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Head of the Lifeline

by Ed Cain

WE'RE MOVING!!!!

Welcome to a new year everyone who has paid their dues! If you are reading a friend's copy because you didn't send in your dues and missed your *Sitz*, send your check and application, signed, to MEL TAWNEY today.

Pull up a chair for our fireside chat. Actually you can sit on the sand beside the TSC Summer Meltdown bonfire on the Corpus Christi beach. I hope you remembered to bring the marshmallows I reminded you to bring during last month's chat. If there is something you would like me to discuss in upcoming chats, please give me a call.

We are going to have a new home this year. Our meeting will be at the SHERATON GRAND HOTEL, northeast corner of the intersection of Westheimer and Loop 610. This is the hotel where we met before we moved to the Holiday Inn. I think everyone will be impressed with their newly remodeled interior. It looks great! They are really interested in our business. One of the biggest changes you will appreciate is the roomy anti area outside the ballroom. This means plenty of room to visit and drink before the meeting and a place to go if you need to talk during the program.

I hope most of you passed the couch potato test (*See May Sitz*).

The volunteer appreciation party great again this year, coordinated by LOURDES COYLE, PETE THORPE and LINDA HENRY. Most of all a great big thanks to RON & ROBERTA RAMBIN for the use of their gorgeous house.

The Hunt for Redfish Sail was a blast! Thank you, RON BRANDON for coordinating a fun time for all.

While we are enjoying the lazy days of summer, JIM EDWARDS, VP - Trips, the DOTS, TCs and ATCs are busy getting our ski trips ready for early sign up.

News Flash!! If you are at any of our activities and there are any birds around stay away from NANCY SARFF, VP - Activities. Ask her why.

REMEMBER TO TELL YOUR FRIENDS THAT HAVE NOT RENEWED THEIR MEMBERSHIP YET ABOUT OUR NEW MEETING LOCATION!



**NO
General
Meeting**

**There will be no
General Meeting in
June, July or August.
We'll see you at the
Happy Hours until
September 19.**



HAPPY HOURS



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Programs

by Nancy Sarff, V. P. Programs



Many thanks to **Ron Brandow** for a very successful **Hunt for Redfish Sail**. Word has it that Ron has a special friend "up there" 'cause it rained everywhere, but not a drop (*rain, that is*) on them!

As I write this article in early June for the July *Sitz*, I foresee the following: **Sy Liebergot** and his diving "crew" are busypacking for their trip to Bonaire, which leaves Saturday the 11th. I know we'll all look forward to their sharing of "Kodak" moments and stories from the deep! On the homefront, **Stu Traver** will have run our "Spring" Golf Tournament at the Woodlands North Course. Too bad we missed the springtime weather, but I understand golfers "putter" regardless of the weather! And, speaking of heat, the TSC Summer Melt_{down} with **Jeri Hartman** and **Jane Orr** will have their share of "Kodak" moments and stories to tell!

Now that summer's here, have you made your summertime vacation plans? If not, we may be able to help. Have you ever wanted to go on Safari in Africa? We thought you did, that's why SCSC is planning a **Safari Adventure**, including food...without ever leaving Houston (*don't need to worry about how many suitcases to pack and lug!*) **John Weber** has planned this Safari "mind" adventure **July 31st** in conjunction with the IMAX...Africa the Serengeti and dinner at the Black Eyed Pea. Look for his "ad" in this *Sitz* and give him a call...don't delay...a chance to go on Safari with your SCSC friends doesn't come along that often, especially for **\$15.50** per person!

If the summer heat's really *gettin'* you down, and you long for the c-o-o-l, refreshing moments that only wintertime gives you, join **Joe Giammarco** and cool off **August 19th** at the Sharpstown Ice Center for an **Evening on Ice**. Joe has planned a funfilled evening for us...including eats, and, a half-hour lesson with an instructor (*for those who've never skated or haven't skated in a l-o-n-g, l-o-n-g time(!)*)...all for only **\$8.50** per person. Look for his ad and give him a call...who knows...just knowing you signed up for this activity could c-o-o-l you off!!

If the Beach scene is more to your liking, **Susan Wicker** and **Joe Cannata** hope you'll make it to **Acapulco** (*Village, Galveston, that is!*) with them, the weekend of **September 23-25!** They've put together a really fun-filled weekend for only **\$70.00** per person. Look for their ad and remember...space is limited, so sign up fast!

If you didn't get your fill of rodeos, cowboys, cowgirls, horses and Bar-B-Q this spring, **Lisa Smith** will give you the opportunity to be a participant and change you into a real buckaroo! Mark your calendars for **October 15th**, 'cause this shindig will fill up fast. It's a repeat of the funfilled, very successful **Trailride 'n Bar-B-Q** dinner SCSC ran last year...so head 'em up and move 'em out (*translation: call Lisa and send your check!*)

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Spring Tennis Tournament

APRIL 17, 1994

by Arlen Isham



Fondren Tennis Center provided the site for the SCSC Spring Tennis Tournament on April 17th. Forty two men and women signed up and 38 showed up to play mixed doubles for three hours and then eat pizza and drink libations.

It was a hectic start since the "A" and "B" brackets were set up for people who did not show up. The group adjusted to the substitute player plan after the first round. It did cause some strange matchups during the day since some people ended up playing against or with people from earlier rounds.

Since there were only 18 women, they had to work hard since they had to play every round. **Barbara Kyle** was the first casualty when her recently reworked legs gave out. She was a sport to play nearly all the six rounds considering.

Results for the "A" Flight were:

	Men	Women
1st Place	Kevin Bishop	Kathy Young
2nd Place	Lee Swords	Carol Dixon
3rd Place	Hatley Chelin	Elisa Sheppard

Results for the "B" Flight were:

	Men	Women
1st Place	John Burk	Eileen Foody
2nd Place	Joe Brothers	Marilyn McClay
3rd Place	Howard Holsenbeck	Cheryl Houge

Joe Brothers and **John Burke** tied for first place but **Joe** beat **John** in their head-to-head match. **Joe** was very proud of his trophy.

