

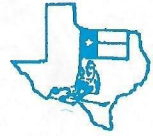


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## Head of the Liftline

by Gary Butler



According to my thermostat summer has arrived, so it's time to consider how do I remain active with my friends in the Space City Ski Club? Since there are no General Meetings until September, keeping informed on the activity schedule is difficult. Finding out about next years ski trips and who is running them can take an effort. Determining the time and place of a happy hour, as well as directions, can be fun. SCSC has taken all of these needs into account and offers a raft of solutions.

Your main source of information is the *Sitzmarke*. For those of you who have not renewed your membership, this will be your last issue. If you want to keep this informative and timely source of what's happening in Space City, all you have to do is send your membership renewal form and the nominal membership dues to **Debbie Warren**. For your effort, you keep receiving this excellent newsletter for another year, as well as retaining that coveted "Membership Card", good for discounts at many local retailers.

Now you say, "I forgot my *Sitz*, where is that happy hour?". We offer another solution for this problem. We call it the telephone. Dial 688-SCSC and a helpful recording will fill you in on what's happening in Space City.

Now it just happens that you have more resources than the telephone if you want more detail on the world of Space City Ski Club. We have now entered the 21st century and offer to the computer connected cyber world our own Internet World Wide Web Site. Log onto [www.hic.net/scsc/scsc.html](http://www.hic.net/scsc/scsc.html), and you will have at your finger tips all that is going to be happening with SCSC. We have club history, membership information, trip schedules, and activity schedules. You have the ability to Email all the clubs officers, submit articles to the publisher, beg **Don Crabtree** to let you run your favorite activity, etc.

Between this information overload you should find plenty of happy hours and activities to keep you busy all summer. Also remember, we need you to step up and volunteer to run activities to make these things happen. If you want to volunteer your time or have suggestions for our Web Site, don't hesitate to Email me at: [scsc@hic.net](mailto:scsc@hic.net).

On a separate note, the board of directors has filled the open positions on the board as well as the Texas Ski Council Representative and Alternate. With **Karen Putney** and I serving again on the Executive Committee, **Jerry Montgomery** and **Pam Holder** have been elected to step into these positions. Both Jerry and Pam have served Space City in a number of offices including President. Jerry has just completed terms as President of the Texas Ski Council as well as a number of TSC offices.

We are fortunate that **Merrel Smith**, last years V.P. of Trips, has volunteered his time to become our Texas Ski Council Representative for this year. He is extremely qualified and well known by the movers and shakers in the TSC. Our Alternate TSC Representative is **Ted Bergeron**, last years V.P. of Membership. Ted knows what he's doing, having served as the TSC Race Director for many years.





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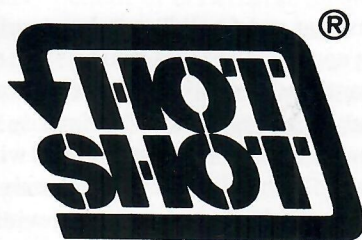
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## Coming Events

### June

22 ..... Beginning Wind Surfing

27 ..... Happy Hour - The Rose at City Streets

### July

18 ..... Happy Hour - Cody's in the Village

19 ..... Houston Astros

### August

2 ..... Texas Terror Football

4 ..... Road Rally & Scavenger Hunt

July						
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### SCSC Activity

## Road Rally & Scavenger Hunt

August 4, 1996 2:00 p.m. - 6 p.m.

**\$15.00**

AC: Pam Smith

2828 Walnut Bend #277

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✓ Scavenger Hunt

✓ Prizes Awarded

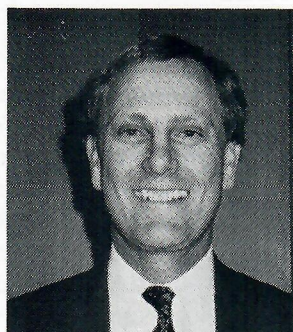
✓ Dinner Included



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## IT'S SKI TIME

Hard to believe that it's only June and the trip schedule is done! After a feverish month of calls, conversations, and tremendous effort on behalf of **Super DOTS Susan Blome and Dave Stotz** we have lift-off. It may not sound like a lot, but to prepare the 96-97 trip schedule, select, train and move forward to actual trip arrangements

is the equivalent of launching a space shuttle. Everyone, on the board, executive committee, ex. TCs, VPs of Trips, and DOTs have all provided input to make next year's ski season special for you. The amount of effort put forth is Herculean and I am most appreciative. *This club runs on volunteer effort.* Both the quantity and quality have been exceptional. Thanks to all of you who have been so helpful.

Speaking of volunteer efforts when you preview the new trip schedule there are some popular concept trips missing. For example, a **Christmas or a family optional trip**. It's really very simple, no volunteers for these trips as TCs.....so no trips. Remember if you did not volunteer.....NO WHINING ALLOWED! This organization is strictly volunteer, so the next time you leave your gear for the volunteer baggage handlers to load on the bus as you rush on board to get the best seats, remember an organization is only as great as its volunteer help!!! What was your contribution for 1996?


Speaking of contributions, we have an abundance of ATC candidates for the upcoming ski season. By the time you read this, our schedule and selection of personnel will be complete. Many of the 75 volunteers for the ATC position were not selected. Please let me explain why. The time involved is tremendous for the VP of Trip's staff. So we established criteria of first contacting previous volunteers of other club activities (after all, they have learned that important club function....PAPERWORK). This nearly completed the slate of candidates. **NEW CLUB MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE.....**there were several ATC candidates approved by the executive committee with only one club trip to their credit. So.....keep your name in the hat by volunteering this year and thanks for your interest.

O.K. On to the details. Have you ever wondered what we do with the trip evaluation forms you complete after each trip? Of course we read them, have a good laugh and then pick expensive trips **NOT LISTED** on the evaluation. Great fun this executive committee business! This year we are giving you, what you, **THE CUSTOMER**, requested. Everyone wants to save money. No surprises there!!! And as usual there are some unrealistic desires i.e. a \$500 trip to Aspen at Christmas (seven days, no less). For the most part though, there is a realistic viewpoint about what trips really cost among our members. For example, the **average cost** listed for a Jackson Hole trip was \$865. It appears very favorable that we will beat that price; and with a great flight schedule. Many listed flying into Snowmass or Aspen as a request. This year we may offer two separate concepts in the TSC Traditional Trip to Snowmass. For starters, one group will fly directly to Aspen Airport, and reside at ski in, ski out lodging. The other trip will be a priced at a lower rate offering different air arrangements and the best available lodging. Remember, we have to bid on all TSC lodging so it is very, very difficult to get a club as large as ours in one location. This is all airfare dependent and lodging dependent so we will see what occurs.

Another concept we will offer is an early season, never ever ski trip for beginner to intermediate level skiers. This trip will most likely be at Red River, New Mexico consisting of two and one half days of lessons. A second similar trip being planned is an intermediate and above short trip "to improve your skiing", if a TC is found.


