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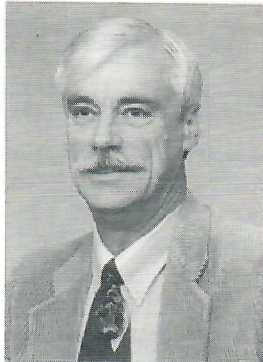
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RACING SUCCESS AT WINTER PARK

Kayleen Kill, Director of Trips

The Space City Ski Club race year has started off in fine form, with Space City winning Division 1 of the Texas Ski Council at Winter Park. Twenty-two racers participated and eight of them earned NASTAR medals. NASTAR has changed their handicap chart this year which makes it harder for racers to earn medals, so this is quite an accomplishment.

The competition in Division 1 of the TSC is always the tightest. Lone Star is a perennial favorite, so beating them was great. Lone Star has some faster skiers than we do, but because we had more racers, we were able to earn enough points for the win.

We had eight racers that participated in the individual races. Since the club only has six slots automatically in the race, two of those paid their own way to race (\$6). I am excited about that because that shows an enthusiasm for racing. Diane Baker, George Hirasaki and Dale Albritton earned medals. Diane came in second in the Women's Open Class and George came in second in the Men's Super Senior Class. Congratulations!

This is a great start to the racing season. I look forward to reporting more success on future trips.

If you have never raced, I highly recommend you try it. Many resorts offer a self-timing course that you can run for a few dollars. Most people

enjoy racing against their buddies on this course. A lot of people who never thought they'd like racing try the self-timer and really enjoy it. Most resorts also offer racing clinics. You'll find that these clinics improve your general skiing as well as your racing technique.

If you are not interested in racing at all, come out and cheer on those that do race. On the Texas Ski Council trips, this is a competition between the clubs that is a lot of fun. As you can see with the Winter Park results, although Lone Star had faster racers, we had more racers and thus earned enough points to win the cup. So I hope we get a lot of you to try racing and help us win more races this year. See you on the race course!



FROM THE SKI DESK

Lori Gilliland, VP of Trips



Well all my ski friends, we are right in the middle of another great SCSC ski season. Our season started off with a bang in November with our TSC Fall Roundup trip to Winter Park, Colorado. This Family Optional trip over Thanksgiving weekend was successfully led by Diane Baker and John Sims. Diane and John did a terrific job of organizing and selling this trip: they took a record number of 47 participants! I have received nothing but rave reviews from the participants that went on

this trip. Great job Diane & John! We all appreciate your hard work.

Around the time you receive this Sitzmarke, I'll be skiing the great slopes of Snowmass, Colorado with Bill Bomberger, Gary Ladd and Dana Wardell on the TSC Traditional Trip. I'll be hitting Elk Camp and Big Burn at Snowmass ski area and will even spend a day each at Aspen Mountain, Aspen Highlands & Buttermilk Mountain. There will be around 100 SCSCers on this great trip, plenty of friends to ski and party with!

Also around the corner we still have St. Moritz, Park City, Copper Mountain, Vail, Heavenly and Whistler.

When you come back from your first trip of the season, I know you will not want to call this the end of your ski season. So, as soon as you return, check the schedule published in this issue of The Sitzmarke and get on the horn with one of the trip leaders of the trips still yet to depart and we'll try to get you on the trip. You can't just stop at one trip. You'll never become that skier you really want to be by going on just one trip a year. You really gotta do 2 or more trips a year.

Finally, I'd like to give my thanks to each member of the 2004-2005 Ex-Com - elected officers and appointed officers. Each one of these people (volunteers) has been a pleasure to work with. We have all worked hard this year as a team and in our individual positions. We faced some difficult decisions, worked to handle all issues fairly, with a sense of humor and team work. And above all, have strived to make good decisions in the best interest of our great club. This is a "SKI CLUB" after all; it's the reason I joined!

SCSC PADDLING TRIP ON THE SAN MARCOS RIVER

By Calvin Doody

Seventeen adventuresome paddlers gathered in San Marcos on Saturday morning, October 2, hoping for a chance to demonstrate their boating expertise on the whitewater of the San Marcos River. Unfortunately, the weatherman was unkind this day. Severe thunderstorms struck the area starting at about 4 a.m., and although the storms gradually diminished, by late morning the heavy rains had left their mark on the San Marcos River. Upon hearing that the river had risen to the point of danger, the boaters voted to enjoy other attractions in the area and try boating again the next day.

