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General Meeting October 11th

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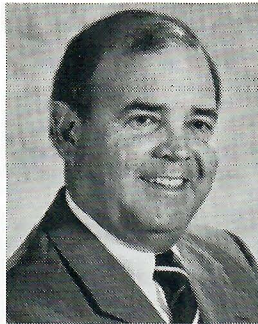
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Head of the Lifeline

by Richard Hall



Trip coordinators had a great response from the mail in registration. Some trips are oversold. **BUT DON T GIVE UP!** The popular trips will be expanded if possible. Keep in touch with your TC, ATC, DOT and VP Trips, Kathy Young. The trip details are in this edition and on the website at <http://www.spacecity.com>.

You may win a free ski trip if you bring in a new member! Tell your guests and visitors to say you invited them to come to the ski club and if they join, you will receive a raffle ticket entitling you to participate in a draw for the free ski trip to Snowmass. So, blow the dust off those directories and invite friends, relatives, neighbors and associates to the September Ski Club Meeting. These raffle tickets will also be for sale, so you can maximize your chances of winning. The proceeds of the raffle will go to Sunshine Kids. Open up those wallets! Get those moths out of there!

Nominating Committee Volunteers to date are **Nancy Staples, Susan Wicker and Harry Gaston**. We need more people. The committee will advertise for candidates, distribute and review the applications, and recommend various candidates for Ski Club positions. It is important to attract and recruit good officers. You can serve if you do not plan to be an officer next year. If you are interested in serving as an officer, let a committee member or Board of Directors member know and we will get you an application form. If you ever complain about leadership, this is your chance to lead.

Sunshine Kids Auction Committee Volunteers to date are **Sharon Smith, Jeri Hartman, Debbie Bergeron and Sara Green**. They will solicit auction items and prepare for the December Meeting Sunshine Kids Auction. Please consider serving on or aiding these two committees. Both are worthwhile endeavors providing satisfaction and approval of your fellow members. Look for their booths at General Meetings.

Pretrip Parties are coming! These are important events. You need to chose your roommates, order and pay for your lift tickets (they usually cost much more at the slopes), choose food and beverage supplies and arrange side trips. Put your pretrip party on your calendar!

Do you know your Space City Ski Club Membership entitles you to discounts at Sun & Ski Sports? See you at HH at Surfside Sally s! Look for other SCSC activities at our website.

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and activities - call the**

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October Happy Hour Surfside Sally's Sand Bar & Grill

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Halloween



CALENDAR

October

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October

- 11 General Meeting
- 22-24 Beach Bash
- 28 Happy Hour - Surfside Sally's

November

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November

- 5. There's No Business Like Snow Business
- 8 General Meeting
- 18 Happy Hour - Elvia's Mexican Pub
- 23-28 Snowbird

December

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December

- 3 Holiday Gala
- 8-12 Taos
- 13 General Meeting
- 16 Happy Hour

FROM THE SKI DESK

by Kathy Young



Now that the mail in sign up and the September meeting are behind us I can relax a bit. Did I ever tell you about my online moniker? To those who email I am known as the SNOVIXEN. Webster's dictionary has two definitions for the word vixen. First definition, which incidentally is the one I had in mind, is a female fox. The second definition is a shrewish woman. (Now, be kind!)

You are probably thinking where is she going with all this, running all these trips has sent her over the edge and she has finally lost it. Not true. In my mind, a vixen is first and foremost a foxy lady. So, the moral of the story is that good and bad are really a matter of our perception. This applies to ski trips as well.

THERE ARE NO BAD SKI TRIPS.

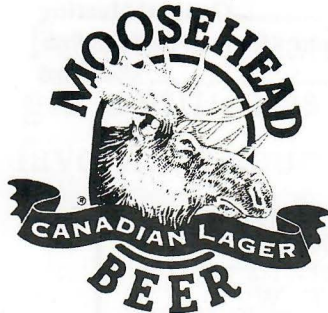
Some trips just do not fill as rapidly as others. These trips are like great works of art or fine wines just waiting to be discovered. In our rush to be in the crowd and get on the most popular trip we sometimes overlook a real gem. So, those of you who have not signed up for a trip yet please take advantage of the situation by taking a long hard look at some of the trips that still have openings. You will not be disappointed and may be in the avant garde of the future. Promise.

