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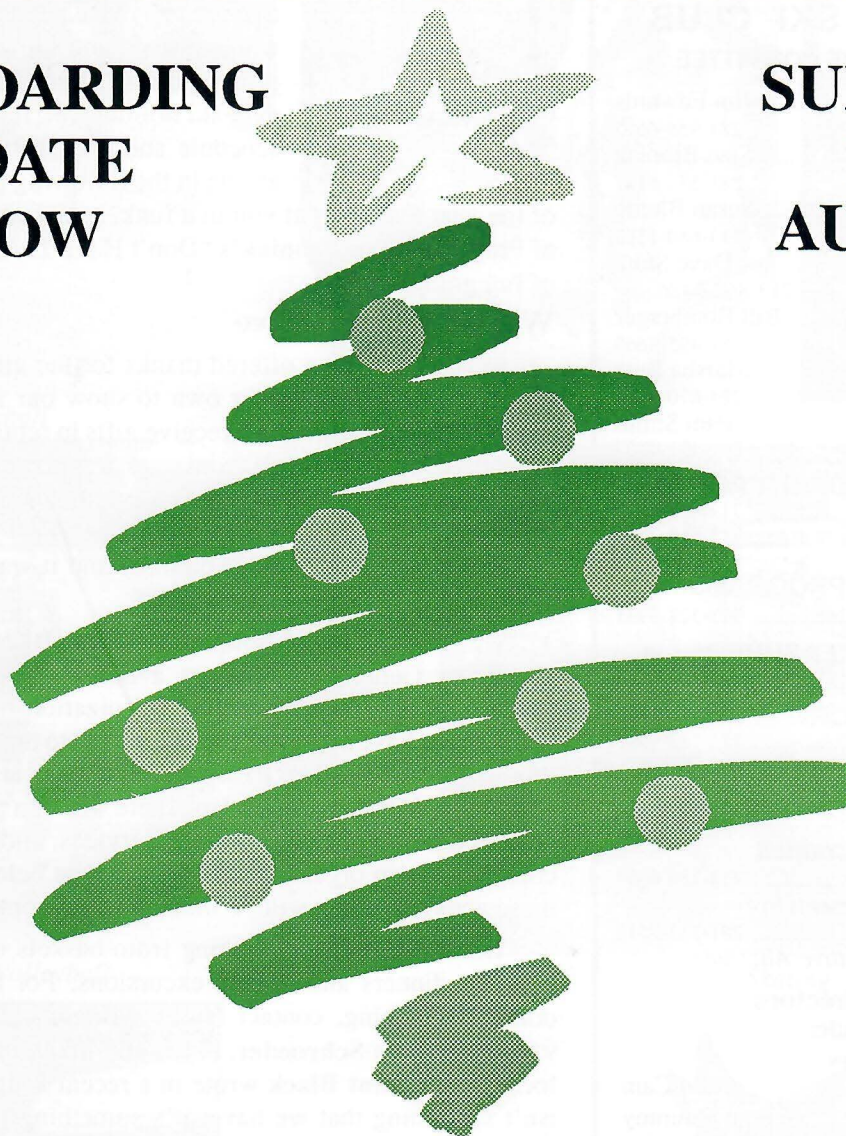
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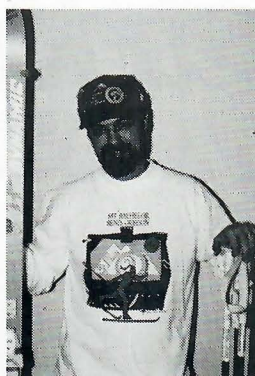
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Head of the Lifeline

by Jim Edwards



As The Seasons Change

This is a strange time of year for some of us. As the calendar year ends, and fall turns to winter, we find ourselves thinking at odd moments how another increment in time and in our lives is coming to a close. On the other hand, those of us who snow ski and snow board find our "year" is just beginning. If you haven't "calendered" your next ski holiday yet, take a good look at the trip schedule and read VP of Trips **Susan Blome's** article in the following pages. Also, if the ending of the year tends to put you in a funk, select an activity or two from VP of Programs **Stan Broniak's** "Don't Have Time for the Blahs" schedule of fun goings-on.

We Give, We Receive

In November, we offered thanks for the gifts in our life. December finds us giving gifts of our own to show our love, our friendship, our compassion. Sometimes we receive gifts in return, but mostly we receive the satisfaction that comes from an expression of our affection for others. With your help, SCSC will do the same this month. You can give the gift of time by participating with SCSC in KUHT-TV Channel 8's December fund drive. We did this in September and it was lots of fun. Call VP of Membership **Dave Stotz** for details.

