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Head of the Liftline

by Jim Edwards



The Fab Four / The Fantastic Fourteen-hundred Come Together — I just almost can't wait! By the time you get this, our first General Meeting of the year will be just around the corner. Don't forget to show up at the **Holiday Inn Select (Hwy 59 @ Kirby)** on September 8th at 7:00pm. Get there early, because I (*and several others*) haven't seen you in a coon's age and we really want some time to visit before the meeting gets started.

Ticket to Ride — That's what you'll be without if you don't get signed up for a ski trip with all of your friends pretty soon. Many of you

took advantage of last month's mail-in sign-up and are already booked, or at least on the wait list. If you didn't, the September meeting serves as Early Sign-up—Part Deux, your next best bet to get on the ski trip of your choice. Either way, come to the meeting to meet the trip leaders and get more detailed info on each trip. By the way, if you don't have a group of friends to ski with, just pick a trip and sign on — you'll have several by the time you return.

Nowhere Man — If a ski trip isn't in your immediate plans, there is still no need to sit home alone. There will also be opportunities at the meeting to sign up for a non-ski activity, or two, or more. There are so many activities to choose from this fall, half the fun is deciding which ones to join.

Magical Mystery Tour — A club ski trip is often magical, and this is no mystery. In fact, there are several things that can make a ski vacation really special. One is sharing the trip with a group of friends (*or new friends*) as many of us do every year in SCSC. Another is the organized events or parties (*Twist and Shout*) SCSC prepares for a trip. From these are formed cherished memories or (*factoring in the degree of "fun" to which one dedicates oneself*) cherished regrets! Finally, you can make a trip special through the experience of introducing a friend or acquaintance to the sport and watching them grow to enjoy it as much as you do. Therefore ...

Got To Get You Into My (SCSC) Life — Maximize your enjoyment on the ski trip of your choice this year by introducing a cohort at work or a neighborhood friend to SCSC. OK, I know you really need to get away from your boss and maybe one or two others for a while. There's probably someone, though, with whom you share lunch, or a workout, or time at the local watering hole, etc., who'd make a great ski buddy. Show them your *Sitzmarke* (*this publication, I mean*) and/or bring them to a meeting. Do it NOW, while there is still space on your trip and memberships are available (*SCSC has a 1400 member limit*). You'll be glad you did, and SCSC may gain another great member — just like you!



Until we next meet, take care on **The Long and Winding Road** and, when you can, just **Let It Be. Yeah, Yeah, Yeah ...**

Remember for the latest ski club information

and activities - call the

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713-688-SCSC





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Volunteers Needed ASAP!!

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CALENDAR

September						
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September

- 6 Rice Football Game
- 8 General Meeting
- 13 Kayaking/Canoeing
- 18 Happy Hour - Two Rows Sports Bar
- 19-21 Camping Trip
- 27 Ice Skating

October						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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October

- 4 Volleyball Tournament
- 10-12 Beach Bash
- 13 General Meeting
- 19 Skate to Ski
- 26 Road Rally

November						
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November

- 1 Fall Golf Tournament
- 8 Wine Tasting
- 10 General Meeting-Fashion Show
- 16 Greyhound Racing
- 22 Cirque Du Soleil
- 25-30 TSC Fall Roundup @ Breckenridge

December

- 8 General Meeting
- 10-14 Red River/Taos
- 18 Happy Hour
- 20-26 Purgatory

FROM THE SKI DESK

by Susan Blome



It is only September (*actually early August as I write this*) and it is very hard for many of us to believe that NOW is the TIME to sign up to go skiing next season. After all, it's not even Labor Day yet and the first snowfall is still several months away... But, YES, NOW is the time to start thinking about putting a deposit on your favorite ski destination for next season. If you want to sign up during early mail-in, I'm afraid that it is too late. Mail-in sign up has closed, (*and, I wish I could give you an update*) but, that doesn't mean you can't go on the trip of your choice!

How then, can you now sign up for a trip?? Well, the answer is simple!! Join us at our 1st General Meeting of the season on Monday, September 8th at the Holiday Inn Select - 2712 Southwest Freeway.

Even if you have signed up for a trip during mail in sign-up, the General Meeting is your first chance to see all of the trips displayed. This is also an ideal opportunity to get an update on the trip and answers to all of your questions from our super TCs & ATCs. Visit with them and, if the trip has openings, it only takes \$ 100 (\$ 300 for Spain & New Zealand) to hold a spot for your 97-98 ski vacation.

Afraid the trip of your choice has been filled?? Not to worry!!! The best deal in town is SCSC's trip WAIT LIST. Why is this such a great deal??? Well, simply put, there is absolutely NO RISK!!! Your deposit check is held by the TC until you elect to join the trip and, until then, your deposit check is totally returnable. When an open spot becomes available, the TC contacts you and, at this time, you choose to accept or decline the open spot. Totally your option!! Once you accept a place on a trip, then your check will be deposited and all standard SCSC cancellation policies apply. If you decline, your name goes to the bottom of the list for the next round or you may request to have your deposit check returned. And, ask around....the WAIT LIST is a super way of signing up for a trip!! Unfortunately, plans sometimes change and folks simply cannot go on the trip they originally signed up for. The WAIT LIST insures that you get a chance at the opening!! The first trip I went on with SCSC was after I cleared a Trip Wait List. So, I know first hand that they work!

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to our hard working DOTs, TCs & ATCs. While many of us have just been trying to just stay cool this summer, they are continuing their efforts to bring us SUPER TRIPS at SUPER VALUES!! Last month the gremlins somehow found their way into my trip list, but the SUPER DOTs, TCs and ATCs were kind in their messages to point out my oversights and errors. I don't care how many times I've looked at this list, there is always something that seems to miss my attention. My apologies for the errors!!! The BEST ADVICE I can give is to contact the TCs & ATCs for the latest and accurate details on the trip of your choice.


A few changes are totally out of our control. For example, the TSC Winter Expedition to Sierra Nevada, Spain trip has just recently changed dates and now will depart on Saturday, January 31st and return on Sunday, February 8, 1998. And, we are still not exactly sure how the change to the Federal Tax on Airline tickets will impact prices... but, rest assured, we will find out the details and insure that you are made aware of any changes to the trip.

Lots of destinations, options, and decisions!!! If only we could all go on each and every trip, then the only problem would be 'how' to pay for them!




NOW IS THE TIME to make your plans to ski with Space City in 97/98!!!
Enjoy the remainder of the summer and remember to **THINK SNOW!!!**

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Recovering from the surgical ward in preparation for this ski season:

Eddie Bayersdorfer, DOT

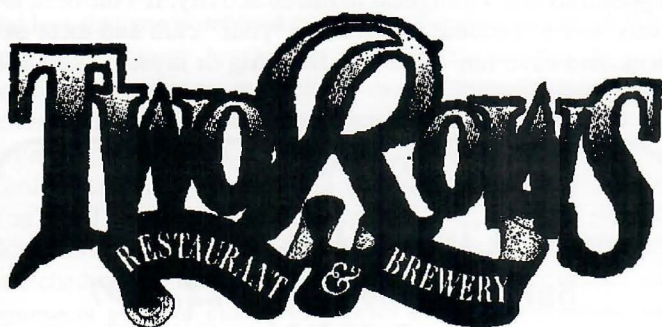
Diane Keane, ATC

We wish you a speedy recovery for the upcoming season.

SCSC Activity

HAPPY HOUR September 18, 1997

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



Restaurant & Brewery

In the Village Arcade
2400 University

SCSC Activity

Canoeing / Kayaking Outing On a Lake

Saturday, September 13, 1997

\$35.00

Includes Lunch

Optional 1 Hour

Lesson, - \$15.00

AC: Nancy Meier

11835 Plumpoint

Houston, Tx 77099

281-568-7058 (H)

Final Payment due: 08/21/97

Adults Only

SCSC Activity

Rice vs. Air Force Academy

Rice Stadium

September 6, 1997

7:00 -10:00 P.M.