And speaking of taking a chance, what about the raffle for the free Snowmass trip? Have you purchased your winning ticket yet? If not, there will be another opportunity to do so at the October meeting. Increase your chances of winning by bringing a friend who joins the club for the first time. This will get you and your friend a free chance to win.

So come to the October meeting. Check out the trips that still have space available or get on a wait list. On most trips we still have plenty of room for expansion and are just waiting for your commitment to make it happen. Remember, **WHAT IS REALLY BAD IS TO NOT SKI!** Just the thought of not skiing is really spooky. BOOoooooooooooo!! Trick or treat?

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SCSC ANNUAL DATES

Meetings:

October 11, 1999

November 8, 1999

December 13, 1999

January 17, 2000

February 21, 2000

March 13, 2000

April 10, 2000

May 8, 2000

No Summer Meetings

September 11, 2000

Happy Hours:

October 28, 1999

November 18, 1999

December 16, 1999

January 27, 2000

February 17, 2000

March 23, 2000

April 20, 2000

May 18, 2000

June 16, 2000

July 20, 2000

August 17, 2000

September 21, 2000

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V. P. Programs

by Stacey Ronczy



Stacey Ronczy

America is known as the land of opportunity. Let me take this opportunity to offer you one. Volunteering your time is the most rewarding gift you can ever give. In order for the club to be successful, we need people who will give of themselves. In return, you get the adulation of the crowd. OK, maybe not the crowd, but definitely the officers and board members who run the club. When you run an activity, you do get to meet a variety of people you ordinarily would not. Help us meet our goal of 3 activities per month. Volunteer to run an activity for us. If you don't know what to do, we have lots of ideas. You will not be left alone to flounder on your own. On the flip side, don't forget to support our activity directors by signing up for the activities they have put together. Don't be left out — run an activity

before the millenium ends.



Kim Page

Steven Teoh has put together another fantastic Christmas party at the Briar Club. You **do not** need a date! Lots of people go stag (is that still a politically correct term?). Those of you who went last year know what a great time we had. This year will be even better. Steven has procured Easy Money to play for us. YEAH!

Nora Montgomery is hosting a Miller Outdoor Theatre on Nov. 5 — There's no business like snow business. Check it out. The weather should be perfect for this outdoor event.

Al Austin and his faithful assistant are putting together our annual Beach Blast, which will be held at the end of the month. See his ad for more details.

In November, look forward to our most requested ski swap. Call **Juan Arrieta** at 713-460-0249 for details.

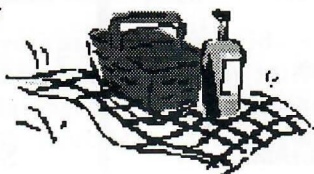
Thanks to **Lynn Borker** for taking us out to the ballgame in September. Thanks to **Dana Wardell** for giving us some culture at Miller Outdoor Theatre with Bill Shakespeare's 12th Night.

There's No Business Like Snow Business

Miller Outdoor Theatre
November 5th
7:30 pm - 11:00 pm
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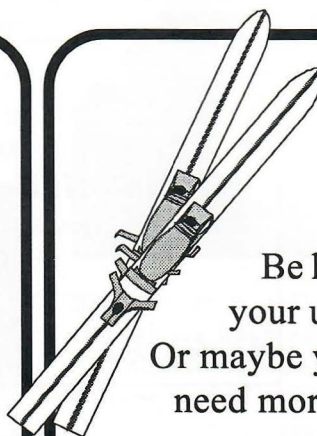
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SCSC Activity



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We will be having a ballroom/yard sale
at the Holiday Inn
at the November meeting

Contact **Juan Arrieta**
at 713-460-0249 for details



Space City Ski Club

1999/2000 Trip Schedule (as of 9/14/99)

