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## From Mission Control

**H**appy Valentine's Day to all of our Space City friends! It's hard to believe that we are already halfway through our ski season as I sit on the tarmac in Denver. I am returning from a week of skiing in Beaver Creek with about 400 other Texans as I write this article. What a fabulous trip! The weather was perfect, the snow was accommodating, and we had wonderful friends to ski with.

February marks the time of year that we begin looking forward to the next season. Our nominating committee will present the new slate of Club officers for the 2015-2016 season at our next General Meeting on Monday, February 9th at the Hess Club. We will vote on this slate in March. Please attend this month's meeting to learn of the next slate and also to mingle with your friends.

"Mingle" is the theme for this meeting. I have not scheduled a speaker because we are in the middle of our ski season. Instead, I wanted to allow time for you to chat about your latest trip, share pictures with your friends, and exchange ideas for next year's slate of trips with our proposed officers.

Please take the time to check your membership status. Are you a "three year member" or a "single year member"? Determine when your membership expires so you don't run the risk of missing out on a trip because you didn't renew. Our fiscal year ends April 30th which means that your membership expires if it is a yearly renewal and, if you're at the end of your three year renewal, it also expires.

Remember to "like" us on Facebook, sign up for our email blast, and RENEW your membership by April 30th.



**Melinda Hughes,**  
*President*

## A word from our member

**A**fter 3 great years in the US and more importantly in Houston, Texas, we are once again on the move. Work commitments now will take us to 'Ole Blighty, London. But before we leave, we wanted to say an enormous thank you to the Space City Ski & Adventure Club family for making us feel entirely welcome. We thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Club and it made our experience of life in Houston so much more rewarding. As expats, it's easy to hang with other expats, but by joining the Club, we met some great locals and had heaps of laughs. We will look back on this experience fondly and have also learned so much about the skiing life, which we are enormously grateful for. We particularly loved hanging with the Big Dogs. While it scared the heck out of us and exhausted us, it was undoubtedly one of the best experiences

we have had. It has merely fueled our passion to keep on skiing on the edge! European slopes...here we come! Perhaps we will cross paths somewhere on the powder in future.

Please pass on our thanks to all club members and the committee for welcoming us as they did.

Kind regards,

Craig and Janine Belling

## Countdown to Liftoff

**B**elieve it or not, we are already half-way through our ski season! The Vail, Beaver Creek and Madesimo trips are all completed and Mammoth is in progress. The "second half" of our ski season (February & March) will have trips to Taos, Whitefish, Breckenridge and Winter Park. Hopefully the participants on one of the upcoming trips will get to experience an epic powder day. So far our trips have had great weather and good ski conditions, but no one has had the good fortune of being in the right place at the right time to enjoy fresh powder. If you have an interest in any of the remaining trips, please let the Trip Coordinator know and they can advise you of the trip status. Trips that are full will accept wait-list registrations and those are the first members contacted if a participant cancels and space opens up.

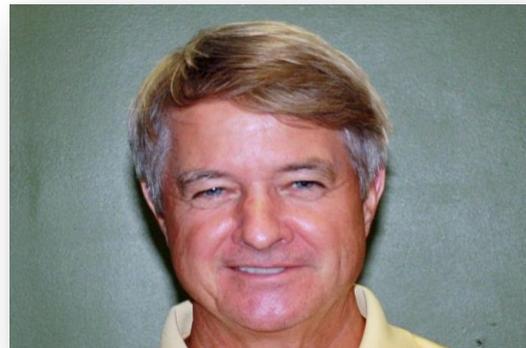
We are now accepting both on-line registrations and mail-in registrations for our May 9-16, 2015 trip to Mexico's Riviera Maya. The club will be staying at the all-inclusive Barceló Maya Colonial Hotel, located south of Playa del Carmen in the

Barceló Maya Beach Resort. Round trip airfare on United Airlines and ground transportation to/from the resort is included in the full package. Did I mention this trip is *all inclusive*? That means all you can eat and drink (including alcoholic beverages) and no one will be asking for your VISA Card! Complete details are now posted on the website. [Riviera Maya Trip Article](#)

We have almost 40 people signed up for the trip to Tuscany, Italy departing October 29, 2015. There is still space available for anyone else interested in joining. If you are considering signing up for this trip, you do not want to delay much longer!