\$8.00

AC: Nora Corke

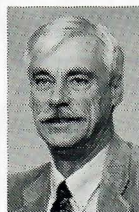
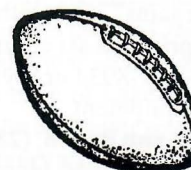
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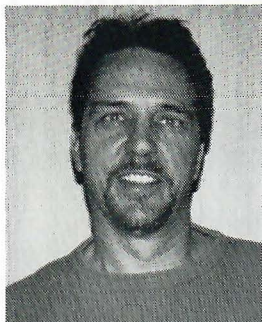
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V. P. PROGRAMS

by Stan Broniak



Hey and Hello once again. This month begins what we all have been anxiously awaiting, not just cooler weather, but the start of SCSC's monthly meeting schedule at the Holiday Inn Select on Sept. 8th. Needless to say, please plan on arriving early to scope out all the upcoming activities, and SCSC's 1997- 1998 ski trip offerings. Perhaps your favorite trip location wasn't filled by the early mail-in sign-up? Now is your chance!!! Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend this first meeting. However, **Dee Dee Dowling**, the Director of Programs will be in attendance to answer your questions about upcoming activities, or recruit volunteers for this year's always expanding activity list.

Before I forget a few last minute corrections. The Rice Football outing for Sept. 6th incorrectly listed **Nora Corke's** phone number. The correct numbers are 218-752-0522 (H) and 281-336-4482 (W). Secondly, the Fall Golf Tournament, by popular demand has been moved to November 1st. Contact **Ralph Akin** for additional info, (713-651-9667).

Volunteers and merchandise are still needed for the October Swap meet. The Swap Meet will offer those hard to find "bargains", from other member's valuable?, previously used, yet priceless ski equipment. Please contact **Dee Dee Dowling** at 713-527-8931 or myself at 281-531-6147 to offer your time or ski equipment.

Lynn Burch, (281-955-5511), will be roaming the meeting this September, recruiting models and other volunteers for the November Fashion Show. I've even modeled in this event before, and most of those present at the time have long since recovered (*more or less*). It's another great way to meet people in the club, check out the latest ski wear, have a great time, and earn two valuable drink coupons!

A quick run down of the next few month's activities. September's Happy Hour will be held at Two Rows Sports Bar, (*please see the ad in this month's Sitz*), in Rice Village. October's location, in keeping with the theme of Oktoberfest, will be located at a new club called "Wiedeman's Brew Haus, just south of Sam's Boat, south of Richmond and Bering. Plenty of German Music and Beer, and maybe a few of those hats with feathers in them. Sept. 6th has **Nora Corke** quarterbacking the gang to the Rice Football Game, \$8.00 with a limited number of tickets. Sept. 13th has **Nancy Meier** launching a canoeing/kayaking activity. \$35.00 with lunch included, optional kayaking lesson \$15.00 extra. Sept. 19-21 has **Julie Raley** pioneering a great weekend of "resort camping". Swimming, tennis, miniature golf, the works. Bring your water toys!! Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast included. This will be a great family camping trip for only \$17.00. Finally in September, **David Corbin**, never one to be on thin ice, will lead a group for one hour of Ice skating with two instructors available. \$16.00 per person.



October 4th has **Barbara Penkala** setting the way for SCSC' annual Volleyball Tournament. Lots of Fun and of course valuable prizes. All for only \$13.00. Oct. 10- 12 has **John Burk** washing up on the Beach, so to speak with another popular event, The Beach Bash. Food, Fun, Drinks, Games, Fun People, Surprises, Etc. \$90 per person. This one will fill fast. Oct. 19th has **Dale "The Blademeister" Allbritton**, offering a rollerblade outing/picnic at Cullen Park. \$25.00. Don't miss this one!! Finally on October 26th, **Deborah Christie**, will be driving us all crazy. We will all be scratching our heads, trying to solve her clues, looking for that mystery location, at the completion of her road rally. \$18.00 per person, with valuable prizes for accuracy, and best "road rally attire".

In closing, volunteers are always needed and most importantly, appreciated. Please step forward with your suggestions and willingness to run an activity. It's the best, low stress way to become involved in "your" club and meet new faces, and have fun. Give **Dee Dowling** or myself a call with your suggestions.

SCSC Activity

Cirque Du Soleil

Saturday, November 22, 1997
8:30 P.M.



AC: **Debi Altenbern**
2220 Bering Dr. #4
Houston, Tx 77057
713-784-6752 (H)

Final Payment due: 10/20/97

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SCSC Activity

Family Camping Trip Lake Conroe

September 19 - 21, 1997
1:00 P.M. Friday - 7:00 P.M. Sunday
\$17.00

Resort Camping. Swimming, Tennis,
Miniature Golf,
Saturday Meals
Sunday Breakfast included

AC: **Julie Davis - Raley**
315 Falworth Dr.
Houston, Tx 77060
281-873-8730 (H)

Final Payment due: 09/01/97



SCSC Activity

Greyhound Racing

Sunday, November 16, 1997
\$18.00

includes Round Trip Bus, Admission,
Refreshments, and Free Opinions

AC: Craig Campbell
P.O. Box 96743
Houston, Tx 77213-6743
713-453-5798(H)
Final Payment due: 11/04/97



SCSC Activity

Skate to Ski Clinic

Get in Shape to Ski Picnic
Sunday, October 19, 1997
\$25.00

Cullen Park 8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

AC: Dale Allbritton
6910 Bellaire Blvd. Unit #4
Houston, Tx 77074
281-498-8185 (H)
Final Payment due: 10/13/97



SCSC Activity

Ice Skating

At the Aerodrome in Sugarland
Saturday, September 27, 1997
8:00 - 9:00 P.M. - \$16.00.

Includes Skates, 2 Instructors Available

AC: David Corbin
2630 Woodwick
Sugarland, Tx 77478
281-980-6059 (H)
Final Payment due: 09/08/97



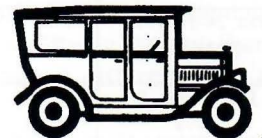
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SCSC Activity

Road Rally

Join Us for An Afternoon of Excitement
Sunday, October 26, 1997
\$18.00
2:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

AC: Deborah Christie
6205 Pickens St.
Houston, Tx 77007
713-802-9801 (H)
Final Payment due: 10/13/97



SCSC Activity

Volleyball Tournament

Saturday October 4, 1997
\$13.00
Backyard Bar & Grill

AC: Barb Penkala
8181 El Mundo #2002
Houston, Tx 77054
713-747-1075(H)
Final Payment due: 09/08/97



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SCSC Activity

Fall Golf Tournament

Saturday November 1, 1997
\$50.00

Willowfork Country Club
12:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

AC: Ralph Akin
12625 Memorial #127
Houston, Tx 77024
713-651-9667 (H)
Final Payment due: 10/13/97



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SCSC Activity

Beach Bash

October 10 - 12th, 1997
\$90.00
Bolivar Peninsula
12:00 P.M. Friday - 4:00 P.M. Sunday

AC: John Burk
6810 Feathercreek
Houston, Tx 77086
281-445-1958 (H)
Final Payment due: 09/10/97



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SCSC Activity

Wine Tasting & Gourmet Buffet

November 8th, 1997
\$18.00
Leibman's, Memorial @ Kirkwood
7:00 P.M.