We continue a tradition, on **Monday, December 8th**, by using our December General Meeting as a benefit, donating proceeds to The Sunshine Kids. This charitable organization benefits children who, in many cases, have a lot less to look forward to than most of us. Help us help this very worthy cause. **PLEASE** plan to be at the meeting and remind your SCSC friends to come also. There will be a raffle, a silent auction and live auction of donated goods and services, and a lot of fun. If you, your company, or an organization to which you belong can donate items for these activities, they will be more than welcome.

These can include anything from baskets of homemade cookies to gourmet dinners and sailing excursions. For more information, or to donate something, contact **Nicky Minear**, (713) 436-9518, or **Leona Schroeder**, (713) 468-4609, or me. As local native **Clint Black** wrote in a recent song "Love isn't something that we have; it's something that we do." **DO** your part, where you can.

Fa La La La La ... And in case I don't get the opportunity to tell you face to face -- I hope you have the Happiest Holidays possible. See ya next year!



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

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December

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

January						
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January

- 10-17 Steamboat Long
- 13-18 Steamboat Short
- 19 General Meeting
- 18-25 Aspen
- 24-31 Big Mountain
- 29 Happy Hour
- 31- Sierra Nevada (Spain)

February						
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February

- 1-8 Sierra Nevada (Spain)
- 9 General Meeting
- 14-21 Telluride Long
- 17-22 Telluride Short
- 19 Happy Hour
- 21-28 Winter Park
- 28- Park City

FROM THE SKI DESK

by Susan Blome



Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells.... it's so hard to believe the Holiday Season is upon us!! So much to do!!! So little time!!! But, the good news is that the closer it gets to Christmas, the closer many of us are to departing on a ski vacation!! Of course, some of our members have already ventured out and just returned from our first trip of the season captained by **Kayleen Kill & Joy Taylor** -Breckenridge at Thanksgiving. I don't know about you, but I'm jealous... I'm also jealous of those folks that are joining **Charles Butler** at Red River and **Cheryl DeWitt & Mike Montgomery** at Purgatory for a truly White Christmas!! Unfortunately, like many of you, I have to wait to make my first trip of this season. But, El Nino promises this will be a fantastic season of snow!! And, I know that the season is just beginning!!!

Haven't signed up for a trip, well, time is slipping by fast. As I write this (in early November) only a few trips still have space available. **Jean Jackson & Diane Keane** of Telluride II are looking for SCSC members to join them and Telluride I for the TSC Winter Shoot-out. **Angie Westergren & Sarah Granbery** are still looking for a few fellow members to join them for a fantastic adventure at Winter Park. And, **Janet Arentzen & Christie Burke** have the days of skiing all mapped out at from Park City to Ski Utah. But, by the time you actually read this, *anything is possible*. For the latest status on **any** trip, please contact the TC or ATC.

If you still can't decide where you want to go, the perfect option is to sign up on **wait lists**. You receive the option of joining the trip as an opening becomes available, and there won't be a penalty if you decline. While some lists may seem to be too long, invariably as the departure date draws closer, some folks have to unfortunately cancel off due to circumstances they had no way of predicting. Trips with short or no wait lists are Purgatory, Steamboat I & II, Aspen, Spain, and Lake Tahoe. Remember, the Wait List insures that you get a chance at an opening!!! If you don't get on the wait list, the TC won't know you are interested.

Afraid that the Wait List won't be of any help??? Just ask the few lucky members that are going to Steamboat with the Clear Lake Ski Club. The Clear Lake Ski Club had space available for the TSC Traditional and approached our club about utilizing their space. Their club is staying at the same lodging property as SCSC and the trip is only slightly more expensive than our club's cost. But the GREAT NEWS is that 7 members of SCSC that were on the Wait List are going to Steamboat. This is really a win-win for both clubs. MANY THANKS to the Clear Lake Ski Club for thinking about our club and letting us know about the opportunity.

Back this year is the emergency wait list. This wait list will be in addition to the normal wait list for each trip. Those who can leave at a last minute's notice will discover this may be a great cost savings for you! See VP Trips or DOTs for details or sign up.....price is only \$5.00.

