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## From Mission Control



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Greetings SCSC'ers !

Thank everyone for coming to the March meeting to elect next year's officers. Some of the officers are staying the same while Lori Aubrecht is the new secretary replacing Sandra Stolnacke and Rita Cardenas is moving up from Director of Trips to Vice President of Trips. Thank all of the current and new officers for volunteering their time and effort to run SCSC. It takes a village!

Now that we have determined to keep Space City Ski & Adventure Club the same name, let's look for ways to bring in new members. A redesign of our website highlighting other activities we have, might be one way. Please let Susan Granbery or one of the Executive Committee know if you have any ideas.

Bidfest is April 14-16 in DFW area where we choose the trips for the Texas Ski Council. Rita, Pat and I will be talking to the different vendors about other shorter trips in the US as well. There are a couple of places we are working on now and hope to be able to present them soon.

Welcome to next year's officers and I look forward to working with everyone to have another great year of trips and fun activities.

Our next General Meeting will be Monday April 10th at the Post Oak Grill. We welcome REI to our April meeting to hear about their hiking and biking equipment and they are bringing 10% discount coupons as well as donating a couple of door prizes.

Lynn

## Houston We Have Lift Off



Beverly Roberts

VP Trips

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Hello from the Trips Desk!

Ski season is in the rearview, and what a season it was. Space City put on seven trips – four TSC trips and three club trips. We went to resorts in Colorado, Montana, Idaho, Canada and Austria. Almost 200 travelers enjoyed on-and-off the slopes activities with their fellow SCSC'ers. As usual, the hard-working trip coordinators made all of this possible. We are fortunate to have volunteers that wear so many hats so effectively – they are planners, advertisers, budget managers, and activity directors. I took a quick look at the other Texas ski clubs, and it looks like SCSC runs more ski trips than any other club in the Texas Ski Council. Please take the time to thank your trip leaders because they make it possible for us to enjoy so many diverse ski opportunities. And please consider volunteering to run a trip in the future. It's true – there's some work, but you will also develop friendships with other trip coordinators and with your trip participants. Don't be afraid - there are plenty of people who will mentor and advise you and ensure your success. The club depends on volunteers – we can't do great things without people who step up. Think about it, and then do it!

It's with some nostalgia that I write this article. I will be turning over the VP Trips role to Rita Cardenas in May, who has already hit the ground running with some great ideas for trips. I can't wait to see what else she comes up with! Again, please support her trips by volunteering for a leadership role. And please share your travel ideas with her. She and Pat Piech, who is her partner as Director of Trips, would love to hear from you.

See you soon - Beverly

## Blast off with SCSC Activities

Looking over the calendar for the past year, I counted 12 dinners, 12 Happy Hours, 12 General Meetings, 4 Bingo Nights, 4 House Party Blowouts, and a slew of variety: Bike Rides, Cabaret, Bowling, Wine Gatherings, in all, 56 dates to socialize in the pursuit of FUN.

Not bad for a “ski club” (ha). As often rightly noted, our club is 100% member-volunteer run.

The reason I bring this up again is: I am holding the door open for anyone with an idea for an activity they would like to share with the rest of us (and lead).

After years of coordinating, Lynn would like a new person to step up and be the lead on the monthly dinners. I’m looking at you dinner regulars: It’s up to one or two of you to keep the tasty Saturday nights going.

That said, the Super Bowl Watch Party was a blast. Thanks Gary Haley for hosting! And the ‘Super Watchers’ who brought tables of deliciousness to the evening. Great time everybody!

Pickle Ball was on the court late in February, thank you Arlen Asham for organizing.

Happy Hours have been well attended along the Energy Corridor with some favorite spots and some new (to us).

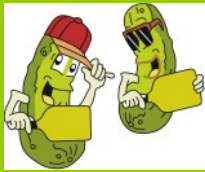
I did postpone the Bingo Night when registration was very low only to hear later that some had planned to attend, but ‘just didn’t get around to registering’. The solution is: don’t procrastinate, **R.E.A.** - Register Early Always.

We have our annual bike ride (or is it a pilgrimage?) to the St Arnold Brewery coming up Sunday April 16th, Dinner at George’s Pastaria Saturday April 22nd. Trip ‘After’ parties have been breaking out all over, and we are looking into some new concept group gaming in the Washington corridor area in the future.



Bil Cusack

VP Activities



Psst— are you a pickle ball player?





