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# Head of the Liftline



Last year as V.P. of Trips, I wrote articles that were designed to entertain or inform, to get you psyched about skiing and the camaraderie that the club offers to the participants on ski trips and other activities. In this article, I am going to put on my President's hat and let you know a bit about what is going on in the club from an administrative standpoint. One of the the club has faced in recent years is the

biggest challenges that the club has faced in recent years is the changing ways in which the airlines and tour operators deal with groups. In the past, the club would receive deeply-discounted pricing, complimentary tickets and, at times, financial rebates for groups over 20 people. This allowed the club to pass the savings on to the participants and to help fund the club administration and activities. Airlines no longer do this. Group rates are close to rates offered to individuals, and complimentary tickets are no longer offered. So we are updating our operations to reflect the changes in the industry as well as changes in technology.

The use of e-mail and our website for the dissemination of information to the club's members has become standard. So, last year we eliminated the hotline. Information is more readily available on the website and e-mail reminders are regularly sent out. We also found that the hotline only had one or two callers a month. This simply did not justify the cost. This year you will also notice that the membership directory will be available through our website by secure password to members. This will provide a more efficient, timely and accessible manner to make membership information available. We are working on a special "members only" section on the website

which will allow you to update your information, address, e-mail address and make a choice as to whether you would prefer receiving information via e-mail. You will also be able to type in another member's name and get their contact information. That information will be much more up-to-date and will be available to you throughout the season. The "members only" feature will keep your individual information private within the club. If you do not have access to the Internet and/or cannot make your own copy from the Internet and need a printout of the club members, the Secretary will, on a limited basis, make a printout upon request and you can make arrangements to pick up from her at the next general membership meeting.

When the club had 1400 members and we offered a cash bar, the bar sales generated sufficient sales to motivate the venue management to allow us the meeting space without charge. The club is smaller now, and bar sales are not always sufficient for us to obtain free meeting space. For those reasons, we have increased membership fees slightly and we must examine other cost-cutting measures.

You will also notice that we will be moving to a new location for our monthly general membership meetings. The Cadillac Bar declined to renew our contract for next year and we are currently in search of a new meeting place. **Marc Fellows**, V.P. of Programs is diligently searching for a convenient and cost-effective location, so if you have any suggestions or know of a place, please let him know.

And, as always, we are looking for ways to make the club better, to get the word out about the club and to promote snow sports and local activities. So, if you have any great ideas, let us know and don't hesitate to volunteer to help us make your ideas a reality.



Christine March, President

# **PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES**

Marc Fellows, VP of Programs



SCSC was founded in 1964 and has a long history with many traditions. We can all be proud of the fact that we have remained a strong and viable club, while most others have fallen by the wayside since then. Speaking of traditions...that means it's time for our 40th Anniversary Celebration! **Vicki Faulkner** is organizing a big dinner/dance in the October/November time-frame and will be inviting our past SCSC members to join us in

the fun. This event will be a big one and it will be replacing our annual Christmas Gala. Contact Vicki if you would like to join her planning committee, help locate past SCSC members, or have names and contact information for past members. (713) 863-0470, Vicki.Faulkner@Shell.com

The Texas Ski Council (TSC) has announced its 2005 Summer

**Expedition** will be in Maui, Hawaii, running September 10th through 17th. This has already created a lot of buzz from SCSC members and I expect a strong turnout. I'm currently working on placing someone as the activity coordinator for this event. Contact me if you are interested.

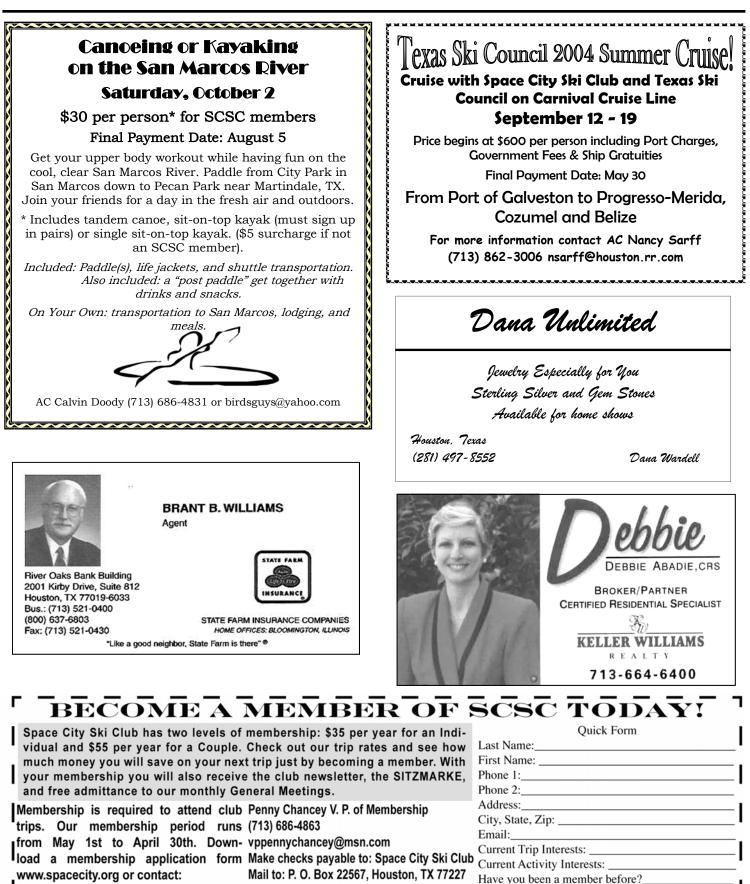
Do you feel imprisoned inside your house by the summer heat? Make your escape outside and get some exercise on the cool and clear San Marcos River where relief from the oppressive sun is just a splash away. SCSC is having a **Canoe and Kayak** outing on the San Marcos River on October 2, 2004. Pair up for canoes or tandem sit-on-top kayaks and prepare for a refreshing day with fellow water enthusiasts. Contact **Calvin Doody** at (713) 686-4831 for more information. To ensure that canoes and kayaks are available, payment must be in by August 5, 2004.

