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TSC Cruise photographs on right (top to bottom): Bill, Kim, Lisa & Ted Cruising Past Cozumel with TSC Friends; Bill Bomberger & His Girls at the Captain's Dinner; and Ed, Jeff, Kim & Ted - Victors at TSC Golf Tournament in Cozumel.

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There is a fine line between genius and insanity, between passion and obsession. I believe that I may be a witness to the crossing of that line. Now, mind you that I am passionate about skiing. If I were not I would not have been willing to serve as president of the Space City Ski Club. Also, keep in mind that I live with someone that shares my passion for skiing multiplied to the tenth power.

Several years ago, a trip leader asked him to serve as the trip race director. Bob has always loved racing, but since then he has been moving closer to the line of obsession. He won several bronze medals right out of the box, but he wanted to go faster. He bought some newer, quicker skis and became much faster. But, he wants to go even faster. So, he obtained some super-wax and perfected the edges with all the latest tools and technology and got even faster. He is winning gold and silvers, but still wants to go faster. And, he has not won any trophies yet. So last season, he did everything humanly possible to maximize his speed, but, it still is not fast enough for him. So over the summer he has been reading and plotting and has deduced that to shave off those critical seconds he has to perfect his racing start. But how do you do that while living in Houston? Sitting in my garage, in Sugar Land, at this time, is the answer.

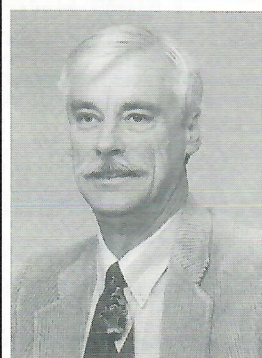
Bob...is building his own version of a mountain! Last Sunday, he got me up early to borrow a trailer from the neighbor so that he could buy the carpet for the curved ramp coming down off of this huge wooden scaffold type structure

he is building. He bought a used pair of rental skis so that he can sacrifice the bases to the rug mountain. He is planning on climbing to the top of the scaffold, put on these rental skis, practice popping out of the gate and coming down the man-made mountain that he preparing to set up in the backyard. He even bought little springs and has fashioned some wooden dowel rods to replicate the actual ski race starting gate.

Yes, I have plans to video the whole thing. The neighbors are selling tickets and laying odds. If it works and he starts winning the trophies, he is planning to set up a summer ski-race training camp here in Sugar Land. That is when we will all say he is a genius. If it doesn't work, I am just hoping that he doesn't have to spend next ski season in rehab.



TSC Cruise-Vail Resorts Hosted a Great Blackjack Tournament



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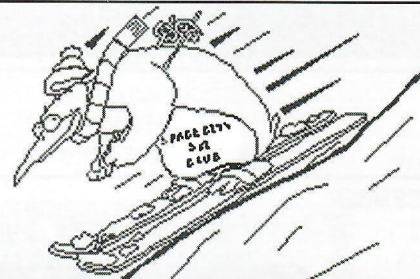
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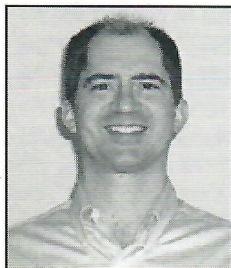
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PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Marc Fellows, VP of Programs



The 10th Annual Sunshine Kids Auction will be the focus of our December 13th meeting. As many of you know, the Sunshine Kids Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping children with cancer. Space City began these annual auctions to help raise funds to send some of the kids snowskiing in Aspen. While the ski trips became too expensive, SCSC continued to support the Foundation. With the 10th Annual Auction, we once

again have the opportunity to support a ski trip. In 2005, the Foundation is planning a new ski trip in conjunction with Winter Park Resort. So if you still want to contribute a donation to this worthy cause, contact Peggy Montgomery at 281-437-5467 or complete the donation form on the SCSC web site and send to Peggy at the.monts@att.net. Last minute donations are welcome. However, what is really important is for you to come to the meeting on December 13th and bid in both the Silent and Live Auction for such things as theme baskets, wall hangings, Nancy Sarff's Chocolate Chip Cookies and the Best of the Best Gourmet Dinner (the opportunity to pick the menu you want from past Sunshine Kids Gourmet Dinners).