AC: Nicky Minear
911 Woodfern Glen
Pearland, Tx 77584
713-436-9518 (H)
Final Payment due: 10/16/97



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Space City Ski Club

1997 - 1998 Trip Schedule

Trip Dates	Nights / Ski Days	Trip Destination	Cost (See Notes)	Final Payment	Lodging	No. Skiers	TC/ATC (DOT)	Home Phone
Nov. 25-Nov. 30, 1997 (Tue.--Sun.)	5 / 4	BRECKENRIDGE Colorado (TSC Fall Roundup)	\$575 F \$360 L (See note)	Oct. 9, 1997	Beaver Run (Condo)	32 (10-L)	Kayleen Kill Joy Taylor (BAE)	(281) 855-4132 (713) 977-4401
Dec. 10-14, 1997 (Wed.--Sun.)	4 / 3½	RED RIVER/TAOS New Mexico (Learn to Ski /Skier Tune-up)	\$298	Oct. 10, 1997	Ponderosa Lodge (Hotel)	22	Charles Butler (EAB)	(281) 583-7515
Dec., 21-28, 1997 (Sun.--Sun.)	7 / 6	PURGATORY Colorado (Christmas-Family Optional)	\$619	Oct. 13, 1997	(Condo)	32	Cheryl DeWitt Mike Montgomery (BAE)	(281) 591-1334 (713) 772-3133
Jan. 10-17, 1998 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	STEAMBOAT Colorado (TSC Traditional)	\$789	Oct. 6, 1997	Timber Run (Condo)	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	STEAMBOAT Colorado (TSC Traditional)	\$685	Oct. 6, 1997	Timber Run (Condo)	32	Joan Henke Beth Wood (EAB)	(281) 367-4614 (281) 489-8304
Jan. 18-25, 1998 (Sun.--Sun.)	7 / 6	ASPEN Colorado (Club Favorite)	\$856	Oct. 13, 1997	Chateau DuMont (Condo)	32	Alan Bitzer Evangeline Ressler (EAB)	(281) 480-3107 (281) 558-0784
Jan. 24-31, 1998 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	BIG MOUNTAIN Montana (Return to Big Mountain)	\$866	Oct. 13, 1997	Edelweiss (Condo)	42	Jeff Warren Steve Amy (BAE)	(281) 859-5812 (281) 870-0762
Jan. 31-Feb. 8, 1998 (Sat.--Sun.)	7 / 6	SIERRA NEVADA Spain (TSC Winter Expedition)	\$1,186 (See note)	Oct. 23, 1997	Luna De Granada (Hotel)	32	Gene Soo (EAB)	(281) 530-8559
Feb. 14-21, 1997 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	TELLURIDE Colorado (TSC Winter Shoot-out)	\$794 F \$507 L (See note)	Dec. 8, 1997	OreStation / Spiral Stairs (Condo)	32 (7-L)	Ann Clinton Sharon Broughton (BAE)	(713) 785-6732 (713) 526-5783
Feb. 17-22, 1998 (Tues.--Sun.)	5 / 4	TELLURIDE Colorado (TSC Winter Shoot-out)	\$699 F \$ 410 L (See note)	Dec. 8, 1997	Sundance/ Smuggler/ Boomerang (Condo)	32 (7-L)	Jean Jackson Diane Keane (BAE)	(713) 977-8918 (713) 953-9654
Feb. 21-Feb. 28, 1998 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	WINTER PARK Colorado (Skiers Retreat)	\$608	Nov. 10, 1997	Snowblaze (Condo)	32	Angie Westergren Sarah Granbery (EAB)	(281) 847-1070 (713) 523-7054
Feb. 28-Mar. 7, 1998 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	PARK CITY Utah (Ski Utah)	\$681	Jan. 20, 1997	Sun Creek (Condo)	32	Janet Arentzen Christie Burke (BAE)	(281) 367-2617 (713) 973-0130
Mar 14-21, 1998 (Sat.-Sat.)	7 / 6	LAKE TAHOE Nevada (Spring Break)	\$657	Dec. 8, 1997	Forest Inn Suites (Condo)	32	Leona Schroeder Anita Gentry (EAB)	(713) 468-4609 (713) 468-8575
Mar. 21-28, 1998 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	LAKE LOUISE Canada (TSC Final Showdown)	\$998 F \$617 L (See note)	Dec. 8, 1997	Chateau Lake Louise (Hotel)	42 (7-L)	Ladye Freitag Mary Favre (EAB)	(281) 855-4110 (281) 265-7525
July 24-Aug. 1, 1998 (Fri.-Sat.)	7 / 6	QUEENSTOWN New Zealand (TSC Summer Expedition)	\$1,731 F \$1,431 L (See note)	Apr. 13, 1998 (See note)	Q'Town Park Royal (Hotel)	22	Larry Christie (BAE)	(713) 802-9801

****Notes:** L=Land Package-excludes AIR ONLY and is available only on selected trips. **Sierra Nevada, Spain** - Price is dependent on the exchange rate & current taxes at time of departure; includes daily breakfast & dinner at hotel. **Breckenridge**-32 total which includes up to 10 land. **Telluride I & II**-32 total each which include up to 7 land. **Lake Louise** 42-total which includes up to 7 land. **Queenstown, New Zealand**- Price is dependent on the exchange rate, current taxes at time of departure, and firm airfare to LAX. Land Package on this trip is for round-trip from LAX to/from Houston, since trip to New Zealand originates in Los Angeles, CA. Also, additional payment of \$ 300 due Feb. 15.

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Breckenridge

TSC Fall Roundup
November 25-30th, 1997
\$575.00



Satisfy your craving for delicious turkey dinner and great skiing in one spot. Join us for the **TSC Fall Roundup** in Breckenridge over the Thanksgiving weekend.

We'll depart IAH after work on Tuesday,

November 25, for Breckenridge via Colorado Springs. After a 2⁺ hour bus trip, we'll arrive at the 2 bedroom/2 bath condos at Beaver Run Resort. This is a perfect ski-in/ski-out location with access to both the Beaver Run Super Chair and Quicksilver Quad chairlifts. Each condo has a ski locker close to the slopes. Beaver Run Resort has an indoor/outdoor heated pool (*with bar*), and 8 hot tubs. Other amenities include: 24 hour deli, small convenience/grocery store, huge game room with miniature golf, and several restaurants and bars (*daily \$ drink specials*). All buildings are connected by elevated, enclosed walkways.

Your first morning (*Wednesday*) in Breckenridge will feature lift ticket pickup and breakfast served by your smiling (but tired) TC and ATC. TSC will host a welcome party at Beaver Run on Wednesday night, an optional Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday night, and an awards dinner banquet on Saturday night. Free beer is available at the Wednesday and Saturday events. If this is not enough, take the private shuttle or free town trolley from Beaver Run and visit all the shops, restaurants and bars awaiting you in town.

Breckenridge is the second most popular ski resort in the US. The ski mountain today encompasses four distinct mountains and serves up more than 2000 acres of skiable terrain serviced by 19 lifts and 138 trails. There is snow making on hundreds of acres to compensate for whatever shortcomings Mother Nature might have. Your lift ticket is good for Breckenridge, Vail, Keystone and Copper mountains. Skiing a different mountain each of your four ski days is possible. An optional day trip to Vail is planned for Thursday. TSC club races will be conducted on Friday and individual races will be held on Saturday.

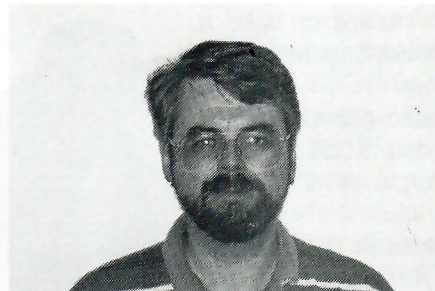
Early Sunday morning, grab your bags, boots and skis, load the bus and return to home with a smile on your face -- **SHORT BUT SWEET!**

TC: Kayleen Kill (281) 855-4132
ATC: Joy Taylor (713) 977-4401



Red River/Taos

Learn to Ski / Skier Tune-up
December 10-14th, 1997
\$298.00



Red River, New Mexico is the place to learn to ski or improve your techniques. (*I should know, Red River is where I learned to ski!*) The ski area is on a 10,350 foot mountain with 57 ski trails (32%

beginner, 38% intermediate, 30% expert). It receives an average snow fall of 200 inches.