Several people stayed around to help eat more pizza and drink a few more beers. See the pictures to see if you were one of the relaxed group. There were about 11 video movies and ten "T" shirts given away as door prizes.

"A" and "B" brackets were set up by players evaluating their tennis skills using the USTA Tennis Skill Level Evaluation for 1.0 (*Beginner*) to 5.0 (*Near Expert*). This evaluation goes to 7.0 and interesting enough no one in SCSC said they were 7.0. For the men, everyone who evaluated themselves 4.0 or higher were in "A's". Below 4.0 ratings were in "B" class. **Martin Matras** wants to reclassify himself to get out of "A" bracket. That was an even split of the men. For the women, it was the same arrangement with the exception of two 3.5 women who played in the "A" bracket. Those two women had played "A" before.

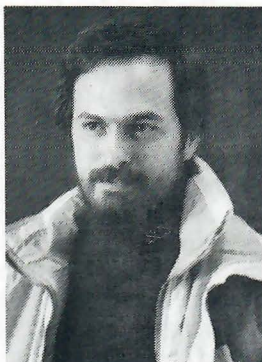
The best competition was in the "B" class men where 9 of the 11 men were close to winning something. **Steve Ausin** played in another tournament and won first place and then showed up to finish up the SCSC tournament. **Karl Gautschi** keeps saying he is the best senior "A" player in SCSC.

Several of the group were so proud of their scores that they didn't even turn them in.

Special thanks to **Bob Dickerson** who was helpful in providing information and covering the tournament sign-up at the monthly meeting just prior to the tournament while I was out of town. Also, my thanks to my wife **Jo Beth Isham** who was an unofficial assistant director.

From the Ski Desk...

by Jim Edwards



"Boy Howdy!", "Hot Dog!", "Good Golly, Miss Molly!", and as Gomer Pyle, USMC, would say, "ShaZAM!". It's finally here-- in the pages of this *Sitzmarke* -- the SCSC 94-95 Ski Trip Schedule. And what a schedule! Just thinking about some of these trips fogs my goggles and curls the tips of my skis. There is truly something for everyone:

- Got some time on your hands during the holidays? You'll have more thanks to give at Keystone and more to celebrate than a new year at Beaver Creek.
- If you don't want to even *think* about more Christmas gifts, much less go shopping for them, give yourself an early present with some free skiing at Crested Butte.
- Looking for something familiar and comfortable, but still exciting (*besides your spouse*)? Visit your old friends Aspen, Vail, or Steamboat. They're just as great as you remember.
- Want a different kind of excitement? Ski a truly Mammoth Mountain, then spend some time exploring the sights, sounds, and action of Reno, NV.
- Major burnout? Get away from it all for a long weekend and get fired up again in Angel Fire, NM or Telluride, CO.
- OK, you've done the Colorado gig over and over. This time, ski the wides and deeps of Utah, or get some northwestern exposure in Mt. Bachelor, OR.
- Feeling the need to flash your passport? Whup it out and run for the border (*no, the other way!*) to check out America's biggest resort at Whistler, BC, Canada (*eh!*). Or seek some neutral territory and commit yourself to fun in Interlaken, Switzerland.

See -- something for everyone. The only problem is that, in trying to choose among these great multiple choices, you might be so torn that you develop multiple personalities. Solution: send each one on a different trip (*as long as each pays his/her own way, of course*).

By the way, before you ask, the prices of trips aren't listed this month because the trip budgets have not been finalized or approved. See next month's *Sitz*.

Warning! Warning, Will Robinson! You are in danger -- of not getting on the trip(s) of your dreams -- because you haven't renewed, or applied for, your membership yet! Explanation: Mail-in sign-up is next month (*details in next month's Sitzmarke*). In order to sign up for a ski trip, you must be a member in good standing. For mail-in sign-up, this means your membership application will have to be received and processed by the VP of Membership in time to be presented for approval at the Executive Committee meeting held during the first week of August (*see By-Laws 2.2 and 2.8.A, in your club directory*). Bottom Line: If you haven't got your membership app in already, **DO IT NOW!!!**

Until next month, **1st**) keep your cool while it's hot, **2nd**) dream about them ski trips, and **3rd**) have a safe, fun-filled 4th.

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Nov 22 - 27, 1994 (Tue to Sun)	5 / 4½	KEYSTONE Colorado (TSC Fall Roundup)	48	Cindy Overton Charlotte Lynn (KP)	782-3530 777-1064
Dec 04 - 11, 1994 (Sun to Sun)	7 / 6	CRESTED BUTTE Colorado	24	Fred Wright (MS)	953-7933
Dec 26 - Jan 1, 1995 (Mon to Sun)	6 / 5	BEAVER CREEK Colorado (Family Optional)	42	Blaise Guerrero Maxine Kellogg (KP)	479-1678 495-5641
Jan 7 - 14, 1995 (Sat to Sat)	7 / 6	VAIL Colorado (TSC Traditional)	48	Phyllis Anders Susan Blome (MS)	861-1850 680-1349
Jan 7 - 14, 1995 (Sat to Sat)	7 / 6	VAIL Colorado (TSC Traditional)	48	Ann Clinton Dee Dee Dowlin (MS)	785-6732 667-5462
Jan 10 - 15, 1995 (Tue to Sun)	5 / 4½	VAIL Colorado (TSC Traditional - short)	44	Pat Wood Bill Morley (MS)	460-9170 266-6320
Jan 14 - 21, 1995 (Sat to Sat)	7 / 6	ASPEN Colorado (Winterskol)	44	George Flournoy Shirly Lang (KP)	621-7174 474-5873
Jan 21 - 29, 1995 (Sat to Sun)	8 / 6	INTERLAKEN Switzerland (TSC Expedition)	24	Robert Reichel (MS)	661-2151
Jan 25 - 29, 1995 (Wed to Sun)	4 / 3	ANGEL FIRE New Mexico	32	Ivan Butterfield Deborah Purdin (KP)	466-7760 802-9801
Feb 4 - 11, 1995 (Sat to Sat)	7 / 6	WHISTLER/BLACKCOMB British Columbia, Canada (TSC Winter Shootout)	48	Larry Christie Stan Broniak (KP)	802-9801 531-6147
Feb 12 - 19, 1995 (Sun to Sun)	7 / 4½	MAMMOTH/RENO California (2 nites of fun in Reno)	44	Pat King Jim Schrock (KP)	556-8066 367-9291
Feb 18 - 25, 1995 (Sat to Sat)	7 / 6	STEAMBOAT Colorado	44	Eric Prentis David Stotz (MS)	681-7433 862-9486
Mar 2 - 6, 1995 (Thu to Mon)	4 / 3	TELLURIDE Colorado	32	Scott Keller Pam Smith (MS)	480-3161 266-5174
Mar 11 - 18, 1995 (Sat to Sat)	7 / 6	SKI UTAH Utah (Snowbird, Alta, Deer Valley)	42	Mike Gerstenberger Debbie Warren (KP)	476-4006 859-5812
Mar 18 - 25, 1995 (Sat to Sat)	7 / 6	MT. BACHELOR Oregon (TSC Final Showdown)	42	Jeff Sarff Sue Edwards (MS)	461-9665 955-6675

