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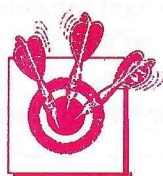


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From
Space City Ski Club



General Meeting: February 14, 1994



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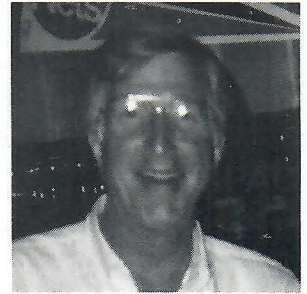
STUFF & SUCH

By Tom Hogle

STUFF!

STUFFING!!

STUFFED!!!



STUFF! Well, that time of being **STUFFED** is fading into a *distant memory* — the turkey has long been gone, along with the sweet potatoes, corn, beans, the deserts — pecan pie, strawberry shortcake — stripped from the refrigerator by our ever hungry epicurean.

STUFFING! Along with the above taste treats is the ever present **STUFFING**. That delightful part of every holiday dinner that combines those very special ingredients from Mom's recipe with those new tastes that are our very own. That "one-of -a-kind" **STUFFING** is also now only a *distant memory*, and that leaves us only with **STUFF**. Well, I got some **STUFF** for you. New **STUFF**, old **STUFF**, good **STUFF**, and just stuff **STUFF**.

STUFFED! The new membership directories have been in the mail long enough for each and every one to have received your own personal copy. You now have at your finger tips all those important phone numbers, especially for that new guy or gal you've just met! This production is the result of the efforts of our **SECRETARY**, Patti Richards. Thank You Patti! Looks great!! If you didn't receive yours, **IT'S NOT OUR FAULT!! CALL 1/800-HELPHELP.**

Well, we are now about halfway through our ski schedule. I'm "luvin" the snow. Everyone seems to be having a great time on their ski trip — **SNOWMASS, BIG MOUNTAIN, CHAMONIX, TELLURIDE** are the most recent. Thanks to our **TC'S** and **ATC's** for "**JOBS WELL DONE**".

February is that month when we start to think about **RODEO**. How many are going on a **TRAILRIDE**? Well, if you can't make a **TRAILRIDE**, our **VP-PROGRAMS** — Sue Salvage still has something for you. Her program for the February meeting has a special rodeo theme - don't miss it! You'll be sorry. She also has planned a "**NIGHT at THE RODEO**" for our "country faithful" members — sometimes called revellers. See you there!

Our Nominating Committee has once again completed their assigned task. They have chosen what they hope will be another group of exciting, dynamic, and visionary candidates to lead our ever faithful membership through the trials and tribulations of volunteerism. Good job gang. Special thanks go to this nominating committee — Craig Liebergot, George Flournoy, Marty Matras, Bruce Maughs, Kathy Morgan, Tom Mercer, and Pat Wood.

SUCH When was the last time you heard someone say, I had "**SUCH-A-GOOD-TIME**"? at the _____, or on the _____. Well, that's Space City Ski Club. **SUCH a GOOD CLUB!!**

TTFN (Ta Ta For Now), Tom

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General Meeting

FEBRUARY 14, 1994
at
HOLIDAY INN
(Crowne Plaza)
2222 West Loop South

Meeting Agenda

6:00	Activity Table & Ski Sign up Open
8:00	Announcements
8:30	Door Prize Drawings

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

5	C&W DANCE PARTY
9-13	TAOS SKI TRIP
11	DART TOURNAMENT
12-19	VAIL SKI TRIP
12	MARDI GRAS PARTY
14	GENERAL MEETING
19-26	BANFF SKI TRIP
24	HAPPY HOUR
26	NIGHT AT THE RODEO
27	ROLLER SKATING

MARCH

2-6	CRESTED BUTTE SKI TRIP
6-13	LAKE TAHOE SKI TRIP
10	BOD MEETING
11-12	ST. PATRICK DAY ACTIVITIES
12-19	JACKSON HOLE SKI TRIP
14	GENERAL MEETING
18	BRIDGE PARTY
24	HAPPY HOUR
24-28	PURGATORY SKI TRIP
27-APR 2	SNOWBIRD/ALTA SKI TRIP

APRIL

11	GENERAL MEETING
15	OPERA
17	TENNIS TOURNAMENT
21	HAPPY HOUR

**FOR UP-TO-DATE CLUB
INFORMATION CALL
688-SCSC**



Thursday,
February 24, 1994
5:00pm - 8:00pm

First Drink Free, Free Snacks,
Free Parking - DJ Music



683-0386

18th Street & 610 Loop
#800 Northwest Mall



**Send Articles AND/OR
Comments to:**
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3730 East Creek Club Drive,
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**Directory Change of Address
and Phone Number
and/or Membership Applications
send to:**
Terry McGuinness
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9668 LONGMONT
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77063

From the Ski Desk...



As I WRITE this article (early January) the Breckenridge and Sunlight trips have been successfully completed, and Snowmass I, II and III, Big Mountain, Chamonix and Telluride are all filled to capacity and eagerly awaiting departure. It is hard for me to believe, but as you READ this article, one-half of our trips scheduled for this ski season have already come and gone. WOW!!! In addition, as of January 31st, all final payment dates have passed.

Of the remaining eight trips, there are two which have not filled to capacity. **WHERE ARE ALL OF YOU PEOPLE WHO WANTED US TO RUN A TRIP TO LAKE TAHOE AND SNOWBIRD/ALTA ? ? ? ? ! ! !** Each of these trips are only half full. If any of you are interested, please contact Karen Putney (Lake Tahoe) or Robert Reichel (Snowbird/Alta) ASAP!!!! In order to limit SCSC's loss exposure as a result of contracts, payment dates, penalties, etc., etc. these trips may have to be cut back or eliminated. **SO.....** Don't hesitate if you are **REALLY** interested in going and are willing to write a check. Some major decisions have to be made regarding the status of these trips and there are certain time restraints beyond which we cannot wait to minimize SCSC's liability. Our volunteers who are eagerly running these trips have done a lot of "behind the scenes" work. I am telling you, SCSC's general membership, this because even though a trip doesn't leave until March, you cannot wait until then to make your

decision to participate in it. As a non-profit organization, SCSC has to take extra measures not to lose its (YOURS/OUR) money. This means much effort has already been expended by the volunteers to find lodging, etc. at places which will work with us to hold reservations without SCSC putting up mega bucks. That is why final payment dates are several months earlier than when a trip actually leaves. SCSC does not normally commit itself without having enough money in hand. Your initial trip deposit generally covers the deposits SCSC has to put up for airfare, lodging, etc. **BUT.....** if SCSC doesn't receive your final payment on time (or if a trip does not fill) then there's not enough money to make the next payment per the airfare or lodging agreement. At that point, decisions have to be made regarding the status of whether a trip goes or not. I am explaining this to you so each member (who reads this!) has a better idea of all that goes on behind the scenes. This is not real obvious when you see all the eager and enthusiastic volunteers soliciting their trips at meetings and happy hours. Each volunteer has a vested interest simply due to the amount of time they have spent trying to help make their trip "GO."

