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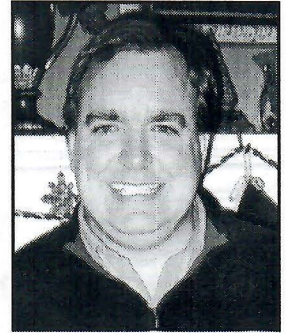
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Head of the Lifeline

Sean O'Brien - President



*"It is time ...
to get others
excited about
being a part of
Space City Ski
Club."*

It is with excitement that I begin the role as President for the upcoming year. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with last year's officers as the Club's Treasurer. John Rice did an excellent job as President and was always a class act dealing with all issues that arose throughout the year. Debbie Bergeron produced an excellent Sitzmarke that was issued on time each and every month. Sharon Smith did an excellent job keeping track of club's members and was always prompt and courteous dealing with any membership related issue. Patti Maudslay worked tirelessly all year long with her two DOTs (Sue Bohnert and Jessica Halter) to organize 11 excellent ski trips to great locations. Roger Sahni along with his Assistant Jerri Hartman organized many great non-ski related activities. Finally, Lisa Smith did a great job keeping the officers organized with prompt notices of all meetings, keeping good minutes of meetings and producing the clubs membership directory. I have no doubt that these individuals will be excellent mentors for this year's executive committee. After working with each of these individuals for a year, I consider each of them to be a good friend.

No sooner than the last skier has returned from the last club ski trip that planning is off and running for next years trips. In fact, SCSC has just returned from the Texas Ski Council Bid Meeting in San Antonio where five great trips have already been selected for next year. I, like each of you, now have the great dilemma to select which trip to go on. Sue Bohnert is deep into the process of selecting trip coordinators and planning additional destinations for the club and Dawn Rodriguez has plans for multiple activities in the works. Stay tuned, because it all will be exciting.

If you want to showcase you singing talents or chuckle at someone else trying to showcase theirs, plan on attending the Karaoke Follies at our final meeting of this season on May 20. We will also be voting on some changes to our club's bylaws.

It is time for each of you to renew your membership in the club and to get others excited about being a part of Space CitySki Club. If you have not already sent in your renewal application, please go ahead and do so. Along that line, I hereby challenge each and every member of the club to recruit at least one friend or co-worker to join SCSC this year. You are all members because you enjoy what SCSC has to offer and I am sure your friends will to. So talk them into joining!

In conclusion, let me leave you this month with the following definition of "snow". "A form of precipitation that usually occurs three weeks prior to and the morning of your departure from your ski trip."

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL FUTURE GENERAL MEETINGS!

***Parking at the hotel for our General Meetings is free.
The \$6 parking fee sign applies only to overnight guests.
However, be sure to pick up a parking token each month
at our Member & Guest sign-in tables
so you can exit the garage after the meeting.***

General Meeting – May 20 – The Follies!

ELVIS* WILL MAKE A SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE

Plus other celebrities* to sing your favorite tunes!

Don't miss seeing this fabulous show!

Karaoke – Dress up as your favorite singer and join the show!

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* impersonators

Happy Hour

The Beverly Hills Pub

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Thursday, May 16
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Appetizers & Great Happy Hour Prices til 7 pm!



CALENDAR

May						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

May

- 6 SCSC Ex Comm Meeting
- 9 N&Y Member Mixer
- 16 Happy Hour - Beverly Hill Pub
- 20 Gen'l Meeting & Follies
- 25-30 Mexican Riviera Cruise

June						
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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June

- TBA SCSC Ex Comm Meeting
- TBA SCSC Board Meeting
- 7 N&Y Member Mixer
- 9 Volunteer Appreciation Party
- 20 Happy Hour - Knuckleheads

July						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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27	28	29	30	31		

July

- TBA SCSC Ex Comm Meeting
- TBA N&Y Member Mixer
- 17 Happy Hour - TBA

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NEW (& YOUNGER) MEMBER MIXERS!



Thursday, May 9 - 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

La Strada
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Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres

Friday, June 7 - 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

The Big Easy
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Mixer Guidelines:

1. All SCSC members 45 years of age or younger are encouraged to attend and to bring at least one prospective new member age 45 or under.
2. All SCSC members over 45 are welcome as long as you bring 2 prospective members age 45 or under.
3. No one will be "carded" - if your guest can pass for 45 or younger...bring them on!

April Bid Meetings brings May "Madness"!!

We have barely finished our ski trips; summer-waxed our skis and stored our ski clothes; are awaiting the Houston summer swelter ... *and* we are talking ski trips and snow for the new ski year (2002-2003). While everyone else is enjoying the April showers, May flowers, and summer heat, your club Officers and TC/ATC volunteers are looking forward -- working to "plant the garden" that will become this winter's "bouquet" of ski trips.

Please be sure to thank outgoing VP of Trips, Patti Maudslay for all her effort and hard work for the season just completed.

The first major step in setting the schedule for next year is the Texas Ski Council (TSC) Bid Meeting, which we just completed April 19-21 in San Antonio, Texas. For those members who are new to the club and are not aware of the process for setting next year's schedule, let me briefly describe the process. Earlier this year the TSC sent bid requests to various tour operators and ski resorts. The resorts/operators interested in bidding return the completed bids and a pre-select committee, comprised of TSC-member clubs, narrows the list of trips. The destinations selected are then invited to present their bid at the TSC Bid Meeting. After the presentations have been made, each club caucuses to determine which trips will be supported. The TSC representative for each club, along with a set of delegates for each club, is then prepared to vote. (SCSC's delegates include the TSC Representative, the TSC Representative-Alternate, the incoming and outgoing VP of Trips, the incoming and outgoing Presidents, and the current Chairman of the Board).

There is also a Ski Show where many resorts are represented, so that possibilities can be considered for the Club trips. The TSC bid meeting process is open to all club members. Getting input into the decision making process is as easy as going to San Antonio in



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April. Thanks to all who attended this year.

New Zealand Update: Although final payment has passed, we still have the opportunity to expand the trip. Please contact the TC, Steven Teoh, as soon as possible. Also, note that there have been some changes made to the trip which has increased the number of ski days/tourist days in Queenstown, New Zealand. This is a fabulous country. With the added bonus of Fiji and an excellent dollar value—think of it as a great way to escape the summer heat of Houston.

Because the Bid Meeting was later than usual this year, the TSC trip schedule was not available in time for the May Sitzmarke.

FALL ROUNDUP Stay Tuned to
TRADITIONAL the June
EXPEDITION Sitzmarke for
WINTERSHOOTOUT the 2002-2003
FINAL SHOWDOWN... TSC trip schedule

Lastly, a little travelling humor: If it is called "Tourist Season", why can't we hunt them?

Ski New Zealand / Dive Fiji

Date: July 27 – Aug 10, 2002

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Jul 27-29 Houston to Nadi, Fiji
Jul 29-Aug 3 Nadi, Fiji
Aug 3 Nadi to Queenstown
Aug 3-10 Queenstown
Aug 10 Queenstown to Houston

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Space City Ski Club

2001-2002 Remaining Trip Schedule

Trip Dates	Nights/Ski Days	Trip Destination	Cost (See Notes)	Final Payment	Lodging	Max No. Skiers	TC/ATC (DOT)	Home Phone
Jul 27 - Aug 10, 2002 (Sat - Sat)	14/6	NEW ZEALAND/ FIJI	\$2508	4/8/02	Copthorne Sheraton (Hotel)	32	Steven Teoh (Sue Bohnert)	713-582-8060 281-496-1275

Note: Check with trip leader for the most current status on trip.