The wine and cheese party that had been scheduled for after the paddling trip was rescheduled for noon to coincide with lunch at Rio Vista Park on the San Marcos River, where all viewed the Rio Vista Dam and the chute through it. This was hailed as a potential challenge for the following day. Those paddling the river could choose to brave the chute or take the safer route around the dam. In any case all seemed to agree that at the high water level, the chute was intimidating. April Rice, Steve Jaeger, and Yvonne Guy had decided to camp. However, as a result of the storm, they had had a slightly "too adventuresome" weekend and chose to head back to Houston to dry themselves and all their gear.

Also after the lunch party, Pat Daugherty, Diane Biehl, and Geni Hefner dried themselves off and sought their own entertainment in the area. The remainder of the party took advantage of area attractions as a group, by visiting shops for tasting various Texas wines and/or shopping in Gruene. Lucinda Moore and Peggy Shillinger had commitments in Houston for Saturday evening so they took leave of the group. That evening the remaining

group of nine had dinner together at the River Grill overlooking Rio Vista Dam as the sun set. The hardy group toasted to a better day on Sunday.

The next morning was cool, and after a hearty breakfast, Marda Waters, Steve Shaddox, Debbie Prusak, Dan Stoltzfus, Ray Naudain, Diane Jamail, Ted Schneider, Karen Geiger, and Calvin Doody met at TG Canoe Livery again. This time all systems were go, so after a river orientation and a brief safety talk, the SCSC boaters were on their way down the San Marcos River. It did not take the SCSC boaters long to learn the value of "steering" their boats. At the Rio Vista Dam, Dan, Ray, Diane, Karen, and Calvin braved the chute and none of them became "swimmers".

Shortly after Rio Vista Dam, the river became a series of obstacles that tested some newly found maneuvering skills. On one particularly challenging obstacle, while ducking a branch, Diane decided that the day was becoming too hot and that a swim was in order. After challenging the group with more of the obstacles, the river flattened out for a time up to the Cummings Dam. Here, boats were lowered over the side of the 15 foot dam and participants marched around on a narrow portaging path. On the coarse gravel below the dam, everyone took a break and ate lunch. Some lounged in the river while others just relaxed.

Then, after a low-bridge "boat limbo" and a few more tree obstacles to avoid, the group paddled with weary arms to Pecan Grove Campground, the takeout point. All who persevered professed to have enjoyed the trip and, after a beer or glass of wine, headed back to Houston with weary satisfaction that they had safely met the challenge of the San Marcos River.

GENERAL MEETING - Big Woodrow's

3111 Chimney Rock (just north of Richmond)

January 17 @ 6:30 p.m.

Come join us at 6:30; Business meeting at 7

Plenty of parking in the garage next door. Plan to stay after the meeting for drinks, conversation, and visiting with friends!

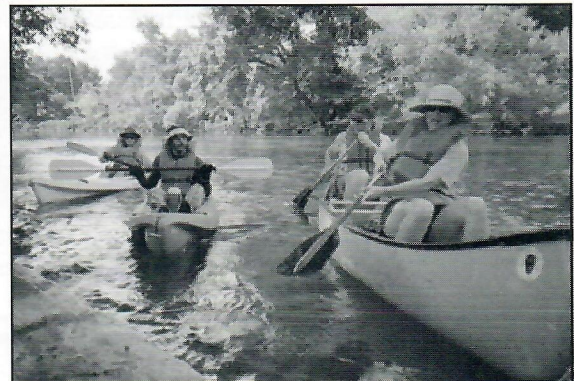


UPCOMING HAPPY HOUR

Thursday, January 20 @ 5:30 p.m.