Rowena Roche

VP Membership &amp; Marketing

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## Membership & Marketing



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We welcome the following new members:

Gary Armstrong  
Ruth Bauman  
Sharon Bigando  
Natasha Chevalier  
Karla Cleveland  
Kimberly Corley  
John and Martha DeHan  
Marianne Hensel  
Cheryl Sowder  
Gretchen Thomas



### NEW MEMBER PROFILE

Cheryl Sowder is a Travel Advisor & Franchise Owner with Cruise Planners for over 8 years. Before finding Cruise Planners, she worked in the accounting field and in the travel industry as a Tour Operator and Travel Advisor.

She attended the Allegro School of Travel and earned Travel Certification. Cheryl holds Travel Specialist Certifications in a variety of countries, destinations, and with tour operators. She is also a certified Travel Insurance Specialist.



In 2019, Cheryl was named as one of the Top 5 Travel Agents in The Galveston County Daily News Readers' Choice. She has written several articles on travel tips for local newspapers and has been interviewed on TV for travel commentaries.

Cheryl and her husband moved to Harper, Texas (Hill Country) in 2020 to escape the hustle and bustle of life in the big city. When she is not booking amazing vacations for her clients or traveling herself, she's hosting wine nights, hunting treasures on her land, and enjoying time with her husband and fur babies Finn, Zeze, and Cash.

# WELCOME 2023-2024 SCSC

## NEW OFFICERS!

### OFFICER PROFILES

#### **Lynn Burch- President**

I have lived in Houston since 1968, grew up in Abilene, Texas and went to Texas Tech.

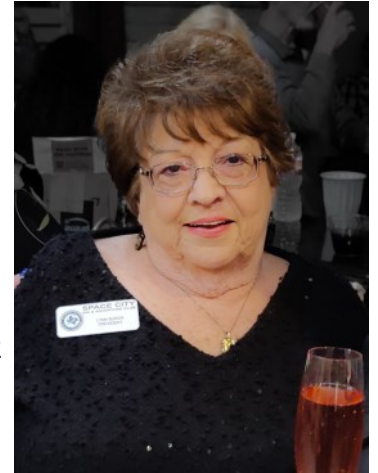
I joined SCSC in 1970 and have been a member ever since. I have gone on countless ski and non-ski trips thru the years. The first ski trip I went on in probably 1972 was to Zermatt, Switzerland and the cost was \$499 for air, lodging, meals (breakfast and dinner each day) and the train that took us from wherever we flew into to Zermatt. I was hooked from then on until this day with SCSC (the costs have certainly changed). I have been very fortunate, because of our club, to have traveled to most European countries that have skiing and most of the Western states in the US to ski. I had to give up skiing in the mid 90's but continued to go on our non-ski trips.

Thru the years, I have run several ski and non-ski trips, 2 to Mexico, 1 to Jamaica, and 3 different ski trips, the last one being to Vail in 1994.

I was the Director of Trips in 1980/1981 and VP Programs (now Activities) in 1981/1982.

During my entire career I was a manufactures representative for lingerie companies. First with Olga for 25 years, then Maidenform, and the last 13 years with a company that made different lines for different price stores from Nordstrom's to Wal-Mart. I started traveling the middle third of the US at first and as the company grew and added other reps, I was down to 7 states then ended up the last couple of years with 3 states. Unfortunately during these 13 years I was not able to be very active in SCSC since 3 weeks out of the month I left Monday morning and got back Thursday night.

When I retired in 2015, I wanted to get back active in SCSC. I started going to the activities and in 2017 thru 2022, I became VP of Activities where I added the monthly dinners. Last year I became President and we started having our monthly meetings year around instead of September thru May. I have really enjoyed my time helping with our club and love meeting all the new people and making so many friends. Since President is a two year commitment, I will be President again this coming year. After that, who knows what will happen, but I love volunteering and helping keep this club going and fulfilling member's needs for trips and entertainment.





## Rita Cardenas—VP Trips

I consider myself a native Houstonian. I was born in Poteet, TX. but my parents lived in Houston at the time. I joined SCSC because I wanted to go on ski trips and meet new people.

I consider myself a fair-weather skier, I recently took a 3-hour private lesson in Loveland which was wonderful and helped improve my turns. I definitely need more improvement. I would rather cruise down the mountain and enjoy the scenery than struggle with a steep blue!

I first started skiing when I joined The Bank of Montreal, one of my co-workers in Toronto took me to a small ski resort for lessons back in 2001. I have not been skiing consistently every year but this year going on multiple trips. I served as co-trip leader for the Ischgl and Zurich trip in January. Recently skied with friends at Keystone, Loveland and Copper. Copper was my favorite as the lifts were new and not as crowded as Keystone. Finally, I went to Lake Louise with the club in March then on to Whistler, BC for a few days. .

