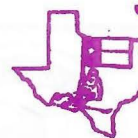




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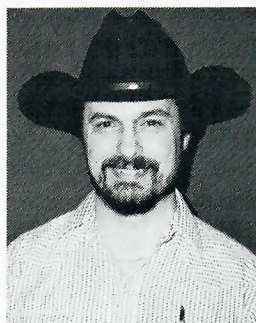
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## Head of the Liftline

by Jim Edwards



Has the *Sitzmarke* been on a diet??? If you are one of those lucky few who receive a very slim "Collectors Edition" issue of the *Sitz* this month, don't get mad. The post office didn't lose any of it, nor is the club trying to save on *Sitz* publishing costs. This is our not-so-subtle last reminder to you that you have failed to renew your membership this year. Find the application in the March or April *Sitz* you received, come to the next Happy Hour, or call Dave Stotz to have one mailed to you. Fill it out and turn it in and you will receive the usual, meatier edition

next month.

**Your window of opportunity!** Another good reason to renew right this minute is to ensure your eligibility for mail-in sign-up for your favorite ski trip. You must be a member in good-standing prior to the sign-up period. This means your application must be received by the first of August in order to be approved and processed. Renew now, while you're thinking about it, and remind those friends you want to go skiing with this year!

**It's a Blockbuster Hit!** Talk about entertainment ... I've seen the sneak preview of this year's ski-season trip schedule and give it two thumbs up (*easy for me since I am often all-thumbs*). Note that there is some room on the schedule for expansion, depending on attendance and demand, so there may even be a sequel. You can see the thrills and feel the chills for yourself in Susan Blome's article and the detailed schedule in this issue of the *Sitz*.

**School's Out for Summer** ... except for this year's cadre of Trip Coordinators and Asst. Trip Coordinators, who are enrolled in "Ski Trips 101". As I write this they are attending a final cram session (*TC/ATC Training Meeting*) before the final exam (*actually negotiating and organizing a great trip for the rest of us*). It's a tough course, but we've got a talented group this year, and I know they will pass with flying colors. They will soon learn that, in spite of the time involved and the few headaches, it is a remarkably rewarding experience to work with others to plan, negotiate, organize, & run a group event such as a ski trip. When all is said and done, you know that the fun and the camaraderie experienced by those participating was due, in large part, to your work and the cooperation of those working with you.

**Speaking of rewards** ... You can have a similarly rewarding time, in a much shorter time frame. Stan Broniak and Dee Dee Dowlin are doing their collective darndest to arrange a tantalizing schedule of non-ski activities for all of us to enjoy. They need two things to make this happen: good ideas and enthusiastic volunteers. If you have experienced or can think of an event that would be fun for a group of us to share, call, fax, or otherwise communicate with them and share it. If you'd be willing to run said event, you'll find out what I mean about "rewards". One final note! *b# and stay cool.*



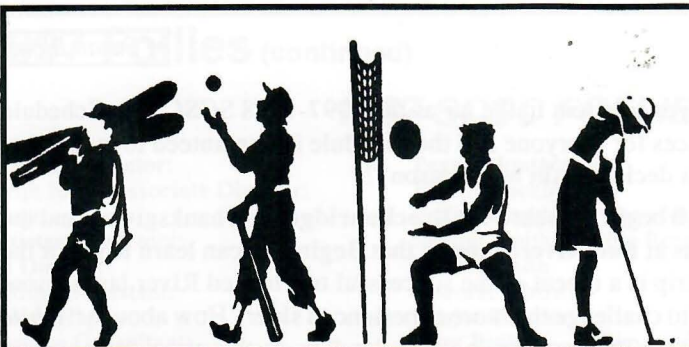
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## CALENDAR

July						
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### July

- 17 ..... Happy Hour - Last Concert Cafe
- 18 ..... Dart Tournament

August						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

### August

- 15 ..... Bowling Party
- 18-29 ..... Mail In Sign-Up
- 21 ..... Happy Hour - To Be Announced

### September

- 8 ..... General Meeting
- 21 ..... Happy Hour - To Be Announced

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ASAP!

SCSC is looking to fill the following  
positions for this year:

✓ **Auditor**

✓ **Board Member**

If interested please contact any current  
officer or board member



# FROM THE SKI DESK

by Susan Blome



Have you heard *the Buzz*??? There is excitement in the air as the 1997-1998 SCSC Trip Schedule is being finalized!!! There are lots of choices for everyone and the schedule is guaranteed to make your choice of trip(s) difficult. Where will you decide to ski next season???

The choices are simply fantastic! We'll begin the season at **Breckenridge** for Thanksgiving and the TSC Fall Round-up. December will find us at **Red River/Taos** so that Beginners can learn to ski or the more Advanced skiers can tune-up. This trip is a repeat of the successful trip to Red River last season, but this year we are planning a day to Taos to challenge the more experienced skier. How about a "**White Christmas**" for our Family Optional trip??? The location is not quite firm at this time, but this trip promises to offer challenging skiing and fun activities for all members and families. A *fantastic Christmas present* and, even better, it promises to be at a reasonable cost!

Have you found a "tempting" destination yet? If not, how about club trips to **Aspen, Big Mountain, Winter Park, Salt Lake City, or Heavenly Valley**? Or, party with fellow Texans at **Steamboat Springs** (TSC Traditional), **Sierra Nevada, Spain** (TSC Winter Expedition), **Telluride** (TSC Winter Shoot-out), or **Lake Louise, Canada** (TSC Final Showdown). And, not to be forgotten, **Queenstown, New Zealand** next Summer (TSC Summer Expedition).

Lots of trips to choose from and, by now, I hope you are excited too!!! So, the next questions are "*When can I sign up??*" and "*How much will it cost??*"

Our TCs and ATCs are currently exploring the numerous options (*Shall we stay at a hotel or condo? Ski-in/ski-out or a shuttle distance to the slopes? Fly to an airport close to the resort or spend a short time on a bus?*) all in preparation of their budget to ultimately provide our members with the most price effective and fun trips available. The August Sitzmarke will have the complete trip and price list, as well as, some brief information about each trip.

