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Space City Ski Club April General Meeting

Monday, April 11th @ 6:30 pm to 9:00pm

At Dave & Busters — 6010 Richmond Ave



From Mission Control

by Sandy Wellhausen, President

April is the last month for the 2010-2011 Executive Committee.

I want to thank you all for allowing me to be SCSC President for 2010-2011. It has been an interesting,

challenging as well as a fun experience serving as club president. My sincere thanks to the following members of our 2010-2011 Executive Committee for all their hard work: Sandra McCunis - VP of Activities, Melinda Hughes - VP of Trips, Patti Finch - VP of Membership, Leyla Ozkardesh - VP of Publications, Treasurer - Chuck Pena and Ann Rogers - Secretary.

I would like to welcome and thank the new ExCom for volunteering their time and support to SCSC and a special thank you to Leyla Ozkardesh and Chuck Pena for staying on the ExCom an additional year.

The 2011-2012 Executive Committee includes:

President - Sandra McCunis

Vice President of Activities - Leslie Ward

Vice President of Trips - Jim Hodges

Vice President of Membership - Jan Ferrell

Vice Pres of Publications - Leyla Ozkardesh

Treasurer - Chuck Pena

Secretary - Olga Adair

There are still several trips and activities coming up. Please check out the calendar of events and our website for more information.

TSC Bidfest will again be held in Houston this year. It will be held at the Houston Marriott West Loop by the Galleria the weekend of April 15 - 17th. We encourage you all to attend and see first hand which trips we will be doing with the Texas Ski Council for 2012. You can make hotel reservations at 713.960.0111 or on their website at www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/houwl-houston-marriott-west-loop-by-the-galleria. Don't forget to ask for the TSC discount rate

Countdown to Liftoff

By Melinda Hughes, V.P. of Trips

It is difficult to believe that I have two years as VP of Trips under my belt! I have enjoyed receiving your input and feedback on our club's slate of trips. Reliving each trip by reading the Sitz articles is icing on the cake! Each TC and ATC deserves to be recognized for their generosity in helping pull the slates together and making them work. Without their volunteerism, we wouldn't be the club we are today. I would also like to thank Bill Bomberger for his tireless efforts in supervising the financial reporting our TC's are responsible for. His support has made this job much easier. I would also like to thank Jim Hodges for being my right-hand man. His assistance with contract negotiations

and fielding the many questions that trip leaders have was invaluable. I could not have pulled this year's slate together without their help. I am stepping down and leaving this post in very capable hands.

Best wishes to Jim as our incoming VP of Trips. Each of you can help formulate next year's slate by participating in the Bidfest on April 15 through 17th. Go to our website and click on the TSC's icon to learn more. If you are interested in running a trip, please send your TC/ATC application to vpstrips@spacecityskiclub.org. I hope to see each of you on the slopes next year - have a great summer!



Having A Blast!

By Sandra McCunis, V.P. of Activities



The 2010/2011 season is coming to an end and April will be my last month as Vice President of Activities. I have been Vice President of Activities for the last two years and I had a blast planning and organizing a variety of activities and Happy Hours for SCSC. It has given me an opportunity to make many new acquaintances and friends with those members and guests who participated in our activities. I want to thank those members who volunteered to make these activities successful.

A group of twenty-eight led by Marianne Pearce enjoyed dinner at Escalante's and a play at the Company OnStage. Craig Campbell coordinated a group of twenty to see the performance of Brad Paisley at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo. Olga Adair volunteered again this year to organize an activity at Opera in the Heights.

The TSC Ski Bid Fest 2011 will be April 15th thru 17th at the Marriott Hotel in the Galleria. SCSC and Ski Jammers will be hosting a TSC Happy Hour at Via Via Mary's on Thursday, April 14th. There will be a Golf Tournament at Cinco Ranch and a Wine Tasting at Water 2 Wine on Friday, April 15th. The details for the TSC Bid Fest are posted on our SCSC website.

Leslie Ward has a fun evening planned at Pinot's Palette on Saturday, April 30th. An artist will guide you step-by-step through a featured painting to ensure that you complete your masterpiece by the end of the three-hour class. You will also have an opportunity to mingle with your friends while enjoying appetizers and cocktails.

Leslie Ward will be our Vice President of Activities for the 2011/2012 season. She will continue to organize fun and exciting activities for SCSC. Please send her your suggestions for new activities and support her by volunteering to be an Activity Coordinator.

