all who supplied valuable input to make next year's ski season special for you! **A BIG THANKS to ALL who helped in this process!!**

So, make your plans now to ski with Space City in 97/98!! Enjoy the heat of the summer and remember to **THINK SNOW!!**

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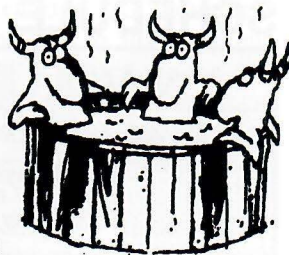
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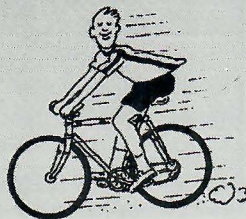
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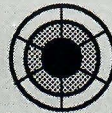
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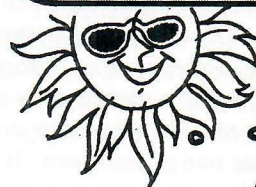
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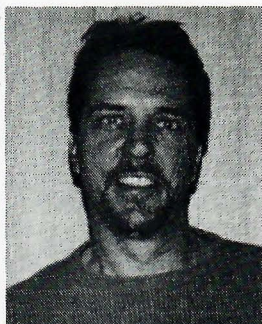
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V. P. PROGRAMS

by Stan Broniak



The 1997 Space City Summer Curriculum, (SCSC), is off to a roaring start! YEAAAAA!! June will offer a leisurely bike ride through the "paved" trails of Braes Bayou near the Village and Medical Center Area on June 21st. This will be a great opportunity to dust off that off "Huffy" and join us for a morning of fun and exercise followed by lunch at La Madeleine in the Village. Please contact Gene Soo, activity

coordinator, for this event at 281-530-8559.

Happy Hour is scheduled at the Firehouse Saloon, Southwest Freeway & Fountainview, at 5:30- 8:00 PM on June 19th. This is a great new SCSC location offering a live band, (*don't you hate those dead ones*), and a large dance floor for your enjoyment.

I'm looking for new ideas for events, outings, activities, and Happy Hour locations. If you have found a great club that would make a unique happy hour location let me know! If there are events/activities that you enjoyed in the past and would now like to add your unique "twist" give me a call. Activities such as the Road Rally, Tennis Tournament, Bowling Tournament, Rafting and Camping trips are examples of popular past events, (*hint, hint, coordinators needed ASAP, no experience necessary, excellent training provided*). As they say: "a club is only as good as its' volunteers". So get involved, take that extra step and volunteer for an past event or create one of your own. It's the best way to meet people in a relaxed, low stress atmosphere!! I know you FUN PEOPLE are out there, so stop hiding and start enjoying the summer with "your" SCSC buddies.....

Later....

Stan

P.S. Don't forget to sign up for the Dart Tournament held on July 18th, hosted by Rod Hope!!!

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Activity Date: July 18, 1997

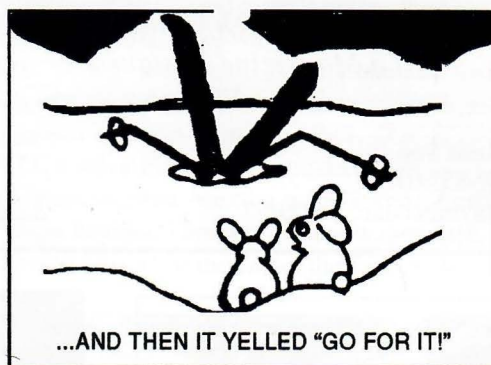
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Breckenridge

by *Debbie Crofoot*

During peak ski season, in Breckenridge, CO, provided a multitude of skiing challenges, comparable to anywhere our group of 28 had visited. Seasoned skiers **James Wayne** and **Nelson Turner** met the challenge all eight possible skiing days. Devil's Crotch became the formidable foe, one very cold and snowy day for **Angie Westergren**, **James** and **Nelson**. It is still in question who followed whom down that torturous slope.

