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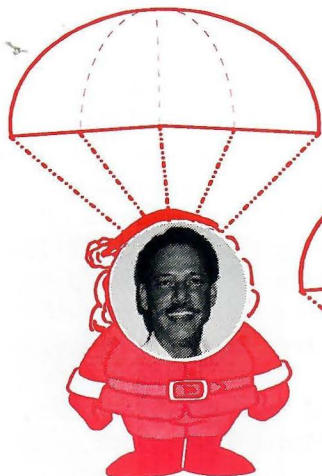
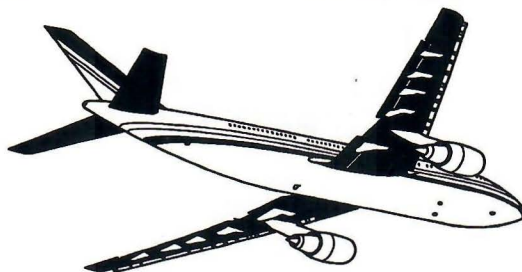
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Merry Xmas

General Meeting - Sunshine Kids Auction
Southwest Hilton
6780 Southwest Freeway
December 11, 1995 6:30 p.m.



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Head of the Lifeline

By Marti Toomer



Happy Holidays! I hope you and your loved ones have a wonderful and safe holiday season. To celebrate with SCSC, we've got three special events - the **Holiday Gala**, an auction and raffle of an airline ticket to raise funds for the **Sunshine Kids at the December Meeting**, and a **Gingerbread House Decorating** class. In addition, we'll all envy the group going skiing at Winter Park for New Years!

In the midst of all this activity, December is an extremely busy month for the **Nominating Committee**. While the nominations and election of officers may seem like a long way away, soon this group of dedicated volunteers has to select a group of officers for next year. Please call one of them **now** if you are interested in running for any of the offices or have a recommendation. If you need information about the responsibilities of an office, feel free to call any of the members of committee (**Jeri Hartman, Peggy Montgomery, Bill Kirk, Bob Olsen, Kayleen Kill, Pat Wood, or Dale Albritton**), any of the officers, or board members. The more qualified candidates there are, the more likely it is that the Nominating Committee will be able to put together a group that will work well together and represent the entire club.

TRIPS- A few trips still have openings and as I've said before — Don't be afraid of wait lists! Most wait lists do clear. See Merrel Smith's article for more details.


We've had a great response to the trips this year and I'd like to say a special thanks to two people who are constantly working in the background with the TCs & ATCs to ensure you have a terrific trip — the Directors of Trips, **Cheryl Hogue** and **George Flournoy**.

ACTIVITIES- Thanks to last month's activity coordinators for a job well done! They are **Jeff Warren** - Volleyball (although the weather wasn't very cooperative), **Kathy Young** - Fall Tennis Tournament, and **Concietta Ruggerio** - Bear Creek Bike Ride. Also, thanks to **Liz Nardone** for an exciting fashion show at the November meeting. See Eric Prentis' article for info about upcoming activities.

OTHER- Marvin Volz has been appointed for a second term as assistant treasurer. Thanks for volunteering again!

In conclusion, my Christmas wish for you:

**MAY THESE BE THE HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAYS YOU'VE KNOWN,
AND MAY EVERY DAY OF THE NEW YEAR BE WONDERFUL FOR YOU!**

<p>Opera La Boheme January 31, 1996 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. \$44.00</p>	<p>SCSC Activity</p>  <p>Adults Only</p>	<p>Optional dinner Grand Tier II seating. AC: Marianne Pearce 845 Augusta 11A Houston, TX 77057 782-2240 Final Payment Due: 12/28/95</p>
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Nominating Committee

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.

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AUCTION & RAFFLE BENEFITING THE SUNSHINE KIDS at the December General Meeting

Come help the Sunshine Kids during the Holiday Season

— and have some fun at the auction and raffle!

Raffle

One Round Trip Airline Ticket

A few of the Items to Be Auctioned:

5 Course Gourmet Dinner for 10 formally served by a team of SCSC Chefs and Waiters coordinated by Peggy Montgomery

(For a great dinner party - Get a group of friends together to bid on this dinner)

Sailboat Cruise for Four by Ivan Butterfield

Spyder Hat signed by Tommy Moe, Olympic Gold Medal Skier

Spyder T-Shirt autographed by Tommy Moe, Olympic Gold Medal Skier

Ski Poster signed by Billy Kidd, Olympic Gold Medal Skier

Rockets Tickets

Houston Ballet Nutcracker Tickets

Tooth Cleaning by Dale Allbritton, DDS

Chocolate Chip Cookie Basket

and more!

