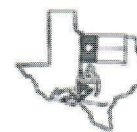


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WHISTLER/BLACKCOMB MOUNTAIN

By Cindy Moore

A few weeks before we took off to Whistler, some of our trip participants were worried about the snow conditions, so we started to monitor it. This has not been a good year for Whistler. They didn't have a good base, and there hadn't been much recent snow. It was recommended to download from mid-mountain rather than ski down. We even had someone drop from the trip the week prior, and Rita Tucker Wright eagerly grabbed the spot. That same day, it started snowing. Rita, and the rest of us, BELIEVED!

The trip got off to a late start as our Continental flight left one hour late. We arrived at the beautiful Vancouver airport only to wait over an hour to get through the Customs line. Then the fun began as we played a little game called "find your luggage". We were told our bags would be on a certain carousel, but when many of us looked for them there, and on the floor around it, our bags weren't there! About a half-hour later Mike Mason, Cindy Moore, Ron Hayes, Judy Schiro, Leona Schroeder and others finally located their luggage on the floor beside a different carousel. Finally, we left the airport and enjoyed a scenic, narrated drive to Whistler. We stopped for food at an IGA in Squamish and ultimately arrived 3 hours later than planned.

ATC Cindy, with help from Chuck Ratliff and Rick Jaeger, got the Easter dinner underway and finished stuffing the Easter eggs, while TC Leona made a mad dash to the liquor store with the help of Manolo Valle, Susan and Al Austin. The full turkey and ham dinner was served an hour later and the adult Easter egg hunt commenced. Twenty-six prizes were won by trip participants after matching a clue in a found egg to a trip participant. Thank you to Sun & Ski Clear Lake and Sun & Ski Westheimer for donating several great prizes! Also, thank you to Whistler for donating many nice items.

The next day was Easter Sunday and many went to various churches that were on the list Mike Mason put together. Many went skiing, reporting the snow wasn't bad mid-mountain and above; but the visibility was poor. Many got a free circular tour of Whistler after they discovered the hard way, that one had to catch bus number 5 if one wanted to get to our condos! Later in the week Mimi and Mark Markel, TC Leona and Penny Howell missed après ski, trading it for the joy of that circular bus tour yet again!

The next day, after a terrific breakfast in Leona's condo cooked by Penny Howell, Ute and Phil Cezeaux, and Leona, we discovered that the visibility was still a



Whistler's Party Animals

challenge. Have you ever skied THROUGH a real cloud? It is quite exciting, and a bit scary, when you can't see 5-feet ahead of you, and you know the skier or snowboarder coming down from above can't see you either. Thank God the visibility got substantially better—and then it started snowing! The change in snow was amazing. At the top of both mountains, you found the most perfect, soft powder. But, down towards mid-mountain, you suddenly hit snow much like "mashed potatoes," which felt more like water-skiing. After what we had heard about the snow conditions, we were just happy to HAVE snow!

Unfortunately, we had two injuries. Alice Allbritton hurt her leg on Tuesday and made a welcome appearance at the big dinner party at Buffalo Bill's on Thursday. Tor Lileng was her "crutch buddy" teaching her the finer points on crutch movement as he nursed his re-injured leg. He told me that although he had just hurt it on his last ski trip, he figured, since he danced okay the week before, he could ski on this trip! Well, Tor gets the award for "best party animal", never missing an après ski gathering and always being the last to leave all parties. He even danced with Cindy on two nights! That is quite a feat to dance with crutches!

The salmon and chicken buffet feast at Buffalo Bill's was well received. After dinner, the DJ played swing and two-step music. Chuck tried to teach

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No General Meeting Scheduled in June
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WHISTLER - Art in Ice

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Janet McKenzie these dances. Janet said she had difficulty remembering her left foot from her right foot despite all of Chuck's repeated efforts. She had less difficulty maneuvering down the trails with moguls than dancing as it didn't matter whether she skied to the left or the right of a mogul! Carmen Mikhail was also seen cutting the rug with Chuck. Harry Melnick only got in one day of skiing before receiving a call that his mother-in-law expired and he had to head back to Houston. Our sympathies to Harry's wife.