As always, contact me if you have an activity you would like to lead or if you have any other ideas or comments for activities (281) 286-0503, mjfreb@ev1.net.



If you have an idea for an activity or would like to volunteer to be an AC or AAC, contact VP-Programs, Marc Fellows (281) 286-0503 mjfreb@evt.net. For more information or to pass on ideas about the Happy Hours and Mixers, contact Deb Cini (832) 528-6125 debcini@academicplanet.com.

# **DON'T MISS THESE UPCOMING ACTIVITIES ...**





# Space City Ski Club 2004-2005 Ski Trip Schedule

Dates	Nights/ Ski Days	Trip Destination	Final Payment	Trip Price	TC ATC (DOT)	Home Phone	E-mail Address
Nov 23-28, 2004	5/4	WINTER PARK	9/20/04	\$742	Diane Baker		
,	Hotel	Colorado	20/01	L\$433	John Sims	713-690-1443	diane@rossbaker.com
(Tues—Sun)	notei			.Гå+ЭЭ		713-515-3278	jasims@att.net
		(TSC Fall Roundup)			(KK)		
		Family Optional					
Dec 7-12, 2004	5/4	** SNOWBIRD, UT **			Contact TSC Rep	713-787-9762	sbobrien@trcsolutions.com
(Tues—Sun)	Hotel	TSC - "Learn to Ski"			Sean O'Brien		
Jan 8-15, 2005	7/6	SNOWMASS - I	10/11/04	\$998	Bill Bomberger	281-495-8668	bbomberger@satake-
(Sat—Sat)	Hotel	Colorado		L\$652	Gary Ladd	281-265-6233	usa.com
		(TSC Traditional)			(ML)		mbasrld@aol.com
Jan 11-16, 2005	5/4	SNOWMASS - II	10/11/04	\$785	Bill Bomberger	281-495-8668	bbomberger@satake-
(Tues—Sun)	Hotel	Colorado		L\$439	J. J	281-497-8552	usa.com
	110101	(TSC Traditional)			Dana Wardell	201-497-0002	dwardell@stalkerenergy.com
					(ML)		anaraon@stanteronorgy.com
Jan 21-29, 2005	7/6	ST. MORITZ	10/11/04	\$1,798	Carmen Mikhail	713-664-7522	mikhail@bcm.tmc.edu
(Fri—Sat)	Hotel	Switzerland			David Eickhoff	832-593-7620	eickhoff@hal-pc.org
( )		(TSC Expedition)			(KK)		
Feb 5 - 12, 2005	7/6		10/28/04	\$866	Jeannine Jiral	281-776-0424	jeannine@ev1.net
			10/20/01	L\$585	Pat Piech	281-531-7650	ppiech@ikon.com
(Sat—Sat)	Condo	Utah		Г\$202		201-001-7000	ppiecin@ikon.com
					(ML)		
Feb 12-19, 2005	7/6	COPPER MTN - I	11/08/04	\$806	Angie	281-589-2884	angie-westergren@mac-haik-
(Sat—Sat)	Condo	Colorado		L532	Westergren	713-825-1161	ent.com
		(TSC Winter Shootout)			Marnie Lamb	110 020 1101	mlamb1@houston.rr.com
		, ,			(ML)		
Feb 15-20, 2005	5/4	COPPER MTN - II	11/08/04	\$718	Angie	281-589-2884	angie-westergren@mac-haik-
(Tues—Sun)	Hotel	Colorado		L\$440	Westergren		ent.com
(1000 000)		(TSC Winter Shootout)			ATC-TBA		
					(ML)		
Feb 26-Mar 5,	7/6	VAIL	10/18/04	\$855	Kathy Young	281-497-5339	snowvixen@houston.rr.com
2005	Condo	Colorado	10/10/01	L\$586	Arlen Isham	713-455-4858	isham@ev1.net
	Condo	COIOTAUO		L\$300		713-455-4656	ionam@ov1.not
(Sat—Sat)					(KK)		
Mar 12-19, 2004	7/6	HEAVENLY - I	1/07/05	\$747	Barb Ehrlich	713-868-2470	barbehrlich@houston.rr.com
(Sat—Sat)	Hotel	Nevada		L\$408	Bruce Baird	281-496-4661	bruce2skis@aol.com
		(TSC Final Showdown)			(ML)	_01 100 1001	
		Family Optional			(=)		
Mar 15-20, 2005	5/4	HEAVENLY - II	1/07/05	\$669	Barb Ehrlich	713-868-2470	barbehrlich@houston.rr.com
(Tues—Sun)	Hotel	Nevada	,,	L\$309	Jan Ferrell	713-266-8222	ferrelljan@hotmail.com
(1003—0011)		(TSC Final Showdown)		19307	(ML)	110-200-0222	
					(111)		
Mar 06 Apr 0, 0005	7/6	Family Optional	12/13/04	COOF	Chaven Teat	000 000 0000	
Mar 26-Apr 2, 2005	7/6	WHISTLER	12/13/04	\$985 1¢550	Steven Teoh	832-298-2893	steventeoh@remax.net
(Sat—Sat)	Condo	Blackcomb		L\$550	TBA		
		BC, Canada			(KK)		