Call Marti Toomer at 681-8980 if you have an item to donate to the Auction!

The Sunshine Kids is a non-profit charitable organization. Donations are tax deductible.

SCSC Activity

Comedy Club Evening at the Laff Stop 1952 West Gray January 12, 1996

8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

AC: Frances Smith
18518 Trail Bend Lane
Houston, TX 77084
578-7119

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6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
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CALENDAR

December						
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Coming Events

December

- 1 Holiday Gala
- 3 Ex Comm
- 6 Gingerbread House Decorating
- 7 Oshmans Downhill
- 11 General Meeting-Sunshine Kids
- 26-1 Winter Park
- 28 Happy Hour - Post Oak Ranch

January

- 6-14 Park City I, II, III
- 12 Comedy Club
- 13-20 Aspen
- 15 General Meeting
- 20-27 Heavenly Valley
- 25 Happy Hour
- 27-4 Badgastein
- 31 Opera La Boheme

February

- 3-10 Sun Valley
- 10-18 Steamboat I & II
- 17 Houston Livestock Show
- 16-20 Taos
- 24 Houston Rockets vs L.A. Lakers
- 24-2 Big Sky
- 29 Happy Hour - Longhorn Saloon

SCSC Activity

Gingerbread House Decorating Wednesday, December 6, 1995 7:00-9:00 p.m. Rice Epicurean Cooking School

\$39.00

AC: Betty Ray
12733 Leader
Houston, TX 77072-5118
530-2012

Final Payment Due: 11/20/95



Decorate and take
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FROM THE SKI DESK

by Merrel Smith, V.P.-Trips



Happy Holidays to all. Our ski season is off and rolling with our first trip having just returned from Copper Mountain. Now, I'm writing this before we leave, but the early snowfall in the Rockies is helping to forecast a great Thanksgiving trip.

If you haven't selected a trip yet, may I suggest an excellent bargain in January, **Aspen**. Trip leaders, Dee Dee & John, have put together a really dynamite package on what promises to be a fun trip. You say you want a February trip with prime ski conditions, you might still find space available on our **Steamboat** trips. Join with other Texas Ski Council clubs for all the camaraderie and friendly competition. Check with the TCs Charlotte Lynn(long trip) or Deborah Purdin(short trip) for details.

If you still can't decide where you want to go, the perfect option is to sign up on **wait lists**. You will get the option of joining the trip when 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 Winter Park, Park City I & II, Badgastein, Big Sky, Mammoth & Vail. Remember, if you don't get on the wait list the TC won't know you're interested.

One very important note brought to my attention concerns a problem we may encounter at the airports. 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.

I feel I should say something 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 moneys. 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.

I want to send best wishes to TCLlona Doubet and ATC Dave Schein on their upcoming trip to Winter Park and everyone going along for the best snow possible. I hope to see everybody at the Monthly Meeting on December 11, to help the Sunshine Kids.

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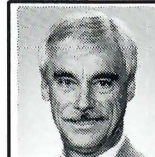
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Space City Ski Club 1995 - 1996 Trip Schedule

Trip Dates	Nights / SkiDays	Trip Destination	Cost +	Final Payment	Lodging	No. Skiers	Status/Waitlist	TC/ATC (DOT)	Home Phone
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	32	full Wlist 0	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	32	3 openings	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 9	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	3 openings	Dee Dee Dowlin John Jacob (GF)	527-8931 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 6	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	29	full Wlist 0	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 9	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	36	2 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	14 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	11/13/95	Kachina Lodge (Best Western) Hotel / Motel	32	full Wlist 2	Stan Broniak Ken Shapley (CH)	531-6147 293-9766
Feb 24-Mar 2, '96 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6½	BIG SKY Montana (Yellowstone Park Option)	F: \$848 L: \$418 +	11/13/95	Big Horn 3 / 3 Condos	36	full Wlist 3	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 17	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: 0 L: 1 Wlist 2	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	full Wlist 14	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



I'm going to be out of town, duty calls, during the week of the December meeting. Our President, Marti Toomer, will be running the December meeting in my place and is planning a terrific time revolving around the *Sunshine Kids* and what we can do to help this worthy cause. Great raffle prizes, silent auctions for neat stuff, and volunteers giving their time to those who want to bid for their services. Come to the meeting and see

what all the fun about!

