



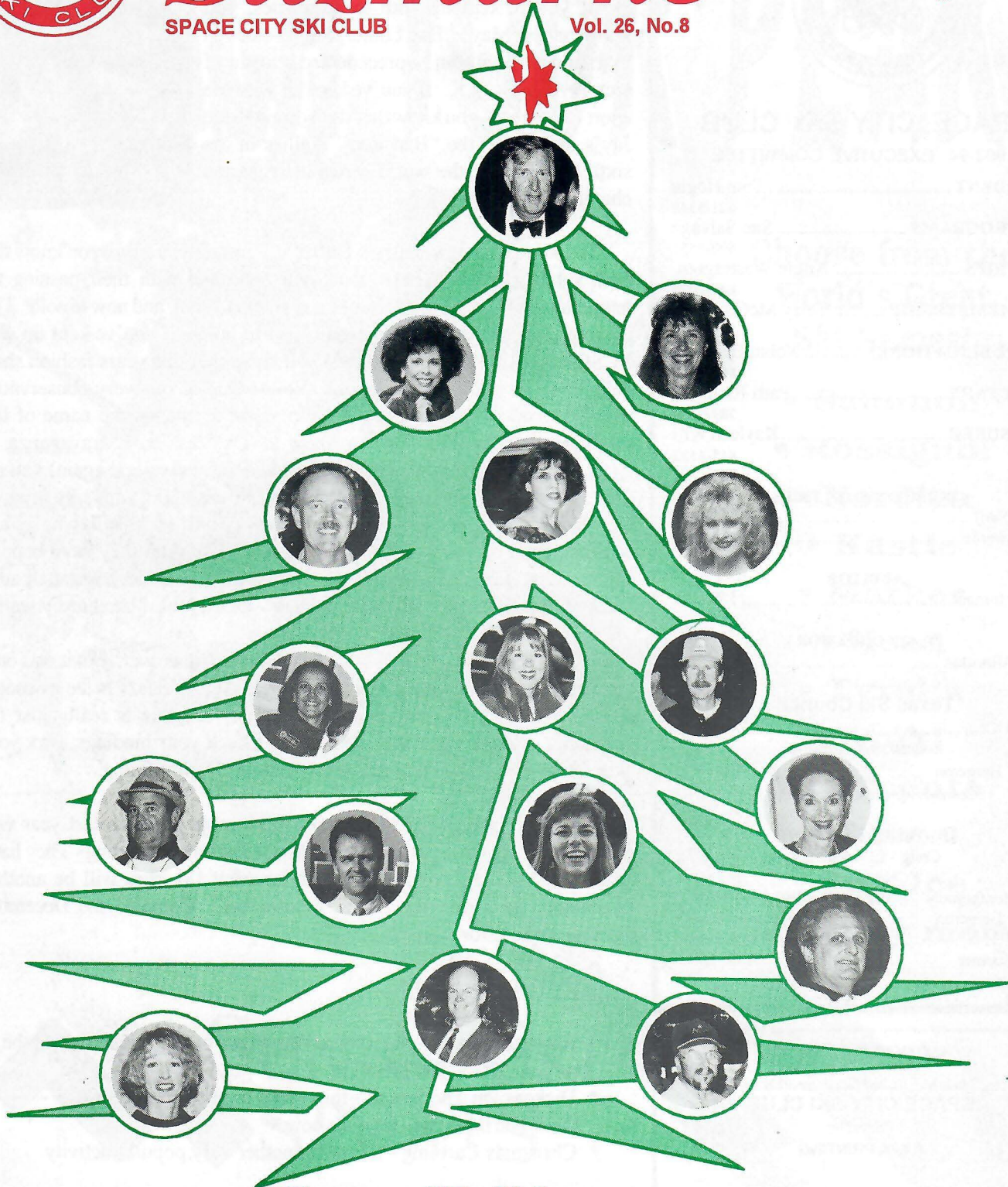
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IT'S OVER !! NOW WHAT ??

By Tom Hogle

If you've kept up with local politics, you know that our Mayor, Bob Lanier, won re-election in a landslide with an unprecedented margin of victory. That's O.K. If you've kept up with the sport of baseball, you know that the Toronto Blue Jays dispatched the "Bad Boy" Phillies in the sixth (6) game of the world series to repeat as champs. That's O.K. too.



If you've kept up with the weather as I'm sure you have, you know that both summer and fall have come and gone and with their passing the temperatures have dropped from hot, to warm to cool, and now to cold. This is more than just O.K.! And even closer to home, if you've kept up with SCSC (Yeah! That's even better!) you know that this years fashion show delighted everyone in attendance. Wow! One of our very conservative members was overheard saying, "We ought to change the name of this performance from The Fashion Show to The Fashion Extravaganza. I agree. Do you? If you've kept up with SCSC (really good again) you are also aware that circulating amongst us are 60 members with silly grins on their faces. Guess who they are? Yup! They're the lucky devils who've just returned from our very first ski trip of 1993-94. And they have happily reported that Breckenridge was every bit as much fun as they had anticipated. Lucky folks! Thanks Lorna and Gunnar - Good job! I can hardly wait.

