



The Sitzmarke

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Member
Texas Ski Council

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Space City Ski Club May General Meeting

Monday, May 9th @ 6:30 pm to 9:00pm

At Dave & Busters — 6010 Richmond Ave

From Mission Control

by Sandra McCunis, President

The 2010/2011 season has come to an end and we are now looking forward to our new season. The May meeting will be our last one until we resume our General Meetings in September. We will continue to have our monthly Happy Hours. We had a great year and the new Executive Committee will be working to organize a great slate of trips and fun activities for members in the 2011/2012 season.

May is the month to renew your SCSC membership. Memberships expire on May 31st so renew by that date and receive a discount on your dues. You can renew your membership at our meeting or you can download a form online at www.spacecityskiclub.org and mail it and your check to Jan Ferrell, our V.P. of Membership. You can also log in to our website and renew your membership via PayPal.

Space City strives to continue to grow the membership of our club. Invite your friends and family to join us at our meetings and Happy Hours or participate in an activity. It is a great way to

introduce them to the benefits of being a member. You don't have to be a skier to enjoy our club. We offer a variety of activities and trips for non-skiers. It is also a fantastic way to meet new people and make new friends.

Please consider volunteering to be a Trip Coordinator or Assistant Trip Coordinators in the upcoming ski season. You can contact Jim Hodges, our V.P. of Trips to apply for these positions. We will also need Activity Coordinators throughout the year so contact Leslie Ward, our V.P. of Activities to organize an activity. SCSC relies on volunteers to be successful so please support our club by volunteering!

We will be serving complimentary appetizers at our May meeting to thank our members for their participation during the year. There will be a limited number so please come early. Please share your suggestions with the Executive Committee to help us incorporate new ideas to grow and improve Space City Ski Club. Our goal is to ensure that being a member of SCSC will be a great experience.



Countdown to Liftoff

By Jim Hodges, V.P. of Trips

In case you missed it, Bidfest was held in Houston in mid April. Eighteen presentations were made by resorts & tour agencies to the Texas ski clubs. The following were chosen as the Texas Ski Council trips for 2011-2012:

TSC Fall Round-up - Thanksgiving week:
Breckenridge, Colorado

TSC Traditional - Jan 7-14:
Snowmass/Aspen, Colorado

TSC Winter Shootout - Feb 11-18:
Heavenly, California

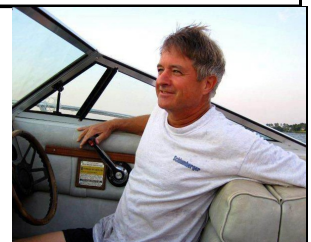
TSC Final Showdown - March 10-17:
Sun Valley, Idaho

TSC Summer Expedition - Summer 2012
Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

We are now in the process of planning our club trips to fill in the remainder of the calendar for next ski season. There is a good chance you will see the

following on the schedule: Vail in December, short trips to Breckenridge and Keystone in early March, Steamboat Springs Colorado, Big Sky Montana, an international trip to Poland plus a few surprises! It is not too late to volunteer to be a TC or ATC.

Don't forget the TSC Summer Expedition to Alaska in September 2011. The club is taking a cruise ship from Seattle to Alaska and return. Time is running out to sign up for this trip but there are still a few spots remaining



Having A Blast!

By Leslie Ward, V.P. of Activities

As Spring transitions into Summer our April activities were abundant especially with a very successful TSC Bid Fest. I want to thank Jan Ferrell and Peggy Montgomery again for handling the Silent Auction at Bid Fest after I fell ill that week.

I hope that you all are ready to start checking some things off of your Bucket List. Have you ever eaten crawfish? Either way come join us at the Texas Crawfish & Music Festival in Old Town Spring on Saturday, May 14th. Kona Grill in the Galleria area is the location for the May Happy Hour.

Ellen Eastham and Tom Danowski will be organizing a group of volunteers to participate in the 25th annual AIA Sandcastle Competition on Galveston's East Beach on June 4th. If you have never attended this event it is an amazing day on the beach and the sand castles are incredible. Our June Happy Hour will be at Nouveau Antique Art Bar in mid-town.