I retired in April 2022 from Bank of Montreal. During my 21 years at the bank, I worked remote from home and traveled to Canada and U.S. My last position at the bank was a Payment Consultant in the Treasury Group specializing in Commercial Credit Cards and ePayables.

I love to play golf and am on a couple of golf leagues. I enjoy exercise classes at my gym... bar bell strength, edge sculpting cycle class, yoga and Pilates. I volunteer on Fridays at the Wesley Community Center Food pantry. I am active in my church, First United Methodist, serving as a Stephen Minister and Leader.

As for my travel bucket list, I love bike & boat trips and would love to go to Italy, Vietnam and back to Croatia.

As the VP of Trips, I will work closely with the Director of Trips to put a travel plan in place for the upcoming year. The trip slate includes trips that are sponsored by the Texas Ski Council and SCSC club trips. The VP and DOT are resources for the Trip Coordinators, available for consultation, advice, mentoring and intervention at any time before, during and after the trips. If you are interested in running a trip, please get in touch with me.



## Bil Cusak—VP Activities

Bil, originally from the Westside of Chicago, arrived in Houston in 1972. He joined SCSC because he got tired of paying huge prices for third rate ski experiences. All of his SCSC trips ***“have been just great.”***

Bil began skiing in 1975. He tells us that his band was playing in Albuquerque in January that year so they all took a ski lesson. He skies blues and occasional black slopes. Thus, Bil has been skiing for 48 years although he missed a few seasons. He just returned from Lake Louise, one of his favorite trips.



Bil has worked in the entertainment industry all of his life: 40 years as a musician/bandleader, and piano guy. Recently he was selected to tune up for Springsteen before The Boss's performance at the Toyota Center. He has owned a piano store, music school, rebuilding shop and rental business. Alas, he is retiring this year. His leisure time will be filled with biking, disc golf, reading, puttering around the house, attending shows and camping. And then there is travel. Italy and Southeast Asia are on his bucket list.

Our closing words from VP Activities, Bil Cusak: *“I like discovering new activities and presenting them to members to try. Space City is a great club. It takes time to get to know people, but if a member keeps showing up, they will be hooked.”*



## Rowna Roche—VP Marketing and Membership

I have lived in the Houston area since the mid-fifties. I was born in Colorado Springs, CO on the Fort Carson Army base. I joined the club for socializing with friends – I am not a skier. I have skied on several occasions before joining the club – I am a better water skier!

I have been in Human Resources for 20+ years and currently work as a Human Resource Business Partner supporting the Texas region for Baldwin Risk Partners.

In the past, I have been an active volunteer in public schools, Townhouse Manor Executive Board, and attended events for Sky High supporting Pediatric Cancer for St. Jude and Texas Children's Hospital.

No specific bucket list for travel – just love going places with friends!

Interesting fact – I got engaged at a ski club dinner! I like serving in the membership position to welcome new members and make them feel a part of the group

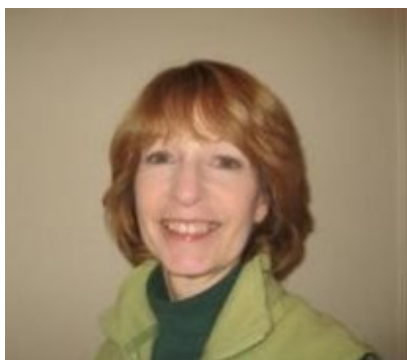


## **SUSAN GRANBERY—VP COMMUNICATIONS**

Originally from North Texas, Susan has lived in Texas since she was eight. She joined Space City to help maintain the SCSC website after retiring from a successful career in IT. Although she does not ski, Susan enjoys swimming, walking and reading. Her bucket list travel destination is Scotland.



## **MARTI TURNER—TREASURER**



I have lived in the Houston area since 1979. I am originally from East Tennessee (Go Vols!)

I joined SCSC because one of my friends was on an Aspen trip and invited me to a meeting. I liked the people I met, and signed up for Crested Butte that night. I was a beginner skier then, but thought it would be fun. My club trips are primarily ski trips, but I really enjoyed the Bruges Bike trip a few years ago. We used to do weekend trips that were a lot of fun too (Padre Island, Galveston, Hill Country, Breau Bridge...). I'm an intermediate/advanced skier and usually go on one to two

trips a year for the past 30+years. This year, I registered for Vail!

