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**General Meeting - Space City Ski Show
Southwest Hilton
6780 Southwest Freeway
October 9, 1995 6:30 p.m.**



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Head of the Liftline

By Marti Toomer



This month, we all need to start getting ready for ski season by getting our skis tuned, beginning our ski exercises, and looking for that second glove! Seriously, if you are going on one of the early trips, please begin doing some aerobic and strengthening exercises now. It will not only reduce your chances of getting injured but will also make it more fun to ski all day. Also, if you own skis, be sure to have your bindings checked by a professional so they will release when you want them to — and not when you don't! This is also a good time to get edges sharpened and bases waxed.

If you are looking for ski equipment or clothing, be sure to attend the **October General Meeting** at the *Southwest Hilton*. Experts from several ski shops are coming talk to us about their new equipment and Tim Malone is coordinating a **ski swap**. The ski swap is a great place to look for slightly used skis and boots, particularly for novice skiers!

Many of you took advantage of early sign-up or signed up for your favorite ski trip at last month's meeting. If not, don't despair — there are still a few spaces on many of the trips. Most of the others have short wait lists. Please visit the TC for the trip at the October meeting or call to get the latest info about the trip.

My thanks to the terrific activity coordinators last month, **Jim Felker** (IMAX), and **Sue Salvage** (Guadalupe River Trip). We've got a slew of activities for you in October starting with the Beach Bash, then Race for the Cure, the Road Rally, Rollerblading, Grand Casino Coughatta, and finishing the month with a witching good time at the Halloween Party. Also, be planning now for the Christmas Party that Linda Licarione and Vicky Faulkner are planning. Be sure to check the activity schedule for details.

We've decided to focus our December Meeting (12/11/95) on helping *The Sunshine Kids*, a Houston based non-profit, charitable foundation which provides activities (like "The National Sunshine Kids Winter Games" held each year in Aspen) for children with cancer. We will be holding a **benefit auction and raffle** and need your help to ensure it is a success. **Call me at 681-8980 to volunteer!**

Speaking of volunteering, we need volunteers in lots of areas: membership tables, greeting new members, mentoring new activity coordinators, helping with meeting programs, as well as running activities this winter and spring. Call me or one of the other officers to volunteer — it's fun!

The Nominating Committee is looking for a few good officers (seven to be exact) for the 96-97 year. The members of the committee are; **Jeri Hartman, Peggy Montgomery, Bill Kirk, Bob Olsen, Kayleen Kill, Pat Wood, and Dale Allbritton**. Please call them for information if you are interested in becoming an officer next year.

SCSC Activity

Bear Creek Bike Ride

November 11, 1995

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

\$12.00



10 mile bike ride in Bear Creek Park,
Lunch and Margarita at Dirty's



AC: Concietta Ruggiero 293-7637

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CALENDAR

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	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

November						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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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

October

- 6-8.....Beach Bash
- 7.....Race for the Cure
- 9 General Meeting-Ski Equipment Swap Meet
- 15.....Road Rally
- 21.....Rollerblading
- 22.....Coushatta - Grand Casino
- 26.....Happy Hour-Roxy
- 28.....Halloween Party

November

- 4.....Volleyball Tournament
- 5.....Fall Tennis Tournament
- 11.....Bear Creek Bike Ride
- 13.....General Meeting-Fashion Show
- 21-26.....Copper Mountain
- 30.....Happy Hour

December

- 1.....Holiday Gala
- 6.....Gingerbread House Decorating
- 11.....General Meeting-Sunshine Kids
- 28.....Happy Hour

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FROM THE SKI DESK

by Merrel Smith, V.P.-Trips



The old thermometer is falling. The leaves are changing color. Frost is in the air and snow's starting to accumulate on the higher peaks. Well maybe not here in Texas, but this time every year we start looking North. Sometimes it's hard to remember snow during our record heat waves, but it's time to **GET READY TO RUMBLE** (uh ski). The diehards among us have already picked out our spots on the schedule and are making plans to hit the slopes. So if you haven't signed up for a ski trip, it's time to put down this Sitz and call the Trip Leader of your choice and inform them of your intentions.

Several trips have already filled and are starting to build a wait list, but there's a few choice spots open so act soon. I'm writing this before the September meeting, so most of my statistics come from the early sign-up. We are giving thanks that so many signed up for the **TSC Fall RoundUp to Copper Mountain**. Our **Winter Park Family Optional Christmas Trip** is really filling fast. There should be space on the ever popular **TSC Traditional to Park City**, especially for those frequent flyers. **Aspen** will be full soon, so don't miss **Winterskol**. If you gambled on space for **Heavenly Valley** you're going to have to wait for the **Slot(machine)** to open. That **European get-a-way to Badgastein** is looking better. We might be able to lower the price, thanks to a better exchange rate, watch for more details. **Sun Valley** proved to be very popular and has a strong wait list of those wanting to **Ski the American Alps**. You may not have thought about **Valentines** yet, but what would be a better gift than a **TSC Winter Shootout to Steamboat**, long or short & sweet. Feeling patriotic, **Taos** space is going fast to those **President's Day Revelers**. **Big Sky** has had

a strong early response, and why not when you can offer **Yellowstone in the Winter**, as well as an expanded skiing area. Our **Spring Breakers** really jumped on the **Banff Wagon**. The **TSC Final Showdown** had a **Mammoth** response. Our final excursion still had space available, but don't wait too long to plan that **Last Fling**, or everybody else will be skiing while you're dreaming of next year. Seriously, the trip schedule in this Sitzmarke should have fairly up-to-date numbers on which trips still have space available, and wait list info on the rest.