We will have our annual Volunteer Party on

Saturday, July 16th at Marty Kaminsky's home in San Leon on Galveston Bay. Guests and members that did not volunteer may also attend for a cost of \$15.

Catching a fly ball at a Major League baseball game might be on your bucket list. Don Macken will help you reach out and grab that ball at an Astros game in August (pending approval). Bowling at Palace Lanes with Larry Hord should be on your bucket list. Luckily Larry has graciously scheduled a bowling activity for Sunday, July 31st at 2:00 PM (pending approval).

What's on your bucket list? I'm sure some of the folks in the club have some of the same things. SCSC depends on volunteers to help with our planned activities and to help organize new activities and events. Please consider volunteering as an Activity Coordinator or Assistant in the coming year. Our club needs more volunteers to be able to offer a variety of activities. Please contact me at 832-863-2018 or shmrck1317@aol.com to volunteer!



Calendar of Events

- 05/09/11 **General Meeting** at Dave & Buster's - 6010 Richmond Ave. - 6:30 to 9:00 PM
- 05/14/11 **Texas Crawfish & Music Festival** - Old Town Spring - 2:00 to 11:00 PM
AC: Leslie Ward
- 05/26/11 **May Happy Hour** - Kona Grill - Galleria - 5061 Westheimer - 5:30 to 9:00 PM
- 06/04/11 **25th Annual AIA Sandcastle Competition** - Galveston - East Beach
1923 Boddeker Rd. - 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
AC: Ellen Eastham AAC: Tom Danowski
- 06/23/11 **June Happy Hour** - Nouveau Antique Art Bar - 2913 Main St. - 5:30 to 9:00 PM
- 06/25/11 **Stages Repertory Theatre** - "The Great American Trailer Park Musical"
3201 Allen Parkway - 8:00 PM AC: Diane Stotz
Optional Dinner: Pei Wei - 1005 Waugh Dr. - 6:00 to 7:30 PM
- 07/16/11 **Volunteer Party** - Marty Kaminsky's home in San Leon - 3:00 to 9:00 PM
AC: Leslie Ward
- 07/31/11 **Bowling Tournament** at Palace Lanes - 4191 Bellaire Blvd. - 2:00 to 5:00 PM
AC: Larry Hord (pending approval)

Space City Ski Club 2011-2012 Executive Committee

President	Sandra McCunis	semccunis@aol.com	281-463-7717
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Board of Directors

Sandy Wellhausen, Chairman
Melinda Hughes
Patti Finch
Ann Rogers
Camille LaRoe
Cindy Moore
David Cone
Roger Holzman

Canyons Resort Park City, UT February 19 - 23, 2011

By Leslie Ward, TC

On Saturday February 19, fifteen of us departed from Houston in the morning and had a nice uneventful flight to Salt Lake City. We met **Mary Jo and Tony Loverdi** and **Predrag Tosic**, one of our new members, at the Salt Lake City airport. We boarded our ground transportation in a light rain, but by the time we made it to Park City we found some nice snow flurries falling. We arrived to find out that there had been a water main failure a few days before and the basement of the Silverado had flooded. We were without elevators for most of our visit. All of the rooms were at least two floors above the lobby! Like we needed more exercise. **Linda Meyer**, another of our new members, had taken a very early flight and made it in time to get on the slopes of Canyons Resort on Saturday to take advantage of all of the falling snow. **Diane Mackoud**, who moved back to Rhode Island this past fall, was the last of our crew of twenty to make it to Canyons Resort (<http://www.thecanyons.com>) and the Silverado Lodge.

After getting settled in our rooms **Ash Moza** and **David Gunn** headed to Park City Mountain Resort to get in some night skiing. Those renting equipment were able to get their rentals on Saturday afternoon.



