

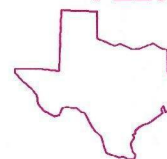


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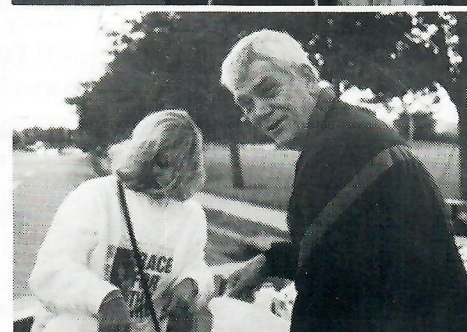
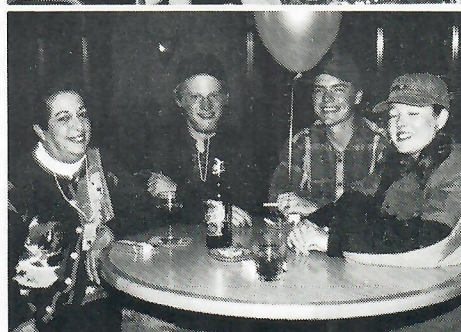
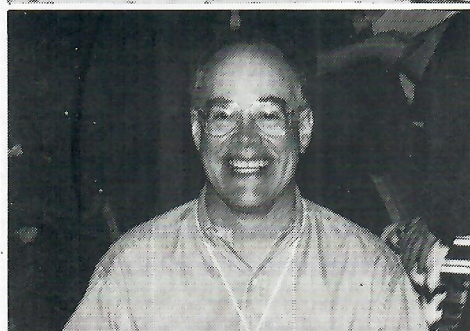
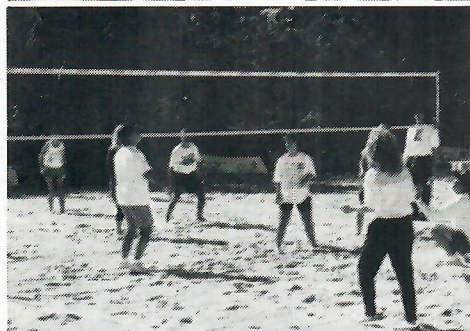
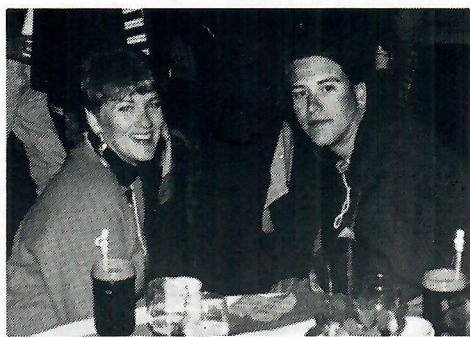
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## Head of the Lifeline

*By Marti Toomer*



SCSC members are almost always lucky with weather and January was no different. With flights canceled due to blizzard conditions in most of the nation, our 124 Park City skiers were able to fly to one of the few destinations with plenty of snow AND an open airport! Hopefully that luck will continue through our February and March trips, and for our Texas Ski Council (TSC) races.

The Nominating Committee has developed its slate of officers for 1996-97. As always, it was extremely challenging to find volunteers that were willing to commit the time, had the experience to run the club, and would work together well as your Executive Committee. I would like to thank each person who was willing to be considered as a candidate. We are only as successful as the members who are willing to volunteer and help Space City remain a first class ALL VOLUNTEER ski club. The slate will be announced at the February General Meeting and nominations will be accepted from the floor at that time. Nominees must have been members in good standing for the previous twelve months and must consent to serve. If there are nominees from the floor, the election will be held at the March General Meeting. My great appreciation to the Nominating Committee, Jeri Hartman, chairperson, Dale Allbritton, Kayleen Kill, Bill Kirk, Peggy Montgomery, Bob Olsen, and Pat Wood, for their work and dedication.

Also, our present VP Trips, Merrel Smith, has been selected as a member of the TSC Pre-Select Bid Committee. This committee reviews all the resort proposals submitted to the TSC and determines which should be presented to the member clubs at the April bid meeting. My thanks to Merrel for volunteering for such an important committee.

### TRIPS

We've still got two months of skiing left this year, and eight trips left! If you are interested a trip, call the TC or ATC even if it's full. There will almost always be cancellations and occasionally they can expand the trip.