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**GO
ON
SAFARI
WITH
SCSC!**

WHEN: Sunday, July 31, 1994 from
2:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: IMAX - Museum of Natural
Science - One Hermann Circle
Black-eyed Pea Restaurant - 2048 W.
Gray at Shepherd

DETAILS: Join SCSC on Safari this
summer without ever leaving home! No
need to pack or lug suitcases...just dress
cool to view the new feature film "Africa
The Serengeti" at the IMAX theater.
We will meet at the IMAX theater at
2:15 p.m. PLEASE arrive on time as no
one will be seated after the film begins.
Immediately following the film, we will
head to the Black-eyed Pea Restaurant
for a wonderful full course dinner
(dessert included!).

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Editor's half Page

by Craig Campbell
VP-Publications



Witness Phase One of the Board of Directors' economy drive to reduce the cost of publication of the *Sitz*. Yes, your editor has been told in no uncertain terms to reduce the number of pages to stretch your dues dollars farther (*Scream, George, Scream*). Articles from all of the other officers and contributors were printed before the command was given; so, this month only Mel and I have to double-up. The others will have to wait to next month to join us. I hope this doesn't mean we

have to double-up in a single bed on a ski trip!

Other changes are coming, too. You TCs, ATCs, ACs, DOTs and other alphabet creatures will be restricted to one page for your trip or activity report! No fooling, my red pen is ready for those more verbose than I. (*Yes, there are some more verbose than your editor.*) Please restrict the four letter verbage for the board.

I realize this will mean some serious limitations. For example, the Race Director can only tell who makes it past the first gate and whose faceplants are coming out of the starting gate. The AC for the next Country & Western Dance will have to choreograph the One Step. You can read about our trip to the dog race. Next May will be a real problem when we have to write about the Folly!

Your ideas on what can be cut or reduced will be appreciated by your Editor (*even if by nobody else*). No, the Editor's throat is not on the list of things to be cut. Sorry.

This of course means you will be reading less about my literary family tree (*perhaps I should say shrub now*). Since July contains Independence Day, the Editor's 1/2 Page would not be complete without a quick mention of my ancestor, Francis Scott Campbell - a War of 1812 vintage poet who liked to write patriotic poems and set them to old drinking songs. Francis was never financially successful as a poet and had to support himself in the traditional Campbell family business - stealing horses. During the siege of Fort McHenry in 1815, he was making his rounds of local stables in the wee morning hours when he was inspired to write a poem honoring his Hispanic lookout. He titled it "Jose can you see the cops by the dawn's early light". Perhaps it would have become more famous if he had set it to a tune other than "A Hundred Bottles of Beer on the Wall".

Speaking once again of cutting the Editor's throat, it seems there are some out there who really want to do so. They have ignored the disclaimer about taking this column and life too seriously and have created an avalanche of criticism. Only two have contacted the Editor directly, but a few others launched a blizzard of malcontent at my fellow officers. Believe me, these people have better things to do than listen to comments that should be directed at the Editor. As rational skiers, we should be able to carve honest differences of opinion into smooth turns on our big cruiser to the Cup. Throwing petty snowsnakes in front of each other only leads to a big crash and burn. Let me know your opinion one way or the other. I do bite, but my teeth are dull.

Throw your two cents worth in! (713)453-5798.



Membership

by Mel Tawney
VP-Membership



Membership activity in SCSC has been heavy. If this is an indicator of skiing conditions this winter, we all better get in shape now because the prospects are outstanding. Your response to the membership renewal process is running substantially ahead of the past several seasons and we have already attracted over 100 new members to the club for the new year!

As required by our By-laws, any of last years' members who have not renewed that membership by May 31,

1994, will be treated as though they are making an initial application. This will include obtaining two sponsors who are members in "Good Standing". We are not going to draw extremely tight definitions of either "Good" or "Standing" conditions, but reasonable attempts are necessary at Happy Hours.

The most significant part of the membership renewal process will become apparent when the initial signup for ski trips arrives. Expect your Ski Trip Coordinators to ask if you are a member in good standing at that time. Those with the right answer will go to the head of the list.

Membership dues for the year are \$25.00 for single people and \$35.00 for married couples. If you have friends or associates interested in our club, extend them an invitation to join us at a Happy Hour and observe first hand, how the group interacts and presents our activities.

We occasionally do not get your *Sitzmarke* delivered and this is not our intent. If you do not receive one, it is probably related to a change of address we are not aware of, or a membership that has not been renewed. The U. S. Postmaster has added an additional four digits to our ZIPCODE and using this might improve our delivery rate also. We can fix these matters with a note or message on my recorder at 784-9163.