This was certainly the trip for meeting new friends, happy hours, skiing various ski resorts, shopping and good food. **Beth Wood** called Breckenridge; "A snow covered mall." I bet the snow had melted off her credit card by the time she got home. We can be thankful **Beth** and **Stephanie Howell** didn't buy those hats they were caught modeling. **Mitch Gaspard** would have been jealous. **Mitch** entertained the group with a new hat everyday. It wasn't hard to find him on the mountain, especially the day he wore his chicken hat. The fox, coyote, beaver, and the spike were all outstanding hats, but only the chicken, with its flowing chicken legs could have kept **Mitch** from winning his bronze medal. (*Poor Mitch*) **Barbara Giesecke** traveled all the way from New Mexico to go skiing with us. Thank goodness! It was her quick witted one liners that kept **Mitch** in order.

By the way, has anyone seen **Dion** and **Robert Nodruft** since we got off the airplane? Who???

While out partying one night at Joshua's, **Angie** and **Don Shreves** were dancing when two Englishmen pushed her out of the way to take his picture. They named **Don**, better known as "Slimedog" by his friends, a "REAL COWBOY". You should have seen the look on **Angie's** face!

Jaime Grana celebrated his birthday on this trip, almost every night. **Gary Werner** why do all the women keep asking if you ever got a good nights sleep? **Steven Teoh** added a lot with his photos and videos of happy hours, lunch times and NASTAR. Although, one happy hour at Tiff's I think **Steven** got bribed to put it down. Having a little too much fun guys?

The gang gathered for a Sleigh Ride on a moonlit starry night. All wrapped in blankets the party of 17 left for the miners' camp in a sleigh drawn by Belgian Draft Horses. **John Freeman** chronicled the night with his photographic skills. He even made the horses smile. The Mountain Man weaved his mountain tales, at the camp after dinner, as we sat enthralled listening and laughing. Since every mountain man must have a wife, **Debbie Crofoot-Morley** became "Elk Breath" the betrothed, after promising she had good enough teeth to chew the animal hides.

You know— **Dion** and **Robert** the newly married couple.

The crew spent Monday skiing at Keystone. All attended lunch at the Outpost Lodge-Top of North Peak. The spectacular

view was enjoyed from the Gondola and from the mountainside. **Joe Kulpinski**, **Doyle "Dad" Westergren**, **Nancy Burk**, and **Bill Morley** were all there helping to make room for the rest of the lunch bunch. Just about everyone made it, including **Klaus Pratchker** and **Brenda Peavy**. The terrain variety and the snow were so impressive, it was determined then; one day in Keystone would not be enough. By the way what happened to **Nelson Turner** and **Marty Toomer**? What about **Dion** and **Robert**?

Richard Spinks, "Go Devil" did his 1st Black Diamond run at Keystone. By the way, this was only his sixth day to ski...ever. **Richard** must have been really sore, because that was the same night he, **Marc Hill**, **Gary Quinn**, **Jane Jolly**, and **Angie** were reported mastoiding in the hot tub! By the end of the trip **Richard** was skiing anywhere he wanted to ski! Go **Richard**!!

Twenty skiers participated in the NASTAR. Special recognition goes to six first time racers. They were **Mitch "Chicken Man" Gaspard** (.15 seconds off a Bronze), **Barbara Giesecke**, **Stephanie Howell**, **Don "Slimedog" Shreves** (Silver), **Richard Spinks** (Silver), and **Jeri Wilson**. The medals were awarded during the group dinner held in a condo provided by **Steven Teoh**, **Jaime Grana**, **Jane Jolly**, **Gary Quinn**, and **Dion** and **Robert Nodruft**. (*Robert later asked if there was a party.*)

Thursday night was Blackhawk Casino Night. Although, in the short time we were in Blackhawk **John Jacob**, **John Freeland** and **John Burke** managed to convert some of the casino's money into their own. Congratulations guys!

Jane Jolly, our only never-ever skier, was undaunted by a fall on her last day of skiing. The fall tore both the ACL and MCL ligaments in her knee, requiring immediate surgery. Much to her credit and the great care she received from **Gary Quinn**, she will return to the slopes next year. (*We were all glad to see Jane back on her feet at the Post-Trip Party hosted by Steven Teoh.*)

The Adam's Street Grille was the gathering place for our final dinner together on Friday night. There weren't many good byes said that night only, "See ya in Houston and let's do this again next year." As we were boarding the bus for Denver we noticed two strangers on the bus, but they didn't notice us. Could that have been **Dion** and **Robert**?