For the beginner skier, we offer a complete package which includes: lessons, lift tickets, and equipment rentals. Everything to get you off to a great start. Clinics will also be available to help all skiers improve their skiing style. We plan on an optional day trip to Taos or snowmobiling for the less adventurous.

We will depart Wednesday evening on Continental Airlines for Albuquerque, NM. We will have an approximately 3 hour bus ride to Red River from the airport. The Ponderosa Lodge will be our headquarters for this stay. It offers queen-sized beds, cable TV, fireplace, and a kitchen in most units. There is also a large hot tub to help us relax after a good day of skiing.

From the lodge, we can walk to the lifts, restaurants, shops, and evening entertainment. There is also a continuous shuttle around town if you would rather ride than walk.

Join us for a wine and cheese reception, party, torch light parade and a fireworks display. Other activities available include snowboarding and cross-country skiing. We will plan optional dinners at such local restaurants as Texas Red's Steakhouse and Saloon, and Capos Corner Ristorante.

We will be back in Houston Sunday evening. Treat yourself to an early Christmas present and **SIGN UP NOW!**

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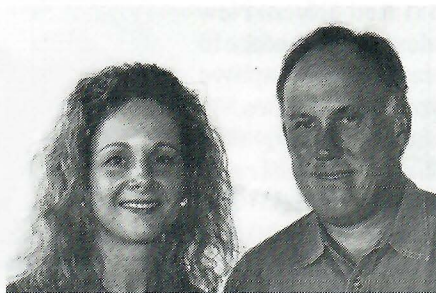
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Purgatory

Christmas / Family Optional
December 21-27th, 1997
\$619.00

Want to have a White Christmas with your family? Then make plans to join a great SCSC trip to Purgatory! Purgatory is one of the best resort areas in the country, offering fantastic skiing and a variety of other outstanding activities.



Purgatory offers the "Total Ticket". When you purchase a 4-day or more lift ticket you can exchange a day of skiing for one of the following activities: explore the back country on a snowmobile, cross country ski, ride the Durango & Silverton scenic train, enjoy a sleigh ride dinner, visit Mesa Verde Park, gamble at Sky Ute Casino, or relax with a soak and massage at Trimble Hot Springs.

There is no finer mountain than Purgatory to improve your skiing. The ski instructors are dedicated to helping you have more fun with your skiing. Lessons are available on all levels. The Kids program is great, starting with day care for children as young as 2 months and ski school programs from 3 to 12 years. The Adult Program picks ups for 13 year olds and up.

Christmas Day holds some wonderful choices. Want to make sure you attend a Christmas church service? How does a 2 p. m. non-denominational service on the top of the mountain sound? That's the sort of thing that Holiday memories are made from! In the evening there will be a group optional "family" dinner (*personal expense*).

Cascade Village provides luxury 2 bedroom fully equipped condos, overlooking the "14,000 footers", just 2 miles from the main lifts, waiting to have your name assigned. Relax in the indoor heated pool or the outdoor hot tubs after a day on the mountain. Too tired to cook? How about a convenient restaurant at the condo. Want some night life? Then take the shuttle bus to Durango for a night on the town.

There may be lodging rebates for children based on final arrangements. Please don't hesitate to ask for details on how this will work.

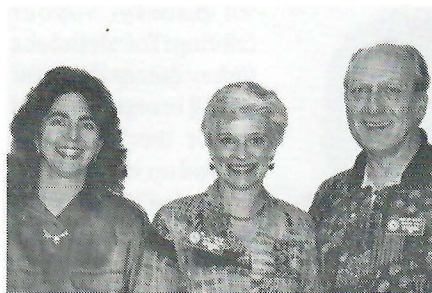
We will be flying on Continental Airlines to Albuquerque. After lunch on the bus we will arrive at Purgatory mid-afternoon, providing plenty of time to rent skis equipment so you can hit the slopes early on Monday morning.

Mark your calendars now, Christmas in Purgatory could be the "Best Christmas Ever" with your family. This is the perfect gift. Join us and treat yourself and your family to a wonderful Christmas with a memory of a lifetime.

TC: Cheryl DeWitt (281) 591-1334
ATC: Mike Montgomery (713) 772-3133

Steamboat Long

TSC Traditional
January 10-17th, 1998
\$789.00



Hop on our non-stop flight in the morning; ski in the afternoon! No long bus rides going to this remote gem of a resort. And what a resort! Annual snowfall of over 300 inches giving us Steamboat's famous

"champagne powder." Over 2,900 acres to ski on 128 named trails, with 260 acres just opened. Plus, a brand new Thunderhead Express high-speed quad to help skiers rediscover Thunderhead Mountain's own 720 acres of terrain for all ability levels. Pioneer Ridge has also been improved as part of \$3 million worth of improvements for '97/'98. More facts? Base elevation 6,900'; Summit 10,568'; actually five separate peaks with something for everyone, including 30k of cross-country trails from the Touring Center and 10k of free tracks downtown.

Between those breathtaking runs and practice for the TSC races, check out the 8 eateries on the mountain, or over 150 shops and the authentic old Western town of Steamboat Springs. At least 57 restaurants and bars (*O.K., two are McDs*) await "those Texans from all over the Lone Star State," when they're not having their own parties. Lots more exciting details on the resort and condos are on the Web at: <http://www.steamboat-ski.com/>. For those who also want more than just parties and skiing, you can check out area Sleigh Rides, Hot Air Ballooning, the Natural Hot Springs and Snowmobiling.

Our Timber Run condos, only 500 yards from the Silver Bullet gondola, are 2BR/2 bath or 3BR/3 bath units, all with fully equipped kitchens, microwave, cable TV, gas fireplace, ski lockers and daily maid service. ON THE PREMISES are an outdoor heated pool, 3 outdoor hot tubs, sauna, and complimentary coffee. Complimentary shuttle services to and from the slopes, the grocery store, and downtown are also provided.

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ATC: Stacey Ronczy (713) 861-6470
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Steamboat Short

TSC Traditional
January 13-18th, 1998
\$685.00

Feeling a little 'steamed' with the hot weather? Start thinking Steamboat Springs for your next ski trip. Come and join us to let a little 'steam' off and cool down for 5 nights and 4 fabulous days of skiing.



We will meet up with all the other 'steamed up' Texans for this year's Traditional trip. This trip will NOT give you any reason to get 'steamed up' about anything. Leaving at 11:55 a.m. on Tuesday, January 13, we will arrive into Haden airport at 1:40 p.m., followed by a brief bus trip to the Timber Run Condos. Where we will be greeted with a wine & cheese welcome party and take pictures for lift tickets.

Our condo amenities will include: 3 hot tubs, outdoor heated pool, coffee & donuts in clubhouse every morning, private shuttle service, gas fireplaces, ski lockers and much, much more. We will be located only 500 yards from the Silver Bullet gondola. There will be five 2 bedroom/2 bath condos and four 3 bedroom/3 baths with a loft.

Wednesday evening we will join up with all the other ski clubs in Texas and show them how to 'let a little steam off'. Thursday, we will join the Traditional long trip from SCSC and party some more with a happy hour and guaranteed fun to be had by all at The Ore House. Friday evening will be the TSC Awards/Dance Party to be held at the Sheraton Grand Ballroom with a pasta bar included. The bus will leave at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday January 18, with a return flight of 2:40 p.m. and we will be arriving back in Houston ready to face a New Year feeling rested and relaxed.

If we are not able to fill your days with the best champagne powder to ski in, there are plenty of other activities you will find to help 'blow off a little steam'. You will find horseback riding, cross country skiing and plenty of shopping, just to name a few.

