

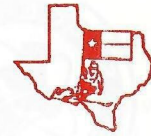


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General Meeting - September 9 - 6:30 P.M.

Holiday Inn Select

2712 Southwest Freeway (Kirby exit, North side of freeway)

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Head of the Liftline

by Gary Butler



It was 98 degrees outside yesterday so that must mean it's time to think 'ski trip'. It is two and one-half months to the Thanksgiving trip to Keystone. Shortly after this trip, in December, we have trips to Red River, Park City and Santa Fe. This means we have to make decisions more trips earlier this year. Come to the September 9th General Meeting and sign-up for your favorite trip(s). If you mailed your selection(s) as part of the early sign-up, come and check to see if you made the list or who else is on the trip. Tell your friends and co-workers about Space City Ski Club's ski trips for 1996-97. Word of mouth is one of the best ways to inform people of the advantages of skiing with a club. **Remember we are**

moving our meetings to the Holiday Inn Select, 2712 Southwest Freeway, between Kirby and Greenway Plaza. Parking is in the parking garage attached to the hotel or in the American Red Cross parking lot next door to the parking garage. If both areas are full, you can park behind the hotel on the road or up the street. I suggest that you consider parking in the Red Cross parking lot unless you are early. If the parking garage is full, they put a sign out in front of the garage entrance asking you to park at the Red Cross. You would have to drive all the way around the block to Kirby and back to the service road. The hotel offers valet parking for \$4.00 if you do not wish to hunt a spot.

We are still looking for sponsors of the Sunshine Kids weight loss competition. Call me or leave a message if you want to jump on the bucks for pounds fund raiser. At each meeting or happy hour, we will be signing members up to sponsor me for a per pound loss through the December 9th meeting or you can pledge a flat amount. So far, I'm averaging just under a pound a day. At this point, I would kill for a Big Mac or a slice of pizza. Scratch the slice, I could handle a whole pizza. Make my suffering worthwhile and help the Sunshine Kids bring kids skiing this year. I want to thank all of you who have expressed support for this wonderful cause. We have a need for items to auction at the December meeting. Please check with your employer or your friends for donated gifts.

I want to thank everyone who has run an activity this summer. Attendance has been sparse on some of the activities, but the activity coordinators have plunged ahead and done a great job. I want to point out the efforts of **Craig Campbell** who recently ran a trip to Sam Houston Race Park. With just a month to sell the activity, he phoned everyone who checked an interest in horse racing on their membership form and succeeded in gathering a great crowd. Keep up the good work activity volunteers.

DEL LAGO WEEKEND

November 1 - November 3, 1996

Adults Only

\$113.00

AC: Fred Wright
7636 Del Monte Dr.
Houston, TX 77063
783-2850 (H)

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Golf w/cart	\$55.00 (includes tax)
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Racquetball	\$6.00/hr*

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Water sports and biking also available
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Final Payment: 8/23/96

*Don't Delay...
Sign up now!!*

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CALENDAR

September						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Coming Events

September

- 9 General Meeting at Holiday Inn Select
- 19 Happy Hour - CIAO
- 28 Taste of Texas Trailride

October

- 7 General Meeting at Holiday Inn Select
- 17 Happy Hour
- 19 Volleyball Tournament
- 20 Fall Tennis Tournament
- 26 Halloween Party

October						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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SCSCer's: This could be you!!

Just sign-up for your favorite trip(s).

SCSC Activity

A TUNA CHRISTMAS

November 17, 1996

Brown Theater

\$29.00

Orchestra seating

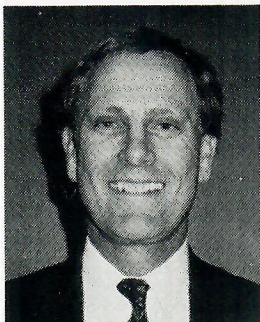
Optional dinner at Birraporetti's before the play

AC: Nancy Meier
11835 Plumpoint
Houston, Tx 77099
568-7058 (H)

Final Payment due: 9/9/96



Adults Only



HOT SUMMER ... HOTTER SKI DEALS!!!

As I write this it's hard to imagine that time to sign up for ski season is NOW! Sure it's (September as you read thisAugust as I write), ...but it's time to dig deep for that El Deposito for your trip. More on that later, but first an update on mail in sign-up. If you are reading this and getting ready to go to the nearest mail box for sign-up..... well it's a little late. Entries for the sign up are closed. I wish I could update you on the sign-up but this is written prior to the first day of sign-up.

New this year!! I will try and update the Trip List's Status/Wait list column (page 5) as late as possible for inclusion in the current Sitzmarke. The Trip List details will be current as of the date shown on the Trip List; however, even as of the posted date, the info could be as much as two weeks old.

So, if you still have cash to put on those trips, hustle over to the NEW MEETING LOCATION. Where you ask? WHY, AT THE HOLIDAY INN SELECT, — SOUTHWEST FREEWAY. How much cash? Only a \$100 will hold you a place on any of the trips except Italy. Deposit for this one is \$300 (sorry no lire accepted yet). The deposits are partially refundable in accordance with club rules, tide tables, and availability of Jimmy Buffet concert tickets! Further details can be had, just for the asking. Find any of our outstanding TC'S or ATC'S for explicit information. O.K. so you mailed in your deposit. Now what? Stop by the trip table and get an update from the trip's leaders. Even though the cold war has ended and the Olympics are fin for a few more years, BIG CHANGES ARE EXPECTED!!! Read on for details.

But first, If you haven't signed up for a trip, the September meeting is your chance to see all the trips displayed and **pick a 96-97 ski vacation**. Even if you're just wondering about what's available, this is the ideal opportunity to get answers to all those questions from our top-notch TC'S and ATC'S. What happens if you get there and the trip you've been dreaming about has filled? Well, just ask around and you'll find out about getting on a WAIT LIST. What's a wait list? It is just about the best deal you can find. A wait list allows you to be called when a position on the trip opens up, with no risk! Your check is held by the TC until you elect to join the trip. Your deposit is fully refundable, until you join the trip. The TC will notify you when an open spot is available. At this time, you may accept or declineIt's your option. If you decline, your name goes to the bottom of the list for the next round, or you may request that your deposit is returned. You can drop from the wait list at any time, no penalties. If you accept a place on the trip, of course all standard SCSC cancellation policies apply and your wait list deposit will be deposited at this time.

This season we have been able to secure lower air prices for a majority of the trips. There are many reasons for this and one of the reasons was the airline tax or better yet, lack of the tax. Last year a 10% tax on the value of each airline ticket expired January first. Reenactment of this tax will probably occur in the next week or two. This means a price increase of approximately \$16 to \$35 per trip. The trips incurring the costs at the upper end will be; Snowmass 1 & 3, Jackson Hole, Telluride, Montreal, and Sugarloaf. However, we are unsure of the details and the tax could expire year end. More as the news breaks.

Threat of a price increase just makes those land packages look better all the time! While on the subject of **land packages**, there is limited space on the flights and we do not anticipate adding more. If you are planning to use frequent flyer bonuses to travel with the club, be sure to secure your space early. As soon as you have your itinerary, **give your TC all the details** with the scheduled times and flights.

SCSC Activity

HALLOWEEN PARTY

October 26, 1996

8:00 p.m. to 1 a.m.