Please check the 1993-1994 Ski Trip Schedule for last minute updates on each remaining trip's status regarding availability and/or wait list. Don't hesitate to get on a wait list because a lot of times something happens at the last minute and someone has to cancel off the trip. You may be number 8 on the waitlist, but the seven people in front of you may have already chosen another option or cannot go and just didn't remove themselves from the wait list. Which reminds me, if you are on a wait list on any of the eight remaining trips and you know you can't go, please.....

by Angie (Westergren) Dalehite, VP-Trips

let the TC know. And..... Don't forget about Lake Tahoe and Snowbird/Alta. These two trips both have a lot to offer.

I hope all of you who have already been on trips this year had a **GREAT** time. And.... I hope all of you getting ready to go experience wonderful ski conditions.

To all of you TC's and ATC's who have worked so hard to make these trips successful, our hats are off to you. Thanks to Nancy Sarff, Jim Edwards and Dale Allbritton who do **SO....** much behind the scenes. I appreciate all of you very much, and I am sure everyone else does, too! *

Roller Skating

February 27, 1994

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Cost: \$8.00



Coordinator: Phil Burkhardt
(461-3987)
9530 Vogue
Houston, TX 77080

Roller Skate at Dairy Ashford Roller Rink - 1820 Dairy Ashford Rd
(Between Memorial and Westheimer)
- Food - Soft drinks & Skate rental included

Final Payment: 1/17/94

Family Optional



Space City Ski Club

1993 - 1994 Ski Trip Schedule

Remaining Trips as of February 1, 1994

Trip Dates	Nights/SkiDays	Trip Destination	Cost/Final Pmt	Final Payment	Lodging	Skiers	Status/Waitlist	TC/ATC (DoT)	Home Phone
Feb 9 - 13 (Wed to Sun)	4 / 3½	TAOS New Mexico	\$ 537 <i>includes lift tickets</i>	12/1/93	Kachina Lodge Hotel	42	full waitlist: 0	Cary Faden Jon Trevelise (JE)	667-0111 668-0081
Feb 12 - 19 (Sat to Sat)	7 / 6	VAIL Colorado	\$ 715	12/8/93	Vail International 2/2 condos	44	1 opening	Lynn Burch Larry Christie (NS)	933-2169 802-9801
Feb 19 - 26 (Sat to Sat)	7 / 6	BANFF Alberta, Canada <i>TSC Winter Shootout</i>	\$ 919	12/1/93	Banff Springs Hotel	46	1 opening	Cheryl Houge George Flournoy (JE)	493-0016 621-7174
Mar 2 - 6 (Wed to Sun)	4 / 3½	CRESTED BUTTE Colorado	\$ 493	1/7/94	Mountain Lair Hotel	32	full waitlist: 6	Leona Schroeder Dick Anderson (NS)	468-4609 621-1488
Mar 6 - 13 (Sun to Sun)	7 / 6	LAKE TAHOE Nevada	\$ 715	1/3/94	Harvey Hotel & Casino	40	15 openings	Karen Putney Susan Wicker (JE)	495-4999 465-0186
Mar 12 - 19 (Sat to Sat)	7 / 6	JACKSON HOLE Wyoming <i>TSC Final Showdown</i>	\$ 787	1/7/94	Wind River 4/4 & 3/3 condos	44	full waitlist: 0	Merrel Smith Maggie Paull (NS)	583-9627 461-7937
Mar 24 - 28 (Thu to Mon)	4 / 4	PURGATORY Colorado	\$ 512	1/20/94	Purgatory Village 2/2 condos	42	3 Openings	Barb Huey Ann Clinton (NS)	975-7605 785-6732
Mar 27 - Apr 2 (Sun to Sat)	6 / 5	SNOWBIRD / ALTA Utah	\$ 694	1/31/94	Cliff Lodge Hotel	42	22 openings	Robert Reichel Charlotte Lynn (JE)	661-2151 777-1064

Angie (Westergren) Dalehite
Vice President of Trips
847-1070

Nancy Sarff
Director of Trips
461-9665

Jim Edwards
Director of Trips
955-6675

NOMINEES FOR 1994/95 SCSC OFFICERS

It is with a great deal of pride that your Nominating Committee presents the slate of SCSC officer nominees for 1994/95:

President: Ed Cain
VP-Programs Nancy Sarff
VP-Trips Jim Edwards
VP-Membership Mel Tawney
VP-Publications Craig Campbell
Secretary Sharon Smith
Treasurer Gary Butler

Many thanks to all of the members who volunteered to be officers. Serving on the Nominating Committee is truly an eye-opening experience and is not an easy task; especially when we are lucky (and we do mean lucky) enough to have so many well-qualified volunteers willing to serve this Club as an officer. Unfortunately, there are only seven officer positions. After many extensive interview, the Nominating Committee believes that this slate represents an energetic, talented team of people who will work well together and be a real asset to Space City Ski Club.

The slate of officers nominees will be presented at the February General Meeting at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor (with consent of the nominee) per By-Law 4.5 (found in your SCSC directory). All officer nominees need to bring a brief biography to the meeting for inclusion in the March Sitzmarke. Elections will take place at the March General Meeting.

Respectfully submitted by the 1993/94 Nominating Committee.