NOW WHAT? Yup, it's true. Our first ski trip is over. But it was only our first trip. Immediately facing our eager SCSC skiers is the awesome spectacle of 15 more outstanding ski trips. So, this is really just the beginning. Remember the skiers motto: Check your bindings, wax your skis, keep your tips up and pointed downhill. Happy skiing.

NOW WHAT ELSE? The most memorable program last year was provided by "The Sounds of Silence" at our December meeting. They have graciously agreed to return this year for what I'm sure will be another outstanding performance. Don't believe me? Come to the December meeting and see for yourself.

ANYTHING MORE?

- * Christmas Party - our annual Christmas bash is right around the corner. **DON'T MISS IT!!!**
- * Dickens On The Strand - this was a huge success last year - should be this year - sign up now.
- * Christmas Caroling - this was another very popular activity.

This is just a small sampling of what's in store for you with SCSC. So if it's over, that last activity, that last ski trip, just remember that there is much more waiting for you just ahead.

As for me, IT'S OVER. My Thanksgiving turkey came and went. It was delicious, but it's gone. Now What! Well, I am looking forward to my Christmas Turkey. TTFN - aka - Ta Ta For Now. ☼

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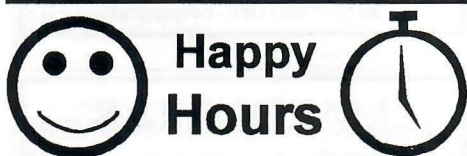
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General Meeting

December 13, 1993
at
HOLIDAY INN
(Crowne Plaza)
2222 West Loop South

Meeting Agenda

6:00 Activity Table & Ski
Sign up Opens
7:30 Announcements
8:30 Door Prize Drawings
Air Line Ticket & Ski



Happy Hours
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5:00pm - 8:00pm

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DECEMBER

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COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 1 Ex Com. MTG.
- 2 B.O.D. MEETING
- 2 OSHMANS EXTRAVAGANZA/
STYLE SHOW
- 4 DICKENS ON THE STRAND
- 10 CHRISTMAS PARTY
- 11 CHRISTMAS CAROLING
(Texas Children Hospital)
- 11 TSC QUARTERLY MEETING
- 13 GENERAL MEETING
(SOUND OF SILENCE SHOW)
- 16 HAPPY HOUR

JANUARY '94

DEC 26-1 JAN

- SUNLIGHT SKI TRIP
- EX. COM MTG.
- 8-15 SNOWMASS I & II SKI TRIP
- 11-16 SNOWMASS III SKI TRIP
- 16-22 BIG MOUNTAIN SKI TRIP
- 17 GENERAL MEETING
(DOUG MILLER & SKI POEM)
- 20 HAPPY HOURS
- 21-29 CHAMONIX SKI TRIP

29-FEB 5

TELLURIDE SKI TRIP

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

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From the Ski Desk... by Angie (Westergren) Dalehite, VP-Trips



As you are reading this article there are only 15 trips left to go on this ski season! I hope all of you SCSCers had a

great Thanksgiving. And for the 60 of you who went to Breckenridge, I hope y'all had plenty of snow and terrific skiing. For those of you going to Sunlight I applaud you for being adventurous enough to try a new destination!

As of November 3rd, there are still spaces open on Sunlight (family optional), Big Mountain, Taos, Lake Tahoe, Purgatory and Snowbird/Alta. If you haven't signed up for a trip yet, please consider one of these. By the time you read this, the Sunlight trip may have been reduced. We were hoping to get 42 people, but it looks like there will be around 32 making the trip. If you are interested in Big Mountain, please contact Linda Licarione or Eric Prentiss as soon as possible. On this trip we planned for 40 people but have fallen a few short, so far. It's sure to be a FUN trip, and I'm hoping it will fill to 40 SOON! For those of you interested in a short trip Taos and Purgatory still have a few openings. The Taos trip is a BARGAIN. In case you haven't realized it, yet, the price of \$537 INCLUDES LIFT TICKETS. Taos is the only trip that includes lift tickets in the price. Cary got a fantastic deal by doing room and lift tickets as a package deal. Lift tickets would normally be \$31, but you're getting them for \$18.50! This price is hard to beat. The Purgatory trip offers four nights and FOUR FULL DAYS OF SKIING since you will be flying into Durango which is nearby and staying in a slopeside condo. There are ONLY 9 spaces left on the Lake Tahoe trip, and Snowbird/Alta (the last trip of the ski season) has a number of spaces still available. This trip is a bargain with SKI IN/SKI OUT accommodations at the Cliff Lodge Hotel.

UPCOMING FINAL PAYMENT DATES are nearby for the following trips: TAOS (12/1/93), BANFF (12/1/93) and VAIL (12/8/93). Please keep these dates in mind and make sure you get your final payment to your TC on time. Some TC's are nice and call you, but theoretically, they could replace you from the wait list if your payment is not

RECEIVED by the final payment date. PLEASE.... GET YOUR FINAL

PAYMENTS IN ON TIME. If you are reading this article and realize you've missed this date, please give your TC a call and let him/her know where you stand. THANKS !!