2002-03 Appointed Positions Available

Candidates are needed for the following 2002-03 positions.
Contact the officer indicated below to apply and for further information.

<u>Position</u>	<u>2002-03 Officer to Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Director of Programs	Dawn Rodriguez, VP Programs	(713) 728-1955
Directors of Trips (2)	Sue Bohnert, VP Trips	(713) 467-5027
Club Race Director	Sue Bohnert, VP Trips	(713) 467-5027
TSC Representative	John Rice, Chairman of the Board	(281) 293-9533
TSC Alternate Representative	John Rice, Chairman of the Board	(281) 293-9533
Auditor	John Rice, Chairman of the Board	(281) 293-9533
Open Board Position	John Rice, Chairman of the Board	(281) 293-9533

Race Directors Report: Lake Louise

Bill Bomberger, Club Race Director

With a win at Lake Louise, Space City moved into First Place in Division 1 in the TSC Standings!!

The results for the Lake Louise races in our Division are:

1st	Space City Ski Club	1651 points
2nd	Los Amigos	1380 points
3rd	Austin Skiers	1274 points
4th	Lone Star	1216 points

Space City had 51 participants in the **OPEN** racing with the following medal winners:



Space City had 51 participants in the **INDIVIDUAL** racing with the following medal winners:

<u>Men</u>		<u>Women</u>	
Bruce Lowther	Bronze	Darlene Hirasaki	Silver
Robert Samen	Silver	Lotty Gautschi	Bronze
		Kayleen Kill	Gold
		Janet McKenzie	Silver
		Susan Wilson	Gold

Notes:

The **Open** race is for all of the trip participants and each racer earns points for their club, in addition to any medal earned. The Divisional club awards are determined by the accumulated points of each club's racers. The **Individual** race is for the top racers in each club, based on the Open race, and is for individual awards.

The **Black, Blue, and Green** medals are SCSC awards. They add three more levels of achievement just below Gold/Silver/Bronze medals. The medals do not reflect what the racers look like after the race.

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<u>Men</u>				<u>Women</u>	
Stephen Barney	Bronze	Mark Markel	Blue	Lotty Gautschi	Black
Joe Broccolier	Bronze	Philip Nelson	Bronze	Darlene Hirasaki	Bronze
Charles Butler	Blue	Ronald Rambin	Silver	Kayleen Kill	Silver
Michael Carter	Bronze	John Rice	Bronze	Mimi Markel	Black
Hartley Chetlin	Green	Robert Samen	Silver	Diane McKenzie	Bronze
Robert Clutier	Bronze	Jeffrey Sarff	Bronze	Janet McKenzie	Silver
Karl Gautschi	Silver	Bob Sheffield	Bronze	Linda Meyer	Bronze
Gunnar Heyne	Gold	Douglas Shows	Black	Susan Wilson	Silver
George Hirasaki	Gold	Kenneth Smith	Bronze		
Michael Hughes	Bronze	Luis Torres	Black		
Rick Jacobs	Green	Phillip Vice	Silver		
Albert Klimas	Bronze	Helmut Zegner	Silver		
Bruce Lowther	Bronze				

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"I challenge you to take a step forward ..."

I am excited about the coming year and the events being scheduled to accommodate everyone in providing fun-filled excitement. As your newly elected Vice-President of Programs, I have been busy thinking of new ideas for activities to launch in the new season. We have had some great years in the history of our club and this is sure to be another in that storied list.

With the many activities that are forthcoming, we need volunteers to help ensure their success. Not only do we need volunteers -- we need ideas on what activities you want us to plan for you. Ideas include: Golf Tournament, Wine Tasting, Bowling, Gourmet Dinner, Road Rally, Beach Bash, Halloween Party, Sailing, etc. The list goes on and on. We have a full year ahead of us, so please get

your name on the list of people who "make it happen." Simply call me during the day at 713-216-0692 or evening at 713-728-1955.

A reminder that the May meeting date has been moved back one week to May 20th, avoiding conflict with Mother's Day.

Do not forget to renew your membership by the end of May. Please take the time to voice your opinions on the types of activities you wish us to schedule for your entertainment. I challenge you to take a step forward this year and volunteer for at least one activity that you deem your favorite. If you are in control, it will be done right! Remember, this is the last membership meeting until September. However, the HAPPY HOURS last all summer!!

ACTIVITY DATE	ACTIVITY	COORDINATOR	CONTACT #	FINAL PAYMENT	
				DATE	COST
5/9	N&Y Member Mixer - La Strada	Cindy Moore	(713) 984-1060	--	--
5/16	Happy Hour - The Beverly Hills Pub	Laura Carmin		--	--
5/25-30	Mexican Riviera Caribbean Cruise	Bob Olsen	(713) 436-0082	2/21	\$683/\$763
6/7	N&Y Member Mixer - The Big Easy	Cindy Moore	(713) 984-1060	--	--
6/9	Volunteer Appreciation Party	Roger Sahni	(281) 493-4414	--	Invitation Only
6/20	Happy Hour - Knuckleheads	Laura Carmin		--	--
7/18	Happy Hour - TBA	Laura Carmin		--	--

Race Director Report (cont. from page 5)

Aspen - Club Race Results

A private club race was arranged and set up for Space City Ski Club's participants at Snowmass on Friday of their trip. The weather was not what the group would have liked for racing purposes -- it was snowing so hard you could barely see three gates ahead as you raced. There were no complaints, however, about the 4" of new snow falling during the race and lunch -- it made for great skiing afterward. Here are the medal winners posted for the trip.

Charles Albright	Bronze
Stephen Amy	Bronze
Bill Bomberger	Bronze
Martin Bradley	Silver
Blake Gillespie	Silver
Lori Gilliland	Black
John Palma	Bronze
Sue Salvage	Green
John Salinas	Black
John Stoner	Bronze
Robert Wray	Bronze
Eric Wright	Bronze



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PREDICT YOUR TIME FUN RUN

Arlen Isham

February 23, 2002

Many were very confident they could predict, to the nearest second, their time to run or walk the 2.9-mile loop. **Gerry Simpson** ran the Motorola Marathon the previous week and reportedly consulted with both Frank Shorter & Bill Rodgers. Everyone stepped up, got their Rodeo Run running numbers, and made their predictions with times from 28 minutes flat by **Ray Davis & Gerry** to 48:47 by **Jo Beth Isham**. **Jeanie Hoepfel** brought her brother **Jeff**, and then predicted her time better than his.

We drew a line on the Memorial Park Loop dirt, everyone lined up and with a loud "GO", the group dashed away, except for Gerry who was tying his shoes. **Rick Jaeger** dashed in just after the start, yelled his time, and took off chasing the group.

Mike Montgomery arrived 25:54 later, missing his predicted time by 246 seconds. Mike must have been thinking he was going to jog the loop. Mike, Ray, & Gerry turned in the three fastest times.