We are in the process of preparing for the September General meeting and are always looking for more volunteers. If you have an interest in any part of the membership function, please give me a call.

Bridge Party

by Pat King

On March 18, some SCSC members and guests played party bridge at Westside Tennis Club. High score for the evening went to guest, Jeff Elgin.

The other players were: Pat Truesdale, Annette Verhagen, Linda Lyon, Stuart Traver, Tom Hogle, Dee Zesh, Craig Campbell, Mel Tawney, Patrick McDonald, Donna Shirley, Vicki Matthews, Andy Fitzpatrick, Betsy Goodnow, Sara Green, Linda Taylor, Sue Shirley Howard, Dick Howard, Lee Swords, Donna Kidwell, Meredith Gunn, Frances Smith and Pat King.

Westside prepared a delicious snack buffet and soft drinks. A private cocktail waitress was provided for those who wanted something from the bar.

TELLURIDE - GREAT MOUNTAIN, GREAT SKIING, BUT WOULD WE EVER GET HOME...?

by Scott Keller



Alarm clocks roared in the early morning hours of January 29th, ousting many from their beds in a state of daze and bewilderment. This was a day of adventure and excitement for 42 SCSC skiers, and the beginning of a long journey to Telluride, Colorado. And once aboard the plane to Denver, nothing could dampen their spirits. Their hopes and dreams of white powder were not wavered. "To-hell-u-ride" they chanted gleefully.

Though slightly cold, the week provided some incredible skiing, especially with the eighteen inches of fresh powder mid-week. It should be recognized that for a man who has seen younger days, **Peb Rock (TC)** demonstrated superb skiing ability and hung with the "big dogs". However Peb, that's not all that hung, you need to be sure to remove all your ski articles upon dismounting the chair lift. **Ginger Maughs** demonstrated her teaching skills, on the chair lift with an eight year old boy, as she described the technical intricacies of a vasectomy operation. Say what...? **Lois Danielson** had her skies stolen in the beginning of the week, but they were found before the group returned ... I wonder where???? And it was never difficult to locate **Rodney** or **Bonnie Hughes** on the slopes, just look for the cowboy hats ... yee-hah!!

Although the town wasn't exactly hoppin' every evening with exciting nightlife, the great restaurants, plentiful gift shops, and beautiful setting compensated nicely. James and Linda Voigt, along with John and Diane Wilhite, were very impressed with the dining accommodations at Telluride. And for dessert, The Creamery's hot fudge sundaes were the best, just ask **Kevin Hill**, **Peb** and **Susan Rock**, and **Ron** and **Halene Crossman**. **Joy Taylor** and **Randy Hall** found the dog sled and glider tours to be

a unique way to see the mountains. **Cheryl Verlander**, **Grant Fowler**, **Carol Sumrall**, and **Kevin Foster** jumped in a rental car and tripped to Durango to see the surrounding sights (you did pay for the car, right guys???). **Charles Caplan** was so impressed with the Riverside Condo accommodations, that he supposedly caught the flu and remained in bed all week staring at the wallpaper

design.

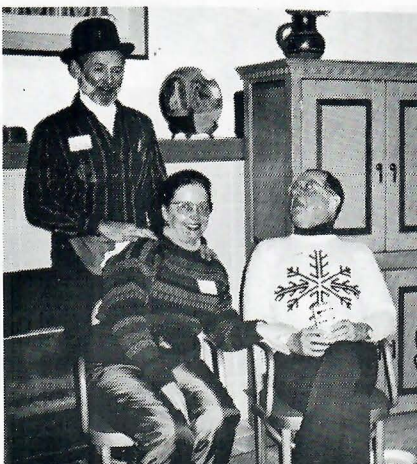
Happy hour at O'Banion's Irish Pub was well attended and allowed **Walt Atkins** and many others to demonstrate their pool playing ability, or lack of.... Later that evening, many of the trip participants attended a wild, crazy, and adult-only Superbowl party, which was hosted by **Ron** and **Halene Crossman**, **Vicky Singley**, and **Terri Ullrich**. Great party, good pizza, and better luck next year Buffalo.

Afternoons in the hot tub were entertaining, as the ever social **Dennis Davenport** was hindered from "interacting" away from his wife, **Martha**. **Inge Coons**, of the hot tub police, would be quick to inform all female tub patrons that Dennis was indeed married. She then provided a follow-up report of the tub's events to **Martha**. **James St. Clair** and **Jill Hebl**, two other members of the hot tub police squad, allegedly caught "locals" one evening skinny dipping at 1:30am. They promptly chased them out ... and saw what??? No members of our group were caught or implicated however.

Thursday was NASTAR day for the group, and **Merlyn Harger** did a wonderful job organizing the event. Many a competitor poured their heart and souls into the race, such as **John Wilhite**, **James St. Clair**, **Vic Fowler**, **George Zupp** and many others, but the clock wasn't on their side. It was observed that **Milt Kramer** took longer to get down the NASTAR course than it took him to eat his hamburger at **Floradora's** however. **Ronald Flowers** turned in the course's best crash -n- burn for the day ... way to go Ron but leave a few gates standing next time. **Scott Keller** and **Kayleen Kill** turned in the two fastest times for the men and women in the club and, with **Don McCutchen**, walked/limped away with silver medals. Many bronze medals were also awarded that day.

The fantastic week of skiing came to an end, much to soon some would say, and parting was such sweet sorrow. **Merlyn Harger** was overheard saying to **Ronald Flowers**, "You've been a good roommate, and thanks for staying on your side of the bed!!!" The group packed up early and merrily traveled back to Houston ... NOT!!! On what seemed to be an easy flight out of Telluride to Houston, turned into the return flight from hell.... Flights were delayed due to bad weather, the Telluride airport didn't have seating accommodations for 35 stranded passengers, the plane barely left Telluride before the "no-fly" curfew was enforced, all dinner flights were missed, and the group arrived at IAH three hours late. However, there was one bright moment amongst all of the chaos. Continental Airlines did provide a \$450 food voucher at Denver so the group could eat, and boy did they!