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Kayleen Kill (KK) (281) 293-9533 kayleen-kill@houston.rr.com

## **Mark Your Calendars**

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For Early Mail-In Sign Up AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 3 Z

All schedules subject to change

## **Trip Registration Form**

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

Each envelope must contain the registration form and deposit. Deposit is <u>\$150</u> per participant (\$300 for St. Moritz). <u>Make the check payable to "SCSC"</u> and <u>write trip name and membership number(s) (from Sitzmarke address label) on the check</u>. <u>Also, write the trip name on the outside of the envelope</u>.

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

Trip Name:	Trip Name:
Trip Datesto	Trip Dates:to
Participant #1	Participant #2
Name:	Name:
2004-05 Membership #	2004-05 Membership #
Address:	Address:
CityZip	CityZip
Phone(H)(W)	Phone(H)(W)
Fax	Fax
E-Mail	E-Mail
Please check one: Full package □ Land package □	Please check one: Full package 🛛 Land package 🗆

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 (\$100 per person on St. Moritz) 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. <u>Beginning with the 2004-05 season, Trip</u> <u>Transfers will no longer be permitted</u>.

Signature(s) (Required)

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(Remember: Include the trip name and your membership number(s) on your check and the trip name on the outside of the envelope)

TRIP NAME	TC	Street	City, State	Zip Code	Telephone #
Winter Park	Diane Baker	4401 Tilson Lane	Houston, TX	77041	713-690-1443
Snowmass - I	Bill Bomberger	12119 Alston Drive	Meadows Place,TX	77477	281-495-8668
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Park City	Jeannine Jiral	14515 Royal Hill Drive	Houston, TX	77083	281-776-0424
Copper Mountain - I	Angie Westergren	718-C Country Place Dr.	Houston, TX	77079	281-589-2884
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- 6. If the postmark is correct and the registration meets the above guidelines, names will be added to each trip's Participant List in the order received. If a trip's participant roster fills during mail-in sign-up, additional registrations received will be added to a Wait List in the order received. The TC will hold checks for wait-listed members until a space becomes available on the trip. For the participants that are on trips, the checks will be deposited immediately.
- 7. These procedures apply to ALL members (except the trip's TC and ATC) and all Trip Participants are subject to SCSC Standing Rules, Policies and Procedures.
- 8. SCSC is not responsible for any problems with the U.S. Postal Service, including delayed delivery or lost mail.
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CityZip	CityZip
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# FROM THE SKI DESK

## Lori Gilliland, VP of Trips

Drum roll, please...da da da da...Ladies and gentlemen, the moment you've all been waiting for...**Early Mail-in Sign-up** for the **2004-2005 Ski Trips**! Yep, all of SCSC's officers, Trip Coordinators and Assistant Trip Coordinators have been working very hard all summer preparing for another great ski season. Even though it seems like this long, hot, humid Houston summer will never end,

believe it or not, the 2004-2005 ski season is fast approaching. Mark your calendars and pull out those checkbooks, you gotta get ready! Beginning **August 23** and ending **September 3**, the club will hold mail in sign-up. This is a great opportunity for current club members (as of August 1, 2004) to sign up for their favorite trips before we open the trips up for sign-up to the general public/new members. In this August issue of the Sitzmarke, you'll find the form you need to use in order to take advantage of this earliest opportunity to sign up for the ski trips of your choice.

Now, one thing you will notice this year is that we are offering four **Short Trips**. We've had lots of people ask over the last few years why we don't schedule very many short trips. Well, no need to ask this year, we've got four great ones for you! All short trips depart on a Tuesday and return on a Sunday. You'll probably find that a short trip does not normally cost a lot less money due to air fares, but all four of these trips are designed to **cost you LESS vacation time**. With flight departures around 5:30 or later on all four trips, most people can leave work a little bit early avoiding having to give up a full vacation day. **Winter Park at Thanksgiving** will cost most people only ONE vacation day. **Snowmass** in January, **Copper Mountain** in February and **Heavenly** in March should cost you only three vacation days each.