TC: Joan Henke (281) 367-4614
ATC: Beth Wood (281) 489-8304



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Aspen

Club Favorite
January 18-25th, 1998
\$856.00



Get ready for a fun and exciting week of unbelievable skiing. On Sunday, Jan. 18th, we will fly United Airlines into Aspen Airport via Denver - no long bus rides this year! Lodging will be at the Chateau DuMont

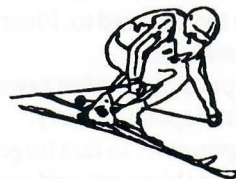
Condos located less than two blocks from the Aspen Mountain "Little Nell" lift and two blocks from the heart of downtown Aspen. Ski 4 distinctive mountains, Aspen Mountain, Aspen Highlands, Buttermilk and Snowmass which include 4071 acres, 40 lifts, 274 trails — all on one convenient lift ticket. Free shuttle service between mountains is also located just two blocks from the Chateau DuMont. You heard it - ski four mountains on the same lift ticket! Trails to challenge everyone from the novice to the expert.

The four mountains provide a combination of unparalleled grooming and gentle terrain that make it the finest ski training ground in Colorado to terrain that's steep, compact and littered with moguls for the adventurous, outrageous or expert skier. All that plus the most spectacular alpine scenery in all of Colorado.

The fun doesn't end after the last run. What is there to do, you ask? After skiing, there are enough opportunities for dancing, dog sled riding, moonlight sleigh riding, snowmobiling, dinner theater, strolling... Aspen offers unsurpassed night life, dining, and shopping plus an ultimate skiing experience. Your biggest problem will be when to sleep.

Sign up early (August 18, 1997) or stop by for more details at the September meeting.

TC: Alan Bitzer (281) 480-3107
ATC: Evangeline Ressler (281) 558-0784

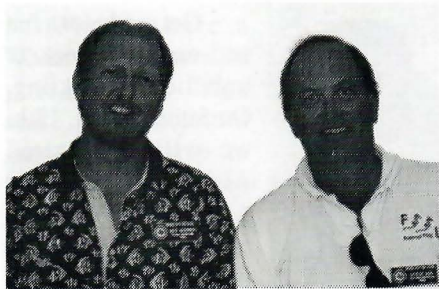


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Big Mountain

Return to Big Mountain
January 24-31st, 1998
\$866.00



Nestled in the Flathead Valley of northwest Montana, is one of the best-kept secrets in the Rockies, **The Big Mountain Ski Resort**. Where lift lines don't exist and life doesn't get more laid back. Boasting

3000 skiable acres and a 2500ft vertical drop this is truly a **big mountain**. The terrain difficulty is 25% Beginner, 55% Intermediate, 20% Advanced plus unmarked gladed terrain. What that means is plenty of skiing for everyone. From it's 7000ft summit you can view the Flathead Valley below, Glacier National Park to the east and the Canadian Rockies to the north.

The skiing at Big Mountain is some of the best in North America, including glade skiing, bowls and wide cruising runs. What this means is there's something for everyone. With 9 lifts including a high-speed quad and no crowds, you can get in a large amount of skiing in a short period of time. (*this leaves time for shopping or that important power nap*) The Big Mountain also offers snowmobiling, tubing, snow-cat and cross country skiing and for you real die hards night skiing.

If you don't want a long bus ride this trip is for you. After a quick stop in Salt Lake City, we will be flying Delta Airlines into Glacier International Airport in Kalispell, MT just 19 miles from the resort. Our lodging will be at the Edelweiss Condos in the heart of the resort village and a short walk to the lifts.

The Big Mountain village offers plenty of restaurants and bars, for your after skiing pleasure. But the main apre's ski attraction here is the town of Whitefish, Montana. With its classic Western main street, loaded with shops, saloons and restaurants, this genuine small town is just 8 miles from the resort. If you're looking to get away from the hustle of the big city, its small town atmosphere is perfect. Of course you can always find a little hell-raising fun if you have a mind to. Plenty of dancing, gambling and live entertainment also.

So don't get left out. If you enjoy great skiing, a fun town, friendly people and no lift lines, get your deposit in early.

Forget the crowds. Forget the social pressure. In fact forget everything you've ever experienced at other ski resorts and join Jeff & Steve for a "Hell-Roaring" fun filled adventure to:

The Big Mountain.

Here is one more reason to go on this trip. This may be your only opportunity to see the driveway leading to Jim Nabors' house.

TC: Jeff Warren (281) 859-5812
ATC: Steve Amy (281) 870-0762

Sierra Nevada

TSC Winter Expedition
January 30 - February 7th, 1998
\$1186.00



Are you ready for adventure? The TSC Winter Expedition will be heading to Sierra Nevada, Spain.

For 5 days, we will be based in Granada at the base of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Our four star hotel (*Carmen*)

will house all of the TSC participants and is situated in close proximity to historic sites as well as the cities hottest nightspots. The Moors settled Granada in 711 and over the centuries developed numerous palaces, fortresses, museums, cathedrals, and gardens. Optional Day excursions will be offered to the equally historic cities of Seville and Cordoba. Continental Breakfast and Dinner is included for this leg of the trip.

Sierra Nevada is a regular stop on the World Cup circuit and last year hosted the championships. Sierra Nevada is 31 kilometers from Granada and has 61 kilometers of skiable terrain over 45 runs. The maximum vertical drop is 1300 meters. Nineteen Lifts moves 31,965 passengers per hour. The top of the Veleta (*at 3398 meters*) will offer a view of the Mediterranean and on a clear day Africa. Sierra Nevada has one of the best snowmaking operations in Europe and operates grooming machinery around the clock.

The last two days of the trip will be based at the four star hotel Melia in Torremolinos on the Costa del Sol. An optional full day excursion will be offered to Gibraltar with ferry to Tangiers, Morocco. Continental Breakfast is included for this leg of the trip as well as the pre and post trip extensions.

Optional three-day pre and post extensions will be offered for Madrid and Barcelona. The trip price includes round trip airfares to Madrid and Malaga, lodging in Granada and Torremolinos, all arrival and departure bus transfers, and all taxes. Final Trip price is contingent on currency exchange rates.

Take advantage of the early sign up process because spaces are limited and this trip is going to fill quickly.

TC: Gene Soo (281) 530-8559



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Telluride Long

TSC Winter Shootout
February 14-21st, 1998
Full \$794.00 / Land \$507.00



Make your Valentine's Day plans early and join us in Telluride for a sweetheart of a trip! We kick off our travels on the sweetest day of the year by departing Houston midday with a direct Continental

flight to Montrose - only a short 65 miles from Telluride! We've outlined ten of the best reasons to join us:

Top Ten Reasons To Travel To Telluride With TSC

1. A Cool Mountain - The San Juan mountains are known for providing sunny days with great powder — an average 300 inches annually! The mountain is well laid out for skiers of all abilities with trails for beginners and intermediates — and if you're truly a dynamo skier, you've heard about the superb trails including the extreme on Gold Hill designed to sweeten your day!

2. Lift Tickets for only \$25 a Day! - Won't it be great that you don't have to kiss away big bucks for your lift tickets???

3. Direct flight on Continental - We'll be leaving from Houston about midday so you sleepy heads can sleep in on Valentine's Day 1998! Rack up those frequent flyer miles on our darling home town airline, or, sign up for a land package.

4. Lodging in the heart of Telluride - We'll be staying right across from Lift #8 and close to the new gondola. Our central location will help you stay in the middle of all the action as TSC invades Telluride!

5. A great new Gondola - Telluride's new gondola sweetens the link between the town of Telluride and the Mountain Village as it whisks you over gorgeous scenery day or night. Two high speed quads as well as free bus service in Telluride will help keep you cozy as you mosey along your way in Telluride.

6. Plenty of Parties - We'll have all the extras a TSC trip provides including welcoming and awards parties as you rub elbows (or whatever) with fellow Texan skiers, plus Nastar racing and our own SCSC parties too!

7. History! - Not only did Butch Cassidy rob his first bank in Telluride, but you can enjoy the great Victorian architecture of this quaint old mining town, designated a national historic landmark.

