

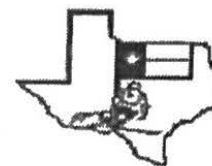


The Sitzmarke

SPACE CITY SKI CLUB

www.spacecityskiclub.org

December 2007



Member
Texas Ski
Council

Vol. 41, No. 8

From Mission Control

by Pat Piech, Space City Ski Club President.

The holidays are a great time... lots of fun, lots of parties and lots of good times. And hopefully lots of skiing. By the time you read this, Anne Marchetti and her adventurous group have skied Keystone for Thanksgiving and the Copper trip led by Trish Rameriz is heading out for a early December vacation. Our busiest ski months are right around the corner with 7 groups hitting the slopes with SCSC. I hope your season is all scheduled, but if not, be sure to contact the trip leaders and get on their wait list. You never know when a cancellation opens up and space becomes available.

For those staying at home, we have other events and activities planned for our members. We will celebrate at our Annual Holiday Gala on November 30th. Our other upcoming events include a super fun Bowling Tournament in

January and the always outrageous Mardi Gras celebration in Galveston in February. Be sure to checkout the SCSC website for all of the details. SCSC activities are great fun and we are always on the look



out for new ideas and volunteers. If you would like to help out with an activity, just contact our VP of Programs, Sandy Perry. She can fill you in on all of the details on activities in the works.

Finally, on behalf of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for the Space City Ski Club, I would like to extend our sincere best wishes to all of you for a happy and healthy holiday season.

See you on the slopes and think SNOW!

SCSC NEXT GENERAL MEETING - JANUARY 14, 2008

Space City Ski Club 2007-2008 Executive Committee

PRESIDENT.....PAT PIECH
ppiech48@houston.rr.com.....(281) 531-7650
VP of PROGRAMS.....SANDY PERRY
sandywp.ski@gmail
VP of TRIPS.....TED WIDMER
tedwidmer1@aol.com.....(713) 203-3145
VP of MEMBERSHIP.....BARBARA DELLA LONGA
bdellalonga@sbcglobal.net.....(281) 398-7107
VP of PUBLICATIONS.....ROSS BAKER
ross@rossbaker.com.....(713) 934-7368
TREASURER.....DAVID CONE
djcscc@hal-pc.org.....(713) 521-9741
SECRETARY.....SARAH GRANBERY
sarahgranbery@sbcglobal.net.....(713) 662-0493
DIRECTOR of TRIPS.....MARSHA LUTZ
marshalutz@earthlink.net.....(281) 870-9724
DIRECTOR of TRIPS.....JUDY SCHIRO
jschiro1@comcast.net.....(713) 939-8235
DIRECTOR of PROGRAMS.....CHRISTINA ANDERSON
andersoncmt@hotmail.com
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS.....CAMILLE LAROE
claroe@abm.com
AUDITOR.....KEITH A. KIRKMAN
keithakirkman@comcast.net.....(281) 894-4203
DIRECTOR of COMMUNICATIONS.....BRUCE LOWTHER
rblowt@hal-pc.org.....(713) 785-5196
TSC REPRESENTATIVE.....KAYLEEN KILL
kayleenkill@att.net
RACE DIRECTOR.....ROBERT WRAY
robert.wray@att.net.....(713) 410-3350

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

ELLEN EASTHAM, Chairman	
DEB CINI	PENNY CHANCEY
JESSICA HALTER	ROGER HOLTZMAN
DON MACKEN	CINDY MOORE
SEAN O'BRIEN	DAWN RODRIGUEZ
SUE SALVAGE	

SITZMARKE STAFF:

EDITOR.....ROSS BAKER
PHOTOGRAPHERS.....RON HAYES, BRUCE LOWTHER

SCSC
Annual Holiday Gala
Dinner and Dance
Music by: Van Lang

Friday, November 30
7:30 pm - 1:00 am

Vargo's Restaurant
2401 Fondren
Houston, Texas 77063

Complimentary Valet
Cash Bar
\$45.00 per person

Final Payment 11/12/2007

AC: Ann Dorn 281-989-9594,
specialdorn@yahoo.com

AAC: Cindy Moore
713-984-1060

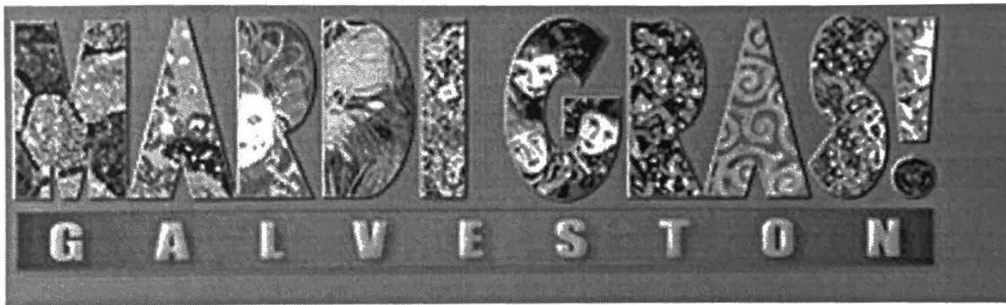
Space City Ski Club --Trip Schedule 2007-2008

DATES	TRIP	TRIP PRICE	FINAL PAY	TC ATC	PHONE	ADDRESS FOR SIGN-UP	EMAIL
Nov 20-25 2007	KEYSTONE	\$858F \$503C \$490L	9/17/07	Anne Marchetti	7134467673	1024 Fries Rd., Houston 77055	annemarchetti@earthlink.net
Dec 1-5 2007	COPPER -short	\$707F \$413L	10/1/07	Trish Ramirez Lora Gaige	2812174062 8326477227	16519 Casting Light, Houston 77095	trishramirez06@yahoo.com lora.gaige@hp.com
Jan 5-12 2008	VAIL - long	\$1129F \$826L	9/28/07	Diane Stotz Elizabeth Barker George Lopez	7138629486 8325266886 8562969399	710 Harvard, Houston 77007-1605	dianestotz@comcast.net soldbyelizabeth@hotmail.com gil_asti@yahoo.com
Jan 8-13 2008	VAIL - short	\$946F \$631L	9/28/07	Diane Stotz Elizabeth Barker George Lopez	7138629486 8325266886 8562969399	710 Harvard, Houston 77007-1605	dianestotz@comcast.net soldbyelizabeth@hotmail.com gil_asti@yahoo.com
Jan 12-19 2008	WHISTLER	\$1426F \$1022L	11/2/07	Bruce Baird Jill Nanney	2814964661 8322517097	11330 Inwood, Houston 77077-6438	bruce2skis@aol.com pj_nanney@hotmail.com
Jan 26-Feb 4/2008	BANSKO	\$1845F No Land	10/20/07	Brenda Soileau Sandra McCunis	2814313055 7134637177	1803 Thistle Creek Ct. Fresno, TX 77545	bgsoileau@aol.com semccunis@aol.com
Feb 2-9/ 2008	TELLURIDE	\$1168F \$755L	10/28/07	Barbara Ehrlich Dana Wardell	7138682470 2814978552	1034 Omar, Houston 77009-6535	barbehrlich@houston.rr.com dwardell@stalkerenergy.com
Feb 23-Mar 1,2008	STEAMBOAT	\$1277F \$811L	11/21/07	Melinda Hughes Dennis Hughes	2818598024 2818598024	18303 Harrow Hill, Houston 77084	home@angleoproductions.com dwhughes@horizonsurvey.com
Mar 1-8 2008	QUEBEC	\$1432F \$986L*	2/17/07	Leyla Ozkardesh Leslie Cashio	2815849723 2819808106	12815 Ashford Hills, Houston 77077	leyla@spacecityskiclub.org lac53@alltel.net

F = Full trip, L = Land trip (Availability may be limited - Please contact the TC), C = Child price. * = see article for restrictions