Mail-In Sign-up for trips will again be offered in August. But, to sign up for your favorite trip(s), you must be sure to get your membership application to **Dave Stotz, VP of Membership, by August 1st!**

The process of deciding Trip destinations and prices is truly a TEAM EFFORT. Our club is truly blessed with volunteers who have graciously helped in this process. A **BIG THANK YOU** goes to all TCs, ATCs, DOTs, the Ex-Com, the Board members, previous TCs and fellow members for their efforts and support. I am really impressed with the enthusiasm and work being done, and it's only just begun! The best part is that the enthusiasm is contagious!!

So, make 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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## Hot Gnus

The Hot Gnus column is back thanks to the input of **Julie Raley**. Julie reports that her husband, **Bill**, has been preparing for the New Zealand Trip by having knee surgery. Let's all hope that Bill has a speedy recovery. The timing for his surgery coincides with Julie's recovery from a virus that left her temporarily unable to talk.



The editor still can use your help, as he can not possibly see all, hear all, or know all without help from his unofficial reporters. The editor will keep his sources private unless requested by the source to be published. Any and all information that is received will be verified by the party or parties involved. Please help the editor and let's keep this column active.

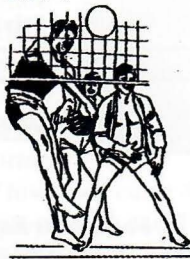
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## Volleyball Tournament

Saturday October 4, 1997

\$13.00

Backyard Bar & Grill



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Final Payment due: 09/08/97

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SCSC Activity

## Summer Dart Tournament



Friday July 18, 1997

7:00 P.M.

\$10.00

## Fun and Games

✓ Darts and Shuffleboard

✓ Cheap Drinks

✓ Buffet

✓ Prizes

**AC: Rod Hope**  
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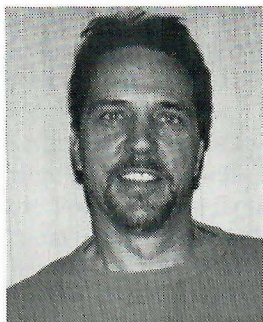
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## V. P. PROGRAMS

by Stan Broniak



Hello & welcome to another exciting month of SCSC fun, games. And activities. First of all I'd like to take a moment to thank those members that have come forward to suggest, or participate in running an upcoming event. IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!!! Meanwhile, the new summer season is in full swing and once again volunteers are urgently needed. Any reasonable event or activity will be

considered. In fact, we will even consider some unreasonable events, or activities (*just kidding*). But on somewhat of a serious note, please give me a call with your ideas or thoughts for upcoming events, games, or anything. It really will add to your enjoyment of the club and it's a great way to meet some new faces, (*and see some old friends*).

July's Happy Hour will be held at **The Last Concert Cafe**, 1403 Nance, on July 17th. This club is located just east of Downtown off of I-10 via the Nance exit, 713-226-8563. The **Last Concert** will offer SCSC members 50 cent Shiner Baches as well as domestic beers at \$2.00 and imports at \$3.00. A live band will also be performing that Thursday evening. It should be a great time for all. Also in July will be the **Dart Tournament** lead by **Rob Hope**, 281-277-8249. There is still plenty of room for you last minute players. **ATTENTION ALL BOWLERS!!** A bowling party has been approved for August 15th @ \$16.00 per person at the Brunswick Sharpstown Lanes, (Hillcroft/SW Fwy). Give me a call if you would be interested in coordinating or assisting in this event. A **Volleyball Tournament** will be held on Oct 4th at the Backyard Bar & Grill. This event is being hosted by **Barbara Penkala**, 713-207-2791(W), 713-747-1075(H). This has always been one of my favorites and it's always a great time to get a little exercise or just to hang out and "coach" your fellow SCSC buddies on to victory.

Future events that are in the process of being approved by the board are: Camping near Lake Conroe, Sept. 19th - 21st, Kayaking lessons, Sept. 13th???, Rice Football Game, Sept. 6th, Beach Bash, Oct 4th???, and a Golf Tournament, Nov. 1st???. In closing, if any of the above events sound exciting to you, just give me a call.. Volunteers are always greatly appreciated, and needed.

### Happy Hour

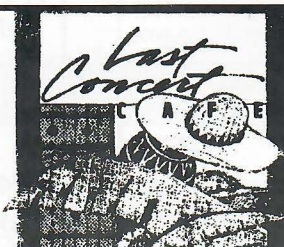
July 17, 1997

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

### The Last Concert Cafe

1403 Nance, 713-226-8563

*See Directions on the Right*



## PROGRAM ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

### ✓ Dart Tournament

AC: Rod Hope at 281 / 277-8249

Cost: \$10.00

Final Payment: 07/09/97

Activity Date: July 18, 1997

### ✓ Bowling Party

AC: Call Genevieve Marshall at 281 / 499-2828

Cost: \$16.00

Final Payment: 08/05/97

Activity Date: August 15, 1997

### ✓ Volleyball Tournament

AC: Barb Penkala at 713 / 747-1075

Cost: \$13.00

Final Payment: 09/08/97

Activity Date: October 4, 1997

### Directions to Happy Hour

**From I-10 East :** Take I-10 west to US 59 south to I-45 north, to I-10 east. Exit McKee/Hardy/Nance downtown, turn right on McKee, turn right on Nance. Knock to Enter.

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If you have questions, please call **Dee Dee Dowlin** or **Stan Broniak**. Their numbers are on page 2.