Our next General Meeting is February 9, 2015. This is a good opportunity to visit with our members that have recently returned from a ski trip or to visit with our trip leaders about any of the trips we have planned. Visit our website at [www.spacecity.org](http://www.spacecity.org) to see the details of scheduled trips and to get contact information for the Trip Coordinator.

I look forward to another great year of skiing and traveling with the Space City Ski & Adventure Club!



**Jim Hodges**  
*VP of Trips*

## Trips 2014-2015

Destination	Date	Prices* Full / Land Only	Final Payment Date	Trip Coordinator	Assistant Trip Coordinator
Vail, CO Club Long/Short	Dec 6 - 13 2014	<b>Completed</b>		Bob Olsen	
Beaver Creek, CO TSC Winter Traditional	Jan 10 - 17 2015	<b>Completed</b>		Dennis Hughes	Kate MacDougal
Beaver Creek, CO Club Short	Jan 14 - 18 2015	<b>Completed</b>		Dennis Hughes	Patti Finch
Madesimo, Italy TSC Winter Expedition	Jan 23 - 31 2015	<b>Completed</b>		Barbara Brescian	Sandy Schneider
Mammoth, CA TSC Winter Shootout	Jan 31 - Feb 7 2015	\$1,484/\$1,066	24-Oct	Dave Stotz	-
Taos, NM Club Long	Feb 14 - 21 2015	\$1,060 (Land Only)	10-Nov	Chris Bryan	-
Taos, NM Club Short	Feb 14 - 18 2015	\$693 (Land Only)	10-Nov	Chris Bryan	-
Whitefish, MT Club Trip	Feb 21 - 28 2015	\$1,258/\$665	21-Nov	Derek Shoobridge	Andy Smith
Breckenridge-Long TSC Final Showdown	Feb 28 - Mar 7 2015	\$1,248/\$902	17-Dec	Steve Ying	Cindy Moore
Breckenridge-Short TSC Final Showdown	Feb 28 - Mar 4 2015 (4 Day)	\$644 (Land Only)	17-Dec	Steve Ying	Cindy Moore
Breckenridge-Short TSC Final Showdown	Feb 28 - Mar 5 2015 (5 Day)	\$753 (Land Only)	17-Dec	Steve Ying	Cindy Moore
Winter Park, CO Spring Break trip	Mar 14 - 21 2015	\$1,269/\$900	12-Jan	Tony Curry	-
Mexico Riviera Maya Club Trip	May 9-16 2015	\$1,411/\$912	9-Mar	Sandra McCunis	
Discover Tuscany TSC Summer Expedition	Oct 29 - Nov 7 2015	\$3,799/\$2,469	1-July	Maria Koterias	Leyla Ozkardesh

\* **Published prices are before cash discount.**

Information shown on this Trip Schedule is subject to change. Contact the Trip Coordinator (TC) or Assistant Trip Coordinator (ATC) for the most up-to-date information.

PRICING: FULL packages include air, all transfers, and per person lodging based on double-occupancy. LAND ONLY packages do not include air. Published prices do not include baggage fees, equipment rentals or lift tickets, and are subject to change. All trip deposits can be made by check or by PayPal; however, final payment must be made by check to receive the 'Cash Price'. Trips frequently have optional activities, such as a group dinner, or offer pre- and post-trip segments that are not reflected in the price published above. The TC is your source of information as to what is included in the package price and the cost of available options. Each trip has a different 'final refund' date -- that is the last date you can withdraw from the trip without a penalty. Refer to the club's Standing Rules 5.1-5.4 for the governing policies on trips, cancellations, refunds, etc.