\$16.00



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Debbie Warren

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This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about SCSC and to Volunteer. Qualifications include understanding accounting and computers, and prior volunteer work for SCSC. If you are interested please call Jeff Sarff at 461-9665 (H)



SPACE CITY SKI CLUB

1996 - 1997 Trip Schedule

As of August 20

Trip Dates	Nights / Ski Days	Trip Destination	Cost (see notes)	Final Paymt	Lodging	No. Skier	Status / Wait List	TC/ATC (DOT)	Home Phone
Nov. 26 - Dec. 1, 1996 (Tues. - Sun.)	5 / 4	KEYSTONE Colorado (TSC Fall Roundup)	\$525	10/14/96	Quicksilver 2 / 2 Condos	52	22	Debbi Chrissinger George Faust (DS)	326-2251 (409) 945-4341
Dec. 5 - 8, 1996 (Thurs. - Sun.)	3 / 2 1/2	RED RIVER New Mexico (Learn to Ski)	\$273	10/11/96	Ponderosa 1 / 1 Condos	28	7	Patti Maudslay (DS)	977-7439
Dec. 11 - 15, 1996 (Wed. - Sun.)	4 / 3 1/2	PARK CITY Utah (Improve your Skiing)	\$442	9/19/96	Resort Plaza 2 / 2 Condos	28	7	Gary Haley (SB)	984-9884
Dec. 26 - Jan. 1, 1997 (Thurs. - Wed.)	6 / 5	SANTA FE New Mexico (Feliz Navidad)	\$647*	10/24/96	Fort Marcy 2 / 2 Condos	42	13	Beth Nolen Rick Wasson (DS)	468-4268 664-8329
Jan. 4 - 11, 1997 (Sat. - Sat.)	7 / 6 1/2	SNOWMASS I Colorado (TSC Traditional)	\$836	10/14/96	Mt. Chalet (Condos)	42	Full 10 WL	Eddie Bayersdorfer Jane Orr (SB)	622-4212 688-5345
Jan. 4 - 11, 1997 (Sat. - Sat.)	7 / 6	SNOWMASS II Colorado (TSC Traditional)	\$733	11/11/96	Stonebridge Hotel	52	9	John Weber Charles Butler (SB)	467-8424 583-7515
Jan. 7 - 12, 1997 (Tues. - Sun.)	5 / 4	SNOWMASS III Colorado (TSC Traditional Short)	\$687	10/24/96	Stonebridge Hotel	42	16	Julia Long Joan Henke (SB)	522-5175 367-4614
Jan. 11 - 18, 1997 (Sat. - Sat.)	7 / 7	SUMMIT COUNTY Colorado (New Member Trip)	\$561*	11/11/96	Hampton Inn Hotel	52	no report	Scott Keller Janet Arentzen (DS)	480-3161 367-2617
Jan. 17 - 25, 1997 (Fri. - Sat.)	8 / 6	VAL di FASSA Italy (TSC Expedition)	\$1134*	11/11/96	Hotel Catinaccio	32	16	Peggy Montgomery (SB)	437-5467
Jan. 25 - Feb. 1, 1997 (Sat. - Sat.)	7 / 6	JACKSON HOLE Wyoming (Yellowstone Option)	\$762	12/06/96	Wind River 4 / 4 Condos	40	Full 5 WL	Barb Ehrlich Jeff Warren (DS)	868-2470 859-5812
Feb. 1 - 8, 1997 (Sat. - Sat.)	7 / 6 1/2	TELLURIDE Colorado (Members Request)	\$833 \$500 L	11/11/96	Ore Station 2 / 2 Condos	36 (8) L	13	Bill Bomberger Joanne Fore (SB)	495-8668 723-4707
Feb. 8 - 15, 1997 (Sat. - Sat.)	7 / 6	PURGATORY Colorado (TSC Winter Shootout)	\$694	12/06/96	Tamarron Lodge 1 / 1 Condos	42	22	Louella Steller Kathy Young (DS)	723-6713 497-5339
Feb. 15 - 22, 1997 (Sat. - Sat.)	7 / 6	WHISTLER Canada (President's Day)	\$752	11/23/96	Tantalus Lodge 2 / 2 Condos	40	12	Ivan Butterfield Matthew Sheehan (SB)	466-7760 783-7930
Feb. 22 - Mar. 1, 1997 (Sat. - Sat.)	7 / 7	BRECKENRIDGE Colorado (Best of Breckenridge)	\$692	12/09/96	River Mtn. Lodge 2 / 2 Condos	42	6	Debbie Crofoot Ladye Freitag (DS)	783-6831 855-4110
Mar. 1 - 9, 1997 (Sat. - Sun.)	8 / 6	MONTREAL/QUEBEC Canada (SCSC Adventure Series)	\$793	12/01/96	3 Five Star Hotels	22	12	Stuart Traver Elba Villareal (SB)	789-3514 977-3086
Mar. 8 - 15, 1997 (Sat. - Sat.)	7 / 6	SUGARLOAF Maine (TSC Final Showdown)	\$650 \$320 L	1/13/97	Snowhorse Village 2 / 2 Condos	60 (8) L	40	Dana Wardell Barbara Weber (SB)	497-8552 467-8424
Mar. 15 - 22, 1997 (Sat. - Sat.)	7 / 7	VAIL Colorado (Spring Break)	\$781	1/10/97	Vail International 2 / 2 Condos	42	7	Sharon Inman Pamela Whitfield (DS)	578-1942 468-1459

** DNotes: L=Land Package; Val Di Fassa - Price is dependent on the exchange rate; includes breakfast & dinners at hotel and daily lift tickets.
Telluride 36 total which includes up to 8 land. Sugarloaf 60 total which includes up to 8 land. Summit County & Santa Fe includes daily breakfasts.

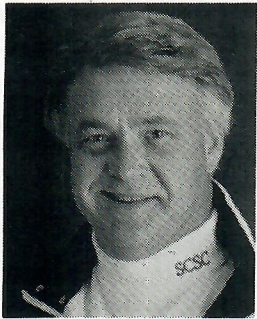
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Director of Trips
Home 862-9486

PROGRAMS

Don Crabtree



By now you have hopefully mailed in your ski trip selections and are ready for our September 9th "kickoff" meeting at the **Holiday Inn Select Hotel**. Be certain to join us at this new and hopefully more convenient location at **2712 Southwest Freeway**, just west of the Kirby intersection on the north side of the freeway. The hotel management is actually excited about having us there and is demonstrating their appreciation

by donating a keg of beer to make this meeting an especially festive event.

In addition to the various ski trip sign-up tables, there will be numerous activity sign-up tables and I suggest that you drop by each one, check out the details and make your picks. In addition to the previously announced activities, the following ones have been approved: **1996 Fall Tennis Tournament** directed by **Robert Dickerson** at the Fondren Tennis Club on Sunday, October 20th. Robert says that after the tournament there will be a sit-down Italian dinner at a nearby restaurant and it's included in the activity price of only \$21.00. The **1996 Fall Golf Tournament** will be coordinated by **Chris Sheehan** on Saturday, November 16th, at Clear Creek Golf Course. Price is \$46.00 and includes range balls, cart, green fee, trophies and prizes.

Happy Hour this month will be at **CIAO** (previously known as Randy's), a venue I'm sure most of you are familiar with since we have visited this fun club on many occasions. As always, there will be a well-stocked buffet and complimentary beverage for all SCSC attendees. (Let them know you're with SCSC).

Take in **Jazz On The Plaza**, Wednesday, October 9, 5:30 P.M. at Jones Plaza across from Jones Hall. Although this activity is not officially sponsored by SCSC, many club members plan to attend. Your hosts will be **Peggy Montgomery, Karen Putney, and Ted and Debbie Bergeron**. Feel free to contact them for more details and to let them know you'll be there.

I'm proud to announce that the four members who will assist me throughout the year have been granted special recognition and have been given the title of **Executive Coordinator**. They are: **Susan Wicker, Jane Orr, Joanie Osbourn, and Glenna Moody**. Additionally, Membership assistants **Joe Kulpinsky and Jeri Hartman** will share the same distinction. Congratulations!

That's about all for this issue. See you at the September meeting!

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Activity	Activity Coordinator	Activity Date	Final Pmt	Cost
Taste of Texas Trailride	Dee Dee Dowlin - 527-8931	9/28/96	8/19/96	\$32.00
Volleyball Tournament	Becky Hall - 783-9990	10/19/96	10/14/96	\$12.00
Fall Tennis Tournament	Robert Dickerson - 661-8283	10/20/96	10/14/96	\$21.00
Halloween Party	Cheryl Houge - 493-0016	10/26/96	10/14/96	\$16.00
Del Lago Weekend	Fred Wright - 953-7933	11/01 - 11/03	8/23/96	\$113.00
Fall Golf Tournament	Chris Sheehan - 783-7930	11/16/96	10/14/96	\$46.00
A Tuna Christmas	Nancy Meier - 568-7058	11/17/96	9/9/96	\$29.00
Christmas Gala	Sue Salvage - 690-5551	12/06/96	11/21/96	\$29.00

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VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

October 19, 1996

Noon - 5:00 p.m. - \$12.00

Third Annual "Just for Fun" Tournament. Players of all levels invited!!!!