The surveys also tell us that newer club members prefer hotels to condos...why? As a new member how many people do you *really know* that you want to share a condo with? So we have a trip to Summit County selected, directed primarily to **NEW MEMBERS** that will provide hotel accommodations with a free communal breakfast for daily socializing and ski planning. This is an *outstanding concept* implemented on two previous Aspen trips. What a great way to meet new ski partners!!!

What else? You asked for Breckenridge, Whistler, Vail, Jackson Hole and Telluride. As of this writing all are on the schedule. Short trips.....takes TCs to volunteer and run short trips. If you want to go perhaps, YOU could be the TC. *Remember....a club is only as good as its volunteers!*



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# Texas Ski Council Delegate Report

by Sharon Smith



The final 1995-96 Texas Ski Council Delegate Meeting, better known as the TSC Bid Meeting & Ski Show, was held the weekend of April 12-14 in San Antonio. The agenda for this meeting was for member Clubs to vote on trip destinations for our next ski season, election of TSC Officers and find out who won the Texas Ski Cup for their division during the 1995-96 season.

The weekend began Friday night with a welcome reception hosted by Austria Ski. This gave us the opportunity to register, obtain information packets and socialize before we got down to business the next morning. Serving as Delegates with me for SCSC were **George Fournoy, Merrel Smith, Marti Toomer, Gary Butler, Kayleen Kill** and **Susan Blome**. Not counting **Jerry Montgomery** and **Debbie Bergeron**, who attended in their TSC official capacity, SCSC had a total of 29 members register for this meeting.

Saturday had an early call, with Delegates anticipating presentations by 13 Resorts. First order of business included several announcements with one being that the Texins will not renew their membership with the Council. During the day we were given a break to visit the Ski Show and obtain information from Resort Reps about their area and talk with Ski Vendors. After the day ended Clubs had free time to meet and discuss which areas we thought our Clubs would support for voting the next day. For those of you who may not know, each Club is allowed a predetermined number of votes based on the size of their Club the previous year. SCSC had a total of five (5) votes which is the maximum allowed.

Saturday night everyone enjoyed a TSC style party with dinner and a DJ. The dance floor was full, cascarones were breaking and winners of the silent auction were announced. We also found out who won the Texas Cup Trophies which were awarded to Clubs by Ted Bergeron. Ted will not chair the Race Committee for TSC next year due to work commitments. SCSC should be proud of him for the work he has done in this position the past two years.

## Texas Cup Winners

### Division I

1st Place Lone Star  
2nd Place Los Amigos

### Division II

1st Place Clear Lake  
2nd Place Austin Skiers

### Division III

1st Place Corpus Christi  
2nd Place San Antonio

### Division IV

1st Place Ski Jammers  
2nd Place Texas Tumbleweeds

Sunday morning brought another early start with presentations by Resorts bidding for Expeditions, Fam Trip Reports and announcement of nominated 1996-97 Officers. Special recognition was given to outgoing Officers and committee members. Two other SCSC members that we should be proud of are **Jerry Montgomery**, who has done a great job serving as TSC President the past two years, and **Debbie Bergeron** who was VP of the 1995 Fall Roundup. Both will continue to serve on the TSC Board next year with Jerry as Past President and Debbie as Secretary.

After deliberations and votes taken, destinations for the 1996-97 ski season were chosen and Officers were in place. Once again we had another successful Bid Meeting thanks to **Cindy Hinds**, Los Amigos, and her committee. A lot of work was done at this meeting and also a lot of fun was had by all. Results from meeting are:

### Trips

Fall Roundup	Keystone / Nov. 27-Dec. 1, 1996
Traditional	Snowmass / Jan. 4-11, 1997
Expedition	Val Di Fasse, Italy / Jan. 17-25, 1997
Winter Shootout	Purgatory / Feb. 8-15, 1997
Final Showdown	Sugarloaf / Mar. 8-15, 1997

### Officers

President	Bill Sneed - West Central
VP Marketing	Anne Myers - Los Amigos
Secretary	Debbie Bergeron - Space City
Treasurer	Tere Ayson - Austin Skiers
VP Fall Roundup	Tom Bembinster - Flatlanders
VP Traditional	Fred Hoffmann - Corpus Christi
VP Winter Shootout	Karen Mann - Lone Star
VP Final Showdown	Andrea Yowman - Ski Jammers
Past President	Jerry Montgomery - Space City

With all the business said and done the end of this meeting put a close to our 1995-96 season and at the same time put a beginning to our 1996-97 season. The first Quarterly Delegate Meeting will be held on Saturday June 8, 1996 in Dallas.

I have enjoyed being the TSC Representative for our Club this year and have many to thank for their help and support. I would like to send a special thank you to Peggy Montgomery for convincing me to become active with SCSC. This led me to be more involved and wanting to volunteer for our Club. I recommend it to everyone!

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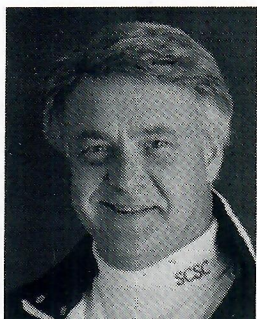
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## Programs

by Don Crabtree



Hey, it's practically Summer time already and I'm sure most of the members are planning their various social diversions and so am I. This June 22 **Dan Stoltzfus** will repeat his successful **Windsurfing** lesson that was a big hit last Summer (sorry, final payment date was May 30). On July 19 **Mike Dawson** will lead some 50 baseball fans to see the **Houston Astros** take on the World Champion **Atlanta**

**Braves** with reserved seats in the mezzanine section. Final payment is June 10th, so be sure to get your money (\$13.00) to Mike immediately. Don't forget **Texas Terror Arena Football** and the official **SCSC Road Rally** early this August. (See ads in this issue).

Since we don't have General Meetings in the summer, most people look forward to our monthly Happy Hours even more. This month's venue will be **The Rose at City Streets** in the Windsor Shopping Center on Richmond just outside the loop. Join us Thursday, June 27 starting at 5:30. Remember, you don't have to be a member to attend Happy Hours or club activities. Come visit with us and bring a friend if you like. (To attend General Meetings, except as a guest, or to participate in club ski trips, however, you must be a member).

I'm still planning other events for this summer and I'll be telling you about them in next Month's **Sitzmarke**. If you want to volunteer to manage an activity, please contact me soon and let's discuss. See you at Happy Hour!

## Internet

by Gary Butler

Space City Ski Club is entering the 21st century with a presence on the Internet World Wide Web. Our site can be found at <http://www.hic.net/scsc/scsc.html/>.

Through our Web page you can access trip schedules, activity schedules, send Email to officers, link to other ski related web sites, etc. As time goes on, we will expand and incorporate new ideas and information of value to our membership. To Email, send to:

President at [scsc@hic.net](mailto:scsc@hic.net)

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SCSC Activity  
**BEGINNER**  
**Windsurfing Lessons**  
June 22, 1996  
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

**\$10.00**

Clear Lake Park in Pasadena.  
Optional party at  
Sam's Boat afterward.