Reflecting back on the Telluride memories, one can't help but picture the scenic beauty, the challenging slopes, and the small town ambiance of the skiers paradise. Even still, only thought comes to mind...when do we go back??



Have you ever wanted to spend a lovely afternoon with good friends at a beautiful park setting enjoying socializing, eating, drinking and playing games? Well, this year's SCSC volunteers appreciation party was just that - a nice spring day at a country estate, filled with lots of nourishment, friends and fun.

Once again a special thanks goes to our absolutely gracious host and hostess, **Ron and Roberta Rambin**, for opening up their beautiful home and gardens to the club. And this year Ron and Roberta we didn't even damage your pool cover!

Over 200 volunteers came to be thanked for their efforts in supporting the club. All members who donated their time to help the club were invited. *If you want to come to next year's party, ask an officer how you can help, it is that simple.*

Lourdes Coyle, the activity coordinator, did an excellent job of planning and running the entire event along with her crew of volunteers *(there are even volunteers to help run a volunteer party)*.

New this year was a nice variety of background music, that was furnished by **DJ's Unlimited** and the delicious food served by **Hickory Barn BBQ**. Add unlimited quantities of beer, wine and soda, the makings for a great party was at hand.

No SCSC event can occur without some form of friendly competition. At the volunteer party there were plenty of outlets for competitive desires. Volleyball, horseshoes, and croquet were all available throughout the afternoon. A raffle was conducted at various times to give away lots of fun *(like a pair of skis)* prizes. Some prizes were donated by **Sun & Ski Sports** *(roller blades plus clothing)*, and by **Jerry Montgomery**; while others were purchased by **Pete Thorpe**. Everyone enjoyed the gifts, even if they didn't know how to use some of them.

A Trivia contest was given to everyone, and finally won by **Gary Butler**. Say, wasn't it strange that Gary won after he was one of the judges?? Nah, he won on his intellectual skills. Say, who dreamed up that trivia game?

For most of the rest of the party, teamgames were contested. **Nancy Boelsen** and her crew: **Joe Canata, Cissy Dutcher, Clair Love, Gunner and Renate Heine, Terry McGuinness, Jim Murphree, Sue Seyffert and Marvin Volz** all helped to organize and keep some sanity to the games.

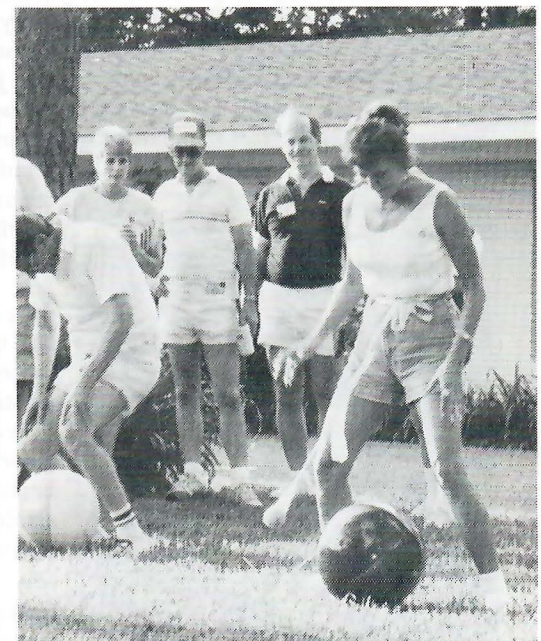
Six teams were chosen from the anxiously awaiting crowd of full and enthusiastic SCSCers. The teams selected their captains, **Ed Cain, Kay Cain, Debbie Warren, Peggy Montgomery, Pat Harper and Sharon Smith** to organize themselves into lean, mean fighting machines..... would you believe perhaps a semi-cohesive, semi-drunk, somewhat confused, but eager rag-tag bunch of happy SCSCers?

The gauntlet was thrown down *(actually a water balloon was tossed)* to begin the 30th annual summer volunteer special Olympics - special in that the events brought out the worst, strange and humorous in the competitors.

There were six events: Goliath's slingshot, water balloon toss, leaky bucket relay, Texas two-step, pantyhose hysteria *(why were all those ladies lining the finish line for a good look at the pelvic thrusts?)*, and the infamous timed relay that consisted of another seven stations.

Honorable mentions were noted for some outstanding individual efforts in the games. For example, **Sue Edwards** was applauded for her bull's eye toss by hurtling a mighty one pound water balloon via a three person slingshot directly onto the target - and the balloon didn't even break!

Poor **Nancy Sarff** got a boobie prize for managing to break her balloon before the balloon toss event started. In the highly competitive and very slippery, leaky bucket relay, there were lots of spectacular slips and slides. But the consolation prize was awarded to **Stan Broniak** for



TEERS PARTY



his fantastic imitation of a big league slide into second base, on all fours!

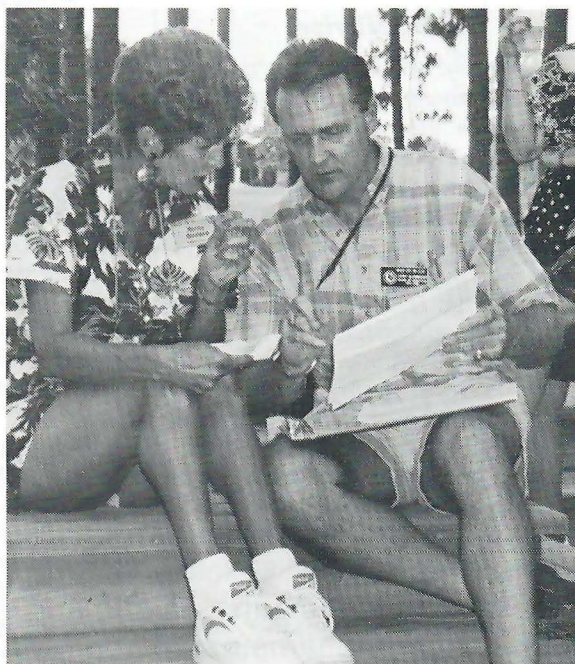
The Texas two-step contest turned into a dance marathon, with the dancing turning into a shuffle and the shuffle turning into a fast run around the course. Each couple managed to complete the three required positions of the water balloon held firmly between their bodies. But it was very evident that all the couples **really enjoyed** the lowest position where the balloon was at c ____ level, a level that brought smiles and far away looks to dancers and onlookers alike.