Includes court fees, referee fees, prizes, and good times! at The Backyard Bar & Grill

10200 S. Main

AC: Becky Hall
5711 Sugar Hill #57
Houston, Tx
783-9990 (H)

Final Payment due: 10/14/96

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SCSC Activity

TASTE OF TEXAS TRAILRIDE

September 28, 1996

6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

\$32.00

Includes evening trailride and BBQ dinner at Stardust Trailrides

3001 Calder Dr., League City

AC: Dee Dee Dowlin
2520 Hopkins Apt. B
Houston, Tx 77006
527-8931 (H)

Final Payment due: 8/19/96

Adults Only



SCSC Activity

FALL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

October 20, 1996

3:00 p.m. - 8 p.m.

\$21.00

Fondren Tennis Club
4 rounds of indoor tennis for "good and not so good" tennis enthusiasts, trophies awarded
Italian sit down dinner at nearby restaurant

AC: Robert Dickerson
5320 Pine
Bellaire, Tx 77401
661-8283 (H)

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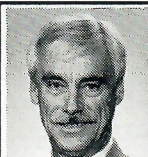


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KEYSTONE

TSC Fall Roundup

November 26 - Dec. 1, 1996

Full \$525.00

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Be one of the first to snowboard at Keystone during the TSC Fall Round-up, November 26 - Dec. 1, 1996. Using only one day of vacation, enjoy a fun filled 5 days (4 ski days) with SCSC/TSC on the annual Fall Round-Up. Our flight on Western Pacific leaves IAH at 7:00 p.m., so you will not have to get off work too early! Enjoy a relaxed and comfortable bus trip from Colorado Springs to Keystone, complete with in-house movie and other surprises! We will be staying at the lovely 2/2 Quick Silver condos ... closest to all TSC activities!

Keystone resort offers the largest snowmaking operation in the state of Colorado, along with 40 lifts, including 2 gondolas and 7 high-speed quads. Keystone ski area covers three skiable mountains; Keystone Mountain, North Peak and The Outback. Keystone also offers night skiing with over 34% of Keystone's skiable acres lighted nightly until midnight!

Skier degree of difficulty runs from 32% easiest runs at Keystone to 80% most difficult (black diamond runs) at The Outback with everything in-between! Our lift tickets are also good for use at Breckenridge Resort!

After your first full day of skiing Wednesday, enjoy an evening TSC welcome party with a fiesta theme ... tacos, dip & chips! Thursday is Thanksgiving and you can participate in a race clinic, Apres Ski at the Last Lift Saloon and enjoy an optional Thanksgiving Dinner with the TSC group, followed by dancing at the "Snake Bar"! Friday brings us the club competition races followed by a "Mountain Picnic" (included in your trip price), as well as Snowboard Races! In the evening enjoy a "sock-hop/funny sock contest" Pizza Party for SCSC! Saturday is the day for Individual Races, Apres Ski at the Last Lift Saloon and the evening awards party including dancing to live music! Sunday we pack our bags and enjoy a final "Sunday Brunch" prior to boarding the bus to Colorado Springs. Arriving back in Houston at 6 p.m.-ish, you will still have time to recoup!

TC: Debbi Chrissinger 326-2251

ATC: George Faust (409) 945-433

RED RIVER

"Learn to Ski"

December 5 - 8, 1996

Full \$273.00

Final Payment Due: 10/11/96



If you have never skied before or want to improve your technique then this short trip to Red River, New Mexico is perfect for you. Come join us on a 10,350 foot mountain with 57 trails (32% beginner, 38% intermediate, 30% expert) and an average annual snowfall of 200 inches. Just for fun, ski through the Moon Star Mining Camp, a replica of days past.

For the beginning skier we offer a complete package including: time on the ski deck before we leave Houston, information on what to expect and how to prepare for your first time skiing with additional lessons available at the ski area. Everything to get you off to a great start. Clinics will also be available to help all skiers improve their technique and build confidence on the slopes.

We will depart Thursday morning on Continental Airlines to Albuquerque, NM. Shuttle Jack will provide bus service from the airport to Red River. The Ponderosa Lodge will be our headquarters and offers queen-sized beds, cable TV, fireplace, and kitchen in most units. They also have a large hot tub to help you relax after a day of skiing. From the lodge, walk to the lifts, restaurants, shops, and evening entertainment. There is also a continuous shuttle around town if you prefer to ride rather than walk.

Plan to join us for the welcome reception, a "get acquainted" breakfast, a wine and cheese party, and the torchlight parade, all included in your package. Optional dinners will be held at Texas Red's Steakhouse and Saloon and Capos Corner Ristorante Italiano. Other activities available are snowboarding, snowmobiling, and cross-country skiing.

We will be back in Houston Sunday evening so you have time to prepare for work on Monday. Santa Claus says "treat yourself to an early Christmas present and SIGN UP NOW!"

TC: Patti Maudsley 977-7439



PARK CITY

"Improve Your Skiing"

December 11 - 15, 1996

Full \$442.00

Final Payment Due: 9/19/96



!! SKI UTAH!! Improve your skiing skills before that long trip in '97! Our adventure starts on Wednesday, December 11, from Intercontinental at 9:55AM arriving Salt Lake City at 11:50 a.m. The transfer to Park City will be a short bus trip arriving at Resort Plaza Condo's by 1:00 p.m.

Resort Plaza is a ski-in/ski-out facility so if you have your own equipment you should be able to squeeze in a few runs the day of arrival. Accommodations will be 2 bed / 2 bath flats with either twin or queen beds. On sight amenities include indoor / outdoor heated pool, indoor / outdoor hot tub, sauna and steam bath.

With three and a half days to ski you should be able to accomplish all that you want. Park City slopes include 14 easier, 40 intermediate and 35 most difficult ski runs. The Mountain has a total of 650 bowl acres, and novices can take the gondola to the top of the mountain with an easy 3rd mile cruise to the base.

Not enough for you? There's more: group ski lessons, cross country skiing, and alternate trips to Deer Valley, Snowbird, Alta, Solitude, Brighton, or Wolf Mountain. When you've had enough skiing why not try Hot Air Ballooning, Snow Mobiling, Ice Skating, Dog Sledding, a mountain tour or a Dinner Sleigh ride?

Did I mention party? Four of them! A Houston pre-trip party, reception party on December 11 and a group party on December 13. Finally, a post trip party in Houston on January 15, 1997.

After all the fun and activities at Park City we depart from Resort Plaza at 12:00 noon on Sunday December 15 and arrive Houston Intercontinental at 5:56 p.m.

TC: Gary Haley..... 984-9884

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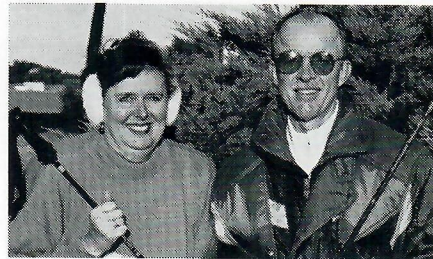
SANTA FE

"Feliz Navidad"

December 26 - Jan. 1, 1997

Full \$647.00

Final Payment Due: 10/24/96



Looking for that perfect Christmas gift to yourself? For a mere \$647, you can join our group of 42 for a much-more-than-skiing week in Santa Fe, leaving Houston at noon on December 26, and not returning until New Year's Day '97! Continental Airlines will whisk us to Albuquerque by early afternoon on the 26th and, after a quick grocery stop, we'll unload and settle in at the luxurious Fort Marcy Hotel Suites. These are spacious 2B/2B condos, fully equipped for your every need, including a spectacular overlook of the breathtaking mountains fringing Santa Fe. The trip price includes not only a daily continental breakfast, but also our own exclusive Shuttlejack shuttle bus to/from the ski area.