I retired as a Financial Analyst/Accountant (Oil Industry). My favorite (nonski) hobbies and past times include gardening, hiking, biking. I also volunteer at a nearby animal shelter.

My travel bucket list includes the desire to visit every U.S. National Park

While most of my time is spent recording income and making payments, the best part of being Treasurer is working with all the other volunteers in the club to make the trips and activities happen!

## **LORI AUBRECHT—SECRETARY**

I have lived in Houston for 40 years and am originally from New Jersey. I joined SCSC to meet new friends. I am a green blue skier. My last trip was to Telluride. My occupation is an English tutor. I retired from IBM and Pearson Digital. My hobbies are dancing and cooking. My travel bucket list is Madeira, Portugal, Amalfi Coast, and Lake Como. It would be fun to have a book club. As Secretary, my goal is to communicate all of our great events.



**A BIG WELCOME TO ALL OF OUR 2023-24 SCSC OFFICERS**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO OUR CLUB**

## SPACE CITY SKI AND ADVENTURE CLUB

### WHO & WHAT ARE WE?

### WHEN DID WE BEGIN?

On June 20, 1966 Space City Ski Club filed Articles of Incorporation that specified that we are  
.....a club organized exclusively for pleasure, recreation and other non-profitable purposes.... to-wit:

- (1) To provide facilities for and **encourage athletic exercise and sport, particularly the sport of snow skiing.**
- (2) To provide facilities for and encourage social intercourse among its members; and
- (3) To engage generally in any causes or objects similar to the above mentioned in order to promote the social, cultural, literary, mental and physical welfare of its members

**We are a club of Skiers and former Skiers who also have fun  
engaging in other sports and activities.**

As announced at the March General Meeting, it has been decided to keep our name  
the same as it reflects our original love for snow sports as well as other sporting  
activities and adventures:

**SPACE CITY SKI AND ADVENTURE CLUB**



## A Word From Ellen Eastham

### Outgoing Chairman of the Board

I am writing from the beautiful Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise hotel inside Banff National Park. On the SCSC trip, we are enjoying gorgeous scenery and spectacular views, deep snow, amazing meals served at the Chateau, beautiful décor, marvelous camaraderie with 24 from SCSC on the trip, 112 other TSC attendees, and magnificent skiing at Lake Louise and Banff Sunshine Ski Resorts.

One of the benefits of participating on ski trips, is meeting people from all over the U.S. and abroad. SCSC has members that live across the U.S. I had a discussion about SCSC with two members on the trip, **Lynn Bodfish** of Rena NV and **Cindi Zanardi** of Discovery Bay CA. Suggestions they made are to get members outside of Greater Houston area involved in SCSC, such as planning trips and activities, not just attending them. Also they provided ideas for getting to know members at meetings and activities, as well as creating a survey to determine what activities members would like in the coming year. SCSC appreciates ideas from its members, as well as volunteering in many roles. Coming soon will be a **BLOG** on the SCSC website where members can share ideas.



### SCSC 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2024

Space City Ski Club's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club is in 2024! In August 1964 -SCSC had its first organizational meeting, in September 1964 the SCSC name was created, and the first SCSC General Meeting was held in October 1964 . We filed Articles of Incorporation in 1966.

Let's celebrate our 60th in 2024. How? Do you have ideas and want to brainstorm on a committee? Should we have a Fall gathering over a weekend of festivities? Prefer a Christmas Formal Gala? A date needs to be set for members to plan to attend this monumental occasion. We need to contact prior members who may want to join us to celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. All this will be discussed on a committee, and decisions made to "get the ball rolling."

Let me know if you would like to assist in some way. We will meet via Zoom April 18, so anyone can join us. Zoom Link will be on the calendar and in future eBlasts. Send email to [cob@spacecity.org](mailto:cob@spacecity.org) if you want to join the committee, or if you would like to express your ideas and not join the committee.

It has been my pleasure serving the members of SCSC and chairing the 13-member Board. My term will end April 30, but I will continue to serve in various volunteer roles. Hope you will, also.

Ellen

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## **BIG SKY MONTANA: January 22-29, 2023**

**Rene Reed, Trip Coordinator**

So, what makes a great great trip?

Great people!!!

And Big Sky had 32 of the best!!

Great snow and fabulous accommodations don't hurt either!!

The start of this stellar trip was the fact that everyone arrived to the airport on time and our flight departed and arrived on time. The bus was waiting and several of our great guys helped fill up the hold with skis and luggage. We barely fit, but, thankfully we did.



