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SPACE CITY SKI CLUB

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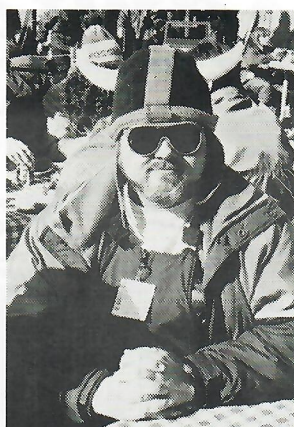
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## Head of the Lifeline

by Gary Butler



We've been talking about it for three months now, so it's time for our annual **Sunshine Kids Auction**. This is not only for a good cause, providing for children with cancer outside activities such as ski trips, it is also a great time as we proved last year. Time to form those teams to bid on the 10 person **Gourmet Dinner**, an 8 person **Shrimp Boil** overlooking the Bay, or the **Sailboat Trip for 4**. For the Golfers among us, we have a round of Golf at the **Country Place Golf Club** with lunch at the **Country Store**. For the Athletic among us, how about a **Stair Stepper**, that will get you in shape to hit the slopes or wipe you out trying.

For those of us who are crazy about birds, **Ivan Butterfield** is providing an **Emu Basket** that includes all sorts of Emu products. As an ideal gift for an office with 30 people or less, **Peggy Montgomery** is offering a **Treat a Month**. This includes Baked goods such as cookies or cakes, breads, etc. If you value your employees, bid on this item.

We have **Houston Rockets basketball tickets**, 2 passes to any performance of the **Houston Symphony** for the 1996-97 season, and 2 passes to the **Houston Ballet** good for the 1996-97 season. For the sports collector, the **Houston Astros** has provided autographed photos of pitcher **Shane Reynolds**, shortstop **Orlando Miller**, catcher **Tony Eusebio**, and second baseman **Craig Biggio**. The **Houston Aeros Ice Hockey Team** has again provided tickets, etc.

It doesn't end here. We have a **Christmas Quilt**, a special **Grapevine Wreath**, and for you ornamental fish lovers, **Koy Fish**. We have a number of other items you will love as well as that special diet killer, a **tin of Nancy Sarff's Chocolate Chip Cookies**. I want it, now.

We will be accepting pledges on the pound for bucks fund raiser up to, and after the announcement of my weight loss. As of when I produce this article I have lost about 60 pounds. A good estimate would put me around 75-80 pounds at the end....**Bring your CHECKBOOKS....** We are **h y p n o t i z i n g** you, spend way too much money, you will be loved and respected for hours at least.

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December 6, 1996

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On the Cover: *The Executive Committee wishes you a Merry Christmas. Photo taken by Don Crabtree, second Santa from the right. Thanks, Don!!*  
*From left: Gary Butler, Jeff Sarff, Karen Putney, Llona Doubet, Debbie Warren, Don Crabtree, and George Flournoy.*



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## CALENDAR

December						
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	31				

## Coming Events

### December

- 4 ..... Oshman's Downhill
- 5-8 ..... Red River
- 6 ..... Holiday Gala
- 9 ... General Meeting, Sunshine Kids Auction
- 11-15 ..... Park City
- 19 ..... Happy Hour - Albert's 511

January						
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	③	

### January

- 4-11 ..... Snowmass I & II
- 7-12 ..... Snowmass III
- 13 ..... General Meeting
- 11-18 ..... Summit County
- 17 ..... Mystery Dinner Theater
- 17-25 ..... Val Di Fassa
- 23 ..... Happy Hour - Doneraki
- 25-Feb 1 ..... Jackson Hole
- 31 ..... Champagne Dance Party

*For Up-To-Date Club Information, call*

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## HAPPY HOUR

*December 19, 1996 • 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.*



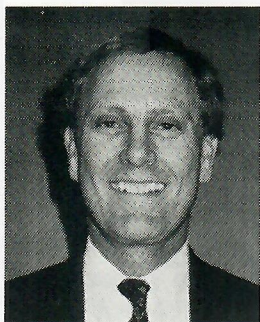
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## FELIZ NAVIDAD AND GREAT SNOW TO ALL

Happy Holidays to all. Our ski season is off and rolling with the first trips just returning from Keystone and Red River. The Red River trip is a new concept to the club. The trip format of having a training trip for new skiers appears to have been well received by the membership. Originally the trip was budgeted for 26 persons without an ATC. Due to high demand the trip sold 42 seats. **Patti Maudslay**, the super person that she is, elected to run this trip without an ATC to keep costs down. What great team spirit!!! The Keystone trip captained by **Debbi Chrissinger** has just returned as well. Debbi also soloed as a TC without the assistance of an ATC. **Gary Haley** is heading up the Park City "Improve your Skiing", as a solo TC, leaving in just a few days. Next time you see any of these **Super TC'S**, give them a special thank you.