Santa Fe Ski Area offers 600 acres of stunning terrain with 38 trails (20% easiest, 40% more difficult, 40% most difficult) to challenge any level of skier. For the diehards in the group, Santa Fe maintains 80 acres of snowmaking in case they don't meet their average snowfall of 225 inches. The ski area will host a wine and cheese party in our honor on Friday.

For the not-so-avid skiers, Fort Marcy is within walking distance (downhill) of the famous Santa Fe Plaza area, where they can enjoy everything from shopping the local Indians' displays at the Palace of the Governors and dining on authentic southwest cuisine at the many nearby restaurants, to touring any of the numerous art galleries and museums. Our shuttle bus will also be available for the benefit of the serious shoppers and all their loot.

Evenings will be occupied with group activities ranging from wine & cheese at the ski area on Friday, to Casino Night at the Camel Rock Casino, where we can indulge in a little gambling and a scrumptious complimentary dinner buffet. Fill in the rest of the week with a spaghetti dinner on Saturday night, and a pool party and smorgasbord on Monday. For those interested in participating in our optional activity for New Year's Eve, Santa Fe Music Hall will be the scene of a dinner party and play, capped off with a New Year's Eve celebration complete with hats, horns, streamers, and champagne. (Reservations for this event must be made and paid for at the pre-trip party.)

Our return to Albuquerque on Wednesday will be highlighted by a stopover at the Santa Domingo Pueblo, where we will witness firsthand some of the native Indian rituals in their celebration of the new year. Join us for a fun-filled week that you're sure to remember for years to come!

TC: Beth Nolen..... 468-4268

ATC: Rick Wasson 664-8329

SNOWMASS I

TSC Traditional

January 4 - 11, 1997

Full \$836

Final Payment Due: 10/14/96



We enthusiastically welcome you to join us on the most wondrous TSC Traditional ski week of the season. Six and one-half days of skiing and relaxing at the delightful ski-in/ski-out lodge of Snowmass Mountain Chalet is just what you need to kick-off a new year.

Ski the fabulous Snowmass area including Aspen Mountain, Aspen Highlands, Buttermilk and Snowmass. Snowmass offers 2,565 acres of ski terrain (20% easiest, 33% more difficult, 17% most difficult and 30% expert), 130 acres of snowmaking capabilities, 17 lifts and 6 mountain restaurants.

We will fly on United Airlines leaving around noon and arriving at Aspen airport, via Denver, late afternoon for a short shuttle to our bed and breakfast lodge. Our accommodations are known for their cozy, comfortable ambiance, offering you free hot breakfasts (served family style), free soup lunches, saunas, a hot tub, an outdoor heated pool and a bar and refrigerator in your room. A hot toddy party on Sunday, as well as 24 hour coffee/tea service, adds to the down home hospitality of the Chalet.

Party plans include a lavish welcome party the evening of our arrival, a combined Snowmass SCSC party and three TSC parties including a Caribbean Beach Party. So, what are you waiting for? Sign-up early for this grand ski trip! We look forward to skiing with you at Snowmass.

TC: Eddie Bayersdorfer 622-4212

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SNOWMASS II

TSC Traditional

January 4 - 11, 1997

Full \$733.00

Final Payment Due: 11/11/96



OK...We've progressed into the infamous "DOG DAYS OF AUGUST"! You know...when it's hot enough to fry eggs on the sidewalk! It's time to make that All Important Decision, i.e., where you go to get those chilly goosebumps running up and down your spine, make instant new buddies in the lift lines, and PARTY with hundreds of fellow Texans? At SNOWMASS, of course, for the Texas Ski Council Traditional Ski Week, January 4 - 11, 1997.

52 eager SCSCers will make a 9:50 a.m. departure from IAH on Continental Airlines and will land at Colorado Springs. We will travel to Snowmass in style on the ultimate in land coaches, which will feature video movies and our usual assortment of munchies, drinks, and sandwiches for lunch. Beer will be available.

At Snowmass, SCSC will commandeer the Stonebridge Inn, located just 50 yards from the slopes. The Stonebridge offers a solarium style restaurant overlooking the pool and slopes, and the hotel rooms are equipped with a coffee maker and small refrigerator. This year there will be a Continental breakfast each morning.

In the comfort of our own inn on Saturday night, we'll kick off our PARTY week with chips and dips as we pass out information packets and the all important lift tickets. In addition, the Texas Ski Council is hosting a welcome party at the Snowmass Conference Center on Sunday evening, a mid-week Caribbean Beach party, a mountain picnic after the races on Thursday, and a delicious Italian buffet, Budweiser, and Live music on Friday night. SCSC will, of course, win all the major awards and trophies, so we need a good showing from our participants!

We will have access to four mountains: Aspen Mountain (aka Ajax) continues to lure the best and boldest skiers with 631 acres of skiable terrain, featuring a 3,000 foot vertical drop. Tiehack/Buttermilk Mountain is the finest teaching and learning mountain in the country today. Never-Ever skiers may find this to be their favorite mountain. Aspen Highlands Area is the mountain to draw our intermediate and expert skiers. 67% of its runs are dedicated to these skiing levels. Snowmass Ski Area, often considered the best ski area in America, offers the widest variety of runs for all levels of skiers.

Clearly...your BIGGEST Decision will be where to ski!!! For only \$733.00, you can JOIN THE PARTY!

TC: John Weber 467-8424

ATC: Charles Butler 583-7515

SNOWMASS III

TSC Traditional Short
January 7 - 12, 1997
Full \$687.00
Final Payment Due: 10/24/96



The 'short and sweet' ski trip of the season! Come have a blast with Julia and Joan at the Snowmass Short TSC Traditional trip on Tuesday, January 7th to Sunday, January 12th.

Join the fun at Snowmass where 4 ski areas await you with 4,225 skiable acres - ski a different one each day! The performance mountain is Aspen Mountain with intermediate to expert trails only; for adventure try Aspen Highlands. With 17 lifts at Snowmass it is the giant ski mountain for everyone including 2 new high speed lifts and 130 acres of new snowmaking. Buttermilk is one of America's finest learning areas. You can also try snowboarding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing or dogsledding.

Our travel schedule has the flexibility of a noon departure getting you in early to enjoy the evening in town or an evening departure requiring only 3 vacation days. Our United Airlines flight leaves from IAH to Denver where we switch to a smaller jet for Aspen. Everyone will depart on a midday flight to get us back to IAH around 6:30 p.m.

Just steps from the slopes our lodging at the newly renovated Stonebridge Inn is a block from the mall, convenient to restaurants, shops, and TSC activities. Our hotel rooms include mini-refrigerators and coffee makers. Our hotel also features a complimentary breakfast where you can plan your day with other trip members. For relaxing after skiing there is also a hot tub, sauna, and outdoor heated pool.

The 'sweet schedule' of activities includes a TSC Caribbean Party, NASTAR Races, Picnic Lunch, Awards Party/Italian Dinner and a SCSC 3-Trip Party. The area is also known for its legendary shopping, boutiques and art galleries.

Sign up early for this action-packed trip with a bunch of free meals, cheap lift tickets and nonstop fun!

TC: Julia Long 522-5175
ATC: Joan Henke 367-4614

Ski Fashion Show
November General Meeting
• Fashion Models Needed
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589-7661 (H)

SUMMIT COUNTY

January 11 - 18, 1997
Full \$561.00
Final Payment Due: 11/11/96



Come ski Colorado's most popular winter playground...Summit County. From our hotel in Silverthorne, we'll have easy access to Breckenridge, Copper Mountain, Keystone, Arapahoe Basin and Loveland ski areas. And if that is not enough, we'll even shuttle to Beaver Creek and Vail for the day.

With seven mountains to choose from there's something for all levels of skiers. Keystone, Copper Mountain, Breckenridge and Loveland, average around 25% beginner, 40% intermediate and 35% advanced. Arapahoe Basin offers 10% beginner, 50% intermediate and 40% advance. That's around 6,000 acres of skiing with 70 lifts servicing over 400 trails.