A quick stop at Albertsons to pick up our pre-ordered groceries seemed to put their employees in a bit of confusion, but Sandra Stalnacke quickly went into their delivery area and organized the employees, our parcels and all our crew that were picking up! Thank you Sandra. She saved us enough time to vote on going to the liquor store for libations. Only three people voted to go to the liquor store....but a dozen people got off the bus to go shop!! Imagine that!

The Huntley Lodge was fresh from all its renovations and also had some fresh faced Cowboys to unload our gear and prep it for room delivery. While waiting to check in or waiting for a room, the Huntley kept us fed with delicious cookies, hot tea and hot chocolate, and ice cold flavored water. It made the wait so much more relaxing.

We regrouped later for our welcome party. Each participant was given a goodie bag from Big Sky Resort with a can of wine and a Mr. Dan's cookie. It was a great excuse to gather and plan for the following day.

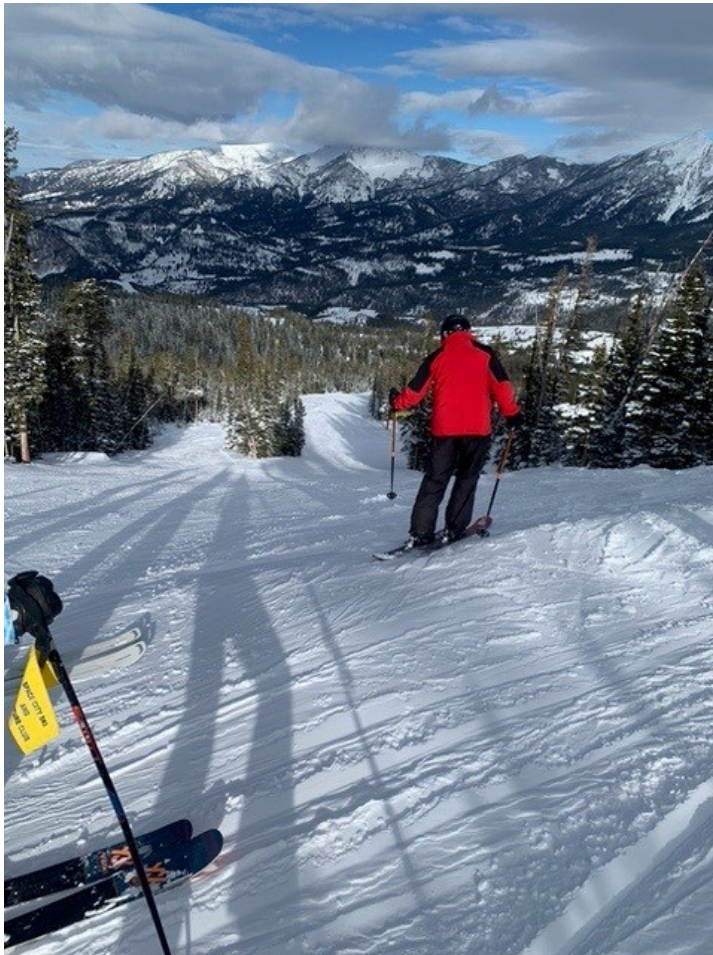
Sunday dawned fairly bright. There were usually over 20 of us in the dining room at one time for the tremendous Huntley breakfast buffet. We got well fueled for the day while discussing dressing layers. How many layers? How thick? Some folks were on the mountain at 9:00 and some of us delayed getting on the mountain until it was time to take the 12:30 Mountain Tour on the southside towards the old Moonlight Basin resort.



Well over 20 of us turned up for the Mountain Tour which is a great turnout. We divided into several groups. We learned about the runs and how to navigate the humongous resort. Our mountain host was a former ski racer and a long time resident of the Bozeman/Big Sky area. He was a wealth of great information including the feud between Big Sky and Moonlight Basin (all now owned by Big Sky) We spent more than a few minutes ogling the narrow shoots running off the top of Lone Peak. Just WOW!!!! Did I mention it was really cold outside??



Later that night, the whole group got together again for our Space City gourmet slider buffet featuring Wagyu beef, Hot fried chicken and pulled pork with waffle fries and dressing. We had them bring up some hot sauce, too. We are from Texas after all. Everyone was treated to a drink at the bar and more than several of us ponied up for a second glass of wine or beer. The Huntley did offered up a nice selection of wine and beer (plus water and sodas).