I sincerely appreciate the support that you have given me during my terms as Vice President of Activities. I am honored to be elected to serve as your President and I look forward to the upcoming year with SCSC.

Calendar of Events

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| 04/03/11 | Opera in the Heights - Pearl Fishers - 1703 Heights Blvd. - 2:00 to 4:30 PM
Optional Dinner at Collina's Italian Café - 502 W. 19 th St. - 5:00 PM AC: Olga Adair |
| 04/11/11 | General Meeting at Dave & Buster's - 6010 Richmond Ave. - 6:30 to 9:00 PM |
| 04/14/11 | TSC Ski Bid Fest Happy Hour - Via Via Mary's - 4747 San Felipe - 5:30 to 9:00 PM |
| 04/15/11 | TSC Bid Fest Golf Tournament - Golf Club at Cinco Ranch - 23030 Cinco Ranch Blvd. - Katy, TX - 12:00 PM to 4:30 PM - AC: Jeff Sarff |
| 04/15/11 | TSC Bid Fest Wine Tasting - Water 2 Wine - 3331 Westpark - 2:00 to 4:00 PM
AC: Chuck Pena |
| 04/15/11 -
04/17/11 | TSC Ski Bid Fest - Marriott Hotel-Galleria - 1750 West Loop South
(see website for agenda) AC: Camille LaRoe |
| 04/28/11 | April Happy Hour - Canyon Café - 5000 Westheimer #250 - 5:30 to 9:00 PM |
| 04/30/11 | Pinot's Palette - Galleria - 5539 Richmond Ave. - 7:00 to 10:00 PM
AC: Leslie Ward |
| 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 (pending approval) |
| 05/26/11 | May Happy Hour - Kona Grill - Galleria - 5061 Westheimer - 5:30 to 9:00 PM |

Adventures in Jackson Hole – Feb 26 – March 5, 2011

The adventure to Jackson Hole began Saturday morning at 4:30 am, when bleary-eyed Space City Skiers met at Houston's Intercontinental Airport to begin their trip. The excitement started to build during the next travel leg from Denver to Jackson Hole. In Jackson, after a short stop for groceries and (lots) of beer and wine, the group was on the way to the mountain. We arrived by noon and three anxious skiers- Ed Freiter and George and Darlene Hirasaki - headed out for a half day of skiing. The rest of the Jackson Hole skiers settled into the condos, headed to the mountain to rent equipment, or rested up after the early morning start. Later, everyone headed to Nick Wilson's Cowboy Bar for the welcome party. The group soaked up the apres ski atmosphere and enjoyed food and drink while learning about the mountain from a local representative. Leslie Hadjo and Cheryl Hughes quizzed the mountain rep for the best dancing spots. Ski groups were formed and plans made for the first day of skiing.

Sunday was a beautiful, blue bird day. There were no lift lines or crowds to slow down the enthusiastic skiers as they attacked the slopes. Keith 'trail boss' Kirkman led 16 'big dogs' down a few token blue slopes to warm up, and then headed for the blacks and trees.

Everyone met at the Rendezvous Café for lunch to exchange ski adventures and fuel up for the afternoon.

At the après ski gathering at the Mangy Moose, Melinda Hughes, Charlie Roberts and Ross Baker paid beer fines for their double releases and/or falling in the lift line. Later that night, the group in condo 7 - Julie and Michael Rothermund,



Bob Olsen, Kamron Kirkconnell, Jim Hodges, Gary Davis, Melinda Hughes and Jill Nanney - enjoyed an Oscar party, featuring Julie's yummy chili and friendly wagers for the best actress, best actor and best picture award..

On Monday, while most of the group was skiing, Gonul and Glenn Youngblood headed to Yellowstone to enjoy the park. After lunch at the Casper restaurant, Leslie Hadjo made several circles around the ski racks looking for his skis. Finally, it became clear that someone had taken Leslie's skis - but not his poles! So, for the rest of the week, Leslie skied on someone else's skis!

That evening, the group dinner was held in town at the Million Dollar Cowboy Steakhouse. To avoid having to take the bus, all eight people in condo 7 piled into Bob Olsen's SUV. Gary Davis said it looked like a clown car when they arrived - people just kept getting

out, one after another. Phillip Taft's brother Dan joined the group dinner and everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship. Most headed in early, to prepare for the next day's excursion to Grand Targhee.