First, read all the great trip articles, check out the trip dates and prices then pull out the mail in sign-up form. Fill in one form for each trip you want. This means that if you are a fanatic like me and take two or more trips per year you will need to make extra copies of the form, or download extras from the website. Up to two people can use one form, and can write one check for both deposit amounts but each trip requires a separate form and a separate check for deposit. Then wait for August 23, 2004, mail the form and the deposit check to the trip leader at the address shown on the mail in sign-up form and wait for the trip leader to send you an e-mail or call you to confirm that your form and deposit were received.

The only thing you gotta remember is: don't mail the form until the 23rd of August. The trip leader takes the envelopes in the order they are received and post marked on or after August 23. If the trip leader receives your form before the 23rd or it is postmarked before that date it is put on the bottom of the stack and not included until all the other mail-in sign-ups are on the trip list first! Yes, I know it is cruel, but it is a rule made long ago and you just gotta deal with it. As long as you don't jump the gun, it really is that easy!! Be sure to visit us at the August Happy Hour and Mixer, the TCs and ATCs will be there to give you the inside scoop about their awesome trips.

AND, NOW THE MOMENT YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR: PRESENTING THE 2004-2005 TRIPS...

## **TSC FALL ROUNDUP**

November 23-28, 2005 (Tuesday-Sunday) Full Pkg.:\$742 Land Pkg.: \$433 (Family Optional)



LET THE SKIING BEGIN! The Texas Ski Council has chosen

Winter Park for its 2004 Fall Roundup trip. It's all about snow – and Winter Park consistently receives the best early snow and most snowfall of any Colorado resort...367 inches annually. This is a family optional trip with four full days of skiing, requiring only one (1) vacation day for most people.

WINTER PARK

Our United Airlines non-stop flight leaves Bush Intercontinental on Tuesday 5:35 p.m. We arrive in Denver at 7 p.m., then travel by motor coach to the Vintage Hotel, making a grocery stop along the way. Our hotel is one of *Conde Nast's* "Best 50 Ski Resort Hotels." It offers an outdoor heated pool, 2 hot tubs, sauna, exercise room, game room and a ski shop on-site. It is only 1/3 mile from the ski area, with free local bus service all day long and a private hotel shuttle. With one lift ticket, you can enjoy Winter Park, Mary Jane, Vasquez Cirque and Vasquez Ridge mountains plus Parsenn Bowl (5.1 mile run, perfect for intermediates!). The resort has 2,762 acres of skiable terrain (3rd largest in Colorado). The base elevation is 9,000 feet which makes Winter Park very conducive to early snowfall. And, Winter Park's location on the Continental Divide creates a natural "net" for trapping snowstorms on their way eastward. If nature needs a little boost, snowmaking operations are available.

Skiing and snowboarding lessons are available, in addition to free skier or rider Never-Ever group lessons. The resort also offers a variety of special programs for children. If you don't ski, then why not try a sleigh ride or dog-sled ride? There is also snow tubing, ice skating, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing or snowshoeing. If shopping is more to your taste, there are specialty shops in the local mall and in Dillon Outlet Mall.

Since this is a TSC trip, there will be a welcome party where you have the opportunity to meet people from other Texas clubs. An optional traditional Thanksgiving dinner, a Texas-style pub crawl, discounted happy hour specials at the après-ski parties, and an awards banquet on Saturday night will be offered. You can also sign up for NASTAR racing. Plus, we will have our very own Jeff Sarff as TSC VP. Also offered will be a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, a Texas-style pub crawl, discounted happy-hour specials at the après-ski parties, and an awards banquet on Saturday night.

So if you want to ski, have some great fun, and meet new people, come to Winter Park for a fabulous and memorable Thanksgiving holiday! You might miss one of the best times of your life if you stay home!

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## **SNOWMASS I**

## **TSC TRADITIONAL** January 8-15, 2005

(Saturday-Saturday) Full Pkg.: \$998 Land Pkg.: \$652

Are you happy with just skiing the slopes, or do you want to combine skiing with partying? Whatever your pleasure is, join us in the fabulous Snowmass to explore your wild side, or just vacation in this winter-wonderland! This TSC trip combines all the

amenities that one could ask for in a ski trip. Over 3,000 acres of slopes, 4 mountains, and 83 trails, with over 60% of the trails setup for beginner/intermediate skiers.

Simply put, Snowmass is the best skiing mountain in the United States. It is relatively uncrowded; it has great snow conditions, with powder often and sun almost incessantly; it has a truly amazing trail system, with interesting and varied runs. Snowmass now introduces even higher and vaster terrain for all abilities, thanks to the new Cirque lift, which brings you the longest lift-served vertical in the U.S.!

Off-mountain, Snowmass Village is an incredible mountain town with lovely food, great shopping and a fun nightlife. Snowmass' close proximity to the guintessential western American ski town of Aspen (10 miles away), with it's extraordinary quantity of high quality shops, restaurants, bars and nightlife provides added options, both for the skier and partier.