The Winners were **Ray Davis** (minus 25 seconds), **Gerry Simpson** (minus 26 seconds), **Mike Dawson & G. A. Addicks** (tied - minus 32 seconds), **Jo Beth Isham** (plus 33 seconds), and **Phil McFarland** (minus 35 seconds). Ray, Gerry, and G.A. received gold, silver, and bronze medals respectively. About two

his predicted time. G. A. & Mike made it difficult for the score keeper, when they predicted the same time and finished at the same time.




It was a nice cool morning, which made it easier for everyone to run faster. The top five all received prizes from Sun & Ski. The rest of the group enjoyed door prizes including some really bad movies, drinks, and snacks.

Several of the group congregated at Bubba's for a well-deserved breakfast after the event.



thirds of the group ran faster than their predicted time and one third slower.

Prospective new members, **Norman Greenburg & Sylvia Emanuel** had the dubious distinction of being 275 seconds off their predicted 45 minutes flat for their walk around the loop. **Carol Cain**, completely recovered from her broken parts last year, ran a nice 32:59 -- about 81 seconds faster than she predicted. **Rick Jaeger** caught most of the group running a 31:45, but he was 75 seconds slower than



Debbie

DEBBIE ABADIE, CRS

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PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

The Board of Directors has approved proposal of the following updates and modifications to our By-Laws. These changes will be presented to and voted on by the membership at our May 13 club meeting. The proposed changes are designated as follows:

Text proposed to be added has been **bolded**.
Text proposed to be deleted has been ~~lined through~~.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 2.0 MEMBERSHIP

2.2 RECOMMENDATION. Application for membership must be made upon recommendation of two members who are in good standing. DEFINITIONS:

- A. **MEMBERSHIP YEAR:** A period corresponding to the Club fiscal year, as defined in Article 5.1, during which a Club membership may be valid.
- B. **ACTIVE MEMBER:** Person whose new or renewal application has been accepted and who has paid applicable dues for the current membership year.
- C. **MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING:** Active member who has not been the subject of disciplinary action within the preceding twelve (12) month period.
- D. **ASSOCIATE MEMBER:** Honorary, dues exempt, non-voting member. Associate memberships, usually given to vendors, other ski clubs, Texas Ski Council officers, etc., are set up primarily to receive copies of the club newsletter.

2.4 DISCIPLINARY ACTION. A membership may be revoked, or other disciplinary action taken, by a 2/3 vote of all current Executive Committee ~~elected~~ officers, provided the member has been notified of the reasons for such action and has been given an opportunity to be heard by the Executive Committee. Such action may be brought for disregard or violation of these By-Laws and Standing Rules. Thirty days advance notice of the proposed action shall be given the member by certified mail.

2.6 MEMBERSHIP LIMITATION. The membership of the Club shall be limited to 1400 members; however, after such limitation is reached, the membership may be enlarged for the then present fiscal year by:

- A. Individuals whose membership application has been received or post marked no later than the date the 1400 member limit is reached.
- B. Individuals paying in full for a Club approved ski trip package (~~full, land, activity fee(s) only, etc.~~).
- C. Individuals who have become spouses of members in good standing after the membership limitation was reached.

2.7 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL. Membership in the Club shall be for a period ending ~~April 30 each year on the club fiscal year end~~. Applications for renewal of membership will be accepted through ~~May 31 the end of the first calendar month of that fiscal year~~; applications received by the Club thereafter shall be treated as though received from an individual seeking to become a new member in the order of the date received. Membership renewal can only be made by a member in good standing. ~~A member in good standing is defined as one who has satisfied the following conditions:~~

- ~~A. Has made application and paid applicable dues within the membership renewal period as specified above, and~~
- ~~B. Has not been the subject of disciplinary action by the Club in the preceding twelve (12) months.~~

2.8 ACTIVITY ELIGIBILITY.

- A. **SKI TRIPS.** A person must be a member in good standing of the Club in order to participate in any Club sponsored ski trip; except, however, the Club may sponsor **one up to three (3) trips each year that is are oriented toward family participation, and minor dependents of members in good standing may be allowed to participate if the member in good standing participates on the trip.**



Leona Schroeder

President

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PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

ARTICLE 3.0: MANAGEMENT

3.1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

A - B [NO CHANGES]

C. RESPONSIBILITIES. The Board of Directors shall have the following responsibilities:

(1) - (13) [NO CHANGES]

(14) Approve written guidelines for the Nominating Committee.

(15) Authorize new, or modification of existing, Club forms and documents.

3.2 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A - E(1) [NO CHANGES]

E. (2) VICE PRESIDENT - PROGRAMS. The Vice President-Programs shall have the responsibility for all Club programs and non-ski trips and activities authorized by the Executive Committee.

E. (3)-(7) [NO CHANGES]

ARTICLE 4.0: NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

4.1 ELECTION. There shall be an election of officers held at the Annual Meeting in March. Election shall be by written ballot unless there is only one nominee for each office. Written absentee votes shall be allowed for participants on Club trips which occur on members unable to attend the Annual Meeting ~~date~~ if received at the Club post office box no later than midnight of the Saturday prior to the Annual Meeting date, ~~or if received in such other manner as approved by the Board of Directors.~~ The elected officers shall take office on ~~May 1st~~ the first day of the club fiscal year.

4.3 ELIGIBILITY. The only persons eligible to hold office shall be ~~those who have been~~ members in good standing ~~for the twelve months preceding as of the date of the Annual Meeting, and who were active members in the preceding membership year.~~

A. President. Nominee for President shall have been, or shall currently be, an elective officer of Space City Ski Club ~~elected by the membership who has served a minimum six months term of office at time of nomination as President.~~

4.4 NOMINATING COMMITTEE. There shall be a Nominating Committee of seven members appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Committee prior to the September Regular Meeting. Not less than four nor more than five past officers of the Club shall serve on this committee. Current officers shall be ineligible to serve. Only ~~persons who have been~~ members in good standing ~~for the preceding twelve months~~ shall be eligible for membership on this committee. The Nominating Committee shall adhere to written guidelines approved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 5.0: DUES AND FUNDS

5.3 SIGNATURES. Orders for payments for monies, notes or other indebtedness issued in the name of this Club shall be signed by ~~any two elective officers~~ a current elective officer of the Club, ~~after an approved Expense Transmittal is submitted for payment thereof.~~

ARTICLE 6.0: MEETINGS AND QUORUMS

6.4 MEMBERSHIP QUORUM. A quorum at a Regular, Annual or Special Meeting shall be not less than ~~one hundred seventy-five (75)~~ members, of which at least two must hold elective office.

ARTICLE 8.0: TEXAS SKI COUNCIL

8.1 TEXAS SKI COUNCIL DELEGATE. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Club delegate and alternate to the Texas Ski Council. ~~Both shall have been a~~ be members in good standing ~~during the preceding twelve months~~ and shall have held an elective office.

8.3 TEXAS SKI COUNCIL OFFICER NOMINATIONS. Nominations for TSC office, who are not incumbent officers, shall be approved by the Board of Directors. The nominees must ~~have been~~ be members in good standing ~~for the 12 months preceding the nomination~~ and must have held an elective SCSC office.

