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Council

## 1995 Follies



### MAY MEETING

May 8, 1995

Doors Open: 6:30 p.m. Meeting Starts: 7:00 p.m.

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## Head of the Liftline

*By Marti Toomer*



How time flies when you're having fun! Nowhere is that more true than as a volunteer for SCSC. Before our skis are put away for the '94-95 season, we're busy planning how to provide you with a terrific '95-96 ski season as well as lots of fun ways to get together before the snow falls.

The Follies on May 8th is a "have to attend" fun event! Elyse Turla and Peggy Montgomery promise the best of the past, present, and future. No hints about how they are accomplishing this--you'll "have to attend".

May is also Membership Renewal Month. Renewing now ensures that:

- 1) You are the first (almost) to get the scoop on the 95-96 ski trips.
- 2) You know where the Happy Hours are without calling a friend;
- 3) You save \$5 by renewing before the end of the May; and
- 4) You get a low membership # to impress people with your lack of procrastination.

Call Ted Bergeron, VP Membership if you have any questions about membership.

By renewing, you will also be able to keep up with the variety of activities that Eric Prentis, VP Programs, is planning for this summer. Eric's goal is to make volunteering a fun experience for you---so call today with your ideas for activities and programs to keep our spirits high until the next time we head for the slopes!

Speaking of slopes, Merrel Smith, VP Trips, is working hard to develop a assortment of ski trips to entice you. He's also in the midst of recruiting TC's and ATC's, so call Merrel today if you are interested or need more information.

The Sitzmarke is how we all stay informed about SCSC throughout the year and Gary Butler, VP Publications, has some great improvement ideas. Let Gary know what you'd like to see in the Sitz because this publication is for you!

With all the activities, meetings, and Happy Hours going on this summer, Karen Putney, Secretary, is busy scheduling events on the SCSC Calendar, recording meeting action, and planning the directory.

Along with planning comes budgeting, and Jill St Clair, Treasurer, is right in the middle preparing and reviewing the operating budgets, as well as, trying to build up the "check writing" muscles in her hand in preparation for the ski trip deposits.

In closing, I'd like to thank last year's officers, Ed Cain, Gary Butler, Craig Campbell, Jim Edwards, Nancy Sarff, Sharon Smith, and Mel Tawney, as well as the other board members, Tom Hogle, Nolan Badeaux, Angie Dalehite, Ginger Howard-Hanks, Kayleen Kill, Craig Liebergot, Terry McGuinness, Ray Naudin, Patti Richards, and Sue Salvage, for their dedication, creativity, and hard work throughout the year. Like many other volunteers, each of them added their own strengths and style to help Space City Ski Club become even stronger for its second 30 years.



## Happy Hour

May 18, 1995  
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Cadillac Bar  
1802 Shepard





# PROGRAMS

by Eric Prentis, V.P. Programs



**FUN! FUN! FUN!** is the motto. FUN activities and lots of them! FUN meetings! FUN people! That's the goal and I will work hard to accomplish this for our members. I do hope all of you want to help.

Speaking of help, in the April issue of the Sitzmarke (I believe, as I'm writing this before I've seen the April issue) is a pull out flier that lists possible activities that SCSC could offer over the next year. Please spend a little time perusing the possibilities. Check off or write in on the flier what you would be interested in running and return by mail, or return to me at the general meetings or at the happy hours. Also, a table will be set up at the meetings to hand out fliers and to collect completed fliers. SCSC encourages members who have never run an activity to try it, we are "sure you will like it." After all, this is where many of our future leaders come from. We know that you are curious about running an activity, now is your chance.

I'm open to new ideas and suggestions from everyone in the ski club. Please stop me to talk at the meetings or at happy hours, write to me, fax me, or call me on the phone. I promise to listen to all ideas and promote those that seem most promising.

Mark your calendars for the following fantastic activities. First, all you aspiring windsurfers out there will have a chance to learn what it's like to skip over the waves. Dan Stoltzfus is leading a group on Saturday, June 17, to Lake Pasadena (a.k.a. Mud Lake), for instruction and fun in the sun. Second, for those who like to learn how to prepare and then eat gourmet southwestern cuisine, join Julia Long at Rice Epicurean for a feast on Wednesday, June 14. And third, get ready to be Mexico bound. Bob Olsen is inviting you to beautiful Cancun on Friday, August 11, to Tuesday, August 15. Spend five days relaxing on the beach and playing in the Caribbean waters. Want more? OK just fill out those fliers and .....

I look forward to this coming year as your V.P. of Programs and will try to do everything possible to make everything we do **FUN! FUN! FUN!**

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# CALENDAR

May						
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June						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	

## Coming Events

### May

- 4.....Executive Committee Meeting
- 8.....General Meeting(Follies)
- 13.....Player's Riverboat Casino Trip
- 18.....Happy Hour

### June

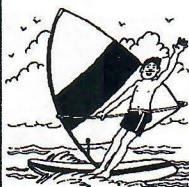
- 11.....Volunteer Party
- 14.....Gourmet Cooking Class
- 15.....Happy Hour
- 17.....Windsurfing

### August

- 11-15.....Cancun Trip
- 20.....Miss Saigon

# Windsurfing \$8.00

Beginner Windsurfing Lessons  
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## FROM THE SKI DESK

*by Merrel Smith, V.P.-Trips*



The building of next year's trip schedule is shaping up to be a "MOST EXCELLENT ADVENTURE." I have been studying your trip questionnaires, compiling information from ski resorts, talking to members and working with the other Texas Ski Council trip leaders.