Sabra & Paul Francis (new members as well), **Chaille & Tom Hutcherson**, and **Ellen & Frank Donnelly** enjoyed dinner in Park City with other local friends on Saturday night. The rest of us (the Loverdi's, Predrag, Linda, Diane, **Suzan Meaux**, **Shane Blake** (new member and lone snowboarder of the group), **June Kobayashi** (new member), **David Klaus** (new member), **Craig Campbell**, **Don Macken** and myself) all met at the Grand Summit with Gregg Hauser, Conference Service Manager and our resort host, for a cozy welcome reception. We ate all of the appetizers and drank most of the wine. Predrag chatted with the waitress helping out and brought back most of the left over beer to our condo! This was after we had made a grocery stop on our way up from the airport where we all purchased plenty of beer, wine and liquor.

We woke up Sunday to plenty of fresh powder and it didn't stop falling all day. The Francis', Hutchison's, and Donnelly's went to Deer Valley to ski for the day. June took in cross country skiing. Most of the rest of the crew met Gregg Hauser and Mark Roia, Sales Manager, Executive Meetings (and in charge of all ski club groups) at the base of Canyons to take us on our Mountain Tour. We got to use our Gate Crasher passes and jumped to the head of the line for the main gondola which was great for the Sunday of President's day weekend. When we arrived to the top of the gondola at the area called Mid Mountain we headed to the southern end of the resort. It was tough skiing with 6" -12" of fresh powder after the groomers had gone through early that morning. We started with 12 in our group plus Gregg and Mark, by the time we got to our stopping place for lunch we had lost about half the crew who ventured to more challenging slopes. We made our way back to Mid Mountain and some decided that they had enough for one day as the snow kept falling. Après-ski was at the Umbrella Bar. Some met there right from the slopes and some had been able to get in a nap and a shower before meeting.

Monday was President's Day and we found many locals on the mountain at Canyons. The Francis', Hutchison's, and Donnelly's went to Deer Valley again. David Gunn, Linda Meyer and David Klaus also skied at Deer Valley on Sunday. June had another day of cross country. We met again at the Umbrella Bar for après-ski.

By Tuesday the crowds were gone. Most everyone skied Canyons except for Linda and David K. June even hit the mountain on some alpine skis. Après-ski was in our condo so we could share all of our extra groceries.

Wednesday came and Ash and Craig took advantage of our two complementary First Tracks sessions. They hit the mountain at 7:00 AM. David K. and Predrag also skied that morning, but not that early. Ash won the award for most days of skiing as he hit the slopes all five days we were there. I had a nice massage that morning and some quick shopping in Park City before we headed back to SLC. The ride to the airport was barely long enough to get everyone to fill out their evaluation forms and gobble up all the left over food and drinks we had. Other than Linda Meyer's flight being delayed we had a pretty uneventful trip home. I know Linda would liked to have skied on Wednesday as well.





2011 AIA SandCastle Competition

JOIN Space City Ski Club, Z Krewe and Friends and VOLUNTEER

Saturday, June 4th

Galveston—East Beach

Free Event

Tasks are set up, monitoring beach access, serving beer, assisting with judging process, and various other tasks! Complimentary t-shirts, food, drink, and MUCH FUN!

Shift A: 6 am–11:30 am, Shift B: 11:30am–5 pm

Call Ellen at 281-997-1496 or Tom at 281-933-8315 to volunteer
eeastham@prodigy.net

After the event is over, bring food to BBQ, snacks & drinks to unwind.

Join Tom & Ellen, Laura & Jim, Steven and Rick as they BBQ & relax until sunset.

If you have not seen the Sandcastle Competition, it is a must!

About 80 architectural firms teams competed in 2010!

Sandcastle building competition begins at 10 a.m., awards at 4:30

Optional: Friday night BEACH BASH at the Galveston Hilton 6:30–10pm– \$20

Live entertainment, complimentary dinner, beer & sodas

Check website for information and photos www.aiasandcastle.com

The Great American Trailer Park Musical



Book by Betsy Kelso

Music & Lyrics by David Nehls

Back at long last by popular demand, Stages revives the most successful, longest-running show in the theatre's history!