On Saturday, February 2, Space City Ski Club arrived at Houston's Intercontinental Airport before the roosters awoke. We quickly found out about airport security when our fearless ATC, **Bill Brown** forgot he had a pocketknife in his jacket and was stopped. Luckily, **Sue DeWitt** saved the day. She had not checked her luggage in yet, and was able to stow it away for Bill. Upon arrival in Bozeman, Montana, we boarded the motor coach for an incredibly beautiful, scenic drive to Big Sky. Our bus driver also served as a tour director, pointing out the landscape, locations, privately owned properties, various animal habitat, etc. We arrived at the hotel, got our credentials, ski rentals, and then met for a Welcome Wine and Cheese Party. We received a warm welcome and a briefing on

Big Sky's history, skiing, features of Yellowstone Park, shopping, and dining.

Sunday was our first day to enjoy the incredible breakfast provided daily by The Huntley Lodge. Most of us hit the slopes early while our newest skier, **Cynthia Gersch**, took her very first ski lesson. She informed us she could not stop after the first lesson.

Many of us made it a short day of skiing so we could get together for a Super Bowl Party at Dante's Inferno. **Bill Brown** took **Janet McKenzie** and one of our new members, **David Eickhoff**, on a tour of the mountain. He navigated them through the trees without a trail map and refused to ask for directions. He led the group to a very steep mogul run. Janet renamed that run "Brown Pants" after checking her ski suit and discovering it was now a new color. Janet also took David under her wing, teaching him the ins and outs of skiing with us. By the end of the week, he graduated from Janet's ski class and moved into the advanced ski class known as the "Big Dogs". The "Big Dogs" ski group included **Nancy Schultz** (leader), **Gary Davis**, **Sue DeWitt**, **Keith Kirkman**, **Dennis Newell**, **Beverly Roberts**, **Charlie Roberts** and **David Stotz**.

Monday was another beautiful day of skiing and several of us came back with more stories to tell. Rumor has it that **Charlie Roberts** attempted to follow a group of snow boarders over a mound of snow. They made it -- he didn't. He skied into the mound, ski tips first, burying his head and shoulders and winning the "best head plant" award. **Dennis Newell** received the "best hip check" award when he adjusted his rear for a more comfortable lift ride -- and knocked **Keith Kirkman** right off the seat. **David Stotz** was "missing in action" for three or more ski runs. During one of his routine visits to a tree, David

found out just how deep that snow really was and was forced to work his way out!

On Tuesday, **Suzanne Woods** and **Cynthia Gersch** took a day off from skiing, rented a car, and headed for Yellowstone to visit the Grizzly Bear Discovery Center and meet some of these wild guys (bears). They quickly found out just how strict the Yellowstone cops are -- they want you to drive very, very slow. I guess Suzanne forgot to wear her big beautiful sheriff's badge! Back at the slopes, **David Eickhoff** had one heck of a wipe out while chasing **Bill Brown** and **Janet McKenzie** down the mountain. **Mitch Gaspard** skied right past him, thinking David was making a snow angel, but wondering why he was face down and ski bottoms up in the snow. Mitch suggested David use the accident to his advantage to pick up ski bunnies, asking for their assistance to get him back to his room.

Robert Davis and **Robert Porter** took après ski very seriously. The two got to know many of the locals on a first name basis while finding out just exactly where and how to "party hardy" the local way.

Stan Broniak, **Bill Brown**, **Lynne** and **Walter Hester**, **Don** and **Ruthann McGee**, **Sandy Perry**, **Pam Smith**, **Jimmy** and **Jill St. Clair**, **Dennis Stockton**, **David Stotz**, and **Kathy Young** joined in for an old-fashioned, two-horse team, open-sleigh ride through the woods to the North Fork Cabin owned by Lone Mountain Ranch. We had a hearty feast of prime rib prepared over a century old, wood-burning cook stove. We enjoyed fresh rolls, a homemade Curry Lentil and Mushroom Soup, sautéed mushrooms, veggies, and fabulous cheesecake, as well as a birthday cake prepared by one of the local bakeries. The ride and entertainment was phenomenal. We had never seen so many stars twinkling in the sky. The cabin was very rustic -- we dined by candlelight and were warmed only by the stove and our collective body heat. Our entertainer, Walkin' Jim Stoltz (no relation to David) sang several folk songs for us including "You Get A Line and Some Got a Pole". On our return to the lodge, our group decided to sing their own folks songs. Someone suggested we sing "She'll be Coming Around The Mountain". Stan asked "How do you

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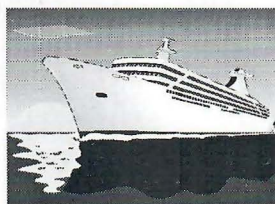
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know it's a she?" and the bus driver quickly informed us he had turned the bus over to find out the gender!

Wednesday, several of us headed for a snowmobile trip in Yellowstone Park. The group included **Stan Broniak, Bill Brown, Sue DeWitt, Cynthia Gersch, Lynne and Walter Hester, Don and Ruthann McGee, Diane Jamail, Ray Naudain, Paul Pavlik, Sandy Perry, Jimmy and Jill St. Clair, Michael Rothermund, Ann and Jason Rogers, Pam Smith, Jeff Steinhoff, Robert Todd, Suzanne Woods, Kathy Young and Dennis Stockton. Mitch Gaspard and Maria Pavlik** opted for a heated snow coach instead of snowmobiles. The snow coach broke down and they had to spend the day waiting for the rest of us to return. **Michael Rothermund and Robert Todd** headed for the canyon while the rest of us headed for Old Faithful. **Paul Pavlik** burned blisters on his hands from riding the snowmobile for 160 miles and running his camcorder at the same time! He went a lot further than the rest of us. Yellowstone yielded some incredible beauty and awesome wildlife close-ups. It was a first for many of us to see park rangers sitting on snowmobiles with radar detectors, waiting for one of us to come speeding by! Dennis, Kathy, Jill and Jimmy missed Old Faithful's eruption, not once, but twice. They decided to go in for lunch and wait for the next occurrence, but did not get away from lunch soon enough and missed both! Oh, what a beautiful world in which we live!

On Thursday, we celebrated a ski club sponsored Mardi Gras party at M.L. Hummers. Several members showed up in masks, costumes and beads. **Stan Broniak and Pam Smith** took the party by storm. They appeared in glittery hats, a feather boa, flashing light necklaces and gold sequenced suits. We enjoyed appetizers, beer, wine, and an unusual shot drink called a "Hummer". Afterwards a few of us continued our party at the Alpine Lounge. The "Two Bob's" (**Robert Davis and Robert Porter**) introduced us to a few new shot drinks such as "Diesel Fuel". By this time, the "Two Bob's" knew the locals and best "watering holes" really well. **Robert Todd** modeled Pam's boa and looked fabulous with it wrapped around his shoulders. **Jeff Steinhoff** was the source of numerous wonderful, insightful quotes about "modern women", which **Sandy Perry** and **Nancy Schultz** recorded for us on several paper napkins. Unfortunately, none of these can be quoted in the Sitzmarke! We also heard Jeff had been lured to the poker table in Chet's Bar. One person was heard asking, "Did he really win enough money to pay for his trip?"