Craig T. Liebergot, Chairperson

George Flourmoy
Marty Matras
Bruce Maughs

Kathy Morgan
Pat Wood
Tom Mercer

Happy Valentines Day



February 1994 - Well, we've made it through one whole month of a brand new year. I don't know about you, but it hardly seems possible. Some of you have returned from ski trips, and some of you are getting ready to head off on a ski trip; and in between you're also signing up right and left for all the activities being offered by all our wonderful Activity Coordinators. We are really please at the member response to all of our trips and activities.

I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge our gratitude to our door prize sponsors at the January meeting - ATLAS TRAVEL for the round trip airline ticket on Continental and to TODD LARSON of SUN & SKI SPORTS for the ski boots. Other door prizes were donated by the CROWNE PLAZA, RADIO MUSIC THEATER, and AMC THEATERS. Our door prize sponsors are special to us, so please give them some business when the opportunity presents itself.

I also want to thank all of you who participated in The Houston Food Bank Drive at our December meeting, and also NELSON TURNER who volunteered to handle this for SCSC.

Were you one of the lucky ones who made The Super Bowl party? It was quite a success and my thanks goes out to FRANK ANDREWS the AC and his assistant CONNIE COOK for putting it together. YES, for those of you who care, this means that football season is over! You know, it seems strange to have just 1 activity in January - but we'll make it up to you in the months ahead. We have lots on the calendar.

IVAN BUTTERFIELD will be back with us, at The February Gen-eral Meeting on the 14th, and maybe with some of his "Cowboys"! He's keeping it under wraps as to what will be on the agenda, but he does promise it will be entertaining. Don't forget to wear your western duds to the meeting. YES, I know the 14th is Valentines Day, so bring that special someone with you to the meeting, or use this as an opportunity to introduce someone new to SCSC.

As usual our FEBRUARY happy hour will have the western flavor. Meet us on the 24th at The Longhorn Saloon (at Northwest Mall). The rest of FEBRUARY is filling up fast, so sign up NOW for any of the following activities that tickle your fancy:

- 5th - C&W Night with dinner at the Tin Hall in Cypress
- 11th - Darts Tournament at Big John's Neighborhood Bar
- 12th - Mardi Gras in Galveston
- 26th - Rodeo Night
- 27th - Roller Skating

The next thing you know, it will be March and then April. For MARCH we have on the books the 2nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Party and Parade on the 11th and 12th. This activity was a great success last year and TOM FITZPATRICK promises an even bigger event this year!

APRIL is also filling up with a Night at the Opera on the 15th - don't forget to mail in your tax return before joining us! Then on the 16th we have a Pub Crawl. You can use the Pub Crawl to celebrate the refund you are waiting for, or to help you forget you had to pay.

It's time to ask for VOLUNTEERS again - and we have TWO areas where we need assistance:

1. We have begun our search for volunteers for the ANNUAL FOLLIES at the May General Meeting. All you have to do is call Mel Tawney or me to volunteer for any of the areas available -from helping to coordinate the Follies, to performing on stage (for those who like the spot light), to the numerous back stage operations - we have a spot just for YOU!!!
2. We are also looking for that certain someone to head up the committee for our ANNUAL VOLUNTEER PARTY. Call Mel or me NOW to volunteer.

We are also working on a bunch of other activities that have to be approved, but FYI are heading your way: a tennis tournament (tentatively April 17th), a golf tournament, a bridge tournament (in March), a road rally (tentatively April 24th), a wildflower bike ride which may include camping (tentatively the week-end of April 29th), a HISD School Painting Project, and the annual Texas Ski Council Summer Vacation Week-end (last year at Corpus Christi).

We are also looking at other activities and coordinators for a week-end in Las Vegas and/or an evening the Star of Texas (the gambling ship), Space Center Houston, Moody Gardens, a Luau, and Meet Me At The Theater Night at the Alley.

And last, but certainly not least, I again want to thank our hard working Ambassadors for their assistance at the meetings and happy hours. This includes Jeff Sarff and Pat Wood who head up our Ambassadors. The guests and new members love the personal attention and assistance. Keep up the good work!

BRECKENRIDGE - TSC FALL ROUNDUP

Gunnar Heyne

Tuesday finally arrived and our 60 skiers were ready to board the plane. After a two-hour delay, we did! Then - everybody off and back in the terminal for two MORE hours, because of Denver's snow covered limited runways.

A large part of our group, including **Terry McGuiness, Denise Loos, Peggy and Jerry Montgomery, Kim Page, Gary and Charles Butler and Jim and Gayle Booth** made sure the airport lounge was not going bankrupt.

After a 10 P.M., departure, we made it to our condos at 4 A.M.!!! And snow? Yes, everywhere, including one of our coldest temperatures anyone has witnessed skiing in. After a short "nap" - **TC Lorna Jones** just stayed up - everybody came to **Gunnar's** condo for breakfast.

First injury of the season was **Steven Hearst** who ended up in a knee brace after his first day on the slopes. Our other "Steve", **Steve Larson**, got altitude sickness on the third day and spent his time resting - missing the races. The above two "Steves" were condomates - thus **Joyce Ryan** and **Ann Harvey's** condo was VERY quiet.

That evening everyone came to our SCSC Light up the Sky party loaded down with lots of food and snacks. And then **Betty Todd, Bill Bates, Calvin Doddy** and **Karen Geiger** was spotted dancing the night away at the TSC Welcome Party. **Gary Butler** and **Nancy Sarff** were great "door watchers" - nobody took'em!

Turkey day started off with **Nelson Turner** wanting to stay in and watch Women's Bikini Beach Volleyball on TV instead of skiing. The TSC

Thanksgiving Dinner was prepared to perfection. Then everybody braced themselves in below zero temperatures waiting for the shuttle. **Elyse Turla** was seen walking by herself uphill to her condo... **Gary Butler** and **ATC Gunnar Heyne** were the only one's waiting outside - in open jackets!! **Tom Mercer, Pam Holder, Susan and Frank Stanley**, left the cold of Breckenridge for the gondolas in Vail and Copper Mountain. And then we through they stayed in their condos the whole time!

Jenna Lewis and **David Schein** survived record cold temperatures to take three days of ski lessons on their first ski trip. **Dave** had icicles on his mustache all three days!