Hey, want to leave the crowds behind? Then the Nordic centers at Keystone, Copper Mountain, Frisco and Breckenridge will allow you to cross country ski in solitude. Don't want to ski everyday? We're flexible! How about snowmobiling, dog sledding, ice skating, snowshoeing or a nice sleigh ride? You may even want to spend some time at the outlet stores in Silverthorne and Dillon.

From the Hampton Inn in Silverthorne, you'll have access to all of the above ski areas and activities. After fun filled days, there will be partying at the indoor pool and hot tub, and relaxing nights in the queen beds (two per room). In the mornings, we'll gather in the common room for free continental breakfast and the planning of our day. We'll gather on two nights for an Italian meal and a good ole pizza party. Getting around will be simple with free transportation on the Summit Stage. Need to rent skis? It's easy with ski rental at the hotel.

We'll be taking a Saturday morning flight from Houston Intercontinental to Denver International via Continental Airlines. After taking a short two hour bus ride, we will arrive in Silverthorne.

So whether you're a new member, or one of the oldies, come join us in Summit County to meet new friends, have a great time and of course... Ski!

TC: Scott Keller 480-3161
ATC: Janet Arentzen 367-2617

VAL DI FASSA, ITALY

TSC Expedition

January 17 - 25, 1997

Full \$1,134*

Final Payment Due: 11/11/96



Warm hospitality and advanced technologies applied to snow management—that is what you will find when you join Space City and other Texas Ski Council clubs on an Italy ski trip to remember!! 600 kilometers of downhill ski slopes and 480 kilometers of cross-country skiing tracks accessed by 320 state of the art ski lifts means you can forget about lift lines and time lags. **This trip offers the ultimate European skiing opportunity.** The **Trentino Region**, where **Val di Fassa** is located, is a Mecca for those looking for fun and sport in the snow. The TSC will be offering special buses to a different ski area every day, or you can take the public transportation to any of 12 different ski areas. If you truly want a European ski experience this is the trip! Also for those die hard skiers a sight skiing excursion on skis will be offered for those who take advantage of the **Sella Ronda** excursion—a guided tour of 160km of skiing and lifts covering the entire valley in one day. This is not for the faint of heart, but is on intermediate runs, so could be an exciting experience for well conditioned intermediate and advanced skiers. (A six day lift ticket is included in the price of the trip.)

What if you want to just enjoy Italy—you will find shops and historic opportunities in Moena and the surrounding villages. Day excursions are still in the planning stages, but are presently scheduled for **Cortina** (Europe's jet set resort), **Venice** (the city on the water) and the town of **Trentino** (castle tours, shopping and a winery tour with a special sampling for the TSC). Watch for the flyer on these items.

Space City is staying at the three star superior **Hotel Catinaccio**. Included in the trip price is buffet breakfast and dinner daily. This quaint hotel is just above town center and has fantastic views of the Dolomites (where the movie "Cliff Hanger" was filmed) and valley. A relaxing day could be spent at the hotel which offers a swimming pool, whirlpool, sauna, and solarium.

Val di Fassa and the Trentino Region is a new European destination for the TSC and it sounds like a skier and tourist dream. The ski area is the size of Summit County, Vail and Aspen combined. The valley is picturesque and offers lots of touring opportunities. The trip is presently scheduled for 32 people and the spaces will go quickly so I encourage you to take advantage of early sign-up for this unique European experience and join me in **VAL DI FASSA**.

* Price is dependant on exchange rate.

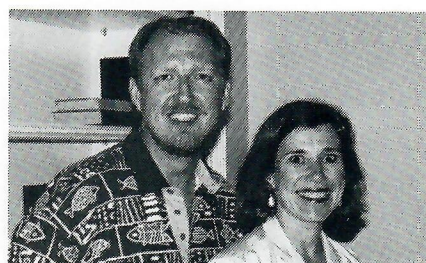
TC: Peggy Montgomery 437-5467

JACKSON HOLE

January 25 - February 2, 1997

Full \$762.00

Final Payment Due: 12/06/96



Jackson Hole, Wyoming, the Ultimate Western Experience. Fresh powder with 22 miles of groomed and several miles of ungroomed trails make this a haven for skiers of all levels. With 2,500 acres of skiable terrain, 10% beginner, 40% intermediate, 50% advanced (that's half non-expert), and a 4,139 ft. vertical drop there's skiing for everyone. Two mountains, **Apresvous** (primarily intermediate) and **Rendezvous** (for the experts), are served by a total of ten lifts with a capacity of close to 9000 skiers an hour, i.e. no lift lines.

For those who want to ski to the max, there will be 6° days of skiing. For the competitive spirits among us, you can go for your personal best on the NASTAR course. If you happen to be a fan of optimal ski conditions you won't want to miss our day at Grand Targhee Ski Resort, with snow rated best in the country for two years. Of course you can take a day off skiing for our group trip snowmobiling in Yellowstone National Park. Other activities in the area including Elk Refuge sleigh rides, dog sledding and night skiing at Snow King if you haven't had enough during the day. You can also browse one of 35 art galleries and museums or shop in the town of Jackson.

We will be flying Delta airlines Saturday morning, getting us to Jackson Hole early afternoon with plenty of time to settle in and enjoy our evening reception. We will be staying in Teton Village at the luxury ski-in Wind River Condominiums. Located just 12 miles from the town of Jackson, Teton Village has several apres ski bars and gourmet restaurants and for those looking for more excitement or that old west atmosphere, Jackson is a 20 minute bus ride away. We will be sure to make several evening excursions to town to visit some of the over 70 restaurants and show Wyoming how we Texans two-step. So brush off your western wear and help Jackson, Wyoming, "The Last and Best of the Old West", celebrate it's 100th anniversary.

TC: Barb Ehrlich 868-2470
ATC: Jeff Warren 859-5812

Ski Equipment Swap Meet October General Meeting

Contact Don Crabtree for details at 589-7661 (H)

Clean out those closets and duffle bags full of gently used ski gear you no longer want.

TELLURIDE

February 1 - 8, 1997

Full \$843.00 Land \$529.00

Final Payment Due: 11/11/96



"ROMANCE THE STONES"

Arrive at Houston Intercontinental Airport Saturday morning for a direct flight to Montrose, Colorado - Vans to Condo. Arrival is early enough to arrange for equipment rentals with a wine & Cheese Party in the evening. Our Condos are located a block from the new Gondola.

TELLURIDE is a National Historic Landmark - a mysterious, enchanting and alluring place, taken out of its "Mining Days" to its "Skier Days" by the 60's generation. Butch Cassidy robbed his first bank in Telluride in 1887.

The San Juan Mountains, also known as the "STONES", are lofty peaks with severe valleys, the grandiose size of which make visitors and locals alike flirt with their adventurous sides more, (perhaps it's the thinner air).

Break Down of the Slopes:

Beginner - 21% Intermediate - 47% Advanced - 32%

No matter which way you "ROMANCE THE STONES" you will take souvenirs-of-the-mind home.

There are 12 lifts including 2 high speed quads - Chondola and Sunshine Express - taking new skiers to some of America's best beginner terrain, completely separate from the rest of the mountain. Advanced skiers can test their racing ability on the new Franz Klammer Slalom course.

The Awards Dinner is planned for Friday with a theme of "CRAZY HAT & TIE PARTY". We have 2 planned activities: Snowmobiling on Wednesday and Hot Air Ballooning on Friday. We also plan to have NASTAR Racing - all are urged to do this to earn points for the Ski Club.

Don't want to walk - take a sleigh ride or heated van around the town. There's great shopping, good food, and abundance of crafts. Lots of activities are planned so we hope will come with us to the "MOST BEAUTIFUL PLACE YOU'LL EVER SKI".