Friday was our last day of skiing. The "Skiers Prayer" was answered with a snowstorm. Several of

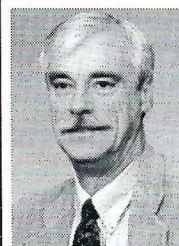
our ski bunnies really celebrated the event by hitting the slopes. Have you ever wondered why they have not installed windshield wipers on ski masks? **Kathy Young** skied the legs off of **Dennis Stockton, Jill and Jimmy St. Clair** by taking them down a black run called "Stump Farm" -- but they were still able to walk well enough to party that night!

Several of us wandered into Chet's Bar and met the "Crazy Austrians". Boy, are they ever crazy! I was requesting a German song when, suddenly, they pulled me up on stage, stuck some fuzzy thing on my head and some wooden sticks in my hands, and told me to play. Well, I promise you that I can hear a beat and dance it, but I cannot play it! **Nancy Shultz** was also lured to the stage and was "wigged" into knowing why blondes have more fun. **Susan DeWitt** was also enticed onstage to play the rhythm sticks!

Stan Broniak, Bob Davis, Don and Ruthann McGee, Janet McKenzie, Bob Porter, Sandy Perry, Pam Smith, Jill and Jimmy St Clair dined at Buck's T-4, one of Big Sky's most famous restaurants. The restaurant has been reviewed in Gourmet, Wine Spectator, Eating Well and Bon Appetite magazines and has been rated as one of the top ten restaurants at a ski resort. Their specialty is wild game, such as elk, bison and red deer. It was the first time for some of us to dine on wild game, and it was fabulous!

Saturday was our day to bid farewell to beautiful Montana and return home. We enjoyed our last incredible breakfast, loaded up our gear, checked out, and loaded the motor coach, which took us regretfully to the airport in Bozeman. Many of us hated to leave this beautiful place. **Diane Jamail** was trying to figure out a way to support her husband, **Ray Naudain**, so they could live in Montana. I don't think there are that many banks with job vacancies, however. Several of us had birthdays while in Big Sky, including **Ruthann McGee, Sandy Perry, Pam Smith, and Jimmy St. Clair. Bill Brown** presented a Viagra t-shirt to Jimmy while **Pam Smith** made out like a bandit with a new

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TSC Final Showdown

On Friday, March 1st, most of our 59 eager participants headed to beautiful Alyeska, Alaska for the Texas Ski Council Final Showdown trip. Security at the airport was tight; so tight that Ron Hayes had to drop his pants to get through! **Ron Flowers** arrived 45 minutes before our scheduled flight time, but the plane was over two hours later than he was, so it was not a problem!

We finally headed for Anchorage about 8:00 p.m. The 8-hour flight made it feel like an Expedition trip. **Richard Hall** playfully asked the bus driver, "Where do we exchange our money?" When we arrived at the Captain Cook Hotel at 2:00 a.m. Saturday, **Kayleen Kill**, TSC VP for the Alyeska Final Showdown, and Sportours representatives greeted us. **Sally Brown** and **Susan Blome** were there to help distribute our TSC badges and breakfast tickets. Thanks, ladies, for your dedication and assistance.

On Saturday morning many participants had the breakfast buffet, then set off to see the start of the Iditarod, an annual 1049-mile dog sled race from Anchorage to Nome. We saw over 60 teams with 12-16 dogs per team. Most of us "froze our buns" and **Barb**



Ehrlich is reported to have eaten a delicious Reindeer dog. Was that with frozen buns or thawed ones?

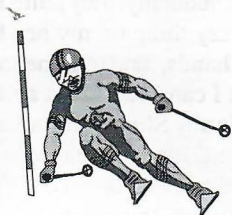
That sunny afternoon, brought shopping, sleeping (2 a.m. arrival, remember?), and sightseeing. **Anneliese Unterharnscheidt** attended the Alaska Native Heritage Tour, which she really enjoyed. **Jim** and **Sue Edwards** shopped for "bargains", and **Joe Walker** bought **Linda Beebe** a beautiful beaver hat to match her cowgirl jacket. For dinner, many found the Glacier Brewhouse, including **Marty** and **Pat Schulman**, **Sally** and **Morris Brown**, **Sharon** and **Merrill Smith**, **Vicki** and **Tommy McLaughlin**, **Diane** and **David Stotz**, **Nancy** and **Jeff Sarff**, **Linda Licarione**, **Leona Schroeder**, **Darlene Hirasaki**, **Jim** and **Sue**, **Barb**, **Kayleen**, and **Susan**.

Sunday, everyone travelled to Alyeska. Arriving at the Prince Alyeska Resort we found a huge hotel including ski-in/ski-out, ski rental shop, 3 restaurants, and a fitness center. The TSC Welcome Reception was held that evening, with over 320 Texans from 11 ski clubs. The hors d'oeuvres from local shops were so filling that many of us didn't need dinner afterward.

Our entire week in Alyeska brought beautiful ski weather! TSC clubs took advantage of this and participated in many optional activities: Flight seeing, wildlife boat cruise, dog sledding, snowmobiling, and of course, skiing. On Monday, **Jim** and **Sue Edwards**, **Sharon** and **Merrill Smith**, **Jeff** and **Nancy Sarff**, **Darlene Hirasaki**, **Bill Lodato**, and others embarked on the Resurrection Bay Cruise. According to their report, warm clothes were essential; it was windy and freezing cold when the occasionally rough ride brought water over the railing.

Others decided to ski. The ski lifts ran from 10:30 am till 5:30 pm, so we all had to readjust our "ski schedule" (it wasn't hard sleeping late!). **Maureen Irwin**, and **David** and **Diane Stotz** opted for the mountain tour, during which Diane often called to speed skier

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mink jacket from **Stan Broniak**! Stan was celebrating his own special day, too -- his "conception day". Don't ask any questions; just do the math.

Many thanks to **Kathy Young** and **Pam Smith** for their assistance, guidance and suggestions. And a very special thanks to **Janet McKenzie** for her help as well. She was great at getting groups of people together, introducing new members to the SCSC way of life on trips, and assisting the trip coordinator. What an incredible trip!



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David, "Honey, wait for me!" Maureen overheard and for the rest of the trip David heard "Honey" from both of them. After the tour, they lunched with skiers **Robbin Anderson, Laura Kinney, Bob Cadena, Leona Schroeder**, and other TSC participants.

Some of our high-flying explorers (**Jose Araujo, Kent North, Harry Melnick, Joe and Linda B., Susan, and Linda L.**) went flight-seeing. In small 6-passenger planes they flew over majestic glaciers, the Chugach Mountains and Mt. McKinley. Some flights landed on a glacier, whereupon Linda Beebe (*picture below*) reportedly stuck her tongue to the giant blue ice. Cool! (Sorry, bad pun!) Others dog sledged or relaxed around the resort that day.

On two special nights many of our group dined at the Seven Glaciers Restaurant, located at the top of the tram. It is the only Four-Diamond restaurant in Alaska and allows diners breathtaking sunsets and views of the Chugach Mountains. We dined, joked, and enjoyed our delicious 4-course meal. Diners included **Alice and Dale Allbritton, Sandy Cox, Lee "I stink" Swords, Sarah Kos, Bill LoDato, Marsha Lutz, Kent North, Judy Schiro and Ron Hayes**. During after-dinner cocktails, we enjoyed stories from **Joe Walker, Linda Beebe, Davis Tucker, Harry Melnick**, and others. **Tor Lileng** was quoted as saying, "I took advantage of the Alaskan seafood and other local specialties...all with the proper wines. The food was excellent, pricey, and I'm worth it!"