# Space City Ski Club 1997-1998 Trip Schedule

Trip Dates	Nights / Ski Days	Trip Destination	No. Skiers	TC/ATC (DOT)	Home Phone
Nov. 25-Nov. 30, 1997 (Tue.--Sun.)	5 / 4	<b>BRECKENRIDGE</b> Colorado (TSC Fall Roundup)	32	Kayleen Kill Joy Taylor (BAE)	(281) 855-4132 (713) 977-4401
Dec. 10-14, 1997 (Wed. - Sun.)	4/3½	<b>RED RIVER/TAOS</b> New Mexico (Learn to Ski /Skier Tune-up)	22	Charles Butler (EAB)	(281) 583-7515
Dec. 20-26, 1997 (Sat.--Fri.) Tentative		<b>TBA</b> Colorado (Christmas-Family Optional )	22	Cheryl DeWitt Mike Montgomery (BAE)	(713) 591-1337 (713) 772-3133
Jan. 10-17, 1998 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	<b>STEAMBOAT</b> Colorado (TSC Traditional)	64	Kathy Young Stacey Ronczy Marvin Volz (EAB)	(281) 497-5339 (713) 861-6470 (713) 782-7118
Jan. 13-18, 1998 (Tue.--Sun.)	5 / 4	<b>STEAMBOAT</b> Colorado (TSC Traditional)	32	Joan Henke Beth Wood (EAB)	(281) 367-4614 (281) 489-8304
Jan. 17-24, 1998 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	<b>ASPEN</b> Colorado (Winterskol)	32	Alan Bitzer Evangeline Ressler (EAB)	(281) 480-3107 (281) 558-0784
Jan. 24-31, 1998 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	<b>BIG MOUNTAIN</b> Montana (Return to Big Mountain)	32	Jeff Warren Steve Amy (BAE)	(281) 859-5812 (281) 870-0762
Jan. 30-Feb. 7, 1998 (Fri.--Sat.)	7 / 6	<b>SIERRA NEVADA</b> Spain (TSC Winter Expedition)	26	Gene Soo (EAB)	(281) 530-8559
Feb. 14-21, 1997 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	<b>TELLURIDE</b> Colorado (TSC Winter Shoot-out)	32	Ann Clinton Sharon Broughton (BAE)	(713) 785-6732 (713) 526-5783
Feb. 17-22, 1998 (Tues.--Sun.)	5 / 4	<b>TELLURIDE</b> Colorado (TSC Winter Shoot-out)	32	Jean Jackson Diane Keane (BAE)	(713) 977-8918 (713) 953-9654
Feb. 21-Feb. 28, 1998 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	<b>WINTER PARK</b> Colorado (Skiers Retreat)	32	Angie Westergren Sarah Granbery (EAB)	(281) 847-1070 (713) 523-7054
Feb. 28-March 7, 1998 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	<b>SALT LAKE CITY</b> Utah (Ski Utah)	32	Janet Arentzen Christie Burke (BAE)	(281) 367-2617 (713) 973-0130
Mar 14-21, 1998 (Sat.-Sat.)	7 / 6	<b>HEAVENLY VALLEY</b> Nevada (Spring Break)	32	Leona Schroeder Anita Gentry (EAB)	(713) 468-4609 (713) 468-8575
March 21-28, 1998 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	<b>LAKE LOUISE</b> Canada (TSC Final Showdown)	42	Ladye Freitag Mary Favre (EAB)	(281) 855-4110 (281) 265-7525
July 24-August 1, 1998	7 / 6	<b>QUEENSTOWN</b> New Zealand (TSC Summer Expedition)	22	Larry Christie (BAE)	(713) 802-9801

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# Steamboat Springs

by Janet Arentzen

Well after much selling and preparation, the last minute trip to Steamboat Springs was off. We all met at a reasonable time, 10:00am at the airport. While waiting to board the plane, several people got a jump start on what to do by talking to a local Steamboat resident. Several people munched on homemade cookies while we waited.

The first night was the meet and greet, which seemed like a high school dance to everyone. The chairs were along the walls and everyone was staring at each other. A group of 15 people headed out to find a restaurant willing and able to seat all of them. After 3 restaurants, they split into 2 groups but ended up at the same restaurant. Much to Heather Lecky and Richard Watts dismay they learned what "Fondue" was. When ordering, they thought the wait staff would cook the meat at the table. They were quite shocked when they found that they were to do the cooking. Sharon Broughton and Nancy Gentzel enjoyed watching their struggle.

The first day of skiing saw everyone rushing to the slopes. Chuck Gore was the first to fall to injury by re-injuring his shoulder. A few brave souls stayed on the mountain even when part of the mountain was closed due to high winds. Several reported being blown backwards while trying to ski downhill.

The second day was spring skiing at its best, blue skies and warm weather. Christine Milla led a few members down a treacherous mogul run called "Twister" and proved she was the best icy mogul skier of the group. Eric Prentis talked Christine Milla and Gunnar Heyne into joining him into catching "Big Air" off the snowboard jumps. After 4 successful jumps, trouble struck, during landing the skis flew and bodies splayed everywhere and when the snow settled, Eric was out of commission for the rest of the trip. Ask him to show you his bruise. Meanwhile on another part of the mountain, Becky Hauri had trouble of her own. After another skier collided with her, Becky found herself with a very injured knee and had a new addition to her wardrobe, knee brace and crutches. During the day, the TC Janet Arentzen skied so hard that she aggravated her tendonitis and was put out of commission.

That night Jaime Grana, John Smith, Rita Demko and Jim and Julie Moncur went to the Mineral hot springs to soak away the aches and pains of the day. Those in the Holiday Inn restaurant were treated to the sight of Becky, Eric and Janet hobbling to dinner.

The last day of skiing was great according to those who were able to ski. After getting 6-8 inches of new snow the ski bunnies were out enforce.

That night Don Macken, Sharon Broughton, Nancy Gentzel,

Rita Demko, Kelly Reynolds, Chuck Gore, Janet Arentzen and late stragglers Jim and Julie Moncur went to the local sports bar to watch the Rockets beat the Nuggets and eat buffalo wings.