One very **important note**. As was the case last year, our ticketing needs to be very exact concerning names. Each participant over 18 must provide **PHOTO ID** when checking baggage and when boarding. **This ID must match the name on the ticket**. Our trip leaders will do their best to acquire your exact name. Please assist them by checking the spelling they have for you at the pre-trip parties, and on any trip correspondence. Late cancellations will be affected as we may incur a penalty making last minute name changes.

A few words about final payments and cancellations. It is the member's responsibility to get payments to the TC by the final payment date. If you fail to do so, you may be replaced. Please inform the Trip Coordinator as soon as possible of any problems you may encounter. If you intend to cancel, you must notify the club, in writing, on or before the final payment date of your intention. Failure to do so may incur the loss of all moneys. While we have had good luck in the past at securing replacements for canceled participants, it's always a gamble. The more time you give the trip leaders to replace you, the better your chance at securing a refund. Don't forget a cancellation fee will be deducted from any refund.

The holidays give us an opportunity to review the months that have passed and reflect on the many blessings we have. This club is very blessed with fantastic volunteers!! Recently **Steven Teoh** stepped up to the challenge and volunteered to be ATC for our Spain trip. Unfortunately a short time later, Steven had to back down; however, **Lee Swords** quickly stepped up to take over the reins as ATC. Many thanks to Steven & Lee. Next time you see any of the DOTs, TCs, or ATCs, please give them a *special thank you* for all of their efforts. It's the dedication of our volunteers that makes this club great!



May the wonder of the season fill your days with peace & beauty and may your holidays shine with laughter & love.

Make your plans to ski with Space City in 97/98 and remember to THINK SNOW!!

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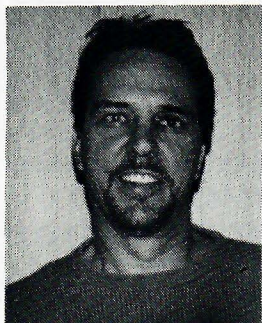
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V. P. PROGRAMS

by Stan Broniak



SCSC's ski season may have begun but this year's ongoing fun and activities are far from coming to an end. As club members you now will have even more events to choose from. To wet your appetite, and possibly enlist your spirit of volunteerism, several events are in the planning stages. Events such as a **MOTOR-CYCLE RALLY**, benefiting charity, tentatively scheduled for April. So

get ready you easy rider wantables, another excuse has been found to bring out the Harley leather. A **BANDERA HOE DOWN WEEKEND** is also the planning stages for the early Spring. Finally due to all the excitement of last month's **WINE TASTING** event, and the many winners, (*pun intended*) that were unable to attend, another wine tasting event is now in the planning stages for late spring. These are just a few of the ideas your fellow club members have presented. If you have an idea, event, or activity please come forward with your suggestions and volunteer.

On to the present day. December's monthly meeting will include two exciting events. The first event will be the annual **SUNSHINE KIDS AUCTION**. This charitable organization looks forward to our auction to raise funds for their needy kids. Please plan on arriving early to scope out the donated items. Speaking of which, we are in need of articles such as Rockets tickets, Gourmet dinners, and other auctionable items. If you have an item or service you would like to donate, or can volunteer your time, please Nicky Minear at 713.961.7391, (H), 713.861.8771, (W), Jim Edwards, or myself.

In addition to the auction, December's meeting will host Miles Pimentel of G Force. Miles will be updating us on the latest trends in Snowboarding. Don't miss this one!

December's Happy Hour will held at **TANGO'S**, located just north of Westheimer on Augusta. "Office attire only" is requested.

Volunteers are being sought for the annual **SCSC FOLLIES**. Patti Maudslay has agreed to chair the organizing committee. Please contact Patti at 713.977.7439 (H), or 713.627.5926 (W). with your creative ideas.

The Rockets game has changed to February. Please see the updated ad in this month's Sitz.

A final note. I want to take a moment to thank all those many volunteers that have come forward, (*some even willingly*). IT'S GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!! As the expression goes, an organization or club is only as good as the people who come forward to give that extra effort. Your input and suggestions, energy, and willingness to take a chance is what will keep SCSC a fun, viable, and exciting club for years to come.

Aurevoir, Stan

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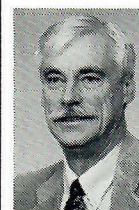
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BEACH BASH 1997

by John Burk



The Beach Blast this year was much more of an indoor party than a beach party. The tide was very high on Bolivar Peninsula. There was not enough beach left to set up a volleyball net. It did not matter, because the rain came and went most of the weekend.