And then came Friday - race day. **Don Crabtree** and **Remy Salinas** did an excellent job as race directors. In our club races, **Alex Potter** got the GOLD - finishing up with seven silver and six bronze medals. In the individual races **George Hirasaki** and **Kayleen Kill** came through with the GOLD.

That evening a large group had a great time at the TSC Karaoke Party at the "Maggies". Breckenridge's Marketing Director, **Alan Palmer**, was doing a real table dance while **Peggy Montgomery** and **TC Lorna Jones** pulled off his clothes all the way down to his boxer shorts. And then came the dollar bills! **Remy Salinas** was on stage doing a solo song, surrounded by ten beautiful snowbunnies. **Elyse Turla** found a new diet - have a male rub your feet and forget about eating!!

Friday continued to be a great frosty ski day. **Donna Kidwell** brought her spring skiing clothes and froze - until **Sylvia Schroth** insisted that she wear



one of her outfits. Then she continued her mission by skiing four more good men into oblivion. At this rate there will soon be no men left in the club.

Nolan Badeaux had a series of aches: frozen fingers, hurting gums and a bad knee. Why did **Don Crabtree** rent three pairs of skis and three pairs of boots? **Jimmy St. Clair** through he ought to send a U-haul for his next ski trip.

The Breckenridge Street Party and hot-air balloon festival was witnessed by a few hard core Eskimos.

Aaron Storch and **Donna Dibetta** were seen shopping, hugging and enjoying the nighttime scenery. **Terry McGuiness** was ready to dispose of

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BRECKENRIDGE

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anyone who refused not to eat Now! Ask **TC Lorna Jones** how she managed to do the Brewski beer tasting crawl, not spilling a drop of beer while executing a nice three-point fall on the below-zero degree frozen Main Street.

The awards party on Saturday got us the trophy for first place in the TSC club races. Great job to all of you who participated!!

Notable Notes:

Ask **Jeff Sarff** why he prefers gloves to mittens.

David Bellezza heard from **Ron Brandow** that he talks in his sleep, but no amount of persuading could get him to tell what was said.

Kim Page's hair gives great hat!

Don't say "wide angle" to **Nancy Sarff**.

Nolan Badeaux wiped out racing, crawled back up hill and finished the race.

Steve Tacconelly practiced on the self-timer and beat **Kayleen Kill** several times. Then went out and fell in the club race.

Gerrie Ceru spent five days wandering in the hallways of Beaver Run Resort.

On our last day **David Bellezza** didn't ski - he was busy fishing his charge cards out of the hot tub....?

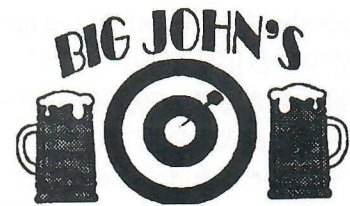
Pat Van Tassel tucked everyone in with the huge stock of extra blankets left by housekeeping when they found out our heater was frozen.

Sunday's warmer weather was enjoyed by a number of last minute morning skiers. After a quick journey to Houston, an icy fun filled trip will long be remembered.

DART TOURNAMENT

FEBRUARY 11, 1994

**BIG JOHN'S
NEIGHBORHOOD
SPORTS BAR**



Location: Wilcrest at Harwin

Time: 7 - 9:30 p.m.

Cost: \$6.00

**Free pizza - 501 Blind Draw
Doubles Dart**

Trophies to top three (3) teams

Cash prizes for mystery out and high out

Coordinator: Milt Kramer

(Home) 558-6427

(Ofc.) 245-3265

13714 HallowGreen Drive

Houston, TX 77083

Adults Only

MARDI GRAS IN GALVESTON

FEBRUARY 12, 1994

1:30 p.m. to ?????

COST \$26.00



Coordinator:

Charles Morgan (A.C.)

Kathy Morgan (A.A.C.)

5609 Innsbruck

Bellaire, TX 77401

(Home) 669-1377

Relax and let someone else do the driving. Beer, wine, soft drinks and munchies served on the bus going and coming. Dress up if you want. Big Mardi Gras Parade with name entertainment. We will be staying after the parade so you can plan dinner on the Strand or to stroll and shop.

Final Payment January 27, 1994 *Adults Only*

RODEO NIGHT

February 26, 1994

7:00 p.m. - ??

Cost \$10.00



Coordinator:

Susan Wicker (465-0186)

8283 Kingsbrook #261

Houston, TX 77024

Let's go Rodeoing!!! Only 75 tickets available -

See me or mail in your check

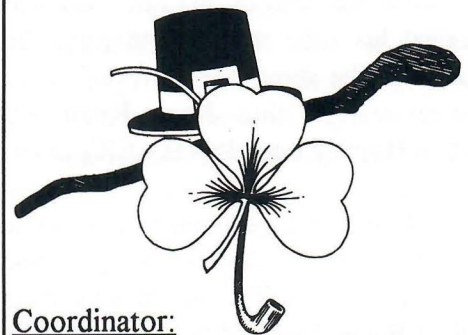
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ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY AND PARADE

MARCH 11th and 12th 1994

Time to be Announced

COST \$20.00



Coordinator:

Tom Fitzpatrick

9337 Katy Freeway, #150

Houston, TX 77024

(Home) 465-0459

Party Friday night. Join the Houston Downtown St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday - then on to GRIF's for a fun-filled afternoon.

Final Payment February 24, 1994 *Adults Only*



For those who missed the December general meeting we celebrated two early Christmas presents. We presented special recognition awards to top trophy winning "Breckenridge Blizzard Brats" as R-D **DON CRABTREE** calls them. The awards were as follows:

CLUB RACE

NASTAR DIVISION

Fastest Woman	- Kayleen Kill -	Silver
Fastest Man	- George Hirasaki -	Silver
Special Award	- Alex Potter -	SCSC ONLY GOLD!

CHALLENGER DIVISION

Fastest Woman -	Darlene Hirasaki -	Black
Fastest Man -	Bryan Gantt -	Black

INDIVIDUAL RACE

Fastest Senior Man -	George Hirasaki -	Gold
Fastest Woman -	Kayleen Kill -	Gold

four in a row. My personal goal this year was to put together a win for us - not an easy feat - considering Clear Lakes ability. With the aid of 18 valiant entries and some serious practice race day was marked by considerable commotion and confusion.