Special thanks goes to my husband, **Bill Morley**, **Angie Westergren**, **Marti Toomer** and **Steven Teoh** for all their help and support during this trip. Thank you, I couldn't have done it without you.

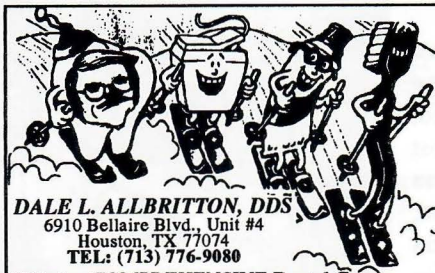


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St. Patrick's Day Parade

by Terry McGuinness

The luck of the Irish came through when the rains stopped to allow the St. Patrick's day parade to be held in comfort. This year, we continued the tradition of watching the Richmond Ave. parade from the visage of the Rock Bottom Brewery. Actually it was a good excuse to have a party and the 40 SCSCer's did just that.

As the beer flowed, and all got more and more mellow, the parade finally started. Everyone clamored out to the street for a good view. Soon, lunch was served, more beer was guzzled, and the pool and shuffleboard games began in earnest.

Several bottles of champagne were awarded as follows: The most colorful Irish costume, female, was **Barb O'Tuley**. Her costume consisted of wearing a pair of underpants in green shamrocks, plus bright shamrock socks, coupled with a dazzling array of Irish buttons, pins, accessories, and face paint. It made Barb the easy choice. The most colorful Irish costume, male, was **Gunnar McHeyne**. Gunnar too, chose as his outerwear bright green underwear plus green everything else as his Irish fashion statement. Gunnar's award of a huge, very wide Irish tie will be part of his outfit the next time, he promises. The most Irish-looking couple costume, were **Klaus and Noni O'Pratschker**, bedecked head to toe in all green.

The most Irish person award went to **Christina McRiseley**, which was easy to win since Christina lived in Ireland all her life, until a dozen years ago. The least Irish-looking costume, female, was won by the all black outfit of **Judy Kelley**, whereas the male version of a non-Irish look, was a blazing plaid ensemble worn proudly by **Joe McWalker**.

Finally, as we were running out of categories, it came down to either a wet T-shirt contest or the person with the reddest hair. Since no one wanted to enter the T-shirt contest, the winner of the red hair award was **FitzCarla Silva**, with **FitzSusan Wicher**, coming in a blazing second. Too bad we didn't choose the T-shirt contest, as Carla and Susan would have been good contestants in that one too.

An honorable mention must be given to **Carole O'Moffatt**, for her all-Aggie group of 8, as signing up the most partygoers for the activity. Also, **David McMeinert**, was commended for his ability to bring a lot of friends to drink with, play pool and trial pursuit, until the sun set.

No little Leprechauns were seen, nor a pot of gold found. But with all the green derbies being worn, and lots of hearty brew being consumed, they gave us the warmth and feeling of almost being in Ireland. Or did they just give us a warm feeling? Either way, it was fun for all who came, became Irish for a day, and cheered the paraders on for another year. *Erin go braugh* - but not in a T-shirt contest.

Montreal/Quebec

by Elba Villareal

TC Elba Villarreal here to tell you all about the first ever Space City Eastern Canada Ski Trip - March 1 through 9.

SATURDAY - enthusiastic skiers (and a non-skier) gathered at the airport. ATC Ladye Freitag had stress balls for everyone to release the stress they might have had preparing for the trip, especially **Guillermo and Silvia Uribe** and their son, **Guillermo Uribe, Jr.**, since they were flying that morning from Mexico.

The adventure started in Houston when we discovered that not everyone had confirmed seating between Newark and Montreal. In Newark, all but three of our group were able to board the flight to Montreal. Due to weight restrictions, an additional 11 passengers would have to leave the plane. With offers of travel vouchers, 14 SCSC members volunteered to go on a later flight. Luckily, Continental placed them on an Air Canada flight, which arrived only 10 minutes after the main group had arrived in Montreal.

After clearing customs we boarded the bus for a two hour ride to Chateau Mont Tremblant, a five star ski-in ski-out resort which opened in November of '96. What a beautiful hotel with great service and all the amenities you could want. Due to an exhaustive day just about everyone retired shortly after check in.