Monday came up a little colder and more than a few of us delayed our start until the north side Mountain Tour began at 10:30. We asked them to keep the tour moving....because it got awfully cold when we stood around. A temp of 23 just seemed quite cold to me!! Unfortunately, Monday came with some injuries and we were all deeply saddened to find out that Marina Wang and George Lopez were taken off the mountain on the sleds. Separate accidents on the same day. Both of them cut their trip early and headed home. We wish them a speedy recovery.



The Exchange at Big Sky Resort became the go to place for lunches. The food court offered everything from Pizza to Poke Bowls. Some groups occasionally grubbed up at the Headwaters at Moonlight Basin...but it wasn't unusual to find 15 people eating at the Exchange.

Midweek found promising weather in the morning with snow coming in during the afternoon. Our group was all over the mountain with those that preferred good blue groomers, steep diamonds or the abundance of trees and glades. Big Sky offers it all. One thing everyone agreed on is that the 8 person heated, bubble chairs are pretty cool. You wait in line and then step onto the a magic carpet which takes you to just the right spot for the chair to swoop in underneath you. It makes 8 people vying for a seat a little less intimidating.



Wednesday, Melinda Hughes put together a movie night. The Huntley was offering up a Warren Miller movie. So a group of folks did BYOB and BYOD(inner) in one of the Huntley lobbies and then trotted off to the on site theater to watch the movie.



Friday was an epic day! You either loved the 15 inches of over-night powder or hated it. The morning started quite gray with flat light, but the Space City powder hounds did not hold back. The resort was super busy as some lifts did not open on time leading to some long lines at the bottom. Some folks called it a day early and some found the conditions to be supreme!!!! So many local people were pouring into the resort, that we abandoned a restaurant happy hour and opted to meet in the lobby with the fireplace. It was great turn out and we all enjoyed finishing off each other's wines, cheeses, apples, chips, etc. while talking about our victories and defeats on the mountain.

Saturday morning found us all in the main lobby waiting for our bus. We were actually happy to know that we were getting out before the cold front hit. Temperatures were expected to plunge in the afternoon with an overnight low of -19 F. Cold to us, but the roads were clogged with more locals coming to enjoy a sunny day with lots of left over powder from Friday. A few folks headed out towards their car. It took them quite some time to remove the snow that had accumulated over the previous days. Those going to Idaho found multiple roads completely closed due to the previous snow. An approximately five hour trip took about 11 hours. So the club bus ride was a breeze by comparison. We all arrived back in Houston pretty much on time and they only snafu was a few bags did not...but United was aware of the delayed bags before we deplaned and sent a text out with the claim numbers for missing bags. They followed up the next day with delivery to our effected members. So, all in all, a great ending!!



On February 25th, 18 participants got together at George's Pastaria for the post trip party of appetizers and wine. We all laughed and talked for two hours. Everyone had a good time and like I always say, "Great people make for great trips!" Good snow doesn't hurt either!! I couldn't have asked for a nicer group of members!!



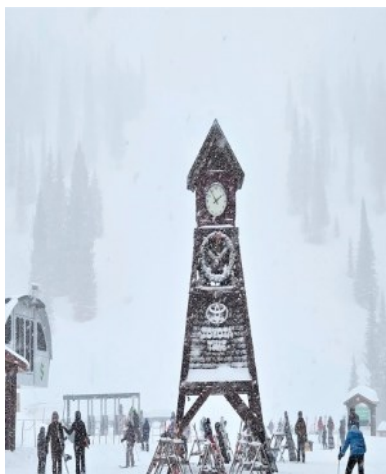
**SCHWEITZER: February 4-11, 2023**

**Melinda Hughes, Trip Coordinator**



Twenty-seven advanced, ski ready souls made their way to Schweitzer Mountain in Idaho on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-three of us road the shuttle from Spokane, Washington to the resort while four others met us at our home for the week, the Selkirk Lodge, which was located in the heart of the resort village. We arrived on time and checked into our rooms without a problem. Once we were unpacked and a few people explored the shops in the village, we met at the Welcome Party that evening. Our event included another ski group from Tampa, Florida which was unusual yet refreshing. No party would be complete without an Idaho potato! We had baked potatoes almost the size of our plates and a variety of toppings to make your potato a main dish. The dessert was a chocolate brownie of equal size and very

tasty. We received our lift tickets, breakfast coupons, and a drink coupon for après ski. The nice feature of the coupons was that they were, in reality, gift cards and could be used anywhere on the mountain that was Schweitzer affiliated. This encompassed probably 95% of the retailers in the village. Later, we tucked ourselves in for a short winter's nap to ready ourselves for a week of skiing.