It's the dedication of our volunteers that makes this club great!

If you haven't selected a trip yet, may I suggest an excellent bargain in January, Summit County. Trip leaders, **Scott Keller** and **Janet Arentzen**, have put together a really dynamite package on what promises to be a fun trip. There may be some space left on the Snowmass 2 trip.....see **Nancy Sarff** or **Charles Butler** for information. Also short on time and space is the Val di Fassa, Italy trip. You will never get a better European trip for the price!! See **Peggy Montgomery**...she may be able to get you a seat if the trip is sold out. You say you want a February trip with prime ski conditions, you might still find space available on our Purgatory trip. Join with other Texas Ski Council clubs for all the camaraderie and friendly competition. **Louella Steller** and **Kathy Young** have put together a nifty, nifty trip. Seldom do we get to put together a reasonably priced Telluride trip but **Bill Bomberger** and **Joanne Fore** have accomplished the near impossible by getting Telluride in at this price. There is still space on Breckenridge which is a really neat place to go. In addition to four great ski mountains at Breckenridge, the town is one of the hottest party towns on the ski circuit. **Debbye Crofoot** and **Lady Freitag** have a great location in ski- in condos and have some super party plans. PS.... I cannot confirm the rumor that **Jimmy Buffet** is participating on this trip. Vail is calling!! **Sharon Inman** has lodging near Lions Head Gondola. ATC **Pamela Whitfield** has special sites located nearby for the social activities. No bussing at the resort to get to the other side of the freeway for the evening!!! This is an El Cheapo price at Vail for peak season. Spring Skiing.

If you still can't decide where you want to go, the perfect option is to sign up on wait lists. You receive the option of joining the trip as an opening becomes available, and there won't be a penalty if you decline. While some lists may seem to be too long, invariably as the departure date draws closer, more people have trouble committing. Trips with short or no wait lists are Snowmass 2 and 3, Montreal, Whistler, and Sugarloaf. Remember, if you don't get on the wait list the TC won't know you're interested.

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

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

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

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## 1996 - 1997 Trip Schedule