SCSC Calendar of Events

- 11/30/07 Annual Christmas Gala, AC: Ann Dorn
- 12/13/07 Happy Hour at Saga, 3017 Milam, 6 - 8 pm. Free appetizers, Live Music,
Complimentary Valet. AC: Barbara Rossetti
- 1/14/08 General Meeting at Vargo's: SCSC's Annual Ski Swap. AC Christina
Anderson
- 1/24/08 Happy Hour at Social Lounge, 3703 Washington, 6 - 8 pm. Free
Appetizers, Music & Free Parking across the street at Primeway
Credit Union AC: Barbara Rossetti
- 2/02/08 Mardi Gras Galveston, subject to ExComm approval
- 2/11/08 General Meeting at Vargo's, Guest Speaker - Thomas O. Clanton, M.D.,
Professor - Department of Orthopedic Surgery @ UT Medical
School at Houston
- 2/15/08 Valentine Disco Dance Party at Melody Club, AC: Cindy Moore
- 2/21/08 Happy Hour, location TBA
- 3/??/08 Giddy up and go to Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo - stay tuned for
more details
- 3/10/08 General Meeting at Vargo's
- 4/14/08 General Meeting at Vargo's
- 5/12/08 General Meeting at Vargo's
-



**SCSC's DOWNHILL KREWE once
again joins Z-Krewe to Salute**

“PIRATES”

Saturday February 2, 2008

2ND Weekend of Galveston Mardi Gras

**Zestival Balcony @ Trumpets
Overlooking the Strand**

**Package for \$170 includes:
Party Room, Balcony, Beads, 4 Drinks,
Lunch & Dinner**

**Two checks - one payable to Z-Krewe for \$125.00 and one
payable to SCSC for \$45. Come dressed as a Pirate.**

**Final Payment Date: January 14, 2008
Contact the AC: Steve Giesler @ 281-788-6303
Contact the ACC: Rick Jaeger @ 832-483-0875**

Having A Blast!

by Sandy Perry, Vice President of Programs.

SCSC Next General Meeting
January 14, 2008

I hope all of enjoyed our Annual Ski Fashion details, contact our happy show at our November General Meeting. hour coordinator, Barbara The clothing was provided by Sun and Ski Rossetti.

Sports. Our Fashion Show coordinator, Gloria We have a few **fun activities** Lopez and her assistant, Mary Wollman did a for you all to join in. Our wonderful job! Many thanks to Gloria, Mary **Annual Holiday Gala** is and our ski club models. Great job folks! Friday, November 30 at Vargo's Restaurant. We will



We will not be having a December meeting due to the Holidays. Our next **General Meeting** will be January 14 2008 and the highlight will be the **Annual Ski Swap**. Please bring any ski equipment that you wish to sale or trade for this elegant event. Please contact our AC: and your checkbooks. For more information Ann Dorn or AAC: Cindy Moore for more please contact Christina Anderson, Director of details. Programs.

Our next **happy hour** will be December 13th On Saturday, February 2nd Space City's Downhill Krewe will join Galveston's Z-Krewe at a brand new restaurant called Saga at 3017 for **Mardi Gras Galveston, 2008**. We will be Milam, from 6-8 pm. Saga is from Polo's celebrating the event from the Zestival Balcony Signature and Jon Paul fame! There will be free at Trumpets, overlooking the Strand. The ticket appetizers, live music and complimentary valet. price of \$170.00 includes access to Trumpets, Please note that appropriate dress is required. two meals (lunch and dinner) and four drink Please patronize these establishments who so tickets. All your beads for tossing and a bead graciously give us free appetizers. For more bag will be included. It is a lot of fun to be a bead thrower from the balcony and you will

enjoy having a place to sit and relax and clean restrooms are available. This year's theme is a Salute to "Pirates" so please come dressed as one. The final payment date is January 14, 2008. Please contact AC: Steve Giesler or AAC: Rick Jaeger for more details.

We have a special Valentine's activity planned on Friday, February 15th. The **Valentine Disco Dance Party** cost includes the cover charge to Melody Club, heavy appetizers and Hustle dance lessons. You can choose between beginning and intermediate Hustle lessons in the back room or you can join the Swing and Blues group in the front room. Bring your dancing shoes and show us your dance strut!! There will be a prize for the best dressed disco dancer. The cost of this activity is \$12.00 per participant and the final payment date is January 25, 2008. Please contact AC: Cindy Moore for more details.