About Wait Lists; Every trip after it has filled starts a wait list. You can get on any wait list just by making a fully refundable deposit. Your deposit check is held until a spot is open, and you say you want to be on the trip. Most trips will garner a quarter to over a third of their participants from the wait list. Most openings occur at or just before the final payment date, so you need to be prepared for a nearly immediate payment. FYI: If you find you have some time available just before a trip is scheduled to leave, call the TC, there are often last minute openings that are hard to fill.

Your response to our schedule was great, and I hope you've told all your friends about the great trips we have planned. Our club thrives on new members, while making it vibrant, the fresh ideas add to our strength. **Bring a friend** to the next meeting or happy hour and talk to VP of Membership, Ted Bergeron, about signing them up. I'll see you at the next meeting or maybe on the slopes.

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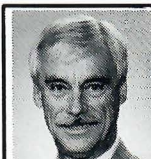


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Space City Ski Club

1995 - 1996 Trip Schedule

Trip Dates	Nights / SkiDays	Trip Destination	Cost ♦	Final Payment	Lodging	No. Skiers	Status/ Waitlist	TC/ATC (DOT)	Home Phone
Nov 21-26, 1995 (Tue.--Sun.)	5 / 4	COPPER MOUNTAIN Colorado (TSC Fall RoundUp)	F: \$591 L: \$360	10/5/95	Mountain Plaza 2 / 2 Condos	52	full Wlist 12	Jean Walke Debbye Crofoot (GF)	861-9510 783-6831
Dec 26-Jan 1, '96 (Tue.--Mon.)	6 / 5½	WINTER PARK Colorado (Family Optional)	F: \$708 L: \$555 ♦	10/9/95	Hi Country Haus 2 / 2 Condos	32	full Wlist 0	Llona Doubet Dave Schein (GF)	647-9220 862-8683
Jan 6-13, 1996 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	PARK CITY I Utah (TSC Traditional)	F: \$837 L: \$613 ♦	11/13/95	Shadow Ridge 2 / 2 Condos	42	openings F: 0 L: 10	Susan Blome Eddie Bayersdorfer (CH)	680-1349 622-4212
Jan 6-13, 1996 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	PARK CITY II Utah (TSC Traditional)	F: \$837 L: \$613 ♦	11/13/95	Shadow Ridge 2 / 2 Condos	42	openings F: 11 L: 8	Marsha Lutz John Weber (CH)	870-9724 467-8424
Jan 9-14, 1996 (Tue.--Sun.)	5 / 4½	PARK CITY III Utah (TSC Traditional-short)	F: \$525 L: \$301	11/13/95	Park Avenue 2 / 2 Condos	60	full Wlist 6	Don Crabtree Gary Sequeira (CH)	589-7661 955-1066
Jan 13-20, 1996 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	ASPEN Colorado (Winterskoll)	F: \$685 L: \$532	11/13/95	Hotel Aspen Hotel	42	13 openings	Dee Dee Dowlin John Jacob (GF)	667-5462 556-5758
Jan 20-27, 1996 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	HEAVENLY VALLEY Lake Tahoe, Nevada (Gaming & Skiing)	F: \$557 L: \$285	11/13/95	Forest Inn Suites 2 / 2 Condos	44	full Wlist 17	Jim Schrock Louella Steller (CH)	367-9291 723-6713
Jan 27- Feb 4, '96 (Sat.--Sun.)	7 / 6	BADGASTEIN Austria (TSC Expedition)	\$1299 ♦	11/13/95	Mozart 3 ★ Hotel	42	17 openings	Shirley Lang (GF)	474-5873
Feb. 3-10, 1996 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	SUN VALLEY Idaho (Ski the American Alps)	F: \$608 L: \$276	10/20/95	Gray Hawk 2 / 2 Condos	40	full Wlist 17	Pam Smith Dana Wardell (CH)	266-5174 497-8552
Feb. 10-17, 1996 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	STEAMBOAT I Colorado (TSC Winter Shootout)	F: \$793 L: \$431	11/13/95	Timber Run 3 / 3 Condos	42	10 openings	Charlotte Lynn Joe Cannata (GF)	777-1064 789-1928
Feb. 14-18, 1996 (Wed.--Sun.)	4 / 3½	STEAMBOAT II Colorado (TSC Winter Shootout-short)	F: \$594 L: \$291	11/13/95	Waterford 3 / 3 Condos	42	17 openings	Deborah Purdin Arlen Isham (GF)	802-9801 455-4858
Feb. 16-20, 1996 (Fri.--Tue.)	4 / 3	TAOS New Mexico (President's Day)	F: \$435 L: \$257	12/11/95	Kachina Lodge (Best Western) Hotel / Motel	32	1 opening	Stan Broniak (CH)	531-6147
Feb 24-Mar 2, '96 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6½	BIG SKY Montana (Yellowstone Park Option)	F: \$868 L: \$418 ♦	11/13/95	Big Horn 3 / 3 Condos	36	5 openings	Debbie Warren Barb Ehrlich (GF)	859-5812 868-2470
Mar 9-16, 1996 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	BANFF Canada (Spring Break)	\$756	1/15/96	Banff Caribou Lodge Hotel	42	full Wlist 10	Sandy Hoffman Bill Bomberger (CH)	391-3224 495-8668
Mar 16-23, 1996 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	MAMMOTH California (TSC Final Showdown)	F: \$667 L: \$424 ♦	1/12/96	Summit 2 / 2 Condos	44	openings F: 4 L: 1	Sue Edwards Lisa Smith (CH)	955-6675 776-8135
Mar 26 - 31 1996 (Tue.--Sun)	5 / 4	VAIL Colorado (Last chance)	F: \$452 L: \$299	1/15/96	Evergreen Lodge Hotel	42	17 openings	Dave Stotz Julia Long (GF)	862-9486 522-5175