Our host Oshman's **Stan Poladsky** became overwhelmed with questionable race procedures, scoring and apparent miscalculation. When the smoke cleared Clear Lake supposedly won 214 to 209! Later analysis showed Space City won after all - thus breaking a four year death grip on the highly coveted trophy. Thanks goes to **Gary and Stan** but most of all it belongs to the following Rug Rats!!!

Dale Allbritton
Jill Allen
Diane Bieling
John Burk
Ed Cain
Craig Campbell
Gerri Ceru
Larry Christie
Marco De Bary

Merlyn Harger
Darlene Hiraski
Scott Keller
Lynne Masters
Doug Nordhaus
Billie Nowak
Deborah Purdin
Leona Schroeder
Dan Simpson

A **WARM THANKS!** to R-Ds **Don Crabtree**, **Remy Salinal** and all 41 Blizzard Brats for starting our race season with a first place trophy - erroneously engraved - **KEYSTONE!**

Houston, TX. The Oshman's Downhill - a postscript, **CHRISTMAS SURPRISE #2** was a letter and trophy from Clear Lake Area Ski Club President, **Gary Kuchinski** to Space City President, **Tom Hogle** which was read at the December meeting by **Ed Cain**. It stated:

"Friendly competition is one of the cornerstones that builds strong bonds. And with friendly competition comes humility and grace. So it is with as much humility and grace as I can muster that I present you with the Oshman's Houston Downhill Trophy that Space City Ski Club rightfully won last November 17th. We understand that a scoring error was responsible for wrongly awarding the trophy to Clear Lake.

We look forward to more racing, working and partying with our Space City friends. See you on the Mountain!"

Gary said it all. In the eight year history of the Downhill Space City has won twice and Clear Lake has won the last

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1993 ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY

By Don Crabtree

The 1993 annual SCSC Halloween Party was celebrated at Dirty's Restaurant and Club on Chimney Rock on a clear, chilly night complete with full moon. As advertised, it was bigger (140 people) and better than last year's extravaganza held at the Autumn Chase Townhomes Clubhouse.

This year's costumes were simply the most unique and original mine eyes have ever seen! **Remy Salinas** claimed best male costume by serving up his head on a platter supported by an elegantly appointed table complete with candle and all the trimmings! Best ladies trophy was award to **Linda** (one-night-stand) **Albright**, disguised as a bedside night stand complete with smutty novel, jar of vaseline and assorted bedroom toys. I wonder if the above outfits were purchased at Party World or Gallery Furniture!

If you think these were original, **Merrel Smith** appeared as Norman Bates and wife **Sharon** posed as Janet Leigh in a re-creation of the shower scene in the movie "Psycho". **Sharon** actually came in a shower stall while **Merrel** periodically slashed and punctured her with a rubber knife. (Boy, this is Halloween at it's very best)!

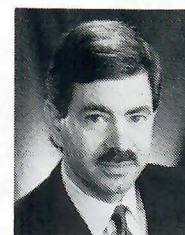
Other notable impersonations were: **Kevin Bishop** (Captain Hook), **Richard Buglar** (Rowdy Biker), **Ivan Butterfield** (the mysterious, masked, moronic medic), **Penny Chancey** (the generous trick or treat basket), **Ray Davis** and **Lourdes Coyle** (everybody's favorite pirate team), **Dell Davidson** (in his 98th rendition of Zorro) **Nancy Boelson** and **Robert Bowers** (nursing home residents out for their last romp), **Joan Dial** (Devil with a dirty face), **Tom Fitzpatrick** (basic Dracula), **Carolyn Guthry** (basic Bat-woman), **Joy Hamer** (lady-in-a-shower-stall). What are the odds of two water-freaks participating in the same party???



Gunnar and **Renate Heyne** (Hansel and Gretle), **Jo Ann Lane** (Miss Saturn - I can't describe it, you had to be there to believe it), **Sue Salvage**, **Kay Cain**, **Denise Loos** (all witches ranging from ugly to extremely ugly), **Jeff** and **Nancy Sarff** (cat and mouse - in heat), **Gary** and **Sharon Sequeira** (black recluse spiders from outer space), **Jimmy St. Clair** (Lawrence of Arabia with **Jill Hebl** as his favorite concubine), **Dana Wardell** (in her second forgery of H. Ross Perot), **Pat Wood** (the most contented cow in a herd of many two-legged heifers).

The coveted "Booby" awards went to **Sara Green** as the "Flooziest" and **Ed Cain** as the "Scuzziest". (Once again, you had to see it to believe it).

In conclusion, I want to thank the sign-up and decorating volunteers composed of **Nancy Boelson**, **Robert Bowers**, **Llona Doubet**, **Becky Hall**, **Richard Hall**, **Jeri Hartman**, **Terry McGuinness**, **Bill Kirk** and **Mary Millsap**. Also, special kudos for my assistant coordinator, the lovely **Clair Love!** *



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DICKENS ON THE STRAND



Dickens on the Strand was just grand! On Dec. 4, 35 of our Lords and Ladies bused to Galveston for this ever so festive event. Galveston's historical society surely does a superb job in organizing this most entertaining crown jewel of holiday celebrations. Hundreds of authentically costumed performers, bobbies, beefeaters and vendors bring this bustling victorian cityscape to life. The pomp and pageantry recreates the London of Charles Dickens and brought those lovely smiles to the faces of our **Pat Dezell, Barb Huey, Betsy Goodnow, Craig Campbell and Lucile Landis**. God blessed us with ideal weather.

ATC **Bill Morley** entertained the bus group enroute with his "Boom Carols" and those ever present low calorie drinks and snacks. Thanks for your help **Bill**. The likes of **Carol Tapal, Patrick Wood** and the loo one (delightful **Denise**) livened up our travel time. Biker **David** followed our bus and joined us there.