AC: **Dan Stoltzfus**  
2804 Sandpebble Ct.  
Seabrook, TX 77586  
474-5585

Final Payment Due: 5/30/96



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SCSC Activity  
**ASTROS BASEBALL**  
July 19, 1996  
7:00 p.m.  
**\$15.00**



*Astros vs. the World Champion  
Atlanta Braves!!*

AC: **Mike Dawson**  
3506 Highway 6 South #109  
Sugarland, Tx 77478  
438-5428

Final Payment Due: 6/10/96

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## PROGRAM ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Activity	Activity Coordinator	Activity Date	Final Pmt	Cost
Beginning Wind Surfing	Dan Stoltzfus - 474-5585	6/22/96	5/30/96	\$10.00
Astros Baseball	Mike Dawson - 438-5428	7/19/96	6/10/96	\$15.00
Texas Terror Football	Robert Fulwiler - 626-4320	8/02/96	6/28/96	\$12.00
Road Rally & Scavenger Hunt	Pam Smith - 266-5174	8/04/96	7/25/96	\$15.00

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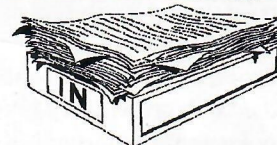
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# Sun Valley

by Pam Smith

The ski trip to Sun Valley,  
February 3rd through the 10th  
For the fun that was had,  
Was worth the money spent!

TC - Pam Smith  
and ATC - Dana Wardell,  
Worked very hard to assure  
This would NOT be...The trip from h\*\*\*!

The original forty participants,  
Were joined by thirteen more,  
**Heidi Heinrich, Eric Prentis,**  
**Ann Abernathy, and John Schneider,**  
Left the "wait list" to join our corps.

The night before the trip took off,  
**Stan Broniak** volunteered his services to pack.  
We still had TEN coolers & boxes,  
Even though **Stan** made us hold items back.

We stayed in condos at the Greyhawk village,  
Walking distance from the lifts in Warm Springs.  
Ski rentals came from **Sturdivant's**,  
"Hey Van, any connection for pulling strings?"

When we arrived there was plenty of snow  
We just missed the Arctic blast.  
The fog soon rolled in and many exclaimed,  
"How long will this darn fog last?"

A wine & cheese social was held the first night,  
**Connie Smith** and **Frank Adams** were there  
A representative from the mountain came  
To answer the questions ... who, what, when, and where?

Not everyone skied the very first day  
**Dana's** lost luggage made her wait.  
And due to stringent airline restrictions,  
**Curt Marsolek** and **Barb Goist** arrived one day late.

**Bonnie Ernst, Howard Holsenbeck, & others**  
Went to the "pub crawl" on Monday night,  
We began our journey through Ketchum,  
Stopping first at the lounge DYN-O-MITE!

We moved down the street to Whiskey Jacques,  
There a live band did play.  
We danced until the last bus ran  
Then at midnight, we scurried away!

Tuesday morning NASTAR races were slightly delayed,  
As **Pam** and **Vicki** tried to calm their fear.  
It was reported down to the base,  
"One moment, they're taking (Hot Nuts) shots up here!"

Waiting her turn in line to race,  
**Billie Nowak** gave up all "medal" hope.  
Race Director - **Barb Ehrlich** ran her down  
As **Barb** lost her balance on the slope.

**Doug Nordhaus, Karin Schidlowski,**  
**Chuck Ratliff, Bob Porter, Milt Kramer** too  
All won NASTAR "BRONZE",  
To name only a few.

**Cheryl Houge, Mike Stenberg, Anne McIntyre,**  
And **Gunnar Heyne** won "BRONZE" as well.  
I'm surprised that **John Rice** recovered one....  
Considering his 1st run down, he fell!

**Kayleen Kill** won a "SILVER",  
One of the fastest women I'm told.  
While **Kurt Schidlowski** and **John Cook,**  
Captured our two NASTAR "GOLD"!

Not everyone had the best of luck racing,  
Thank goodness there were no injuries.  
**Frank Riesenber**g tried to race with one boot....  
**Gloria Rooney**....with no skies!

Tuesday evening we took a sleigh ride to  
The Trail Creek Cabin for dinner.  
Both atmosphere and food were great,  
This optional activity was truly a winner!

We had a large group on Tuesday night  
**Brenda & Bill Peavy** came along,  
**Martha & Helmut Zenger** joined in  
As we sang to the accordion player's song.

**Frank Riesenber**g & **Vicki Faulkner,**  
Amused us and kept us in place.  
We discovered their unique talent of  
Balancing spoons on their face.

We almost lost our ATC,  
As she downloaded from the sleigh.  
**Anne Flournoy** made loud kissing sounds,  
The horses jumped and began pulling away.

Wednesday night's Biker Bash and chile dinner,  
Became "Awards Night" as well.  
The celebration was enjoyed by all  
As far as I could tell.

We tried to congratulate our newlyweds,  
The **Belotes....Farra**ld and **Arlene.**  
However, throughout the entire week,  
They were hardly ever seen!



## Sun Valley continued

With chains & whips, leather & tatoos  
Our crew looked rough and tough.  
I still have one unanswered question ...,  
"Stenberg, how'd ya break my handcuffs?"

The Biker Bash continued at Whiskey Jacques,  
And in order to avoid possible conflicts,  
**Robert "Big Daddy" Todd** was asked (by the locals),  
"May we dance with your Biker chicks?"

We saw the Chambers Bros. on Thursday night,  
Performing live at "THE MINT".  
**Dana** got free tickets, a decision was made,  
So, away to the concert we went.

**Kim Page** celebrated the big "Four-O"  
As I turned a mere thirty-three.  
She got a birthday hug from Bruce Willis,  
While Brucey-babe rejected me!

During the week we had our choice of mountains to ski,  
**Fran Spitzberg & Joe Hale** skied at "Dollar".  
Joined by Snow Boarders, **Cheryl Houge & John Cook**,  
Who made the skiers there, holler!

Then there was **Steve Amy**,  
A lonely man was he.....  
Whenever we would turn our backs,  
He'd ski off into the trees!

**Lotty and Karl Gautschi** offered advice,  
Which helped us keep things in line.  
Their experience and suggestions were appreciated,  
This helped minimize any urges to whine.

**Linda Licarione** skied hard & fast  
With the "Big Guys" during the day.  
The "Big Dogs" often howled at night.  
Any chance for rest? ... NO WAY!

Could **Joe Kulpinsky's** lucky number be 7(am)?  
In the mornings he was the early bird.  
Most would believe that while on vacation,  
To be up that early is absurd!

**Sue Salvage** wanted to go on this trip  
Since the last one four years ago.  
She & **Russell Benham** filled the last two spots  
And this time, Sun Valley did have snow!

There were no accidents nor injuries to report,  
Although, some rumors went around...  
"Cheryl, how did you get the black eye?"  
"Dana, were you taking a (snowmobile) joy ride down?"

Can eating "yellow snow" be hazardous to skiing?  
By mixing HOT NUTS & snow it just might be.  
Maybe we should ask the lift operator,  
Who had to untangle **Vicki and Steve**!

Although ski conditions changed throughout the week  
The steep pitch and varied terrain,  
Did not intimidate expert skier **Mike Rothermund**  
Yet, into a fog bank skied **Renate Heyne**.