♦Notes: F=Full Package, L=Land Package, Winter Park-Children may get a reduced rate, ask TC for details; no more than 6 land packages
 Park City-I & II Only 60 full packages total available Badgastein-Price is dependent on the exchange rate, includes breakfast & dinners at hotel.
 Big Sky-No more than 6 land packages. Mammoth-Only 42 full packages.

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PROGRAMS

by Eric Prentis, V.P. Programs

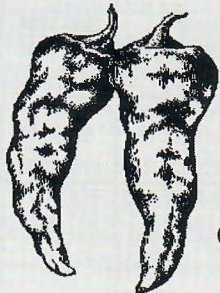


Come to the October meeting for some really great "Door Prizes" that will make you a real winner. Visit booths set up by Sun & Ski, Sporthaus Linder and Oshman's to find out what's new and interesting this year. Also, call **Tim Malone** to ensure room on the swap table.

The Happy Hour in October is at the Roxy. Come early with the first drink free when you say you are with SCSC, complimentary Tex-Mex buffet, door prizes, reserved seating for SCSC and happy hour drink prices of only \$1.00. Also, some SCSCers have not been allowed into the happy hour due to dress codes. In general, men need to have a collar on their shirt and no shorts or blue jeans are allowed. Hope this helps everyone have fun.

New activities approved this month include a comedy & magic night out at Houston's Laff Stop on Friday, January 12, 1996 hosted by **Frances Smith**. Come to Birraparetti's before the show for a complimentary pizza buffet. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is right around the corner and SCSC is going to "woop-it-up." **Gary Haly** and **Doug Broussard** are going to lead the fun at the Rodeo this year so please hop on the band wagon early.

Having Fun! Hope you are too!



Happy Hour

October 26, 1995

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

Roxy

5351 W. Alabama
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Door Prizes, \$1.00 Drinks
Appropriate Dress Required

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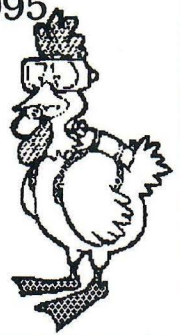
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SCSC Activity

Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo

February 17, 1996

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

\$10.00



AC: Gary Haly
P. O. Box 40443
Houston, TX 77240-0443
Final Payment Due: 2/1/96

Family Optional

SCSC Activity

Wacky Road Rally

October 15, 1995

2:00 p.m.