Frank and Susan Stanley found themselves in search of the best hot fudge sundae in Steamboat. So where do you go?

Kelly Reynolds was well organized, she had reservations for dinner every night before she stepped on the slopes.

Phil Maersch retired his \$9 resale shop skis in favor of new Olin parabolics. He also feels he deserves a "Purple Heart" for a bruised left great toe after slipping on ice by the outdoor hot tub. Sorry Phil, there were already to many given out on this trip.

Sunday saw us departing, the buses were loaded, people aboard and the count was in and four were missing. After two frantic calls from the stranded participants (who shall remain nameless), the shuttles were dispatched to pick them up on the way to the airport. Who thought it would be so hard to get a taxi in Steamboat?

Well all were aboard the plane after a final party in the airport bar. As we left the terminal, the Continental staff were outside waving good-bye. It seems our flight was their last flight out of Hayden for the Season.

SCSC Activity

## Bowling Party

Brunswick Sharpstown Lanes

Friday August 15, 1997

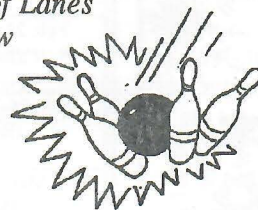
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# Sugarloaf

by Dana Wardell

Early Saturday morning on March 8th, forty-two excited "Maineacs" showed up for the early flight to adventure. Even ATC Barbara Weber and her wonderful husband, John Weber, were there to see us off with the coolers for all 63 skiers, even though their flight with the rest of the "Maineacs" wasn't til 9:30! That was just the beginning of all the hard work they did to make this a very special trip. Jim Halavonich and his great group of people met us with a hospitality suite and buses at the Portland airport. Steve Amy was followed around the grocery store by the manager after he was spotted putting a huge zucchini up his sleeve. (What ever became of that well traveled squash?) Upon arrival at our condos, many thanks go out to the wonderful lifting and toting done by Tim Malone, John Cook, Mike Rothermund, Robert "Toe-Tag" Todd, and others in getting all those ice chests up to the TC's second floor condo.

Sunday was a day of unbelievable skiing thanks to the two-foot dump of snow before we arrived. Kayleen Kill, John Rice, and Ron Rambin took a fast guided tour of the mountain. Unfortunately, Ron hit an ice patch at high speed and banged up his knee. But, with a couple of days rest and Roberta Rambin's TLC, he recovered well. At the TSC Welcome Party that night, the SCSC partiers were in full swing. Ask Sharon Smith, Debbie Bergeron, and Nancy Sarff about "SCSC peppering" our hosts, Jim Costello, Jim Halavonich, and Brud Folger. Didn't know you could dance that long! We also learned that Ann Flournoy filed several reports on her missing boot bag while George Flournoy combed the airport for it only to learn it was home by the back door with their dog patiently guarding it. Nancy Sarff's parents, Veda and Bill Mann, from New Jersey, joined us. We also met Dan Conery, Jr., who lives in the area and drove up for the week. Terry Thomas said Dan Conery and Dan Jr. burned about five cords of wood a night.

The snow storm Monday morning didn't slow these Texans much — Cheryl Houge brought her snowboard and was on a mission. Gary Butler and Charles Butler were seen blasting down the slopes in their Viking hats. Lila Davis and Irma



Rosendahl headed for the cross country course almost every day and said Sugarloaf was one of the best. I heard Irma had to be rescued by a good looking guy on a snowmobile, hmmm. Prior to heading for the Touring Center for our pre-St. Patrick's Day bash, Shirley Lang, Vicki Faulkner, and Ann McIntyre hosted Jell-O shots for the "long ride". Overheard at the party, "I'm not going to lie on my back and swallow that big thing!". We had a bird's eye view of the torchlight parade, then John Moss, Nancy Richard, and Robert "Toe-Tag" Todd did a little dish skiing down the slope. The green costumes for the party were wonderful. Marvin Volz was seen later in the week wearing Dorothy Miller's bright green eyelashes. Merrell Smith was wondering why he couldn't find any urinals in the Ladies Room. During the party, we celebrated Gary Butler and John Rice's birthdays, and the anniversaries of Sharon and Merrell

Smith, Dale and A.G. Davis, Vicky and Tommy McLaughlin, and Debbie and Ted Bergeron. After our party, we headed for the TSC Casino Night where Jeff Sarff was one of the big



winners. Richard Dinwiddie and Shirley Lang jitterbugged to a rousing ovation as a group of us danced to the wee hours at The Bag. Ask Mike Rothermund and Rod Hope what happened when they tried to ski home in the dark.

Freeport and L.L. Bean beckoned many of us on Tues-day. Among the shoppers seen running from store to store were Bruce Lowther, Llona and Chip

Doubet, Jeri Hartman, Roberta Rambin, David Launarey, Nancy Sarff and her mom, Veda Mann, Patricia Synatschk, Concietta Ruggiero, Jean Dowell, Ann Odegard, and Sally and Morris Brown. These were only a few of the thirty-seven

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## Sugarloaf (continued)



shopper who had a great time. Of course, **Ann Flournoy** took top honors with the most packages on the bus — she even skipped lunch! **Kim Page** and **Van Sturdivant** couldn't be bothered with shopping — they went snowmobiling and loved it.

Among the twelve adventurous skiers who skied Sugarloaf's sister mountain, Sunday River, on Wednesday were **Jerry Montgomery**, **Barb Ehrlich**, **Tim Malone**, and **Ron Rambin**. **Jerry** and **Ron** liked it so much they are lobbying to get a Space City trip to Sunday River in the near future. Meanwhile, back at Sugarloaf, someone should have known better than to post **John Cook** and **Steve Amy** as lookouts for a quick nature call in the woods. The boys must have been distracted by that big ole snowcat bearing down on them or the ski patrol standing beside them. That night the party animals went to hear the Reggae band at the Sugarloaf Brewing Co. and discovered there was more than one moon over Maine — just ask **Rod Hope**.