Many good stories and one-liners were told  
The all time favorite would have to be....  
"What's your point?", as first quoted by **Dana**,  
Was the perfect response, used frequently.

The adventure continued on Friday night  
For the most part, we had reached our peak  
No specific plans were scheduled,  
It had been a fun, yet exhausting week.

On Saturday morning we had half a day,  
To pack, shop, and/or run around.  
The bus was "to be ready" to depart at noon;  
However, the TC & ATC were not back from town!

The crew became grouchy during the long travel day,  
To top it off - the Delta flight was two hours late.  
Instead of returning home near midnight,  
At 2:00 am, we arrived at the gate!

In this last verse, we would like to say "THANKS",  
To the SCSCers who did attend.  
We hope a good time was had by all, That's all Folks ...  
this is ... THE END!

(more photos on back cover!)





# Mammoth Mountain

by Lisa Smith

OH, THE SNOW! THE BEAUTIFUL SNOW...

On Saturday, March 23rd, 42 SCSCers arrived at Intercontinental Airport with visions of California sunshine, blue skies and snow -- lots of snow -- MAMMOTH amounts of snow -- dancing in their heads. Ah, but first, check in. A certain piece of Vicky McLaughlin's clothing set off the alarms and she had to be carefully searched by a female security officer.

When we got on the plane, we found Darlene Love and Ray Renkosik in first class -- those upgrades are nice, huh? Then on the bus ride from Reno to Mammoth, Dan Conery got a case of the sweet-tooth -- but TC Sue Edwards came to the rescue with her delicious, MAMMOTH sized brownies she stayed up late the night before making.

We arrived in Mammoth with just barely enough time to check into the condos and head over to Canyon Lodge for the Information Carnival before it closed. While the rest of us waited at what we hoped was the right bus stop, ATC Lisa Smith hijacked a bus down the road and made the driver go back and get everybody else.

Sunday -- our first day to ski! The TSC usually has a "Summer Meltdown," but Mammoth was the "TSC Winter Meltdown!" During the day, temperatures hovered in the upper 50s! This was no problem, however -- there was an unbelievable 18 foot base when we got there. After sweating it out on Sunday in normal ski gear, almost everyone shed the parkas and long johns to enjoy Mammoth's spring skiing. Gwen Bremer, Glenna Moody and a lot of others quickly learned the joys of SPF 30!

Ron Flowers faithfully represented Texas by wearing his cowboy hat every day. Nolan Badeaux was wearing a brace on his leg to protect an old ski injury, but that didn't slow him down one bit -- he was seen tearing up slopes all over the mountain! Frank Riesenbergh bought brand new boots for the trip, but had to have a boot shop cut part of a liner out. And the high altitude impaired Vicky McLaughlin's reading abilities -- at least that must have been her excuse for using the men's bathroom!

At the TSC Welcome Party on the evening of St. Patrick's Day, Sharon Smith traded her shamrock boxers for a Los Amigos tiger-tail. She was later seen at Angel's Restaurant

launching Bud straws, one of which landed at a Los Amigos table.

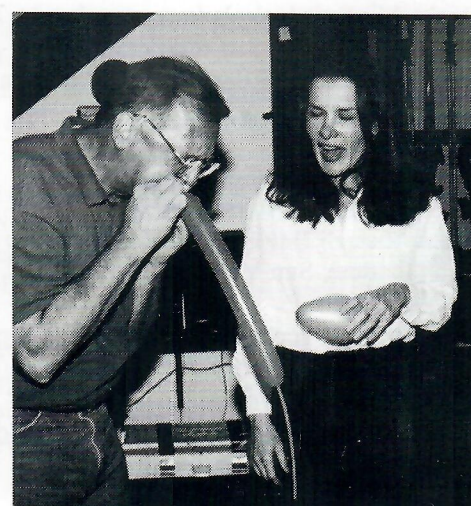
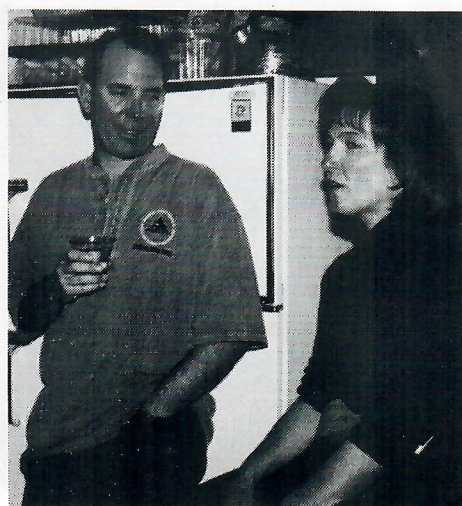
New skier Morris Brown was having problems mastering the lifts. Every time wife Sally tried to get on the lift, Morris would knock her off! She must have been OK though -- we hear she was up on a table showing what she learned in lessons!

Don't follow Charles Butler unless someone else is paying attention to the trail map!! He led a gagging of non-mogul skiers who had been looking for an easy way down, including Susan Blome and Gwen Bremer, right smack into a mogul run with no way out but the bumps! Kayleen Kill was nearby and offered a mini mogul-mashing lesson. Trying to reassure the girls, Ted Bergeron encouraged them with "See, you just do this...", then he took off, but crashed before getting to the second mogul. On his "final approach" at the bottom of that infamous run, SCSC President Gary Butler emphatically stated "...." -- on second thought, never mind -- it wouldn't be prudent to repeat here what he said at that particular point in time. Suffice it to say that everyone survived and lived to tell about it!

City blocks at Mammoth are mammoth! Ward Jones got instructions from a waitress at Whiskey Creek on how to get to the Alpenrose Restaurant, and she told him it was just a few blocks away. It turned out to be about a 3 mile walk for Ward, Leona Schroeder, Chris Goll, and Greg Roberts to get there.

At the Chili Party Tuesday night, one of the highlights was watching people try to inflate the 6 ft. long balloons Lisa brought along. Nobody could blow them up! Jim Edwards, Ted Bergeron and Charles Butler almost killed themselves trying. Then along came some Clear Laker's to crash our party, and Lee Bob Nash put all of us to shame as he dauntlessly blew up one balloon after another -- after another -- after another -- until the whole bag was gone and he busted a blood vessel in his eye! By the way, next time you see Merrel Smith (a/k/a "Mental Mebbel"), be sure to tell him "HEL-LO-OH!", with emphasis on that second syllable and in a really loud, obnoxious voice. Then you better run the other way--really quick!

The next day most of us took the 20 minute bus ride to beautiful June Mountain. At the Adventure Park, Ted Bergeron





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failed in his first attempt to "get some air", so he trudged back up the hill, skis over his shoulder, for a second, successful try!

Ever gone bowling? Sure you have. But on the snow? On your skis? And you were one of the pins? Try it sometime. Resident "pros", Gary Butler and Merrel Smith, can give you styling and technique hints. After their close encounter of the tangled kind, Gary told Merrel that he wants to be on top next time! And the next day, Susan Blome picked up a spare when she bowled Tommy McLaughlin over at the bottom of a run.