### ACTIVITIES

The Comedy Club Evening coordinated by Frances Smith was reportedly great fun and I understand some participants are trying to remember the jokes to spring them on the rest of us at the Happy Hour. A memorable evening was had by all at HGO's La Boheme coordinated by Marianne Pierce. Thanks to both of them for volunteering. This month we've got groups going to the Rodeo and the Houston Rockets, as well as a Country Western Dance lesson. Call the coordinators if you're interested in participating. We're looking for volunteers to coordinate summer activities, so please give Eric Prentis a call if you'd like to volunteer.

### DIRECTORIES

Hopefully you've received your directory by the time you get this Sitz. They were mailed in mid-January. If you haven't received it, please call Karen Putney. An update will be published in March with the new members since the November cut-off date and any information changes that are sent to the VP Membership, Ted Bergeron.

### SCSC Activity

**Alley Theater - Street Car Named Desire**

**April 27, 1996 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.**

**\$28.00**

AC: Pete Frost  
3470 Tunbury  
Houston, TX 77095  
859-6317

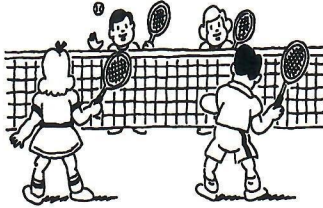
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February						
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## Coming Events

### February

- 3-10.....Sun Valley
- 12.....General Meeting - Rodeo Night
- 10-18.....Steamboat I & II
- 17.....Houston Livestock Show
- 16-20.....Taos
- 24.....Houston Rockets vs L.A. Lakers
- 24-2.....Big Sky
- 29.....Happy Hour - Longhorn Saloon

### March

- 11.....General Meeting - Photo Contest
- 9-16.....Banff
- 16.....St. Patricks Day Parade
- 16-23.....Mammoth
- 23.....Pub Crawl
- 26-31.....Vail
- 28.....Happy Hour

### April

- 8.....General Meeting - Annual Meeting
- 14.....Houston Aeros Hockey
- 25.....Happy Hour
- 27.....Alley Theater - Street Car Named Desire

## SCSC Activity Houston Aeros Ice Hockey

Sunday April 14, 1996

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**\$13.00**

Aeros vs Detroit Vipers

Optional gathering at Ninfas  
on Richmond. Price includes  
parking at Summit.

AC: Gary Quinn  
999-4759

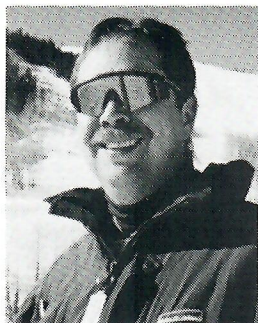
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# FROM THE SKI DESK

by Merrel Smith, V.P.-Trips



a well timed phone call may get you on a trip that appeared to have no space available.

In January Space City's ski season really got to moving along with trips to Park City, Utah; Aspen, Colorado; Heavenly Valley, Nevada/California; and Badgastein, Austria. More than 230 SCSCers began their 1996 ski year last month, and a few are still "lost in Europe" right now.

Back to February, Pam Smith, and Dana Wardell are heading to Sun Valley, Idaho on the 3rd with 40 club members. I understand ten more SCSCers wanted go so badly they made their own arrangements and plan to meet the rest there. Steamboat, Colorado is the destination of 66 participants on two Space City trips. TCs Charlotte Lynn & Deborah (Purdin) Christie assisted by respective ATCs Joe Cannata & Arlen Isham will be part of 362 Texans from eleven different Texas Ski Council clubs. The TSC Winter Shootout begins the 10th of the month with our short trip leaving on 2/14, Valentines Day. Presidents Day weekend will find 32 more members in New Mexico. Stan Broniak and Ken Shapley are hoping to find some fresh powder in Taos for their group. The following Saturday, 1/24, Debbie Warren and Barb Ehrlich are off to Big Sky, Montana. They plan a full week for the 36 participants with skiing & partying, as well as a

snowmobile excursion in Yellowstone Park. Lets hope the US Government cooperates and has the park open.

Speaking of the government, the recent shutdowns have created some real problems for many people. The air travel industry has had a dilemma arise as well. Due to our early ticketing, we were required to pay a 10% tax on tickets purchased in 1995 for 1996 travel. As of this writing refunds of this tax may be due to many of our participants. I have talked to several industry representatives, and different procedures of obtaining refunds are being implemented by the individual venders. If we can obtain the refund through the club it will be returned to you, however it may be necessary for each ticket holder to apply for his or her own refund. By all means **hang on to your ticket stub** after using it for travel. Your trip leader will get the necessary information to you ASAP.

We have passed final payment date for all trips, if you are late contact your TC. A diligent effort is made to secure payments from all participants, and if we don't have any word from you, we will look for a replacement. Until next month, see you on the ski slopes.