\$12.00



Road Rally,
Scavenger Hunt
& Fajitas

AC: Robert Dickerson
5320 Pine
Bellaire, TX 77401
661-8283

Final Payment Due: 10/1/95

Adults Only

SCSC Activity

Beach Bash '95

October 6-8, 1995

4:00 p.m. - 12:00 noon

Galveston

\$95.00

Volleyball
Tug of War
Loafing
Bike Riding
Tennis



2nd Annual
Watermelon

"seed spitting contest"
Cajun Shrimp Boil
Deck Party

AC: Pat King
AAC: Bill Simmons
15157 Kimberly Lane
Houston, TX 77079
556-8066

Adults Only

Final Payment Due: 9/11/95

PROGRAM ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Activity	Activity Coordinator	Activity Date	Final Pmt	Cost
Beach Bash	Pat King 556-8066	10/6-8/95	9/11/95	\$ 95.00
Race for the Cure	Joe Daleo 847-1856	10/7/95	10/7/95	Free
Road Rally	Robert Dickerson 661-8283	10/15/95	10/1/95	\$ 12.00
Rollerblading	Sharon Broughton 864-7021	10/21/95	10/1/95	\$ 15.00
Coushatta - Grand Casino	Milton Lazarone 493-4009	10/22/95	9/21/95	\$ 17.00
Halloween Party	Patti Maudslay 977-7439	10/28/95	10/9/95	\$ 15.00
Volleyball Tournament	Jeff Warren 859-5812	11/4/95	10/23/95	\$ 12.00
Fall Tennis Tournament	Kathy Young 497-5339	11/5/95	10/5/95	\$ 20.00
Bear Creek Bike Ride	Concietta Ruggiero 293-7637	11/11/95	10/9/95	\$ 12.00
Holiday Gala	Linda Licarione 468-2816	12/1/95	11/13/95	\$ 30.00
Gingerbread House Decorating	Betty Ray 530-2012	12/6/95	11/20/95	\$ 39.00
Comedy Club Evening	Frances Smith 578-7119	1/12/96	12/28/95	\$ 13.00
Houston Livestock Show	Gary Haley 984-9884	2/17/96	2/1/96	\$ 10.00

SCSC Activity
Fall Tennis Tournament
 November 5, 1995
 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Fondren Tennis Center
\$20.00

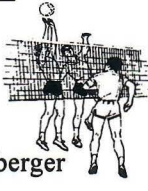


AC: Kathy Young
 AAC: Karen Mozisck
 11322 Meadow Lake
 Houston, TX 77077
 497-5339 / 870-1973

*Mixed Doubles
 Round Robin
 A&B Division
 Skill Levels
 Different Partner
 each round
 Fajita lunch*

Final Payment Due: 10/5/95 *Adults Only*

SCSC Activity
**Volleyball
 Tournament**
 November 4, 1995
 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
\$12.00



Sand Volleyball
 at the Backyard.
 Space is limited
 so sign up now.

AC: Jeff Warren
 AAC: Mike Gerstenberger
 15214 Ringfield Dr.
 Houston, TX 77084
 859-5812

Adults Only

Final Payment Due: 10/23/95

SCSC Activity
Coushatta-Grand Casino
 October 22, 1995
 7:30 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.
\$17.00

Casino Gambling in Louisiana
 Includes dinner at
 Vinnies ItalianCafe
 when you return



Milton Lazarone
 1623 S. Kirkwood
 Houston, TX 77077
 493-4009

Final Payment Due: 9/21/95
Adults Only

SCSC Activity
Halloween Party
 October 28, 1995
 8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
\$15.00


Dirty's on Chimney Rock
 Light Buffet, dancing, costume contest,
 fortune telling and other surprises.



AC: Patti Maudslay
 7815 Prestwood Dr.
 Houston, TX 77036-2820
 977-7439


Final Payment Due: October Meeting
Adults Only

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SCSC SUNSHINE KIDS AUCTION

As part of the December General Meeting, SCSC is planning a fund-raiser to benefit *The Sunshine Kids*.

The activities planned include a **silent auction** of goods or services donated by members and vendors and a **raffle** or **"live" auction** of one or more large items. Examples of items donated by members of other ski clubs for similar events include gourmet dinners, bottles of wine, theater tickets (example: tickets that a season ticket holder won't be able to use), Internet lessons, unusual posters, and new or "like new" sporting equipment. One club even had a dentist donate a "teeth whitening". Since this be a holiday season event, we'd like to also have items like a decorated wreath, unique toys, or a Christmas basket filled with goodies!

The Sunshine Kids is a non-profit, charitable foundation based in Houston and dedicated to providing activities for young people with cancer so that they may enjoy a fuller and richer life. As you may have seen on TV, each winter they hold "The National Sunshine Kids Winter Games", a one-week ski event held in Aspen. The children are chosen by the medical staff at hospitals with all expenses paid by *The Sunshine Kids*. The foundation is funded completely by donations from individuals, foundations, and civic groups like SCSC.

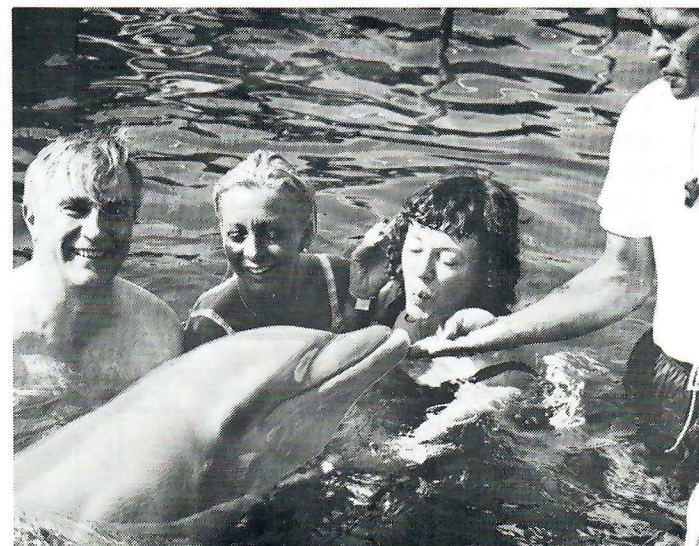
We need **volunteers** as well as donations for the auction. If you are interested in volunteering to help run this event, provide an item for the auction, or would like more information about *The Sunshine Kids*, please call Marti Toomer at (H)681-8980 or (W)423-5335.