As many of you know, providing a series of programs and activities to 800 SCSC members consumes a lot of resources. Most of this is in the form of time devoted by officers, volunteers, and activity ACs. A large chunk of this time is typically spread between the VP of Programs and the Director of Programs. Since May, SCSC has been without a Director of Programs which has caused a large shortfall in available manpower. Providing the same quantity and quality of programs and activities in the coming 6 months will not be sustainable if this shortfall continues. How do we turn this around? A Director of Programs would be great. However, assuming we don't get one, we need another plan. We need volunteers to assist with portions of the administration of programs and activities. The major need is not ACs, rather people to assist with the action items and coordination issues that occur in the "background", outside of any one individual event. Are any of you interested in

volunteering? The success of the next 6 months of programs and activities will be decided by how many of you do.

At the November 8 meeting we had a Glamorous Formal Wear Fashion Show. We would like to thank the merchants who sponsored the clothing worn: Al's Formal Wear, 1801 Post Oak Street; David's Formal/Bridal Wear, 4520 San Felipe; and Dilliard's in Baybrook Mall. I would like to thank the show coordinators, Janice Harris and Ellen Eastham, and the models, who all looked super: Brook McClain & Sue Radoff, Chip Stokes & Heather Warren, Jim Jeans & Sue Sedwick, Bob Rexford & Linda Guice, Cindy Moore & Alex Bodea and Dawn Rodriguez & Bob Gottlieb.

Also at the November 8 meeting, the Downhill Krewe, SCSC's own Mardi Gras-Galveston krewe, had their traditional cake-cutting ceremony to determine their royalty for the upcoming Mardi Gras. Congratulations to King Slalom III, Chip Stokes; Queen Moguls III, Brenda Soileau and their Royal Court. Having been enthroned, they will preside over the Downhill Krewe for the January 2005 Mardi Gras and will lead their loyal Downhill Krewe subjects as they take part in the Z Krewe parade on The Strand January 29.



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GENERAL MEETING - Big Woodrow's

3111 Chimney Rock (just north of Richmond)

December 13 @ 6:30 p.m.

SUNSHINE KIDS CHARITY AUCTION

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 HOURS

Thursday, December 2 @ 5:30 p.m.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Coordinator	Phone	E-mail/Address
DECEMBER				
12/2	Happy Hour-Arcodoro	Deb Cini		5000 Westheimer @ Post Oak
12/13	SCSC Meeting-Big Woodrow's (Sunshine Kids Charity Auction)	Peggy Montgomery	(281) 437-5467	3111 Chimney Rock
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

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 mjjf@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 Payment	Trip Price	TC ATC (DOT)	Home Phone	E-mail Address
Nov 23-28, 2004 (Tues—Sun) *47 Skiers!*	5/4 Hotel	WINTER PARK Colorado (TSC Fall Roundup) --Family Optional--	09/20/04	\$742 L\$433	Diane Baker John Sims (KK)	713-690-1443 713-914-0761	diane@rossbaker.com jasims@att.net
Dec 7-12, 2004 (Tues—Sun)	5/4 Hotel	*** Snowbird, UT *** TSC - "Learn to Ski"			Contact TSC Rep Sean O'Brien	713-787-9762	sbobrien@trcsolutions.com
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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ACTIVITY EXTRAVAGANZA

By Ellen Eastham

An Activity Extravaganza was held at the October 11 General Meeting. Members and guests listed ideas for future activities. They also signed up as volunteers as future activity ACs, meeting support, or general SCSC support. For this we rewarded our members and guests with a drawing for Gift Certificates toward the price of meals at fine restaurants. The winners were Susan Blome, Fabio's Italian Bar & Grill, 212 Westheimer, Debra Edwards, Bongo's Latin Grill & Bar, 818 Travis, Jim Jeans, Woodrow's, 3111 Chimney Rock, Brenda Soileau, Chef G's, 1915 Westheimer, Louella Steller, Ragazza Italian Bar & Grill, and Christine March, an accessory package from Big Time tickets by Marriott. Thank you to the merchants who generously donated gift certificates.

