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Head of the Liftline

by Jim Edwards



But Seriously, Folks ... Although the content of my articles are sincere, I normally employ a bit of word play or cleverness to get my messages across, hopefully in an entertaining manner. This month, however, the untarnished truth comes in an unvarnished container.

Why Wait? I'm sure Susan Blome, your VP of Trips, will mention this topic in her article, but I wanted to add my voice to hers in promoting wait lists on our ski trips. For those new to the club, or new to the concept, a wait list is the list of members who have signed up for a ski trip, or other activity,

after the trip has "sold its last seat". If this seems foolish, think about the last time you watched an airline gate attendant call names of "standby" passengers. For various reasons, members have to cancel from trips for which they've signed up. A lot of this happens around the trip final payment date, 45 to 60 days out from the trip. There are certainly exceptions, but almost all of those who've been in the club for a while have gotten on the trip of our choice this way at least once. There's no risk, and it can add some flexibility to your vacation planning. Try it!

In for a Nickel, In for a Dime. A member recently commented to me that his personality is pretty much binary in nature. That is, he is either zero or one, totally in or totally out, when it comes to the things in which he articipates. He always enjoys himself more when he really commits. I agreed, because I am much the same way. When I got involved in SCSC, I got involved! By doing so, I met and worked with a number of kindred spirits who also turned out to be some of the nicest people it has been my pleasure to know in this life. Some of us are "rodeo" and some are "symphony", and we've often stood toe-to-toe about this or that issue. Nonetheless, many of us became and have remained close friends. Getting involved makes those kinds of things happen. It may not be for you, and that's ok. If, however, you think it just might be, let me know. There are lots of opportunities in SCSC for your participation, and some of us would like to know you better.

One Thing Leads to Another. Speaking of opportunities to participate, a group is ready to help you take your next step. The Nominating Committee, which annually recruits and recommends candidates for the upcoming year's officers, has just formed and its members are anxious to meet you. I am pleased to announce that the following members have agreed to perform this vital function for our club: Joe Daleo, Mike Dawson, George

Flournoy, Becky Hall, Bill Kirk, Craig Liebergot (chairperson), and Karen Putney. Any of them would be glad to explain what is involved in becoming an officer and how the process works, or just about volunteering in general. Look for them at our meetings and happy hours.

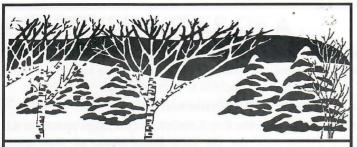
Oom, Pah Pah. See you at the meeting. Until then, have a FESTive Oktober.

Remember for the latest ski club information

and activities - call the

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Volunteers Needed ASAP!!

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

Assistant Treasurer

If interested please contact any current officer or board member.



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13	General Meeting
19	Skate to Ski
23	HappyHour
	Road Rally

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November

Fall Golf Tournament	1
Wine Tasting	8
General Meeting-Fashion Show	10
Tennis Tournament	15
Greyhound Racing	16
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Cirque Du Soleil	
TSC Fall Roundup @ Breckenridge	

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December

8	General Meeting
10-14	Red River/Taos
18	HappyHour
21-27	Purgatory

FROM THE SKI DESK

by Susan Blome



Simply amazing!!! That's the only way I can describe the unbelievable response to this year's trips!! As I write this, the mail in sign ups have been completed, our first general meeting of the season has ended and, by the responses received, many of our members have decided to sign up early.

So, now you are wondering if it is too late to sign up?? Of course not!!!

Some of trips actually have space available. Please see the Trip Schedule for the latest update on this year's trips **OR**, **even better**, contact the TC or ATC for the **very latest** status of their trips.. Unfortunately, some of the TCs and ATCs will advise you that the trip of your choice may be full, but that does not mean that you won't be able to go!!

Many factors determine "why" a trip has so many allotted spaces and we wish we could anticipate the overwhelming responses received for each trip. However, some (but, not all) of this year's trips actually have the ability to increase the number of skiers on the trip if members show their support by joining the

wait list!!!