All this boils down to, about half of next years schedule having been set. For a grand TSC Fall Roundup trip at

Thanksgiving we're going to Copper Mountain, Colorado. Our Traditional January 6-14 is to Park City, Utah. The Winter Shootout will be February 10-17 at a favorite Space City destination, Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Final Showdown week is at Mammoth, California, March 16-23. The highly anticipated European trip, revisits the original 1986 Expedition to Badgastein, Austria, January 27 to February 3.

By the time you're reading this we will be wrapping up the rest of the schedule. While I'm writing this we're hoping for such favorites as Aspen, Telluride, Taos, Sun Valley, Breckenridge/Keystone, Big Sky, and Sugarloaf. We're also working out the details for a Family trip at Christmas.

I can still use all the information you can give me regarding dates that you can go skiing and the destinations you prefer. This will enable us to make the best decisions on which weeks and areas may need extra accommodations.

Watch this column throughout the summer and start making your plans to ski with SCSC. "PARTY ON DUDE."



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# Worst Floods of the Century! Thousands Evacuated!

by Robert Reichel

No these are not the headlines from the Houston Post. These were the headlines all over Europe while the TSC Expedition was in Switzerland. We always had a storm coming or going, but in between, all the skiers had some really great days. I actually heard **Mary Kay Kitchens** giggling while skiing in fresh powder almost to her knees. Later that day she and I were joined by **Bob Gottlieb**, who took the "perfect picture". I can hardly wait to see it.

Unfortunately, not all stories have a happy ending. While getting their clothes cleaned at the local washateria, **Denise Loos** and **Bruce Kilgore** witnessed the sudden onslaught of the mysterious Swiss disease called "Laundryphobia", which necessitated that SCSC's race director, **Don Crabtree** return to his hotel room before he had to dry and fold his clothes. On one of our perfect days, **Elizabeth Scarborough** and **Nelson Messinger** instructed **Lee Swords** in the art of cross country skiing. After seeing Lee go down a hill backward, I feel safe in concluding that his strength lies in downhill skiing.

One difference between the TSC Texas Expedition and other trips is the large number of side trips participants take. One of the most spectacular days for sightseeing came at Zermatt where our skiers, including **Donna Kidwell**, **Joe Kulpinsky**, and **Danny Cutchshaw**, viewed the Matterhorn. While skiing under the Matterhorn, **Stephen Teoh's** jacket had a chance encounter of the ripping kind with a wall; his jacket lost.

We did a lot of shopping in Switzerland. I think the Swiss could go the next 3 years without making another watch, and there would still be no shortage of these beautiful timepieces. **Barb Tuley** had a successful shopping trip and bought a jacket in Berne, and **Robert Reichel** got Swiss watches in Amsterdam.

The Metropole Hotel in Interlaken (4 star) was truly exceptional. The only problem we had occurred when **Lynn Burch** was instructing **Martha Martin** in the fine art of operating a Swiss shower. However, when they turned on the water, the shower head popped off, soaking both of them. However, no injury report was needed. Unfortunately, **Lucrecia Nelson** was not as lucky. The result of her skiing accident required her to have surgery for torn ligaments. I want to thank **Gene Soo** for all his assistance in getting **Lucrecia** back home. Without him we might have left her in Europe. I think everyone wished they could have extended their trip a little longer, except **Terry Hesse**. She paid extra to return early for work (or because of a missed friend, who picked her up at the airport, twice).

Typical of our European trip is the one week extension option. Most of our "extenders" went to Vienna and Amsterdam. We were all surprised to see **Larry Hord** at our hotel after his "business" trip to Germany. Ditto for **Bob Gottlieb**. (Amazing what some people will do to write off a ski trip.) On our last night in Switzerland, we had a great wine and cheese party initiated by **Sara Green**, the lady who sleeps every other night. Following our farewell dinner was the TSC party. Seen dancing the night away with most of the ladies was **James Barrett**. Also in attendance were **Liz Maksimowitz** and **Dion Eaton**. By the way Dion, how do you get a man to change months of travel plans in just one week?

If you are interested in skiing in Europe, next year is when you should plan to be there. We will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of our first TSC trip to Europe. From what I hear, this will be the European trip everyone will be talking about for years to come. Now is not too early to start planning.





# DART TOURNAMENT

by Milt Kramer

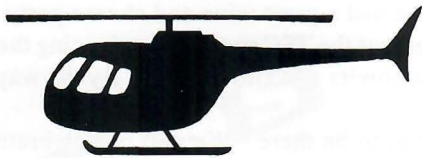
SCSC held its 2nd 501 Dart Tournament on April 1 at the Triple Crown. The evening started off with pizzas being served for everyone while Milt Kramer worked on coming up with the teams. Everybody also took this time to get in some practice. Mark Ollom and Susan Blome must have practiced the hardest because they won a close final match to take the championship. Mike Gerstenberger and Jeff Friedberg put up a good fight in the finals though, but wound up with second place. The consolation match proved interesting as Becky Wolfe and Mike Wolfe were matched against each other. Becky W. teamed up with Mike Rooney to take third place over Mike W. and Lynn Borker. Lee Swords and Elaine Adkins had a tough loss in a shoot-out in the first round when both teams got stuck on the double one. But they both were really good sports. And speaking of ones, just how many did Don Crabtree hit? I'm not sure anybody kept count, but it was apparently 'one too many' as Don and Carla Wise lost a close first match in three games. Other participants socialized, practiced darts, and played a lot of pool when they weren't throwing darts in the tournament. These folks were Gloria Rooney, Tom Danowski, Jill Allen, and Denise Loos.