The clock struck 8:52 a.m. and we began our week. We were offered a mountain tour and, of course, we took the hosts up on

their offer. Several of us going wanted to participate in the tour so we had to break into two groups. The hosts explained how the mountain was laid out, how to get around, and where to find the kissing tree. Basically, watch that sharp right turn on Vagabond or else kiss a tree. Avid skiers began exploring the mountain on their own once the tour ended. After the tour and sampling a few runs, the "pack" took a run down Glade-iator where Bill Bomberger decided to follow Kathy Quigley past the cat track, through the next set of thickets and terminated into a creek. Bill ended "up the creek".

Others like David Trevitz and Craig Campbell marched to their own drummer. They exited left from the Stella chairlift which leads to a gently sloping header trail that feeds into several excellent blue cruising trails. David considered this header to be a great spot to practice skiing backwards. While he demonstrated his backwards prowess to Craig, somehow he drifted in front of Craig, tangled their skis, and proceeded to do a slow "dance and crash" into the soft deep trail side snow! Craig calmly observed and mentioned that he needed more practice AND assessed a beer fine which David obliged. Marilyn Swanson was the only green skier on the trip and wanted to explore more than the Musical Chairs lift. David made up for this snafu with Craig and helped her find the best way to explore other parts of the mountain. His patience will always be remembered and Larry Robinson was appreciative.



One group chose other ways to enjoy the mountain. When the going gets tough, the tough go shopping! Beverly Roberts, Thuy Rocque, Sandra Cornelius, and Ruth Bauman headed to Sandpoint only after Ruth asked to join promising that she's really a fun person. Ruth went back to her room and looked up magic acts to "audition" for girls' day out and after she performed her new routine they let her join and she was lots of fun! They hit the sidewalks looking for a deal and found a powder hound!



Another day was the reckoning day for an unknown skier. To begin, Martin Estill, our



newest member, was a great skier and fit in with the crowd. He could hold his own when challenged on a set of skies! He joined the Dogs on a shopping day through Kathy's Yard Sale which was a popular run for Keith Kirkman, Jennifer "Jen" Merksamer, Charlie & Beverly Roberts, Jim Hodges, Dennis & Melinda Hughes, Richard & Thuy Rocque, Mike Willis, Paul Stolnacke, James Parise and our two "creek" skiers mentioned earlier. The unknown skier decided to stop behind a tree for a break only to be outed by the group whizzing by during his whiz. His friend was heard warning him "there's lots of 'em". That will teach him about taking care of business during a yard sale.



Meanwhile, Peter Mathieu, Peter Mathieu Jr, Margot Vossler, and Stacey Guynes took a day off from skiing to experience the beautiful terrain that surrounded us by snowmobiling one day and another day they took advantage of the \$7 hamburger at the Outback. This was a special event because the restaurant was always crowded and seats in high demand. Sandra Stolnacke "took one for the team" and had a few mountain massages so she could properly advise those of us pounding the "Portland Cement" the day after the storm. We experienced a rare occasion when the wind was so fierce during the night that the snow was compacted. We all agreed to stay out of the trees!





Sam & Sandra Cornelius took a few skiing lessons to quicken their turns before they joined the group dinner at Powder Hound Pizza. We enjoyed sharing beverages, pizza, and a story or two. The restaurant was very accommodating and helped with a miscommunication about dinner on the mountain. They allowed us to bring our wine in for a small cork fee. Our group was very appreciative and generous with their tips. And, their pizza was spectacular!



Other days, the group was found at Taps after a long day of skiing. This was the mountain bar and pool hall where beer fines were paid, the days were discussed, and new plans were formed. After a week of frolicking in the snow and visiting snow ghosts, we had to pack our bags and say so-long to the slopes on February 11th. The trip was definitely a skier's dream and a mountain worth traveling back to.





## Schweitzer



## STEAMBOAT: February 11-18. 2023

Ann Dorn, Trip Coordinator

It was TSC Winter Shootout and more than 140 Texan Skiers participated from 6 different clubs. Wow! We sold out the SCSC Steamboat trip within a few hours after our registration opened!

Unfortunately, it turned out to be not as smooth as it started.

One member who signed up for 3 trips had to cancel all of his three trips because of health reasons. Stephen Mauro who lives South of Corpus Christi contacted us after seeing the announcement of open spot for one male. Lucky Stephen, lucky us!