*Status / Wait List as of 11/12/96*

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	<b>KEYSTONE</b> Colorado (TSC Fall Roundup)	\$525	10/14/96	Quicksilver 2 / 2 Condos	32	Full	Debbi Chrissinger (DS)	326-2251
Dec. 5 - 8, 1996 (Thurs. - Sun.)	3 / 2 1/2	<b>RED RIVER</b> New Mexico (Learn to Ski)	\$288*	10/11/96	Ponderosa 1 / 1 Condos	42	Full	Patti Maudslay (DS)	977-7439
Dec. 11 - 15, 1996 (Wed. - Sun.)	4 / 3 1/2	<b>PARK CITY</b> Utah (Improve your Skiing)	\$420*	9/19/96	Resort Plaza 2 / 2 Condos	28	Full 4 WL	Gary Haley (SB)	984-9884
Jan. 4 - 11, 1997 (Sat. - Sat.)	7 / 6 1/2	<b>SNOWMASS I</b> Colorado (TSC Traditional)	\$836	10/14/96	Mt. Chalet (Hotel)	42	Full 14 WL	Eddie Bayersdorfer Jane Orr (SB)	622-4212 688-5345
Jan. 4 - 11, 1997 (Sat. - Sat.)	7 / 6	<b>SNOWMASS II</b> Colorado (TSC Traditional)	\$708	11/11/96	Stonebridge Hotel	52	46	Nancy Sarff Charles Butler (SB)	461-9665 583-7515
Jan. 7 - 12, 1997 (Tues. - Sun.)	5 / 4	<b>SNOWMASS III</b> Colorado (TSC Traditional Short)	\$687	10/24/96	Stonebridge Hotel	42	Full	Julia Long Joan Henke (SB)	522-5175 367-4614
Jan. 11 - 18, 1997 (Sat. - Sat.)	7 / 7	<b>SUMMIT COUNTY</b> Colorado (New Member Trip)	\$561*	11/11/96	Hampton Inn Hotel	52	30	Scott Keller Janet Arentzen (DS)	480-3161 367-2617
Jan. 17 - 25, 1997 (Fri. - Sat.)	8 / 6	<b>VAL di FASSA</b> Italy (TSC Expedition)	\$1134*	11/11/96	Hotel Catinaccio	32	Full	Peggy Montgomery (SB)	437-5467
Jan. 25 - Feb. 1, 1997 (Sat. - Sat.)	7 / 6 1/2	<b>JACKSON HOLE</b> Wyoming (Yellowstone Option)	\$762	12/06/96	Wind River 4 / 4 Condos	40	Full 26 WL	Barb Ehrlich Jeff Warren (DS)	868-2470 859-5812
Feb. 1 - 8, 1997 (Sat. - Sat.)	7 / 6 1/2	<b>TELLURIDE</b> Colorado (Members Request)	\$793 \$500 L	11/11/96	Ore Station 2 / 2 Condos	36 (8) L	33	Bill Bomberger Joanne Fore (SB)	495-8668 723-4707
Feb. 8 - 15, 1997 (Sat. - Sat.)	7 / 6	<b>PURGATORY</b> Colorado (TSC Winter Shootout)	\$694	12/06/96	Tamarron Lodge 1 / 1 Condos	42	36	Louella Steller Kathy Young (DS)	723-6713 497-5339
Feb. 15 - 22, 1997 (Sat. - Sat.)	7 / 6	<b>WHISTLER</b> Canada (President's Day)	\$752	11/23/96	Tantalus Lodge 2 / 2 Condos	40	Full 6 WL	Ivan Butterfield Matthew Sheehan (SB)	466-7760 783-7930
Feb. 22 - Mar. 1, 1997 (Sat. - Sat.)	7 / 7	<b>BRECKENRIDGE</b> Colorado (Best of Breckenridge)	\$692	12/09/96	River Mtn. Lodge 2 / 2 Condos	42	18	Debbie Crofoot Ladys Freitag (DS)	783-6831 855-4110
Mar. 1 - 9, 1997 (Sat. - Sun.)	8 / 6	<b>MONTREAL/QUEBEC</b> Canada (SCSC Adventure Series)	\$793	12/01/96	3 Five Star Hotels	32	Full 3 WL	Elba Villareal (SB)	977-3086
Mar. 8 - 15, 1997 (Sat. - Sat.)	7 / 6	<b>SUGARLOAF</b> Maine (TSC Final Showdown)	\$650 \$320 L	1/13/97	Snowhorse Village 2 / 2 Condos	60 (8) L	Full 6 WL	Dana Wardell Barbara Weber (SB)	497-8552 467-8424
Mar. 15 - 22, 1997 (Sat. - Sat.)	7 / 7	<b>VAIL</b> Colorado (Spring Break)	\$781	1/10/97	Vail International 2 / 2 Condos	42	26	Sharon Inman Pamela Whitfield (DS)	578-1942 468-1459

\*\* DNNotes: 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 includes daily breakfasts.  
Red River, and Park City include additional 10% air tax.

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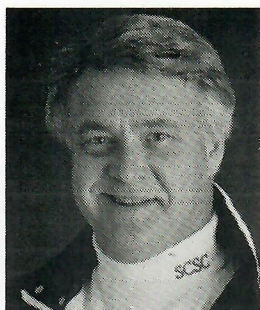
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## V. P. Programs

by Don Crabtree



Plan to attend our December 9th meeting when we will have the annual Silent Auction benefiting the **Sunshine Kids**. As usual, there will be various gifts ranging from **Rocket Basketball** tickets to gourmet dinners. If you have an item or service you'd like to contribute, call me or your local **Prez, Gary Butler**... Moving on --- for the first time in many years the club's

annual **Halloween Party** was canceled due to lack of participation as there were only 27 people who signed up at our October meeting. This was the second activity canceled this Fall; let's hope there's not a trend established here. On a happier note, the **Annual Club Volleyball Tournament** was well attended on October 19 and **Becky Hall** said it was complete success. Ditto for the **Fall Tennis Tournament** hosted by **Bob Dickerson** at Fondren Tennis Club on October 20.