The accommodations for this trip will be at the hotel-style Wildwood lodge (www.wildwood-lodge.com), centrally located to the slopes means the lifts are an easy walk, and close to the mall and other amenities. With access to a health club, two heated pools & two whirlpools, other personal care amenities, and a complimentary hot-buffet breakfast, our Wildwood accommodations will be hard to leave! And, we'll be flying directly into Aspen on United Airlines, so there's no long bus ride!

What more could one ask for in a trip, whether for skiing, partying, or just a well deserved relaxing week after the holidays? Imagine being one of the 100+ people (joined by our compadre's on the short-trip) who'll be able to say, "I was on the trip everyone's talking about, and all other trips were compared against!"

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## **TSC TRADITIONAL**

**SNOWMASS II** 

January 11-16, 2005 (Tuesday-Sunday) Full Pkg.: \$785 Land Pkg.: \$439

The short TSC trip to Snowmass is perfect for anyone who doesn't want to use a full week's vacation but wants to wind up in a spectacular resort. This is definitely the trip for you! We will have four days of skiing and partying (did you doubt it?)

with our club and the rest of the Texas Ski Council clubs. They'll have a little head start on us but that's no problem for us! There will be a party with the long trip on Wednesday night and we can start catching up on the partying. The ski council is also having a pub crawl that night for those hearty souls who want to make up for lost time!

Talk about the lap of luxury! We are flying directly in to Aspen Airport on United Airlines and we are staying at the Stonebridge Inn which is ski-in/ski-out. This lodge-type inn has been rated at the top of the resorts listed for the area and will be hotel room accommodations. Each room has its own ski locker, coffeemaker, humidifier and daily maid service. Did I mention ski-in/ski-out? Also there is complimentary hot or cold breakfast served every morning and a soup bar for après-ski. We also have outdoor heated pools and hot tubs, so bring your suits.

There are complimentary shuttles around Snowmass Village and a shuttle that stops at our front door for Aspen and the other three mountains. Only the best for this group. There is even on-site video rental if you get tired of partying.

Snowmass has terrain for every type of skier and every ability and lots of it. Now it's even bigger with the addition of the new Cirque lift. Then you have Buttermilk, Aspen Highlands, and Aspen Mountain. What more could a mere mortal ask for?

A gorgeous mountain, a gorgeous inn, terrific friends - and did I mention there will be parties? Sign up early or you'll kick yourself for missing this one!

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# ST. MORITZ, SWITZERLAND

January 21-29, 2005 (Friday-Saturday) Full Pkg.: \$1,798

Come join us at the 'Top of the World' for an unforgettable trip to the Swiss Alps. For the first time, the club will venture to the world-renowned resort of St. Moritz in Switzerland. Located on the

southern slopes of the Alps near the border with Italy and Austria, the area blends German, Italian and Romansch cultures. Home of the Winter Olympics in 1928 and 1948, St. Moritz has a legendary aura to it and is on most everyone's 'to experience' list.

We will be flying into Zurich. St. Moritz is a three-hour bus ride through some very scenic and picturesque snow capped peaks. The base of the resort is at the highest elevation (6,090 feet) of any village in the Alps. Because of the high elevation and cooler temperatures, the area is almost guaranteed consistent light snow. The climate is influenced by temperate Mediterranean weather patterns and averages over 320 sunny days per year. There is terrific skiing for all ability levels. There are five well-known ski areas in the immediate vicinity, plus many smaller local favorites. The lift system consists of funiculars, cable cars, gondolas, triple chairlifts, quads and six packs (a six passenger chairlift!).

We'll be staying at the four-star La Margna Hotel, located just 10 minutes from town. Free breakfast and a four-course dinner (included in the trip price) will be provided every day at one of the hotels restaurants. The hotel has a superb view of the mountains and lake. A bar, two restaurants, sauna, whirlpool and steam bath offer numerous ways to relax after a hard day of skiing.

Did you say aprés ski? Over 94 bars and restaurants make St. Moritz a world class resort and will prevent you from ever running out of things to do. The cuisine scene is top notch featuring Swiss, Spanish, French Italian and Chinese specialties. A couple of casinos in town will keep you stirring till early in the morning.

Non-skiers will have lots of options for daily excursions. The village of Scuol, known for its Romansch charm and historical preservation is just an hour and a half train ride away. Thirty minutes further down the road is a highly protected nature preserve, the Swiss National Park. Finally, the Glacier Express, a seven-hour train ride from St. Moritz to Zermatt and the Matterhorn will allow you to see Switzerland like you've never seen it before.

A post trip to Milan is being planned. The city offers the cathedral, art gallery, opera and lots of shopping. Lugano, Lake Como, Verona and Locarno are all very close. For a full travel day, the artwork of Michelangelo in Florence and the Leaning Tower in Pisa are less than three hours away by train.

This is a trip that is sure to fill up quickly and can't be missed. Come join us as we 'Put on the Ritz'.

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February 5-12, 2005 (Saturday-Saturday) Full Pkg.: \$866 Land Pkg.: \$585

Founded by prospectors in the late 1860's as well as the home to three world-class ski resorts and the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, Park City will also be home to the



legendary partiers of Space City Ski Club for a week in February 2005.