Thanks to everybody for participating, and I hope everyone had a good time. Also thanks to Sue Salvage for helping me with the tournament, and to the Crown Joules and the 601 Blues for trusting me with their darts.

## Miss Saigon

August 20, 1995  
7:30 p.m.



**\$57.00 per person**

Contact: Marsha Lutz

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Optional Dinner at Birraporetti's  
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5:30 p.m.

Dinner Reservation/payment by August 15, 1995

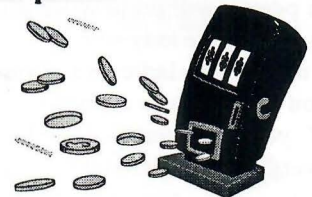
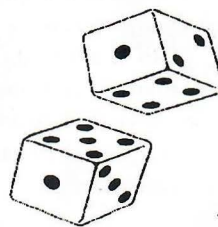
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## 1994-95 PROGRAMS

*by Nancy Sarff*

Many thanks to all of you who volunteered your time and services during the last year. I'm sure it was appreciated by those who participated, and, it was GREATLY APPRECIATED by me. As your outgoing V.P. of Programs, I'd like to sum up my year as follows...

After a while you learn  
The subtle difference between holding a hand and chaining a soul  
And you learn that love doesn't mean leaning  
And company doesn't always mean security.  
And you begin to learn  
That kisses aren't contracts and presents aren't promises  
And you begin to accept your defeats  
With your head up and your eyes ahead  
With the grace of a woman not the grief of a child.  
And you learn  
To build all your roads on today  
Because tomorrow's ground is too uncertain for plans  
And futures have a way of falling down in mid-flight.  
After a while you learn  
That even the sunshine burns if you get too much  
So you plant your own garden  
And decorate your own soul  
Instead of waiting for someone to bring you flowers.  
And you learn  
That you really can endure  
And you really are strong  
And you really do have worth.  
And you learn  
And you learn  
With every goodbye, you learn.

AFTER A WHILE  
(by Veronica Shoffstall)



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Space City's Whistler trip began in a nearly uneventful fashion as 63 fun loving souls arrived at the Seattle airport for their next ski adventure. Unfortunately 7 individual's luggage did not arrive on the same flight. Departing the airport on the promise of this luggage being located and delivered the next day, TC Larry Christie and ATC Stan Broniak lead this group of seasoned partyers and near professional skiers on a leisurely 5 and 1/2 hour ride in two buses across the Canadian border to Whistler. The usual oohing and aahing occurred as travel through the picturesque British Columbia countryside and mountains stirred the tourism bug in us all.

What a week of activity! TSC parties, NASTAR races, happy hours, dining, Vancouver/Whistler sight seeing and fantastic skiing. Well great skiing. O.K., the skiing could have been better. It was a bit icy and at times foggy--but more about that later. As this was a Texas Ski Council trip, frequent, spontaneous interclub bonding resulted. Kevin (always ready to make a deal) King finally after several attempts, got a little Los Amigos tail--in trade for his SCSC red pepper. Dale (Red Dog) Handlin was briefly kidnapped but later surfaced with a creative red dog tattoo. Deborah Purdin wins top honors when she captured a blinking red dog pin from a dazed Los Amigos. Robbin Anderson said he took pictures of all this activity, but more about that later!

Back to skiing. It was icy and foggy at times. Often times it was even sunny. No matter, even miles of ice sheets couldn't damper those romantic urges when they strike. "Love Bugs" Ron & Halene Crossman demonstrated their well choreographed techniques. After falling on an icy patch, Ron started sliding from the right side of the trail to the center. Meanwhile Halene simultaneously fell on the left side of the trail and slid to the center. The next thing we knew, there was this ball of Ron & Halene intertwined, slowly rolling down the mountain.

Kirt & Karin Schidiowski, Helmut & Martha Zenger and Brigitte Litz discovered that the gondola isn't always the fastest way to the top. They were suspended for 2 1/2 hours when their gondola broke down, but received a free lift pass and a mountaintop breakfast for their inconvenience. Robbin Anderson said he was at ground level taking pictures while this happened.

Matt (No Fear) Goff was always up for a challenge. After reaching the top of the mountain, Matt informed his ski class that he was afraid of heights. Tim (Ponce de Leon) McNamera said his secret fountain of youth was the hot tub. Tim said he could only ski the next day if he jumped into that rejuvenating waters. Marsha Lutz conducted a rare ski bump class. She demonstrated her perfected techniques of headfirst, on your back style.

The Wednesday party hosted by Larry Christie & Stan Broniak was another successful party event. It gave us all a chance to surprise our February birthday celebrants with a cake featuring 5 skiing figurines representing Ron Brandow, Neal Pleasant, Kim Page, Halene Crossman, and Pam Smith.

What was so amazing was the likeness of these figurines to reality. In fact the little Ron Brandow character accurately portrayed the skier headfirst in a mogul of icing stuck between two candy trees. Also at this party race director, Marie Tramontin and assistant Bruce Lowther, whipped the crowd into a near racing frenzy. Marie outlined the racing do and don'ts and offered race course suggestions. Special thanks to Marie and Bruce for all their race activity dedication and hard work.