Trip Dates	Nights/ Ski Days	Trip Destination	Cost (See Notes)	Final Payment	Lodging	No. Skiers	Status/ Wait List	TC/ATC (DOT)	Home Phone
Nov 23 - 28, 1999 (Tue - Sun.)	5 / 4	SNOWBIRD Utah (TSC Fall Roundup) Family Optional	\$662. C-\$414	9/13/99	Cliff Lodge (hotel)	32 (42)	32	Mike Montgomery Heidi Hughes (JIO)	281-282-0922 281-362-9931
Dec. 8-12, 1999 (Wed-Sun)	5 / 4	TAOS New Mexico	\$398.	10/01/99	Sagebrush Inn (hotel)	32 (42)	32 WL 27	Nicky Minear Sue Behnke (ARI)	713-436-9518 281-575-9727
Jan 8-15, 2000 (Sat- Sat)	7 / 6	SNOWMASS I Colorado (TSC Traditional)	\$877.	11/01/99	Wildwood (hotel)	32 (42)	32 WL 9	Karen Mozisek Phillip Vice (JIO)	713-856-8015 713-771-4104
Jan. 9-16, 2000 (Sun- Sun.)	7 / 6	SNOWMASS II Colorado (TSC Traditional)	\$877.	11/01/99	Wildwood (hotel)	32 (42)	32	Jeri Wilson Charles Allen (JIO)	281-497-2686 281-578-6804
Jan. 11-16, 1999 (Tues--Sat.)	5 / 4	SNOWMASS III Colorado (TSC Traditional)	\$741.	11/01/99	Wildwood (hotel)	32 (42)	32 WL 3	Cindy Overton Curt Frisby (JIO)	713-782-3530 713-807-0102
Jan 22-29, 2000 (Sat- Sat)	7 / 6	VAIL Colorado	\$789.	11/08/99	Vail International (condo)	44 (60)	62 WL 55	Tom Hogle Mary Kay Kitchens (ARI)	713-789-9194 281-558-9736
Jan 29-Feb 6 (Sat-Sun)	7 / 6	SÖLL Austria (TSC Expedition)	\$1231.	10/11/99	Tyrol Hotel	32 (42)	32 WL 20	Barb Penkala Sean O' Brien (JIO)	713-432-0989 713-787-9762
Feb 5-12, 2000 (Sat-Sat)	7 / 6	MAMMOTH California	\$718.	11/20/99	Sierra Park Villas (condo)	32	28	Mike Dawson Karla Darden (ARI)	281-438-5428 409-851-2829
Feb 12-19, 2000 (Sat.--Sat.)	7 / 6	WINTER PARK Colorado (TSC Winter Shootout)	\$735.	11/08/99	Hi Country Haus (condo)	32 (44)	23	Patti Maudslay Geoffrey Eastham (ARI)	713-532-1610 281-499-2752
Feb. 19-26, 2000 (Sat.-Sat.)	7 / 6	TELLURIDE Colorado	\$857	11/08/99	Boomerang/ The Plunge (condo)	32 (44)	31	Diane Stotz Jessica Halter (JIO)	713-862-9486 281-364-9972
Feb. 26-Mar 4, 2000 (Sat.-Sat.)	7 / 7	STEAMBOAT Colorado	\$807	12/11/99	Timber Run (condo)	32 (44)	32	Angie Westergren Roger Sahni (JIO)	281-847-1070 281-493-4414
Mar 4-11, 2000 (Sat.-Sat.)	7 / 6	BANFF/LAKE LOUISE Canada	\$949. L \$637.	1/04/00	Chateau Lake Louise & Banff Springs Hotels	32 (44) L - 8	32 WL 35 L - 8 WL 2	Dorann Valka Judy Katany (ARI)	713-782-0871 713-864-7531
Mar 11-18, 2000 (Sat.-Sat.)	7 / 6	SUN VALLEY Idaho (TSC Final Showdown)	\$824. *L\$433	12/13/99	Elkhorn Resort (hotel)	32 L - 6	32 WL 26 L - 6 WL - 2	Jerry Montgomery Mary Simpson (ARI)	281-437-5467 713-436-0957
Mar 24-28, 2000 (Fri - Tues)	4 / 3	THE CANYONS Utah	\$599.	1/19/00	Sundial (hotel/condo)	32	24	Gary Sequeira Christine Redfield (JIO)	281-955-2336 713-464-1898
Aug 19-29, 2000 (Sat-Tues)	7 / 6	BARILOCHE Argentina South America	\$1949.	4/1/00	Pan Americano Hotel	32 (42)	32 WL 6	Deborah Christie Lynda Henry (ARI)	713-802-9801 713-956-0853

** Notes: L=Land Package-excludes AIR ONLY and is available only on selected trips C=child Call TC about Child prices on Snowbird trip.
Only six land packages are available on Sun Valley trip. Number in () is possible trip participant expansion size