Space City Ski Club invades Cancun



Someone put all the Ski Lifts behind boats



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Holiday Gala Dinner & Dance

Adults Only
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CANCUN

by Bob Olsen

When hurricanes are swirling around the Gulf of Mexico and the thermometers are melting in the Houston heat is that a good time to head south to Sunny Mexico's **Cancun**? You Bet it is! Our Space City group of thirty all managed to find relief from the August heat: on the beach, in the water, under a palm tree, in the air conditioned malls ...and last but not least, with an icy margarita or frosty cervesa.

The New Peso was six to the U.S Dollar but, there were few bargains. **Bruce Kilgore** must have found some silver deals at the Caracol Center, **Rudy Cardenas** reported that they cleaned up on jewelry.

Night life for all tastes ranged from seafood banquets at Frijoles in town to Pat O'Brien's on the Bay across from our hotel. Dinner at Gypsy's included front row seats for a Flamenco Dance for a group of ten partiers. **Sam Bochi** left his bride to be, **Donnatella Bonzio**, to demonstrate his Flamenco talents on the dance floor with the professionals. The rest of us enjoyed the show and dinner. Sam also demonstrated his dancing ability the next day by talking his way out of a speeding ticket from the local traffic cops. They wanted to lift his driver's license until he paid a \$100 fine the day after we were due to leave.

Jerry Kowis reports traffic problems of another kind. A late night missed direction got her a midnight tour of the city dump. getting back was half the fun via bus and taxi. **Ron Rothman's** travel adventure came on the return trip. He couldn't make up his mind where to sit on the overbooked plane until the Continental Airlines stewardess commanded him to 'come with me'. She parked him in a First Class seat for the return trip. **Charles Goodrich** pulled a similar stunt on the way to Cancunexcept he parked himself in the First Class seat and no one ever checked his ticket.

Heidi Heinrich and **Eric Prentis** were seen dancing on the bar at La Boom. A reward for there bravery the bartender squirted margaritas into their thirsty mouths. This couple also performed at high altitude in the dangerous sport of parasailing. Eric almost hit a roof when landing but Heidi had lots of attention from four helpers who caught her in the air and were reluctant to let her go! We don't blame them!

ATC Lori Matthews led the Beach Brigade. She and **Elyse Turla** were absorbing the rays by day and the 'ritas by night. Our rousing trip party, complete with Jell-o Shots was more than



Flamingo Hotel security could tolerate. They requested that we maintain decorum so that the neighbors could nap at 8 O'clock in the evening!

Mother daughter combinations in our group included **Michelle** and **Carolyn Mabee** and **Tina** and **Sophie Lipscomb**. Carolyn brought her daughter and Tina treated her Mother. What a great gift idea, a Space City Ski Club trip under the Christmas Tree. Sophie turned into a party animal and Tina had to work to keep up dancing the Conga into the wee hours. Michelle was spotted with her Mom and friends, **Derri Denton** and **Carol Thomas**, at the Mall. A large mall was located conveniently across the street from our hotel. T-shirts were going for as low as three for \$US 10.00 but, most were priced higher for the tourist trade.

Derri and **Michelle** reported having a great time horseback riding. They even rode on the beach and into the surf for a unique experience not found on Texas dude ranches. **Derri** reported they went to a private beach where the water was beautiful, warm and great for a swim, or a ride on a wave and the guides made all the liquidos you can handle. If they had looked underwater they might have seen the SCUBA pack of **Cheryl Houge**, **Charles Goodrich** and **TC Bob Olsen**. This crew managed to squeeze in dives at Puerto Aventuras and Cozumel. These dives were the first in many years for Bob and he was awed by the Turtles, Barracudas, Groupers and magnificent coral reefs. Cheryl's love of marine life even led to a swim with the dolphins adventure in Xcaret. Ever had a dolphin blow his 'nose' in your face? Others managed to snorkel, float down an underground river, or check out the Mayan ruins at this 'archo/ecological park'.

A few of our group managed to dig into the ancient Mayan ruins at Tulum. **Marsha Davis** made a study of the ruins while **Bruce Kilgore** was snorkeling off the beautiful beach below. Bruce's report of sighting topless mermaids resulted in increased interest in archeology. Another day, they joined **Donna Kidwell**, **Marianne Pearce** and **Lynn Burch** on a trimaran sailing adventure to Isla Mujeres for a day of sun, snorkeling and seafood luncheon.