WAIT LISTS ARE WONDERFUL!!! They are NO RISK because you decide you want to join the trip when the TC calls you to tell you that a spot is open. Until then, your deposit check is held. Unfortunately, plans sometimes change for the original participants 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!!! Most openings occur at or just before the final payment date, so you should be prepared for an immediate payment if your name clears and final payment is due. Ask around!! Many of us have gone of the trip of our choice by simply clearing a wait list!!! My first trip with SCSC was after I cleared a wait list, and then, I really didn't understand "how" great they are! I just remember being so excited about going on the trip!!! But, after working in the club, I realize that they really are fantastic, not only for the member who clears the list, but also for the unfortunate member that had to cancel off!!

Of course none of the trips would happen at all if it were not for the TCs, ATCs and DOTs who have volunteered to run our trips this year! A BIG THANK YOU goes out for the fantastic work they have done so far!!! Your responses, by signing up, show that their efforts in running fantastic trips at fantastic prices will insure that we will have a GREAT SKI VACATION with SCSC this season!!

NOW IS THE TIME to make your plans to ski with Space City in 97/98!!!

Enjoy the beginnings of fall and remember to THINK SNOW!!!

SKI TIPS

HOW TO LOAD: As you wait in line, remove the pole straps from your wrists and hold poles in outside hand, away from your partner.

When your turn comes, inform lift operator if you have not ridden a chair lift before. Slide into position with skis parallel and pointing uphill. Face your partner and watch for chair which will approach from behind you. As chair approaches, grasp center bar with your inside hand. Immediately sit down and face uphill.

HOW TO UNLOAD: As the chair nears unloading ramp, check to be sure no clothing or equipment is tangled in the chair. Hold poles in outside hand and place inside hand on front edge of seat. Raise ski tips.

Stay seated until you reach "Unload Here" sign, keeping skis straight on ramp. Push yourself up with inside hand, lean forward and ski straight down ramp. Don't snowplow. Ski to the edge of the unloading area to leave room for the skiers unloading behind you. Move away from unload area as quickly as possible.











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SPECIAL NOTES:

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

Eddie Bayersdorfer - DOT Bill Bomberger - VP Publications

We wish you a speedy recovery for the upcoming season.

SCSC Activity

HAPPY HOUR

October 23, 1997

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

Weideman's Brew Haus

5810 Beverly Hill
One Block South of
Richmond on Beverly Hill @ Bering Dr.
713-789-6672

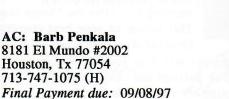


SCSC Activity

Volleyball Tournament

Saturday October 4, 1997 \$13.00

Backyard Bar & Grill





Adults Only



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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Welcome back to the exciting? world of the SCSC Fun & Games department, commonly known as actives and programs. No doubt you have survived the early sign-up excitement and all the electricity of the first monthly meeting. The best is yet to come!! October's monthly meeting will offer the "Swap Meet". This is one of your best chances to clear out that slightly use ski gear and

unload, er, I should say sell it to you fellow members at a fantastic price!! Sue Salvage has offered to assist with this project, so please give her a call for further details.

Lynn (the talent scout) Burch is still on the hunt for volunteers for November's Fashion Show. Please give her a call, (281-955-5511), if you would like to assist or be a model. As mentioned in last month's article, it's a great way to meet new people and earn two valuable drink coupons.

October's *Happy Hour* is a great new place called Wiedeman's Brew Haus, (please refer to this month's ad). Needless to say, this will be one of the best Okoberfest's this club has ever seen with 100-150 thirsty SCSCers leading the cheers and probably singing a few Julie Andrew's songs, (e.g. The Sound of Music sound track). Exactly what are all the words to that famous German song?

November's *Happy Hour*, on a strong recommendation of a famous SCSC member, will be held at "Club Chicago", Houston's hottest speakeasy. It is located at 6305 Skyline, between Fountain View and Hilcroft, 2 blocks South of Richmond, 713-781-1989. This club is opening early at 5 PM, just for our Happy Hour enjoyment pleasure. They will feature free swing lessons at 8 PM that evening.

The next two months will offer the following adventures:
√ October 4th has Barb Penkala digging for SCSC's annual Volley Ball Tournament. Fun People, valuable prizes.
You know the usual good time! The way all this season's activities have ended up!! All this for only \$13.
Please hurry, only a limited number of positions

available.

√ John Burk on October 10-12 will be heading to Bolivar for the more or less annual *Beach Bash*. You know, Fun, drinks, food, games, fun people. Sound familar? This is a "don't miss" event and quite a bargain at \$90 for the entire weekend, (through Sunday breakfast).