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Trip Dates	Nights / SkiDays	Trip Destination	Cost ♦	Final Payment	Lodging	No. Skiers	Status/ Waitlist	TC/ATC (DOT)	Home Phone
Feb. 3-10, 1996 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	SUN VALLEY Idaho (Ski the American Alps)	F: \$608 L: \$276	10/20/95	Gray Hawk 2 / 2 Condos	40	full Wlist 1	Pam Smith Dana Wardell (CH)	266-5174 497-8552
Feb. 10-17, 1996 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	STEAMBOAT I Colorado (TSC Winter Shootout)	F: \$793 L: \$431	11/13/95	Timber Run 3 / 3 Condos	36	full Wlist 1	Charlotte Lynn Joe Cannata (GF)	777-1064 789-1928
Feb. 14-18, 1996 (Wed.--Sun.)	4 / 3½	STEAMBOAT II Colorado (TSC Winter Shootout-short)	F: \$594 L: \$291	11/13/95	Waterford 3 / 3 Condos	30	full Wlist 5	Deborah Purdin Arlen Isham (GF)	802-9801 455-4858
Feb. 16-20, 1996 (Fri.--Tue.)	4 / 3	TAOS New Mexico (President's Day)	F: \$435 L: \$257	11/13/95	Kachina Lodge (Best Western) Hotel / Motel	32	full Wlist 6	Stan Broniak Ken Shapley (CH)	531-6147 293-9766
Feb 24-Mar 2, '96 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6½	BIG SKY Montana (Yellowstone Park Option)	F: \$848 L: \$418 ♦	11/13/95	Big Horn 3 / 3 Condos	36	full Wlist 1	Debbie Warren Barb Ehrlich (GF)	859-5812 868-2470
Mar 9-16, 1996 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	BANFF Canada (Spring Break)	\$756	1/15/96	Banff Caribou Lodge Hotel	42	full Wlist 3	Sandy Hoffman Bill Bomberger (CH)	391-3224 495-8668
Mar 16-23, 1996 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	MAMMOTH California (TSC Final Showdown)	F: \$667 L: \$424 ♦	1/12/96	Summit 2 / 2 Condos	44	full Wlist 2	Sue Edwards Lisa Smith (CH)	955-6675 776-8135
Mar 26 - 31 1996 (Tue--Sun)	5 / 4	VAIL Colorado (Last chance)	F: \$452 L: \$299	1/15/96	Evergreen Lodge Hotel	42	full Wlist 22	Dave Stotz Julia Long (GF)	862-9486 522-5175

♦Notes: F=Full Package, L=Land Package, Big Sky-No more than 6 land packages. Mammoth-Only 42 full packages.

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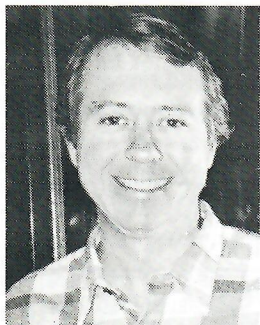
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# PROGRAMS

by Eric Prentis, V.P. Programs



A Rodeo theme is in store for the February meeting. First, we are very fortunate to have a fun group of Rodeo Payers from The Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo who will perform in a short play called, "Genuine Justice: or Quick Boss, Before the Ice Cream Melts." The play recreates, based on the legends of the old west, how cowboys would entertain themselves after dinner during a trail ride. So arrive early for a

good seat, "prepare to boo and hiss the villains, cheer on the hero and just have a good ole fashioned time." Second, Gary Haley is leading a lucky group of 125 people to the Houston Rodeo Night on Saturday, February 17, 1996. We expect this activity to be very popular so hope you have a coveted ticket.

The third Rodeo related event will sharpen your country western dance skills at the February 29th happy hour. The Longhorn Saloon @ 800 Northwest Mall will host the happy hour by giving us a dinner buffet, complimentary drink, reserved seating and happy hour prices. Talk to Mary Dooley to sign up for the dance lessons to be given by Red Draper.

Have you always wanted to visit a dude ranch? Well, now is your chance. Heidi Heinrich will be the TSC - Hill Country Hoe-Down activity coordinator for our merry group at the Flying L Dude Ranch in Bandera, Texas, May 17th - 19th, (Fri. to Sun.). Come for fantastic meals included in the price, horseback riding, Cowboy Olympics, Saturday night hoe-down and all around relaxing good time.

Having fun, hope you are, too!