8. Variety! - If you love to pack your trips with all kinds of fun, Telluride offers snowboarding, ice skating, snowmobiling, snow shoeing, sleigh rides, stargazing, dancin', saloons or maybe some pampering at a great spa to soothe those achy muscles!

9. You can tell all your buddies and co-workers you have really exciting plans for Valentine's Day 98!

10. And finally, trip leaders that are committed to running a trip our beloved participants will just love!

TC: Ann Clinton (713) 785-6732
ATC: Sharon Broughton (713) 526-5783

Telluride Short

TSC Winter Shootout
February 17-22nd, 1998
Full \$697.00 / Land \$410.00



Join us in the most beautiful place you will ever ski. Destination Telluride! Telluride rests deep in a glacial canyon surrounded by frozen waterfalls and towering 13,000 foot peaks. The Victorian period

architecture reflects the town's authentic character. This quaint village has attracted visitors for more than a century with its magnetic personality and magnificent terrain.

The trails offer many varieties - from open bowls to narrow shoots, untracked and groomed runs, and plunges and glades. The runs are 21% beginner, 47% intermediate, and 32% advanced - these runs include 12 lifts with two high speed quads. New skiers can be introduced to some of the best beginner terrain totally separate from the rest of the mountain. Advanced skiers can test their racing ability on the new Franz Klammer Slalom course. This allows a different kind of exhilarating experience for everyone.

The tiny (only 2.5 square miles!) and friendly town keeps everyone in walking distance while offering charming restaurants, galleries and night spots for gathering places. You will love the convenience and awe inspiring scenes from the Gondola connecting Telluride to the Mt. Village area (over 10,540 ft at Coonskin Ridge!).

Join us in our destination for 6 days of fantastic skiing, gourmet food and unbelievable fun. We will be arriving in Montrose in the mid afternoon. This is a direct flight from Houston to Montrose via continental airlines. Since the bus ride is only 60 miles, this timing should allow you to rent equipment the evening before you hit the slopes. You will be able to pick up your lift tickets at the Welcome Party that first evening. Don't forget - lift tickets are only \$25 a day !! Nastar races are on Thursday with an awards dinner dance on Friday - bring your dancing shoes ! We will also give you the opportunity to hook up with your friends on the Telluride I trip by throwing an 'hour dourve's party for the two groups. Come with an appetite !

All of this fun comes at the low price of \$699. We look forward to seeing you !

TC: Jean Jackson (713) 977-8918
ATC: Diane Keane (713) 953-9654



Winter Park

Skiers Retreat
February 21-28th, 1998
\$608.00

Attention diehard and wanna be skiers. Going to Winter Park is as simple as saying your ABC's. Here's a trip that is A-affordable and will give you the chance to ski at least 6 days. Winter Park is B-big with 2,146 acres of



skiable terrain and is C-close to Denver, approximately 75 miles to the northwest in the Vazquez Mountains of Arapaho National Forest. This ski resort has had an annual average snowfall of 370". That's more than any other major resort in Colorado. The ski area consists of three mountains (*Winter Park, Mary Jane and Vazquez Ridge*) with a variety of slopes for all levels of skiers. Combined the three areas have 19% beginner, 37% intermediate, 24% advanced and 20% expert slopes. The longest run on Winter Park is 2 miles, Mary Jane, 4.5 miles and Vazquez Ridge, 1.4 miles (base elevation is 9,000 ft./top elevation is 12,060ft.). All three ski areas are connected by ski trails and chairlifts. There are 20 different chair lifts making Winter Park the second largest lift system in Colorado. A new area, Vazquez Cirque has 435 acres and is currently awaiting Forest Service approval for opening this ski season. If this opens on schedule you could be the first to ski the Cirque!

Our accommodations are at Snowblaze Resort Condominiums and Athletic Club, located in downtown Winter Park, about 1 1/2 miles from the base of the ski area. The condos are two bedroom-two bath with fully equipped kitchen, sauna and fireplace to be shared by four people. Snowblaze Resort also offers guests an on-site professional athletic club with indoor pool, hot tubs, racquetball, steambath, and weight room. There are 56 bars and restaurants in Winter Park. For those who plan to rest between ski days there are all kinds of shops and art galleries in the area. Other activities in and around Winter Park include ice skating, cross-country skiing, dog sledding, sleigh rides, snowcat/snowshoe/snowmobile tours and tubing.

When you sign up to go with us let us know which activities you are interested in and we'll inquire about group rates. Angie (TC) and Sarah (ATC) will be coordinating group activities throughout the week. In addition to several parties hosted by them, there will be group outings for dinner, game night, a hot tub happy hour and group NASTAR races, giving us all a chance to get to know fellow skiers.

We will be departing IAH Saturday morning February 21st at approximately 8:15am on Continental Airlines direct to Denver with about a two hour bus ride to Winter Park. This trip will give you a chance to meet new friends and experience one of Colorado's favorite resorts. Come ski the Continental Divide!

TC: Angie Westergren (281) 847-1070
ATC: Sarah Granbery (713) 523-7054

Park City

Ski Utah
February 28 - March 7, 1998
\$682.00

For a fun-filled seven days, forty SCSC members will ski the "Greatest Snow on Earth". By skiing 5 of Utah's resorts from their base in Park City.

RESORT 1: Park City has unequalled variety for skiers of every level and taste. There are two

new high-speed six-passenger chair lifts, four new runs, a new "terrain park" for snow boarders and skiers and enhanced tree and glade skiing. It even offers night skiing. This gives the SCSCers 14 lifts which access 93 trails (16 "easier", 41 "more difficult", 36 "most difficult") covering the 2,200 acres of terrain.

RESORT 2: Alta is the place you go to ski, it offers a ski experience that is somewhat a throwback to the "glory days" of skiing. It encompasses about 2,200 acres offering 25% Beginner, 40% Intermediate and 35% Advanced. With a base of 8,550 feet and an average annual snowfall of 500 inches, Alta has some of the best snow conditions in the world. So this is an experience not to be missed.

RESORT 3: Solitude offers 1,200 breathtaking acres with well-groomed slopes, challenging powder bowls and tree-lined glades, thus offering a thrilling experience. This resort offers 7 lifts covering 63 named trails that range 20% Beginner, 50% Intermediate, 15% Advanced and 15% Expert.

RESORT 4: Deer Valley has skiing on 3 mountains and is great for the experts and the novices alike. It is served by 13 lifts accessing 67 runs and 3 bowls for 15% Beginner, 50% Intermediate, 25% Advanced and 15% Expert. From Deer Valley you will get a panoramic view of the Wasatch and Uinta mountains for you picture perfect postcard.

RESORT 5: Snowbird is famous for its light dry powder which is the main justification for Utah's claim to the "Greatest Snow on Earth". With 55% of the mountain rated beginner and intermediate and 45% expert and advanced, Snowbird offers an unsurpassed experience for all levels. For the advanced skiers, there is a unique opportunity to ski as many as 5 resorts in a single day, offering some of the most breathtaking scenery using back country routes.

For additional fun, there is helicopter skiing, hot-air balloon rides, ice skating, moonlight sleigh rides, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, tennis, racquetball, live theater and apres ski entertainment.

We will be flying Delta Airlines into Salt Lake from Bush Intercontinental Airport early Saturday morning and arriving by noon in Park City. Our condos are located about 1 mile from the slopes, with easy access to the slopes and town by the free local buses. We are within walking distance to several restaurants and stores for those to worn out from skiing all day.

SO COME JOIN US, FOR SOME WINTER FUN.