SUNDAY - With a good night's sleep, the skiers got their first taste of snow. We were very pleased with The Laurentian Mountains. Skiing was great! **Neal Pleasant** lost his wife, **Leona**, on one of the runs down the mountain, so handcuffs were suggested to keep them together. Due to a prior knee injury, ATC Ladye Freitag was unable to ski.

Other imports from Mexico were **Danae Patiño** and her mother, **Irma Patiño**. This was Danae's first time skiing and she was having a blast! At the end of the first ski day, everybody



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headed to the whirlpool, but for safety reasons only a limited number of persons were allowed into the spa and many were turned away very disappointed. According to ATC Ladye Freitag, that was the same day that she got into Russell Benham's pants (*you'll have to ask her on this one*). Later, a social gathering took place in the TC's room where everyone reminisced about the day and made dinner arrangements. After dinner, most people retired except Tess Ong who was urged to party into the wee hours by Russell Benham and Greg Roberts who continuously, for some reason, repeated the phrase "Trust me".... "Trust me"....

MONDAY - another skiing day.... except for Nancy Mitchell who decided to try snow plowing for the day. Watch out abominable snowman! Barb Penkala was seen going in and out of shops all day long! Inseparable life time friends, Rosa Caffarena and Angelica Pinochet teamed up with Gary Haley, CC Childs, and me for skiing. Talking about Gary Haley, the hat he wore with a big bone across the top, gave us peace of mind knowing that if he fell in deep snow a dog would come to dig him out. Doug Broussard would not ski with us because his idea of skiing is "just point your skis down hill and go." Carmen Mikhail, who had lived in Montreal abandoned us to visit with old friends who came to see her. Evangeline Ressler met a French doctor in the lounge of the hotel and went to dinner and dancing that evening. Again, we gathered at the TC's room for the "Social Hour." Wayne Vitale's Italian blood surfaced after having a wonderful dinner and drinks at a French restaurant. He serenaded everyone singing "Oh Sole Mio."

TUESDAY - Last day in Mont Tremblant. Serious skiers like Martha Davenport, Maureen Irwin, Greg Roberts, Russell Benham, and Tess Ong, went back to the slopes while Barb Penkala, Evangeline Ressler, Ladye Freitag, Bonnie and Rodney Hughes, Rena and Wayne Vitale, Gary Haley, CC Childs, Rex Henderson and yours truly explored the village and tried traditional French cuisine. We all went to a quaint "Cr  perie" where the desserts were to die for!

Mid-afternoon we loaded up the bus and headed to Quebec City, known by its French old world charm and excellent cuisine. As usual on all SCSC trips, the luggage was abundant and we had to place a few pieces inside the bus. Seats and aisles were full but this didn't put a damper on the card game in the back of the bus. Gary Haley, CC Childs, Yvonne Guy, Evangeline Ressler, Charles Miller and Rex Henderson demonstrated how lively a card game can be! They teased everybody that needed to use the WC. Approaching our destination through the City of Quebec, we were fascinated by the magnificent victorian architecture until we reached our hotel, The Chateau Frontenac. Ooh-la-laaa!!! It was truly a



breathtaking 5 star hotel where even the coffee shop would be categorized as one of the best restaurants in the Michelin Guide.

WEDNESDAY - The skiers were up bright and early to take the bus to Mont-Sainte-Anne where we had our own room to change clothes and keep our skis during our stay. The view from the summit was spectacular with the St. Lawrence River in the background. Lynda Henry and Jim McLaughlan, instead of skiing, decided to head to a shopping district. They were having breakfast in a nearby shopping mall and ended up receiving 50% off coupons for the 3-D IMAX about Quebec. Non-skier Rex Henderson and convalescent Nancy Mitchell, who was unable to ski due to minor surgery, were seen walking around old Quebec near the ice covered river.

In the evening, Chateau Frontenac hosted a great wine and cheese reception for SCSC. Everybody dressed for the occasion. Afterwards we all went to try the wonderful "Cuisine Qu  b  coise."

THURSDAY - We awoke to blizzard conditions, but that didn't stop the "die hard" SCSC skiers. During the bus trip to Mont-Sainte-Anne we decided to return earlier than scheduled due to white out.