## Ski Spring Break March 10-14, 1996 Durango/Purgatory

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### Happy Hour

February 29, 1996

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

### Longhorn Saloon

800 Northwest Mall  
Complimentary Buffet

1st Drink Free

Reserved Area

Appropriate Dress Required

SCSC Activity

### Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo

February 17, 1996

7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

**\$10.00**



AC: Gary Haley  
P. O. Box 40443  
Houston, TX 77240-0443  
984-9884

Final Payment Due: 2/1/96  
Family Optional

SCSC Activity

### Pub Crawl

March 23, 1996

1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**\$10.00**

### Progressive Happy Hour

AC: John Adams  
8211 Fairhope Pl.  
Houston, TX 77025-3201  
666-9277

EMAIL: JADAMS@SLB.COM

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SCSC Activity

### Country & Western Dance Lesson

February 29, 1996

Happy Hour

Longhorn Saloon

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**\$3.00**

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TIME NATIONAL CHAMPION

AC: Mary Dooley  
3780 Tanglewilde #603  
Houston, TX 77063  
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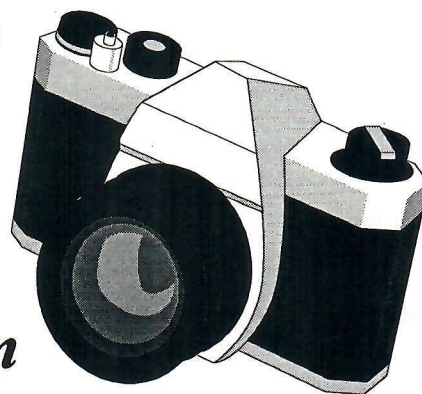
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Activity	Activity Coordinator	Activity Date	Final Pmt	Cost
Houston Livestock Show	Gary Haley 984-9884	2/17/96	2/1/96	\$ 10.00
Houston Rockets	Joanne Fore 723-4707	2/24/96	2/1/96	\$ 25.00
C & W Dance Lesson	Mary Dooley 977-8014	2/29/96	2/12/96	\$ 3.00
St. Patrick Day Parade	Gail Kohl 271-1039	3/16/96	3/11/96	\$ 15.00
Pub Crawl	John Adams 666-9277	3/23/96	3/1/96	\$ 10.00
Houston Aeros Hockey	Gary Quinn 999-4759	4/14/96	3/28/96	\$ 13.00
Alley Theater	Pete Frost 859-6317	4/27/96	3/29/96	\$ 28.00
TSC - Hill Country Hoe-Down	Heidi Heinrich 395-9995	5/17-19/96	4/8/96	\$ 254.00



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AC: Gail Kohl  
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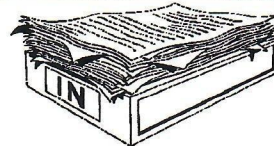
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# NOMINATING COMMITTEE

## *Slate of Nominated Candidates for 1996-97*

The Space City Ski Club Nominating Committee has met and would like to place into nomination the following members to serve as the 1996-1997 SCSC officers:

President	Gary Butler
Vice President - Programs	Don Crabtree
Vice President - Trips	George Flournoy
Vice President - Membership	Debbie Warren
Vice President - Publications	Karen Putney
Secretary	Llona Doubet
Treasurer	Jeff Sarff

Finding members who are willing and able to manage a volunteer organization is more complicated than most people think. The Nominating Committee first solicits volunteers and then actively recruits potentially qualified club members to become officers. This is not an easy task! Some of the criteria that we looked for included:

- Time available
- Business experience
- Previous contributions to the club
- Creativity
- Enthusiasm (active in the club)
- Accessibility (located in the Houston vicinity)
- Stability (risk of relocation)
- Balance (male/female)
- Teamwork (complementary leaders)

The Bylaws allow for additional nominations from the floor at the February meeting and the election will be held at the March Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

SCSC 1995-96 Nominating Committee:

Jeri Hartman, Chairperson	
Dale Allbritton	Kayleen Kill
Bill Kirk	Peggy Montgomery
Bob Olsen	Pat Wood

SCSC Activity

**TSC - Hill Country  
Hoe-Down  
May 17-19, 1996  
Bandera, Texas  
Flying L Dude Ranch  
\$254.00**

**Cowboy Olympics,  
Horseback Riding,  
Swimming Pool,  
Saturday Night Hoe-down  
\*\*Meals Included\*\***

AC: Heidi Heinrich  
22402 Fincastle  
Katy, TX 77450  
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# EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MEMBERSHIP, BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK!

by Ted Bergeron



The number of recent phone calls asking (Why didn't I get my Sitzmarke? When do I get my 'Membership Card?') prompted me to write this article to try and clear up some misunderstandings about membership in Space City. Here are some important things about your membership that you should and need to know.