The parade arrived at the strand just as we did. Our authentically garbed **Barb Tuley, Gerrie Ceru** and **Pat Van Tassel** were encouraged to display their classic ensembles by joining the parade. **Marianne Pearce, Robert Dickerson, Margaret Rhode** and **Martha Martin** enjoyed from the sidelines. The group of **Pat, Gerrie, Jan Schroif, Marian Caggiano, David** and **Roger Holzman** were highly entertained by our costumed and ever-bubbly **Inge Coon's** continuous flirting with the King's Guards and Bobbies

and getting responses. **Inge** does know how to have fun. They then relaxed over drinks on the balcony of the Trumpeters Club, where a young group of well-imbibed Louisiana coonassess entertained them with their suggestive antics and tricks. Lots of laughs.

The multitude of street entertainers and activities on the Strand kept the likes of **Cindy Jackson, Charles King, Dee Zook, Carol Faulkner** and **Sharon Broughton** from venturing elsewhere for holiday tours of historic mansions. Thousands of people with smiling faces and victorian garb were everywhere, enjoying stage musicals, choral groups, jugglers, antique carriages, bands, bagpipers and dancers. Even homeless street people joined the fun and got onstage to join the dancing.



The dance floor of a club with "unusual clientele" found **Sara Green, Bruce Kilgore, Judy Vaughn, Tom Firtzgerald** and **Michiko Miller** happily partaking. They asked **Patricia Davenport** if the mistletoe worn by her dance partner improved the atmosphere. We believe so!

Also enjoying the British pageantry were **Ladonna Porter, Austin Allen, Bobbie Lowery** and **Bill Cochran**. After seven hours of a dickens of a time we returned to our bus with fun-filled hearts and smiling faces. To the 14 lads and lasses who signed up for this trip and then cancelled we all say "You missed a jolly good time."

Attention future SCSC volunteers. This is an ideal activity to coordinate. You need plan nothing. The festival

itself is a true joy and does it for you. Your reward will be hearing the comments from the participants as I did - "Twas a bloody joy", "Really Different and Exciting", "Great Fun", "I loved this trip", "Fun group from SCSC", "Great Beginning to the holiday season" and "Thank you for arranging this fantastic trip." In turn, I say thank you Galveston, Charles Dickens and the 35 happy partakers who each helped create this truly fun outing. *

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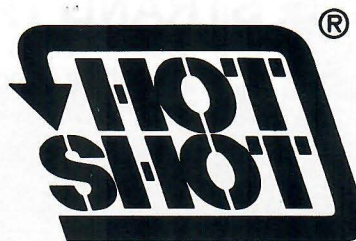
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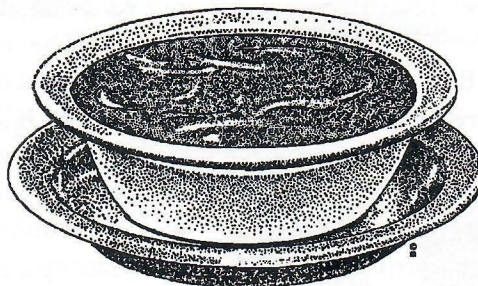
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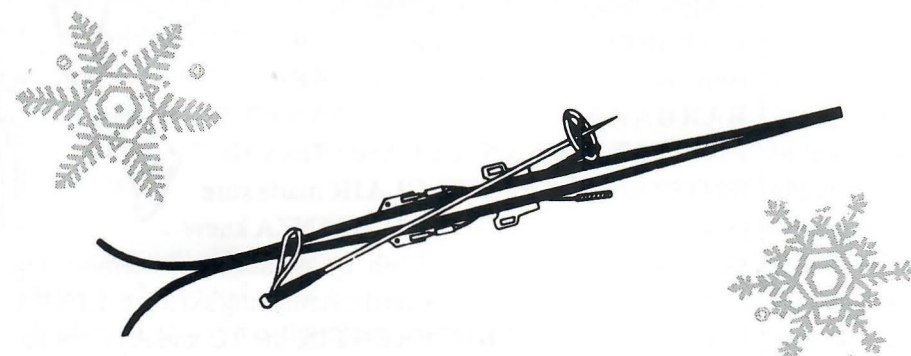
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Debbie Corson

If you weren't one of 33 sets of buns, er, SCSCers who joined the Fertle family in Dumpster, Texas for their annual blow-out at Weiner Day at the Rollercade, you really missed a great evening! We laughed and carried on like "a bunch of little baby owls" (ask someone who went).

About 20 of us gathered for fajitas and nachos at Little Pappasito's. Small tables made checking out quicker and in the smaller settings we got to meet some new friends we had not previously met. We then trekked a block away to the Radio Music Theatre for a rib-tickling, guffawing, good time. Those of us who had not been there before were really pleasantly surprised that three people can put on an entire show with so much variety in characters. It was great. These super-talented three people would only change wigs, glasses, hats and you would see this entirely different person standing there, e.g., in one scene you see "bubba" who is at least one pickle shy of a barrel and in the next scene, baseball cap changed for a wig, is his jealous, scheming sister. One man goes from old pappa the Baptist minister, to Country Wayne Duke (heart throbs do we need here in Houston anyway with all us great SCSC hunks and hunkettes, right!), to his somewhat wimpy brother. These three are really talented actors, comedians and signers.

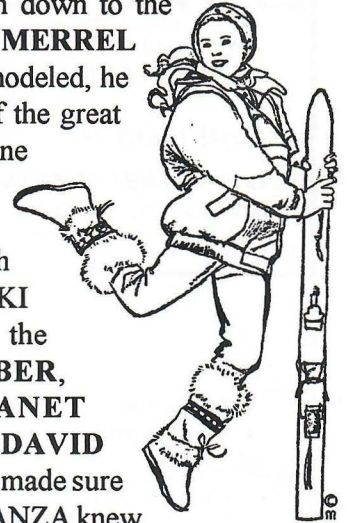
Everyone loved the show and had a great time. **Sue Salvage**, **Tom Hogel**, and I wondered why we had never been there before. If some of the characters remind you of anyone you know (like your family members) we may be related! We discovered that Vienna sausages were weiner foreplay, invented country-reggae music, survived a nuclear disaster, and confessed our wickedest sins (I wonder why **Ron Shifely** got SO tickled about "taking a grown man swimming"???). I guess **Connie** must have tickled him about that time. It didn't matter, the Weiner Queen forgave us all and, brother, you haven't been saved till you've been saved by a Weiner Queen!