Arriving at the summit we found the wind to be so strong that we defied gravity in our attempt to begin our down hill run. My one and only run of the day ended with me taking refuge in the coffee shop only to find most of the other skiers already there thawing. *It was so cold!!!* Carmen Mikhail, Gloria Lopez and Miriam Glover were spotted making friends with a very attractive man during lunch.

In the evening, everyone continued to try the superb French restaurants. Larry and Deborah Christie accompanied Barb Niland to celebrate Jack Miller's birthday. Wayne Vitale, Evangeline Ressler, Barb Penkala, Russell Benham, Charles Miller, Rosa Caffarena, Angelica Pinochet, and Dave Doucette headed to the piano bar after dining.

FRIDAY - Last day in Quebec. Everybody decided to sight

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see except Maureen Irwin and Guillermo Uribe, Jr. who went back to Mont-Sainte-Anne. It was a clear beautiful day but the temperature was about 10°F and very windy.

Pat McLaughlin wanted to take a short walk around the boardwalk and Greg Roberts decided to join him. Well, the boardwalk was endless and about an hour later they found themselves outside the wall that surrounded Old Quebec and Chateau Frontenac. Needless to say, Greg won't say "Yes" to any short walks any time soon.

Gary Haley, CC Childs, Doug Broussard, Miriam Glover and I rode the famous Toboggan located next to our hotel. What a delight to play like children!

Early afternoon we were heading to cosmopolitan Montreal, but this time by train. It was time to party again! We had a first class car all to ourselves. We were served "apéritifs" before a three course dinner, wine, and after-dinner drinks. This was a great place for our group picture. For entertainment, there was a magician doing some tricks, but our own Jim McLaughlin started making balloon animals and soon we had a menagerie on board. Even though our travel was in the evening, the beautiful countryside was highlighted by the glistening snow. Arriving in Montreal, we simply rode the escalators to the lobby of the well known Queen Elizabeth Hotel.

That evening, Gloria Lopez, Nancy Mitchell, Erika Vick, and Barb Penkala followed Carmen Mikhail to Benjie - a jazz place with live entertainment where they ran into CC Childs, Gary Haley, Guillermo Uribe, Jr., Doug Broussard and me. After Benjie, Gary Haley, CC Childs and Guillermo Uribe, Jr. decided to go to the Casino.



SATURDAY - The group was treated to a two hour guided tour of Montreal. It included the Notre Dame Basilica, the 1990 Olympic Stadium, the University of Montreal, and othersights. We had a very entertaining tour guide.

The rest of the afternoon, the SCSC gang roamed Montreal including the Underground City that covers one-third of the downtown area. That evening, Carl and Mary Favre, Rena and Wayne Vitale, Dave Doucette, Erika Vick, Maureen Irwin, Greg Roberts, Russell Benham and Tess Ong went to Gibby's, originally a stable that was converted to a warm and relaxing restaurant. Barb Penkala, Gary Haley, CC Childs, Rosa Caffarena, Angelica Pinochet, Evangeline Ressler, Doug Broussard, and I went to Les Caves, a house with a different decor in every room. The food was marvelous! That evening, many headed to the piano bar area in our hotel to party for the last time.

SUNDAY - We headed to the airport early morning and returned to Houston mid- afternoon.

Many thanks to the guys on our trip for helping with the luggage!!

This unique trip was truly "LA CRÈME DE LA CRÈME."



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Although the hour was early and the group considerably smaller than most SCSC ski trips (24 participants), we were all eager to arrive in Vail and begin our "spring" skiing vacation. While **Richard Priem** and **Charles Allen** arrived so late their tickets had been left with the group check-in agent. **Ann Clinton** and **Lois VanVooren** gave up their seats on the overbooked flight to earn some precious frequent flyer miles by changing to a later flight on a competing airline. Consequently, they arrived fashionably late in the afternoon while the rest of us wandered Vail waiting for check-in.

Beautiful, sunny skies and spring temperatures prevailed most of the week. We were fortunate to have lodging in Lionshead within 4 minutes walking distance from the Gondola.

Our beginner skiers, **Lois VanVooren**, **Marsha Shainwald**, and **Judy Barnett** had plenty of support from fellow skiers and really were quite adventuresome souls in that they ventured into more challenging terrain each day. **Nicky McGlone**, an intermediate skier joined the advanced skiers every day and never faltered (*that we know of*).