Tuesday morning, we boarded the Targhee bus at 7:15am, and arrived for our day's skiing at 9am. Darlene and George Hirasaki's nephew Robby, a local resident and a very hot skier, joined for the day's skiing. Jim Townsend checked out the cross-country skiing. There was a short apres ski gathering in the bar. This was followed by more merriment on the bus back to the condos, especially in the back, where Nancy Schultz, Jim Townsend, and Davis Tucker toasted the day's activities with beer and wine. When the group arrived back at the condos, Larry Edmondson had arrived to join the group after a vacation in Vegas

Wednesday was snowmobiling in Yellowstone for trip leader Dennis Newell, Melinda Hughes, Jim Townsend, Ali and Fred Pethick, Jill Nanney, Cheryl Hughes, Ted Widmer, and Jim Hodges. All raved about the beautiful geysers and magnificent scenery. However, there were a few mishaps during the trip. Melinda discovered she had two right-handed mittens - fortunately, both fit, but unfortunately, both fit the same hand!



Adventures in Jackson Hole—Continued

And as instructed by the guide, Dennis Newell ignored concerns regarding gas tanks that registered less than full. Unfortunately, on the return trip, Dennis ran out of gas and had to be rescued by Jim Hodges. Some of his fellow snowmobilers saw Dennis 'slaloming' his snowmobile on a single rail, and suspect that excess speed may have contributed to excess gas usage!

Thursday was a powder day, and everyone rushed out to enjoy the 6 or more inches of accumulated snow. Although Beverly Roberts had a couple of face plants in the deep stuff, Charlie Roberts could be heard whistling and hooting through the woods. Bob 'de bump' Debell also enjoyed the deep snow.

At lunch, Nancy Schultz noted that Bob skied so hard that he had to peel off clothes on the slopes, and bundle up at lunch. At happy hour, the group had to bid farewell to Diane and Ross Baker, as they were leaving the next day so that Ross could fulfill his duties at a Texas Ski Council meeting on Saturday.

On Friday, Jim Townsend led Nancy Schultz and Ali and Fred Pethick on a cross-country skiing expedition. Back on the downhill slopes, the speedster skiers - including Jill Nanney, Bob Olsen, Kamron Kirkconnel, and Melinda Hughes - were enjoying the still-great snow. At the après ski gathering, the group was stunned when they heard that Ed Freiter and Steve Ying had skied - and survived! - Corbet's Couloir. Corbet's is described by Forbes magazine as 'America's Scariest Ski Slope' - a chute entered by dropping 12 feet into a 55 degree slope, with rocks on both sides. We're glad they survived! Melinda was extremely happy with her last ski run of the season and was seen finishing off 9 pitchers of Moose Drool at the Mangy Moose. And continuing the moose theme, later that afternoon back at the condos, Dennis Newell spotted a couple of moose outside the windows at Condo 1. He alerted all the condos of the nearby wildlife. The two Bobs - Debell and Olsen - went for a closer look, but Bob Olsen had to make a hasty retreat when one of the moose made it clear that the attention was not appreciated.

Reluctantly, the group headed home on Saturday. Everyone had an excellent time, and came home with lots of pictures and memories of a fantastic ski trip.



VAIL IN FEBRUARY, PRICELESS!! By Dennis Hughes

SCSC traded ice in Houston for Snow in Colorado on the February trip to Vail. A great bus ride through a blizzard gave us a preview of things to come. 39 inches of snow in 5 days made for some fantastic powder skiing. We made it to our "Meet and Greet" at the Evergreen Lodge for chili and hoagies which warmed our souls after the long day.

The Sunday evening Super Bowl game became a pub and condo crawl for Bob and Mary Simpson, Roger Holzman, Will Green, and Laurie Haischer. Wednesday was break day for many and found the extreme shoppers and art collectors Sharon Simandl and Melinda Hughes looking for bargains and admiring

the bear
snow
sculptures in
Vail Village.
Alan Bitzer
and

Margaret McCord tested their snowmobile skills while observing the herds of Elk. So as not to embarrass, that story too will have to remain untold. Pat Finch and Linda Guice went to Breckenridge to ski Pat's favorite run Bonanza while Susan Blome enjoyed some relaxing spa time.



VAIL IN FEBRUARY, PRICELESS!! - Continued

That night was the group dinner at the "Larkspur", a la Tony's. For all who attended, the dinner was a superb 5 Star experience. A take-out was even arranged for Chau Nguyen and Larry Landers after her spill kept her in the condo that night.