A week before our trip, I got a text from a participant that his roommate, his wife, needed to have a surgery and had to cancel her trip. Then, Thursday night before our trip, another member had to cancel her trip due to doctor's orders. I know how disappointing it is for our last minute cancellation, then hoping for a last minute replacement. For this reason I strongly recommend on all of our future trips, participants should consider purchasing travel insurance.

We had our Pre Trip party at my Sugar Land House on December 15th. I knew most of participants, but it was my first time to meet Lidia Mayforth and glad Lidia had a chance to meet some new members. We all enjoyed great conversation, food, wine & beer and dancing line-dance.



On February 11, 19 of us flew together via Southwest airline. There were 30 minutes delay from Denver to Hayden airport. At least all of us had plenty enough time to eat lunch and rest some at Denver airport. 2 shuttle buses pick us up and we finally arrived our Eagle Ridge Condo around 4:30 pm. Stephen Mauro and Jim Walker arrived earlier and already check in. Stephen arrived early enough he actually skied a few hours before we arrived.

Since we could not go grocery shopping on the way to condo, several of us took condo shuttle to local groceries.

Bill Reilly drove from Denver to our condo and he graciously purchased all beverages on the way. It would have been difficult for us to carry all groceries and liquor on the shuttle buses.

Chuck found a great pizza delivery restaurant and ordered enough pizza while we were busy grocery shopping. It became Group dinner night instead of cheese and wine welcome party.







Saturday eve was last eve of Winter festival and most of people were too tired to venture out, but not our young at heart Robert & Leasa Clements as well as John & Cindy McGowan.

Matter of fact, Clements & McGowans kept their schedule busy every day and eve. They went to last day of Winter festival on Sunday watching Dog Dash and Dad Dash pulling kids and many other exciting events.

They did Steamboat Brew Trail and visited 4 beer breweries.( Mahogany Ridge, Storm Peak, Mountain Tap and Yampa Valley) and strongly recommend us to try sometime.

They also visited famous Strawberry Hot springs and romantic dinner sleigh ride to the Bar Lazy L Ranch.



Most of days while we were at Steamboat, we had high 20s to low 30s degree Sunny perfect skiing days except Wednesday. Wednesday Strong windy weather was severe enough that all chair lifts shut off and resort were closed entirely.

On Sunday, Jim Walker skied with Gin Knebel and Carl Noriega, but did not feel well and made his skiing short and decided to take ski lesson the next day.

I heard some people fell and had a few incidents. Even Our fearless skier, Steven Ying, lost control while he was skiing alone at Double black diamond and fell.

Great News is Nobody got injured!!!!

Sunday eve was TSC Welcome party. We all gathered at Grand Park Hotel ball room and enjoyed Barbeque and one free drink they offered.

Some people didn't show up or left early to watch Super bowl game.



Tuesday was Valentine day and we had a group dinner at my condo. We prepared Korean Bulgogi, Lasagna, salad, stir fried vegetables, fried rice, chocolate and cookies along with some appetizers. We all again enjoyed great dinner, wine & beer and great conversation.

We were supposed to have a club happy hour on Wednesday and made a reservation for 18, but only handful people showed up since most of people decided to take personal time and do their own things since resort was closed down unexpectedly because of windy weather.



Thursday was TSC group dinner, race award ceremony and entertainment eve.

Angela Zumwalt got Silver, Our new member Stephen got Gold metal, Bill Reilly got Bronze.

It was Mexican Taco dinner and most of our members left as soon as they finish

their dinner and we didn't get to do our line dance we practiced at my house.



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We all got together again at Ann's Condo for Potluck Dinner. Brenda brought spaghetti and Clements brought Robert's the famous brisket. With all food everybody brought, we all had feast and had still a lot left over. Steve Ying's Daughter, Laura, who teaches snowboarding at Steamboat resort joined our gathering and took all of the leftover food, groceries to share with her friends.





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Except one eve ( Monday), our group had opportunities for group gath-

ering everyday and enjoyed sharing meal and friendships.

Stephen Mauro texted to all of us that he enjoyed so much and he still daydream about it!





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February General Meeting





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# Space City Ski and Adventure Club

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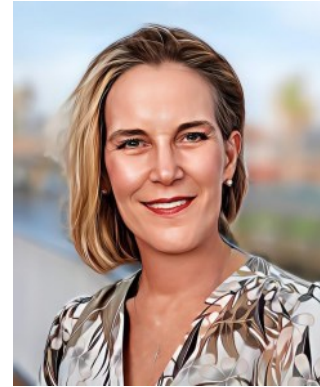


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