1. Membership is for a one year period - from May 1 then April 30.
2. Memberships do not automatically renew. You must submit an application for renewal each year.
3. Renewal Period - May 1 thru May 31. Advantages of Renewing within the renewal period.
  - A. Current members are given a \$5.00 Discount.
  - Sponsorship signatures are not required for renewal
  - B. Qualifies you for early mail-in sign-up for ski trips.
  - C. Assures you of getting your or membership card mailed to you in your Sitzmarke.
  - D. Assures you of the continuation of your Sitzmarke.
  - E. Assures the continuation of your "Membership in Good Standing" which is required if you plan to apply for a position as Officer in SCSC. If you let your membership lapse you are not eligible to become an Officer.
4. New members cannot sign up until June 1, after all current members are given the opportunity to renew.
5. After the initial membership card mail-out in August for renewing members, cards are no longer mailed out during the year. New members can pick them up at the General Meetings.
6. The Sitzmarke is mailed out via bulk mail which means that it is not forwarded to a new address. If you change address during the year, send in the address change to the VP of Membership so it can be changed on the computer. The VP of Membership generates the mailing labels for the Sitzmarke.
7. Processing your application for membership can take up to four weeks, because it must go then an approval process by the Officers. Therefore, it may take 2 months for you to receive your first Sitzmarke Newsletter.

## Trivia:

The most Frequently Asked Question of the V.P. of Membership is: What does the 'a' and 's' stand for on the membership application.

Answer: 'a' stands for applicant 's' stands for spouse

If you have any other questions you were afraid to ask, call me.



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# FALL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

by Kathy Young

Forty SCSCer's participated in the Fall Tennis Tournament in an eight court draw of fun doubles. TC Kathy Young nearly had a nervous breakdown when there was three no-shows on the day of the tournament. However volunteers covered for the missing participants by playing an extra round. Everyone was guaranteed four half hour rounds.

The gender make-up of the "B" division was evenly distributed but only five women signed up for the "A" division. This made for some "testosterone" men's matches in "A" division. One particular match with Stu Traver, Jim Frowe, Bob Dyar and John Burke broke the sound barrier for grunting. Ladies man, Bob Gerrits played one round with three females. It was all in fun though and no one seemed to mind.

The chicken and beef fajita dinners catered by Marcos was delicious. Fondren Tennis center was a very accommodating host

Tournament winners were decided by percentage of games one of the total games played. "B" division winner, Richard Hall had the best day; he won 82% of his games played. Second place "B" division went to Bob Gottlieb. Marian Caggiano bested Sharon Sequiera by only one game to take third place in a photo finish.

"A" division winner was Ed Cain followed by Jim Frowe in second place. Mary Ann Ryerson was third place "A" division.

And the tournament director is nicely recovered from her nervous breakdown!



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## BEAR CREEK BIKE RIDE

by Concietta Ruggiero

It was in the low 40's with a biting wind, prompting questions like, "Do I really want to do this!?" and "Where did I pack away the silk long-johns?"—not an auspicious beginning for a leisurely SCSC Bicycle Tour. The broad expanses of sky visible along I-10 showed nothing but overcast and little indication that the weather would warm up. The Barker-Cypress Park and Ride was empty except for a small group huddled together for warmth. There was much warmth, however, in the greetings from AC Concietta Ruggiero and AAC Lee Swords, who were sooooo happy that participants had shown up. It was clear that this event was going to be enjoyed by the hardy among us.