My thanks to **Carmen Baez** for assisting at the activity table and "carpooling" from the restaurant to the theater. Thirty lashes with a wet noodle to me - I forgot the camera!! Sorry there are no photos of all the fun. Trust me. *

OSHMANN'S SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA!!!

by Peggy Montgomery

If you didn't stop by the OSHMAN'S at Gessner and I10 for this event you missed some great buys and a fantastic style show! Those that attended received an extra 20% off items in the ski department, even sale items!! The SCSC models for the style show certainly took advantage of the bargains --we understand model, **SHARON SMITH**, bought the complete outfit she modeled, even down to the apres ski boots! Although model, **MERREL SMITH**, didn't buy the outfit he modeled, he managed to also take advantage of the great prices by picking up a stunning one piece outfit. While SCSC models **PHYLLIS ANDERS** and **LLONA DOUBET**, along with models from the HOUSTON SKI JAMMERS, were "heating up" the runway, SCSCers **JOHN WEBER**, **BARBARA WEBER**, **JANET PICKELL**, **SUSAN BLOME**, **DAVID STOTZ** and **JIMMY ST. CLAIR** made sure people attending the EXTRAVAGANZA knew all about Space City Ski Club by passing out membership applications and information on the remaining ski trips. **LINDA LICARIONE** and **ERIC PRENTIS**, the TC and ATC for the Big Mountain trip also came by to promote their upcoming trip. Seen stopping by to say hello and take in the sale were relatively new SCSC members **GERRI CERU** and **DAVID BELLEZZA**, who had just gotten back from their first ski trips with the club. One final note on this event--**NANCY SARFF** will tell you it pays to complete registration cards--she was the big winner of the evening--two roundtrip tickets anywhere Continental flies in the domestic U.S. Think her husband, **JEFF**, might have gotten another ski trip for Christmas?!?!?



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Tom Danowski

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Our talented crew of artists painted two complete "temp" buildings, in addition to finishing up the leftovers from an earlier group's project.



Special acknowledgements are in order for some notable performances. **Joe Brothers** brought along a high-tech industrial strength Two-Headed Monster paint sprayer from Monarch Paints. **Sue Button** showed advance supervisory skills by keeping **Joe**, the Monster, and their supporting crew in continual production. Fashion statements abounded - **Marti Toomer**, in her triple-duty jogging, oil change, and painting jumpsuit - **Richard Hall**, judiciously attired in hard-to-miss Hazard Orange - **Valerie Vaughan** in versatile, lightweight paint impermeable slip-ons. **Reggie Teer** and **Dave Murawski** share the honors for greatest volume of brown trim paint applied. No doubt neither will ever again eat anything that looks like chocolate! **Pat Wood** gets Early Bird honors for showing up before the coordinator even got there. Guess who gets to be coordinator next time, **Pat**! And special administrative acknowledgement goes to **Sue Salvage**,

who made sure all those SCSC release forms were signed, and managed to not tough a paint brush all day!

There were unconfirmed reports during the day that George Bush was spotted in the distance, nodding approvingly and mumbling something about "Points of Light." Bill Clinton had also stated during his campaign that he and Hillary would be there to help us, but he broke that promise, too!



Although the Bonham Elementary kids will likely never know that **Jeri Hartman**, **Denise Loos**, **Donna Hahus**, **Judy McKinney**, **Debbie Corson**, **Linda Albright**, and **Betsy Goodnow** painted their school, be assured that you have brightened their school days and their hard working teachers really appreciate your work!



Several of our painters have already reported how much better conditioned for skiing and other activities they feel after only this one easy painting exercise. So to those SCSC'ers who couldn't join us this time, take note - we'll see you in the Spring! There are only about 60 more school campuses left to go! ❄



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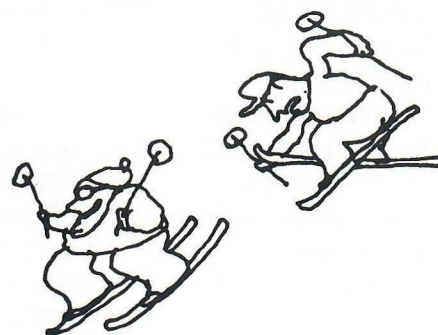
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TEXAS SKI COUNCIL REPORT

On December 11, 1993 the quarterly meeting of the Texas Ski Council was held in Houston. The SCSCers attending were Ted & Debbie Bergeron, Kim Page, Jerry Montgomery, Craig Liebergot, Sharon & Merrel Smith, Jim Edwards and Ed Cain.

Before the meeting began the 1993 Oshman's Houston Downhill trophy was ceremoniously presented to Space City Ski Club by our friends with the Clear Lake Ski Club. The night of the downhill ski race the score was erroneously totaled and the trophy presented to Clear Lake.

TSC President Rhonda McGree called the meeting to order; 16 of the 19 clubs were represented. The total number dropped from 20 as the Texas Renegades did not renew their membership.

We welcomed a new TSC sponsor Sun & Ski Sports. In a brief talk given by Sun & Ski president, Barry Goldmore, he said all members of clubs belonging to TSC will be given a 10% discount on all merchandise. This is a special privilege so carry your SCSC membership card and be sure to thank them. PS-there has been some confusion about this policy with some of the sales personnel but the store managers are informed.

Members of the TSC nominating committee are Jack Macey, Tim Waynecoop and our Craig Liebergot. Nominations are due March 1, 1994.

This year's bid package will emphasize travel as well as accommodations. Brenda Herman, Kenny Maden, Glenda Lehigh and our Debbie Bergeron are on the pre-select committee. The pre-select committee needs input from the clubs on where they want to go. All clubs were again reminded to vote for only trips their members will attend.

The TSC trip comps have been extended to the TSC Race Director, our Ted Bergeron, by the TSC board of directors. Ted clarified the following race rule. "Racers must race with their

home club if the club is on the trip, even if, they came with another club. If the racer has a dual membership, the racer must race with the club with which they came. Another question Ted brought up that is to be resolved at a future meeting, "Should the VP of a TSC trip be allowed to permit a former ski racer to race? If so, should they have raced 5, 10, 20, or 30 years ago?"