The Happy Hour this month is on December 28th, (after the Christmas rush, so come on by and just relax or tune up for the New Year's holiday) to be held at the Post Oak Ranch. They are offering SCSC a free Tex-Mex buffet, \$1.25 drink specials and for ladies arriving without an escort, free valet parking. This will be a two-steppin' good time.

New activities approved this month include a country western dance lesson to be given by Red Draper, a three time national champion, during the February happy hour at the Longhorn Saloon. Mary Dooley is putting this dance lesson activity on during the Houston Rodeo month so if you want to brush up on a few dance steps, this is the time. Gail Kohl is organizing an always popular activity, the St. Patrick Day Parade Party to be held on March 16, 1996. There will be lots of prizes and of course libations to celebrate this happy day. A Pub Crawl is Scheduled on March 23, 1996 for those who would like to learn more about the Brewpubs and brewing companies here in Houston. John Adams has arranged many of these outings in the past and is just waiting to show his expertise to the lucky people on this "liquid fact finding trip."

Having fun, hope you are too!

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December 28, 1995

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Post Oak Ranch

1625 West Loop South

Tex-Mex Buffet

\$1.25 Drink Specials

Ladies Free Valet

Appropriate Dress Required

SCSC Activity

Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo

February 17, 1996

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

\$10.00



AC: Gary Haley
P. O. Box 40443
Houston, TX 77240-0443
984-9884

Final Payment Due: 2/1/96

Family Optional

SCSC Activity

Pub Crawl

March 23, 1996

1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

\$10.00

Progressive Happy Hour



AC: John Adams
8211 Fairhope Pl.
Houston, TX 77025-3201
666-9277

EMAIL: JADAMS@SLB.COM

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SCSC Activity

Country & Western Dance Lesson

February 29, 1996

Happy Hour

Longhorn Saloon

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

\$3.00

Taught by Red Draper, a three
time National Champion

AC: Mary Dooley
3780 Tanglewilde #603
Houston, TX 77063
977-8014

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PROGRAM ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Activity	Activity Coordinator	Activity Date	Final Pmt	Cost
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
Opera La Boheme	Marianne Pearce 782-2240	1/31/96	12/28/95	\$ 44.00
Houston Livestock Show	Gary Haley 984-9884	2/17/96	2/1/96	\$ 10.00
Houston Rockets	Joanne Fore 723-4707	2/24/96	2/1/96	\$ 25.00
G & W Dance Lesson	Mary Dooley 977-8014	2/29/96	2/12/96	\$ 3.00
St. Patrick Day Parade	Gail Kohl 271-1039	3/16/96	3/11/96	\$ 15.00
Pub Crawl	John Adams 666-9277	3/23/96	3/1/96	\$ 10.00

1st TSC European Trip in 1972 to Chamonix

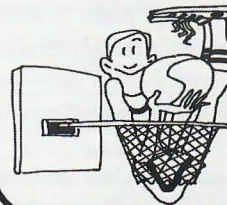


Taking part in the 1st TSC European Trip in 1972 are former SCSC Presidents Jerry Chiles, Ron Crossman and ATC Willi Buhl

SCSC Activity

Houston Rockets
Two Time NBA Champions
vs. the Los Angeles Lakers
February 24, 1996 7:30 p.m.
\$25.00

Optional dinner before the game.



AC: Joanne Fore
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SCSC Activity

St. Patrick Day
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March 16, 1996
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\$15.00

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 1:00 to 3:00. Free pool & shuffleboard.
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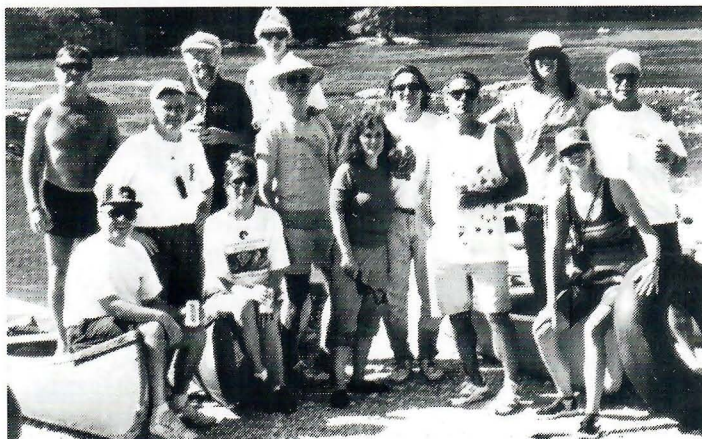
GUADALUPE RIVER TRIP