Up and out early every morning were Keith Kirkman, Barry Casper, Larry Edmondson, Frank Adams, Charles Allen, and Carl Webb headed for the back bowls and fresh powder. Jim Hodges skied and snowboarded with wife Marina Wang during the week. Ask Bruce Fleming why he felt safe following Jake Dupree and Nancy Kressin into the back bowls. How deep was that powder??

Our pro Adi Buturovic was honored when he was asked to participate in the Vail Area race on the Vail downhill race course Thursday. With SCSC friends cheering him on, he was our champion. Rick and Jane Adams tested new skis. It was nice to see the usual groups break-up and ski with others each day, beginners and expert



alike. Thank you all for giving up the black slopes for a little while to hang and lunch with the rest of us.

Ron and Roberta Rambin, Janet McKenzie, and Morris Covin spent most of the trip enjoying the runs on Northwoods Express. Dick and Sue Howard, Hartley Chelin, and Catherine Phillips shadowed the trip, enjoying the fresh powder snow with the rest of the group.

Leslie Adams, Steve Ellsberry, Cheryl Crockett, and Dennis Pechal enjoyed the ambience of Vail. Lunch everyday was coordinated so that skiers of different experience could meet up to discuss their morning adventures. Each day new areas were tested. On Thursday and Friday nights, some of the couples had date night at the Chophouse. Many condos were

lucky to have gourmet cooks. Imagine signing up for a trip not knowing that your condo mates are excellent cooks. Several condo groups got together to share their meals and on the last night all of the leftovers were enjoyed at the potluck dinner.

Every evening found Linda and Mark Aguilar, Dennis Hughes, and several others at a local watering hole for après ski, re-living the thrills and spills of each day. And, a final thank you to ALL, for a really good time, and especially those who pitched in to help.

2010—2011 SKI TRIP SCHEDULE

Destination	Trip Dates		Trip Price	TC/ATC		
Alaskan Cruise	Sept 6-13, 2011	Inside	F -\$1481	Ellen Eastham	eeastham@prodigy.net	281 989 9935
TSC Summer Expedition	(Tue-Tue)	Cabin	L-\$1040	Tom Danowski	tomdanowski@sbcglobal.net	713 725 8624
	FPD—5/16/11	Balcony	F- \$2031			
		Cabin	L—1590			

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2011 Texas Ski Council SkiBidFest

**Houston, Texas
April 15 -17, 2011**



The Texas Ski Council, Delegates, Texas Ski Club members, Guests, Ski Resort Representatives and Vendors from around the world are in for an information packed & fun-filled experience at the 2011 Ski Bid Fest held at the convenient

Marriott Houston West Loop
1750 West Loop South
Houston, Texas on
April 15-17, 2011.

The Marriott hotel is located near the Houston Galleria with access to great restaurants, entertainment and shopping. Room Reservations as well as Bid Fest Registrations must be received by **March 29th, 2011** to qualify for discounts! Bid Fest Registration is only \$55.00 by March 29th! \$65 on April 1st.

**More information and Registration forms
located on the TSC website at:
www.texas-ski.org**

JOIN THE FUN!!!

**Golf Scramble or Wine Tasting
Welcome Reception
Resort Presentations
Ski Show**

**Dinner Party & Silent Auction
Evening Musical Entertainment by Dave Thomas
Announcement of 2011-2012 TSC Trips
Camille LaRoe—Bid Committee Chair**