By the way, did you know that Ted Bergeron can ski faster without poles, while videotaping, turning the camera around to film backwards over his shoulder, then do a 360 (unintentionally), manage to stay upright, and still beat everybody down the run? While wearing a lime green wig? It's a fact, Jack. (All except the wig part -- he only wore that on St. Patrick's Day.)

At June Mountain, Sue Edwards, Sharon Smith and Debbie Bergeron decided to bypass the black run Debbie had dubbed "Death Ridge", as Jim Edwards, Merrel Smith, Ted Bergeron and Gary and Charles Butler proceeded over the edge. As the girls rounded the corner, male voices could be heard yelling, "Look! Bergeron just double-released!!" Near the bottom of the run where it intersected with the adjacent "Non-Death Ridge" run the girls had opted for, all watched with curiosity as Gary Butler appeared to be transfixed on the snow, seemingly going uphill. (Must have been an optical altitude-illusion.)

ATC Lisa Smith's first-day foot injury didn't slow her down too much -- she limped her way around town and to the parties and even ski-pole-crutched her way to the bottom of the NASTAR race course with Lynn McPhee on Thursday. What a trooper!

Because of her own very serious injury as ATC the year before, "Mom" Sue Edwards, our fearless TC, kept a watchful eye on Lisa all week. Following in the steps of Sue's crash & burn the year before on the race course, Ward Jones decided that he had to outdo her. Sue bought him a great t-shirt for his efforts that read: "I CAME, I SKIED, I FELL. OH WELL!"

Space City blew everyone away in the individual races. Congratulations to Chris Goll and Kayleen Kill who won gold medals in the open division. Karin Schidlowski placed 1st in the senior women's division, Kurt Schidlowski placed 2nd in the senior men's. Rita Whale took 5th in the open women's division.

While we had absolutely incredible weather all week, the story changed on Friday -- it was cold and the wind was gusting to 60 mph! Ron and Roberta Rambin, Gary and Sharon Sequeira, Marti Toomer and Nelson Turner got caught on Chair 2 when the wind really picked up. It was pretty hairy with the chairs banging against the poles! Luckily, they made it off the lift before it was shut down. New SCSC member Rita Whale braved the upper reaches of the mountain and had to "feel" her way down in zero visibility. Speaking of Rita, Kayleen Kill has finally met her match in skiing stamina!

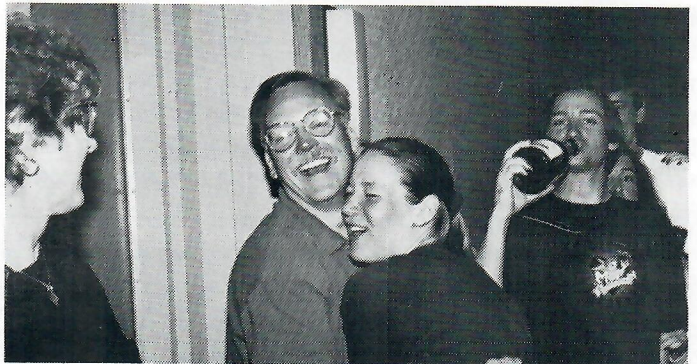
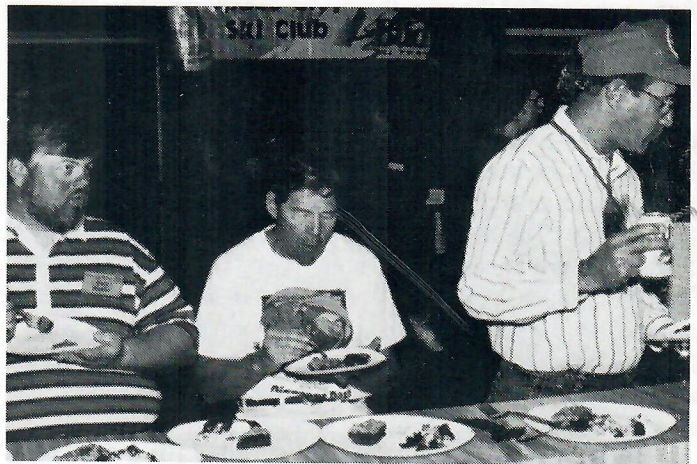
We missed Lynne and Walter Hester on the slopes -- did anybody see them at the snowboard park? Ray Davis and Harry Gaston were designated "Honorary Germans" by Kurt and Karin Schidlowski for snowboarding in the wind on ice Friday.

At the Final Awards Party Friday night, our own Keith Kirkman won the big door prize -- a pair of new skis!

"Mental Mebbel" Merrel Smith was a rock 'n roll maniac on the dance floor, and Gary Butler proved to Sharon Smith that his dance partners don't need to be talented -- he can carry them! We have the evidence on videotape. And while Kurt and Karin Schidlowski tore up the race course on Thursday, they tore up the dance floor on Friday! Karin proved she had legs of steel performing a Russian dance.

Well, Saturday came too soon -- it was time to leave! A little bit of bus loading confusion resulted in Jimmy and Jill St. Clair leaving their skis behind at the condos. Jill thought Jimmy got them. Jimmy thought he saw someone else put them on the bus. When we got to Reno -- NO SKIS! Fortunately, skis and owners have now been reunited, and everybody's happy!

MAMMOTH thanks to Debbie Bergeron, Jim Edwards, and ATC condo-mates Sharon and Merrel Smith and Kayleen Kill for helping with all the parties; to Ted Widmer for letting us borrow his car to pick up party supplies; and to everyone else who helped make Mammoth '96 a GREAT TRIP!!





**Vailnet** - My name is Stotz, Dave Stotz. My partner is Long, Julia Long. We got the call on a Thursday, July 13th, 1995. It was a Mr. Smith. Merrel Smith (sounded like an alias to me). He said he was the VP of Trips for a ski club in Houston, the Space City Ski Club. He had a homicide to report. He said that the Telluride ski trip had been killed the previous night. It was too pricey for its own good. My partner and I got the assignment to investigate a new trip. Vail, Colorado. After two days of frenzied investigation, we reported that the price looked good, real good. We decided to trail this trip.

On Tuesday night, March 26th, 41 suspects (who we shall refer to as "The Vail Mob") arrived at IAH, including David Launarey, a last-minute replacement. My partner tailed a Ms. Sharon D'Orsie and the Faust Brothers straight into the Continental Presidents Club. They departed the club steeled for the long trip ahead. The suspects soon boarded a plane after receiving name tags with a star indicating their skiing ability. When a Ms. Becky Wolfe asked why her star was red, she was informed it was for being on the Olympic Shopping Team. Before the end of the trip, these stars were earned by Rhonda Moran, Beth Wood, Joan Henke, Judy Schiro, Vicky Cooke, and Diane Stotz. While on the plane the leader of "The Mob" was forced to use the Call Attendant button to ID Dorothy Menart, who was hiding in the front of the plane. Takemi Koike was awarded the Continental Air Sickness Medal by getting altitude sickness while still at IAH. After a grueling 3 hr. bus ride "The Mob" arrived at Evergreen Lodge in Vail at 1:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning. Very suspicious behavior. Two individuals, Vivion Key and Carolyn Moore, had already arrived from Memphis, Tennessee, via Amtrack. Vivion's luggage enjoyed the train ride so much it decided to stay on until Los Angeles. A Mr. Glenn Goode, alias "Shredder", had also joined "The Vail Mob" via Denver.