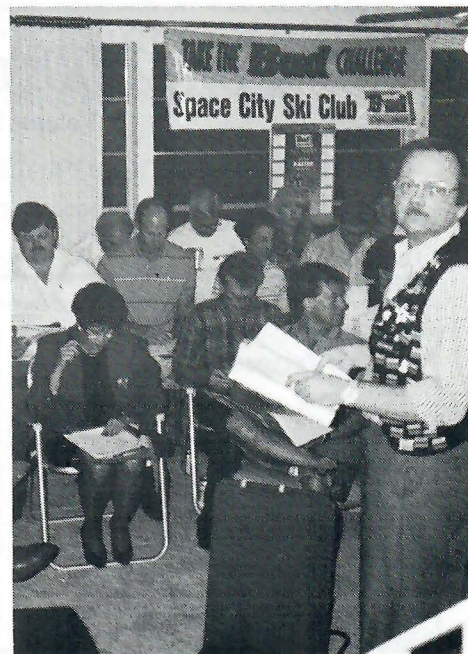
As of November 3rd wait lists for the trips that are full are as follows with the trips listed in the order of the SHORTEST waitlist to the longest: Banff (full but no wait list), Jackson Hole, Chamonix, Vail, Snowmass I, Snowmass II, Telluride and Snowmass (short).

Speaking of Snowmass..... Hopefully, by the time you read this all 120 of you will have airfare confirmed into Aspen. BUT..... We're not there, yet. We are anticipating an additional 20 seats and praying for the final 40! Be sure each of you on Snowmass I or II talk to your TC and fully understand the travel arrangements. These two trips have been very difficult to plan, and I would like to avoid any misunderstanding of the travel arrangements well in advance of the trip. There's no problem getting you in/out of Denver, just Aspen!

There are a number of Pre-trip parties planned during December, January and February. Please make every effort to attend the pre-trip party for the trip you are going on. There is a lot of information to be exchanged in advance of a ski trip, and your attendance at this meeting is important so you can be fully informed about the details of the ski trip. For you newer members, these meetings allow you the opportunity to purchase lift tickets and rental equipment, usually at group rates. In addition, there are special activities to sign up for such as NASTAR racing, dinner sleigh rides and possibly side trips, etc., etc. Also, if you haven't turned in your trip release form and trip questionnaire, please do so at this meeting.

Due to the fantastic response to the Chamonix trip, it has been increased to 36 and Barbara Yovanovic has been added as the ATC. Thanks for volunteering, Barbara. And... As always, THANKS to the MANY volunteers who spend their time and energy making it possible to offer these trips to each of us in SCSC.

In case you noticed I have a new last name..... I am a "newly wed." The picture this month is dedicated to my husband, Cherokee Dalehite. We were married October 17th, and he has been VERY supportive of my ski club involvement, for which I am very appreciative. *



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Space City Ski Club 1993 - 1994 Trip Schedule

Trip Dates	Nights/SkiDays	Trip Destination	Trip Price	Final Paymnt	Lodging	No. Skiers	TC/ATC (DoT)	Home Phone
Nov 23 - 28, 1993 (Tue to Sun)	5 / 4½	BRECKENRIDGE Colorado <i>TSC Fall Roundup</i>	\$ 580	10/4/93	Beaver Run 2/2 condos	60	Lorna Jones Gunnar Heyne (JE)	575-9057 729-9872
Dec 26 - Jan 1, 1994 (Sun to Sat)	6 / 5½	SUNLIGHT Colorado <i>Family Optional</i>	\$ 645	11/1/93	Hotel Colorado	42	Bill Vasen Fred Wright (JE)	482-5501 953-7933
Jan 8 - 15, 1994 (Sat to Sat)	7 / 6	SNOWMASS Colorado <i>TSC Traditional</i>	\$ 753	11/2/93	Stonebridge Inn Hotel	60	Gary Butler Phyllis Anders (NS)	583-7515 861-1850
Jan 8 - 15, 1994 (Sat to Sat)	7 / 6	SNOWMASS Colorado <i>TSC Traditional</i>	\$ 753	11/2/93	Stonebridge Inn Hotel	60	Sharon Smith Elizabeth Steinmann (NS)	583-9627 335-0666
Jan 11 - 16, 1994 (Tue to Sun)	5 / 4½	SNOWMASS Colorado <i>TSC Traditional (short)</i>	\$ 586	11/2/93	Stonebridge Inn Hotel	40	Frank Mangum Sara Green (NS)	499-3930 466-5448
Jan 16 - 22, 1994 (Sun to Sat)	6 / 5	BIG MOUNTAIN Montana	\$ 743	11/4/93	Edelweiss 2/2 condos	40	Linda Licarione Eric Prentis (JE)	468-2816 681-7433
Jan 21 - 29, 1994 (Fri to Sat)	8 / 6	CHAMONIX France <i>TSC Expedition</i>	\$ 1189	11/8/93	Hotel Des Aiglons	26	Bob Olsen	524-2730
Jan 29 - Feb 5, 1994 (Sat to Sat)	7 / 6	TELLURIDE Colorado	\$ 719	11/1/93	Riverside 3/3 & 2/2 condos	42	Peb Rock Scott Keller (JE)	850-0655 480-3161
Feb 9 - 13, 1994 (Wed to Sun)	4 / 3½	TAOS New Mexico	\$ 537 <i>includes lift tickets</i>	12/1/93	Kachina Lodge Hotel	42	Cary Faden Jon Trevelise (JE)	667-0111 668-0081
Feb 12 - 19, 1994 (Sat to Sat)	7 / 6	VAIL Colorado	\$ 715	12/8/93	Vail International 2/2 condos	44	Lynn Burch Larry Christie (NS)	933-2169 802-9801
Feb 19 - 26, 1994 (Sat to Sat)	7 / 6	BANFF Alberta, Canada <i>TSC Winter Shootout</i>	\$ 919	12/1/93	Banff Springs Hotel	60	Cheryl Houge George Flournoy (JE)	493-0016 621-7174
Mar 2 - 6, 1994 (Wed to Sun)	4 / 3½	CRESTED BUTTE Colorado	\$ 493	1/7/94	Mountain Lair Hotel	32	Leona Schroeder Dick Anderson (NS)	468-4609 621-1488
Mar 6 - 13, 1994 (Sun to Sun)	7 / 6	LAKE TAHOE Nevada	\$ 715	1/3/94	Harvey Hotel & Casino	40	Karen Putney Jack Oney (JE)	495-4999 641-4048
Mar 12 - 19, 1994 (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	Merrel Smith Maggie Paull (NS)	583-9627 461-7937
Mar 24 - 28, 1994 (Thu to Mon)	4 / 4	PURGATORY Colorado	\$ 512	1/20/94	Purgatory Village 2/2 condos	42	Barb Huey Ann Clinton (NS)	975-7605 785-6732
Mar 27 - Apr 2, 1994 (Sun to Sat)	6 / 5	SNOWBIRD / ALTA Utah	\$ 694	1/10/94	Cliff Lodge Hotel	42	Robert Reichel Charlotte Lynn (JE)	661-2151 777-1064