Dave Corbin, VP Marketing, thinks the best traveling prices for the clubs may be working through a travel agency. After contacting several agencies, Dave has been working with Journeys Unlimited. This may be of particular benefit to the small clubs of the council.

Richard Davidson of Ski Austria gave a lengthy but informative talk "Where we are going as a ski industry?" Highlights of the talk: last year the US industry had 54 million skier-days with approximately 10 million skiers. Skiing is a mature industry. Ten years ago 75% of skiers were under 35 years. Last year 45% were under 35. Ten years ago there were 845 ski areas, now there are only 529 areas. Small areas have been the fatalities. Ski equipment factories are running at 50-60% capacity. There are 2150 ski clubs in the US with 880,000 members.

The summer bash to be held in Corpus Christi on June 23-26 will be known as the "Summer Meltdown" this year. It was decided not to select a permanent name at this time.

The officers training seminar will be held on a Saturday in July, not in conjunction with the Summer Meltdown. Members of the training committee are Glenda Lehigh, Don Thomas, and our Dick Howard and Debbie Bergeron.

The TSC Cookbook is ready to go with 160 recipes; SCSC has agreed to take 50 books to sell, see the "Logo Ladies".

Ski Trips..

Fall Round Up - 18 Clubs - 650 skiers - 41 never ever skiers - 484 racers. COLD! As many of you know

by Ed Cain, TSC Representative

SCSC won 1st in Division 1.

All clubs were reminded to submit their evaluation form.

Traditional - 13 Clubs - 825 skiers. Aspen Ski Co. worked out a management agreement with Aspen Highlands owner, Houstonian, Gerald Hines, so ski tickets are now interchangeable between all 4 Aspen ski areas.

Expedition - 122 skiers.

Winter Shootout - 13 clubs - 250 skiers.

It has been a long time since this has happened and Kim assured everyone she had nothing to do with the fact that Space City Ski Club was drawn first in the race order.

Final Showdown - 418 skiers. SCSC 7th club to race.

The next TSC meeting will be the bid meeting in San Antonio April 15-17. The meeting is open to all members. See ya' there.

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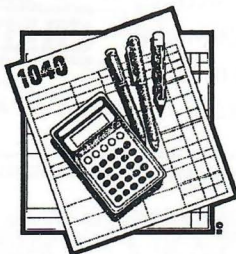
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AFTER TAX PUB CRAWL

April 16, 1994

7 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

Cost \$10.00



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tax cheers. Crawl includes
beverages on the bus and a trip to
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**Meeting place and agenda to be
announced**

Coordinator: Sue Sedwick
785-3218

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SPRING TENNIS TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 1994



Time: 3 - 6 p.m.

Location: Fondren Tennis Club
3035 Crossview
Houston, TX 77063

Cost: \$22.00

Coordinator: Arlen R. Isham
#455-4858 (Home)
#666-1130 (Office)
12803 Pedria Street
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Six rounds of tennis - 30 minutes
per round - Levels A & B for men
and women - 24 men, 24 women -
48 total.

Pizza, snacks, beer and soft drinks

Trophies to winners

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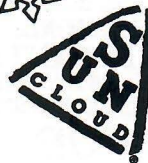


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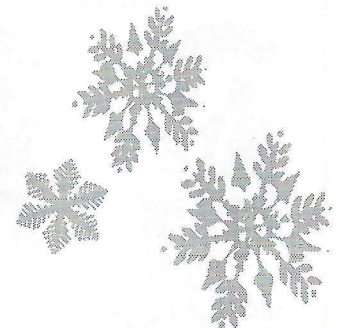
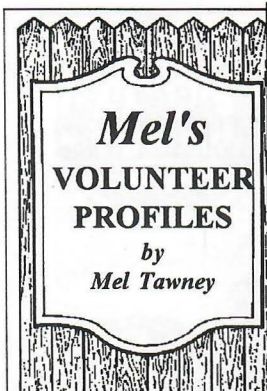


PHOTO CONTEST April General Meeting

Coordinator: Don Crabtree - 589-7661

Join your fellow club members in displaying your favorite photos.
Many divisions to display your photographic talents.

MORE DETAILS IN FUTURE ISSUES



NAME	Marti Toomer	Tom Mercer (Not Holder)	Jill Hebl	Joe Daleo
BIRTHPLACE	Oak Ridge, TX	Brenham, TX	Alton, Illinois	St. Joseph, MO
AGE	37	46	21+++++	36
OCCUPATION	Financial Analyst	Environmental Representative, Shell Dev. Company	Account	Service Engineer for Ford Motor Company
JOINED SCSC IN	1986	1974	1985	1987
MARITAL STATUS	Single (but still trying)	Absolutely	Single	Single
SKIING LEVEL	Intermediate	Better than I think	Intermediate	Intermediate
PREVIOUS SCSC TRIPS	Steamboat, Winter Park, Snowmass, Baniff, Heavenly, Breckenridge(3)	Too many to list but love Snowmass, Jackson Hole	Steamboat, Crested Butte, Breckenridge, Winter Park, Whistler/Blackcomm, Vail	Too many to remember but favorite is Snowmass
I FOUND OUT ABOUT SCSC BY	Amy Baldwin, a friend of Mike and Gloria Rooney	"Star & Stripes" Military Newspaper while serving America	Margie McIntyre	A friend who quit after I joined
I JOINED SCSC TO	Ski with fun people	To ski - Meet some folks	Ski, Meet people, have fun skiing	Ski, Ski, meet women, Ski and Ski
HOBBIES	Running, Hiking, keeping Nelson Turner out of trouble	Snow/water skiing; golf?	Travelling, Cooking, Skiing, Scuba Diving?	Skiing of course, motorcycle, golf, dancing
PREVIOUS NASTAR MEDALS	Bronze	Through Gold	No, Are you kidding?	Bronze
VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE IN SCSC	Board member 93/94, Treasurer 92/93, Winter Park TC, Snowmass ATC, MFA Fun Run AC, Membership to Follies Volunteer	From "John Boy" to "PPM" - It's been great fun and great people	Lifliners, Ambassadors, Wine Tasting, Follies, Assisant Treasurers	Race director Aspen, Race for the Cure, Ambassador at club meetings

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