Not to have out spirits damped by a little rain, the party went on. The 4 very nice beach front houses were opened up Friday afternoon and the guests began arriving throughout the evening. Several groups of people went to the Stingeree restaurant for a fine seafood dinner.

After dinner, some (like Gary & Sharon Sequera, Chip & Llona Doubet) went back to their houses for a quiet early evening. Most of the group came back to the party house for Tattoo applications, Jello shots, and dancing. Some new members like Linda Walters and John Marshal really seemed to get into the activities. It was difficult to tell who ended up with the most Tattoos, but Susan Wicker, Carol Chedsey, Cecillia Wilenfeld, and Linda Walters

were all in the running. The guys like Stephen Teoh, Gene Soo, John Burk, Jack Swiggert, and John Marshal had their fair share of tattoos also. There were always plenty of Tattoo applicators available.

Saturday morning, Tom Danowski fixed gourmet breakfast tacos for everyone. Fine job sir.

After breakfast, the golfers, Ed & Kay Cain, Concietta Rugiero, Ron Roscoe, & Tom Danowski headed out to play, but the rains came back so they did too. Stephen Teoh and Gene Soo lead a group Moody Gardens for the day. John Cook led the drive to go to Sharky's where we shot pool and threw darts most of the afternoon.

Back to the houses for Gary & Sharon Sequera's famous cajon shrimp boil and zideco music. This is always the hit of the weekend. Concietta organized the games back at the party house where the deck orgy game of 3 years ago was resurrected. John Marshaw and Marsha won the game, but there was a lot for fun by all just practicing for the game. The weather cleared off a little so walks on the beach under the moon light was in for Lee Swords, Sandy Cox, Mary Barnes, Nancy Burk, John Cook, Milt Lazerone, Carol Chedsey, Gunnar Heyne, Christine Riseley, et. al.

Susan Wicker was in charge of SEX ON THE BEACH (the drink that is). Most people enjoyed the sex on the beach without getting sandy.



The real partiers went back to Sharky's to dance the night away. Gene Soo was apparently the most desirable dance partner.

Sunday morning had a nice sunrise followed by rain, sun, rain, sun. Breakfast was brought in from the bakery up the road with plenty of good food for everyone.

By early afternoon most everyone left and the sun came out with beautiful skies.

Considering the weather was incompatible for most beach activities, the weekend still turned out to be a good time. This just goes to show that a good group of people will always find a way to have a good time.



Congratulations!

Sandy Hoffman and Ken Balacek were married September 11, 1997 aboard the Woodwin Sailboat on Lake Tahoe.