Conditions on race day were a little on the icy side. They should have served ice cream with so many DQ's (Disqualified or a popular ice cream franchise) on the race course. Deborah Purdin in her graceful fashion demonstrated the quickest finish missing the last 3 gates and catapulting through the 2 safety fences and into the trees. Robert Clements ran the entire course, didn't miss a gate but in his finish ran straight into the fence. Peggy Schlinger completed the course except for the last gate which she split and straddled and then Dqed. On a positive note, Brigitte Litz won so many metals we had to help her determine which one was for what. She won 1st place Senior Womens division, Bronze in club races and a Silver in the individual races. John Cook won a Gold, Kevin King a Silver, Scott Peterson, Bruce Lowther, Kurt Schidlowski, and Wayne Benos each won a Bronze.

The TSC week culminated with a great buffet dinner on Friday. Race honors were bestowed. Ron Crossman was recognized and introduced as the first Texas Ski Council president. Mike Stenburg was awarded the Samonite award for innovative luggage. He frequently was spotted barefoot and carrying clothes around in a paper bag. Peggy Schillinger was the most fashion aware for her efforts to always match her ear rings with her sweaters. Helen Schilling was the groups bus movie critic. She was also the most prepared for a nap on the bus with her sleep mask and ear plugs. Dale Handlin wins the graceful skiing prize when crossing ski tips with Wayne Benos and Tim McNamara and sending all three in the snow. Nils Fyske as the best heli-skier in the group. David Street & Alex Lederman, (split decision) for assertiveness in a Sushi bar.

Finally, our 6:00 A.M. Saturday bus arrived. We slowly fought off the effects of too little sleep and maybe too many Canadian 6% beers and staggered onboard. Excitement was in the air as we prepared for another 5 1/2 hour bus ride to Seattle. Upon arrival in Seattle, Leona Bryan, Linda Synder, and Helen Schilling would not leave the bus until the final 5 minutes of the onboard movie were viewed. So there you go, eh?

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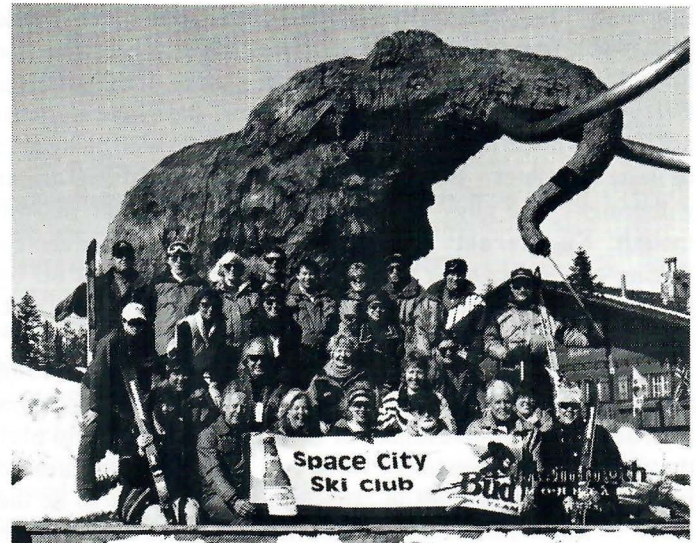
# MAMMOTH

by Pat King & Jim Schrock

Twenty-nine SCSC members left warm Houston for seven days of frolicking in the snow at Mammoth Lakes, California and frolicking in the casinos in Reno. WHAT A TRIP! Fun was the objective--which definitely happened! It began in the airport with "from-scratch" banana bread and Mimosas, provided by the TC and ATC and everything was up-hill from there.

The five days of skiing began with a "Hit The Trail" breakfast in the TC's condo. The skiers consumed fresh scrambled eggs, real hash-browns and pigs-in-a-blanket (some sans blankets--**Jim Schrock**, ATC, had trouble keeping blankets on the pigs he wrapped--the result was naked pigs). Full stomachs and energy abounding everyone headed out for the slopes. I might add this mountain is incredible. We also had a "Love Feast" on Valentine's Day in the ATC's condo. Everyone enjoyed home-smoked biscuit and turkey brought all the way from Houston--actually it was done for the TC by SCSC members **Charles** and **Kathy Morgan**. Thanks to you both. We had both vowed we would not serve a thing from the frozen food section of Sam's--and we didn't!!!

I think the first ones on the chair lift were **Harry Gaston** and **Cheryl Houge**. Later in the trip, Cheryl took snowboard lessons and is still showing some of the bruises. She even got Harry to take a day's lessons. Yes, SCSC'ers, picture **Harry Gaston** on a snowboard. There are pictures to prove it. Everyone is encouraging Harry to look the part if this is to be his new sport. A pony-tail, earrings and baggy clothes are necessities for this sport, if you don't want to look like a rookie. **Elba Villarreal** is now known around Mammoth as the BAG LADY--her boots were wet and she couldn't find a plug for her hair-dryer so she put her feet in plastic bags and then in her ski boots. The bags stuck out the top of her boots--trash bags were probably not the best choice. **Audrey Scheck**, was a "never-ever" skier. She took two lessons and then was "put out to pasture"--the "pasture" is the area where the beginners practice. **Bev Oberlin** took a tour of the mountain with a handsome ski instructor--it was supposed to be a group tour, but she ended up the only one in the group. Rumor has it that the other group members are buried in deep piles of snow at the top of the mountain. **Mona Raspler's** claim to fame is the trail she left behind in the Outlet Mall--she bought so much she had to have it shipped home. **Dewey Flock** managed to burn up the slopes and also gets the award for "channel surfing" on the TV--I