About 8:00 am on Wednesday morning lift tickets were handed out and rental skis were picked up at the sport shop in the basement of the Evergreen lodge. A Continental breakfast was available for any interested individuals. One of the suspects was almost arrested on the first day, as Jesse Moran attempted to flash the entire Vail mountain by breaking the zipper on his ski pants. He was reported to be wearing hot pink Speedos.



Matt Delong, Don Shreves, Charles Allen, George Salak, and Greg Deaton are willing to testify in court to the existence of the famous Vail "Panty Tree". However, they will not state whether they added to or subtracted from the tree.

Thursday morning was Ski Beaver Creek day. Many of the members of "The Mob" were spotted at this location. A Mr. Georges Condon reported a near-death experience by launching himself off a cliff. The lift operators reported obscenities being uttered from his landing spot. "The mob" gathered for a party at Garton's that night where beer and margaritas flowed. A crazy shirt contest was held, with Jeff Faust, Toni Rankin, and Dave Stotz winning by audience acclaim. Somehow Sharon D'Orsie slept through the party after receiving a massage. After skiing on Friday, back to back happy hours were held in the Evergreen sports bar (the Altitude Club) and the hotel hot tub.

Saturday was Nastar race day, and many of "The Mob" chose to participate. Two silver medals were won by Tim Malone and Dave Stotz, and five bronze medals, by Charles Allen, Georges Condon, Greg Deaton, Matt Delong, and David Launarey. Although Joan Henke didn't finish the race, her ear muffs did finish, which earned her a special participation award and style point. Jeri Hartman was seen with a metal detector on the race course looking for her lost white ski pole that she drove under the snow while dashing to the finish line. Bridget Dutt was observed eating her lunch without husband Tony Dutt as he was determined to earn a medal (to no avail).

On Saturday night several members of "The Mob" went to see Steve Meyer at The Club. This was the season-ending performance. George Faust appeared to be getting his head polished by a few attractive ladies. Ron Hayes and Judy Schiro compared The Club to a frat party without the class. Numerous photos were taken during the show, but had to be confiscated due to improprieties.

Many unanswered questions remain from this investigation...

Why can't Mike Wolfe get anyone to ski with him? Is he just too good? Would skiing with Gloria Ramirez have humbled him?

How did two (usually) excellent dancers like Jeri Hartman





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and **John Safos** manage to collide on one of the more fierce green runs? How did **Beth Wood** manage to talk her husband into allowing her to make this "fantasy" trip and leave the two kids behind? How can **Helen Kealey** ski so well down a tough blue slope, and then do a somersault on the flats? Did she mean to land on her head? How could "Shredder" leave the mountain early for a job interview? Was **Diane Stotz** the only woman **Don Shreves** could catch up to? And did he have to run her over?

Was **Anne Hessman** ever seen in the Evergreen Lodge or did she spend most of her time in Eagle with her "John"? Why exactly did **Anita** and **Steve Kinney** skip town for the East Coast soon after this trip? Were they wanted by the law? How did **Freda Plemmons** and **Lori Matthews** become such good ski buddies? We may never know (or even want to know) the answers to these questions.

The return trip to Colorado Springs on Sunday morning took an unusual but scenic route through the mountains. One suspect, **Petra Luchesa**, somehow got locked into the bus bathroom. Did her husband, **Don White**, lock her in until she agreed to allow him to motorcycle instead of ski? **Diane Stotz** was heard to say that she always wanted to visit the city of Climax.

A post-trip party at the Moran's home was investigated. The organization of this party was difficult due to my partner not knowing her own home phone number. This party was attended by many of the suspects, with some very strange behavior observed. **John Safos** and **Don Shreves** sacrificed many pounds of crawfish in an attempt to get the spice recipe just right. **Georges Condon** was seen to launch himself from the hot tub after claiming to have been attacked by killer fire ants. Someone who looked identical to **Linda Erdman** was seen cleaning dishes, but her husband claims this is impossible.

The conclusion to this case is simple. The "Vail Mob" had a great time, and can't wait to get back to the mountains. Case Closed.

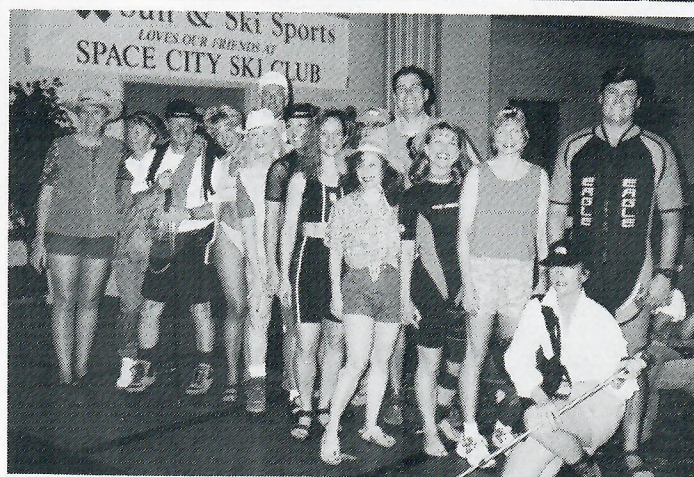


## Spring Fashion Show *by Chris Sheehan*

The SCSC 1996 Spring Fashion Show was presented during the April General Meeting. Spring and Summer fashions were modeled for the following activities: water-skiing, wake boarding, swimming, hiking/climbing, in-line skating, bicycling, and aerobics. The show appeared to be well received by the audience and all of the models mentioned that they had fun.

The 15 brave SCSC members who volunteered to be models are: **Joanne Fore**, **Sandy Reed**, **Cheryl Dewitt**, **Judy Vaughan**, **Susan Wicker**, **Marianne Pearce**, **Joe Loe**, **Julia Long**, **Ivan Butterfield**, **Julie Davis-Raley**, **Pamela Whitfield**, **Heidi Heinrich**, **Mary Kay Kitchens**, **Matt Sheehan** and **Chris Sheehan**.

A special thanks to Sun and Ski Sports who provided the apparel and equipment for the show; and to Sun and Ski employees **Jamie Potter** (the narrator), and **Rachel** and **Lisa**, who provided assistance for the show.





Arriving at the airport at 5:45 am is a real eye opener. Everybody was wide awake and rearing to go to Banff. As usual, there has to be one person that arrives at the last minute. We had the perfect husband and wife team show up at the last minute, **John Gay** dropped **Becky Reitz** off at the front of the airport to check in all of their luggage while he parked the car. What team work!! After arriving in Banff, our group was checking through customs along with a group of 63 from England. All was fine until we found out that they would be checking into the same hotel at the same time as our group of 42. Imagine 3 buses unloading all of our baggage at one time. All went well until our trip leader **Sandy Hoffman** realized that her boot bag was missing. She last saw it at the airport according to the latest missing luggage report. The trip was now officially started. **Harry Melnick** has a unique way of telling jokes, but be warned not to ask him about #17, something about tennis elbow, #27 about a French man, and definitely not the \$64,000 question. Harry, being Polish, had a hard time remembering all of his jokes so he had to number them. All of Banff felt a little like Northern Exposure with the Elk and Moose wandering through the town.