**Mary Kay Kitchens** has organized a **Mystery Dinner Theater** Night come January 17, at the Marriott Hotel on Loop 610 West. It's been a while since we've had one of these popular, sit-down, three course, "who-dun-its" and I know many members have already signed-up at previous meetings so don't hold-out or be left out. Also later that month **Mary Dooley** has secured the **Fred Astair Dance Studio** on Memorial Drive for some dancin' and socializin', and it's **free!** (See ad in this issue) Get ready for the **Rodeo** in February. **Susan Anslinger** and **Cheryl DeWitt** have obtained a large block of tickets for Saturday night Feb. 15, so get yours at the December Meeting. Don't forget this month's Happy Hour to be held at

**Albert's 511 Club** on North Post Oak at Woodway. As always, there will be a gourmet buffet and lots of Christmas cheer as well as valet parking (tips appreciated). So long for now!

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### CHAMPAGNE DANCE PARTY

January 31, 1997

No Charge

Bring your wife, "best squeeze" or come by yourself and enjoy some dancin' and socializin' at the Fred Astair Dance Studio located at 12649 Memorial Drive. Learn to Fox Trot, Rhumba, Cha-Cha, Swing, and Tango. Champagne and cocktails provided at moderate cost.

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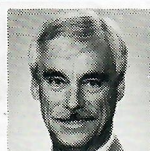
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# PROGRAM ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Activity	Activity Coordinator	Activity Date	Final Pmt	Cost
✓ Oshman's Downhill	Marsha Lutz • 870-9724	12/04/96		No Cost
✓ Christmas Gala	Sue Salvage • 690-5551	12/06/96	11/21/96	\$29.00
✓ Mystery Dinner Theater	Mary Kay Kitchens • 537-8319	01/17/97	11/21/96	\$39.00
✓ Champagne Dance Party	Mary Dooley • 977-8014	01/31/97		No Cost
✓ Houston Livestock Show	Susan Anslinger • 688-3933	02/15/97	01/13/97	\$11.00
✓ Houston Rockets	TBA at December Meeting	03/27/97	12/09/96	\$27.00

## SCSC Activity Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo



February 15, 1997

\$11.00

AC: Susan Anslinger  
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688-3933 (H)

AAC: Cheryl Dewitt

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Don't Miss The December 9th  
General Meeting's  
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SCSC Activity

## OSHMAN'S DOWNHILL

December 4, 1996  
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Free

Race held on "the carpet" run  
Come Race or Watch

Oshman's Baybrook  
Supersports Store  
19801 Gulf Freeway

Contact Marsha Lutz  
at 870-9724 for details

SCSC Activity

## Houston Rockets

March 27, 1997



7:30 p.m.

\$27.00

Two Time NBA Champions  
vs.  
the Phoenix Suns

Only 30 tickets available

No Early Signup

Signup starts at the December  
General Meeting

SCSC Activity

## Mystery Dinner Theater

January 17, 1997

8:00 p.m.

\$39.00

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# Fall Tennis Tournament

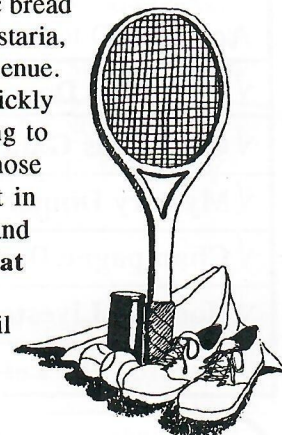
by Bob Dickerson

The Fall Tennis Tournament was held at Fondren Tennis Club on Sunday afternoon, October 20th. Skill levels ranged from 5.0 (roughly equivalent to Pete Sampras or Monica Seles) to 2.5 (on par with Bart Simpson or Roseanne). After 3 grueling hours of nonstop play, the group's conditioning, or lack thereof, clearly showed. To the members' credit, only two considered withdrawal during the match. **Ellen Manhard** stepped on, of all things, a tennis ball, but limped her way through the tourney. **Don Derksen**, on the other hand, paid the price for the prior evening's debauchery. After finding little sympathy for his pleadings for replacement, he did manage to wheeze his way through the last match.

Afterwards, almost 40 players rekindled their energy levels by absolutely stuffing themselves with chicken

parmigiana, pasta, Chianti and garlic bread at George's (why not Giorgio's) Pastaria, just around the corner from the tennis venue. This made most of the players quickly forget their disappointment in failing to take home awards. By the way, those who did add to their trophy cabinet in Flight "A" were **Barbara Harker** and **Fred Wright** and in Flight "B" **Pat Schagrin** and **Craig Littlefield**.

The rest cried out, "Wait until next year"!