But the event that brought more tears of laughter to all was the party-hose hysteria. Due to the large number of entries, qualifying heats were used to select the finalists. There were plans to have semifinals too but the contestants looked liked they were too weary to do any more (*ask Dell Davidson just how exhausting it was to thrust his pelvis vigorously back and forth in front of a roaring crowd of onlookers - it was not a lovely sight!*)

There was a tie for second and almost a three-way tie for fourth in the event, but the big winner by a long shot was Bill "Big Balls" Morley. Ladies, you better hurry up and ask Bill what his secret was in winning. Better still, ask him how he practiced for the event!

Honorable mentions go to **Phyllis Anders** for her very unique "big stance" and as mentioned above, to Dell Davidson for his perseverance in the event. Dell was put through a real workout.

The final event had one team resort to substitute players because one player would probably be still shooting baskets (*Nancy Sarff, don't try out for the Rockets!*) But regardless of the fact that the same team finished one minute behind everyone else who were within seconds of each other, the team captained by Pat Harper won the overall volunteers games - by a 1/2



point margin!

Also assisting Lourdes was **Lynda Henry** who did triple duty by taking photos, and helping her husband **Jim McLaughlin** in decorating the entire yard in very unique balloons. The registration table was managed very nicely by **Bill and Viva Morgan**, and **Ellen Manhard**; plus **Maria and John Bailett** helped Lourdes out in numerous ways to produce a very successful event.

So where were those valet car parkers all afternoon? Why at Lourdes' house of course! Well, it was a good idea, perhaps the volunteer party committee will get valets next year.

As the sky turned into a blazing sunset and the volleyball players finally gave up unable to see the ball, the party ended. Once again, the volunteer appreciation party turned out to be a wonderful day in the warm sunshine. Everyone had a great time and looked forward to volunteering again next year, just to enjoy the camaraderie of the party - and the free food and booze! See you there next year.

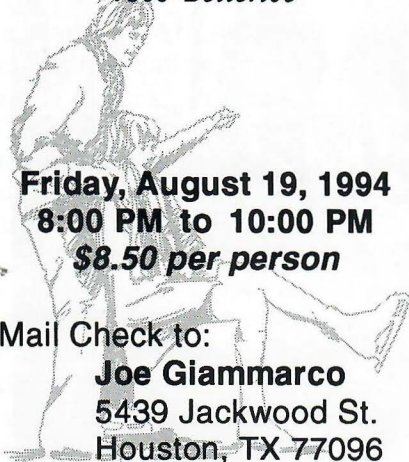
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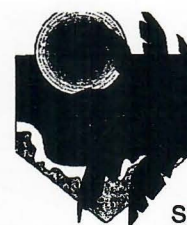
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BIKE TRIP

by Concietta Ruggiero



It was a "bright sunny day" that Sunday, May 15! All were smiling in anticipation of the FUN!! OKAY!!! We're just kidding. It was RAINING - it was CLOUDY - it was STORMY. Stan kept saying "It's not raining at my house - it's sunny by my house." "No the trip is not cancelled" HE LIED!?!? In reality, Stan was thinking ---- "TOO MANY FORMS TO FILL OUT TO RESCHEDULE!!!! Concietta Ruggiero, ATC, experienced deja vu when remarking on how she felt as though she was back in the swamplands of Southeast Louisiana - "Cajun Country." Our own "Swampwoman" had a sharp eye for spotting GATORS.

Stan Broniak was our "fearless" leader --- BUT within five minutes he was separated from the MAIN PARTY - GONE - HISTORY - WE COULD NOT FIND HIM. He is a lot of fun but needs a course on group management!!! However, as fate may have it, he collected more mud on his butt than anyone else.

Deanna Barousseand, Ceville Brown biked by truck but left poor Sue Kirkpatrick behind. Speaking of BEHINDS, we thought Sue had mud on her backside. Maybe it was bad Fajitas.

At the wharf overlooking the river, Lee Swords conducted a "bike clinic," for the women. It was at this time that the women decided that the men needed to compete in "who has the most MUD ON THE BUTT CONTEST. We think Stan had the biggest STAIN! Was it mud or Fajitas????

Kenneth Stuple said he had the top of the line HUFFY. Ken, we can't seem to remember - was it your tummy or your bike????

Ellen Manhard's famous quote of the day, "I've never ridden this far (more than three miles)," I hope I can play tennis Monday and Tuesday!!"

Klaus Pratschker took the easy way and just stayed on the road, some excuse about his bike???

As Brooks Doege and his lovely date, Lindy, were taking their rather small folding bikes from the trunk of his T-Bird, Stan asked "what will your bicycles be when they grown up?"

Ray Davis and Bobbie Sellers, our seasoned bike riders, arrived a little late but fortunately was able to endure our "fun-in-the-mud-for-a-day ride.

Just as we're dragging our muddy bikes and "bods" back to the launch site, Pat and Sam Schagrin arrived in their hot and tight bike ensembles. How did you stay so clean??? Speaking of which, Renate and Gunter Heyne also managed to remain "spotless." WE WANNA KNOW YOUR SECRET!!!!

For some reason every time Pat Wood was around the women the propeller on his BEANIE COPTER would spin out of control!!!