√October 19th has **Dale Albritton** offering a **Rollerblade Outing/Picnic** at Cullen park. A great way to improve your rollerblading skills. \$25 per person.

 $\sqrt{}$ And finally in October, **Deborah Christie** will drive us all crazy with her puns and crazy clues, as we try to solve the mystery location of the *Road Rally Rendezvous* on October 26th, \$18 per person.

√ November 1st, Ralph Akin will tee us all off will the Fall Golf Tournament. Please note the new

location at The Links At Tennwood, \$50 per person. Ralph is a real pro, when it comes to putting together a golf tournament.

√ November 8th has Nicky Minear biting into the Wine Tasting & Gourmet Buffet at Leibman's on Memorial. \$18 per person.

√ November 15th, Lee Swords will lead a *Tennis Tournament* at the Houston Indoor Tennis Club. \$20 per person.

 $\sqrt{}$ And the very next day, Craig (the handicapper) Campbell will take us all to the Dog(s) Races for \$18, including round bus trip transportation, refreshments, and free opinions.

√ And lastly, on November 22, **Debi Altenbern** will have us all oohhing and aahhing at the feats of acrobatic amazement from the *Cirque du Soleil*. Mais Oui!!

Thanks again to all those that have come forward to run activities. But don't forget, SCSC has remained viable over the years only through the efforts of volunteers. No idea or activity is too crazy not to be considered. Come on now, give me a call and volunteer to run some activity, event, trip, tournament, party, outing, opera night, pub crawl, etc., etc.

Adieu, Stan

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. For More Info Call

281-495-8185

or log in @ www.zerobyte.com

AC: Dale Allbritton 6910 Bellaire Blvd. Unit #4 Houston, Tx 77074 281-498-8185 (H)

Final Payment due: 10/13/97



SCSC Activity

Road Rally

Join Us for An Afternoon of Excitement Sunday, October 26, 1997

<u>\$18.00</u>

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

Fall Golf Tournament

Saturday November 1, 1997 \$50.00

THE LINKS at Tennwood 1:30 P.M. Shotgun Start

AC: Ralph Akin 12625 Memorial #127 Houston, Tx 77024 713-651-9667 (H)

Final Payment due: 10/13/97



Adults Only

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



Adults Only

SCSC Activity

Annual Tennis Tournament

November 15th, 1997

\$20.15

Houston Indoor Tennis Club 945 Bunker Hill

4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

AC: Lee Swords 1416 Springrock Lane Houston, Tx 77055 713-973-1183 (H)

Final Payment due: 10/13/97

Adults Only

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



Adults Only

SCSC Activity

Cirque Du Soleil

"More Than A Circus"

"Las Vegas Style Floor Show"

Saturday, November 22, 1997

8:30 P.M. \$42.00

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

Final Payment due: 10/20/97



Adults Only

SCSC Activity

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

Date to Be Determined in December

Approx. \$11.00

Astrodome

AC: Jim Steele P. O. Box 27381 Houston, Tx 77227 713-877-8130 (H)