Tuesday night was the SCSC Party in Linda and Joe's suite. A special thanks goes to helpers **Sandi Cox, Irma Rosendahl, and Leona Schroeder**. Almost 50 participants came to party, mingle, drink and eat including **Tor, Mary Pat and Keith Rapp, Lila Davis, Ann Severtson, Anneliese Unterharnscheidt, Vicky and Tommy McLaughlin, and Morris and Sally Brown**.

On Wednesday, a large group embarked on the Resurrection Bay Cruise. **Mary Pat and Keith Rapp, Leona Schroeder, Cheryl Esposito, Sally and Morris Brown** kept warm inside the boat's cabin, but our die-hards could brave the cold, windy weather and still take pictures: **Jose Araujo, Laura Naistadt, Linda Licarione, Barbara Erhlich, Marsha Lutz, newlyweds Diane and Ross Baker, and Joe Walker**.

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The "Titanic" poses were a sight to see!!!

Thursday was TSC Race Day. We had 30 racers complete the race course, and no injuries. **David Stotz**, our great race director, was also the fastest male racer. **Diane McKenzie** was our fastest female racer. Due to a glitch (we think) in the race computer, **Merrill Smith** was put in the women's division. Merrill said, "I guess I'll need to get a sex-change operation". Sharon exclaimed, "I didn't know I've been married to a female all of these years!"

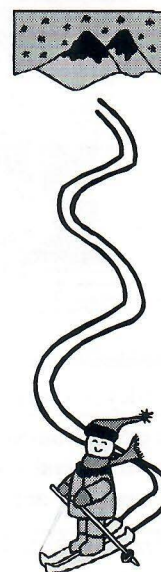
After skiing without falling for two days, **Richard Hall** fell over his ski pole at the end of the practice race course, then skied to the picnic, doing a double-release dismount and creating a "Yard Sale" before the entire assemblage. In another incident, **David Stotz** was skiing with **Kurt and Karin Schidlowski, Martha and Helmut Zenger**, (aka The Swiss Skiing Super Seniors), when he fell on a black bump run, losing skis and poles. Nobody saw his fall, but judging by his post-fall appearance, it might have registered as an "Estate Sale"!

A success story: With lots of help and encouragement from **Ron Hayes, Judy Schiro, Sandy Cox, and Lee Swords**, (and especially Ron) **Anne Severtsen** moved up from green runs and successfully completed her first blue run. Yea, Anne!

The joke of the week was seeing, or trying to see, the Northern Lights. Middle-of-the-night Northern Lights wake up calls from the hotel did not produce even one sighting. But another strange phenomenon was observed. Bleary eyed people were sighted wandering aimlessly around at very odd hours in three layers of clothing with cameras around their necks. Perhaps these strange disruptions are what caused **Laura Naistadt and Linda Beebe** to keep losing room keys! A related cosmic phenomenon, or mere coincidence??? Ooo-eee-oooo!

On Friday, **Dixie and Joe Meynier** went dog sledding. **Jose, Tor, Jim, Jeff, Marsha, Barb, Susan, Linda L., and others**, got in one more day of skiing. **Linda B. and Joe** went sightseeing (as Linda was "damaged goods" after Joe's handling of the snowmobile they rode). Many participants went shopping at the hotel and at the popular Jade Shop, including **Kent, Leona, Irma, Lila, Kayleen, Sue, and Darlene**.

Friday evening was the time for the TSC Awards



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Dinner and Dance. Just before it started, SCSC participants assembled on the hotel grand stairway for a group picture. **Ron** set up his camera on a tripod but it would only take one picture!!! **Jim** came to the rescue with his 35mm camera. When race awards were announced, SCSC took 2nd place in the Division I category. Individual Race Results included: **Karen Schidlowski** - 1st and **Martha Zenger** - 3rd in the Women's Super Senior category, **Helmet Zenger** - 2nd and **Kurt Schidlowski** - 3rd in the Mens's Super Senior category (Swiss couples and skiing go together nicely, obviously!). In the Women's Senior category, **Kayleen Kill** came in 1st (as usual!). In the Women's Open category, **Diane McKenzie-Baker** won 1st. Congrats to all of our SCSC speed demons!

At 9:00 p.m. we left the party and headed to Anchorage Airport. **Lee Swords** was whisked away by security to box up three knives and a computer tool, while **Linda Beebe** attempted to go through with a corkscrew in her purse. Fortunately, all managed to get on board. It should be noted that **Ron Hayes** had to drop his pants again!!!

Alaska is truly a vacation paradise and proved to be an excellent fun-filled trip for SCSC.

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SCSC is always on the lookout for great volunteers to plan & help coordinate various activities for the upcoming year. Please contact Dawn if you have ideas or are interested in running an activity!



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Membership Lessons

This monthly column is intended to help you get the most from being a member of SCSC. Each month you will find an article about SCSC and your relationship to it. The information is often derived from SCSC's Bylaws and Standing Rules. Sometimes seriously, sometimes humorously – we try to simplify and put them in perspective for you.

This Month: About your Membership (see Bylaws Article 2.0)

Master Po: "Young Grasshopper! Look into the tree on your left and tell me what you see."

Grasshopper: "I see many birds, Master. Some young, some older. They sing and seem happy to be together."

Master Po: "Very good. Tell me what is to be seen in the tree to your right."

Grasshopper: "A single, small bird, separate from the rest. It sings mournfully. Why is it not with those in the other tree, Master?"

Master Po: "It has not yet taken its first step, as the other young birds have. It has not done what is necessary – it has not taken flight. That is all that is needed for it to join the others. Soon, the other birds will move to another tree and its task will be even harder."

Grasshopper: "But *why* does it not take the first step, Master?"

Master Po: "I do not know, Grasshopper. This, I do not know"

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DON'T GET LEFT BEHIND! Are you aware that your membership in SCSC ended last month? SCSC's membership year runs from May 1 to April 30. Most of your friends filled out the membership renewal application in the April Sitzmarke, sent it in, and renewed their membership already. Did you?

SAVE A BUCK OR TWO! Did you know that, if you renew your membership by May 31, you save a cool \$5, or \$10 on a dual membership? (Two people with the same mailing address may join under a dual membership.)

OTHER MEMBERSHIP INFO: 1) You must be 21 or older to join the club – physically, that is; we like you to remain young at heart. 2) You are voted into membership. Once you send your app with dues to the VP of Membership, the Executive Committee (the club officers) approve applications each month. *Don't worry, you're a shoo-in!* 3) You **must** be an SCSC member to sign up for a ski trip, but non-members can participate in the club's various non-ski activities. So, bring a friend along on that next SCSC Cruise, or Darts Tournament, or Bike Ride. One of the best ways we have of attracting new members is through participation on an activity. 4) Members can bring their friends, age 21 and over, as Guests to the club's General Meetings (held September - May) as a way to introduce them to SCSC. 5) Once you join, you are **immediately eligible** to Volunteer! SCSC is a volunteer-run organization and we can always use help. Although there are prerequisites for some volunteer positions, there are tons of ways you can pitch in. Call or e-mail an officer (see page 2) for more info and to volunteer. It can be fun and one of the best ways to get to know other members – working alongside them.