The final party on Thursday was followed by the final, final party on Friday night, in which we finished leftovers and lots of wine in Leona's condo. After that, some of us retired to the outdoor hot tub, too.

It was snowing hard Saturday as our bus departed. Whistler employees said it was the best snow they had experienced all season! I told them SCSC seems to bring snow wherever they go. They should pay US for visiting!



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Another great Bidfest in Austin has passed and 5 terrific TSC trips were chosen. Kayleen Kill has an excellent array of club trips in the works, many with short trip options. Be sure to see her article for more information on the upcoming trips. Jose Araujo and Ellen Eastham have a fun-packed summer planned to entertain us while the snow melts. Jose has a fabulous new meeting location that is both extremely functional and incredibly classy and affordable. Jose is still looking for an energetic

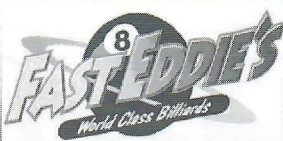
Director of Programs to assist him. Please let him know ASAP if you are interested.

In an effort to boost membership this year, the Executive Committee passed a co-promotional email program with the Houston Wine and Social Club which has an email distribution of about 1,700 with very favorable demographics. Many of the people who attend their events are perfect candidates to join our club, especially with the upcoming TSC trip in February to Big White, Canada which is a wine tasting trip and a ski trip rolled into one! I believe we have at least one, if not two, SCSC wine tasting parties coming up before November, too. You will be seeing brief announcements of their events on our email

blasts and they will be including our events on their email blasts.

Sue Salvage has agreed to organize the Ambassador Program. We will be revamping it this year to make sure prospective members feel welcome at our events and meet as many members as possible. Ambassadors will also show them around the different tables at the general meetings and answer questions to the best of their ability. Brand new members, as well as long time members, are excellent for this job. Please contact me, Sue Salvage or V.P. of Membership Jeannine Jiral to volunteer for this vital program. You will be asked to commit to being an ambassador at least 3 meetings during the next year. You will get an official ambassador name badge and you will be invited to next year's volunteer party. Since at the general meetings everyone will be wearing names tags, you won't need to know every member's name, simply read it off the tag for introductions! I believe we should also revisit having name tags at the happy hours and having ambassadors at those as well.

I am also looking for anyone who is interested in being on the Nomination Committee to help find and interview next year's officers. I need both past officers and those who have never served as an officer. Please contact me if you are interested in this important position. I'll see you fellow volunteers at the upcoming volunteer party!



HAPPY HOUR & 2ND ANNUAL POOL TOURNAMENT

Thursday, June 16 - 5:30 p.m.

Fast Eddie's ~ 6306 Richmond Ave.

Have FUN and make new friends! \$2.00 Entry Fee - Pool Tournament - prizes awarded in each category. Sign up to enter and play in a category: Experienced, Amateur, and Coed - Free appetizers and drink specials.

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19TH ANNUAL AIA SANDCASTLE COMPETITION

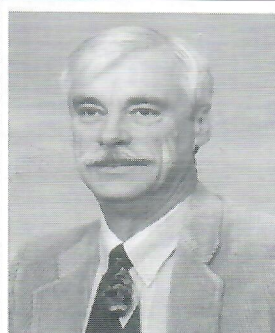
June 4, 2005 - East Beach, Galveston

Sandcastle building competition begins at 10 a.m., awards at 4:30 - VOLUNTEER to assist in set up, parking, and assisting judges. Complimentary t-shirts, food, drink and MUCH FUN! Shifts 6-11 a.m. and 2-7 p.m.

If you have not seen the Sandcastle Competition, it is a must! 85 architectural firms teams competed in 2004! Optional: Friday night BEACH BASH at the Galveston Hilton.

Check website for photos www.aiasandcastle.com/2004

To sign up as VOLUNTEER, contact AC: Deb Cini (832) 528-6125 dcini@victoria.com



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PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Jose Araujo, VP of Programs



We just had our first Executive Committee (Excomm) meeting and I really enjoyed the synergy that the team is developing! A lot of new ideas and activities are in planning stage for this coming year. But the ideas that are being discussed need to be perfected and implemented and it is here where the Club needs your support. As Cindy indicates in her article, I urgently need a Director of Programs. Someone who has experience coordinating any SCSC trip or activity and is willing to work

with me hand-in-hand and shoulder-to-shoulder in providing the club members an exciting year of activities.