Final Payment due: 02/09/98

Adults Only





Space City Ski Club 1997 - 1998 Trip Schedule

As of September 8, 1997

Trip Dates	Night s / Ski Days	Trip Destination	Cost (See Notes)	Final Payment	Lodging	No. Skiers	Status / Wait List	TC/ATC (DOT)	Home Phone
Nov. 25-Nov. 30, '97 (TueSun.)	5/4	BRECKENRIDGE Colorado (TSC Fall Roundup)	\$577 F \$365 L (See note)	Oct. 9, '97	Beaver Run (Condo)	32 (10-L)	Full 2-WL	Kayleen Kill Joy Taylor (BAE)	(281) 855-4132 (713) 977-440
Dec. 10-14, '97 (WedSun.)	4/3½	RED RIVER/TAOS New Mexico (Learn to Ski /Skier Tune-up)	\$298	Oct. 10, '97	Ponderosa Lodge (Hotel)	22	16	Charles Butler (EAB)	(281) 583-751
Dec 21-27, '97 (SunSat.)	6/5	PURGATORY Colorado (Christmas-Family Optional)	\$619	Oct. 13, '97	Cascade Village (Condo)	32	27	Cheryl DeWitt Mike Montgomery (BAE)	(281) 591-133 (713) 772-313
Jan. 10-17, '98 (SatSat.)	7/6	STEAMBOAT Colorado (TSC Traditional)	\$789	Oct. 6, '97	Timber Run (Condo)	64	Full 19-WL	Kathy Young Stacey Ronczy Marvin Volz (EAB)	(281) 497-533 (713) 861-647 (713) 782-711
Jan. 13-18, '98 (TueSun.)	5/4	STEAMBOAT Colorado (TSC Traditional)	\$685	Oct. 6, '97	Timber Run (Condo)	32	29	Joan Henke Beth Wood (EAB)	(281) 367-461 (281) 489-830
Jan. 18-25, '98 (SunSun.)	7/6	ASPEN Colorado (Club Favorite)	\$856	Oct. 13, '97	Chateau DuMont (Condo)	32	Full 8-WL	Alan Bitzer Evangeline Ressler (EAB)	(281) 480-310 (281) 558-078
Jan. 24-31, '98 (SatSat.)	7/6	BIG MOUNTAIN Montana (Return to Big Mountain)	\$865	Oct. 13, '97	Edelweiss (Condo)	42	Full 20-WL	Jeff Warren Steve Amy (BAE)	(281) 859-581 (281) 870-076
Jan. 31-Feb. 8, '98 (SatSun.)	7/4	SIERRA NEVADA Spain (TSC Winter Expedition)	\$1,186 (See note)	Oct. 23, '97	Luna De Granada (Hotel)	42	Full 20-WL	Gene Soo (EAB)	(281) 530-855
Feb. 14-21, '98 (SatSat.)	7/6	TELLURIDE Colorado (TSC Winter Shoot-out)	\$795 F \$507 L (See note)	Dec. 8, '97	OreStation/ Sprial Stairs (Condo)	42 (7-L)	Full 14-WL	Ann Clinton Sharon Broughton (BAE)	(713) 785-673 (713) 526-578
Feb. 17-22, '98 (TuesSun.)	5/4	TELLURIDE Colorado (TSC Winter Shoot-out)	\$699 F \$ 410 L (See note)	Dec. 8, '97	Sundance/ Smuggler/ Boomerang (Condo)	32 (7-L)	21	Jean Jackson Diane Keane (BAE)	(713) 977-891 (713) 953-965
Feb. 21-Feb. 28, '98 (SatSat.)	7/6	WINTER PARK Colorado (Skiers Retreat)	\$608	Nov. 10, '97	Snowblaze (Condo)	32	15	Angie Westergren Sarah Granbery (EAB)	(281) 847-107 (713) 523-705
Feb. 28-Mar. 7, '98 (SatSat.)	7/6	PARK CITY Utah (Ski Utah)	\$676	Nov 10, '97	Sun Creek (Condo)	32	28	Janet Arentzen Christie Burke (BAE)	(281) 367-261 (713) 973-013
Mar 14-21, '98 (SatSat.)	7/6	LAKE TAHOE Nevada (Spring Break)	\$657	Dec. 8, '97	Forest Inn Suites (Condo)	32	Full 24-WL	Leona Schroeder Anita Gentry (EAB)	(713) 468-460 (713) 468-857
Mar. 21-28, '98 (SatSat.)	7/6	LAKE LOUISE Canada (TSC Final Showdown)	\$998 F \$617 L (See note)	Dec. 8, '97	Chateau Lake Louise (Hotel)	42 (7-L)	Full 30-WL	Ladye Freitag Mary Favre (EAB)	(281) 855-411 (281) 265-752
July 24-Aug. 1, '98 (FriSat.)	,7/5	QUEENSTOWN New Zealand (TSC Summer Expedition)	\$1,731 F \$1,431 L (See note)	Apr. 13, '98 (See note)	Q'Town Park Royal (Hotel)	42	Full 1-WL	Larry Christie (BAE)	(713) 802-980

**Notes: L=Land Package-excludes <u>AIR ONLY</u> 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 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 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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RESPONSIBILITIES OF A TRIP PARTICIPANT