DEPOSITS: All trips require a per person deposit to make a reservation

## TEXAS SKI COUNCIL SKI BIDFEST

Texas Ski Council Delegates, Texas Ski Club members, Ski Resort Representatives, Vendors and Guests from around the world, come join us for 2015 Ski Bid Fest held by popular demand once again in historic and fun filled San Antonio, Texas!

The Bid Meeting will be April 10-12, 2015  
at the Drury Plaza Hotel, 105 S. Saint Mary's,  
San Antonio, TX 78205.

## **Texas Ski Council Ski Bidfest**



The Historic Drury Plaza has been restored from the previous Alamo Bank Building. It features stunning architecture, comfortable rooms and suites, a rooftop pool and Drury's famous free extras, there's little missing from this hotel equation. Best of all, their riverside doors offer direct access to the beautiful San Antonio River Walk.

Registration for the TSC Bid Meeting is now available online!! Go to [www.texas-ski.org](http://www.texas-ski.org) and click on 2015 Bid Meeting to get the links.

To make room reservations, please click on the link below

<http://www.druryhotels.com/Reservations.aspx?groupno=2213602>

Please make your reservations by **Wednesday, March 18, 2015** to receive your group rate. Reservations made after this date will be subject to prevailing rate and availability. Reservations can also be made by calling 1-800-325-0720 and refer to your group number. **"Texas Ski Council" (Group number 2213602)**

## **TEEing IT UP FOR CHARITY**

Pre-Bid Meeting event on Friday, April 10 will be a charity event for the TSC Youth Foundation. So join TSC members in TEEing IT UP FOR CHARITY and join us at San Antonio's TOP GOLF location for a new and fun "golfing" experience! Anyone can play Top Golf, from aspiring pros to never-ever golfers. All you have to do is swing a club and try to hit your micro-chipped balls into a dartboard-like target. It's competitive! It's loads of fun no matter your golfing experience. Competitions (for those so inclined) will be played and the rest of us can try it out, take pictures, laugh, and relax! Price includes the game (Don't need to bring your own clubs) & membership. Line up six people per bay to maximize the fun! Alcohol and food available for purchase. All profits from this event will go to the TSC Youth Foundation. For questions contact Shannon Owen at [shannonowen@hotmail.com](mailto:shannonowen@hotmail.com). Not familiar with Top Golf – check it out by going to [topgolf.com](http://topgolf.com). Transportation will be available at 12 noon in hotel lobby.

# SIGN UP - DON'T DELAY.

We have a great list of trips for this ski season. Don't procrastinate and miss out on the trip of your dreams. Last season some trips filled up very fast and a few folks were disappointed. Don't let that happen to you. You can send a check or use PayPal.

**Last year this trip sold out in less than a week!!!**



Photo by Fred Pethick

**Taos, NM - CLUB TRIP**

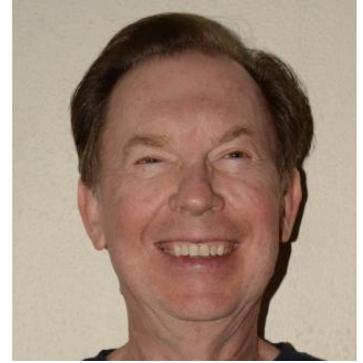
LONG - FEBRUARY 14 - 21, 2015

SHORT - FEBRUARY 14 - 18, 2015

Chris Bryan

[chris@spacecity.org](mailto:chris@spacecity.org)

281-827-6790

**TAOS****Chris Bryan****WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP**

- Short & long options available.
- President's Day Week - take fewer vacation days to ski more.
- Taos offers 'Ski Week' - you'll ski better for the rest of your life.
- Terrain for all abilities & New Runs.
- Exciting new lift to the 12,450 ft. Kachina Peak - no more hiking to the backside!