The trip also generated new membership interest in our Club. A third of the trip were non-members but, three of those folks joined on the return journey. Welcome to **Theresa Welborn**, **Jerry Kowis** and **Linda Thompson**.

We had a cool gang intent on having a hot time in Cancun. This made for great fun and a feeling that the trip was too short. Ah well, we'll be back to finish what we left undone in Mexico.

PLAYERS CASINO

We arrived early for our date with lady luck! In fact **Gunnar and Renata Heyne** were spotted at 7:15, redirecting the charter bus to the correct park and ride area—good job!

We all prepared for the day ahead, while the friendly bus driver put the pedal to the medal. **Joanne Fore** brought her pillow from home for extra comfort and **TC Howard Paillet** made sure no one would starve on the bus ride to Lake Charles.

Once we were there, the tickets to both boats were handed out to trip participants. We could choose to gamble with our money at either the Players or the Star Casino or both! Since we were there during the local “contraband” days on the lake, the boats were in harbor for the duration and we could take our choice or move back and forth between them, chasing the ever elusive Lady Luck.

The main competition for our attention for the day were our play-off contending Houston Rockets. **Bill Smith** chose the SCSC gambling trip, but his wife took possession of their Rockets playoff tickets instead. Between bouts at the games of chance, we die hard rocket ball fans surrounded the TV’s wherever we found them and we hooped and hollered them to another victory! **Mike Rooney, Mike Gerstenberger, and John Barclay** (no relation to any Phoenix Sun player!) and others were all seen helping pull out this win. The Rockets victory somehow renewed our confidence in our gambling luck and we returned to the games.

We had two “All You Could Eat” scrumptious buffets—one for lunch and another one for dinner, in order to maintain our strength for pulling slots, rolling dice and placing those big bets. **Jeri Hartman** really hit a hot streak on the slots, and she was hooked until suddenly going cold. **Nancy Sarff** not only went bust on the slots, but almost got busted for taking a picture of **Roberta Rambin**. **Gwen Barfield** was so into the slots. She thought she suffered a permanent twitch in her right arm; **Jill Allen** nearly got nailed by security for taking a picture of Gwen (with Gwen’s camera). Do you think some of our gamblers were novices?

Cheryl Houge won \$250 really early and then refused to gamble for most of the day, choosing instead to watch **Harry Gaston, Ron Rambin, and Jeff Sarff**. Jeff was eagerly taking tips from Ron on counting cards in Blackjack. How many decks were in play, Ron?

Walter and Marlene Dietrich pulled a prank on friends **Klaus and Noni Pratscher** by putting \$180 dollars in a slot machine where they held it in credit until Klaus and Noni walked up, then Walter hit the pay button and pretended to win the big jackpot!

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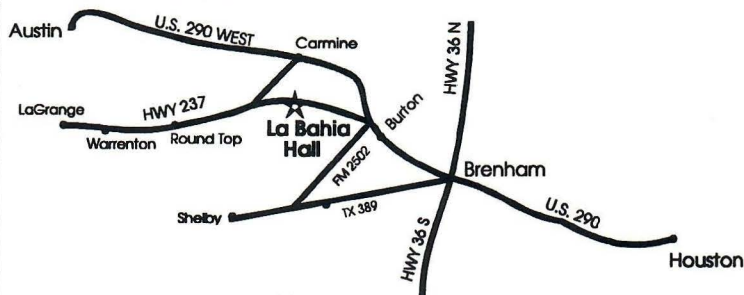
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On the way back to Houston, we made sure at least half of the people returned as winners, by holding a drawing on the bus for tee shirts, cups and key chains. The very first prize drawn was a tee shirt won by **Gary Butler**, who in turn graciously gave it to **Jeff Sarff**. Prizes were spread pretty evenly between the back and the front of the bus, proving Lady Luck really had no favorites. But if she didn’t have favorites, why did some of us come back with lots of new found money while others felt like we contributed to the Louisiana local economy? Winners or losers, we all had a long and very fun filled day.

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Our deepest sympathies go out to Pat King on the loss of her mother, Jim Schrock on the loss of his father, and to Joyce Ryan on the loss of her father.

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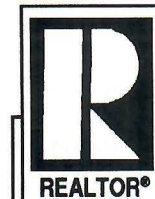
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The Texas Ski Council met for its Quarterly Delegate Meeting in Austin on August 12, 1995, with all Clubs represented except Ski Jammers. If an award were in place for best representation it would have been given to SCSC. In addition to your TSC Representatives, myself and **Kayleen Kill**, also attending this meeting were President, **Marti Toomer**; V.P. Trips, **Merrel Smith** and V.P. Publications, **Gary Butler**. Other members there in their official roles were TSC President, **Jerry Montgomery**; V.P. Fall Roundup, **Debbie Bergeron** and TSC Race Committee Chair, **Ted Bergeron**.