**PARK CITY** 

We will experience Park City Mountain Resort's incredible powder, breathtaking views and world-renowned skiing and be just minutes from Deer Valley and The Canyons ski areas. Thaynes, Widowmaker and Jupiter are only three of the prime runs that the distinguish Park City as a place for serious skiers. Steeps, bumps, trees as well as cruisers, Park City's incredible terrain spreads over seven peaks and eight bowls, something for every skier from beginner to expert. Plus, Park City is one of the few resorts offering daily night skiing.

But that's not all, we will explore two other world renowned Utah resorts during the week: Deer Valley and Snowbird. Deer Valley, recognized as the #1 Ski Resort in North America by SKI Magazine, has just invested over \$6.0 million in improvements and with over 88 trails and 6 bowls, there will be ample opportunity to indulge in Utah's 350 annual inches of light, dry powder.

For 2005, Snowbird boasts "Double the Terrain"! This season, skiers can actually ski over 5,000 acres of legendary downhill terrain in Little Cottonwood Canyon with one lift ticket! With Snowbird's third high-speed detachable quad, Snowbird Ski Resort and Alta Ski Area (also with a connecting detachable quad) have created an unprecedented opportunity. Now you can ski both of these mythic areas on just one ticket, alternating between the two on Snowbird's Baldy Express and Alta's Sugarloaf detachable quad lifts. For you **big dogs**, how would you like to ski 5 resorts in one day? You can on this trip with the Interconnect Tour which takes you on a backcountry hike/ski adventure of five incredible peaks at Park City, Solitude, Brighton, Alta and Snowbird.

The group will depart Houston Saturday, February 5 on a direct flight to Salt Lake City via Continental Airlines arriving by lunchtime, early enough to get settled and catch the first of the week's happy hours. Our group will stay at the Three Kings condos, only 1-1/2 blocks from the main lifts and located on the town's free shuttle line. This facility features hot tub, heated outdoor swimming pool, sauna and laundry machines in each building. There will be no lack of nightlife fun for this group at Park City with over 100 restaurants and entertainment spots. From happy-hour at the Wasatch Brew Pub to dancing the night away at Harry O's, there is something for everybody. In addition to the 2 day-trips to Deer Valley and Snowbird, we will enjoy club dinner, nightly après-ski parties and more!

Our afternoon departure on Saturday, February 12 will leave you with plenty of time to indulge in a half day of skiing, some last minute shopping or just relaxation after seven days of fun.

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# **COPPER MOUNTAIN I & II**

## **TSC WINTER SHOOTOUT**

February 12-19, 2005 (Saturday-Saturday) Full Pkg.: \$806 Land Pkg.: \$532 February 15-20, 2005 (Tuesday-Sunday) Full Pkg.: \$718 Land Pkg.: \$440



WOW! The TSC Winter Shootout is a BARGAIN! The long trip (Copper I) offers 6 full days of skiing and 7 exciting evenings. The short trip (Copper II) allows for 4 full days of skiing. When Texas Ski Council events are not planned, your trip leaders will have other parties/gatherings for you to choose from.

The TSC Activities include a Welcome Reception, NASTAR racing and an Awards Dinner Party where all the Texas ski clubs will gather. This will be a great trip to meet new friends, especially if you are a newer member of SCSC. All flights are non-stop on Continental Airlines. The Copper I scheduled departure time is 9:10 a.m., arriving in Denver at 10:32 a.m.; the return flight leaves for Houston at 4:25 p.m., arrives at 7:53 p.m.. The Copper II departure is scheduled for Tuesday at 5:40 p.m., arriving Denver 7:12 p.m.; the return flight leaves at 4:37 p.m., arrives 7:54 p.m.

Copper Mountain has been revered as the most nearly-perfect ski mountain, due to the natural separation of beginner, intermediate and advanced terrain, including 125 trails and 4 spectacular bowls. Elevation ranges from 9,172 feet at the base to 12,441 feet at the summit, for a total vertical drop of 2,601 feet. The annual average snowfall is 23 feet. There are over 2,450 acres of all the stuff you love—bumps, cruisers, glades, parks, pipes and high alpine bowls. This resort offers 22 lifts, including (1) high-speed 6-person chair, (4) high-speed quad chairs, (5) triple chairs and (7) surface lifts. The present lift capacity exceeds 34,000 skiers per hour.

There are other activities available besides skiing. One evening we plan to visit the Tubing Zone, located in the East Village. No skill or equipment required, just a sense of adventure! Ice skating at Copper is back, and it's free to those who bring their own skates. And, if you want to venture off on your own, there is snowmobiling, winter fly fishing, scenic sleigh rides, paragliding & mountaineering, dining in the woods, showshoeing & cross country skiing available. For you riders, Copper's terrain park was ranked 5th by Transworld SNOWboarding's 2004 Reader's Poll.

Copper I participants will stay in condos (2 bdrm/2 bath), and Copper II participants will stay in hotel rooms. All accommodations are located in the Village at Copper, a high alpine, high energy, pedestrian village, within 200 yards from the American Eagle (intermediate) and American Flyer (beginner) lifts.