TC: Janet Arentzen (281) 367-2617
ATC: Christie Burke (713) 973-0130



Lake Tahoe

Spring Break
March 14-21st, 1998
\$657.00

Imagine yourself rocking gently back and forth as the chair lift slowly ascends the mountain. Below are moguls the size of Volkswagens; you caution yourself not to take the wrong trail down. The reflection from the



sparkling frozen precipitation sends you scrambling into every one of the fifteen pockets on your new state-of-the-art, hi-tech, MarkXVII, Gore-Tex ski jacket for those cool-looking \$125.000 Oakleys that you purchased on impulse the night before. A crisp, scintillating breeze brushes across your face cooling the small beads of sweat that are multiplying on your forehead as you ready yourself for the impending exit from the lift (*perhaps you've not yet gotten over last year's embarrassing spill at the feet of Harrison Ford*). Steady now, poles in place, relax, just stand up- Hooray! You're off; just like a pro. Proudly, you glide off to the side, and slowly turn around to catch a glimpse of the view. WOW! *#@%!!!. Stretched out in front of you is a crystal blue sky dotted with tumescent puffs of clouds suspended above a hyacinthine lake which is surrounded by snow covered mountains. It's sublime; its Heavenly; it's a dream come true!

This dream can come true. SCSC returns this year to Lake Tahoe for five full days of skiing that will take your breath away. If you tire of Heavenly, there are numerous other ski resorts to try: Squaw Valley, Kirkland, Alpine, Nordic and many more. All offer the promise of great spring time skiing with an average snow fall of 250" and a spring daytime temperature in the mid 30's. Whether you ski blues or blacks a great skiing experience awaits you in Lake Tahoe.

We will leave from Houston Intercontinental Airport on Saturday morning. America West will have us in Reno, Nevada by early afternoon with only a one hour bus ride to The Forest Inn Resort. Our resort is adjacent to many of Tahoe's world famous casinos that in addition to gambling offer a variety of affordable, high quality, meals and great shows with well-known entertainers.

The Forest Inn also provides a free continental breakfast daily as well as a happy hour in their saloon. Lots of parties are planned from a welcoming breakfast on Sunday morning, to a dinner party on Tuesday, and more. An optional paddlewheel boat ride is planned on the Tahoe Queen on Wednesday to ferry across to Squaw Valley and ski for the day. Dancing on the way home sounds like fun for those who bring their dancing shoes.

Make the dream come true! Join us for a fun-filled week of skiing at one of the most beautiful places on earth.

TC: Leona Schroeder (713) 468-4609
ATC: Anita Gentry (713) 468-8575



Lake Louise

TSC Final Showdown
March 21-28th, 1998
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Lake Louise is a choice destination for skiers seeking the ultimate value. Lake Louise lies in one of the most spectacular settings in the world. Here in Canada's most famous park you'll find all the ingredients that



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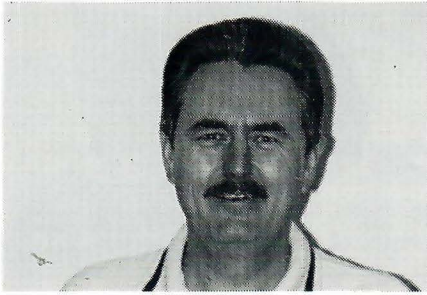


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Town: Queenstown is on the South Island, with a 10,000

population on Lake Wakatipu. Tucked into a valley in the "Remarkables Mountains" range, Queenstown is the most popular Alpine Resort in New Zealand. Plus, SCSC has an easy walk from our central hotel to everything in town.

Hotel: The Park Royal Queenstown is a 4 star luxury hotel in the heart of the shopping & restaurant area. We have a hotel sauna and each double room has its own balcony with a gorgeous view of the lake across the street and the nearby snow-capped mountains.

Skiing: 10 to 30 minute free bus ride to 3 ski hills: The Remarkables, Coronet Peak, & Cardrona.

Renting: \$45 for 3 days; \$65 for 6 days.

Lift Tickets: About \$30/day. Cheaper for larger groups and multi-days.

Snow: July is winter in the Down Under!! On Aug. 1/97 Coronet Peak had all lifts running and a trail base of 1° to 3 feet.

Climate: Winter temperatures in Queenstown are 40-50 degree F (*downtown*) and just below freezing up in the mountains. So bring your knitted gear while you are in NZ.

Price: Airfare, hotels, parties, and all ground transport for one week at \$1,731. Price will decrease if airfare to Los Angeles is reduced. Down payment is \$300 (*the usual \$30 cancellation before final payment date*). Mid payment (\$300) on Feb. 15/98. Final Payment for all the rest, including the full payment on all add-on trips, rentals, and lift tickets, is April 13, 1998. Anyone not paid in full by April 13, 1998 will be replaced by the Waiting List.

Land Package: Make your own way to L.A. and save \$300, but you still need to fly with the group from there. We don't know the exact L.A. departure and arrival times yet.

Options: While we are in Queenstown, NZ, if you want more than just ski every day, we'll try various one-day group trips, at extra cost (*based on group interests*), for heliskiing, river canyon jetboating (*Shotover Gorge*), Skippers Bridge bungy jumping (*229' leap where it all began*), & Lake Wakatipu paddle wheeler cruise. Shopping and an in-town Gondola rides are always available on your own.

Add-on trips: At the start or end of the trip, or both. Add on a week in Australia with 3 nights in Sydney and 3 nights in Cairns. In Sydney we'll be staying next to the Opera House and walking distance to most downtown sights and harbor ferries. Cairns is in a beautiful tropical rain forest area and HOT all year round! This is in northern Australia on the Great Barrier Reef

where the water temperature in July is 83F. The Sidney and Cairns package (\$850) includes all airfare, 4 star hotels, a bus tour and harbor tour of Sydney, along with a boat tour to the Great Barrier Reef for snorkeling. SCUBA is also available for a small extra fee. Or do Sydney only for 3 nights (\$525).

Other Add-on trips: At the start or end of the trip, add on 2 extra days in Queenstown (\$275), or at the end of the trip only, add on 3 nights/4 days at a beach resort in the tropical Cook Islands at Raratonga (\$390). If you can afford the time, add on a trip to the before the skiing week and add on another one after!

Parties: This is a TSC trip, and most of our Texas ski clubs will be in Queenstown at the same time. There will be at least 3 parties "catered" for us during the week

TC: Larry Christie (713) 802-9801

TSC REPORT

by Gary Butler

The Texas Ski Council held it's quarterly meeting on August 2nd in Austin. Attending for Space City Ski Club was TSC delegate **George Flournoy**, TSC Alternate **Gary Butler** and **Peggy Montgomery**. Peggy Montgomery will chair the bid committee sign-up desk next April in San Antonio. She announced that due to so many last minute sign-ups last year that their will be a additional \$10.00 fee if a anyone sends a registration in later than March 3, 1998. Any candidates for TSC offices next year has to have a application submitted by January 15, 1998 to the committee chair, **Diane McLeandon** of Lone Star Skiers. Remember, by bylaw any SCSCer who wishes to run must be approved by the SCSC Board of Directors.

At this time the Fall Roundup in Breckenridge has 430 skiers. The lodging tax in Breckenridge has recently increased to 10.4%. Thanksgiving dinner will be held in two shifts at the Beaver Run Lodge at 5:30 and 7:30. A optional trip to Vail will be held on Thursday. There will be a Pub Crawl, probably Friday.

The Steamboat Traditional has 774 skiers at this time. There will be a midweek Pub Crawl.

There are 300 skiers on Sierra Nevada, Spain at this time. All clubs will be staying in the same lodging. The departure day has changed to Saturday with a Sunday return. The TSC V.P. for this trip, Ray Harvey, came back with a glowing report on this area from his recent site survey.

The Winter Shootout at Telluride has 360 estimated skiers at this time. They are looking to have a Bar Crawl on Thursday. *Do you see a theme here?*

The Final Showdown at Lake Louise has 388 mythical skiers at this time. All clubs will be lodging at the Chateau Lake Louise. No word on Pub Crawls at this time but I'm sure they are working on one.

246 are reserved on the New Zealand Trip. If you wish to upgrade to first class for the flight, it will cost a measly \$9000.00 per person. The rush is on.

The TSC delegates meeting next June 20th, 1998 will be held in Port Aransas at the Port Royale Condo's. If you ever wanted to see the TSC in action, this would be a great excuse for hitting the beach for a weekend.