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# The Shape of Skis to Come

by Kimberly M. Futerman

## Super-sidecuts Are Changing The Way We Ski

Skiing is a sport rife with trend and rumor. There is always some new piece of equipment on the horizon that will transform you into the skier of your dreams. Those who dutifully try each new product have grown understandably skeptical.

The promised dramatic changes, if there at all, are usually subtle enough only to be discerned by the best and hardest skiers. But now something different approaches. This is a change for every man and woman of every level of ability. Enter the PARABOLIC SKI.

### √ What Is It?

While everything else has changed around it, the shape of the ski has remained essentially the same until now. A parabolic ski is a ski with a whole new shape. The ski has a radical side cut creating a very deep interior curve.

If you look at the ski as it lies flat on the ground you will see that the tip and tail are almost one and one-half times as wide as the waist of the ski. This unique impression has also led the super-sidecut ski to be nicknamed the "hourglass ski".

### √ What Does It Do?

Basically, it turns for you. Remember geometry? If you lay the ski on its edge, and apply pressure to the waist, it carves a turn. You just have to pick the edge to determine which way you want the ski to turn. The shape also renders a much more stable turn. Yes, this shape actually can help skiers put more carving and less skidding into their turns.

### √ Who Should Use Them?

Anyone can improve their carving by skiing on these skis, but beginners and intermediates will notice the benefit most.

The ideal candidate for the parabolic innovation is the intermediate who has plateaued and does not anticipate ever getting enough time to really focus on improving. Just by snapping on the parabolics, this skier will carve turns like he never has before.

### √ Are There Any Disadvantages?

Ski technicians report that the vast majority of people who demoed parabolics last year loved them. They take a little getting used to, of course. But the learning curve was brief for most. One tech even quoted studies that showed that beginners who were given parabolic skis learned faster, found skiing easier and had more fun.

But two types of skiers were noticeable unhappy with the innovation: high speed giant slalom skiers and "hot dogs." Both complained that the skis are not as stable at high speeds as they would like. Also, the skis always want to turn, thus making speed harder to attain.

Finally, we should note that you run the risk of being told that you are skiing on "cheaters" by some "hard-core types" who think that overcoming technical defects by using equipment is not sporting. "But then again," as one expert pointed out, "not everybody has fifty days to ski. For those with limits on the time they can devote to sport, the advantages probably outweigh the disadvantages."

### √ Should You Run Out And Get Them?

Why not! Look at it this way, if you are an intermediate or a beginner looking for an easy way to improve your skiing, there is nothing quicker or simpler. None of your other equipment has to change -- and neither do you.

But take your time and look around before you invest. This season is expected to yield parabolics a-plenty. Virtually every ski manufacturer will be introducing a parabolic ski. And while word of mouth was good on last season's versions, there is no reason to make a hasty decision. Shop around and demo a few before deciding. Maybe that way your new skis will satisfy you until the next big thing comes along!

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## Nominating Committee

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Please call them for information if you are interested in becoming an officer next year. Now is the time to fill out and mail the Elective Officer Candidate Application Form.



The moon was full, the faces were muddy, the hides were sore, but there was no Billy Crystal, as the SCSC city slickers rode through tough Texas territory on their sturdy steeds. We had cowpokes of all riding levels, on steeds of all types (from an ex-barrel racing quarterhorse to an almost dead Appaloosa), but there were "Yahoos!" all around. The ride began pleasantly enough, despite the scenery directly from the movie "Swamp Thing" and mosquitoes as large as Texas. As soon as the land dried up a bit, our adventurous SCSC cowpokes **Bobbie Sellers, Patti Maudslay, Rick Wasson, Mary Bilger, Elaine Austin, and Montella Horner** lost the trail guide and set out on their own. A few collective hog calls from the goody goodies who stuck with the trail guide (I wouldn't know who they were, as I was one of the rebels), brought us together again just in time for chow.

Gathered around the campfire, while waiting in the chow line, were **Kelly Jones, Robert Mills, Debbie & Jeff Warren, Donna Naskrent, and Sarah Granbery**, telling their tall tales of fences jumped, cattle roped, and shoot-outs with villains of unspeakable evil (just kidding). On the other side of camp were **Llona & Chip Doubet, Wanda Stevens, Bill Kirk, Dave Geithman, John Galardi, and Jill Allen**, whooping it up like square dancing fools to the tunes of a real live cowboy straight



out of a Marlboro commercial (just kidding again, except for the cowboy part). The SCSC city slickers enjoyed a wonderful Bar-BQ meal around a huge camp fire, with the fresh air just cool enough that the camp fire was actually necessary. There wasn't a lack of conversation at any picnic table and the serenade of country tunes created just the right ambiance. Everyone was

enjoying the tunes and occasionally singing along. It wouldn't have taken much imagination to put us in a John Wayne movie, gathered around the chuck wagon, only the chow was much better.