TC: Tom Bomberger 495-8668

ATC: Joanne Fore 723-4707

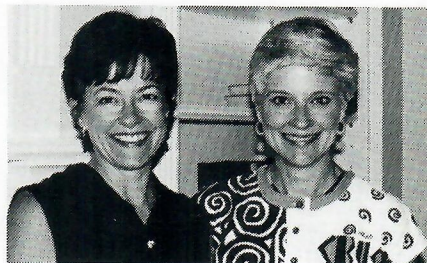
PURGATORY

TSC Winter Shootout

February 8 - 15, 1997

Full \$694.00

Final Payment Due: 12/06/96



Purgatory. Simply put, Colorado's biggest surprise in skiing! You will be surprised too, when you join fellow Texans for the Texas Ski Council Winter SHOOTOUT in Durango, Colorado. Durango, listed as one of Ski Magazine's top 10 ski towns, has over 80 outstanding restaurants, quaint shops, and some of the best art galleries in the Southwest.

Purgatory Ski Resort offers 75 trails and nine chairlifts stretching across the 2,500 acre mountain. The trails are classified as 23% Beginner, 51% Intermediate, and 26% Advanced. The new high-speed quad chairlift provides the fastest lift in Colorado. There will be FREE unlimited timed dual slalom runs for all TSC participants throughout the entire Winter Shootout week.

Great skiing awaits us, along with many other fun activities. You can do it all with Purgatory's "Total Ticket". When you purchase a five or seven-day lift ticket, you can exchange one or two days of skiing for any of the following activities: ride the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge winter train, visit Mesa Verde National Park, cross country ski, gamble at Sky Ute Casino, enjoy a dinner sleigh ride, explore the backcountry on a guided snowmobile tour, or relax with a soak and massage at Trimble Hot Springs. Lift tickets for TSC members are only \$25.00 per day!

We will be flying on Continental Airlines to Albuquerque, New Mexico on Saturday morning and transferring to Reno Air to arrive at Durango, Colorado at approximately 2:15 P.M. The Tamarron Hilton Resort, where we will be staying, is located 16 miles north of Durango and just 8 miles south of the Purgatory Ski Resort. Registration will be held at the hotel lobby Saturday afternoon/evening to sign up for races, ski rentals, etc. There will be plenty of free shuttle services to town and the mountain. Most of the group will be sharing a one bedroom condo (2 to a condo), although we have reserved some larger units for parties.

Speaking of parties, there will be a Happy Hour every day after skiing at the base of the mountain with free appetizers and TSC drink specials. In addition, you can participate in the Durango Pub Crawl, country/western dances, TSC Welcome Party, All You Can Eat Pizza Party, the TSC Awards Party plus our own Space City club parties. A PARTY EVERY NIGHT?

TC: Louella Steller 723-6713

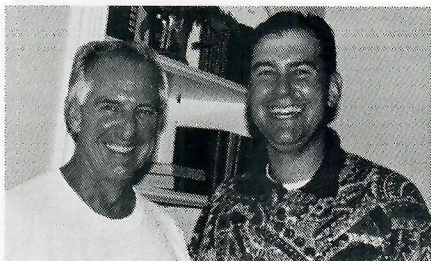
ATC: Kathy Young 497-5339

WHISTLER

February 15 - 22, 1997

Full \$752.00

Final Payment Due: 11/23/96



2 for 1. Two mountains for the price of one trip. Bargains! bargains! Just north of Seattle is Vancouver and 75 miles north of Vancouver are Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains. Whistler has been rated number one ski resort in North America by various publications. With Blackcomb Mountain sitting next to Whistler, they provide 7,000 acres of skiable terrain, with 200+ marked trails and 12 alpine bowls. The trails are 20% beginner, 55% intermediate, and 25% expert. The area is number one in the world for high speed lifts, 12 of the 30 lifts are express. They are the two greatest vertical rise mountains in North America, both over 5,000 ft., with the peaks at just over 7,000 ft.

The trip runs Saturday to Saturday, February 15-22, 1997. The group will be flying Air Canada from Houston to Vancouver. From Vancouver we embark on a 1 1/2 hour scenic bus ride to Whistler Mountain.

Upon arriving, the group will check into the Tantalus Lodge. This 2 bedroom / 2 bath condo has a full kitchen fireplace and is situated alongside Whistler Village. Just a short walk or shuttle to the village center. After a long day of skiing you can take a dip in the heated outdoor pool, whirlpool or use the sauna.

The participants have a variety of activities to choose from including: snowmobiling, heli-skiing, paragliding, sleigh rides and Nastar racing.

Sign up early and don't miss your chance to become a "Crazy Canuk".

TC: Ivan Butterfield.....466-7760

ATC: Matthew Sheehan.....783-7930

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BRECKENRIDGE

February 22 - March 1, 1997

Full \$692.00

Final Payment Due: 12/09/96

BRECKENRIDGE
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Come one! Come all!! To North America's second most popular ski resort...**BRECKENRIDGE!!!**

Comprised of 2,023 skiable acres and 95 miles of skiing, Breckenridge provides four, huge mountains of skiing, which are interconnected by 17 lifts, including four high-speed quads. The 135 trails are classified as 14% Beginner, 26% Intermediate, and 55% Advanced. And if that's not enough, your Breckenridge lift ticket enables you to ski the Keystone and Arapahoe Basin mountains, too. This adds another 115 trails of skiing for 21% Beginner, 56% Intermediate, and 23% Advanced. That's a 12 1/2 hour ski day, including night skiing at Keystone! There's also free express transportation between the three resorts.

Our trip runs Saturday to Saturday, February 22 to March 1, 1997. We'll leave Saturday morning and fly United Airlines to Denver, Colorado. From there we take an 1 1/2 hour bus ride to Breckenridge. Since we will arrive by noon, those of you that are ski bums can head out to the slopes! A week later we will return to Houston in the evening.

We'll be staying at the River Mountain Lodge Condominiums (2b/2b; "ski-in"/"shuttle out") which is located across from Four O'Clock Ski Run. There is indoor and outdoor hot tubs, health club facilities, and ski storage. On-site, there is a restaurant and a Fireside Lounge to relax and socialize. The condos are less than one block from the Historic Main Street, where there is lots of shopping and fine dining available.

Ski all over "Summit County" by day and party at night with various group activities, such as Happy Hours, dinners, hot tubbing, and whatever else our creative minds and the law will allow us to do!! Optional activities include snowmobiling, ice skating, sleigh riding, Nastar racing, night skiing at Keystone, and Casino gambling in nearby mining towns.

So what are you waiting for??? **Come join us for some fun and adventure in the snow!!!!**

TC: Debbye Crofoot783-6831

ATC: Ladye Freitag855-4110

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MONTREAL/QUEBEC

"Quebec Ski Sampler"

March 1 - 8, 1997

Full \$793.00

Final Payment Due: 12/01/96



Are you looking for a European ski vacation without the long trip? Would you like to combine sight-seeing with skiing? Then come with us to the Province of Quebec! We will be there during the first week in March when conditions are the best; not too cold, plenty of light and lots of snow. We plan to sample the best of Eastern Canada: the biggest mountains, the best cities, the best hotels and the best resorts. The trip will last nine days, eight nights and include six ski days. Best of all, the price is just \$793. Lift tickets have been discounted heavily and will cost only an additional \$125 for all six days.

On Saturday morning, the group will fly Continental Airlines to Montreal and travel on to Mont. Tremblant where we will be staying at the brand new slopeside, five-star hotel. We will be able to ski-in/ski-out at one of the top rated resorts in the East by Ski Magazine. There are trails on both sides of the mountain for beginners through experts. Most intermediates will feel right at home on most of the mountain.

After three days at Mont. Tremblant, we will travel by bus to Quebec City and stay within the Old City at the landmark Chateau Frontenac. You will feel you are in Paris as you walk around this charming area with its award-winning restaurants. For the next three days, we will travel just outside the city to Mt. St. Anne and Stoneham to ski. Mt. St. Anne features the only gondola in eastern Canada and offers skiers panoramic views of the St. Lawrence river valley. Stoneham is a slightly smaller mountain featuring trail skiing for all abilities.