Space City Ski Club 1997 - 1998 Trip Schedule

As of November 5, 1997

Trip Dates	Nights / Ski Days	Trip Destination	Cost (See Notes)	Final Payment	Lodging	No. Skiers	Status / Wait List	TC/ATC (DOT)	Home Phone
Dec. 10-14, '97 (Wed.--Sun.)	4 / 3½	RED RIVER/TAOS New Mexico (Learn to Ski / Skier Tune-up)	\$298	Oct. 10, '97	Ponderosa Lodge (Hotel)	42	Full 7-WL	Charles Butler (EAB)	(281) 583-7515
Dec. 21-27, '97 (Sun.--Sat.)	6 / 5	PURGATORY Colorado (Christmas-Family Optional)	\$619	Oct. 13, '97	Cascade Village (Condo)	36	Full	Cheryl DeWitt Mike Montgomery (BAE)	(281) 591-1334 (713) 772-3133
Jan. 10-17, '98 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	STEAMBOAT I Colorado (TSC Traditional)	\$789	Oct. 6, '97	Timber Run (Condo)	64	Full 1-WL	Kathy Young Stacey Ronczy Marvin Volz (EAB)	(281) 497-5339 (713) 861-6470 (713) 782-7118
Jan. 13-18, '98 (Tue.--Sun.)	5 / 4	STEAMBOAT II Colorado (TSC Traditional)	\$685	Oct. 6, '97	Timber Run (Condo)	44	Full	Joan Henke Beth Wood (EAB)	(281) 367-4614 (281) 489-8304
Jan. 18-25, '98 (Sun.--Sun.)	7 / 6	ASPEN Colorado (Club Favorite)	\$856	Oct. 13, '97	Chateau DuMont (Condo)	40	Full 2-WL	Alan Bitzer Evangeline Ressler (EAB)	(281) 480-3107 (281) 558-0784
Jan. 24-31, '98 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	BIG MOUNTAIN Montana (Return to Big Mountain)	\$865	Oct. 13, '97	Edelweiss (Condo)	42	Full 23-WL	Jeff Warren Steve Amy (BAE)	(281) 859-5812 (281) 870-0762
Jan. 31-Feb. 8, '98 (Sat.--Sun.)	7 / 4	SIERRA NEVADA Spain (TSC Winter Expedition)	\$1,186 (See note)	Oct. 23, '97	Luna De Granada (Hotel)	60 (10-L)	Full	Gene Soo Lee Swords (EAB)	(281) 530-8559 (713) 973-1183
Feb. 14-21, '98 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	TELLURIDE I Colorado (TSC Winter Shoot-out)	\$795 F \$507 L (See note)	Dec. 8, '97	OreStation/ Sprial Stairs (Condo)	42 (7-L)	Full 12-WL	Ann Clinton Sharon Broughton (BAE)	(713) 785-6732 (713) 526-5783
Feb. 17-22, '98 (Tues.--Sun.)	5 / 4	TELLURIDE II Colorado (TSC Winter Shoot-out)	\$699 F \$ 410 L (See note)	Dec. 8, '97	Sundance/ Smuggler/ Boomerang (Condo)	40 (7-L)	37	Jean Jackson Diane Keane (BAE)	(713) 977-8918 (713) 953-9654
Feb. 21-Feb. 28, '98 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	WINTER PARK Colorado (Skiers Retreat)	\$608	Nov. 10, '97	Snowblaze (Condo)	32	21	Angie Westergren Sarah Granbery (EAB)	(281) 847-1070 (713) 523-7054
Feb. 28-Mar. 7, '98 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	PARK CITY Utah (Ski Utah)	\$677	Nov 10, '97	Sun Creek (Condo)	40	33	Janet Arentzen Christie Burke (BAE)	(281) 367-2617 (713) 973-0130
Mar 14-21, '98 (Sat.-Sat.)	7 / 6	LAKE TAHOE Nevada (Spring Break)	\$657	Dec. 8, '97	Forest Inn Suites (Condo)	42	Full 14-WL	Leona Schroeder Anita Gentry (EAB)	(713) 468-4609 (713) 468-8575
Mar. 21-28, '98 (Sat.--Sat.)	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 24-WL	Ladye Freitag Mary Favre (EAB)	(281) 855-4110 (281) 265-7525
---Mar. 22-29, '98 (Sun.-Sun.)						18			
July 24-Aug. 1, '98 (Fri.-Sat.)	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) 802-9801

****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**-42/40 total each which include up to 7 land. **Lake Louise** 42-total which includes up to 7 land. Also, additional 18 spots available for Sun-Sun. **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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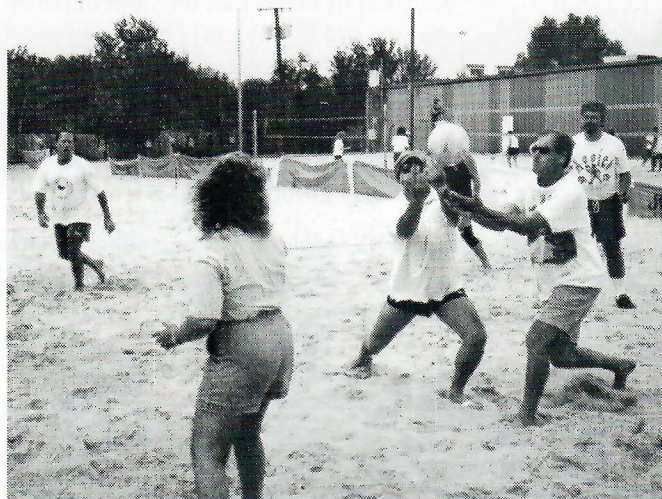
by Barb Penkala

The 1997 Annual SCSC Volleyball Tournament took place on Saturday October 4th at the Backyard Bar & Grill. The weather was absolutely great with lots of sunshine and a temperature of 70 degrees. Over sixty (60) wild and crazy volleyball players arrived in shorts, T-shirts and bare feet - ready for some fun and action! We had a total of ten (10) mixed teams in the tournament with names like: The Nifty Net Setters, the

"attacking". There were several interesting serving techniques, like the "Diane Stoltz Rhythm and Wind-Up Serve" - you had to see it to believe it! After several matches, it was down to the Daring Dinkers and the Sand Sharks. In the end, the

Daring Dinkers made filets of the Sharks

and dinked them all! Linda Licarione led the Dinkers (Gary Fritts, Lounne Mcree, Ty Smith, Frank Wojcik, Mark Hinrichs, and Russell Benham) to win the 1st Place Trophy. The Sand Sharks took 2nd



Bashing Bumpers, and the Soaring Servers.