**PACKAGES OFFERED Long Trip Feb 14<sup>th</sup> - Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

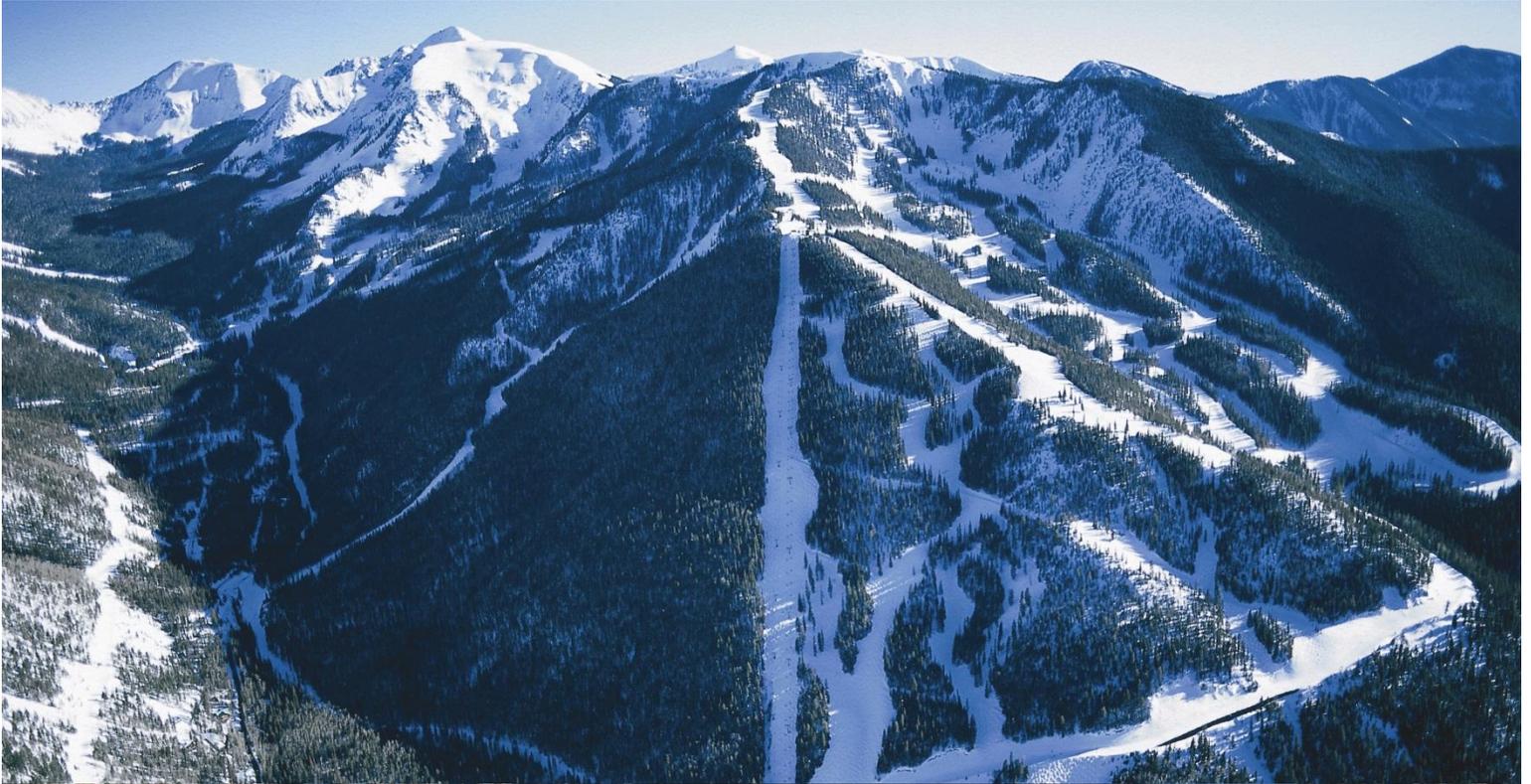
<b>PACKAGE</b>	<b>PRICE (Pay by PayPal)</b>	<b>DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)</b>
<b>LAND ONLY</b>	<b>\$1,060</b>	<b>\$1,025</b>