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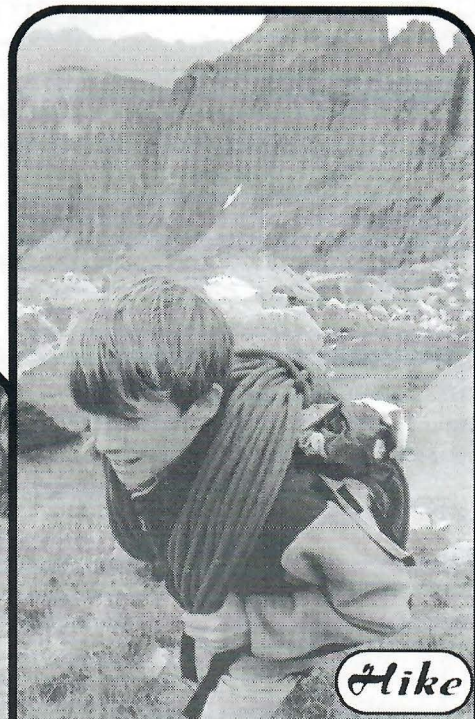
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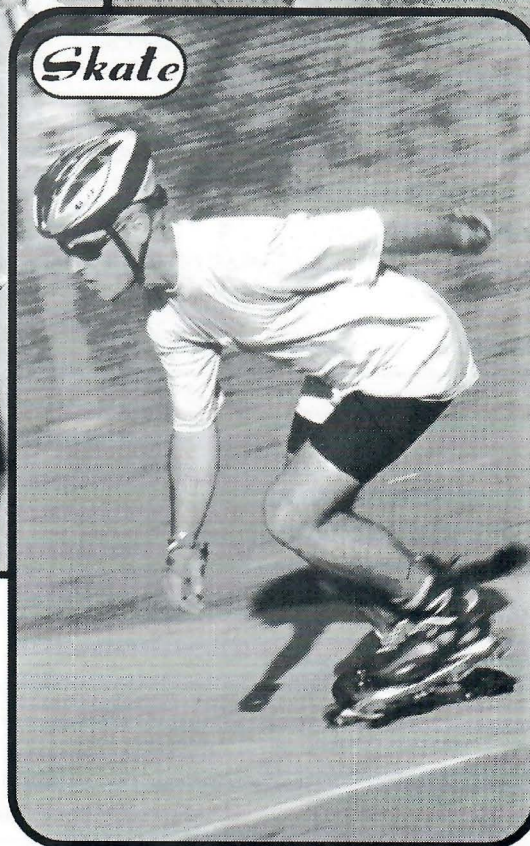
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Renewal by 5-31-2002 ☐ \$25 Single ☐ \$40 Dual Membership
 Renewal after 5-31-2002 ☐ \$30 Single ☐ \$45 Dual Membership

■ MAILING AND DIRECTORY LISTING DATA (Please Print Clearly)

(A1) APPLICANT 1

(A2) APPLICANT 2

LAST FIRST MIDDLE LAST FIRST MIDDLE

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIPCODE + 4 (See Phone Bill for Zip + 4)

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 APPLICANT 1 WORK NUMBER APPLICANT HOME NUMBER APPLICANT 2 WORK NUMBER

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APPLICANT 1 E-MAIL ADDRESS APPLICANT 2 E-MAIL ADDRESS

APPLICANT 1 BIRTHDAY: MO/DAY APPLICANT 2 BIRTHDAY: MO/DAY

X / / X / /
 APPLICANT 1 SIGNATURE DATE APPLICANT 2 SIGNATURE DATE

Signature constitutes acceptance of Release of Liability and Standing Rules printed on the reverse side or page 2 of this application form.

■ TRIP/ACTIVITY PREFERENCES ☐ (A1) ☐ (A2) - Use same selections as last year

(A1)(A2) (A1 = Applicant 1 A2 = Applicant 2) (A1)(A2) (A1 = Applicant 1 A2 = Applicant 2) (A1)(A2) (A1 = Applicant 1 A2 = Applicant 2)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> (A) Bicycling | <input type="checkbox"/> (J) Mardi Gras | <input type="checkbox"/> (S) Summer Games |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (B) Cultural / Theater | <input type="checkbox"/> (K) B-B-Q Chili / Cookoff | <input type="checkbox"/> (T) Water Sports Day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (C) Dancing | <input type="checkbox"/> (L) Golf | <input type="checkbox"/> (U) Roller Skating / Blade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (D) Beach Party | <input type="checkbox"/> (M) Rodeo | <input type="checkbox"/> (V) Rafting / Camping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (E) Wine Tasting | <input type="checkbox"/> (N) Pub Crawl | <input type="checkbox"/> (W) Dickens on the Strand |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (F) Cooking Class | <input type="checkbox"/> (O) Cards / Games Night | <input type="checkbox"/> (X) Volleyball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (G) Road Rally | <input type="checkbox"/> (P) Halloween Party | <input type="checkbox"/> (Y) Snowboarding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (H) Tennis | <input type="checkbox"/> (Q) Community Affairs | <input type="checkbox"/> (Z) Cross Country Skiing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (I) Dog / Horse Racing | <input type="checkbox"/> (R) Sailing / Boating | <input type="checkbox"/> () |

■ WE NEED YOU AS A VOLUNTEER – PLEASE TELL US WHERE YOU CAN HELP

(A1) (A2) (A1 = Applicant 1 A2 = Applicant 2)

Ski Trips

- ☐ (A) Trip Coordinator
- ☐ (B) Assistant Trip Coordinator
- ☐ (C) Race Coordinator

Meetings

- ☐ (D) Member Check-In
- ☐ (E) Membership Coordinator
- ☐ (F) Ambassador (Host)

Other Activities

- ☐ (G) Activity Coordinator
- ☐ (H) Writer / Artist
- ☐ (I) Follies
- ☐ (J) Musician / Entertainment

Staff Functions

- ☐ (K) Sitz Photographer
- ☐ (L) Sitz / Directory Advertising Sales

Officer Assistants

- ☐ (M) Trips
- ☐ (N) Treasurer
- ☐ (O) Programs
- ☐ (P) Auditor

■ DEMOGRAPHIC DATA (for SCSC use only, not for publication purposes)

(A1) Applicant 1

(A2) Applicant 2

Male / Female Male / Female
 Year of Birth Single / Married Year of Birth Single / Married

1.0 DUES.

- A. Dues shall be \$30 per single person and \$45 for a dual membership. Two individuals applying for a dual membership must use the same mailing address and will receive one (1) monthly copy of the Sitzmarke and one (1) club directory, when published.
- B. Members who renew their current membership within the first month of the membership year will receive a \$5 discount per membership.
- C. Dues are nonrefundable, may not be pro-rated, and may not be converted to dual membership status during the membership year.