Thursday was cold with high winds greeting the racers. We had excellent participation thanks to race director **Kayleen Kill** and her able assistant, **John Weber**. Many thanks to all who braved the wind and raced! A cute ski patroller warned **Susan Blome** about the dangers of frostbite to her face — did he also offer to help you warm up? We were plenty warm by the time of the Down East Lobster and Clambake, although the consensus was that less grit would have been better. It was fun watching **Vicky McLaughlin** wipe off all that "green stuff" from the lobster. **Bill Clifford**, who kept on partying all week, just couldn't seem to get caught up on his sleep. The jigsaw puzzle in **Marsha Lutz**'s condo had become an obsession with **Ann Flournoy**, **Barb Ehrlich**, and **Marsha**. **George Flournoy** said that rooming with

women on ski trips is sort of like herding cats.

**Pam Smith** and **Stan Broniak** took a lot of teasing about their frequent nap times", so when they went to visit the **Webers** at "nap time", they managed to lock themselves out of their condo. Just whose purple underwear were those on the doorknob? Ask **John Cook** if the firemen came to have breakfast or were they just there to put the furniture back in its original configuration?

We did very well in the individual races on Friday. First Place honors went to **Cheryl Houge**, **John Cook**, and **Kayleen Kill** with **Jeff Sarff** bringing home a third place. Way to go!! The TSC Final

Awards Party was a blast especially since Space City took the trophy for First Place. Rock Star wannabe's **Marsha Lutz** and **John Rice** battled it out on the stage with inflatable guitars and were the hit of the evening. **Lilla Davis** learned the Macarena and we kept on partying while it kept on snowing.

Of course, with snow all night the planes were delayed and we ended up missing our plane out of Newark for Houston. But, Continental did a good job of putting all of us up in a lovely hotel and getting us out early from La Guardia. **John Moss**, my guardian angel, went above and beyond the call of duty to get the excess baggage and me to our hotel that night. I'll never forget our wild ride through Chinatown with "Check Engine Soon". When we arrived hours later, **Barbara Weber** had everyone organized and fed with a room for their tired heads. You have my undying gratitude.

It was a great trip. The Sugarloaf crew were wonderful to work with throughout the year and knocked themselves out for us. Sugarloaf is definitely a must on our list of future ski trips even if some of em talk funny!





# 1997 Follies – Best Little Ski Club in Texas

by Peggy Montgomery

The 1996-97 Ski season ended with a BANG this year with the first and only performance of the **BEST LITTLE SKI CLUB IN TEXAS**. As SCSC members moved from the foyer into the ballroom of the Holiday Inn Select they quickly realized from the stage props why this event had been billed as a “not your typically Follies, Follies” (of course as you read this article remember I am slightly prejudice as I helped write and then produced and directed this year’s entertaining Follies.)

For those of you who missed the May General Meeting the pictures in this month’s *Sitz* will give you the flavor of how entertaining *The Best Little Ski Club in Texas* was, but with this article I’d like to take you back to the beginning.....

Almost before the curtain closed on the 1996 Follies, Fred Arbuckle approached several individuals with an idea of doing a take off on *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* for the 1997 Follies. A few people, including myself, said “Sure we’ll help” and a committee was formed beginning with Fred, Sy Liebergot, Gary Butler and me, as well as, Morna Simon-Raffel and Dave Hargett (who participated in some of the great Follies of the early eighties.) An organizational meeting was held in July, 1996. (Let this be a lesson to you when you step up to volunteer—don’t miss that all important first meeting—I unfortunately was out of town and came back to learn I was the producer!) Things progressed and Fred provided an initial script outline and then a more detailed outline with words for some of the songs. As time went on the Fred and I went back and forth with the script, both continuing to develop our creative talents. When Fred would get stumped with words for a song I would work on it and finally we ended up with some great lyrics. (Although along the way Craig Liebergot and Nancy Sarff decided they would think twice about going skiing with me again when we have a four hour drive—on the way to and from Albuquerque to Purgatory I convinced them to help me write or rewrite the words to three of the songs. Elyse Turla also got involved in the rewriting of songs when she took the initial rewrite of “Pissant” and massaged it into the presented form!)

As the rewriting was occurring we

decided to expand our committee with Sharon Smith, Nancy Sarff and Debbie Bergeron agreeing to help go through the list of members who had volunteered and matching up people with the various parts. (It’s so much fun to be the producer—I also got to identify people I wanted to use for certain scenes.) Meantime, Morna was coming up with some great set and costuming ideas and Dave was hard at work trying to locate



musicians, while Sy was constantly making tapes of the music for us to pass out to the various performers. Finally, it reached the point where some of the songs could be turned over to Marti Toomer for choreographing and Debborah Christie was enlisted to help come up with ideas for the “LIFTERS” between scenes performances. It was also about this time that Merrel Smith agreed (or maybe was arm-twisted!) into figuring out how the sets Morna and I wanted were going to be made. (Its amazing he took our set ideas figured out how to make them all

work on stage!)

Around this time Dave and I were also exchanging notes on musicians and were much relieved when Joanne Vandermeer volunteered to play the piano. DAVE then got a couple of personal friends, Jim Mccray and Mike Brinkmeyer (who by the way plays in a band called Telstars) to participate. (I’m sure all agree the band was a great addition!) In the background Julia



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## 1997 Follies (continued)

Long was working on the program, which looked great, but unfortunately lost a few names when transferred to Gary Butler's computer for a final printing. By now many of the volunteers were not only committing time, but were making monetary contributions because the Follies had a fixed budget, leaving little room for extras—like refreshments at rehearsals, the Lifters props (*partly courtesy of Joe Walker and Deborah Christie*) and of course when I asked the women in the bus scene to wear “teddies” (or in Elyse's case the custom made T-shirt) some investment in lingerie had to be made—yes, husbands and boyfriends can thank SCSC for the latest in red and black undergarments—hopefully that is not an expense of which they will complain!! This is also a great time to thank Susan Wicker for the bar scene drinks, particularly the “gold slogger” everyone downed in the last bar scene.