**PACKAGES OFFERED Short Trip Feb 14<sup>th</sup> - Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

<b>PACKAGE</b>	<b>PRICE (Pay by PayPal)</b>	<b>DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)</b>
<b>LAND ONLY</b>	<b>\$693</b>	<b>\$658</b>

**DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 10/24/14**

**Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write *trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope.* Online payments using PayPal are available.**



**Whitefish, MT - CLUB TRIP**

FEBRUARY 21 - 28, 2015

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Andy Smith  
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 361-463-8776

**Derek Shoobridge****WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP**

- Great skiing with uncrowded slopes.
- Luxury ski-in/ski-out condominium accommodations.
- Northern Montana-- low elevation skiing -- base is below 4500'.
- Terrain for all abilities, including many bowls and tree runs.
- Optional day trip to Fernie Alpine Resort in Canada

**Andy Smith****PACKAGES OFFERED Feb 21<sup>st</sup> - Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
FULL	\$1,258	\$1,208
LAND ONLY	\$665	\$630

**DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 11/21/14**

**Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write *trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope.* Online payments using PayPal are available.**



**Breckenridge, CO - TSC FINAL SHOWDOWN**

LONG - FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 7, 2015

SHORT - 4 DAY - FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 4, 2015

SHORT - 5 DAY - FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 5, 2015

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281-433-4122

Cindy Moore - ATC

[cindy@spacecity.org](mailto:cindy@spacecity.org)

713-628-7613



Steve Ying



Cindy Moore

**WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP**

- "Peak 6" is new for 2014.
- 543 additional acres of high alpine intermediate bowl skiing.
- Short lift lines! - Four six pack high speed lifts (the most in Colorado).
- Ski-in/Shuttle-out lodging one block from Main Street.
- Awesome terrain for every skill level.

**PACKAGES OFFERED Long Trip: Feb 28<sup>th</sup> - Mar 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
FULL	\$1,248	\$1,198
LAND ONLY	\$902	\$867

**PACKAGES OFFERED Short Trip: Feb 28<sup>th</sup> - Mar 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (4 Day)**

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
LAND ONLY	\$644	\$609

**PACKAGES OFFERED Short Trip: Feb 28<sup>th</sup> - Mar 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (5 Day)**

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
LAND ONLY	\$753	\$718

**DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 12/17/14**

**Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope. Online payments using PayPal are available.**



Photo by Jeff Andrew, Vail Resort



Photo by Liam Doran, Vail Resort

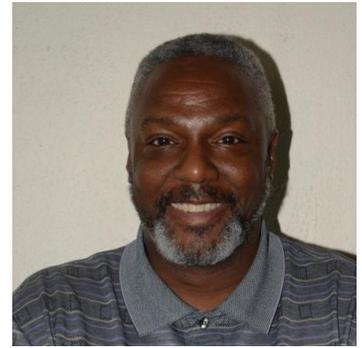
**Winter Park, CO - SPRING BREAK TRIP**

MARCH 14 -21, 2015

Tony Curry

[tony@spacecity.org](mailto:tony@spacecity.org)

281-773-9016

**Tony Curry****WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP**

- Spring Break Week - With youngsters out of school for the week, take your children/grandkids, nieces/nephews on a memorable ski vacation to the Snow Country of the Rocky Mountains.
- Got Scouts? Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts can earn a Snow Sports Merit Badge.
- Winter Park Ski Resort offers terrain for all abilities.