5.0 TRIP PENALTIES.**5.1 FINAL PAYMENT DATE**

- A. If a trip participant withdraws from a trip after the published final payment date, the trip participant will lose the entire payment upon withdrawal. If the participant can be replaced from the waiting list, the participant will be refunded the entire payment less any costs incurred by the Club in addition to cancellation fees as specified in 5.2. If the trip participant cannot be replaced from the waiting list, the participant will be refunded the amount which the Trip Coordinator is able to recover by cancellation of lodging, transportation, and/or other commitments less any costs incurred by the Club and cancellation fees as specified in 5.2.
- B. If a trip participant fails to make final payment by the published final payment date the Trip Coordinator may replace the participant after making a diligent effort to contact the participant, who will be subject to cancellation fees as specified in 5.2.

5.2 CANCELLATION FEES.

A participant may forfeit his full deposit if he fails to notify the Club in writing of his intent to withdraw on or before the published final payment dates. A minimum charge of \$30.00 or 20% of the published trip cost, whichever is less, said amount not to be less than \$10.00 will be assessed for each trip cancellation.

5.3 A charge of \$10.00 will be assessed for each trip transfer. A transfer will not be considered after final payment date unless a replacement can be secured.**5.4** Deposit, transfer and cancellation charges for non-domestic trips shall be determined by the Executive Committee and included in the trip release form as well as in all trip publicity; in no case shall these requirements be less than those provided in Sections 5.2 and 5.3 of these Standing Rules.**5.5 NO SNOW**

If the Club encounters a cancellation situation prior to the departure of a trip, the trip participant is entitled to recover the entire cost of the trip less charges incurred by the Club as a penalty for cancellation of lodging, transportation, operating expenses and/or other commitments made on behalf of a trip participant. Refunds to any trip will be made upon receipt by the Club of the total refund due the Club by the resort, airline and/or other entity or as approved by the Executive Committee.

7.0 RESTRICTIONS.

- 7.1 Allowing non-trip participants to occupy any room as a non-registered guest is strictly prohibited, and in violation of Club policy.
- 7.2 The illegal use of controlled substances and/or alcohol during Club trips, or any other official Club function, is in violation of Club policy, and is strictly prohibited.
- 7.3 No substitutions of trip participants shall be allowed without the knowledge and approval of the Trip Coordinator, and new additions to the trip shall come from that trip's Waiting List. The Trip Coordinator shall make all substitutions.
- 7.4 It is the policy of the Club not to allow the active solicitation of the general membership at a Club function or in the Club publication for any other than Club sponsored trips or activities without the consent of the Executive Committee.
- 7.5 No person may participate in a Club sponsored trip, or participant paid activity, without first completing a written and signed Release of Liability for that trip or activity, on a form approved by the Board of Directors.
- 7.6 No person may sign up on a wait list for a Club sponsored ski trip without being a member in good standing. A trip must be full before a wait list can be started. A deposit is required in order to sign up on a trip wait list.
- 7.7 A Club Officer, Director, Director(s) of Trips, Director of Programs, Assistant Treasurer or Audit Committee Chair shall not accept a gratuity in excess of \$25.00 from a vendor without notice to the Executive Committee.

8.0 MISCELLANEOUS.**8.1 SKI TRIP SIGN UP.**

- A. Members shall be allowed to sign up for club ski trips each year by 1) following the directions for Mail-In Sign Up, as published in the August issue of the Sitzmarke newsletter, or 2) beginning with the opening of the September General Meeting, by contacting the Trip Coordinator and paying the appropriate deposit or amount due for the trip. No other methods of sign up will be accepted, except as authorized by the Executive Committee and published in advance in the Sitzmarke.
- B. Each member may sign up for him/herself and one other member on any ski trip or ski trip waiting list.

8.2 WEATHER. If a trip should be "weathered-in," the additional lodging expense will be left up to the individual, although the Trip Coordinator will assist in making accommodation arrangements and collection for same shall be left up to the lodge.**8.3 NON-SKI TRIPS/ACTIVITIES.** Reservations for participation in such activities may require full payment, instead of a deposit fee.**8.4 DIRECTORY.** The directory will be delivered to the printer no later than January 31. A supplement will be mailed to the membership within 30 days of reaching the membership limit, but no later than the mailing of the April Sitzmarke. The cost will be offset by advertising and/or budgeted through the office of Secretary.**8.5** A member who does not follow/adhere to accepted business practices in financial dealings by, for, or with the Club is in violation of Club policy, is subject to disciplinary action, and may be held financially responsible for any resulting liability incurred by the Club.**8.6** A member who fails to abide by the laws of the state in which an activity or trip is being held and/or fails to meet policies and rules of our contractual vendors (airlines, bus lines, lodging and/or properties, etc.) while participating in a Club activity or trip, which results in placing himself, another member, or the Club into a position of liability, is in violation of Club policy and is subject to disciplinary action as stated in the SCSC By-Laws Article 2.4.**8.7 TRIP PACKAGES**

- A. It is the policy of the Club to sell complete trip packages (air, lodging, and ground transportation) at the full budgeted price unless otherwise authorized by the Executive Committee.
- B. "Shadow participants" shall be defined as members making their own travel and lodging arrangements, but wishing to participate in club or Texas Ski Council activities on a trip. This type of participation will be allowed on each ski trip as authorized by the Executive Committee. Shadow participants shall pay the appropriate fee for the trip's activities plus a \$10.00 shadow participant fee, the sum of which shall be set forth on the approved trip budget.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I certify and recognize that SCSC is a non-profit organization, run entirely by volunteers who have no special training or experience at conducting trips or other activities and I do not rely on the expertise of any director or officer or their appointed representatives in conducting trips or activities. I am aware that SCSC carries no insurance nor maintains a reserve for liability.

I wish to participate on this trip or activity because SCSC provides me with the economics and discounts of group purchasing power, social interaction with compatible individuals, and does all the planning and reservation work for me.

In consideration of the above, I, for myself, my heirs, executors and assignees do hereby release and discharge SCSC, its directors, officers, members and any other person appointed by them, from all claims, damages, demands or actions whatsoever in any manner arising from my participation on this trip or activity. I agree that I am solely responsible for my personal safety and conduct. I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless SCSC, its directors, officers, members and agents, or contractors from any loss, cost, or expense, incurred by, or attributable in any way to me, in connection with this trip or activity.

I also certify that I have read, that I understand, and that I agree to abide by, all the Bylaws and Standing Rules of SCSC. I understand that payments made for trips or activities may not be refundable, in whole, or in part, and that all payments will be handled in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bylaws and Standing Rules.

I hereby appoint SCSC, its directors, officers and agents, as my agent to perform all acts and to enter into, any and all contracts as may be deemed desirable in connection with this trip or activity. I understand SCSC acts only as coordinator and accepts no responsibility for the service of any person, ski area, resort, airline, motorcoach, hotel or any organization whatsoever rendering any of the services or accommodations being offered on this trip or activity. Trip and activity fees are based on current tariffs and are subject to change without notice. SCSC accepts no responsibility, in whole or part, for any delays, delayed departures or arrivals, missed plane or other carrier connections, loss, damage, or injury, to person or property, mechanical defect or failure of any nature, however caused, or for any substitution of hotels or common carriers, with or without notice, or for any additional expenses occasioned thereby.