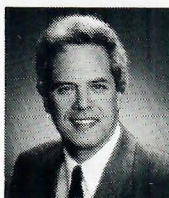
should know as he was in my condo. He also lost two roommates--Dewey, they say you snore! **John Simmons** was Mr. Available--I mean in the help department. Sorry, John. He was always carrying things, doing things and helping wherever he could. He even skis!!! We don't think **Bill Simmons** ever sleeps--he was always the first thing you saw in the morning and he could be found wandering around the condo no matter how early in the morning it was. **Robert Knupp** and **Lou Kleinman** were always out early and came in late--they ski hard. You might ask Lou about the "sitz-ruts" he left at the top of a slope in Squaw Valley. If he won't tell you, Robert will. We had medical assistance on our trip, Dr. Jack Thielen was with us, as well as two nurses--**Tina Lipscomb** and **Bev Oberlin**. Jack is also an expert on martinis--he loves them. Tina is a pediatric nurse, but that training was very appropriate with our group. **Lynn Gunn**, who works for the Texas Lottery, walked through blinding snow to buy a California Lottery Ticket--she can't buy tickets in Texas. **Charles** and **Lisa Curbo** decided to do something unusual--they went to the dogs--actually, took a dog-sled ride that took them through a beautiful wooded area at Mammoth. We had one family with us--**Don** and **Glynda Lucas** took their son **Charles** on the trip. All three are avid skiers, but Glynda had to hang it up because she hurt her knee--our only casualty. **Mary White** celebrated

her birthday on the trip. We sang to her and her fiancée, **Steve Dollman** gave her a fabulous cake, which we all shared. Mary did cross-country skiing, as well as down-hill. **Wayne Steiner** collected quite an audience for his first trip over the edge (an absolutely incredible drop off the top of Mammoth Mountain. We took the gondola down to mid-mountain and he was waiting for us, but only to get the camera from Kay, his wife, so he could take pictures as he came down

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again. Kay was not worried as she told us he had plenty of life insurance. **Joe Kulpinsky** really liked the skiing and he was always the first one at Mid-Chalet for our lunch break. He looked very Texas in his denim ski outfit--it's great, Joe. Everyone now calls the TC, The Governor. It's a long story, so ask if you want to hear it. It has something to do with being able to issue mandates. **Belinda Parker** never missed one of our gatherings. The guys wanted you to show up at the hot-tub though. **Sue Barnett** did show up at the hot-tub frequently. During one of her trips to the tub she decided to cool off by going outside and sitting in a pile of snow in her swim suit. After enough wine she said you couldn't even feel the cold.

Reno was a blast! Just some of the highlights! **John Simmons, Tina Lipscomb, Pat King, Sue Barnett** and **Jim Schrock** made an investment of \$1 each and managed to play the slots on that investment for 3 hrs. 15 mins. You guessed it, they finally lost it all in "Big Mama". This has to be the world's largest slot machine. **Joe Kulpinsky** probably came home the only winner--he put one nickel in, won 50 cents and quit. The Steiner's played black-jack for 5 1/2 hours straight--sitting in the same seat. Yes--they lost! Twenty of us went to see SPLASH--the show at the Hilton where we stayed. **Steve Dollman** took out his contacts and cleaned them at the table so he could see the topless dancers more clearly. Those who took the trip around Lake Tahoe on Saturday (some on a tour bus, others by rented car) were **Dewey Flock, Elba Villarreal, Mona Raspler, Wayne and Kay Steiner, Mary White, Steve Dollman, Tina Lipscomb, Sue Barnett, Lynn Gunn, Bev Overlin, Audrey Scheck, Jim Schrock, John Simmons** and yours truly. We stopped at a T-shirt shop called Up Shirt

Creek--many of us have been there. Many of us were still playing the slots while waiting for the plane to bring us back to Houston. We wanted to make sure we got home with no money. We guesstimate that the total group left at least \$2500 for the state of Nevada.

Jim and I would like to thank all our "children" for making our job so easy. We certainly appreciate you all being so cooperative. The trip could not have been better.

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# STEAMBOAT

by Eric Prentis & Dave Stotz

Ahhhhha is a great way to describe this trip. Three feet of snow fell the week before we arrived, and more snow fell the day we landed at Steamboat. We then had seven days of sunshine and beautiful weather to accompany fantastic skiing and partying with a great group of SCSC people. Could anything be better?

Before boarding the plane for our direct flight to Steamboat, everyone received green, blue silver or gold stars on their name badges to indicate skiing ability and to match up with potential skiing partners. The soon-to-be newlyweds, **Cary Faden** and **Marcia England**, couldn't have been happier with their assigned stars because they stayed very close together the whole trip. **Howard Holzenbeck** was very glad that he was not the last person to arrive at the airport, only next-to-last to **Judy Hays**. Judy was happy that her ride "finally at last" showed up.

On Sunday morning many of the trip participants gathered in the ATC's condo for a Get Acquainted Continental Breakfast. Everyone at the breakfast raved about **Heidi Heinrich's** buns! Her hot cinnamon buns, that is.

The group skied with **Billy Kidd**, the Olympic medalist and head of the Steamboat Ski School, on Monday afternoon. This turned out to be fun and educational. for **Frank Adams**, **Roz Clayton**, **Don Hanst**, **Sheryl Podraza**, and **Doug Nordhaus**.

The Natural Hot Springs Tour on Monday night was a wonderful experience. The spring is beautifully located in a little valley near the top of a craggy mountain. Four different temperature pools and a roll in the snow (for some) awaited our happy group. **Tom Mercer** told his spouse, **Pam Holder**, not to worry after accepting an offer from a masseuse while at the Hot Springs. Tom entered the private rock cave for a 15 minute "quickie," and emerged many minutes later with such a big smile on his face that **Frank Stanley** was soon the next in line. **Susan Stanley**, although not in the water at the time (something about being a Princess), was very surprised that the masseuse did Frank's "legs." **Dave Stotz**, **Dave Clayton**, **Lee Mixon**, **Tom Mercer**, **Debra Kempler-Smith**, **Bill Smith**, and **Valerie Vaughn** got so overheated in the Hot Springs that they had to take a roll in the snow. To quote Dave (or was it Dave?), "It felt tingly!"