Now it is time to get to the important facts about the real reason for the trip, Skiing. **Richard Dinwiddie** had a suspicious ski injury until we uncovered all of the details. Richard managed to get a toboggan ride down the mountain because of a broken ski binding?? Further investigation at the hot tub later revealed that the ski patroller was a knock out and that he became infatuated with her. On the lift at Sunshine Village, the ride can be a long one with a mid-point station for loading and unloading. **Ann Odegard, Jean Dowell, Charlotte Lynn, and Bill Clifford** startled 2 strangers on the lift by holding a fire drill at the midpoint and getting back on the lift. One of the most unique ski runs at Lake Louise is one called the rock gardens. It is not the easiest run to get too, but it is worth the trip. **Merlyn Harger** will have to explain about the 'Boulder Babes' that played follow the leader through the rocks. At the bottom of this run, there was a remarkable dip that claimed many a skier during the day, you had to be on your toes, literally.

One of our ski groups was the Mogul Mashers consisting of **Mary Kay Kitchens, Robert Knupp, Alan Brown, Harry Melnick, and Bill Bomberger**. This group managed to tear up the slopes. There was not a mogul left un-mashed on the 4 mountains. **Phil Maersch** was the "hill hugging, chair clutching, poma jumping, slope sliding member of the team. Every time that he had a spectacular crash, he tried to knock **Bill Bomberger** off of the mountain every time. On time he crashed twice on one fall. Phil, you are supposed to wait for us to return your skis and poles before diving down the mountain a second time.

Another special group was **Janet Arentzen, Tess Ong, and Karen Richards, "The Novices"**. They spent an equal amount of time on their skis as they did putting them back on. I was amazed that they continually got back up and continued their skiing. **Tess Ong**, while being a member of this group, had an interesting encounter with a snow boarder on the mountain. Was it really an accident?

**Tom Hogle and Dale Albritton** wanted more adventure than just skiing all over the mountains. They decided to become the Senior Citizens of Snow Boarding. Just watching them demonstrate all of the different moves required to master this thing called Snow Boarding made our whole group hurt. Next season they may be on the look out for proper "Shredder Clothing" which includes knee pads and butt protectors.

On the day that most of the group went snowmobiling, **Robert Knupp, Bill Bomberger, and Phil Maersch** made a day trip to Norquay. Robert and Bill just had to mess with the lift operators mind that day on the North American Lift. As you approach this lift, the signs all read expert only, no beginners allowed, double black diamond only. So with all of this information, Robert and Bill had to ask the lift operator as they stumbled their way onto the chair lift, where was the green run at the top. The lift operators eyes became the size of silver dollars, and blurted out that there were no green runs on this lift. So they told him that they would check with the operator at the top of the mountain. Evidently they scared the lift operator so badly, that he called the top of the mountain to warn them that these 2 crazy skiers were coming. After arriving at the top, about 3 of the workers at the top came out of nowhere to see if





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they were serious about a green run. Believe them when they say there are no green runs on the mountain.

The afternoon snowmobiling and dog sledding group definitely were not going to be outdone! They stopped at every liquor store on the return snowmobile trip!

Sarah faked a wrist injury to ride behind the guide "Boy Toy" Brad. The women were complaining about Whiplash in 2 delicate spots. Jean Dowell tried setting a record for flipping a snowmobile 3 times and is permanently banned from receiving a Canadian Drivers License. Charlotte Lynn claimed that she pulled her shoulder during the ride and the kisses by the dogs more than made up for the pain.

David Richards is hoping that when they find the "little black box" that the crash that he took will be proven to be mechanical failure and not pilot error.

Some of our after hours activities were just as fun as the skiing. Concietta Ruggerio was nicknamed "The Countess" after constantly quizzing the wait staff at all restaurants regarding the preparation of margaritas and all of the dinner specials. This usually resulted in extending dinner by 30 minutes. Tess Ong after several days looked like she belonged on the Dallas Cowboys Super Bowl team. She had bruises on both knees and a jammed thumb. Evidently her thumb hurt so much that she fell asleep holding a glass of ice water to help the pain. Just imagine what happened next when she rolled over in her sleep. All of the women that went to the Rose and Crown club loved it. There never were any lines in the women's restroom. Maybe because the men outnumber the women by about 10 to 1. Sarah Granbery and Sandy Hoffman need to explain about this "Tropical Fruit Fixation" that was occurring throughout the trip.

Our awards party on Friday night had a visit from some very helpful Hotel Staff. These special hotel staff members were Andre and Francois (alias Tom Hogle and Dale Albritton), two wild and crazy guys. The entire group were kept in stitches for an hour. Laughing was never better. After the visit by this special staff, Mary Ann Pierce, Harry Melnick, and Susan Wicker seemed to notice that their beds had become remarkably shorter via a very impressive session of short sheeting.



### Special Awards:

Ski Patrol Tester - Annette Baker

Lumberjack Award - Ann Odegard

Snow Snake Award - Karen Richards

Garage Sale Award - Tess Ong; Dick Dinwiddie runner-up

Yard Sale Award - Phil Maersch

Shop Till You Drop Award - Christie Burke & Helen Harger

Ski Instructor - Merlin Harger (ask Merlin, Tom, and Dale how to get on a lift?)

Money Tender - Janet Arentzen

The plane flight back to Dallas was a memorable one for most of the passengers on the plane. Part of our group, Becky Reitz, Mary Ann Pierce, Ann Odegard, and Bobby Proctor were the life of the party. Most of their lively entertainment cannot be repeated or in this case published. After we arrived in Dallas, the airlines was offering a free nights stay and a travel voucher for \$250 because of over booking the flight to Houston. Even after we got back on the plane, they started offering a \$350 voucher to stay. We had several members take the airlines up on their offer for the nights stay. Just before we left 2 of our members got back on the plane and got to keep their vouchers. Keep these 2 clear of Las Vegas with their luck at gambling. After arriving in Houston, some more of us should have stayed in Dallas with our luggage. It did not arrive in Houston until Sunday Morning.