TSC BidFest Happy Hour

Yia Yia Mary's Thurs 4/14
4747 San Felipe 5:30pm—9:00 pm

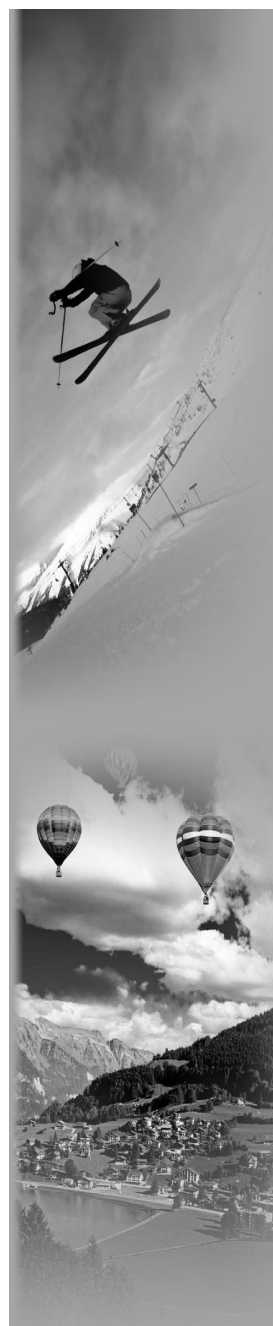
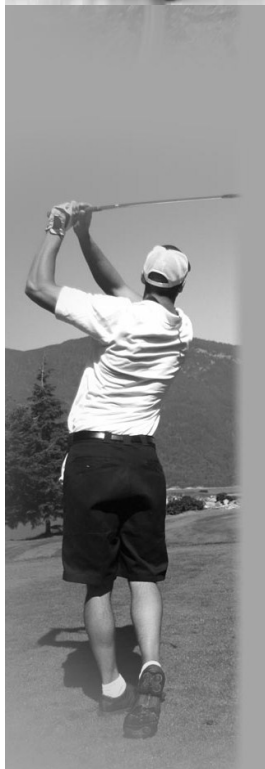
TSC BidFest Golf Tournament

Cinco Ranch Fri 4/15
23030 Cinco Ranch Blvd
12:00pm to 4:30 pm

TSC BidFest Wine Tasting

Water 2 Wine Fri 4/15
3331 Westpark 2:00 to 4:00pm

camille.laroe@sylvania.com
Cell: 281-686-2274



Trip Coordinator (TC)/Assistant Trip Coordinator (ATC)**2011-2012 Application**

Do you love to ski or snowboard? Do you enjoy working with people and making new friends? Are you good at planning and organizing? If your answer is YES to these questions, SCSC needs YOU to join the great team of Trip Coordinators and Assistants running fun ski trips to exciting destinations.

Please complete this form and return to **V.P. of Trips – Jim Hodges, 218 Whispering Ridge Ter, Houston, TX 77094** or e-mail to **jehodgesjr@sbcglobal.net**

Name:	Telephone-Home:
Address:	Telephone-Work:
E-Mail Address:	
Occupation:	Year you joined SCSC (Approx):

Position you are applying for: _____ TC _____ ATC _____ Either

(Note: In order to serve as an ATC, you must have taken at least one ski trip with SCSC. In order to server as a TC, you must have served as an ATC on at least one SCSC ski trip or an Activity Coordinator for a large activity or experience running trips with other organizations.)

What type of SCSC ski trip do you prefer to run? _____ TSC (Texas Ski Council) Club _____ (SCSC) _____ Either

What length of SCSC ski ttrip do you prefer to run? _____ Long (week long) _____ Short (4-5 day) _____ Either

Where would you like to run a trip (Destination/s)? _____

Availability: Dates that you are *Unavailable* to run a trip (If any):

Preferred dates (If any):

Are you available for monthly SCSC meetings (Sept-May) Yes ___ No ___ Are you available for monthly SCSC happy hours? Yes ___ No ___

Are you available to attend 2 to 3 training sessions? Yes ___ No ___ On what side of town do you live/work? _____

Prior SCSC Volunteer Experience: TC/ATC/AC-Activity Coordinator /AAC-Assist. Activity Coordinator/Officer

(Start with most recent) Year	Trip/Activity/Office	Year	Trip/Activity /Office

SCSC-Ski Trips Taken**Non SCSC- Ski Trips Taken**

Year	Trip	Year	Trip	Year	Trip	Year	Trip

Other Volunteer Experience: (Start with most recent)

Year	Organization/Office	Year	Organization/Office

Computer experience: _____ Microsoft Word _____ Microsoft Excel _____ Other

Do you have access to a computer ? Yes No Do you have access to a fax machine _____ Yes No

Can you make & receive SCSC related phone calls at work? _____ Yes No

Can you send & receive SCSC related e-mail at work? _____ Yes No

What other experience/skills can you bring to the position of TC/ATC?

Why are you interested in running a SCSC ski trip?



Saturday 4/30/11

7:00—10:00 pm

AC—Leslie Ward

832-863-2018

PAINT DRINK HAVE FUN

*Join us for an unforgettable evening of fun,
friends and fine art where
you bring the cocktails and Pinot's provides
the canvases! You don't need to be artistic
to enjoy this event...Pinot's artists will guide
you step-by-step through the featured
painting.*



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