Nicky McGlone, **Ann Clinton**, **Don Shreves**, **Walter Hester**, and **Lynn Hester** tried "tubing" at Eagles Nest on the mountain and raved about how great and exciting it was. Most of us watched.

Phil Dowlin, our race director, tried his best to recruit racers for Nastar but had to settle for seven (7) of us. **Charles Allen**, **James Wayne** (*silver*), **Sharon Inman**, **Nicky McGlone** (*bronze*), **Phil Dowlin** (*bronze*), **Kevin Foster** (*bronze*), and **Don Shreves** (*bronze*). All earned points for SCSC.

Our official "love-birds", beautiful **Kimberly Dean** and handsome **James Crisp** (*see photo*) had everyone guessing as to whether a gorgeous 4 karat diamond ring they found in a shop in Vail would end up on Kimberly's finger. Additionally, it should be noted here that James carried Ms. Dean's skis for her all week. Chivalry is not dead!

The emergency room welcomed (*on separate occasions*) **Nicky McGlone** to stitch a deep cut on her thumb with 7 stitches, and **Richard Priem** to "sling" his injured arm. Fortunately,



nothing serious, just inconveniences.

"The Club" turned out to be a popular after-hours spot for **Ann Clinton**, **Lois VanVooren**, **Kimberly Dean**, **James Crisp**, **Debbie Barber**, **Sharmae Kray**, **Mary Pat Rapp**, and **Kevin Foster** who could not answer the simple question "where did you go last night?" with any other response than "I don't know". He also didn't make it to the slopes until noon the next day. It seems a certain entertainer there was really entertaining! A close second was Nick's for dancing fools **Don Shreves**, **Marsha Shainwald**, **DeeDee Dowlin**, **Rich Preim**, and **Nicky McGlone**. It seems Don not only managed to ski all day, but also to dance all night. Rich and Kevin gained a new appreciation for the term "fast women" reference here is to the amount of time it took them to get ready to hit the streets! Marsha, why did you turn down that date with your ski instructor?

On the more mellow side was Mickey's in the Lodge with wonderful piano music much of which was requested by **Leslie Adams** and enjoyed by **Sharon Inman**, **Judi Hendrix**, **James Wayne**, **Charles Allen**, **Susan Gaucher**, and **Nicky McGlone**.

Leslie, how many \$20 bills did you part with that night to hear your favorites? **DeeDee Dowlin** preferred Garton's because she knew the band playing there and gave us a sampling of their music via CD at the Post Trip party. **Charles Allen** pined for a good C&W club the entire trip.

Trail's End was the most popular Apres Ski choice. On one occasion, **DeeDee Dowlin** and **Marsha Shainwald**



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"volunteered" to sing along with the performer of the band. When they could not be heard over the din in the room, they were given some very explicit instructions as to how to approach the microphone to succeed in being heard.

About half-way down Highline (double diamond) run, **Charles Allen** had a few choice words for **Don Shreves** who persuaded him to take the plunge with him. Then there was **Rich Preim** performing a face plant while skiing through the trees in



sooner... some lasting friendships may have been formed. Special thanks to **Leslie Adams** for allowing us to hold our post-trip party in her lovely home.



China Bowl with his arm in a sling and no poles. It took **Rita Blasier** and **Don Shreves** (waist deep in snow and out of their skis) thirty minutes to extract Rich.

A favorite topic of discussion was **DeeDee's** nose ring which along with her mode of dress caused her to be mistaken for one of the locals by other tourists. She seemed to enjoy the press coverage and took it well in stride.

Our group ski day at Beaver Creek was great fun, although we missed our scheduled lunch meeting because the TC designated an eating establishment that was closed. It looked like a great spot on the trail map!

Saturday, our departure day, was the 7th ski day of our trip. Only **Ann Clinton** who had a date for a day of skiing with a friend, who just happened to be a ski instructor, was up for more skiing. Go, Ann!!

Many thanks to: **Judi Hendrix** for her assistance during the trip, **James Crisp** for his assistance in coordination the group dinner, and all who helped with ice chests, etc. It was a great trip and, due to our small number, we were able to get to know each other