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Letter to the Editor
by Peggy (Donley) Montgomery, Board member

As a Board member I believe it is time the issue of assistants to officers that continues to be discussed in the Sitzmarke be addressed by a Board member, who is not on the Executive Committee, but has served as Vice President of Programs and Vice President of Publications in the past. (This letter is in response to the comments made in the November, 1993 Sitzmarke right hand column of page 7.)

The issue of an assistant to the treasurer came up last spring when the 1992/93 Board appointed a committee of past treasurers and auditors to review the club's bookkeeping and particularly to look at the 1991/92 year's financials. As a part of this review the committee also presented suggestions for alleviating some of the past problems with the financials. After a complete review, the committee recommended three options -- One was to hire a book keeping service; another was to have someone input data into the computer; and the third was to add an assistant that would start in November of one year and carry over to November of the following year. Most of the concern (besides a substantial increase in putting data into the computer) seemed to center on the paperwork involved in ending one year and starting the next, so the committee thought that having someone in both years would make the transition easier. The committee presented its findings at the end of the 1992/93 year. At the June meeting of the 1993/94 Board the Chairman was directed by the board members to set up a By-laws Committee. As part of the committee's agenda the Board requested that the committee prepare draft proposed by-laws and standing rule changes to set up an assistant treasurer position to present to the general membership after review by the Board. (At the time of the September General Meeting the committee had not provided any recommended by-law changes to the Board.)

Also at the June meeting the Vice President of Programs and Vice President of Publications requested assistants be considered. After their proposals were presented, the majority of the Board believed the VP of Programs proposal should be pursued and voted to do a test program this year to see if the adding of an assistant to Programs was beneficial as the issue had not been specifically evaluated previously by the Board. The VP of Publications made a proposal to give his three or four main volunteers some reimbursement and a majority of the Board did not believe that such a proposal was a good idea as no specific job functions were identified by the VP of Publications. The Board did not approve a test program for Publications based on his proposal, but advised him to reevaluate it and come back to the board with another recommendation. At this time no further proposal has been offered.

An assistant was also discussed with respect to the Membership

position, but the VP of Membership indicated that the time when an assistant would be most helpful is in the May-June time period, so he did not think an assistant was necessary at this time. The Board advised that as he worked in the office this year, if he felt a test program for an assistant would be beneficial to bring a proposal before the Board.

In evaluating adding appointed positions, such as an assistant, Standing Rule 3.0, which provides for some reimbursement of monies to elected and appointed officials, must be considered. However, when discussing reimbursement for an office (or assistant) the general membership needs to keep in mind that the purpose of the reimbursement is not as a payment for doing the job, but is used so that officers are able to participate in ski trips and activities to promote SCSC, recruit new members, as well as volunteers, and assist, when needed, the volunteer running the activity.

The Board, pursuant to By-law 3.0c, is charged with monitoring and reviewing overall Club operations and reviewing suggested by-law changes and is made up of people who have been volunteering and involved with the club over a long period of time. **With that in mind, I want to assure you that in my opinion the Board has not taken the issue of assistants lightly and a majority believe that further analysis and evaluation is needed before the issue and expense of further assistants is brought before the general membership.** That is why a number of us were surprised when a motion was made at the September meeting to change the by-laws to add assistants for basically every office.