by Sue Salvage

The river trip headed out Friday right after the first cold front of the year. The cool weather didn't dampen our spirits as the MACHO MEN who loaded up the bus. **Kevin Bishop** arrived at the last minute, thus, avoiding his MACHO MAN duties. As we departed the BEVERAGE BOYS - **Pat Wood, Heidi Heinrich** and **Valerie Vaughn** were serving drinks. After sandwiches for ALMOST everyone were distributed by the SANDWICH SLUTS - **Joe Daleo, Maria Dos Santos** and **Eric Prentis**; and **John Burk's** famous chocolate chip cookies were devoured to supplement the missing sandwiches. **Susan Wicker** brought out the "margarita gun" and shot any and all who were interested. With the group sufficiently loosened up, the TATTOO CREW - **John Burk, Frances Smith, Mel Tawney** and **Marti Toomer** (and anyone else who wanted to get in on the fun) started applying tattoos to various parts of bodies. **Tina Lipscomb, AAC** played DJ.

As we arrived at camp (without any problems with the bus) those who brought their tents scrambled to pick a spot to set up. **Bill Simmons** greeted us as he drove up with his apartment/van. **Alex Krawtzow** aka Richey Rich, needed the largest site for his palace. One tent was suppose to house 4 amigos, but **Ron Brandow** decided it was too crowded so he wandered around with a sad look on his face until he found **Mary Kay Kitchens** and **Marda Waters** to take him in. A roaring camp fire was waiting to keep us warm from the dropping temperatures so several hung around before retiring to their tents. During the night it seems **Debra Edwards** and **Georgette Taylor** were either caught stealing **Mel Tawney's** sheep "Lambie" or tripped over her on their way back from someone's tent. It is rumored that **Pat Wood** end up with **Lambie**.

Dawn came with a temperature 43, a beautifully clear morning, and **Tom Danowski** who joined us for the day. After breakfast several decided (due to the temperature) to go to the Natural Bridge Caverns, the outlet mall or Gruene for shopping, or hiking near the dam. Ten brave/foolish people hit the river in canoes. **John Burk**, our self professed expert, got **Marda Waters** (a virgin canoeist) to go with him by promising her she would be safe!! They got a lot closer to the water than **Marda** expected. It took her the rest of the afternoon to warm up. The morning group (less **Marda**) were joined by **Jim Schrock, Valerie Vaughn, Russell Benham** and **Sue Salvage**. **Valerie**, with her wet suit on, was the only one brave



enough to go tubing.

Saturday evening brought a scramble for the showers, a good meal and then most of the group headed for Gruene Hall. The bus had a minor mishap with a bridge, but the bus won! **Mary Kay** believes she has an autograph from **Willy Nelson**. Others think she was conned by **Mel Tawney** and **Pat Wood**. The bus made 2 trips - first bringing the partiers and then the real partiers back to a few games of pool and another roaring camp fire. **Davis Bellezza** came up with a new pool technique to help **Susan Wicker** reach her shot. At the campfire **Valerie** played DJ, and **Rich Henderson** entertained us and ended up flat on his back with his feet in the air in a pile of wood!

Sunday brought another beautiful morning and warmer weather. After breakfast we hit the river in canoes and/or kayaks for a leisurely trip down river and then run the chutes. This was accomplished except for **Louise Buckley, Kevin Bishop** and the "guide" in the front of the canoe, who shall remain unnamed, missed the entrance and almost went over the falls!

Back at camp lunch was served, we broke camp, packed up and headed home. As usual the ride back was much more subdued than the trip over. The TC and ATC ended up with the "leftovers", i.e. **Gerry Simpson's** glasses, **Peggy Strong's** mail (for the 2nd time) and **Bobbie Lowery's** sleeping bag.

Everyone had a good time, even though I was not able to come up with the scoop on those "quite" ones, yes we even had some of them: **Art Kidder, Kannon Chelliah**, and two I know you won't believe **Denise Loos** and **Jim Rinke**!!

Thanks everyone for making this another great river trip.