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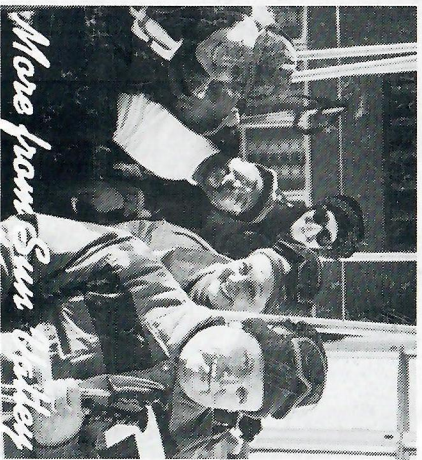
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- ☐ (N) Pub Crawl
- ☐ (O) Cards/Games Night
- ☐ (P) Halloween Party

- ☐ (Q) Community Affairs
- ☐ (R) Sailing/Boating
- ☐ (S) Summer Games
- ☐ (T) Water Sports Day
- ☐ (U) Roller Skating/Blade
- ☐ (V) Rafting/Camping
- ☐ (W) Dickens on the Strand
- ☐ (X) Volleyball

■ **WE NEED YOU AS A VOLUNTEER - PLEASE TELL US WHERE YOU CAN HELP**

(a) (s)

**Ski Trips**

- ☐ (A) Trip Coordinator
- ☐ (B) Assistant Trip Coordinator
- ☐ (C) Race Coordinator

**Meetings & Officers Support**

- ☐ (D) Member Check-In
- ☐ (E) Computer Data Entry
- ☐ (F) Ambassador

**Other Activities**

- ☐ (G) Activity Coordinator
- ☐ (H) Writer/Artist
- ☐ (I) Follies

**Staff Functions**

- ☐ (J) Sitz Typing/Proofing
- ☐ (K) Sitz Photographer
- ☐ (L) Sitz/Directory Advertising Sales



## APPLICABLE STANDING RULES OF SPACE CITY SKI CLUB, INC.

- 1.0 DUES. Dues shall be \$25 per single person and \$35 per married couple. Members who renew their current membership prior to June 1, will receive a \$5 discount per membership. Dues are non-refundable, may not be pro-rated, and may not be converted to couple status during the membership year.
- 5.0 TRIP PENALTIES.
- 5.1 A. If a trip participant withdraws from a trip after the published final payment date, the trip participant will lose the entire payment upon withdrawal. If the participant can be replaced from the waiting list, the participant will be refunded the entire payment less any costs incurred by the Club in addition to cancellation fees as specified in 5.2. If the trip participant cannot be replaced from the waiting list, the participant will be refunded the amount which the Trip Coordinator is able to recover by cancellation of lodging, transportation, and/or other commitments less any costs incurred by the Club and cancellation fees as specified in 5.2.
- B. If a trip participant fails to make final payment by the published final payment date, the trip coordinator may replace the participant after making a diligent effort to contact the participant, who will be subject to cancellation fees as specified in 5.2. (Effective 1/5/92)
- 5.2 CANCELLATION FEES.
- A participant may forfeit his full deposit if he fails to notify the Club in writing of his intent to withdraw prior to the published final payment dates. A minimum charge of \$30 will be assessed for each trip cancellation. (Effective 6/92)
- 5.3 A charge of \$10.00 will be assessed for each trip transfer. A transfer will not be considered after final payment date unless a replacement can be secured. (Effective 9/21/92)
- 5.4 Deposit, transfer and cancellation charges for non-domestic trips shall be determined by the Executive Committee and included in the trip release form as well as in all trip publicity; in no case shall these requirements be less than those provided in Sections 5.2 and 5.3 of these Standing Rules.
- 5.5 NO SNOW.
- If the Club encounters a cancellation situation prior to the departure of a trip, the trip participant is entitled to recover the entire cost of the trip less charges incurred by the Club as a penalty for cancellation of lodging, transportation, operating expenses and/or other commitments made on behalf of a trip participant. Refunds to any trip will be made upon receipt by the Club of the total refund due the Club by the resort, airline and/or other entity or as approved by the Executive Committee.
- 7.0 RESTRICTIONS.
- 7.1 Allowing non-trip participants to occupy any room as a non-registered guest is strictly prohibited, and in violation of Club policy.
- 7.2 The illegal use of controlled substances and/or alcohol during Club trips, or any other official Club function, is in violation of Club policy, and is strictly prohibited.
- 7.3 No substitutions of trip participants shall be allowed without the knowledge and approval of the Trip Coordinator, and new additions to the trip shall come from that trip's Waiting List. The Trip Coordinator shall make all substitutions.
- 7.4 It is the policy of the Club not to allow the active solicitation of the general membership at a Club function or in the Club publication for any other than Club sponsored trips or activities without the consent of the Executive Committee.
- 7.5 No person may participate in a Club sponsored trip, or participant paid activity, without first completing a written and signed Release of Liability for that trip or activity, on a form approved by the Board of Directors.
- 7.6 No person may sign up on a wait list for a Club sponsored ski trip without being a member in good standing. A trip must be full before a wait list can be started. A deposit is required in order to sign up on a trip wait list.
- 7.7 A Club officer, Director or Director(s) of Trips shall not accept a gratuity in excess of \$25 from a vendor without giving notice to the Executive Committee.
- 8.0 MISCELLANEOUS.
- 8.1 SKI TRIP SIGN UP
- A. No member shall be allowed to sign up for any ski trip prior to the September General Meeting except as designated by prior approval of the Executive Committee.
- B. Each member may sign up for him/herself and one other member on any ski trip or ski trip waiting list.
- 8.2 WEATHER. If a trip should be "weathered-in" the additional lodging expense will be left up to the individual, although the Trip Coordinator will assist in making accommodation arrangements, and collection for same shall be left up to the lodge.
- 8.3 NON-SKI TRIPS/ACTIVITIES. Reservations for participation in such activities may require full payment, instead of a deposit fee.

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I certify and recognize that SCSC is a non-profit organization, run entirely by volunteers who have no special training or experience at conducting trips or other activities and I do not rely on the expertise of any director or officer or their appointed representatives in conducting trips or activities. I am aware that SCSC carries no insurance nor maintains a reserve for liability.

I wish to participate on this trip or activity because SCSC provides me with the economics and discounts of group purchasing power, social interaction with compatible individuals, and does all the planning and reservation work for me.

In consideration of the above, I, for myself, my heirs, executors and assignees do hereby release and discharge SCSC, its directors, officers and any other person appointed by them, from all claims, damages, demands or actions whatsoever in any manner arising from my participation on this trip or activity. I agree that I am solely responsible for my personal safety and conduct. I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless SCSC, its directors, officers and agents, or contractors from any loss, cost, or expense, incurred by, or attributable in any way to me, in connection with this trip or activity.

I also certify that I have read, that I understand, and that I agree to abide by, all the Bylaws and Standing Rules of SCSC. I understand that payments made for trips or activities may not be refundable, in whole, or in part, and that all payments will be handled in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bylaws and Standing Rules.

I hereby appoint SCSC, its directors, officers and agents, as my agent to perform all acts and to enter into, any, and all contracts as may be deemed desirable in connection with this trip or activity. I understand SCSC acts only as coordinator and accepts no responsibility for the services of any person, ski area, resort, airline, motor coach, hotel or any organization whatsoever rendering any of the services or accommodations being offered on this trip or activity. Trip and activity fees are based on current tariffs and are subject to change without notice. SCSC accepts no responsibility, in whole or in part, for any delays, delayed departures or arrivals, missed plane or other carrier connections, loss, damage, or injury, to person or property, mechanical defect or failure of any nature, however caused, or for any substitution of hotels or common carrier, with or without notice, or for any additional expenses occasioned thereby.