At the same time, there are some activities that I would like to see on our calendar but need Activity Coordinators and Assistants to make it happen. Some of these activities include:

Monthly Meetings; Holiday's Gala (tentative date 12/2/05); A Fashion show; Mardi Gras; Theatre Night; Game Night; Bowling Tournament; A picnic; Wine Tasting; A Casino evening...and any other activity that you would like to be part of.

This year, I would like to put emphasis on having an entertainment

activity included in each monthly meeting. The potential new location is very well located and equipped with so many features that we can host any kind of social event, including dancing. So please consider becoming a monthly meeting coordinator! The tentative dates (subject to Excomm discussion) are: Sep 19, 2005, Oct 17, 2005, Nov 14, 2005, Dec 12, 2005, Jan 16, 2006, Feb 20, 2006, Mar 20, 2006, Apr 17, 2006 and May 22, 2006. As you can see, we almost follow the zodiacal calendar, so pick your sign and volunteer!

For the latest in upcoming activities, look to the Calendar of Events listed in this issue and at www.spacecityskiclub.org. Please check your e-mails too as there will be short notice activities and I know you will not want to miss any of the fun.

SCSC Happy Hours are very important. I hope to see more interaction with other clubs and associations in the city to open our doors and welcome new people. The Ambassador program that Cindy is sponsoring is key to the success for growing new membership.

Last, but not least, the Excomm has directed me to request from all members any SCSC past files, memorabilia, documents or other items. Please contact me for collection of the items. We are centralizing the club storage so the club legacy can be handled in a more efficient way.

My evening phone is 713-541-6838 and my e-mails are jarauijoy@msn.com or jose.araujo@halliburton.com.

TANDEM SKYDIVING

Saturday, July 23, 8:30 a.m.

Cost: \$169 - Final Payment Date: July 15

Location: Skydive Spaceland * See www.skydivespaceland.com *
800-SKYDIVE or (281) 369-3337

Group will attend Tandem Skydiving class, followed by your JUMP with an experienced instructor. Hire a videographer to capture the exhilarating JUMP! The "Super Seventeen" did it July 17, 2004, and now it is your turn!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Coordinator	Phone	E-mail/Address
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6/4	AIA Sandcastle Competition	Deb Cini	(832) 528-6125	dcini@victoria.com
6/16	H-H and Pool Tournament Fast Eddie's Pool Tournament Coordinator	Sue Sedwick	(713) 952-9628 (281) 326-4695	6306 Richmond Dr. suesed@hal-pc.org
6/25	Volunteer Party—Ron Hayes & Judy Schiro's home (by Volunteer Invitation Only) Volunteer Party Coordinator	Janice Harris	(713) 466-3170	jeharris@mayerbrownrowe.com
JULY				
7/14	Happy Hour—TBA	Deb Cini	(832) 528-6125	dcini@victoria.com
7/23	Tandem Skydiving	Chip Stokes	(713) 857-2093 (713) 461-6400	cstokesscsc@houston.rr.com
7/31	Astros vs. New York Mets	Penny Chancey	(713) 686-4863	pschancey@msn.com
AUGUST				
8/5-8/7	Water Spectacular Weekend	Barbara Della Longa	(281) 398-7107	bdellalonga@sbcglobal.net
8/11	Happy Hour—TBA	Deb Cini	(832) 528-6125	dcini@victoria.com
OTHER ACTIVITIES				
9/10-17	Maui, Hawaii	Sean O'Brien	(713) 787-9762	seanobrien1981@sbcglobal.net

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 on AC or AAC, contact VP of Programs, Jose Araujo (713) 541-6838 jarauijoy@msn.com or jose.araujo@halliburton.com. For more information or to pass on ideas about Happy Hours, contact Deb Cini (832) 528-6125 dcini@victoria.com.



I am so excited about next year's trips. I have been busy working on getting TCs and ATCs plus initial arrangements for all the trips. It has been hectic.