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WACKY ROAD RALLY

by Bob Dickerson

On Sunday afternoon, October 16th, almost 80 wacky SCSC road warriors held their rally. From River Oaks, to Montrose, to the Heights, to JAX Grill, crawled our determined crews. The route left Lamar High School and wandered along tree-lined Troon, skirted the Westheimer Street Festival shenanigans, said hello to the Victorian mansions along Heights Blvd., and finally ended at the outdoor patio of JAX Grill, where all participants stuffed themselves with fajitas, beans, rice and salsa. Of course, an occasional team tried the customary short cut. For example, **Andy Fitzpatrick** and **Pat Scarber** thought they recognized the last clue as leading to Dirty's. Close, but no cigar. They had to call in - LOST, all of 2 blocks from the actual destination. Judge **Richard Hall** pulled a similar stunt. He turned the wrong way off Washington Ave. Of course he can blame this on his navigator wife. Finally, **Sue Salvage** and **Milton Kramer** couldn't decipher what was meant by "turn left at first opportunity." They had to call 911 to extract them from the Montrose mess. All but one carload finally made it to JAX. There, after much soul searching, it was finally determined by the "Swords siblings," that the **Beth Nolan-Lari Paradee** car finished first, closely followed by the **Pete Frost-Sharon Broughton** twosome, with the **Heidi Heinrich-Eric Prentis** carload in third.

Once past the finish line, numerous special awards were dispensed by **Susan Wicker**. Among them was one to early finishers **Tom Danowski** and **Frances Smith**. They almost beat the event's coordinator, who had the map.

On the other hand, **Joanne Fore** and **Patti Maudslay** barely arrived in time for their dinner. Could be they stopped off at Ben Taub on the way. Their costumes were almost too realistic (accident victim paraphernalia).

En toto, a good time was had by all.

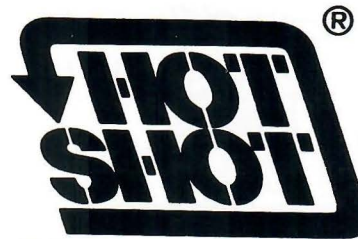
RACEY NEWS

by Steve Benson

Here goes!...This is the umpteenth time someone has tried to explain the Nastar handicap system. The system was probably invented by a former golfer who had too many triple bogeys. NASTAR is an acronym for "NAtional STAnford Race." Nastar handicaps are similar to golf handicaps in that they are dependent on how much your time (score) is slower than (over) par time (par for the course). Par time is the time it would theoretically have taken the fastest racer in the country to ski the same course you are skiing. In golf you have an advantage if your handicap is high because it is subtracted from your raw score to determine your competition score. With racing, your handicap is your raw score and you don't subtract it from anything. The faster you ski, the lower your handicap will be. Contrary to what many people

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believe, your handicap is not affected by your age. One of the advantages of being older (believe me there aren't many) is that you can earn a medal with a handicap higher than some hot-shot 39 year old kid would need for the same medal.

The good news!...Admittedly, it is difficult to earn a gold, silver, or bronze medal in club races. However, thanks to Ted Bergeron, Dale Allbritton, and others, Space City has medals for those racers who ski fast enough to earn points for the club on TSC trips without being quite fast enough to earn a bronze medal. These medals are called "challenger" medals and they are very nice looking. They are available to racers on all club ski trips. Just to give you an idea of how the "challenger" system works, we can assume that an intermediate, female, forty-something skier just came cruising down the Nastar course without falling or missing a turn. If it takes her twice as long to ski the course as it takes an average resort pace-setter, she would have a handicap of 105 and earn a green "challenger" medal. She would also earn 9 points for Space City if she were on a TSC trip. All intermediate and many experienced green slope skiers are able to ski at that level, or better, most of the time. The Nastar courses we usually race are on easy intermediate slopes. The whole point of this article is that earning a medal is not as difficult as some skiers think and you don't have to stress yourself or try to ski above your ability to have fun and be competitive. I encourage all ski trip participants to take a race clinic or two and discover the joy of successfully completing a Nastar race course.

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There is a really nice Web Site on the Internet from Ski & Board in Utah at <http://www.imall.com/ski-utah/ski-utah.html>. The home page on this site offers connections to: Today's Snow Condition Report, Utah Ski Resorts, Trail Maps, Lodging Info, Car Rentals, Transportation and the Visitors Bureau.