Many reports/decisions were made at this meeting starting off with TSC Treasurer, **Laura Kuchcinski**, reviewing the 1994/95 year end figures and distributing the Audit Committee report from **Sharon Inman** and **Mark Brown**. The Officer Training Meeting held in Dallas on July 15th was reported a success with 30 people participating (7 SCSC members attended the training).

Proposed changes to Standing Rules, Bylaws and Race Rules were presented to and voted on by the Delegates. The following is a brief synopsis of the outcome: Clubs will no longer be penalized for taking more participants than originally reported; Small club participation requirements have been amended; TSC Board of Directors will no longer have a vote on trip destinations. Changes to race rules were minor, mostly housekeeping, however a new rule has been implemented. The TSC VP now has the option to choose race starting times for all TSC Officers and appointed personnel who are assisting with the races.

Speaking of races, beginning with the 1995/96 ski season the TSC will allow snowboarders to race Nastar. No revisions will be made to Race Rules as there is currently nothing in the eligibility section to prevent snowboarders from participating at areas that allow them. Guidelines established by Nastar will be followed.

The 1994/95 Ski Season Marketing Survey presented by V.P. Marketing, **Bill Sneed**, showed that TSC Clubs generated almost \$3 million in revenue to resorts, lodgings and transportation. Report also indicated number of skiers was less than last year, however skier days had increased. There was discussion of Bid Procedures and announcement again of Clubs that will provide members to the 1996/97 Pre-Select Committee; Flatlanders, Lone Star, Los Amigos and Ski Jammers. A committee has been formed to research the feasibility of resorts submitting two (2) year bids. This committee will be chaired by **Gary Kuchcinski** and members are **Diane McClendon**, **Tere Ayson** and **Charles Rowland**.

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TSC summer event last year you will be pleased, I hope, to know we will have one in 1996. The Delegates approved a proposed "TSC Hill Country Hoe-Down" that will be held in Bandera on May 17-19, 1996. This event will be sponsored by Space City and Clear Lake Area Ski Club with myself and **Linda Tiedt** coordinating this fun filled week-end. Price for this activity will include lodging, all meals, horseback riding and activities. Mark this date on your calendar and sign up early as space will be limited.

The meeting concluded with reports from each trip VP and the race draw was done for the Fall Roundup and Traditional. SCSC will race 11th at Copper Mountain and 1st at Park City.

The next scheduled Quarterly Delegate Meeting will be on Saturday, December 9th in Houston. Hope everyone has signed up for the trip(s) of your choice and getting in shape for the ski season that is now upon us.

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by Mary Patricia Marshall, PhD.

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The same arid air can suck water we need right out of our skin, nails, hair, respiratory passages and eyes. Forced air heat takes even more moisture out of indoor air. Results are cracked skin, split ends and nails, breathing disturbances and increased risk of infections.

Once we know what is wrong, we can take corrective action. Hotels and condos should have a cool-mist humidifier that runs all night in the bedroom. Cool mist encourages restful sleep. Open the window to let in cool air and moisture as well as oxygen.

Pack your most emollient moisturizer (creams are better than lotions). Lips need frequent applications of lip balm. Do not lick your lips or put water on them; that dries them out more and promotes chapping.

Apply moisturizers not just after bathing, but as often as possible. Before bed and skiing are other opportunities, or during changes of clothing. It is tempting to leave extras at home, but moisturizers should be considered as essentials. These can include moisturizing sterile saline eye drops and nasal sprays. They have a remarkable healing effect for red and itchy eyes and nose.

Drink as much water as you can to provide a moisture source from within and to replenish all that water evaporating from the body. The recommended daily water intake at home is about two quarts. The combination of the dry climate and increased activity may bring your daily water needs up to five or even ten quarts per day.

Of course, before you know it, you will be home again to face humid spring, summer and fall in Houston. We cannot have it all. All at once, that is.

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Many members of Space City Ski Club are computer literate and connected to the Internet, better known in the Press as the Information Super Highway. As a service to these members and as space permits we will present monthly a column on interesting sites on the Internet and anything else we think is useful in computing. This column will be called **Cyberski**.

Our initial article will deal with a site on the World Wide Web. For those who are unfamiliar with the Internet, a Web Site is combined text and graphics, including pictures, that individuals and others have provided for your enjoyment and edification. Our site today is from the **Resort Sports Network**, a company that provides programming to resort cable TV channels and they own a number of TV stations. Their site is at <http://www.RSN.com/>. The most interesting features for skiers are the commentary from **Biff America**, who has a well known cable program in Summit County, Colorado, and the **Weather Cam**.