All the trips are special, but I want to mention a few great things to look forward to:

- Bring your children (grandchildren?) to Keystone at Thanksgiving for the Youth Camp. For only \$152, they can have 4 days of lessons, lifts, rentals and lunch. Normally this package costs \$502.
- Finland/Stockholm will be a truly exotic and unique trip. We will be spending 5 days in Levi (see the northern lights, take a snowmobile ride to a husky farm or feast on reindeer) and 2 days in Stockholm (one of my favorite cities, where the beauty always astounds me).
- Big White/Kelowna brings the best of British Columbia skiing and fabulous wineries to the same trip. Again the trip will be split with 5 nights in Big White and 2 nights in Kelowna. Plus, we hope to offer a short trip that leaves Wednesday, returning Sunday, and staying in Kelowna the whole time.

I thought it might be worthwhile to mention some of the issues we find when trying to put together trips for 30 to 80 people. I know that most of you prefer to fly Continental, and that is normally the first call that is made. However, we sometimes find that Continental's prices are much higher. For instance, to fly to Denver, Continental quoted a price of \$455. United quoted us prices ranging from \$198 to \$209. Obvious choice - United.

This year, we are looking at a club trip to Aspen. Continental does not fly to Aspen, so we called United. The round trip price quoted for the dates requested was \$696. So we looked at flying to Eagle/Vail and bussing to Aspen (much closer than bussing from Denver). American gave us a price of \$418 but the flight times are not ideal. Continental won't sell us anything but a first class seat at this time.

Another example - We are looking at a club trip to Snowbird/Utah. Continental quoted a price of over \$700.

It goes on and on. But experience tells me that you keep working it, calling airlines and tour operators and eventually we have a fabulous trip. Of course, not all are happy with the flight times, not using Continental or long bus rides. Arranging travel for a group is not as easy as your trip for two or four. But where else can you be with 50 of your closest friends? I find it is worth it.

TO BE CONTINUED...



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SINGLE MEMBERSHIP

	Renew Before 5/31	Renew After 5/31
1-year	\$30	\$35
3-year	\$81	\$86
5-year	\$125	\$130

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1-year	\$50	\$55
3-year	\$135	\$140
5-year	\$210	\$215

For the 3-year membership, your membership will expire on 4/30/2008.

For the 5-year membership, your membership will expire on 4/30/2010.

To renew your membership online, follow these simple steps:

1. Go to the club website www.spacecityskiclub.org
2. Click on "MY SCSC"
3. Enter Username and Password (If you do not yet have either set-up, please follow on-line instructions to get a username and password.)
4. Click on "Update my membership profile"
5. Click on renewal button at bottom of profile.
6. Click on which type of membership renewal you wish to do (1-year, 3-year or 5-year).
7. At this point you will be taken automatically to the Pay Pal secure website to arrange payment. Verify your information and follow their directions. When finished you will be returned to the SCSC website where you can update your profile. You will also receive some payment verifications via e-mail.

Please note that the 3- and 5-year discounted memberships can only be obtained online through the SCSC website. Single year memberships can be done either online or by the check and completed application procedure that has been used in past years.

UNUSUALLY PARK CITY

By Jeannine Jiral

Park City turned out to be...well a very unusual trip. Some of the group had police escorts while others had so much fun at a party that they didn't even realize they left articles of clothing behind. One had a dog bobbing in water in the fridge, and another's limp pole was useless at Snowbird (yes, Snowbird was an experience). One member of our group was injured on the slopes, but when we went to check up on her prognosis, she had left to go shopping and get a massage. (Hmm, was the injury an excuse to get away from our group?) Now that I have your attention, how about some details?

We arrived in Park City on a beautiful afternoon in February. The staff at the Three Kings Condos was very helpful, delivering our gear, groceries and refreshments to each condo which were very nice and the views were amazing....ask Brook McClain or Mary Ellen Arbuckle about the view from their patio. At least they had entertaining visitors to make up for this bizarre view.

Thanks to Park City's "FREE" Day of Arrival Lift ticket, several of our more avid skiers, including Lee Ann Matura, Jane Kidd and Michael Edwards, got in an extra afternoon on the slopes, followed by night skiing for only \$18. Others in the group took a more leisurely route and ventured into town, after watching the Dog Sled races right outside the condos. And, of course, after watching Lila Davis and Irma Rosendahl get picked up by the police. Yes, we couldn't believe it either. This is such a friendly town that the police drove them into town for dinner, since the shuttles were delayed due to the dog sled races.