The weather report offers snow reports for the Utah ski area with a history going back for up to 4 months. You can access today's weather report as well as a 5 day weather forecast. There is an Avalanche Advisory/Mountain Forecast, a problem we don't see in Texas. You can connect to a Snow Alert that will automatically Email you each time Utah gets 6 inches of snow or more.

The Utah Resort section offers info for the resort you access. Each area has available Resort Information, Trail Maps, Lift Ticket Information, Ski School, Lodging and Mountain Dining. A interesting feature is comments left by other Internet browsers rating each ski area. You also have the ability to leave your own comments.

The Transportation Section has shuttle schedules and costs out of Salt Lake City. There is also a connection to many of the ski web sites on the Internet. I recommend anyone skiing Park City this year to check out this site and watch the snow reports.

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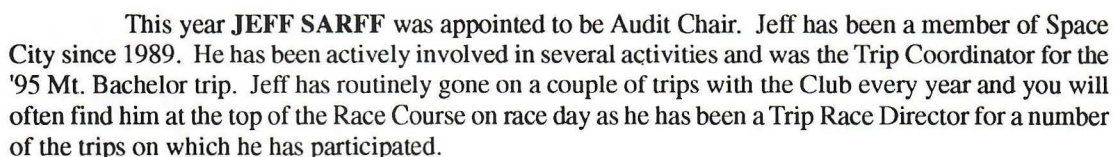
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I want to use the next few columns to tell you about the various "high profile" appointed volunteer positions that are available with Space City Ski Club. The Board of Directors appoints an Audit Committee Chair, Texas Ski Council (TSC) Delegate and Alternate Delegate, while the Executive Committee approves the Assistant Treasurer and Directors of Trips. *(The Excom also approves all Trip Coordinators, Ass't Trip Coordinators and Activity Coordinators, but these particular positions will not be discussed in this series.)* The Vice-President of Trips selects the Race Director and the Secretary selects one or more individuals to assist with the selling of logos, etc. This month the focus will be on the positions appointed by the Board and in the

The Audit Committee Chair is appointed at the first quarterly meeting of the Board. According to Article 5.5 of the Club's Bylaws the Committee Chair shall report to the Board at each of the following quarterly meetings regarding the accuracy of the financial statements and the adequacy of the current financial systems. You will find that Standing Rule 11.0 delineates how the Audit Chair is to perform the duties of the office, but a review of that rule will quickly make you aware that the Audit Chair has to review not only the various officers' budget to see that they are on track, but every activity, trip and accounting of money received or spent by the Club. Obviously the Audit Chair works in tandem with the Treasurer and Ass't Treasurer. It clearly helps to at least have an understanding of accounting principles, but necessarily requires that the person be familiar with the Club's various monetary transaction forms.



The other appointed positions by the Board are the TSC Delegates. These positions under Standing Rule 10.10 are filled by current or past members of the Board of Directors and that rule also sets out the duties of the office. The Delegates are SCSC's liaison with the Texas Ski Council Board of Delegates and represent the Club in all matters brought before the Board of Delegates. These positions are the voice of Space City for the Texas Ski Council and they must be informed as to what issues are important to SCSC. The TSC Delegates meet four times a year at various large cities in the state. SCSC's Delegates, along with its officers and board members, also participate in the TSC Bid meeting which takes place in April of each year in San Antonio. It is at this meeting that SCSC's delegate coordinates

This year **SHARON SMITH** is the TSC Delegate. Sharon joined SCSC in 1989 and has actively participated in SCSC the last four years. Not only has she volunteered as an activity and trip coordinator, but she was the Club's secretary for the 1994-95 ski season. She is currently on the Board. Sharon is also coordinating the 1996 TSC summer event along with a member of the Clear Lake Area Ski Club. Watch for more information on this TSC event.

KAYLEEN KILL was appointed to the Alternate Delegate position. While she only acts as the delegate if the appointed SCSC delegate is unable to attend a meeting, she is still encouraged to attend all the TSC meetings. Kayleen joined SCSC in 1990 after moving to Houston. She came with experience having been involved in a Ski Club previously. Like Sharon, Kayleen has been an activity coordinator (*particularly for golf tournaments*) and trip coordinator. She was the club treasurer during the 1993-94 ski season as well as on the Board in 1994-95.

If you have the opportunity take the time to visit with these individuals and find out more about their positions. They are all very enthusiastic about volunteering!





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