BIKE RIDE

by Gene Soo



The third week in June is usually a very hot time of year to have a bike ride but this year we were blessed with perfect conditions for the Braes Bayou Bike ride.

Thirty-two riders started from the Hermann Park Zoo heading toward the University of Houston along Braes Bayou for a short warm-up leg. After a brief stop for the group to get organized, the Go-Getters led by Lee Swords and Gunnar Heyne started us for the long run down to Loop 610.

Marsha Lutz and Gene Soo broke-in brand new bikes.

Along the way Marsha Lutz and Steven Teoh picked up a little road rash.

Stan led Pam off the beaten path saying "I know a short-cut!" They managed to show up on time for lunch.

Mike Montgomery and Norma Corke showed up at the original meeting place and didn't get the word that we changed the starting point. They finally caught up with the rest of the group at lunch.

Steven Teoh guided the "First-Ones Back" group back to the meeting area. Drinks and Bananas were served back at

the Zoo parking lot. We packed up and met at La Madeleine for lunch. Patti Maudslay and Ed Wolochin played "Table Police" to help stake out our area.

Special thanks goes to my AAC Lee Swords for his leadership in keeping the group on course and my honorary AAC Steven Teoh for looking after the early finishers. Steven was also gracious enough to pick up

Concietta Ruggiero, Dorothy Miller, and Linda Hysell.

Go-Getters Group:

Stan Broniak, Pam Smith, Lee Swords, Judy Vaughn, Eldon Robinson, Helen Kealey, Gunnar Heyne, Larry Hord, Steven Teoh (by car).

Honorable mention: Becky Pearson.



First Ones Back to parking lot:

Patti Maudslay, Ed Wolochin, Margaret Johnson, Linda Hysell, and Steven Teoh.

Other Riders:

Dorothy Miller, Craig Campbell, Kathleen Fowler, Larry Christie, Debra Christie, Robert Butler, Vicki Wright, Fred Wright, Diane Keane, Bill Bomberger, Alex Potter, Concietta Ruggiero, Julie Butcher, & Claire Finn.

Comments from individuals:

"What a great ride! It felt soooo good!" - Judy Vaughn

"I did better than I thought I would. Not too hot. Good summertime activity" - Larry Hord

"Tons of fun and I learned how to use my bike too!", "Thanks for the air, Lee!" - Becky Pearson



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battled their way through to the fourth round. In between easy dances, Big John Cook had a tough time making it through to the fourth round with competition from Jill Allen, Jean Jackson, and Jim Edwards. The crowd roared led by Sue Salvage's cheers as the competition heated up into the final matches. The stress was beginning to show as Steve Amy drank another beer to cool down and get prepared to make some close calls. All that can be said is that the winner ...Dennis Davenport and runner up... Dave Stotz gave everything...Steve wiped his brow and had another beer.

The drawings for the shuffle board and partner 301 darts was complete and the competitions began. Jimmy Buffet played on the juke box, the volume was turned up meaning only one thing... "The Sisters of Sin" ... Linda Licarione, Vicki Faulkner, Shirley Lang, and Dana Wardell were ready to party.

Darts were thrown, the shuffle board shuffled, people danced and laughed until after midnight and the results of the competitions were known. Congratulations to Lynn Burch / Milt Kramer (Winners) and Kannan Chelliah / Ty Smith (Runners Up) for partner 301 darts, Gunnar Heyne (Highest 3 dart score), Debbie Warren (Lowest 3 dart score), Ted and Debbie Bergeron (Winners) and Pam Smith / Margaret Johnson (Runners Up) for the partners Shuffle Board.

Not all of the participants were dart and shuffle board players but everyone was good fun and great sports persons, especially Jill Allen, who was awarded a set of darts. For throwing styles, pins went to Patricia Synatschk (most unique), Dave Stotz (sexiest) and Shirley Lang (most Threatening). A dart set for the unluckiest player award went to Diane Stotz. Shuffle board's 'smoothest stroke' awards went to Jill Allen, Patricia Synatschk, and Gary Butler. The free drawing dart board playing sets were won by Dana Wardell and Lynn Burch.

Special thanks to Jay Dumser, Ben Huey and all participants who helped with scoring and assisted with the administration and to Betty Vogt of B. J. Sports Bar who provided one superb buffet and bar service.





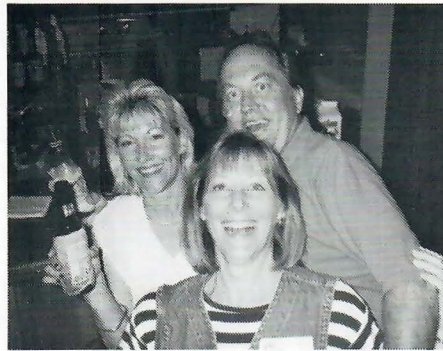
Synatschk helped with the registration.

It was time to open the buffet provided by Betty Vogt. Gene Soo, Kristy Dale, Kayleen Kill, John Rice and Gary Butler headed up the line for a 'you name it we've got it' Texas style spread. Billy Jean Nowak, Dana Wardell and Shirley Lang gave a unanimous vote of

approval on the smoked Turkey. The honey ham did not lack for attention from Russell

**Dart \ n ** : a small missile with a pointed shaft at one end and feathers at the other.. pl but sing in constr : a game at which darts are thrown at a target (*usually a board with numbers on a wall*). On 18 July at B.J.Sports bar in Houston the game of darts was privileged to have a gathering of talent the likes of which will probably never be seen again. Over 55 SCSC members and friends participated in what bar owner Betty Vogt said was "the most fun dart group she has ever seen".

Dana Wardell and Shirley Lang were first through the door and wasted no time in warming up their right arms at the dart board (*and at the bar*). Right behind them were Pam Smith, Sue Lamb, Nicky Minear, Alex Potter and Stan Broniak. Paula the bartender looked over at them as they signed in and knew she was in for busy night. The competitive fervor rose as two of the dart tournament hot favorites, Dennis Davenport and Milt Kramer registered at the door. Mike Rothermund requested if he could use his own special 'blow pipe darts', after consideration the request was declined. Conversation in the bar grew louder as the participants arrived one after the other, Steve Amy and Patricia



Benham and Ty Smith. Don Crabtree, Jeff Warren and Steve Amy insisted it was the hot chicken wings that forced them to drink more beer.

The larger than expected participation required some adjustment in the competition drawing for the partner 301 darts and partner shuffle board event. While the tournament officials Jay Dumser and Ben Huey worked this issue Steve Amy and Becky Jordan started 'Shoot the Bull' portion of the tournament. This was a single knock out competition for everyone. Each person having three darts only, nearest to the Bulls eye went through to the next elimination.

Barb Ehrlich demonstrated great form which she later said was only hampered by the short run up to the throw line. Marsha Lutz progressed well until ousted by Jim Edwards assisted by his principle cheer leader Sue Edwards. The luck of the draw was not with Cheryl Houge with a close decision in favor of Jean Jackson. Charles Butler clinched his place in the second round with the last dart against Lisa Smith. Meanwhile brother Gary Butler had a tough draw again Dave (*dead eye*) Stotz. Christine Skirius's dart throwing finesse was not quite enough to counter Russell Benham's power throwing. After a few warm up 'shots' Debbie Warren found her darts and played well only to be narrowly defeated by John (*hit man*) Rice in the second round. Even with his typical German precision Gunnar Heyne was no match for Lynn Burch's uncanny ability to hit the bulls eye. Debbie Burgeron, Diane Stotz, Milt Kramer, Margaret Johnson, Bill Bomberger, Carolyn Rolsten, and Ted Bergeron were all close contestants in their respective matches. A gallant effort by Debbie Greer did not stop Ladye Freitag from progressing into the fourth round. Dave Stotz, Julie Butcher, Jeff Warren and Dennis Davenport also

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