With the background above, I hope the membership will see why I, and a number of other Board members, did not support the by-law changes proposed at the September meeting. After the September proposal was made, I feel the Board tried to do its best to address the issue in a responsible manner and the amendments to the proposal at the October meeting were as a result of it trying to be responsible to the general membership in terms of what it believes is best for the club. Unfortunately, the By-laws that were passed do not stand alone and other by-law changes will need to be brought before the general membership in connection with the by-laws passed at the October meeting.

After reading this Letter to the Editor, hopefully, when by-laws changes are proposed from the floor regarding the policies of the club the first question members will ask is: "Has this by-law change been evaluated fully by the Board and what does the Board think?" I hope you all keep these thoughts in mind when voting on any future policy changes that govern the running of this club!

PROGRAMS PERSPECTIVES

By Sue Salvage



Happy Holidays Everyone!!

Can you believe it's that time of year already? Have you started your holiday shopping or are you done?!? Sure you are.

NOW THINK ABOUT THIS - In addition to the regular door prizes, there will be **TWO** special door prizes at the DECEMBER MEETING:

* **ONE ROUND TRIP AIRLINE TICKET** (for 1) anywhere Continental Airlines flies in the continental USA - compliments of Atlas Travel

* **PAIR OF SKIS** - compliments of Sun & Ski

So come to the meeting, put your ticket in for the door prize drawings, and you could win one of these or other door prizes.

Don't forget to sign up for the SCSC CHRISTMAS PARTY! It will be great! There will be FABULOUS DOOR PRIZES! And the price really is right!!

Back to the PAST - November was a very busy month with SCSC activities. We have completed 7, count them 7, activities and that doesn't include the GREAT Fashion Show put on by Lourdes Coyle and her countless volunteers, and our monthly happy hour at Jalapeno's. I want to express my thanks to those who helped make November a banner month: Gourmet Cooking Experience - MARY MILLSAP; Sun & Ski Open Deck Night - TED BERGERON; Imax Adventure and Dinner - GLYNDA LUCAS and DANA WARDELL; Radio Music Theater - DEBBIE CORSON; Fall Tennis Tournament - BOB DICKERSON and KAY REED; Oshman's Downhill Races - DALE ALLBRITTON; H.I.S.D. Painting Project (an SCSC community service) - TOM DANOWSKI. THANK YOU, THANK YOU!! P.S. The Oshman's Ski Extravaganza has been re-scheduled for Dec. 2nd. Call Peggy Donley-Montgomery for the date and details.

I also want to go back to October to mention that the costumes at the Halloween Party were dynamite! You guys went all out. The creativity of our members is un-believable. And we had so many costumes. I don't think I have ever seen as many costumes, along with the creativity, as I did that night.

Into the PRESENT - Be sure to check the calendar and all the ads in the

Sitz. Remember SOUNDS OF SILENCE will be at the December meeting and we will have FABULOUS DOOR PRIZES!!!

On to the FUTURE - Same as above - check the calendar and all the ads in the Sitz. We have lots of upcoming events to meet all your desires. Be sure to attend the January

meeting. We will again have FABULOUS DOOR PRIZES and a program you haven't seen or heard before!!!

For just a minute I want to get serious. For a couple of reasons my article in the November Sitz needed to be edited prior to printing. By the time the Sitz was delivered the assistant situation had changed and the article did not reflect the passing of the motion at the October meeting to add an Assistant to the Treasurer. In addition, some people feel it came across as political statement. This was not my intent. Therefore, I offer my apology to any of you who are unhappy with my article.

Since the Treasurer does not write an article for the Sitz, I'll take this opportunity to let you know JILL HEBL has graciously accepted the position of Assistant to the Treasurer. Please be sure to welcome her aboard. *

Until Next Year...

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October

SUN & SKI SPORTS
HOLIDAY INN CROWNE PLAZA
ALLEY THEATER
EXECUTIVE BASKETS
AMC TOWN & COUNTRY 10 THEATERS
HERB CILANTRO'S RESTAURANT

November

SUN & SKI SPORTS
HOLIDAY INN CROWNE PLAZA
EXECUTIVE BASKETS
AMC TOWN & COUNTRY 10 THEATERS
THEATER UNDER THE STARS
OLIVE GARDEN

SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS SCSC FOOD DRIVE

Please remember to bring your donations to the meeting on December 13th. All contributions will go to the Houston Food Bank during the Channel 13 "Share Your Christmas" Food Drive on December 17th.

Items most needed are:

Canned meats, canned tuna, dry beans, rice, cereal, baby formula, canned soups, pastas, canned beef stew, powdered milk.

THERE ARE MANY WHO DO NOT CHOOSE TO BE HUNGRY.

Thank You!

The following persons gave their time and efforts as Ambassadors and Sign-in Volunteers for the September and October meetings. The membership of Space City Ski Club would like to express a very heart-felt Thank You!