On Tuesday morning we took our best shot at the NASTAR racecourse. We brought home 9 Silver and 10 Bronze medals. **Heidi Heinrich** ran in her first NASTAR race and did beautifully by charging through the first four gates with abandon; however, well... let's leave her right there. After working up a vicious appe tite with some hard racing, the group met at Bashor Pavilion for lunch.

SCSC people danced up a storm. **Diane Stotz** and **Carl Hruska** showed us how to Whip Dance at the Western Barbecue and Dance, located at the top of the Gondola on Wednesday night. **Bill Bomberger** and **Donna Hahus** did a great Schottische. **Billie Nowak**, **Rod Hope**, **Michael Rothermund**, **Dave Whitehead**, **Louise Job** and **Bob Job** all found the Saloon which offered free country western dance lessons. **Bob Job** even danced after a mogul mishap. Bob said, "You just need your left hand to lead anyway!" **Dave Whitehead** is evidently a great ballroom dancer from England and now that he is visiting the "Wild West" wanted to learn a few "new moves." The lead singer at the Saloon even thought that Dave looked like "Travis Tritt with a permanent."

On Thursday we had a President's Day Costume and Pizza Party at the TC and ATC's condos. Spotted at the party were George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Imelda Marcos, Fidel Castro, Julius Caesar, and Cleopatra. Prizes were awarded to the best costumes (or was it to those brave enough to wear one?) and all enjoyed the Big Foot pizza and scrumptious desserts.

We went rustic on Friday night with a Sleigh Ride and Dinner. After a brisk sleigh ride under the stars we enjoyed a tasty dinner in a charming log cabin. Entertainment was provided by a soon-to-be-famous C&W singer named **Randy Warmuth** (you heard it hear first!).

Various observations were made during the week. **Eric Prentis** could be found in the Flying Z testing the moguls and trying to miss the trees as a hearty group of tree skiers, including **Curtis Marsolek**, can verify. **Dave Lindsay** took his "cowardly tips" down the Three O'clock run much to the consternation of his fel low skiers. **Debbie Starnes** continued to amaze the group with her "excellent form" no matter







whether on Buddy's Run or on Hurricane. **Marie Perez-Schroeder** and husband **Mike Schroeder** skied beautifully together, but Mike sometimes turned into the "Sign Terminator" and evidently had something against caution signs. **Dan Ott** and **Mahite Ott** arrived in Houston about eight months ago. Mahite's (pronounced like mighty) fast reaction to a chair lift that almost hit her caused a long line of skiers in the lift line to fall. Mahite is indeed mighty. First time skier, **Becky Trevino**, was heard to say that skiing was so much fun that she was planning as many as two trips next year. Becky also got some major air time on Vagabond. **Carol Buck** was spotted with her very own ski instructor, rumored to be imported from Vail just for the occasion. **Jeff Roy** kept smiling and saying he was having a great time, but when pressed would never say why. Jeff, as **Connie Chung** says, "You can tell us, just between you and me, whisper it."

A few questions about the trip still have yet to be answered. How did **Patrice Reed-Mixon** and **Lee Mixon** get locked into their condo? How did **Rick Kivch** lose a nut skiing (was it off his outrigger?), and why did he try to create "Rick's Run" through the trees? How long did **Terri Ullrich** and **Vicky Singley** keep those spoons on their noses during the contest at the Western Dance? How many serving of quail did **Tom Mercer** leave the Sleigh Ride and Dinner with, and how was he able to have his "quail and eat it too"? How did **Pam Holder's** boots get so wet on the last day of skiing? Why did **Roger Holzman** keep referring to our group as having synergy? We may never know the answers to these questions. But we do know that our SCSC group skied and partied hard and because it was so much fun we will undoubtedly return soon to beautiful Steamboat.

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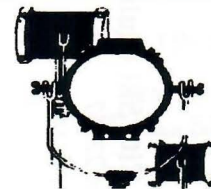
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# SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS...

*Note: It is my pleasure to continue a column that was brought back into the Sitzmarke while I was editor in the 1992-93 ski year. Some of you may recall that TED BERGERON did a column that year that focused on VOLUNTEERS. This year the column will be slightly different in that the focus will be on what the VOLUNTEERS are doing for SCSC. So "on" with the spotlight---- by Peggy Montgomery*

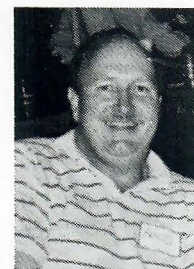


In this first column I thought it was appropriate to give you some inside on the individuals that are bringing you the 1995 FOLLIES, so here is to the people who WORK BEHIND THE SCENES! To start with there is **NANCY SARFF**--a familiar name and face to most all of you as she has for the past year been responsible for all the activities and programs as she was VP of Programs. Nancy joined SCSC in 1989 and it has been full speed ahead since. She has been actively involved with the FOLLIES since her first year which makes her the perfect person to head up a committee of behind the scenes VOLUNTEERS.