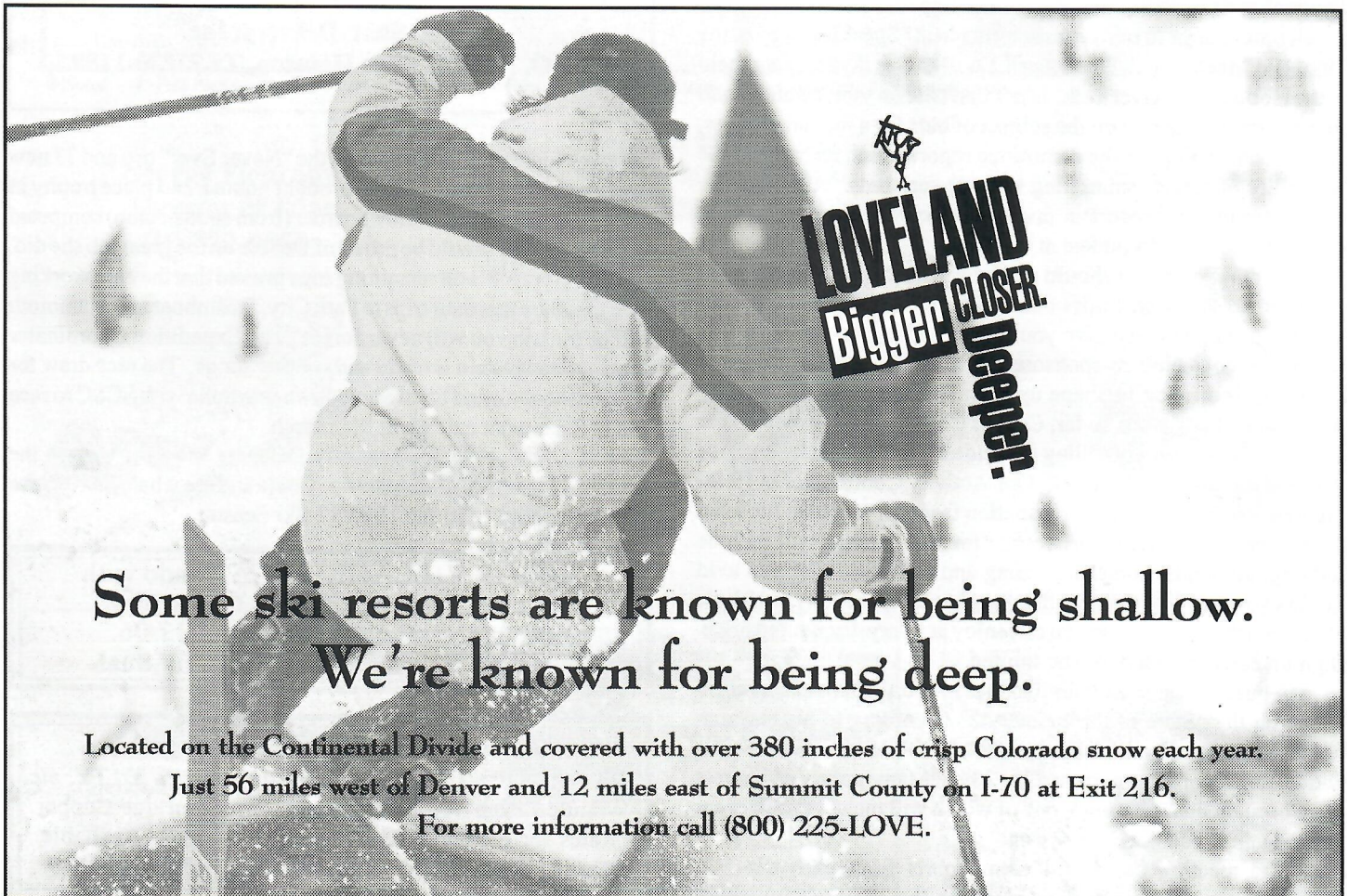
Warmed by refreshments and determined to make the best of the elements, we set to lifting bikes out of back-seats, trunks, car-top carriers, vans or pick-ups. They arrived in various states of disassembly so a couple of the guys lent a hand putting on front wheels, back wheels, handle-bars and pedals. By now the skies had cleared and the sun was shining brightly, the list of bikers had grown to 21. We tested our wheels with trips around the parking lot. It also provided an opportunity to learn who was who through all the hoods, hats, and a face mask or two. There was one crazy guy wearing shorts and a T-shirt. We thought he was nuts, but he looked good!

The temperature had improved and we were all anxious to get on the road in hopes that the physical activity would warm us up.

After group pictures Lee gave the go-ahead sign and we started out toward the levee protecting Houston from the flooding potential of the Barker Reservoir. Now we faced the full fury of the wind. All strained on the pedals trying to find the right gear, at the same time sensing the effort needed to pedal against the wind. All eyes were toward the curve ahead because we knew that at that point the wind would be at our backs. Soon it was warm; the pedaling was easy. We enjoyed nature on our right—an occasional heron in the shallow water of the reservoir, contrasted by the traffic on Hwy 6 on the left.

Our leader was waiting for us at the 6 mile point (Westheimer) and it was determined that would be a good turn-around point. We were well aware that we would be pedaling against the wind most of the return trip. That white parking garage seemed so far away! One by one we straggled back into the Park and Ride lot and made our way to Dirty's for refreshing Margarita's. No hats, hoods, or parkas now! We enjoyed drinks, food and friends. And maybe later, a soak in a hot tub to reclaim our tired legs.