Belvedere

1131-01 Uptown Park Boulevard



Marta, Steve, Dan and Diane Paddling to Shore

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Coordinator	Phone	E-mail/Address
JANUARY				
1/16	Houston Marathon Volunteering	Bob Horan	(713) 664-9261	r_horan_2@hotmail.com
1/17	SCSC Meeting-Big Woodrow's			3111 Chimney Rock
1/20	Happy Hour-Belvedere	Deb Cini		1131-01 Uptown Park Blvd
1/28-30	Mardi Gras-Galveston	Patti Maudslay	(713) 532-1610	pmaudslay@ev1.net
FEBRUARY				
2/21	SCSC Meeting - Big Woodrow's			3111 Chimney Rock
2/24	Radio Music Theatre	Rita Cardenas	(281) 353-2713	ritacardenas@sbcglobal.net
MARCH				
3/11	Rodeo	Walter May	(713) 983-8867	waltmaysfa@aol.com
3/14	SCSC Meeting - Big Woodrow's			

For the latest updates on events, check out www.spacecityskiclub.org

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@ev1.net. For more information or to pass on ideas about the Happy Hours and Mixers, contact Deb Cini (832) 528-6125.



Space City Ski Club

2004-2005 Ski Trip Schedule

Dates	Nights Ski Days	Trip Destination	Final Pay- ment	Trip Price	TC ATC (DOT)	Home Phone	E-mail Address
Jan 8-15, 2005 (Sat—Sat)	7/6 Hotel	SNOWMASS - I Colorado (TSC Traditional)	10/11/04	\$998 L\$652	Bill Bomberger Gary Ladd (ML)	281-495-8668 281-265-6233	bbomberger@satake-usa.com mbasrld@aol.com
Jan 11-16, 2005 (Tues—Sun) **SOLD OUT**	5/4 Hotel	SNOWMASS - II Colorado (TSC Traditional)	10/11/04	\$785 L\$439	Bill Bomberger Dana Wardell (ML)	281-495-8668 281-497-8552	bbomberger@satake-usa.com dwardell@stalkerenergy.com
Jan 21-29, 2005 (Fri—Sat) **SOLD OUT**	7/6 Hotel	ST. MORITZ Switzerland	10/11/04	\$1,798 ***	Carmen Mikhail David Eickhoff (KK)	713-664-7522 832-593-7620	mikhail@bcm.tmc.edu eickhoff@hal-pc.org
Feb 5 - 12, 2005 (Sat—Sat)	7/6 Condo	PARK CITY Utah	10/28/04	\$866 L\$585	Jeannine Jiral Pat Piech (ML)	281-776-0424 281-531-7650	jeannine@ev1.net ppiech@ikon.com
Feb 12-19, 2005 (Sat—Sat)	7/6 Condo	COPPER MTN - I Colorado (TSC Winter Shootout)	11/08/04	\$806 L\$532	Angie Westergren Marnie Lamb (ML)	281-589-2884 713-825-1161	angie-westergren@mac-haik- ent.com mlamb1@houston.rr.com
Feb 26-Mar 5, 2005 (Sat—Sat) **SOLD OUT**	7/6 Condo	VAIL Colorado	10/18/04	\$855 L\$586	Kathy Young Arlen Isham (KK)	281-497-5339 713-455-4858	snowvixen@houston.rr.com isham@kmgbernuth.com
Mar 12-19, 2005 (Sat—Sat)	7/6 Hotel	HEAVENLY - I Nevada (TSC Final Showdown) --Family Optional--	1/07/05	\$747 L\$408	Barb Ehrlich Bruce Baird (ML)	713-868-2470 281-496-4661	barbehrlich@houston.rr.com bruce2skis@aol.com
Mar 15-20, 2005 (Tues—Sun)	5/4 Hotel	HEAVENLY - II Nevada (TSC Final Showdown) --Family Optional--	1/07/05	\$669 L\$309	Barb Ehrlich Jan Ferrell (ML)	713-868-2470 281-799-0001	barbehrlich@houston.rr.com ferrellj@sbcglobal.net
Mar 26-April 2, 2005 (Sat—Sat)	7/6 Condo	WHISTLER BLACKCOMB BC, Canada --Family Optional--	12/13/04	\$985 L\$550	Steven Teoh TBA (KK)	832-298-2893	steventeoh@remax.net

*** Breakfast and Dinner included on the St. Moritz trip.

All schedules subject to change

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Trips identified as ****SOLD OUT**** have reached their maximum # of participants and have begun waitlists. If the trip you are interested in is sold out, check out the other trips that still have openings or contact the TC of the sold-out trip to get on their waitlist.