By April people were beginning to practice in small groups and we had a couple of full group rehearsals. Several SCSCers also got together one Saturday to build the sets (see listing under CAST and CREW). Things began to come together (*sort of*), although, when one of the cast members came up to me at a group session and said “how are you staying calm—will this really work” I had to assure him that no matter how bad it looked, from previous experiences



with the Follies, I knew it would come together—and come together it did!!—partly because the core group of people mentioned above put their hearts and souls in it, but largely because all the individuals listed under CAST AND CREW were willing to learn a few lines, do a few crazy things and have a good time—and in Kayleen Kill's case learn a song at the dress rehearsal the Sunday night before the Follies. Also, because of people like Gene Soo, who came to help set up for the dress rehearsal, but was enlisted to handle the overhead lights, and Van Sturdevant, who came in early on Monday to do some final set up



and then drove all the way home (way out north) to get his truck to carry the large back drops home after the show (MERREL unfortunately had an accident on Monday preventing him from being able to use his van to remove these items from the hotel.)

As Fred said on the night of the Follies “DON'T YOU JUST LOVE IT WHEN A PLAN COMES TOGETHER!!”

My thanks to all of you who came through, including Pat McBride & Chris Sheehan who contributed the great Follies photos in this Sitz—and to those of you who enjoyed it—think about it and be one of those on the stage or behind the scenes next year!!

One final note—someone who did not get enough recognition the night of the Follies, but who I have to assure you we could not have done without is Merrel Smith—without his ability to make an idea into a set we would have been hard pressed to put this production on!

THANKS TO ALL FOR AN OUTSTANDING JOB!!

(P.S. — I have a pair of women's shoes that were left in the changing room. Please contact me at 281/437-5467 to make arrangements to pick them up.)





# 1997 Follies (continued)

## 1997 SCSC FOLLIES CAST AND CREW



Producer/Director:  
Script Ideas/Associate Director:  
Script:  
Assistant Directors:  
Set Director:  
Liftliner Assistant:  
Choreography:  
Creative Consultant:  
Set Consultant:  
Sound:  
Music Director:

Peggy Montgomery  
Fred Arbuckle  
Fred Arbuckle & Peggy Montgomery  
Sharon Smith, Debbie Bergeron, Nancy Sarff  
Merrel Smith  
Deborah Christie  
Martie Toomer  
Gary Butler  
Morna Simon-Raffel  
SSy Liebergot  
Dave Hargett  
JoAnne VanderMeer  
Jim McGary  
Mike Brinkmeyer

Bass  
Piano  
Drums  
Steel Guitar

**CAST:**  
Bartender: Frank Riensenberg  
Doatsy Mae: Craig Liebergot  
Al B. Sitzmarke: Jim Felker  
Colorado Skier: Patti Maudslay  
Ms. Mona: Llona Doubet  
Pissant Country Girls: Kim Page & Elyse Turla  
Camera Crew: Sam Farrington & Kayleen Kill  
The Lifters: Larry Christie, Joanie Eastwood, Cheryl Houge, Lynda Hysell, Joe Loe & Joe Walker  
The Bus Women: Debbie Bergeron, Llona Doubet, Kim Page, Nancy Sarff, Sharon Smith & Elyse Turla  
The Bus Guys: Fred Arbuckle, Ted Bergeron, Don Crabtree, Gunnar Heyne, Jerry Montgomery, Jeff Sarff & Mat Sheehan  
California Couple: Gary and Sharon Sequeira  
The New Yorkers: Linda Licarione & Shirley Lang  
Mountain Skiers: Jeri Hartman, Heidi Heinrich & Kayleen Kill  
Bar Maid: Susan Wicker  
Bar Patrons: Joanne Fore and Joe Kulpinsky  
Back Stage Help: Chip Doubet, Russell Benham, Maryann McGinnis, John Schneider, Lisa Smith, Van Sturdevant, Jeff Warren & Charles Winter  
Spotlights: Bill Kirk, Robert Clements and Linda Guice  
Stage Lights: Gene Soo  
Program: Julia Long  
Set Builders: Merrel Smith, Sharon Smith, Russell Benham, John Schneider, Gene Soo, Gary Butler, Tom Danowski, Larry Christie, Deborah Christie, Llona Doubet, Chip Doubet, Ted Bergeron, Debbie Bergeron, Lisa Smith, Joe Walker, Peggy Montgomery, Jerry Montgomery  
Set Artistic Touches: Deborah Christie, Llona Doubet, Ted Bergeron & Joe Walker

### Words of Song Adapted by: *Twenty Lifts a Turning*

Peggy Montgomery & Fred Arbuckle  
*Sung By:* Frank Riensenberg, Lifters, Debbie Bergeron,  
Nancy Sarff, Sharon Smith & Elyse Turla

### *Lil' Pissant Snow Ski Club*

Peggy Montgomery, Fred Arbuckle & Elyse Turla  
*Sung by:* Elyse Turla and Kim Page

### *Texas Has A Ski Club In It*

Fred Arbuckle  
*Sung by:* Jim Felker, Kayleen Kill, Sam Farrington, the New Yorkers and  
California Couple

### *Doatsy Mae*

Peggy Montgomery, Fred Arbuckle, Craig Liebergot & Nancy Sarff  
*Sung by:* Craig Liebergot accompanied by "the Bus Women"

### *Guys Bus Song*

Fred Arbuckle  
*Sung by:* "The Bus Guys"

### *Bring on the Men*

Peggy Montgomery, Craig Liebergot, Nancy Sarff  
*Sung by:* Craig Liebergot & "the Bus Women"

### *Race Day*

Fred Arbuckle, Peggy Montgomery, Craig Liebergot & Nancy Sarff  
*Sung by:* Craig Liebergot

### *Texas Snowstep*

Fred Arbuckle & Peggy Montgomery  
*Sung by:* Jim Felker, Camera Crew, Mountain Skiers, the  
New Yorkers and California Couple

Special thanks to  
1) Nancy Sarff and Columbia Bellaire Medical Center for use of the Bellaire Medical Plaza Conference room for rehearsals  
2) Sharon Smith and Kuehne & Nagel for warehouse to build sets  
3) Bonnie Ambrose for discount on lighting  
4) **HOLIDAY INN SELECT** for use of the ballroom Sunday and Monday

Note: for those volunteers that did not receive a T-Shirt, please call me as soon as possible to receive one.