After the Captains of each team were announced so the players knew who to follow, Mike Miksich of The Backyard briefed us on some general rules - like hit the ball over the net! The players took to the courts, some striving to win a trophy and some just striving to just hit the ball. The Bashing Bumpers were "bashing", the Rowdy Rotators were getting "rowdy", and the Sand Sharks were

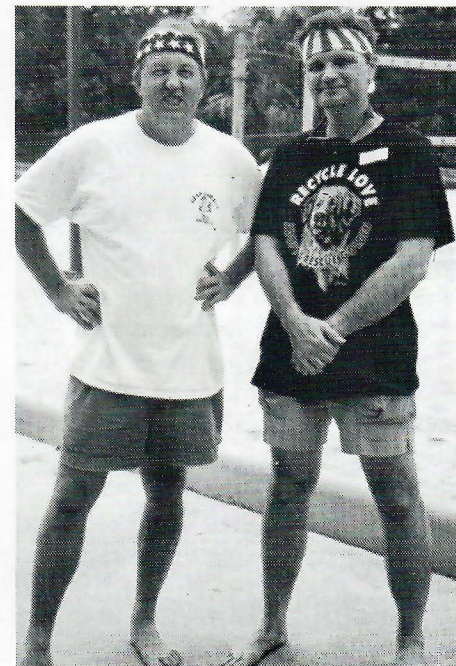
and the Jolly Volleys were still jolly, even though they came in last.

This was SCSC's first Volleyball Tournament to initiate the Traveling 1st Place Volleyball Trophy, which will be handed down to future 1st place winners. There were trophies for all the 1st and 2nd place winners, and free drink tickets for the last place team - no wonder those Jolly Volleys were so jolly. Since this was the 1st SCSC event I coordinated, I was a little concerned that I could only

get a few trophies with male players on the top. But then I thought - Who'll notice? Would you believe that within the 1st 10 minutes of the Tournament, Steve Amy and Jeff Warren asked me why all of the trophy's had breasts? I wonder if these guys have a sharp eye for details or are just "focused".

Everyone had a great time, and since I

love volleyball - I can't wait till next year! I'd like to extend a big "Thank You" to Mike and Shay at the Backyard and all the SCSC participants who keep this an annual event and make it so much fun!



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RICE FOOTBALL

by Pam Smith



What a GREAT day for the opening week-end of College Football! The sights and sounds of autumn filled the cool crisp air. This, is football weather! **NOT!** At least not on September 6th, in Houston, Texas. Maybe somewhere up North the conditions were perfect, but it was *hot* and *humid* here. This could be one reason why nearly half of the participants changed their minds.

In the absence of an organized tailgate party, **Marsha Lutz** and **Pam Smith** met up with **Susan Blome** and **Karen Mozisek** to check out the pre-game festivities sponsored by The Buzz. Before taking our seats, we circled the grounds in search of a *cool breeze*, but to no avail. It was so hot...(*How hot was it?*)...that even the bathroom talk was reduced to complaints about dripping sweat and clothes sticking to the body! However, it didn't stop the band members or other uniformed participants from proudly marching around and chanting in hopeful anticipation of a "win" for

their team.

As we made our way through the stands we found **John Marshall** with his two dates as being the first to arrive, or to occupy their seats. (*Now John, aren't those girls just a little bit too young for you?*) In her last attempt to attend this event, **Peggy Schillinger** was tipped off that

Sue Salvage would not be using her ticket, so.....the swap was made! Sue, how was that day of *Sailing*?

Only moments before kickoff, when it appeared as if the rest of the participants would be "no shows", **Craig "the last to arrive" Campbell** finally found his seat. Immediately preceding the kickoff, the Air Force did a fly-over in a V-shaped formation expelling red and blue gas vapors....COOL! And to top that off, the game ball was delivered via ROTC skydiver, to the 50 yard line, landing in the general vicinity ... OOOHHH.. AA AAAAAH!

Carolyn "Go, Air Force!" Wahfeld was given a hard time by fellow SCSCers because she was cheering for the out-of-town team. Maybe she has a fetish for Falcons?