Linda Albright
Frank Andrews
Sally Benwell
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Sharon Broughton
John Burk
Ivan Butterfield
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Kit Cassidy
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By the time you read this the Fall Roundup race at Brackenridge will be history and Space City will be primed and ready for Traditional ski week at Snowmass! If all goes well as I suspect it will Space City will be half way toward securing

the TSC Cup for 1993/94. But just to make sure let's go over just what we can do to nail it:

- Tip #1: Get into shape physically and mentally to win!
- Tip #2: Make sure that your equipment is properly tuned and adjusted.
- Tip #3: Practice skiing the self timer courses as your comfort and confidence permits!
- Tip #4: Take several deep breathes before you start a run or leave the starting gate.
- Tip #5: Do not over tighten boots, dress light layered and warm. Decreased circulation causes hypothermia, loss and loss of control.
- Tip #6: Keep your center of gravity low and skis in contact with snow at all times! Do this with flexed knees.
- Tip #7: Get your feet out of the starting gate after the upper body and across the finish line before the upper body.
- Tip #8: Keep your eyes down the course lining up with the next two gates!
- Tip #9: Carve your turns evenly down weighing going into the turn and un-weighting coming out!
- Tip #10: Stay close to the poles....too much speed and wide turns increase the distance, speed and time required to complete the course!

Take a lesson or a race clinic. Learn energy efficient techniques that allow pacing and all terrain control. Stay alert. Keep shoulders facing down hill and your hands and poles in front of you ready to use them to initiate turns. Keep your body perpendicular to the hill so the weight is forward of your boots....try not to sit back! Keep the weight on the downhill ski! Keep a little space between your skis when skiing parallel for stability. Carved rhythmically linked turns are the most energy efficient and relaxed but controlled turns possible! Ski even weighted across paths of ice-making turns on softer patches of snow...edging on ice is a dangerous, difficult maneuver and wastes energy. Plan many rest stops. Drink lots of water...alcohol dehydrates and distorts reflexes. Eat light energy carbohydrates avoiding greasy, fatty hard-to-digest or spicy foods on the slopes...especially eat breakfast! And lastly get a good nights sleep.

Have a Merry Christmas and a safe great ski trip!!!

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, December 10, 1993

7:30 PM - ????

COST \$5.00



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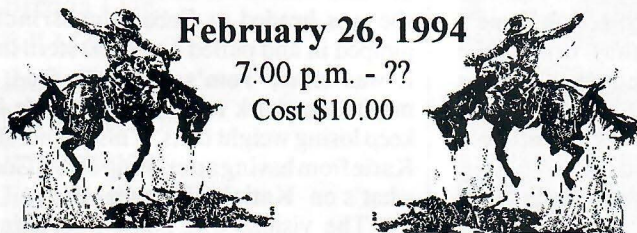
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FLOWER GARDEN TRIP

Gene Davis, Trip Chairman

On the night of August 20th, SCSC boarded the M. V. Fling for the very first Gulf dive adventure of the club. All arrived on time, (more than you can say about a ski trip) and we all settled in our bunks for the 110 mile ride out to the Flower Gardens. Most of us did, that is. Some, **Cathy Storey**, **Mike Stenberg**, **Larry Christi**, **Tim Morton** and **Lorna Jones**, had a bad case of "Pre-Dive Stress" and stayed up half the night playing cards. Some, **Linda Licarione**, **Maggie Paul**, **Jan Byerly** and **Arlene Bradley**, lost sleep thinking about the next day's adventure and all the underwater creatures. And others, nameless, lay awake most of the night, scheming on how they could stop **Jeff Sarff** from snoring so loud. Luckily for **Mike Stenberg**, **Jeff's** bunkmate. He couldn't find his bunk so he just crashed on the first available.

Saturday morning found us up at 6:30 a.m. (another first for SCSC), and ready for the first day briefing of the day by the Fling Divemaster and SCSC member, **Larry Laborde**. We were anchored next to the Fling's sister ship, the Spree. There was a 1.5 knot surface current which was a challenge for those who made the dive. The current was blamed on **Tom Hogle** who was voted the trip's scapegoat. **Patti Richards**, **Lorna Jones** and **Joan Morgan** thought it would be best if they stayed behind to help out the galley slaves cooking breakfast. **Margie Kirkpatrick**, SCSC member, leads up the selection of galley slaves for the Fling and the Spree, volunteered to staff this trip just to be with the SCSC divers. It was **Tom's** fault that she volunteered.

On the second dive, **Dick Howard** came to rescue of **Sue Shirley**, when **Sue** lost her weight belt. (**Tom's** fault!) (For some reason, this is very common with SCSC divers.) This was also the first time **Patti**, **Lorna**, **Joan** and **Jeff** had ever seen clear water. For them, diving had been an experience of swimming in green Jello with an occasional face full of mud, as found in local area lakes. **Lorna** lost her fins on entry but was able to recover them. It was **Tom's** fault that her fin strap was loose.