Sat, June 25th

8:00 pm—10:30pm

\$35

Stages Repertory Theatre

AC—Diane Stotz

dianestotz@comcast.net

There's a new tenant in Armadillo Acres, and she's wreaking havoc all over Florida's most exclusive trailer park. The double-wide divas of this fine housing establishment have survived everything from kidnapping to no-good men to (the horror!) bad perms. But when Pippi, a "stripper on the run," comes between agoraphobic housewife Jeannie and her tollbooth collector husband, a storm begins to brew that will shake these manufactured homes right down to their mobile foundations. All this and there's SINGIN' too!



SPACE CITY SKI CLUB

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

2011-2012 (MAY 1 – APRIL 30)

2011 APPLICATION # _____
 "CASH" OR CHECK # _____
 AMOUNT PAID \$ _____

MINIMUM AGE FOR MEMBERSHIP IS 18
 Make Checks payable to: "SPACE CITY SKI CLUB"
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 22567, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77227-2567

For Club Information
 Visit www.spacecityskiclub.org
 Information line: (713) 866-4021

MEMBERSHIP DUES SCHEDULES (Check One)

☐ NEW MEMBER

1 yr. membership (4/30/12) ☐ \$40 Single ☐ \$60 Dual
 3 yr. membership (4/30/14) ☐ \$99 Single ☐ \$153 Dual
 5 yr. membership (4/30/16) ☐ \$148 Single ☐ \$234 Dual

Referred to SCSC by: _____
SCSC Member Name

☐ RENEWAL of existing membership

Renewal by 5-31-2011 See discounted dues on back of form (¶ 1.0 B)
 Renewal after 5/31/11 ☐ \$40 Single ☐ \$60 Dual
 3 year membership ☐ \$99 Single ☐ \$153 Dual
 5 year membership ☐ \$148 Single ☐ \$234 Dual

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)					
Home Phone	Applicant1 Work Phone	Applicant1 Cell Phone	Applicant2 Work Phone	Applicant2 Cell Phone	
@			@		
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			APPLICANT 2 SIGNATURE		
DATE			DATE		

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

TRIP/ACTIVITY PREFERENCES

(A1)(A2) (A1 = Applicant 1 A2 = Applicant 2)	(A1) (A2) (A1 = Applicant 1 A2 = Applicant 2)	(A1) (A2) (A1 = Applicant 1 A2 = Applicant 2)
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Cross Country Skiing	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling – ON Road	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Camping
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Skating	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking/Trail Running	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Wine Tasting
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Running	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Wind Surfing	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Mardi Gras
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Water Skiing	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural/Theater	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Snowboarding
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Dancing	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Halloween Party	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Sailing
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Rodeo	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/Kayaking/Canoeing	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Golf
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Beach Party	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling – OFF Road	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Road Rally
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Downhill Skiing	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yoga

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

(A1) (A2) (A1 = Applicant 1 A2 = Applicant 2)		
Ski Trips	Other Activities	Officer Assistants
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Trip Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Activity Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Dir. of Trips
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Trip Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Writer/Artist/Musician/Entertainer	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Dir. of Programs
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Race Director		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Communicators
Meetings	Staff Functions	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Auditor
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Member Check-In	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Sitz Photographer	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Ambassador (Host)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Sitz / Directory Advertising Sales	

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

(A1) Applicant 1	(A2) Applicant 2
Male / Female	Male / Female
Single / Married	Single / Married
Year of Birth	Year of Birth

1.0 DUES.

- A. Dues shall be \$40 per single person and \$60 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 Deposit, 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.

5.4 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.