With the full moon to light our trail, we saddled up and moseyed back to home camp. The only hitch in the ride back was a gang of SCSC "not so city" slickers; **Dennis Stockton, Kevin King, Karla Trowman, and Bill Bomberger** were suddenly abducted by the alien mothership (obviously chosen for their expert riding skills). No, I'm not kidding, this one really happened. All you have to do is get to know them. Most of us made it back relatively unscathed. If you'll notice, the few survivors in the "after" picture are bow legged and a little perplexed as to what happened to their fellow cowpokes, but all are grinning from ear to ear! SCSC, once again, tames the wild, wild west! YEEHAAW!

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# Spotlight on Volunteers

by Marti Toomer

Meet a few of the SCSC members that made last year's Sunshine Kid's Benefit a great success! Join the fun at the December Meeting!



**Julie Butcher**

Julie donated a box of her famous pralines in assorted flavors for last year's silent auction. The high bidder for the pralines was Georgette Taylor. Look for them again this year!

*Birthplace?* Bryan, Texas

*Occupation?* Pharmaceutical Rep & Owner of Julie's Creative Confections

*Live in which area of Houston?* Galleria

*Joined SCSC in?* 3 years ago

*Marital Status?* Single

*Skiing Level?* Beginner

*Hobbies?* Dancing, Gardening, Ballet, Cooking

*What do you enjoy most about SCSC?* The nice people I've met.



**Micheal Lu**

Micheal was the high bidder on a Sailboat Cruise for Four donated by Ivan Butterfield. He and his friends had a great time being entertained as they sailed in Galveston Bay! Look for the cruise again this year!

*Birthplace?* China

*Occupation?* Owner of an export company

*Live in which area of Houston?* Sharpstown

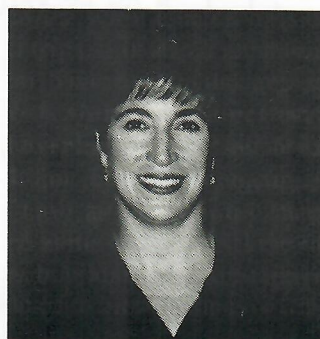
*Joined SCSC in?* 3 years ago

*Marital Status?* Single

*Skiing Level?* Beginner

*Hobbies?* Parties, Travel, Biking, Sailing

*What do you enjoy most about SCSC?* I enjoy the functions, activities, and people.



**Diane Jamail**

Diane sold raffle tickets at last year's Benefit. She was also the high bidder on a gourmet dinner/brunch for two donated by Craig & Sy Liebergot, and a theme gift basket.

*Birthplace?* Houston

*Occupation?* Owner of Custom Software Solutions

*Live in which area of Houston?* Northwest & Seabrook

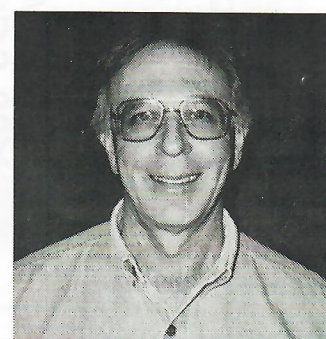
*Joined SCSC in?* 1990

*Marital Status?* Married

*Skiing Level?* Intermediate

*Hobbies?* Windsurfing, Scuba, Rollerblading, Skiing

*What do you enjoy most about SCSC?* Being with active people



**Bob Gottlieb**

Bob was the high bidder on new K2 skis donated by Bill Bomberger. Bob's hoping for a Gold Medal at Keystone with these skis!

*Birthplace?* Tyler, Texas

*Occupation?* Aerospace Engineer at McDonnell Douglas

*Live in which area of Houston?* Clear Lake

*Joined SCSC in?* 12 years ago

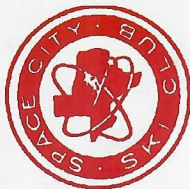
*Marital Status?* Single

*Skiing Level?* Advanced

*Hobbies?* Tennis, Scuba, Horseback Riding

*What do you enjoy most about SCSC?* Enjoying trips & activities that you don't have to plan!





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