**PACKAGES OFFERED Mar 14<sup>th</sup> - Mar 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

<b>PACKAGE</b>	<b>PRICE (Pay by PayPal/Check)</b>	<b>DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)</b>
<b>Adult - FULL PACKAGE</b>	\$1,269	\$1219
<b>Adult - LAND ONLY</b>	\$900	\$865
<b>Youth - FULL PACKAGE</b>		\$417
<b>Youth - LAND ONLY</b>		\$117

**DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 1/12/2015**

**Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write *trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope.* Online payments using PayPal are available.**



**Discover Tuscany, Italy**  
**TSC SUMMER EXPEDITION**  
 OCTOBER 29<sup>th</sup> - NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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 281-797-7084

**TUSCANY**



**Maria (Mendez)  
Koteras**

Leyla Ozkardeh  
[leyla@spacecity.org](mailto:leyla@spacecity.org)  
 281-785-2325

**WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP**

- Trip of a Lifetime - check this one off your "Bucket List".
- Gorgeous rolling landscapes and stunning architecture.
- Magnificent historic monuments, mouth-watering cuisine and wines.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Class and Deluxe hotel accommodations. Door to Door pick up to/from your home to airport within a 50 mile radius.

**PACKAGES OFFERED Oct 29<sup>th</sup> - Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

PACKAGE	PRICE
FULL	\$3,799
LAND ONLY	\$2,469

**DEPOSIT:** Full package \$490 / Land Package \$370 - paid by check or online via PayPal.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Due by 07/01/2015. Last date for full refund less club cancellation fee: March 1, 2015.

Optional travel insurance protection is available for an additional \$270 and must be paid before Nov 15, 2014. Trip price is subject to change if there is an increase in fuel surcharges by the airline. **Final payments** will be made directly to the Travel Agency (Collette) by check or credit card.

**Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write *trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope.* Online payments using PayPal are available.**



**Barcelo Maya Colonial, Riviera Maya,  
Puerto Aventuras, Quintana Roo, Mexico**  
MAY 9<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Sandra McCunis  
[sandra@spacecity.org](mailto:sandra@spacecity.org)  
281-463-7717



Sandra McCunis

**WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP**

- All-Inclusive 4 star resort on a beautiful Caribbean beach
- Expansive swimming pools & acres of lush tropical gardens
- Snorkeling & diving along a spectacular protected coral reef
- Variety of sports, daily activities & nightly live entertainment
- International cuisine - Food & drinks available 24 hours a day
- Non-stop flight to Cancun, Mexico on United Airlines

**PACKAGES OFFERED May 9<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

<b>PACKAGE</b>	<b>PRICE (Pay by PayPal/Check)</b>	<b>DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)</b>
<b>FULL</b>	\$1,411	\$1,361
<b>LAND ONLY</b>	\$912	\$877

**DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 3/9/2015**

**Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write *trip name* on the check & on the outside of the envelope. Online payments using PayPal are available.**



## Trip Report - Vail

### Vail Delivers Early Season Snow ... Again

By Bob Olsen and Friends

Taking a chance on early season snow at Vail paid off very well for thirty SCSC skiers again the second week of December 2014. A bonus of 40 degree sunny weather and no lift lines, on top of the Front and Back Bowls being open, made for an especially enjoyable week. Keith Kirkman and Big Dogs: Barry Casper, Ross Baker, Nelson Turner, Scott Petersen, Dave Stotz and George Hirasaki skied the Black Runs and Back Bowls. Ron Rambin acted as experienced mountain guide on the Blue cruising runs with Tom Hogle, Bob Olsen, Darlene Hirasaki, Marilyn Swanson, Sue Stanley and Craig Campbell in tow.



Uncrowded mid Vail at noon time

It was also good to see the regulars back again. Brothers Tom and Kent Huzzy make the December trip into an annual family reunion. The venerable Jim Edwards and expert skier Bruce Lowther were back again to make sure Vail continued excellent snow

management. We welcomed Sam and Sandra Cornelius and their regular ski buddy Lee Joe to our group and hope they will return in the future. That leaves Sue Stanley, Hyo Tan Knebel, Marty Baker and Chris Bryan, all of whom left their spouses behind, to get in ski shape early for their succeeding Space City Ski Club trips this season. Fully a dozen of our skiers were also scheduled to go to Beaver Creek in January with the Club!