We are also planning to see a show at the annual Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo during the month of March. The details of this event have not been finalized yet, so stay tuned for more details.

Katy Stomp and Wine Tasting (recap)

On October 27th, Christina Anderson, Mary Wollman, Judy Schiro, Ron Hayes, David Cone, Barbara Belzung, Lynn Burch and Sandy Perry and a couple of friends of Ron and Judy met at the Katy Stomp and Wine Tasting. We tasted wines from several vendors and snacked on appetizers. The location for the Wine Stomp was in a beautiful garden at The Pink Magnolia. If we had only known that it was in a garden, we would not have worn our high heels! Some of us enjoyed the wine so much that we bought wine to take home. This wine tasting was a benefit for Susan Komen Breast Cancer Center.

Wurstfest (recap)

On November 3rd 39 participants hopped on the bus heading for New Braunfels to help salute the German sausage, better known as "Wurstfest". This is New Braunfels version of Oktoberfest. The bus was late because the driver got lost and Sandy had to go and find him and lead him to our pickup location. Once we got the bus to the pickup location, we proceeded to load the bus with beer, wine, ice and people. After everyone settled in, had eaten their lunch from Jason's Deli and put a few drinks in their tummy and

well on our way to New Braunfels, we were all happy again.

Gary Barrett was so enthralled with the food that he waited an hour and a half in line for a pork chop on a stick. I hope it was worth it! Marsha and Peggy went shopping at the booths in the Marketplatz. Several visited the Craft Show. Dianne Duperier and friends made sure they got to meet the Wurstfest Dignitaries. Cliff Jacobs and Cindy Moore stayed at Wursthalle almost all day and evening where they danced (Cindy in her dance shoes and Cliff on his roller skates) almost non-stop to the great polkas and waltzes. They were quite a couple amongst the polka dancers. Christina and friends enjoyed the Chicken Dance so much, that they were seen doing it several times.

The Granbery sisters, Susan and Sarah, plus two friends, who joined the club just for this trip, grabbed an outside table, loaded it with pitchers of beer, and watched the passing parade. They

were soon joined by three guys from San Antonio, who compared notes with them on the talent, then their next group of friends had a deck of cards and a Texas Hold'em game involving the whole table was soon underway. I bet Mother Theresa was making sure they played the game fair!

The Wellhausen family took in the food, music and dance, as we usually do. We took in the yodeling and then made our way to the big tent to watch our favorite band, "Alpenfest". Chris and his aunt Sandy went people watching. (Well actually I watched my nephew getting to know some young ladies with his pitcher of beer.) Sandy also modeled her chicken hat, but found it to be too hot to wear all day.

Everyone promptly loaded the bus for the return home. Some took a nap while others told their Wurstfest stories. Unfortunately, I didn't get to hear all the stories or they would be in this article!

Countdown to Liftoff

by Ted Widmer, Vice President of Trips.

December is a great time of year and our ski trips are ready to kick into high gear. By the time you read this, our Thanksgiving trip will have already returned and the early season trip to Copper Mountain will be ready to return to Houston as well. Coming up are some fabulous destinations and space is still available.

The club is spending mid January in Canada at Whistler/Blackcomb. If you have never been to Whistler, you really need to consider this trip. By January, the average base over the last 7 years has been over 200 inches, so the snow should be great. Couple that with great trails and a fun town and it will be a vacation to remember. Get with Bruce Baird or Jill Nanney for more details. The other trip that promises to be fantastic is also in Canada and that is Quebec. In addition to the skiing, the town of Quebec is celebrating its 400th year and it is going all out

for the celebration. Plus, it is a TSC trip and we will be bringing a bit of Texas to the French Canadians. Be sure to be a part of the fun and history. Leyla Ozkardesh is the TC for this trip and contact her or Leslie Cashio for the entire scoop.

Our other trips, Bansko, Telluride and Steamboat, are all at capacity at this time. But if you are flexible and interested in one of these trips, you might want to get on the waiting list. You never know when someone needs to drop off.

Finally, please take a minute and thank all of the trip coordinators, their assistants and the directors for all of the hard work getting this ski season underway. They have done a terrific job.