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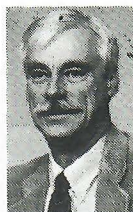
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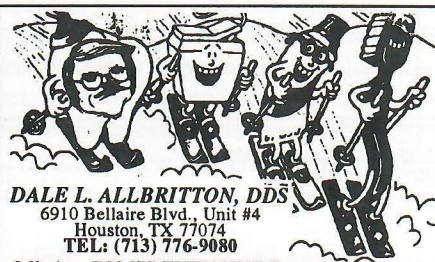
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River Rafting

by Lewis and Clark (alias Bill Bomberger and Sarah Granbery, the fearless trip leaders)

As this journey has come to an end, from the River of No Return, here is the diary that was found at the airport upon their return. Some background information for the non-history buffs in the club about this trip. Lewis and Clark were the first documented explorers to attempt to go down the Salmon River in Idaho circa 1805 in a wooden boat. Lewis and Clark hired the following guides for their journey, Toussaint Charbonneau, a French Canadian fur trapper living with the Hidatsas, is hired as an interpreter and also with his wife, Sacagawea, a Shoshone Indian. Our journey begins down river a little ways from where Lewis and Clark were unable to navigate the river due to the size and strength of the rapids and went overland to complete their journey to the Pacific Ocean.



point of civilization on the way. Had to stock up on fishing gear, licenses, and beef jerky for the duration of the trip. Picked up the rest of our guides: Jimbo, Star, Dan, and Shannon. Gained an additional participant at the river, a quiet chap named Andrew from Chicago. **Angie** and **Sarah** bestowed the dubious honor of changing his name to Bubba but he was not appreciative. Guide Dan begged for the honor and after some initiation we decided he was definitely Bubba material. We got our last minute instructions from these fearless river dwellers.

Guides tried to explain difference between tea parties and pee parties for the women. Our flotilla consisted of 3 oar rafts, 1 paddle raft, (3) 1 person kayaks, and 1 divorce kayak (2 person). **Susan Legg** and **Bill Bomberger** became the dynamic duo in the divorce kayak. Could not get them out of it. **Shann** was still sick. Disaster strikes, the first set of rapids we have a kayaker (**Delilah**) swimming in the 55-degree river. Rescue was successful. Early in the afternoon, bad weather strikes a hailstorm on the river. The kayak helmets were great if you had one. Put in for camp at Meadow Creek for the night. First strange occurrence of the trip happened- trip leader's pillow missing.

July 22nd, 1999 - Broke camp and another strange occurrence is noticed, trip leader's sandals found under his tent, not beside the tent. Start early on the river, kayak battles beginning, not enough for everybody. **Shann** was feeling a little better. The divorce kayak occupied by **Angie Westergren** and **Sarah Granbery** for the morning. Our guides very jealous of their agility, 2 - 360 degrees rides on the wave in a hole, by all accounts should have gone swimming for this act of bravery. Discovered hot spring on side of mountain and just had to use the tub for medicinal purposes. **Glen Jennings** and **Bruce Khoury** started a sick contest of who would do the most river



July 20th, 1999 - All the preparations completed, we depart Houston for the great northwest. It is from the great concrete jungle with the big silver birds that we begin the trip. Had to stop for provisions in a place called Denver, as we became hungry from lack of food. Continued on to a smaller place called Boise, found **Janet Arentzen** and **Susan Legg** and then struggled to fit into very small white painted birds for 2 hours headed for the destination of Salmon, Idaho. Picked out a lead guide for the dangerous journey into the wilds, his name was Jon. Received our instructions on how to behave on the trip. Spent the night next to the river in a big fort called a hotel. One of our participants, **Shann Shinn** had a rough night, possible airsickness from the white painted bird ride. Put our resident Medicine Woman, **Dr. Carrie Burns** to work before we even hit the river.

July 21st, 1999 - Woke up early to catch the stage to the safe entry point on the river. Stopped at the last



swimming from a kayak. Picked camp for the night, hill climb to get to it, great views. Guides upset with group, used 6 rolls of toilet paper by day 2. Warned that the groover or the crapper could run out and we would be forced to use leaves, possibly poison ivy for the purpose. Several more strange occurrences found, pillow returned, flashlight lens covered with toothpaste, and a fart extinguisher was found in the trip leader's camp.