Sandra and Sam Cornelius enjoy a break



Lunch Break for the Big (Hot) Dogs

The usual good food from Blue Moose Pizza, Moe's BBQ, Montauk Seafood and the new optional dinner selection of The Left Bank provided gourmet specialties to keep our

tummies full. Food selections at the mountain restaurants: Eagles Nest, Mid-Vail and Two Elk continues to be varied and well prepared ... often to order. Garfunkel's provided the best après ski environment although the entertainment seemed to be missing this year.

Sleeping arrangements at the Lion Square Lodge proved to be luxurious. Regular roommates Andy Smith and Ash Moza shared a large luxury room complete with balcony, view and full bath along with healthy breakfasts before full days on the slopes. They also got to act as welcoming hosts of our Club welcoming party. Janet McKenzie got to share a luxury condo with regular suite mate Marilyn Swanson and regular early skier Joan Waddill. The lodging budget worked well and everyone reported getting good nights of sleep at the luxury slope side Lion Square Lodge.

Bob Fried had to cut the trip short and Olsen took a high speed ride down the mountain courtesy of the superb Vail Ski Patrol. Thanks a bunch!



Tom Hogle made a fashion hit at chic Vail ... he bought a helmet later.

It was interesting to note that our group consisted in 14 marrieds (fully half our group) travelling without their spouses! Two couples: Darlene and George Hirasaki, and Sam and Sandra Cornelius, had their choice of condo master suites. That's a hint for best suite selection next year! These folks and the single supplement travelers made it possible to fill most of the king size beds.

Thanks also to Craig Campbell, Ross Baker, Barry Caspar, Dave Stotz, and Nelson Turner for their above and beyond help in organizing events and assisting in making the Trip a big success. The Early Season Trip to Vail has become a tradition because of reliable snow, reliable lodging, reliable transportation, reliable good food and a reliable group of great to ski with SCSC Adventurers.



Newly renovated section of the ski-in ski-out Lion Square Lodge

# Trip Registration Form

FOR USE BY SCSC MEMBERS ONLY

(Complete ONE Registration Form and prepare ONE deposit check PER trip)

Deposit (per participant) is \$150 for domestic trips, \$300 for Madesimo, Italy, and for Tuscany, Italy: Full Package \$490/ Land Package \$370.

Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227. Write trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope. **Each envelope must contain the registration form and deposit.**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY - WE MUST BE ABLE TO READ THE DATA ON THIS FORM

Trip Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Trip Dates \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant #1**

**Participant #2**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check one:**

Full package  Land package

**Please check one:**

Full package  Land package

**Note for Full Package participants:** Trip price includes all current air taxes & fuel surcharges subject to change until ticketed. Does NOT INCLUDE any additional fees imposed by the airline such as baggage fees.

**Note for Land Package participants:** Ground transportation will be included and available, on selected trips, to land package participants if they can meet the group at the destination airport on time. Ground transportation will not be delayed for land package participants arriving later than the group.

I understand the following (per standing rules 5.1 - 5.4): Cancellations after trip sign-up must be *in writing* to the Trip Coordinator and all cancellations are subject to a \$30 per person cancellation fee. If I cancel on or after the final payment date, I may forfeit the full amount paid if I cannot be replaced on the trip. For Tuscany, Italy the final *refund* date is March 1, 2015. After that date \$250 of the deposit plus club cancellation fee is non-refundable

Signature(s) (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

## Having a Blast

Thanks to everyone who volunteered for the Houston Marathon this year. Bill Bomberger really appreciated the support.

Also, a special thank you to the Acodoro Restaurant for the great complimentary food and reduced drink prices we had all night long at our January Happy Hour.

We are still looking for people to join the Funky Umbrella Brigade Parade. Over 2,000 people will march the streets to the music of the Hokey Pokey in Galveston on February 6<sup>th</sup>. There are all kinds of Mardi Gras events planned for that weekend. Marianne Pearce is the activity coordinator. All you need is a Mardi Gras themed decorated umbrella for free admission. You can register on the SCSC website for this event.