The mountain's athletic club is free to guests. There are many options for dining, night-life and retail pleasure. There are 3 base areas, and our village is located in the middle. After a day on the mountain, live entertainment is featured every day at many of the bars located in the Village at Copper. Après-ski or anytime, you'll find fun and relaxation in Copper's friendly establishments. Once at Copper Mountain, February 26-March 5, 2005 (Saturday-Saturday) Full Pkg.: \$855 Land Pkg.: \$586

Step into our time machine...Back to a time when ski trips were really affordable...when you didn't have to take a second mortgage on your

home or sell your first born child to go skiing. Back...Back...Back to the future...Tah-dah!!

VAIL

We bring you the nostalgia trip! Yes, this is a 2005 trip to Vail at a 1990 price! Affordable Vail? Absolutely. You can luxuriate with us in the ultimate ski destination for seven nights at a reasonable price.

This is no gimmick. We will bring you directly into Denver on Continental. Get those frequent flyer miles! In addition, you will not have to rise at an uncivilized hour to get to the airport for departure. How does an outbound flight leaving at 9:15 a.m. sound? Great? Wait, there is more! On the return flight, we're arriving back in Houston in the early evening at 5 p.m.

Once we arrive at our two bedroom/two bath condos at Simba Run, we promise you all the amenities of good times past. Enjoy Vail. Ski the powder and spend the extra bucks you saved on the trip eating, drinking, and partying.

Speaking of parties, we have plans to throw a totally awesome club party for you. Retro is in. Those who remember the good old days, please come. We will not disappoint you.

More recent members, come experience the traditional-type trip that has made SCSC great.

This is a hot deal. Our trip will fill fast. Don't delay! Please sign up now and ensure your spot in Vail with us.

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everything is within walking distance or serviced by *(continued)* complimentary village shuttles that run through the 3 villages. If you want to explore the surrounding area, Summit County's complimentary transportation system provides convenient service to all Summit resorts and towns. Breckenridge and Keystone resorts are close by (about 15 miles), so you may want to visit them to expand your skiing, dining or shopping opportunities.

Will you join us for fun, skiing and more at Copper Mountain?

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# HEAVENLY VALLEY I & II, LAKE TAHOE

### **TSC FINAL SHOWDOWN**

March 12-19, 2005 (Saturday-Saturday) Full Pkg.: \$747 Land Pkg.: \$408 (Family Optional) March 15-20, 2005 (Tuesday-Sunday) Full Pkg.: \$669 Land Pkg.: \$309 (Family Optional)



Breathe the air the angels breathewhere else but HEAVENLY VALLEY-LAKE TAHOE! Heavenly has incredible runs suited to all levels of skier, beautiful weather and a variety of off-the-slope activities. You'll have breathtaking views of the mountainside or the

stunning Lake Tahoe from your tower room at the Horizon Hotel and Casino. The Heavenly Gondola is just a short walk away.

One of the larger ski resorts in the country, Heavenly has 4800 acres of terrain with a peak elevation of 10,067 ft. and a vertical drop of 3,500 ft. Approximately 70% of the terrain is covered by snowmaking, and approximately 80% is groomed nightly. There are 89 runs, of which about 40% are blue with the remaining 60% split about evenly between green and black. There are 29 lifts, which including a tram, gondola, high-speed quads, and a high speed 6-pack. On the mountain are seven lodges for your ski-day refreshment. A unique feature of Heavenly is that you can ski back and forth between California and Nevada. Hey, getting tired of one state, just cruise over to the other, how easy is that!

The long trip leaves for Reno Saturday morning, March 12, with a non-stop Continental Airlines flight followed by a scenic bus ride. The short trip leaves Tuesday evening, also a Continental non-stop flight, March 15 (saves missing a day of work!) and arrives late evening.

The Horizon has all the amenities you would expect of a major casino including a Cinema Eight Multiplex theater. We will be staying in newly remodeled rooms and you can wine, dine, go sightseeing, visit other casinos, or shop til you drop-it's all there in beautiful Heavenly Valley. There is a free shuttle system and an economical "dial-a-ride" program.

Mid-week, we will take a bus over to Squaw Valley, site of the 1960 Olympics. Squaw offers wide-open bowls and miles of meticulouslygroomed slopes. Our trip back will be aboard the famous Tahoe Queen paddlewheeler while enjoying a fabulous dinner and entertainment.

This is the TSC Final Showdown with all the TSC parties, racing and activities. We will also have our SCSC party along with optional evening events. Join our "band of angels" (well, maybe not angels) for a great time skiing the fabulous Heavenly Valley-Lake Tahoe resort.

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# WHISTLER/BLACKCOMB

March 26-April 2, 2005 (Saturday-Saturday) Full Pkg.: \$985 Land Pkg.: \$550

Spring skiing anyone? Whistler/Blackcomb is one of the best Ski resorts for spring skiing. There are over 7000 acres of skiing and snowboarding on Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains. Incredible. How can anyone resist?