Sue Salvage out smarted all of the riders by wearing her foul weather gear. She arrived at the Brazos Bottom Grill in clean clothes and mudless shoes.

Linda Hysell, did you chicken out and sit in the car reading novels??

Susan Blome showed Karen Moziek, a new member, the proper way to attend an activity---minimize the activity and be the first in line for food and beer!!!!

Liuz Maksimowitz and Bill Risinger showed up for lunch but couldn't ride cuz--no bike rack for the Vet!

Deborah Purdin had good intentions but was unable to participate in "THE RIDE", so said Deborah, "I walked to the balcony, looked at the weather and decided to iron C&W shirts and clean the stove."

"When I realized it was time to eat and lunch was paid for, I just jumped in my car and headed for Fajitas and Beer."

Linda Hysell and Sue Salvage realized that they were "Bonding Buckeye Buddies" from Ohio State. They repeatedly toasted their beer to Woody Hayes.

After Stan ate all the jalapeno's, he kept saying "Let's go for ICE CREAM-ICE CREAM!!!!

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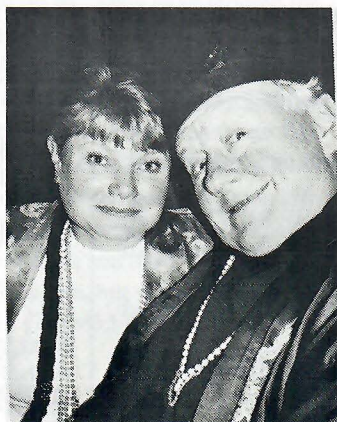
by Charles Morgan

*(Oh, What a Journey it Was! *#!)*

Mardi Gras - Fat Tuesday, only this is about "Wet Saturday" - and I don't mean the weather. It rained a few drops but nothing disruptive. Before pouring 42 Happy Campers aboard our Pleasure Wagon - **Tom Hogle** opting at the last minute to attend a Dog Show instead - it was discovered that my lovely bride and trip assistant, **Kathy Morgan**, had forgotten the entrance tickets to the Mardi Gras Festival. Not to worry, her trusty assistant, **Chuck Winter**, drove her home. He slowed down enough for her to jump out and run in and get the tickets and return in a flash. **Inge Coons** and **Rose Perez** came dressed up in the true Mardi Gras fashion - at the festivities they acquired "the purple thing!" You'll have to ask them to show it to you - make sure you feel it. Mucho six packs, one box of wine and several sandwiches and chips later our trusted bus operator deposited 30 sober and 12 not-so-sober revellers two blocks from the strand. By this time, the Strand was jumping and



everyone made a beeline to the "watering holes." Face painting was in so **Denise Loos**, **Bernie Kane**, **Bill Vasen**, **Pat King** and **Nancy Burk** queued up for face jobs. One of the busiest watering holes was Todd's where **Patti Richards**, **Bill Morley**, **Terry Flemming**, **Pat Wood** and **Sharon** and **Merrel Smith** were observed quaffing a few. During the remaining daylight hours, the huge crowd surged up and down the Strand begging beads from overhead balconies and listening to the various bands.. **John** and **Maria Bailliet** swear they were looking for a potty when they appeared on one of the balconies. **Nancy Boelsen**, **Don Wiedeman**, **Bruce Kilgore**, **Lucile Landis**, **Mel Tawney** and **Leslie Nygren** decided to pinch heads and suck tails so they headed



early to the new "Willie G's" for some mudbugs. Talk about eating - every time we saw **Don Crabtree** he was taste testing a new item - what in the world were some of those things? When the parade started, **Jill**



Hebl and **Jimmy St. Clair** were seen trying to worm their way onto an expensive viewing platform but were chased away. After considerable haggling, **Ruth Dunnam** and **Linda Strickland** purchased some sexy hats from a street vendor. **Harry Espey**, **Carol Jones** and **Wayne Gayer** mistook one of the floats for our bus and tried to board it. **Debbie Corson** was the champion bead gatherer but rumor has it some were obtained as favors bestowed. **Barbara** and **Joel McDowell**, **Judy** and **Chuck Winter** and **Charles** and **Kathy Morgan** worked hard as bead throwers, but had limited success. **Patricia Davenport**, **Laury Adams** and **Kim Hunsucker** were seen running out into the street past the barricades to retrieve stray beads. **Meredith Gunn** and **Frances Smith** were in "Hog Heaven" after hitching a ride on a couple of Hogs



being driven by our men in blue in the parade. After pouring everyone back on our trusted chariot, our driver broke **A. J. Foyt's** record back to Houston.

The above is to the best of my knowledge and recollection and from third-hand accounts after having consumed six hurricanes, two Margueritas, 18 beers and one bottle of Mad Dog 20/20, and by no means should be taken as gospel.

ROAD RALLY '94

by Eric Prentis

Sunday morning started out beautifully. The soda was chilled, the road rally course was set and copies made, the tables for sign-in were set up and those fun seeking SCSC road ralliers were ready. But, the weather!! Oh Boy!! It rained "cats and dogs" just as we were getting underway. Many thanks for my intrepid helpers, **Heidi Heinrich** and **Nancy Richard**, who braved the torrential rain to help get the rally started (*the three of us got so wet we all went home to change once everyone was under way*).



ROAD RALLY WINNERS: (Back Row L to R) Glenn Goode, Sue Jones, Glen Darrah, Jean Walke, AC: Eric Prentis (Front Row) Barbara and Chris Johnson.

Road ralliers were happy to see the SCSC Party Animal, **Andy Fitzpatrick**, a few stops into the course not noticing that they incorrectly turned onto a private road. **Lee Swords** and **Joanie Osbourn** and **Merrel** and **Sharon Smith** entered the Houston Polo Club and drove until they found themselves at a dead-end behind the dumpster. **Dana Wardell** and **Jeri Hartman** thought that the "beer-can house" was everything it was claimed to be but wondered where the can opener was. Ask **Jim** and **Sue Edwards** if they found the answer to the question "swap spit with a fat farm animal".