Our Happy Hour for February will be at Christie's Seafood Restaurant at 6209 Westheimer on Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

We are tentatively planning a skeet shooting activity at the George Bush Park in March and a Crawfish Boil in Kemah in April. If you would like to help with either of these activities please let me know.

For further information please email me at [activities@spacecity.org](mailto:activities@spacecity.org) or go to [www.spacecity.org](http://www.spacecity.org)



**Gayle Dale**  
*VP of Activities*

## Upcoming Activities

### February

February 1<sup>st</sup> - Superbowl Party

February 6<sup>th</sup> - Galveston Mardi Gras Umbrella Parade

February 26<sup>th</sup> - Christie's Seafood & Stakes Restaurant

## Membership

### Member Profile – Sandy Schneider

I first met Sandy Schneider on the trip to Garmisch last year. I found out she was assisting Barbara Brescian with the Madesimo trip this year and knew those two would lead us on a great adventure. I was not disappointed. There were plenty of day activities as well as great skiing.

Sandy learned to ski in her 20's. She was working for the Department of Defense In Stuttgart. They were given an extra week of R&R if they attended "Learn to Ski Week". She said, "We showed up at ski week wanting, of course, one of the young handsome ski instructors. It was my good fortune to be assigned to Leo. He was a Czechoslovakian who moved to West Germany after the war and skied to work every day. His skiing form was perfection to watch and he was determined we would reflect that form in one week. I can still hear his voice when I would take a spill on the slopes, 'and what is the reason you are falling? You are leaning too far to the left! Get

up, get up, go back up the hill and do it again!' The last day of the ski school we had a slalom ski race. We were all playing around until Leo came tearing down the slope and said 'what are you doing? I have been working all week to teach you! Go back to the top and win the race.' So we went back to the top and I won the silver medal for Leo that day. He was proud to beat those young, handsome ski instructors".

After "medaling" she took her first real ski trip to Lech and Zurs Austria. It took her about four hours to get down a giant mogul field. She later mastered that slope and went to many European ski resorts. Her favorite was Davos Switzerland, which



has a 14 km run to Kublitz. There you can catch a train and end up right back where you began.

She would choose her weekend ski trips in the bar in the Officers' Club every Wednesday, according to the snow report. Garmisch was always fun and she was so pleased that SCSC went there last winter--so nostalgic.

A few years later while working on her graduate degree at U of H, she was lucky enough to be hired by the New Head Master of Leysin American School in Leysin, Switzerland. She spent that year getting to know some amazing international students who could ski as well as they could walk. School let out early every Tuesday and Thursday so they could ski and many weekends there were trips to ski resorts in Switzerland and France. Her favorite place that year was Zermott and the Matterhorn.

She is somewhat partial to European skiing because the ski runs are longer and since it is a national sport, less expensive. However, nothing beats a few inches of fresh powder on a sunny day anywhere on any mountain!



Sandy taught her twin sons, Cameron and Christopher to ski while visiting her brother at Whistler. We have so much experience in our ski club which makes every meeting and

happy hour a plethora of stories. We've all come together for the camaraderie not just of skiing but the sharing of those wonderful stories when we didn't know how we would ever make it down the slopes, but somehow managed to!

## **Ali Pethick** *VP of Membership*

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## SCSC Photo Contest 2014-2015

1. BEST SELFIE
2. ORIGINAL LANDSCAPE
3. SKI ACTION
4. PEOPLE
5. LOCAL TOWN



We will use the winning photo as the cover photo for our newsletter's Annual Issue in 2015-2016. We used last year's winning photo by Tom Thomas as the cover for our August Annual Issue 2014.

Send photos to [marketing@spacecity.org](mailto:marketing@spacecity.org)

## February Happy Hour

Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>  
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### Christies Seafood & Stakes Restaurant

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