After skiing on Friday, we'll take a train to Montreal. We hope to take over a rail car and have an open bar and dinner as we are whisked between the two cities. On arrival, we just take an elevator to the five-star Queen Elizabeth Hotel. This hotel is connected to an underground complex of shops and restaurants. On Saturday, the day will be free to shop and explore this dynamic city. We will have one last party that night before heading back to Houston on Sunday morning.

TC: Stuart Traver..... 789-3514

ATC: Elba Villareal 977-3086

SUGARLOAF

TSC Final Shootout

March 8-15, 1997

Full \$650 Land \$320

Final Payment Due: 01/23/97



And now for something completely different! We're taking 60 "Maine-iacs" to The Snowplace of the East for the TSC Final Shootout and you'll want to be one of them. Between Sugarloaf Resort and Texas Ski Council, this will be quite a week of skiing and partying and snowboarding and partying and shopping and ... partying! Since we were there in '93, they have added 14 new trails and glade areas bringing the total to 116 trails over 1,400 skiable acres (with 95% snowmaking). Now you can ski "Boundary to Boundary" which should make you tree skiers happy. With a vertical drop of 2,837 feet and the fastest high-speed quad in the country, you are going to have to get in shape for lots of runs down this mountain - 28% beginner slopes, 32% intermediate, and 40% expert. Over the past few years, Sugarloaf has invested in HI-TECH snow machines which shovel up to 12 inches of top snow (or ice), "roto till" it up, fluff it up and pass it out the back as fresh powder.

How about nightly apres ski with a live band or DJ, an optional Lobster and Clam Bake, TSC Final Showdown races for the cup; several days of free usage of the recreational race area and racing tips provided by mountain personnel, a torchlight mountain parade and optional snowmobile excursion. And, if you have time to take a day off, there will be buses provided to Freeport with its outlet shops and L. L. Bean! Add to all this *ski in/ski out* condos and you'll have a trip worth remembering.

Did we mention ... there'll be parties.

TC: Dana Wardell..... 497-8552

ATC: Barbara Weber 467-8424

Calling All Writers!

The *Sitzmarke* needs articles for the next few *Sitzmarke* issues. Got a Top 10 list you'd like to contribute? Any juicy Hot Gnus? Ski fitness articles, cartoons, or just a really great picture that speaks a thousand words would be appreciated. Deadline is the 1st of each month for the next *Sitzmarke* issue (i.e., September 1 for the October *Sitzmarke*).

Please send to: Karen Putney 527-8383 (H)
3643 Wakeforest
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You asked for it....Six (6) full days of spring skiing in the largest single mountain ski resort in North America with over 4,000 acres of trails and seven (7) fabulous back bowls (32% beginner, 36% intermediate, and 32% expert)! Vail also boasts the most high speed quad chairlifts in the world, allowing for more downhill ski-time and less uphill line-time. And Beaver Creek is only 10 miles away via shuttle. Check it out!

Our United Airline flight departs from IAH early Saturday morning for Denver. From there we will bus to Vail for arrival with ample time for equipment rentals and locale strolling or settling in. Our accommodations for the week will be the lovely, convenient Vail International Condominiums located between Lionshead and Vail Village, only a 4 minute walk to the Lionshead Gondola (or use free shuttle). Each condo consists of two bedrooms and two baths, fully equipped kitchen, and living area with fireplace. Vail International also offers daily maid service, Jacuzzi, a heated pool, therapeutic whirlpool, and saunas.

Saturday evening, a "Top Your Own Boboli" Welcome Pizza Party will provide an opportunity to mingle and get acquainted with 41 other trip participants and potential skiing buddies. Other planned activities include a Continental Breakfast, an Ides of March Masked Madness Celebration, and an optional group dinner to Minturn. Additional activities available: snowmobiling, Nastar course, cross country skiing, ice skating, snowboarding, shopping, dining, etc. No dull moments in Vail!

Our return to Houston will be in the afternoon allowing time for a half day skiing or squeezing in that last minute whatever.

In case you have not noticed, this trip will be your last SCSC skiing opportunity for the next 8 months. Don't miss out on this great spring skiing trip...Join us as we **HAIL VAIL**.

TC: Sharon Inman..... 578-1942

ATC: Pamela Whitfield 468-1459

Windsurfing

by Dan Stoltzfus

Our instructor from Windsurfing Sport, Mike, gave our first group a brief lesson on theory. And then we were on our sailboards in the lake. Bob Gotlieb thinks rocket science is easier than windsurfing. But Alex Krawtzwow was a natural. It was his first time and he was having no trouble handling the gusty conditions. Sarah Granberry faked a wrist injury so she could sail back with the "boy toy" Mike. John Flatten, Patti Maudlsy, Don Newcomb, Rite Whale and Tim Malone were "speeding" across the lake. Mike yelled at Stan Broniak to come back inside the 100 foot marker, but to no avail. So Mike had the second group raise their right hand and repeat Mike's Mantra, "I solemnly swear, I will not sail any farther downwind than 100 feet. But if I do, I promise to swim the board back."

Mary Kay Kitchens, a "veteran" from last year and Bill "the Kid" Simmons were preparing for the activity, sipping cappuccino liqueur in the shade. Debbie Vincent, another "veteran" also was back for more fun. Concietta Ruggerio sailed to the far side of the "no-go" zone and was happy to paddle a kayak back upwind to shore. Janet Arentzen was doing well until a thermal appeared out of nowhere and she lost her special \$2.00 cap. A few other non-SCSC'ers, Chad Moore, Gil Santiago and Jason Gause, were also giving it their best.

After playing in the lake, a group of us including Karla Troutman, Kathy Hudiburgh, Greg Hill, George Sargent, Bob Arnette, Suzi Thompson, Chuck Gore, Dell and Tatiana Davidson, Sarah, Concietta and Janet went to Sam's on Clear Lake for food and drinks. After a few hours at Sam's, Karla suggested playing volleyball at the Clear Lake Club so Chuck, Kathy and I were off for more fun but this time in the sand!



Things to do, people to meet, muscles to tone (or strain)

✓ Rollerblading

Get your body in shape for skiing and have fun at the same time! And while you're at it, recruit new SCSC members.

Places to skate:

Bear Creek Park. Highway 6, north of I-10. 3 mile trail.

Memorial Park Picnic Loop, near the softball fields. This 1.1 mile paved loop is closed to traffic on weeknights and winds through big trees. There are always other rollerbladers and bicyclists here. Look for the In-Line Information Newsletter at local sports stores. **Julia Long** and **Ivan Butterfield** are regular rollerbladers. There's probably more of you out there, but it's press time and I don't have your names. Ivan regularly rollerblades with a group on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Give him a call for details.

✓ Tennis at Memorial Park

Every Tuesday, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Did you know SCSC has had standing court reservations every Tuesday for the last 15+ years? Bring your racket and challenge **Ed Cain**! Ed describes the tennis level as "sand lot" tennis, which means "B" level or better tennis ability. The cost is a mere \$2.00 for court time. After tennis, the group usually stops off at Bubba's on Washington Avenue for beer and burgers. For more details call Ed Cain at 781-2246 (H).

✓ Biking

Here's a good way to stay in shape and recruit new SCSC members; that's how **George Flournoy** recruited **Julia Long**. Houston Bicycle Club has free rides every Saturday and Sunday. Rides are from 16 to 100 miles. For info on monthly meetings and newsletter, call Debra Kermany (not a club member) 578-7289.

Upcoming big rides:

✓ Crossroads Classic Ride - Sept. 28th 8:00 from Sealy. Distances 12, 29, 50, 65, 101, 127 miles with sag and rest stops. \$20 (includes T-shirt) before Sept. 13/\$25 after. Info: 935-2810.

✓ 24th Houston Moonlight Ramble - October 27th, 2:00 a.m. from Downtown. A casual 2-hour recreational & run ride. \$15 (includes T-shirt), \$8 no shirt. For info, call 729-9333.

✓ Jazz on the Plaza

Wednesday, October 9th, 5:30 p.m.