# Spring Golf Tournament

by Chris Sheehan



**1st PLACE LOW NET** - Matt Sheehan also won Closest to the Pin for men. Left to right: Chris Sheehan, Joe Daleo, Teri Thomas, Matt Sheehan



**2nd PLACE LOW NET** - Kay Cain Closest to the Pin. Left to right: Ed Cain, Kay Cain, Ron Rabin and Jeff Sarff.

The Space City Ski Club Spring Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Longwood Golf Club. The weather was beautiful and we couldn't have asked for a better day. Participants began to arrive around 10:30am to warm up on the driving range and putting green. The first foursome teed-off at 11:30am and the last four-some teed-off at 1:30pm.

Twelve four person teams participated in a scramble event. A scramble is a "Best Ball" format where all four players on the team hit from the best shot location. This format allows players of all abilities to participate and have fun.

Speaking of fun, rumor has it that the foursome of Mary Ann McGuiness, Cathy Brown, Carol Kirkland, and Russell Benham was actually a five-some on the second nine when Mr. Jack Daniels rode in Russell's cart.

And now the results! Two groups tied for the lowest "Gross Score", an Eleven under par score of 61. Group One consisted of Ray Herndon, Ron Roscoe, Susan Kyseika, and Carl Tolbert. The second group consisted of Matt Sheehan, Chris Sheehan, Terri Thomas, and Joe Daleo. Matt, Chris, Terri, and Joe had the lowest "Net Score" of 39.8 (adjusted score after handicaps). The second best net score was turned in by the team of Jeff Sarff, Ron Rabin, Kay Cain, and Ed Cain with an 75 Gross / 42 Net offering. The third best net team included Jeff Warren, Linda Licarione, Dennis Davenport, and Becky Pearson. Their score(s) were 80 Gross / 48 Net.

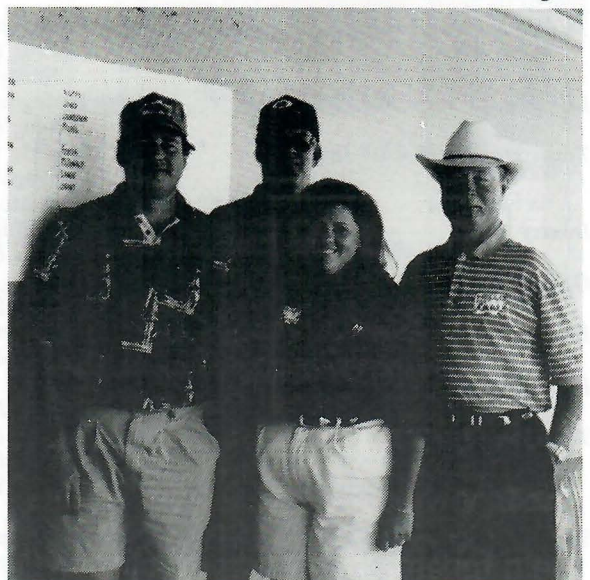
The Closest to the Pin contests were won with the dead-eye shots of Kay Cain (women) and Matt Sheehan (men). The Longest



**3rd PLACE LOW NET** - Left to right: Linda Lacarione, Dennis Davenport, Becky Pearson, Jeff Warren.

Drive contests were won with the monster tee shots of Ricki McKenna (women) and by Ron Roscoe (men).

Thank you to ALL of the participants, to LONGWOOD GOLF CLUB, to Debbie Warren and Sue Salvage who helped out with check-in and picture taking, and especially to Activity Coordinator Russell Benham for making this activity such a success!



**1st PLACE LOW GROSS** - Left to right: Ra Herndon, Ron Roscoe, Susan Kyselka, Carl Tolbert.



# Canoe Trip

by Sarah Granbery and Mike Montgomery

Mike Montgomery led Ann Ward, Charles Beagio, Jeri Wilson, Peggy Schillinger, Bob Butler Yvonne Guy, Ray Besser, and Sarah Granbery off to New Braunfels on a wild river adventure the weekend of May 16, 17, and 18<sup>th</sup>. The group of soon to be "river rats" left Houston Friday night and went west in search of white water thrills with one stop for dinner a Schobels' in Columbus. After the sun screened adventurers loaded up for a short trip north to Spencer's Canoe rental on the San Marcus River.

The river trip started out with a dunking at the first set of rapids for Bob Butler, Ann Ward, and Yvonne Guy. As we approached the rapids we could see a troop of Boy Scouts trying to untangle a kayak and canoe. The brave threesome attempted the rapids but it got the best of them and they all took a swim. It happened again before they had time to dry out from the first dunking. After the second dunking Ann Ward, still tender from recent surgery, decided she wasn't cut out to be a "river rat" and took a land tour back to the canoe rental store with Bob Butler gallantly accompanying her.

Yvonne Guy and Sara Granbery joined together to continue down the river. They too had difficulty with a low tree and fast moving water. Canoeist Yvonne Guy seemed to be the common denominator of which canoe got a bonus swim and those that stayed dry.