The brave and fearless SCSCer's included Craig Campbell, Christine Lloyd, Alex Potter, Phil Maersch, Bill Bomberger, Steven Teoh, Terri Garvey, Suzann Staats, Kim & Greg Kolanowski, Marvin Volz, Terri Thomas, Jim Frowe, Susan Wicker, Betsy Goodnow, Sandra Blair, Jean Soo and Howard Schoenike.



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# TEXAS SKI COUNCIL REPORT

by Sharon Smith

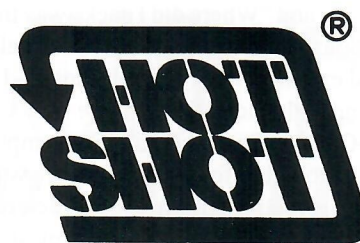
The Texas Ski Council met for its Quarterly Delegate Meeting in Houston on December 9, 1995 with all Clubs represented except Ski Jammers, Texas Tumbleweeds and Texins. Once again SCSC was well represented with four of our seven Officers; **Marti Toomer**, **Merrel Smith**, **Ted Bergeron** (TSC Race Committee Chair) and **Gary Butler**; joining me for this meeting. Also attending were **Charles Butler**, and my mom **Gertie**. Incidentally, Charles has graciously agreed to write a new race program for the TSC race computer, kudos Charles.

TSC Treasurer, **Laura Kuchcinski**, gave the financial report and distributed an updated budget as well as Club status on activity/participation fees. With the 1995/96 season nearing an end, preparation for the 1996/97 season is underway. TSC President, **Jerry Montgomery**, announced the 1996 Nominating Committee has been formed with members being Chairman, **Billy Lynam** (Los Amigos), **Dorothy Carroll** (Alamo Skiers) and **David Jeter** (Texas Twisters). If you are interested in becoming a TSC Officer qualifications can be found in SCSC By-law 9.3. Also announced was the 1996 Pre-Select Committee which our own **Merrel Smith** has been asked to serve on. Congratulations! Bid packets have been sent to resorts by VP Marketing, **Bill Sneed**, and upon their return the committee will begin their work. The TSC will be requesting/accepting proposals for a Summer Expedition in 1997 (tentative dates are a 10-14 day period between July 12 and September 6) in addition to the Winter Expedition. This could be a welcome change to our Texas summer heat. Speaking of bids, the 1996 Bid Meeting will be on April 12-14 in San Antonio and held at the Holiday Inn Riverwalk. Mark that date on your calendar and plan to attend. Staying on the subject of bids for a moment longer, **Gary Kuchcinski** gave the committee report which researched the feasibility of resorts submitting two (2) year bids. Although the committee members were in favor the resorts were not receptive. It was decided not to pursue at this time.

Another date you should mark on your calendar is May 17-19, 1996 so you won't miss out on the "TSC Hill Country Hoe-Down" in Bandera. To give you a brief update and reminder this summer event, being co-sponsored by SCSC and Clear Lake Area Ski Club, is starting to shape up with five (5) clubs planning to participate. Four clubs so far, Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Clear Lake and SCSC, will be filling the dude ranch to capacity and Los Amigos is planning to join us. Our Activity Coordinator is **Heidi Heinrich** so be sure to get information from her and plan for a fun filled week-end. Remember, price for this activity will include lodging, all meals, horseback riding and activities. For you avid golfers you may like to know that they have, on property, a 18 hole championship golf course you can enjoy at a very discounted price. Sign up early as space will be limited.

A guest speaker, and familiar face to many, **Richard Davidson** spoke on the "State of the Industry". According to his research active skiers declined by 8% in 1994-95 while in the same year active snowboarders increased by 28%. Many points of interest were brought up by Richard, one of which will make you never eat snow again if you have in the past.

The meeting concluded with reports from each trip VP. **Debbie Bergeron** gave a final report on the TSC Fall Roundup.



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Copper Mountain was designated the "Never Ever" trip and 33 new skiers were recognized. SCSC brought home a 2nd place trophy in Nastar and a TSC first, a snowboarder (from another club) competed in the races. We should be proud of **Debbie** on the great job she did. Updates from VP's on remaining trips proved that they are working hard to ensure that their trips to Park City, Steamboat and Mammoth will be the trip you will never forget. The Expedition Coordinator says that Badgastein is ready and waiting for us. The race draw for Winter Shootout and Final Showdown was done with SCSC to race 2nd at Steamboat and 8th at Mammoth.

The final 1995/96 Quarterly Delegate Meeting will be the April Bid Meeting in San Antonio. Come and see what we will have to look forward to in the 1996/97 Ski Season.