After **Katie Kruger's** first dive, she thought she was bent. However the attention of divemasters' **Jim Brindley** and **Roberto Brunel** and **Tim Morton** came to her aid. Fortunately, it was only a

strained muscle and she was very gratified after a deep foot massage. ?She was hoping to get her toes sucked but they were wise to her. **Katie** was safe from underwater shark attacks. She wore her Texas State Bar membership card around her neck as shark repellent. Something about "Professional Courtesy"!

For the third dive we moved over to the East Bank of the Flower Gardens with the Spree. **Dennis Davenport**, with his mind on the Hemisphere Dancer looking for **Joe Merchant**, got a perfect "10" from 30 judges as he performed a near perfect Giant Stride into the water...without his



fins. It was **Tom's** fault.

The Fling and the Spree are both built the same except the Fling has a white bottom and the Spree has a red bottom. No problem. On the third dive, after the head count, **Roberto Brunel** and his father, "**Bob Hope**" **Brunel** were missing. They had surfaced under the Spree. When they were ferried back to the Fling, **Bob Hope's** comment was, "And, they don't take American Express on the Spree!" It was **Tom's** fault.

Leona Bryan and **Neal Pleasant** were also missing after the head count, but they were found during the "bunk check."

Katie lost another weight belt. That makes two that were **Tom's** fault.

Terry McGuinness should receive an award for patience in handling underwater problems by himself. His dive buddy, **Tom**, was practicing the "Same Ocean Buddy System." It was **Tom's** fault!

Dick could not find his left bootie for the next dive. But he noticed that Divemaster **Sy Libergot** was wearing it,

as **Sy** scrambled for his tank as it hit the deck. I think it was **Tom's** fault.

On the night dive, **Jan** and **Lorna** joined the official "Turtle Club." **Jim Brindley** found a huge turtle about the size of the moguls on **Ajax**. As we all gathered around to watch and touch, the turtle became annoyed and left to find his mate. **Joy Hamer** was able to touch and follow as he took off. **Ron Shifley**, **Bill Morely**, **Frank Standley**, **Terry**, **Jeff**, **Dick** and others were also able to experience the "feel." But again, it was **Tom's** fault. Thanks **Tom**.

Cathy and **Terry**, who tried to imitate a "lighting bug" underwater, were easy to spot, thanks to some real creative placement of cyalume lights.

After the night dive the entertainment for the evening was "**Blade Runner**" and "**Road Warrior**" on video. Some went to bed early, like **Tom**. **Tom** was having considerable difficulty in trying to get under the covers in his bunk. He had given up when **Maggie Paul** explained to him that he had been "short sheeted." **Tom**, not knowing what that meant, said "No problem, I'll just put my pillow at the other end." When we asked **Maggie**, she said it was **Tom's** fault!

Sunday, we woke up on **Stetson Rock** to find another boat, with problems, tied up to our mooring. This delayed our first dive, but did allow us to all have a big breakfast before entering the water. The food must have some strange effect on weight belts. On entry, **Katie** lost her third belt and missed the safety down-line. As she was headed to **Cuba**, **Jim Brindley** jumped in and pulled her to the stern line. It was either **Tom's** fault, the food, or maybe the shark repellent that made her keep losing weight belts. This did not stop **Katie** from having an exciting dive. (Guess what's on **Katie's** Christmas list!)

The visibility at **Stetson** sometimes reaches over 100 ft. Today, it was less than a 100' and for **Mike Stenberg**, it was even worse. **Mike** was having problems with a leaking mask and someone told him to put some silicon on his mask to seal it. Instead, he put inside the mask. Of course, it was **Tom's** fault.

Sunday also found **Arlene Bradley** doing a "strip." Her dive buddy, **Michael Rorick**, helped her get re-dressed. She

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had put on someone else's much larger dive skin and was very puzzled, believing that she had stretched hers out. Michael was also seen performing "on the spot" massages for some of the ladies.

As usual, the barracuda's were plentiful at Stetson. No problem for Sue. She offered one barracuda a serving of "Knife Tartar." He found this amusing, however, but was not really interested. He had pigged out from a diet of Katie's weight belts.

During the morning the seas grew rougher, presenting a real challenge to exiting the water without getting hurt. Ron Shifley, who assisted Fling crew on every dive, provided a much needed and appreciated helping hand to those of us trying to get out of the water.

Where was Ferrald Belote all weekend? In his bunk. When asked why, he said Tom made him stay in his bunk.

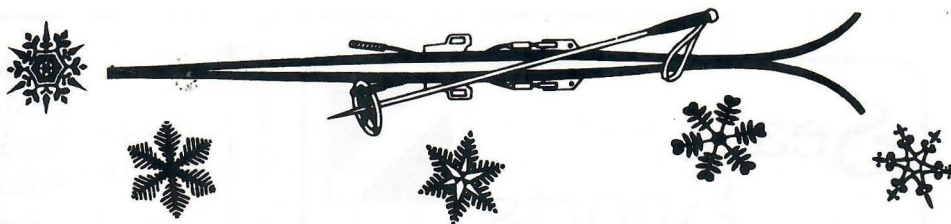
Tim Morton was the first casualty on Stetson by swimming into some loose jelly fish tentacles on the first dive. The stings were mild but Tim was more concerned because he got hit on the kisser. On the next dive other surfaced wearing the "Red Badge of Courage" from the same problem.