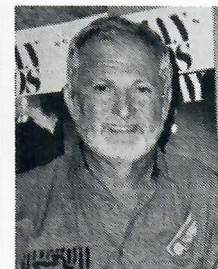
I am personally very proud to see the evolution of **GARY BUTLER**'s involvement in the Club as he joined at a Houston Post Ski Show in 1990 when I was manning the table for SCSC! I think you will all agree that the club has benefited from Gary's commitment to the Club. Gary has been a very important part of the FOLLIES the last couple of years not only as a participant but as one of the script writers. Once again his entertaining comments and wit will be laughed at by all!

**FRED ARBUCKLE**, who unfortunately has moved to Colorado City, Co. is another indispensable part of the team that has been writing the FOLLIES script the last couple of years. This year he is a little to far away to actively participate in writing the script, but as he has agreed to fly in to be the "Master of Ceremonies" (by way of a news commentator) we will once again be entertained by his shenanigans!! He has definitely taken leave--not only from work, but of his senses--to once again entertain his many friends at SCSC. By the way, everyone needs to be sure and find out his address in Colorado because I understand he will be glad to have anyone "drop in on him"!



What would a FOLLIES of recent vintage be without **MISS EMILY LAELLA** or the **CHURCH LADY**? We are fortunate to have someone as talented as these two personalities in one person--**ELYSE TURLA**!! Elyse has taken her FOLLIES volunteering one step further this year by being on the FOLLIES committee. Not only will you see her script writing in some of the skits, but check out the sponsor commercials. I'm sure you will be able to tell which ones were the brain child of this very talented lady.

While the people mentioned above have all been FOLLIES committee members, I want to switch gears and mention some participants who are rarely up front (or if they are it is in the dark), but the FOLLIES could not go on without them. **BILL KIRK** and **ROBERT CLEMENTS** (along with **LINDA GUICE**) have once again agreed to take care of "lighting up the night" by handling the spotlights. I think Bill and Robert have been handling these very intense positions for a number of years. They are always ready, willing and eagerly anticipating the last minute details of handling the lights. Another person who has made tremendous contributions since that time is **SY LIEBERGOT**. I don't know if many of you remember what it was like to not have a very good sound system, but SY has definitely made the difference in the past few years--not only has he made significant contributions on stage, but he also controls how well you will hear the FOLLIES!



Hope you will take the time to say thanks to all these people when you attend the FOLLIES! Well I've run out of room this month, but have several more FOLLIES volunteers to introduce you to ---- so see you next month!

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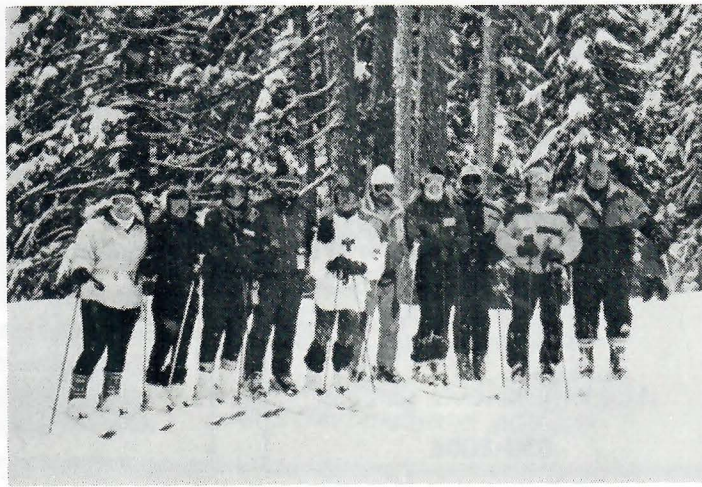
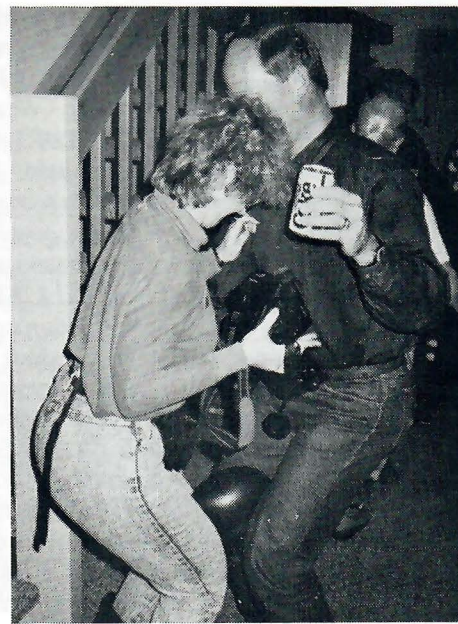
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**Call 688-SCSC**  
**For Club Information**

■ **MEMBERSHIP DUES SCHEDULES (Check One)**

Use this schedule for **NEW** applications & Renewals after 5/31/94.

Use this schedule for **RENEWALS** before 5/31/94 **ONLY**.

☐ SINGLE: \$25.00  
☐ MARRIED COUPLE: \$35.00

☐ SINGLE: \$20.00  
☐ MARRIED COUPLE: \$30.00

**SPONSORS:** Two Club member's **SIGNATURES** required for **ALL** new members and **ALL** renewals made after 5/31/94.

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■ **MAILING AND DIRECTORY LISTING DATA (Please Print Clearly)**

APPLICANT (a)

SPOUSE (s)

LAST FIRST MIDDLE LAST FIRST MIDDLE

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP + 4 (See Phone Bill for Zip + 4)

APPLICANT'S HOME PHONE

APPLICANT'S WORK PHONE

SPOUSE'S WORK PHONE

APPLICANT'S BIRTHDAY: MO/DAY

SPOUSE'S BIRTHDAY: MO/DAY

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

SPOUSE'S SIGNATURE

DATE

Signature constitutes acceptance of Release of Liability and Standing Rules printed on the reverse side of this application form.