Schweitzer – March 19-26, 2011

by George Lopez, TC

Schweitzer Ski Resort, the Best Big Little Ski area, that most of us had never heard of, was our agenda as 28 SCSC'ers yawned our way to Bush Intercontinental way before dawn. Anticipation was the theme of the day as Judy Schiro, Ron Hayes and JoAnne Dougherty welcomed TC, George Lopez and Camille LaRoe just before 4 AM, long before United Airlines opened the ticket counter. At least the 4 hour layover in Denver gave us ample opportunity for a leisurely breakfast and lots of people watching. For all but Larry and Cindy Thompson, Halcyon Learned, and Carmen Mikhail who had alternate flights to our ultimate destination of Spokane, WA. It was at the gate in Denver that we got our first opportunity to meet Pretrag Tasic, our last minute replacement for Michael Testa who along with Bill Bomberger and Sharon Simandl had to cancel the trip due to injuries. "Last Minute" was a theme that Pretrag took on with vigor throughout the trip.

On the flight to Spokane, Merlyn Harger broke out his stash of his irresistible homemade peanut brittle. He was the guy to sit by from that point on! At baggage claim in Spokane, the group greeted the missing four and said a temporary goodbye to Ann Rogers who was off to visit a friend locally for a couple of days.



The group boarded a big comfortable bus to the resort and the first head count gave rise to the refrain "Where is Pred"? A grocery stop gave all a chance to stock upon munchies and liquid refreshments and again wonder "Where is Pred". The road east from Spokane was flat and uncomfortably devoid of snow though off in the distance, white capped mountains held promise of fun days ahead. As the bus zigged and zagged up the mountain road, a group of deer and the building snowpack let us know that we weren't in Kansas anymore Toto.

Once there, the group was treated to a friendly welcome party by the resort staff who provided information about the facilities along with appetizers and refreshments. The evening was capped off by a raffle that netted Al Smith a foot massage that he graciously gave to his wife Anna and a groomer ride won by Cindy Thompson who shared with hubby Larry. Groups of skiers began to band together the first morning. Janet McKenzie, Nancy Schultz, Andy Smith, Tom Huzzie, and Marty Kaminsky planned to blaze a quick pace on the slopes all week. Paul and Sandra Stalnacki were looking to regain their ski legs after a several year hiatus. First stop though, was the ticket office where the group scored a late season pass, for can you believe it, \$18 a day!



The SCSC group was treated to a mountain tour which proved to be very handy particularly during white outs in the coming days. The group quickly discovered that the mountain offered a large selection of groomed terrain and that Mother Nature was determined to cover it all with fresh powder. The views at this resort are awesome!

Roger Holzman, Carmen, Ron, Judy, JoAnne, Camille and George teamed up to explore the resort. Stan Kuper and Larry Thompson skied together and it is rumored that Larry may have recorded the first fall of the week. Nancy led those who were game in explorations of the glades and deep woods. Rumor also had it that Ray Villareal and Pred may have been doing undercover work for the CIA as their slope side sightings were few and far between early in the week but seemed to surface later. The second day brought new snow and unfortunately Carmen fell and injured her knee. The accident ended her skiing for the week but we are happy to report that she is recovering quickly after some minor surgery in Houston. We wish her a speedy full recovery.

By Tuesday Ann had rejoined the group and Ray and Pred had come out of hibernation. That evening the group boarded a bus for nearby Sandpoint and did some exploring and imbibing before settling in for a wonderful club dinner at Trinity at City Beach. The lakeside restaurant provided breathtaking views of Lake Pend Orielle and the surrounding mountains. The group and several of our hosts feasted on the local cuisine.

The middle of the week was highlighted by a number of non-skiing events. Linda Kuper, Ana and Cindy went snowshoeing around the resort. Ron and Judy lead a couple of sightseeing tours of the region. Halcyon organized an evening's entertainment with a viewing of Friday Night Lights in the Lodge's own movie theater. Sandra and Camille organized a game night in an attempt to consume some of the vast accumulated quantities of drinks and goodies.

A Thursday evening farewell reception signaled the inevitable end of our wonderful Schweitzer experience. After a full day of skiing the next afternoon, we boarded the bus back to Spokane and yes, Pred was the last one to board. Our thanks to Gwen, Devin, Susie, Laura, and the entire Schweitzer staff for hosting a dynamite experience that we will always remember. Page 5



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