Due to the rough seas, (it was Tom's fault), we did not do a rig dive. That meant that we could "pop a top" and pig out on the remaining food. As we came into port, Margie commented that she was really surprised by the divers from SCSC. She had stocked on more beer than usual and she had plenty left over. Another SCSC first! It was Tom's fault.

For some, this was their very first Gulf dive. For others, it was another group of dives logged in their log book. But, for all, especially me, it was a fun time, diving and sharing new experiences with friends that will be remembered forever! Let's go down and do it again! ❄



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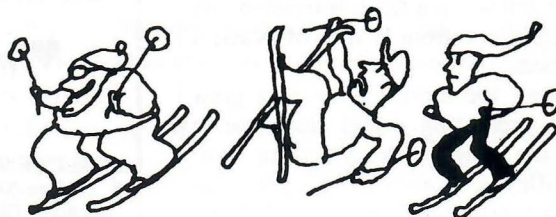
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SCSC BRIDGE PARTY

By Pat King, AC



The SCSC Bridge Party was held on October 15th at Westside Tennis Club. Twenty SCSC members and four guests tried their bidding and playing skills. The two top scorers were "non-members." SCSC member Eileen Foody won a bottle of French wine in the "draw." Vicki Matthews, Dana Waddell, Pat Truesdale and Meredith Gunn were among those who had difficulty remembering if they were vulnerable. Sara Green demanded cards with big numbers and was somewhat embarrassed when she was told by the AC that she already had the cards with the big numbers. Mey Tawny, Joan Dial and Joe Murphy did not stick around for the last round of play -- wonder where they went!!! Tom Hogle and Linda Albright were busy playing as well as hanging around the food table. Stu Traver was the authority on scoring and kept the cheating to a minimum. Jack Taylor won the first round and spend the rest of the evening trying to keep the same partner. Robert Reichel always seemed to be in deep concentration -- was he thinking about bridge or the ski trip he is coordinating? Craig Campbell, Patrick McDonald and Linda Lyon were heard to say several times "is it Club, Hearts, Diamonds, Spades or Diamonds, Hearts, Club, Spades or---?" Sue Shirley and Dick Howard could always set them straight. As always with the SCSC people there was much laughing, talking, eating, drinking and frivolity. Westside Tennis Club did a superb job in providing a lovely place and great service. ❄

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Roller Skating

February 27, 1994

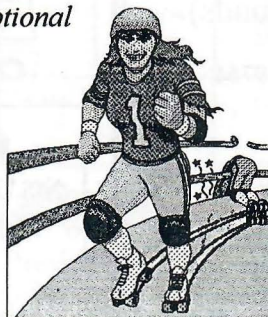
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by Arlene Bradley and Denise Loos

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Gil Ransonet, Paul Cairns, Denise Loos, Stan Broniak, Pat Wood Tipping a Cup at Brazos River Bottom!



At the same time a little chilly, slightly sleepy and not quite finished with the morning paper, activity coordinator, Arlene Bradley volunteered to remain at the parking area waiting for stragglers. Our second group of cyclists included Billy Nowak, Gail Quenneville, Linda Licarione, Bill Kirk, Jeri Hartman, Betsy Goodnow, Martha Martin and Tom Danowski.

Lunch was served at the *Brazos Bottom Grill*, an enticing Texas dance hall with tasty fajitas, ample patio and warm sunshine! ❄️

1st Non-Annual SCSC Chili Cookoff



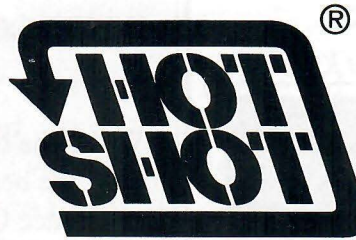
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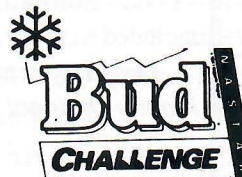
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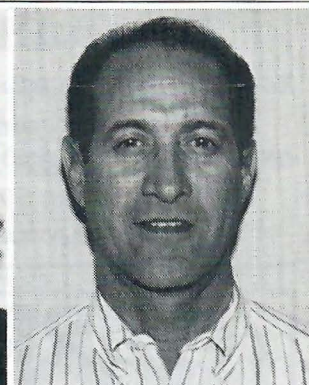
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SKIING LEVEL	Cruising Intermediate	Below zero	Beginnig Beginner (doing much better every week of this summer's lessons)	Adv.
PREVIOUS SCSC TRIPS	Aspen, Banff, Steamboat, Copper Mountain, Sun Valley, Badgastein,	Brackenridge, Keystone & Innsbruck	Steamboat - Jan 1993, Planning Vail '94 - along with many others...	Many Time & Place - 4 States
I FOUND OUT ABOUT SCSC BY	Through a friend who had to ask an ex-girlfriend where&when the club met.	I stumbled into a happy hour - haven't missed one since	girl friends Janet Rash & Marianne Pearce	Business Partner
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