■ **ACTIVITY PREFERENCES**

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (A) Bicycling        | <input type="checkbox"/> (J) Dog/Horse Racing    | <input type="checkbox"/> (R) Community Affairs    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (B) Cultural/Theater | <input type="checkbox"/> (K) Mardi Gras          | <input type="checkbox"/> (S) Sailing/Boating      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (C) Dancing          | <input type="checkbox"/> (L) B-B-Q Chili/Cookoff | <input type="checkbox"/> (T) Summer Games         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (D) Beach Party      | <input type="checkbox"/> (M) Golf                | <input type="checkbox"/> (U) Water Sports Day     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (E) Wine Tasting     | <input type="checkbox"/> (N) Rodeo               | <input type="checkbox"/> (V) Roller Skating/Blade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (F) Cooking Class    | <input type="checkbox"/> (O) Pub Crawl           | <input type="checkbox"/> (W) Rafting/Camping      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (G) Dive Trip        | <input type="checkbox"/> (P) Cards/Games Night   | <input type="checkbox"/> (X) St. Patrick's Party  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (H) Road Rally       | <input type="checkbox"/> (Q) Halloween Party     | <input type="checkbox"/> (Y) Dickens on Strand    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (I) Tennis           |  |   |

(a) (s)

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

**Ski Trips**

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

**Meetings**

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

(a) (s)

**Other Activities**

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

**Staff Functions**

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



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

- 1.0 DUES. Dues shall be \$25 per single person and \$35 per married couple. Members who renew their current membership prior to June 1, will receive a \$5 discount per membership. Dues are non-refundable, may not be pro-rated, and may not be converted to couple status during the membership year.
- 5.0 TRIP PENALTIES.
  - 5.1 A . If a trip participant withdraws from a trip after the published final payment date, the trip participant will lose the entire payment upon withdrawal. If the participant can be replaced from the waiting list, the participant will be refunded the entire payment less any costs incurred by the Club in addition to cancellation fees as specified in 5.2. If the trip participant cannot be replaced from the waiting list, the participant will be refunded the amount which the Trip Coordinator is able to recover by cancellation of lodging, transportation, and/or other commitments less any costs incurred by the Club and cancellation fees as specified in 5.2.
  - B . If a trip participant fails to make final payment by the published final payment date, the trip coordinator may replace the participant after making a diligent effort to contact the participant, who will be subject to cancellation fees as specified in 5.2. (Effective 1/5/92)
- 5.2 CANCELLATION FEES.

A participant may forfeit his full deposit if he fails to notify the Club in writing of his intent to withdraw prior to the published final payment dates. A minimum charge of \$30 will be assessed for each trip cancellation. (Effective 6/92)
- 5.3 A charge of \$10.00 will be assessed for each trip transfer. A transfer will not be considered after final payment date unless a replacement can be secured. (Effective 9/21/92)
- 5.4 Deposit, transfer and cancellation charges for non-domestic trips shall be determined by the Executive Committee and included in the trip release form as well as in all trip publicity; in no case shall these requirements be less than those provided in Sections 5.2 and 5.3 of these Standing Rules.
- 5.5 NO SNOW.

If the Club encounters a cancellation situation prior to the departure of a trip, the trip participant is entitled to recover the entire cost of the trip less charges incurred by the Club as a penalty for cancellation of lodging, transportation, operating expenses and/or other commitments made on behalf of a trip participant. Refunds to any trip will be made upon receipt by the Club of the total refund due the Club by the resort, airline and/or other entity or as approved by the Executive Committee.
- 7.0 RESTRICTIONS.
  - 7.1 Allowing non-trip participants to occupy any room as a non-registered guest is strictly prohibited, and in violation of Club policy.
  - 7.2 The illegal use of controlled substances and/or alcohol during Club trips, or any other official Club function, is in violation of Club policy, and is strictly prohibited.
  - 7.3 No substitutions of trip participants shall be allowed without the knowledge and approval of the Trip Coordinator, and new additions to the trip shall come from that trip's Waiting List. The Trip Coordinator shall make all substitutions.
  - 7.4 It is the policy of the Club not to allow the active solicitation of the general membership at a Club function or in the Club publication for any other than Club sponsored trips or activities without the consent of the Executive Committee.
  - 7.5 No person may participate in a Club sponsored trip, or participant paid activity, without first completing a written and signed Release of Liability for that trip or activity, on a form approved by the Board of Directors.
  - 7.6 No person may sign up on a wait list for a Club sponsored ski trip without being a member in good standing. A trip must be full before a wait list can be started. A deposit is required in order to sign up on a trip wait list.
  - 7.7 A Club officer, Director or Director(s) of trips shall not accept a gratuity in excess of \$25 from a vendor without giving notice to the Executive Committee.
- 8.0 MISCELLANEOUS.
  - 8.1 SKI TRIP SIGN UP
    - A. No member shall be allowed to sign up for any ski trip prior to the September General Meeting except as designated by prior approval of the Executive Committee.
    - B. Each member may sign up for him/herself and one other member on any ski trip or ski trip waiting list.
  - 8.2 WEATHER. If a trip should be "weathered-in" the additional lodging expense will be left up to the individual, although the Trip Coordinator will assist in making accommodation arrangements, and collection for same shall be left up to the lodge.
  - 8.3 NON-SKI TRIPS/ACTIVITIES. Reservations for participation in such activities may require full payment, instead of a deposit fee.

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

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

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

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

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

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