A little further down the river the remaining seven stopped for a picnic lunch of cheese, crackers, fruits, and of course assorted beverages. There were several sightings of turtles sunning and even a few snakes but none would come close to this group!

After lunch Jeri Wilson and Sarah Granbery canoed together and seemed to have a magnetism for gnarled trees. One set of rapids sent them under a forked tree causing Sarah to have to lay down on her back and push them off from under the tree. It would have been a great clip of America's Funniest Home Videos. Jeri was laughing so hard she couldn't paddle for a few minutes. This difficult maneuver was witnessed by a whole troop of Boy Scouts having a picnic on the riverbank.

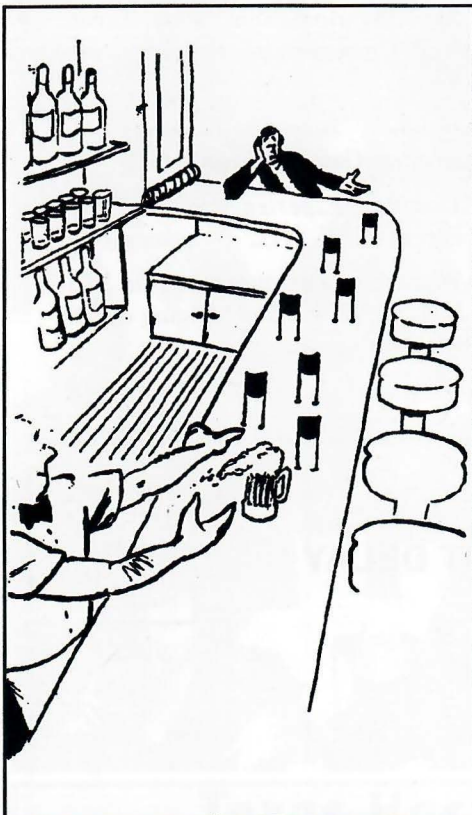
The remainder of the trip was fairly peaceful and we "took out" in time to catch the last quarter of the Rockets game, which of course they won.

After a quick clean-up everyone took off for Gruene, Texas where we had a relaxing dinner, over looking the Gualalupe river, at the Grist Mill Restaurant, after which we wandered around in the antique and T-shirt shops and then headed over to Gruene Hall for some "Two Stepping". Jeri wilson's lessons at SSQQ really paid off and she could dance with anyone.

On Sunday morning Yvonne Guy got out of bed and was doing some stretching exercises and tells her roommate Sarah Granbery that she feels like she got run over by a canoe, to which Sarah responded "more than once"!

Sunday morning the group left New Braunfels for a one hour tour of Natural Bridge Caverns and then Mike, Sarah, Yvonne, and Charles headed to San Antonio for lunch at Mi Tierra's in Market Square while Bob, Ann, Jeri, and Ray returned to Houston.

A good time was had by all!



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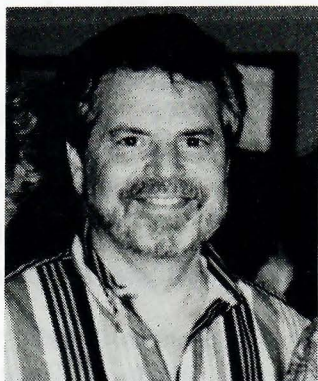
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**DOT**

**Eddie Bayersdorfer**

*Service:* Director of Trips

*Birthplace:* Cincinnati, Ohio

*Occupation:* Regional Logistics  
Manager

*Where do you live?* Galleria

*Been an SCSC Member since?* 1992

*Marital Status?* Happily Married

*Skiing Level?* Intermediate

*Previous Trips?* Snowmass, Park  
City, Winter Park, Steamboat Springs

*Hobbies?* Racehorse Handicapping,  
Golf, Gourmet Cooking, Dancing,  
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo,  
and Rodeo Committee Member

*Volunteer Experience in SCSC?*  
Membership Desk, Greeter,  
Ambassador, TC, ATC

*What do you enjoy most about SCSC?*  
The great people, the variety of  
activities, and all of the fun.



**DOP**

**Dee Dee Dowlin**

*Service:* Director of Programs

*Birthplace:* San Jose, California

*Occupation:* Systems Developer

*Where do you live?* Montrose

*Been an SCSC Member since?* 1994

*Marital Status?* Happily Single

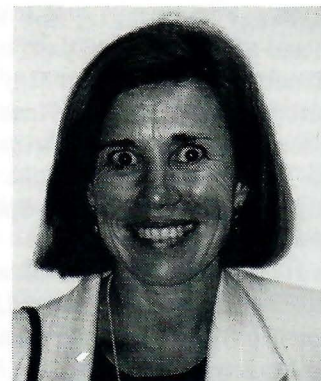
*Skiing Level?* NONE - SHREDDER

*Previous Trips?* Vail, Aspen, Vail,  
Purgatory

*Hobbies?* Art, Volleyball, Basketball,  
Poetry, Swimming, Drinking Beer,  
Listening to Live Bands, and having  
Lot's of Fun!

*Volunteer Experience in SCSC?* TC,  
ATC, Horseback Riding

*What do you enjoy most about SCSC?*  
The fabulous eclectic group of people  
that make up SCSC! And knowing  
that I'll always find friendly faces at  
every SCSC event!



**DOT**

**Barb Ehrlich**

*Service:* Director of Trips

*Birthplace:* Chicago

*Occupation:* Engineer

*Where do you live?* Heights

*Been an SCSC Member since?* 1989?

*Marital Status?* Single

*Skiing Level?* Advanced

*Previous Trips?* Jackson Hole, Big  
Sky, Sugarloaf, Sun Valley, Aspen,  
Vail, Crested Butte, Heavenly, and  
Taos

*Hobbies?* Bicycling, Running,  
Rockets Games, Theater, Golf

*Volunteer Experience in SCSC?* Race  
Director, TC, ATC

*What do you enjoy most about SCSC?*  
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