July 23rd, 1999 - Day of terror is upon us according to the guides. Kayak wars really start to heat up for participants. Big rapids forecasted for the day. **Gary Kuchinski** and **Delilah Hart** start out in the divorce kayak. River starts getting rough, **Susan Legg** and **Bill Bomberger** take over the divorce kayak for the fun stuff. **Angie Westergren** was put in charge of the paddleboat and was supposed to give a command over left and gave a command left over. This caused some confusion with the guide named **Bubba**, who promptly went to the left side of the boat and took **Sarah Brown** and **Sarah Granbery** into the river for a swim. **Bruce Khoury** went for a serious swim from a kayak. Lost one sandal, and a lens out of his glasses. **Carrie Burns** saved him by loaning him a pair of sandals. Lucky for him there was an extra pair. Made camp early, for a play day. Temperature on the beach at camp was 120 degrees in the sun, and 100 degrees in the shade. Hike up the hill was led by guide Shannon- poison ivy and a rattlesnake were found by the hikers. Had some guide games to play, king of the upside down kayak and cliff jumping. Later in the evening the guides prepared a sweat lodge for us to use after dark. Rumor has it that **Angie Westergren**, **Delilah Hart**, and guide **Star** were not fully clothed in the lodge, darkness prevented verification of this act. **Susan Legg** accused **Kandace**



July 24th, 1999 - Cloudy weather to start the day, by noon the weather was in the 50s and the water was feeling warm. Had to stop for all to put on most of the gear that they brought with them to stay warm. Another disaster strikes the trip, **Bruce Khoury** became ill after playing superman for the first 3 days. **Pat Khoury** was along to nurse maid him back to health. No more kayaks for Bruce. Good news, **Shann Shinn** got up enough courage to move to the paddleboat. Nature was disturbed by a loud noise from the kayaks, it sounded like they were trying to sing *Wild Thing*, but I am not sure. During the day, the chick paddle boat became the thing to do, it consisted of **Sarah Granbery**, **Angie Westergren**, **Janet Arentzen**, **Kandice Armstrong**, **Donna Hahus**, and **Sarah Brown**. The subject matter in the chick paddleboat is basically unprintable. Ask **Angie** about her Christmas joke sometime. **Carrie Burns** and **Glenn Jennings** tried the divorce kayak right before lunch. The kayak was promptly stuck on the rocks and they had to portage it across the rough rocks to get back in the water again. Later the dynamic duo had problems in the divorce kayak, **Bill Bomberger** dumped his partner **Susan Legg** in the river. Seems that **Susan** was too relaxed going into some rapids. Made camp at California Bar for the night. **Janet Arentzen** attacked 2 bees at the camp, not sure why yet. At happy hour, the guides started a game of twister. Guide **Star** playing in skirt without a stitch on underneath!. I am not sure what made it harder to play, too much beer or protecting her modesty. Even our guide **Bubba** (Dan) was wearing a skirt. Last night on the river. Lead guide, **Jon**,



Armstrong of an out of body experience by accusing **Susan** of snoring before she had even gone to bed. This could have been a side effect of serious consumption of river ritas during happy hour earlier in the evening. Strange occurrences for this day included a pretty good attempt at painting the trip leader's toenails while he was taking

a nap. He woke up too soon and found **Angie Westergren**, **Susan Legg**, and **Janet Arentzen** with paint in their possession saying who us? . That night **Kandace Armstrong's** pillow disappeared.



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Grease

by Nora Montgomery

There were a lot of brave soles who embraced the heat and possible thundershowers on July 20th to attend the musical performance of *Grease* at Miller Outdoor Theatre. Although **Bill** and **Julie Raley**, and **Nora Montgomery** staked out the SCSC spot on the hill with balloons blowing in the sky, one of us walked right passed and never saw them. (**Chris Rogge**, would you know anything about that?). When she did find us, she asked us to tell Alan Bitzer she would be waiting for him by the ladies room. I m not sure anyone ever



delivered that message. Most of us ate our dinner at the top of the hill before taking our reserved seats under the pavilion. **Stan Broniak** was mixing some sort of bright green commemorative drink in celebration of the 30th anniversary of Apollo 11 landing on the moon (however, I don't think the astronauts had Midori and champagne on that flight). **Patti Maudsley** and **Pam Smith** were trying it out - hoping one sip would put them in orbit.