PARK CITY - Snow Buddies

Sunday was a great day to ski...and a great day for a Super Bowl Party. Jeannine and Pat, with the help of several roommates prepared a chili supper for the whole crew for half-time. While some weren't too happy with the winner of the game, five lucky players were very happy with the outcome of the Super Bowl Squares game coordinated by Bobby and Carol Viktorin. Congratulations to: Paul Anderson, Sarah Granbery, Carol Viktorin, Steven Slade and Sam Cornelius. It was such great party that Mary Ellen Arbuckle left her hat and gloves behind and couldn't figure out why she was cold-until the next day.

We were lucky enough to have snow on Sunday evening and Monday - about a foot of fresh powder. For many of us, it was the first time to experience powder skiing. For those of us that visited Deer Valley on Sunday, it was unusual to find the "ultimate ski resort" renown for its groomed runs, without any groomed runs by the time Mother Nature was through dumping snow overnight. And of course, this is where our concerns over Luz Marquez' injury were somewhat misplaced when we learned she had left the clinic to get a massage and do some shopping. She was really taken with Deer Valley, and her ski instructor.

Tuesday, most of our group traveled to Snowbird for a real treat - more powder! What a great place to ski. Oh yes, the limp pole award goes to

Brook McClain whose ski pole looked more like a bent straw - not very useful but worth quite a few laughs. Special thanks to our bus driver who was willing to make a grocery store stop on the return trip. I just can't say enough about the friendly Park City residents.

Wednesday was our infamous race day. And our group was very privileged to have a Gold Medal winner in our midst. Please congratulate Paul Anderson for his performance on the course. Special thanks to all of our racers for taking on this hill - Paul Anderson, Sam and Sandra Cornelius, Mark Chambers, Steven Slade, Leland Joe, Pat Piech and Jeff Kovacs. Sam and Sandra raced against each other, and well, Sandra won. Sam wasn't too obvious about his disappointment, but we did start worrying if counseling might be needed.

No one can believe what a "walking trail map" Keith Adams is and a great guy to have along on the slopes. Never a wrong turn, right Keith? Of course, we did have a super group of hard core skiers who never passed on a double black. Watching Les Allison ski down the hill on his butt was hilarious and ceremoniously awarded the longest butt run award. Of course, I think I won the best multi-point crash and burn award. When I do something, I really do it right...or is it wrong?

On Thursday, we got together for a wonderful meal at the Grub Steak Restaurant, although Seena Simon and Sonia Davis almost missed it! Too much après ski?! The food was great, service was really attentive and the whole staff was accommodating of our big group. It was a bit confusing though since NASA was there on the same night. Space City on one end of the restaurant and NASA on the other. The Texans took over Park City that night.

Friday was our last ski day. With no organized plans for the day, everyone seemed to scatter. Luz was hooked on Deer Valley. Tucker Davis and others went back to Snowbird or Alta. Some of us finally took the trip to The Canyons. Nice skiing but ultimately mixed reviews. "Too much walking...not enough skiing", was heard from the group. But it was beautiful and once again more friendly people were met in the pub. You just can't beat free drinks just for letting people sit at your table. Oh yes, after days of tense negotiations, Leland Joe finally gave up and donated his remaining vodka to our final evening get together. The group enjoyed celebratory martinis - complete with blue cheese hand-stuffed olives donated by Brook McClain. We dug around in the snow to finish off the rest of the beer and wine supplies. All stumbled home eventually.

On Saturday, we awoke to a cloudy, drizzly day. If you have to leave such a beautiful, fun-filled resort with such an amazing variety of slopes to ski on, it might as well be on a dreary day. Thanks to all our participants on the Park City trip, especially my understanding condo mates who endured constant guests and parties in our humble abode. What a great hot tub!

All in all, we had a great trip with a great group of really fun people...with many unusual stories!



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It was a beautiful spring Sunday afternoon and 31 participants decided to spend time in the dark. Comfortable spring weekend weather is hard to find in Houston, but it must have been the food, drink, camaraderie and game that kept these people inside Laser Quest.