Jones Plaza, across from Jones Hall

Hosted by **Peggy Montgomery**, **Debbie & Ted Bergeron**, **Sy & Craig Liebergot**, **Vicki Faulkner**, **Linda Licarione**, **Becky Hall**, **Llona & Chip Doubet**, **Nancy & Jeff Sarff**, and **Karen Putney**. This is a non-sponsored club activity -- which means it's advertised in the Sitzmarke but is not a formal, budgeted activity; enjoy Jazz at your own risk (no release form), at your own expense (no money is collected), no reservations required and no cancellation forms are required if you change your mind. Plan on joining your hosts and other SCSC members for an evening of Jazz after work and fine tune our apres' ski skills.

✓ Volleyball

The Backyard Bar & Grill, 10200 S. Main

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Quite a number of SCSCer's can be found playing sand volleyball in a recreational co-ed sixes league. Gang members seen most Tuesday nights include: **Linda Licarione**, **Jeff & Debbie Warren**, **Donna Sears**, **Mike Gerstenberger**, **Susan Blome**, **Rod Hope**, **Stan Broniak**, **Matt Sheehan**, **Chris Sheehan**, **Pam Smith**, **Elyse Turla**, **Debbie Vincent**, and **Becky Hall**. If you are interested in playing on a team, starting a team or just coming out to cheer your fellow SCSCer's and drink a few beers, call Becky Hall at 783-9990 for more details. New leagues start up every 8 weeks. Ideal for beginner and intermediate players. Tuesdays are fun, win or lose!

SCSC Activity



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Sunshine Kids Auction Items

Here's a sampling of last year's donated items to give you some ideas of what sells. Get creative and donate auction items or services as an individual or as a group.

- 2 Rockets vs. Boston Celtics Tickets \$105.00
Donated by *Tina Lipscomb*
Purchased by *Lourdes Coyle*
- New K2 5500 Skis \$300.00
Donated by *Bill Bomberger*
Purchased by *Bob Gottlieb*
- Sailboat cruise for 4 \$225.00
Donated by *Ivan Butterfield*
Purchased by *Michael Lu*
- Champagne Escape for Two \$125.00
Donated by *Southwest Hilton*
Purchased by *Peggy Montgomery*
- 2 Houston Symphony Tickets \$ 90.00
Donated by the *Houston Symphony*
Purchased by *James Kelley*
- 5 Course Gourmet Dinner for 10 People \$550.00
Purchased by *Ted & Debbie Bergeron,*
Ginger & Floyd Hanks, Tom Mercer & Pam Holder,
Debbie & Jeff Warren, Craig & Sy Liebergot

After the live and silent auctions were over and the high bids were totaled, SCSC raised \$3800.00! That's great for a first time auction event. Now it's time to plan and organize the 2nd Annual Sunshine Kids Auction and substantially pass last year's total.

Listed below are a few of the donated items for the 2nd Annual Sunshine Kids Auction:

- 3 nights accomodations for 2 at Crested Butte Resort
Donated by *Peggy Montgomery* and
Crested Butte Accomodations

Gary Butler's "Bucks for Pounds" Weight Loss Drive.
What an easy way to support both Gary and the Sunshine Kids. So far, 21 people have pledged \$\$\$. Space limitations only allow a few names and pledge amounts to be mentioned, but you get the idea. Call Gary or track him down at the General Meeting and pledge \$\$\$ per pound or a fixed amount.

<i>Ed Cain</i>	\$1.00 per lb.	No cap
<i>Nolan Badeaux</i>	\$1.00 per lb.	No cap
<i>Ted Bergeron</i>	\$1.00 per lb.	No cap
<i>Susan Blome</i>	\$1.00 per lb.	\$50 cap
<i>Karen Putney</i>	\$1.00 per lb.	\$50 cap
<i>John Burk</i>	\$1.00 per lb.	\$50 cap

10 TOP REASONS WHY.... You should not volunteer to write Top 10 Lists

by Fred Arbuckle and Gary Butler

10. The word sucker is permanently tattooed on your forehead.
9. You have to think of 8 other reasons.
8. Excessively large bar tabs run up creating lists.
7. Takes up too much space in the *Sitzmarke*.
6. Forced to recycle bad Letterman jokes.
5. Makes Karen Putney's job wayyyyyyyy too easy.
4. Makes Fred Arbuckle's job wayyyyyyyy too hard.
3. Forces a deadline on people who can't read a calendar.
2. Because my mommy told me I don't have to and my girlfriend said I was crazy.
1. Only a snowboarder would understand the jokes.

Announcing the 1997 "Not Your Typical Follies" Follies

The following people would like you to know that the planning stage of the 1997 SCSC Follies is well under way."

Producer: *Peggy Montgomery*
Director: *Fred Arbuckle*
Writer: *Gary Butler*
Sound: *Sy Liebergot*
Music *Dave Hargett*
Creative Consultant: *Morna Simon-Raffel*

Watch for further details
in forthcoming *Sitzmarkes!*

Bulk Mail Woes

by Karen Putney, VP. Publications

Major Postal Service bulk mail changes took effect July 1. Since the July Sitzmarke was mailed prior to July 1, the Postal changes were not obvious. But what a difference a month makes!

By now, if you live in zip code prefix 773, 774, or 775, you are painfully aware of the delay between the time 770 zip code prefix members received their Sitzmarke and when you received yours. This column is an attempt to explain the new bulk rate rules and how the membership card insertions compounded the problem. (SCSC's printer explained the rules to me; when I called the Post Office, the mailing specialist didn't know the details and needed time to research them. I'm still waiting for that return phone call.)

To qualify for bulk rates, there must be at least 200 pieces of identical mail (same weight) which are bundled and marked to exacting standards.

So what does this mean in August Sitzmarke terms? When the membership cards were inserted, this changed the weight per item, giving two weight groups; those with one membership card enclosed and the another group with two cards enclosed. Then these two groups were further subdivided by zip code prefix. Prefix 770 is the largest bundle so it passes the minimum count and was routed

through the Downtown Post office for delivery to your neighborhood Post Office. Prefixes 773, 774, and 775 are then grouped together and if the count is greater than 200, the bundle is sent to the North Houston Post Office (Conroe) for redistribution to your neighborhood Post Office. If this bundle has less than 200 items, the bundle is sent to Fort Worth for redistribution to your neighborhood Post Office. Fort Worth? Hard to believe, but true.

You guessed it. Prefix 773, 774, and 775 zip code bundles made a visit to Fort Worth before being routed to your neighborhood Post Office. Your Post Office then controls when bulk rate mail is delivered to your home. There are no time requirements for bulk mail delivery; it's at the discretion of your neighborhood Post Office and your mail carrier.

Future Sitz delivery should not be delayed any more than usual as the 200 minimum per bundle (weight and zip code) will be met, thus bypassing the Fort Worth leg of the delivery process. Should the mailing specialist return my call, I have one more question. Why do I always get the Tuesday grocery ads on time, without fail, but my Sitzmarke is a week late? Second thought, maybe I shouldn't ask - I may never get my Sitz delivered again.

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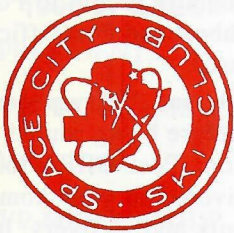
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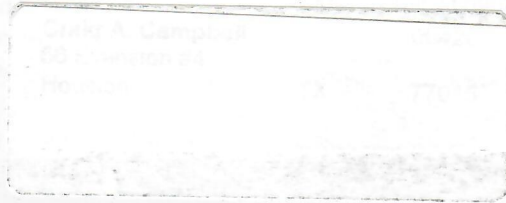
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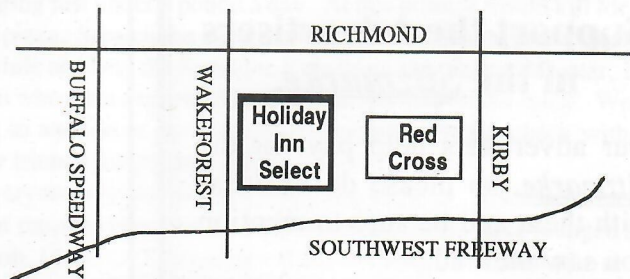
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