Being torn between sitting with her "other friends" or sitting with the Space City group, **Evangeline Ressler** made frequent appearances to join us in the stands. **BarbaRUM**

Penkala, disappeared for a while. When she returned, everybody wanted a sip of her coke! Although the game was beyond help (for RICE) at that point...it certainly helped to "ease the pain" or was it "feel no pain"?

In trying to quench her thirst, Peggy tried to order a Sprite. The concessionaire told her that what she wanted was "blowing gas". Peggy said, "No thank-you, I want a Sprite!" Couldn't even get the wind to break that day, but blowing gas was not a problem! Go figure.

Hoping to capture that perfect Kodak moment to accompany this article, several members of the crowd were asked repeatedly to take our picture! Exactly how many group shots does it take to get



one good photo? We had to find some way to pass the time.

The crowd began thinning throughout the 3rd quarter. You might even go as far as saying the game was sort of boring at this stage.....yet a few of the die hard SCSCers were bound and determined to stick it out until THE GRAND FINALE....the post game FIREWORKS extravaganza - (*which turned out to be quite impressive!*). Even our fearless leader, **Nora Corke**, and sidekick, **Mike Montgomery** were caught sneaking away early using the excuse of "making their own fireworks".

And for those of you who missed out on this fantastic event, and can no longer stand the suspense.....the Final Score was... RICE - 12 Air Force - 41 (and a WIN for SCSC)!

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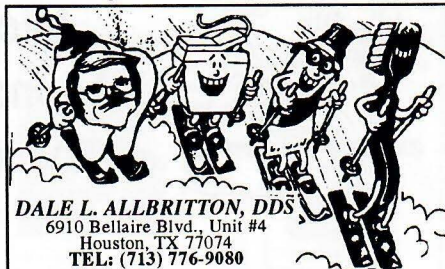
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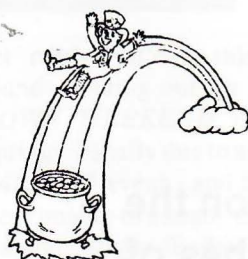
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SKATE TO SKI

by Dale Allbritton



Sunday, October the 19th was the perfect day for 51 skater – skiers. The sky was clear and temperature in the 80's. Thanks to on-site early arrival volunteers, sign in and breakfast went well. **Geoff Roberts** arrived with the Sun 'n Ski Sports van providing courtesy on site equipment for some 10 or 15 first time skaters. Instructors **Peter Buzzini**, **Gwen Laycock**, **Geoff Roberts**, and **Cindy Hill** began organizing everyone at 10 a.m. as planned. This was the largest single group that they, The Roadmasters, had ever handled. Considerable thought in preparation for addressing the wants and needs of 51 wannabe to advance skaters was a challenge. Even with pre-signup self assigned ability ratings, no standards existed, making it difficult to set up class levels as is commonly done at ski schools.

Early on **Peter Buzzini's** suggestion that safety would be the best beginning became prophetically the right choice. Braking, falling, and basic balanced straight skating was examined and practiced by to approximately equally sized groups with two instructors each. One was primarily beginner and the other was the intermediate to advanced skaters. Beginners did amazingly well discovering the virtues of required protective gear as they practiced heel braking and forward balanced movement. The intermediates and advanced group

practiced much the same with more speed and deliberate falling. Postures and styles were critiqued and refined. Peter pointed out analogous technicalities between skating and skiing. The only serious departure between the two sports is braking.

At 11:30 a.m. our lunch by HB's arrived giving everyone time for some fine barbecue and shop talk. At 1:00 p.m., the second hour of instruction began with the beginners looking very smooth and in relative control of heel braking, straight balanced movement and simple turning. The intermediates and advanced divided into two groups and addressed scissoring over rough terrain, t-stops, backward skating, and a variety of other requested maneuvers. All groups made extensive use of field cones to refine discipline and performance. It was a very impressive sight! What had begun more as strained chaos now appeared nearly choreographed and smooth! In general, feedback from all participants was great. Only one or two expressed doubts about their future in skating... but those weren't final. They did not permit

addressing ski pole technique, but Peter wants to get together to pursue this and other ideas for future workshops.