Carol Cain was nice enough to pick up the tickets for the group. So that no one could miss her, she was to wear a RED shirt. We believe she and her husband, **John Baron**, must be color blind....Blue Shirts??? Although Carol thought the story is a feminist nightmare and she wouldn't recommend the young



women in the production as role models, (just kidding - not really) she enjoyed it. She and John enjoy Miller Outdoor Theatre on a regular basis and if any other SCSC folks want to go to other productions, they are always ready!

We had late arrivals, were abandoned by some, and some never joined us. **Frank Jamison** arrived as we

were going to our seats. **Peggy Schillinger** arrived late and sat on the hill by herself until intermission. **Mike Montgomery** crashed the party during intermission when he finished fly-fishing lessons. **Larry** and **Deborah Christie** abandoned us for a mad dash to



seats closer in the front. They visited us during intermission, but Larry got a scolding from the teacher for being tardy back to his front row seat.

Walter and **Cheryl May** found themselves reminiscing and were overheard saying Those on stage just happen to remind us of our high school years. Of course Pam Smith and Stan Broniak - are happily still enjoying their thirties - you know they never cherished their gray poodle skirt or their 57 Chevy - except



perhaps as a collector of 50ish memorabilia. Even though we have added a few years, the up side is that Thunderbird, Boone's Hill and Ripple wine are no longer part of our main food groups. It is fun to relive the past with memories of past friendships while sharing the good times with our SCSC buds.

Susan Wicker, **Al Austin**, **Linda Maitland**, **Maryanne Pearce** and **Kathleen Fowler** all seemed to enjoy the performance. By the end of the performance, I think everyone had had enough of Susan's chocolate chip cookies.

Watch the Sitzmarcke for another TUT activity in November - There's No Business Like Snow Business, which is a tapping, swing jazz version of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker.

Peer Gynt

by Kay McKeough

Who said the Ski Club wasn't cultured? Thirty-four participants had the pleasure of seeing the last ballet of the season on 12 June with the Houston Ballet's performance of Peer Gynt. We underestimated the culture capacity of the Club and had originally predicted attendance at 24, but the number soon reached 34, including a number of prospective members. Some have called for membership information. Over 20 elegantly garbed participants **Stephen Amy, Sue Salvage, Robert VanOrden, Marvin Volz, Billie Jean Nowak, Janet Pickell, Lucy Fred, Sharon Inman, Dorothy Miller, Jacqueline Reynard, Jeri Wilson, Marsha Lutz, Carrie Burns and Glenn Jennings** gathered at Coordinator **Kay McKeough's** house for drinks and a light cocktail buffet, including great spiced shrimp brought by **Linda Ellis**. All was included in the price, and it was decidedly not a salsa and dip affair! It was a great way for members to meet each other, guests and prospective members before the performance. Guests included Eric Wyckoff, Wendy Burgin, Bruce Robertson, Heather McLaughlin, Jerry Kilgore and Lorissa Menon. Our youngest participant was Louella Steller's daughter Desiree, who pinched hit for Dad who was away.

Kathy Young made it in time to grab a drink and carpool with us. From Kay's house, we headed to the Wortham Brown Center in the Theater District where **Stacey and J. R. Ronczy, Susan and J. Stanley, Skip Lange, Joseph Kulpinsky, and Kathleen Fowler** joined us. We also hooked up with some

Space City members who had ballet tickets on their own. Unfortunately, **Frank Hamtak and Cindy Overton** were out of town and couldn't make it.

The performance and the seats clusters of side orchestra seats were excellent. We are truly lucky to have one of the country's best ballets housed in Houston. Following the ballet, the majority walked over to Soleros. Being Saturday night, the place was hopping, but we enjoyed the bar and those who wanted to were able to get tables for dinner or snacks.

A good time was had by all. The New Season begins soon with several world premiers and some great classic ballets stay tuned!



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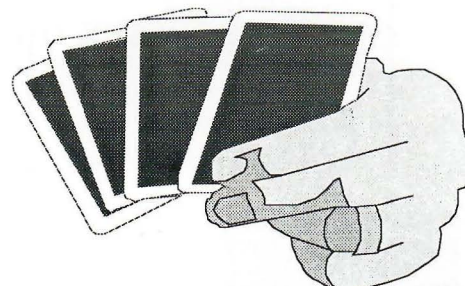
by Sara Green

After arriving at Woods on Memorial for the bridge party, I found my keys to the door had come loose and were not with me! After securing another set, we finally got in — just in time before our food melted. Upon entering we could not get the air conditioning to work!