Our coordinator, Diane "Bionic Woman" Stotz, set up the food and drink with help from Steve Amy and his friend. Diane recruited SCSC newcomer, Heidi "Mulabuquen" Markham, to greet the participants. Other early eager arrivals included Jeff "Waco Kid" Warren, Debbie "Dragonslayer" Bergeron, Ted "Memaslayer" Bergeron and guests Maggie "Shark Attack" Kirkpatrick and Bob "Ironman" Kirkpatrick. Everyone was talking, enjoying the food and drink before the game began. Jim "Cool Hand" Edwards, Sue "Dark Star" Edwards, Sue "Red Falcon" Salvage and Arlen "Killi" Isham were anticipating a good game. Maria "Ursa Major" Saade, Betty "Big Mama" Buck, Lida "Ladybug" Sadler, and Sharon "Cat Woman" Simandl were a little apprehensive since they were new comers to Laser Tag. Jerry "Termite" Sadler gave reassurances to Ladybug to just have fun. Late arrivals, Dave "Sitka" Stotz was jet-lagged after flying in from Amsterdam that afternoon, and Bob "Robo" Horan finally managed to find the correct LaserQuest location.

In the first game, everyone had to fend for themselves. Since Bionic Woman was running this activity, she had many participants zap her immediately: Preston "PBO" West, Jose "Angel" Araujo, Walter "Wabi Kanabe" May, Lisa "Black Cat" Smith, Keith "Camcasi" Kirkman, and Benita "Gotcha" Stanford. In this game Ted "Memaslayer" Bergerson, came in first place, with Cheryl "Grandma Pain" May, in second, and Jim "Coolhand" Edwards was third.

During our next break, our group picture was dutifully organized by Ron "Blue Bandit" Hayes and Judy "Sofi" Schiro, our official SCSC photographer and his trusted assistant. Sharon "Cat Woman" Simandl presented Bill "Fireman" Bomberger with a birthday cake to celebrate his birthday! How appropriate that Fireman had to blow out his own candles!

In the second game, it was the Red Team versus the Green Team. Both the men and women were mixed into both teams. Bionic Woman was tagged mostly by Arlen "Killi" Isham. I was also attacked by Joanie "Golf Girl" Osbourn, Manolo "Helio" Valle, and Dale "Gandolf" Stanford. Fortunately, she fought back hard and tagged Waco Kid, Termite, Camcasi and especially Killi. In this game the Green Team with 5361 points beat the Red Team with 3367 points. Grandma Pain, Fireman, and Walter "Wabi Kanabe" May came in first, second and third places respectively.

The third game was a game of wits and sex: Men versus the Women. It was a tough Laser Tag game. The women's leader Grandma Pain organized a quick pow-wow to discuss strategic moves against the men. Unfortunately, the Women lost with 4268 points and Men 4712 points. There was a tie in this game for the most points: Dale "Gandolf" Stanford and Ted "Memaslayer" Bergeron had a basketball stand off. Memaslayer threw the first ball for a hole in one and won a free laser tag game, and Gandolf unfortunately didn't get a basket.

Bionic Woman handled out prizes to the best and worst players of the Laser Tag Games: First Game: Memaslayer, Second Game: Grandma



Laser Tag Group

Pain, and tie for Third Game: Dale "Gandolf" Stanford, and Memaslayer. Since Memaslayer had a bottle of champagne given to him already for the first game, this bottle to given to his spouse, Dragonslayer. The worst players were also given champagne: Cat Woman and Maria "Ursa Major" Saade.

I would also like to thank Sue "Red Falcon" Salvage for helping me with the shopping and clean up with this event. I also want to thank Keith Kirkman, Joanie Osbourn, Sharon Simandl and Bill Bomberger with the clean-up.

A great time was had by all until next year...



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SCSC VOLUNTEER PARTY

Saturday, June 25 at 2:00 p.m.

Location: Home of Ron Hayes and Judy Schiro

Activities: Volleyball, water volleyball, croquet, and games. Volunteers invited are listed above. Invitations will be e-mailed/mailed in May. If you are not on the list and would like to be, contact Christina. You can volunteer to assist with the party, then YOU, too, can attend!

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