Here are some good reasons why Whistler was rated the Number One Ski Resort in North America...

⑦ 12 bowls and 3 glaciers ⑦ 9 restaurants on each mountain ⑦ The largest ski area in North America ⑦ 9 meters/30 feet average snowfall every year ⑦ Skiing and snowboarding until August ⑦ One of the best terrain parks in North America ⑦ Greatest vertical rise Ski Mountains in North America.

Got Snow? You betcha, baby. What you do with it is up to you, but you have to know there's more than skiing & snowboarding to satisfy your Whistler visit.

Whistler/Blackcomb Resort has numerous winter activities for the nonalpine skier/rider including cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and snowshoe tours, and even sleigh rides for the romantic at heart. Experience the tranquility of cross-country skiing. Enjoy a spectacular ride on Whistler Mountain's fully-enclosed gondola or on one of Blackcomb's express quad chairs for a day of mountaintop sightseeing. Try paragliding and take off from a glacier and soar high above the snow-covered runs or go for an exhilarating snowmobile adventure off the beaten track.

*Après-Ski, Dining & Nightlife* - Whistler has some of the best dining and nightlife in the province of British Columbia. Japanese, French, Italian, American-all the flavors of the world are here. The bars and restaurants in Whistler cater to the après-ski crowd encouraging people to relax after a day on the mountain. Live music, food and drink specials are part of the experience.

*Shopping* - Located in the plazas of Whistler Village, Upper Village, and Village North, the shops and boutiques of Whistler are open seven days a week. Native artwork, locally-made jewelry, high-fashion apparel and souvenir gifts are some of the items available at more than 150 shops in the Resort.

We will be depart on a Continental non-stop flight from Houston to Vancouver on the morning of March 26 and arrive at noon. Then we take a 2.5 hour scenic bus ride to Whistler/Blackcomb resort. On April 2, we will fly out of Vancouver on the afternoon and arrive Houston in the evening.

We will be staying at Stoney Creek-North Star; you couldn't get any closer to the action. It's only a short walk through Whistler Village to the Whistler and Blackcomb gondolas. These condos are just steps away from the Marketplace Center's shops and the free shuttle. These 2 bedroom units are tastefully decorated and very comfortable. Each features a living area with gas fireplace, TV/VCR, fully-equipped designer kitchen, bathroom with jetted tub, washer/dryer, and private deck. A common area outdoor hot tub and heated swimming pool are available to guests.

Sign up for this fabulous trip for great spring skiing, party & Fun.....

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## SPACE CITY SKI CLUB APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2004-2005 (MAY 1 – APRIL 30)

2004-2005 APPLICATION	#
"CASH" OR CHECK	#
AMOUNT PAID	\$

■ MINIMUM AGE FOR MEMBERSHIP IS 21

■ Make Checks payable to: "SPACE CITY SKI CLUB"

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 22567, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77227-

#### MEMBERSHIP DUES SCHEDULES (Check One) – Sitzmarke Application NEW MEMBER RENEWAL of existing membership \$35 Single Renewal by 5-31-2004 \$30 Single \$50 Dual Membership \$55 Dual Membership Renewal after 5-31-2004 \$55 Dual Membership \$35 Single Referred to SCSC by: SCSC Member Name MAILING AND DIRECTORY LISTING DATA (Please Print Clearly) (A2) APPLICANT 2 (A1) APPLICANT 1 LAST FIRST MIDDLE LAST FIRST MIDDLE MAILING ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIPCODE + 4 (See Phone Bill for Zip + 4) ( ) APPLICANT 1 WORK NUMBER APPLICANT HOME NUMBER APPLICANT 2 WORK NUMBER (a)(a)APPLICANT 1 E-MAIL ADDRESS APPLICANT 2 E-MAIL ADDRESS APPLICANT 1 BIRTHDAY: MO/DAY APPLICANT 2 BIRTHDAY: MO/DAY Х APPLICANT 1 SIGNATURE APPLICANT 2 SIGNATURE DATE DATE Signature constitutes acceptance of Release of Liability and Standing Rules printed on the reverse side or 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) (A) Cross Country Skiing (H) Sailing (O) Dancing (B) Bicycling - ON-Road (I) Water Skiing / Wind (P) Cultural / Theater (C) Bicycling-OFF-Road (Q) Wine Tasting (J) (D) Rollerblading (K) Beach Party (R) Road Rally (E) Running (L) Camping (S) Rodeo (F) Hiking / Trail Running (M) Golf (T) Halloween Party (G) Tennis (N) Yoga (U) Mardi Gras ()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** (G) Activity Coordinator (A) Trip Coordinator (M) Dir. of (B) Assistant Trip (H) (N) Dir. of

 (D) Member Check-In
 (K) Sitz Photographer

 (E) Ambassador (Host)
 (L) Sitz / Directory Advertising

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

 (A1) Applicant 1
 (A2) Applicant 2

 Year of Birth
 Single / Married

 Single / Married
 Year of Birth

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(I) Follies

**Staff Functions** 

Meetings

(C) Race Director

(O)

(P) Auditor

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