FINALLY — bridge got underway with the late arrivals and no shows a good time was had. **Mel Tawney** was one of the high scorers as was **Tom Hogle**. The deuce prize kept floating around and was won by **Carolyn Rolsten**. Seen munching away were **Sue Bennett, Steven Benson, Nolan**

Badeaux, and Frances Smith. Patti Richards and Jayne Ragan kept trying for a Grand Slam. **Jane Dial** was seen constantly cleaning the kitchen.

Thanks for everyone's help and understanding.

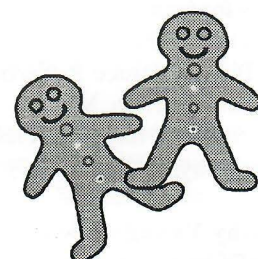
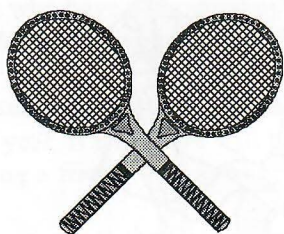


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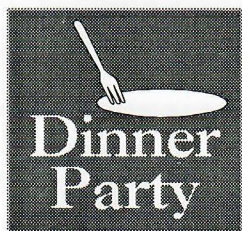
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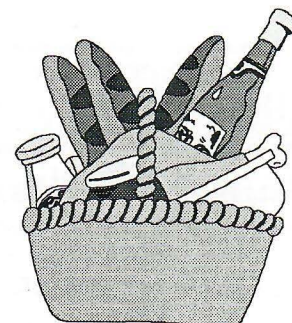
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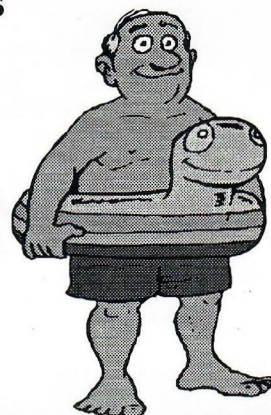
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made the group earn trip t-shirts by performing around the campfire. Janet, Delilah and Gary performed some form of body contortion, while **Angie** and **Sarah G.** tattooed their bodies and did a little river flashing. Other performances were less flashy like singing *Leader of the Pack* by **Susan Legg**, **Sarah Brown**, and **Kandice Armstrong**. We had a pack of hyenas form after dark; somebody said it was **Sarah G.** and **Angie** laughing all night long. Strange occurrence for the night, the trip leader's tent was attacked by the hyenas and almost came down.

July 25th, 1999 - Broke camp for final day on the river. **Shann Shinn**, now fully recovered, gets in kayak for first time. **Pat Khoury** becomes brave and gets in the paddleboat. When the group reached the final 3 rapids, warnings were given by the guides about the dangers. **Susan** went swimming in the river after falling in the biggest hole on the river, kayak went flying without her. Following right after this, **Bill Bomberger** finally went swimming in the river, did everything wrong. The rescue teams were worried as he went crashing toward the rock wall at

a high rate of speed. **Gary Kuchinski** and **Delilah Hart** survived this rapid in the divorce kayak without any problems. Our lead guide Jon lost an oar during all of this and hoped that no one would notice. Star could not keep it quiet as she rescued the oar. Got back into some smaller stagecoaches (vans) for the return to civilization. Shopping now commenced in downtown McCall, Idaho. No more strange occurrences for the trip leader. Something is wrong.

July 26th, 1999 - Group was depressed, had to go home. Walked to small concrete jungle with little painted birds to return home. No birds in sight for group to travel on. One finally arrived and reported that the 2nd bird was broken. Air taxi service scrambled to get 2nd bird from another airport an hour away. 2nd group made it to a place called Boise with just a little time to spare. **Janet Arentzen** went on home to Washington from there. On to the place called Denver for the rest of us with **Susan Legg** running off the bird to catch her next bird back to Chicago. On to the big concrete jungle called Houston to end the trip. A great time was had for all planning for another trip.

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