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Grand Canyon Hiking

May 26 thru May 31, 2005

\$399/members (land only)

\$404/non-members (land only)

Final payment date: January 17, 2005

Deposit \$150

4 days of hiking the spectacular Grand Canyon - both the North Rim and the South Rim. See the beauty and splendor of the Grand Canyon up close and personal. Get back to nature. This is a small intimate trip for a maximum of 12 participants. This 6 day trip only requires "3" vacation days as it is over the Memorial Day week-end.

AC: Sue Salvage (713) 690-5551

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Cost \$19

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January 28-30, 2005

Cost: \$56 (\$61 non-members)

The Downhill Krewe is a registered Krewe especially for SCSC! Join King Slalom III Chip Stokes and Queen Moguls III Brenda Soileau to participate in the Galveston Mardi Gras 2005 festivities.

Fee includes: The Z Krewe Procession parade package with a t-shirt, throw beads, special patriotic bead and hat.

Optional Weekend festivities include: 2 nights at the Holiday Inn, Friday night Krewe of Aquarius Barn Bash, and Saturday Mardi Gras festivities at The Strand.

Contact AC Patti Maudslay (713) 532-1610 or pmaudslay@ev1.net or AAC Barbara Rossetti (713) 868-3325 or brosetti2003@yahoo.com

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Maui, Hawaii, 2005 TSC Summer Expedition (September 10-17, 2005)

(Trip Mail-in Sign-up Begins January 17, 2005)

SCSC along with the other Texas Ski Council (TSC) clubs is planning a trip to the island of Maui in Hawaii from September 10-17, 2005. The trip shall consist of 7 nights at the Royal Lahaina Resort (www.2maui.com). The resort is a 27-acre complex located on the northwest shore of the island just north of the town of Kaanapali. All of the rooms reserved by SCSC are ocean view. A rental car is included in the trip for every two persons who sign-up. Activities offered at the resort include snorkeling, rafting, paddleboats, kayaking, windsurfing, sailing boogie boards and scuba diving instruction. A Luau (\$50) is planned for Thursday evening and other organized activities are in the works as well. Also offered is a four day/three night trip extension to the Royal Kona Resort (www.royalkona.com) on the Hawaii main island. SCSC is offering this trip as either land or full depending on the wishes of each trip participant. Prices for the trip are as follows:

Base Trip (7 nights Maui)

Land Only	\$920
Full Package	\$1,557

Base Trip + Extension

(7 nights Maui /3 nights Kona)

Land Only	\$1,184
Full Package	\$1,910

Please complete the following form below and send along with deposit to the address indicated beginning on January 17, 2005. Mail-in sign-up for this trip will follow the same terms and conditions as with our ski trips (see August Sitzmarke for details). The base trip full package will be flying on Continental; the base trip plus extension full package will fly on United. For those taking the land package that includes extension, an airfare for the transfer from Maui to Kona can be obtained for \$86 if your own airfare is just to get to the islands and back.

Each envelope must contain registration form and deposit. Deposit is **\$300** per participant. **Make the check payable to "SCSC" and write trip membership number(s) (from Sitzmarke address label) on check.** Please mail to Sean O'Brien, 2100 Bering #706, Houston, TX 77057

Hawaii Registration Form Participant #1

Name: _____

Membership # _____

Address: _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone(H) _____ (W) _____

Fax _____

E-Mail _____

Please circle one:

Base Trip Only Land Package

Base Trip Only Full Package

Base Trip + Extension Land Package

Base Trip + Extension Full Package

I understand the following (per standing rules 5.1 - 5.4): Cancellations after trip sign-up must be *in writing* to the Activity Coordinator and all cancellations are subject to a \$100 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.

Signature(s) (Required) _____

Hawaii Registration Form Participant #2

Name: _____

Membership # _____

Address: _____

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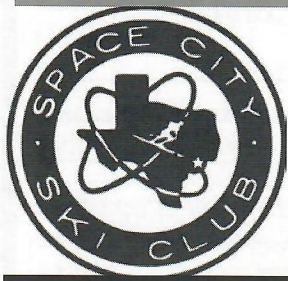
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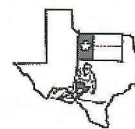


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