Question Number eight asked for the correct number of "Parallel Parking" signs in Memorial Park (*92 was the correct answer*). The prizes for answering this question correctly were won by **Sue Jones** and **Jean Walke** who both deserve a well done for getting this "advanced road rally" question with only one pass through the park. **Ted** and **Debbie Bergeron** found an extra

"Parallel Parking" sign for the answer to question number eight and mentioned they were "going back in" to prove it. We wish them well.

Fantastic door prizes went to **Jane Orr**, **Debbie Edwards**, **Nils Fykse**, **B. J. Turner** and **Yvonne McDonnell** who were understandably very happy. **Ellen Manhard** and **Marvin Volz** were the first to arrive, without having opened their envelopes, at the restaurant. The Outback Pub, by the way, did a great job on the chicken buffet with all the trimmings as well as keeping the beer and wine flowing for our happy road

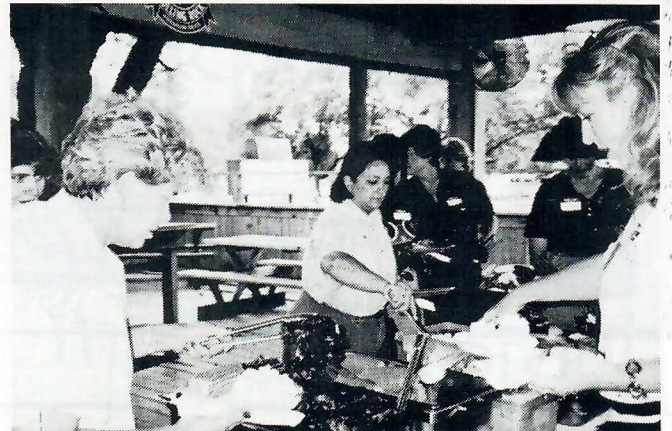
ralliers. The prize for the team logging the most tire were on their car goes to **Ed** and **Kay Cain** with a total of 37 miles.

The two Glens, **Glen Darrah** and **Glenn Goode**, won the road rally first place prize of two marble paper weights with an inscription in gold colored lettering. This was the first road rally that "the two Glens" entered, good job! The second place prize went to relative newlyweds who were also in their first road rally, **Chris** and **Barbara Johnson**. Chris was heard to say that they would stay on the course as long as the beer held out and Barbara said, "that this road rally experience has really strengthened their marriage." The third place trophies went to **Sue Jones** and **Jean Walke** who mentioned that the road rally severely tested their 25-year friendship.

Many thanks to the volunteers helping to make the road rally a success - you all did a great job! I believe everyone found the course challenging and had a lot of fun. I know I did, so lets get ready to road rally next year.



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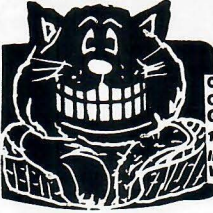
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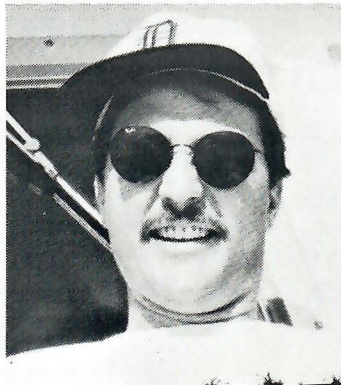
TERRY'S TIDBITS

by Terry McGuinness

This month's interviews of SCSC members were taken during the Redfish Island Sailing Trip. The theme was members with unique jobs. They were asked how they chose their professions.



Judy Youens



Stan Broniak



Winette Stone



Pat Harper

Judy has lived all over Texas, claims Shamrock, TX as her birthplace, but can not remember when, hum? She only remembers one day to the next. She joined SCSC in 1992 and recently won the SCSC photography contest. She owns a gallery of contemporary ('60's to now) art glass. She began her career by creating a market for the glass art, using her art history and business schools' background. Judy's hobbies: award winning photography, painting, theater, opera, roller blading, camping, gourmet cooking, biking and maybe someday, fly fishing. Is she single? Yes!


Stan was born in Detroit, MI and is 38, single and available. He was in the SCSC Follies as the On The Pot Report. He joined SCSC in 1988. His hobbies include "outdoorsey" things – biking, rafting, camping, with reading added as Stan's form of relaxation. He is both a medical sales rep and a sales trainer. Why two jobs? Stan says that he really enjoys training new people in how to sell. Why sales? As an obvious extrovert and strong people person, sales perfectly matched his personality. Just don't ask him if he knows any jokes!

Winette is a native Houstonian and is proud of both that and for just turning 50. She joined the club last year. Her hobbies include white-water rafting, reading and playing with her dog. She is a barber and only cuts men's hair. Winette never cuts women's hair because she does not have the patience for it. Why a barber? Her Mom's best friend was one and had money all the time. Since Winette wanted to support herself, she decided barbering was her way to fiscal security. It has worked as she has provided for four children and eight grandchildren. But she is now single.

Pat claims to be 40 something, born in St. Louis, MO, and raised on a farm in Arkansas. She is a bank VP, certified financial planner, sells mutual funds, annuities, real estate and insurance. Upon asking for free financial advice, it was clear that Pat really knew her business. Why so many careers? Pat loves money and how it works. She joined SCSC in 1991 and has two hobbies: ??? and dancing. Ask her what was her first hobby. Pat never told what it was. Does it have anything to do with the types of bathing suits that she wears? ?? Single??? You bet!

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The Anniversary Committee would like to use various door prizes contributed by members for this event and a couple of committee members have already started the contributions by donating a "MOONLIGHT SAILING CRUISE" and a "COMPLIMENTARY MAKE OVER". Please join us and let COMMITTEE PERSON DENISE LOOS (#896-4265) know what service or gift item you would be willing to contribute to your fellow SCSCers!!!



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JULY

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21 HAPPY HOUR
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AUGUST

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