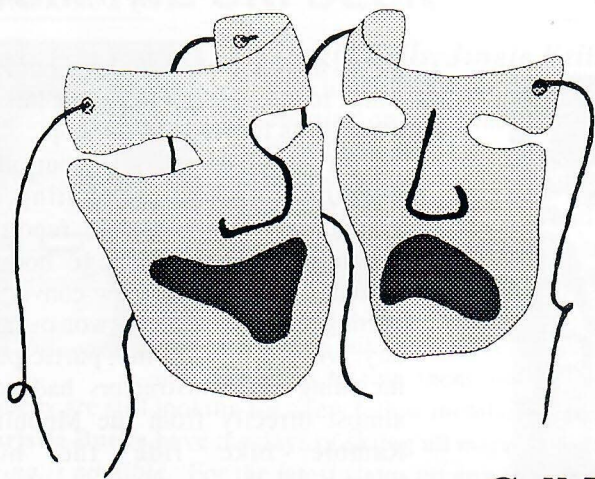
At 2:00 p.m. many left but others remained to continue skating and practicing. I am happy to report no apparent serious injuries to body of attitude. I sense many new converts to skating and or skiing were won over that day. A number of the participants including some instructors had come almost directly from the Moonlight Ramble bike ride the night before...without apparent affect... impressive! And last but not least, kudos must go to a host of volunteers including my secretary Gilda for various badges, lists, and food procurement. In all, maybe you would like to do it again?

See you later skater!

The list of participants were:

Pat Pease	Sharon Geedman
Kathleen Fowler	Ron Geedman
Mary Ann McGinnis	Alec Potter
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Donna Bergland	Mary Ann Harrell
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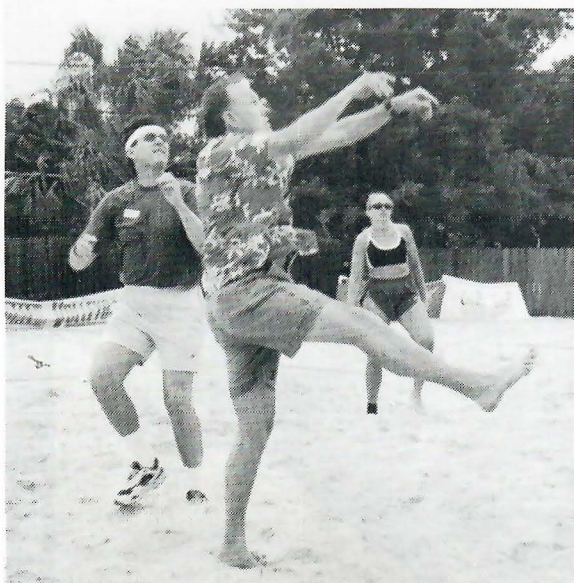
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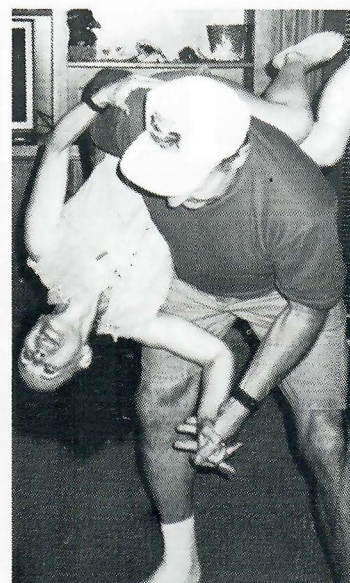
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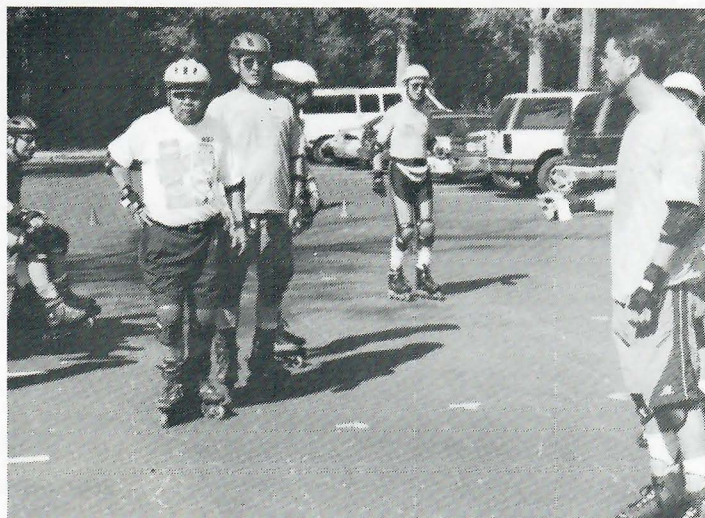
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