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# VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

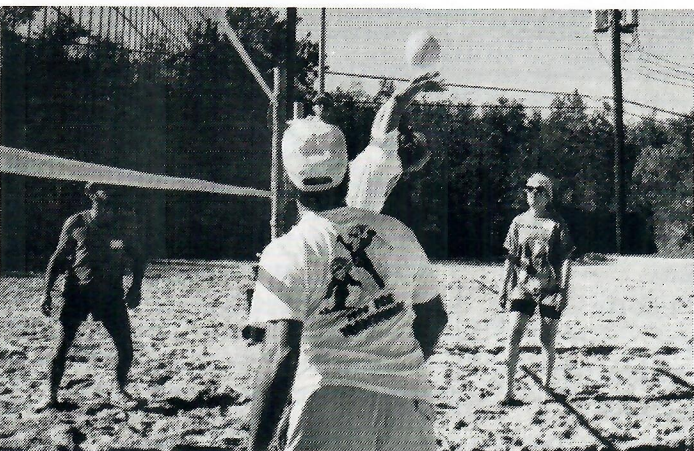
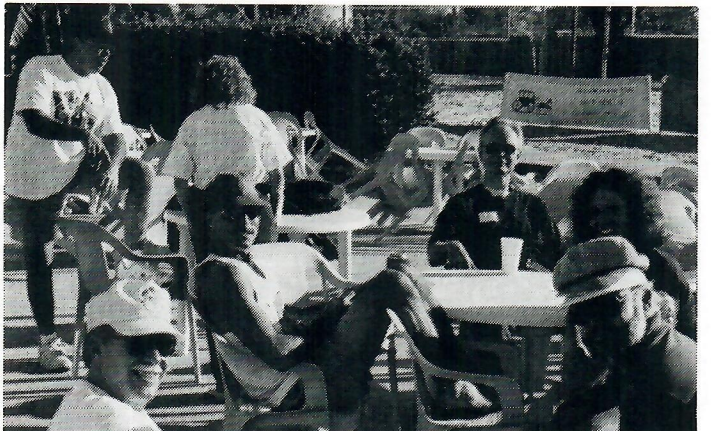
by Jeff Warren

On Thursday, November the 2nd one of the first cold fronts of the season came roaring in. The decision to postpone the long awaited Volleyball Tournament, scheduled for that Saturday was made. As it turned out Saturday's weather wasn't too bad, just ask the two participants yours truly forgot to notify (*I'm really sorry guys*). Sunday, November 12th the morning temperature was 33 degrees (*this is better huh?*), but as the sun rose so did the temperature to a warm 72 degrees.

Forty-three adventurous, eager and a few reluctant souls gathered at the Backyard Bar & Grille on South Main to play sand volleyball. After sign-in the players checked the rosters for team assignment. Teams with names like Dynamite Diggers, Spinning Spikers, Double Bump and Air Attack (*renamed Gas Attack by captain John Cook*) seemed to be appropriate for the level of play. A brief explanation of the rules by Mike Miksch of The Backyard and we were ready to go. Playing coed rules seemed to be a challenge. A few people had to be reminded of their gender by team mates, but referees at The Backyard kept everyone straight.

After some fifteen grueling matches a winning team emerged. The Spinning Spikers led by Captain Susan Blome with Gary Butler, Patrick Bare, Dan Stoltzfus & Dawn Frnka.

My thanks to everyone for making this a great tournament, it could not have happened without you and thanks to Mike, Shay and the gang at The Backyard for all your support. Special thanks to the team captains for their help. I couldn't have made it through the day without you.





## PHOTO GALLERY



# Follies

May 13, 1996



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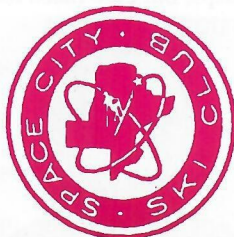


As you can see from the last few ***SPOTLIGHT on VOLUNTEERS*** columns there is a great deal of opportunity to VOLUNTEER! Some jobs require only a short period of time at a meeting such as volunteering for the membership sign-in or being an ambassador for a meeting.

*(Columnist Note: I need to apologize to Asst. Treasurer **MARVIN VOLZ** for some misinformation when discussing him in my column. Marvin has not been involved with or attended SCSC gambling trips -- Marvin is retired from the U. S. Postal Service and spends his time when not volunteering and playing with SCSC by working at Astrodome activities. Sorry Marvin. Thanks for understanding.) The following are more pictures of volunteers in action!*







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