The Weather Cam has daily pictures from a number of resorts as well as daily weather reports. At present the ones of interest to skiers are at **Copper Mountain, Vail, Lake Tahoe and Sugarloaf**. Future sites are planned for **Aspen, Mammoth and Crested Butte**. When you pick a resort such as Vail it will roll you to a picture taken by the local TV channel. When I accessed Vail, a picture of the Lions Head Gondola along with the day/time of the picture and the weather report for that day. If you click on the

picture you get an enlarged view of the area. If the resort has their own Web Site a connection will also be provided.

Another option within the Weather Cam menu is access to a U.S. Weather Map. If you click on a part of the country within the U.S. map, the nearest weather service forecast for the next five days is shown. When I click on Colorado the weather out of Denver is displayed.

All this information makes a nice complement to the snow reports in the newspaper and on the Weather Channel. Anyone can contact the Sitzmarke by Email on the Internet at GURU@ix.netcom.com. If you have a favorite site or program, Email us.

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Peggy Montgomery

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This month the SPOTLIGHT focus is on volunteer jobs that every SCSC member should consider doing at least once. At every meeting several volunteers are needed to sign people in or help monitor the doors to the meeting. The SCSC officer responsibility for volunteers who work the meeting sign in falls under **TED BERGERON**, the VP of Membership's while the "door guards" are coordinated by **KAREN PUTNEY**, the club's Secretary.

This year Ted has asked **SHARON SEQUEIRA** to coordinate the 1995-96 meeting sign-in. She started the year out great by having a good mix of experienced hands and members who have never worked the tables. The members who attended the September meeting were greeted at the sign in table by **BERNIE KANE**, **ROBERT**

REICHEK, **JERRY MONTGOMERY**, **RON RIPPS**, **PENNY CHANCEY**, **GUNNAR HEYNE**, **JOE KULPINSKY**, **BILL MORELY**, **PAT WOOD** or **STEVE BENSON**. The people attending the meeting as a guest/new member were signed in by **ERIC HOLM**, **BILL KIRK**, **FLOYD HANKS**, **GINGER HOWARD-HANKS**, **LOURDES COYLE**, **KAY CAIN** or **FRANCES SMITH**. All these people should be commended because the September meeting was quite a meeting! These few people signed in close to 450 people.

Some of you may be wondering what exactly working the sign in tables involves. Well, it's easy! You just have to be willing to be friendly, personable and be able to check names off a list--even when it is extremely hectic--as it certainly will be when you have in excess of 350 members signing in, many in a short period of time. While not as many people sign in, the guest/new member table is also busy because those volunteers have to provide information to potential members and help people who want to become members complete the application. Fortunately the September meeting is generally the busiest meeting. The May meeting runs a close second when it comes to signing in members, but the guest/new member table is much lighter. The other meetings through out the year will generally have 250-300 members so sign in table duty is not quite so hectic. I'm sure Sharon would love to hear from you about **VOLUNTEERING**. I would be remiss if I did not mention an extra volunteer at sign in for the September meeting. As Ted was out of town on business, his wife, **DEBBIE BERGERON**, took on the burden of making sure everything was set up so sign in would run smoothly.

By the way, some of the members may have noticed that an extra effort was made to assure that everyone signed in. People who had permanent name tags were given dots to put on those tags, so to get in the room a person had to have a hand-written name tag or a red dot on a permanent name tag. While there has always been an effort to get accurate numbers at check in the use of the dots should help obtain a better count, so Ted hopes no one minds making the extra effort to be sure and sign in!

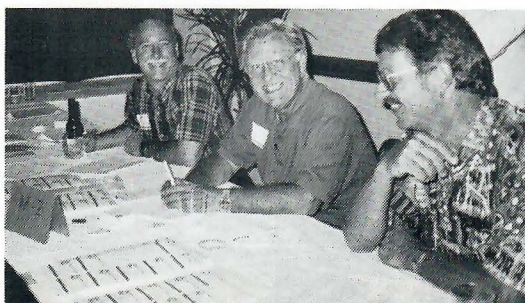
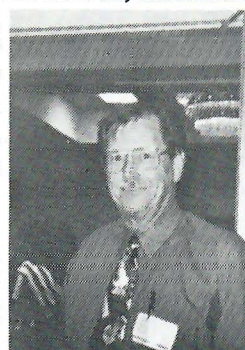
Discussion of dots leads me to another important volunteer need for the meetings--

"door guards". The dots also make it a lot easier for these volunteers to know that people with permanent name tags have signed in and are current members. As Karen would say--the door guard job is the easiest and one of the most fun volunteer jobs--you get to chit chat away with everyone that comes in! At the September meeting Karen had the able assistance of **BILL RIESLING**, **MEL TAWNEY**, **JERI HARTMAN** and **LYNN BURCH**. This really is a fun job because you have the opportunity to not only say hello to members, but one of the first opportunities to say hello to guests and new members. Karen is looking for people to assist for the remainder of the meetings so give her a call and say you would like to **VOLUNTEER**.

So as you can see from this month's SPOTLIGHT column it takes a lot of **VOLUNTEERS** to have successful meetings.

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