- 1. Make all your payments on time.
- 2. Read your newsletter and mailings from your trip leader.
- Show up at the airport at the time you have been told to be there.
- 4. Bring any documentation required.
- 5. Don't wander off during airport layevers.
- 6. Pack only the amount of luggage the trip leader has told you the airlines and the bus will accept.
- If you don't understand something, ask. Then listen to the answer.
- 8. Flip a coin with your roommates for the "master bedroom". Don't just rush in and take it.
- 9. Treat your condo mates like family and don't expect them to do all the cooking and clean-up.
- Offer to share the grocery bill and your goodies. Don't drink your condo mates' beer without asking and/or paying for it.
- 11. On the day of departure, show up at the bus on time. No one likes to wait for that "last minute" person
- 12. If assistance is required in loading and unloading the bus, pitch in.
- 13. Realize that your trip leader and assistant are volunteers and are doing their very best to make your trip a good one and don't be "nit-picking.
- 14. Act like an adult and look after yourself.
- 15. Above all, have fun! Introduce yourself to all new members and participants that you do not know and make them feel part of the group. Ski with them. Remember, that you were once a new member and didn't know anyone.

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COMETS

by Joanne Fore

Despite the low turnout for this first ever SCSC event, those attending the game between our Houston Comets and the LA Sparks, had a great time. The majority of those attending had never seen the Ladies play before and did not know what to expect. What a tremendous treat!!! These girls are amazing with their speed and agility ---- especially the smallest player in the entire league. At only 5' 5" she was like a Rocket, er I mean a Comet darting here and there and then finally dropping a 3 pointer!!

Of course there were the female power dancers during time outs and half-time. But to all the women in our group's liking, there were also Male dancers. The half time entertainer had more moves than a dozen snakes --- whirling hoops in every direction and then ending up as a "Human Slinky".

We finished up the day at Hooters, (which pleased the guys to no end). For an event that was slow in generating excitement, all I can say is you don't know what a great time you missed!

Top 10 Reasons to Hate Snowboarders by Fred Arbuckle/Gary Butler

- **10)** Snowboarding attracts an unruly, rowdy, undisciplined element your kids.
- 9) Snowboarders should have their own lift- and it should end in a big pit.
- **8)** The correct answer to "Did you have a good run" is "Yeah" not "For Sure".
- 7) Why shouldn't they have to walk like Frankenstein?
- 6) Do you ever wonder when they will do a "whole pipe".
- 5) "Big Air" is the distance between their ears.
- 4) Shredding should be reserved for the cheese on your tacos.
- The age of the average snowboarder is the average of your grandchildren's age minus 10.
- 2) Because.
- 1) Why should their clothes be comfortable?



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On August 15th, the place to be for Ski Club fun was Dynamic Lanes (formerly Brunswick Sharpstown Lanes), just ask the lucky 38 people who showed up to bowl.

There were balloons filled with coupons for free bowling, \$5 cash, or \$10 cash. In all \$100 in cash was awarded to the lucky bowler who happened to get a strike with a red colored head pin showing.

Now for the special awards given.

Best dressed female trophy was given to **Debbie Bergeron** for her fringe on top - Best dressed male was **Arlen Isham** for his good looking buns in tight red shorts. **Stan Broniak** had trouble keeping the ball out of the gutter, so he was promoted to the position of "Gutter King." **Kayleen Kill** ended up receiving the award for the lowest score, which will remain a secret (it was under 300). On the other end of the scale, **Sue Edwards** had the highest single game score for women of 183,

wayto bowl. Genevive Marshall had the high series for the women. Jeff Warren had the highest single game score for men of 235, and then kept up the pace and took high series honors also.

Maybe **Tom Hogle** should take lessons from **Jeff**, instead of giving lessons to his fellow team members. They say "If you can't do something, teach".

The group may not have bowled high games, but lots of fun was had by all. See you again next year!





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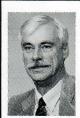
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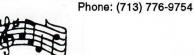
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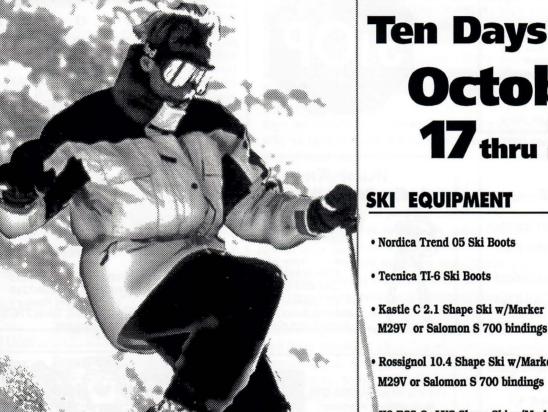
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