Following the meeting, many gathered at Woodrow's to see the Astros beat the Atlanta Braves for the Division Title. It was exciting and thrilling as the crowd cheered their home team on while watching the various TVs playing the game. The Happy Hour the following week, October 21, was coincidentally held at Champp's Americanas, a sports bar with many TVs. A room was reserved just for SCSC, where we watched the Astros play the St. Louis Cardinals in the final game of the NL playoffs. We were sad at this game's outcome, a loss, and our team did not advance to the World Series. What a contrast from the prior week's game.

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2005 Galveston Mardi Gras Downhill Krewe

"A Salute to the Red, White & Blue"

January 28-30, 2005

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

Final Payment Date: December 13

The Downhill Krewe is a registered Krewe especially for SCSC! Join now to participate in the Galveston Mardi Gras 2005 festivities.

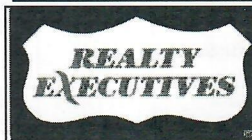
Fee includes: The Z Krewe Procession parade package with a t-shirt, throw beads, special patriotic bead and hat.

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 brossetti2003@yahoo.com

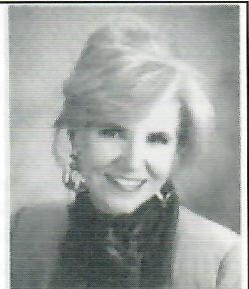


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TEXAS SKI COUNCIL 2004 CARIBBEAN CRUISE

By Debbie Bergeron

With Hurricane Ivan bearing down on Florida and the Gulf, anxious emails circulated concerning our long-awaited departure on the first-ever Texas Ski Council cruise. Fortunately, Ivan tracked easterly enough so that Space City's 58 relieved "shipmates" could board the Carnival Elation on September 12th and set sail out of Galveston with 90 other TSC friends.

Day One – An "Elating" Experience. After catching our breaths from the first view of the Elation's gorgeous Grand Atrium with its double marble staircase and glass elevators rising from the 7th to 12th decks, our gang set off to explore the ship further. Check-in at TSC Registration was first on the agenda where Ski Canada/Ski Europe surprised us with splits of champagne and chocolates, only to wow us again at the fabulous TSC Welcome Party with hors d'oeuvres and open bar! Our first great dinner was next on the schedule, and afterwards entertainment options were endless – the Casablanca Casino, Las-Vegas style shows in the Mikado Lounge, music and dancing in the Jekyll & Hyde Dance Club, Romeo & Juliet Lounge, and Duke's Piano Bar, just to name a few. Daytime choices included the gym, spa, pool, golf cage, ping-pong, library, Internet Café, deck games, dance lessons, lectures, etc., etc, and at least a dozen dining options. And by the end of the week, Cheryl & James Mershon had just about furnished their entire house with acquisitions from the onboard Art Auctions!

Day Two – A Bit of Rockin' & Rollin'. In spite of "rockin' & rollin'" on the high seas from Ivan's outer bands (and I don't mean musical ones), Susan Blome, Lynn Roberts, Donna Kidwell, Sue Salvage, Laurie Haischer, Sue Olstad, Marianne Pearce, Leona & R.J. Schroeder, and the rest of the gang arrived at the Captain's Gala Reception and Dinner in "decked out" fashion...while first-time cruiser Vicky McLaughlin sought sanctuary in her stateroom with her head under the covers! Husband Tommy and Sally & Morris Brown were relieved when the seas calmed and Vicky eventually emerged, soon to be spotted having a great time in the Casino.

Days Three, Four & Five – Ports of Call. Tuesday morning brought overcast, drizzly skies in Progresso where shore excursions included the Chichen Itza Mayan Ruins, Jungle & Hacienda Jeep Expedition, and the Corona Beach Break Party. Cozumel welcomed us on Wednesday with blue skies and calm seas for the TSC Golf Tournament and a plethora of excursion options. TSC activities went on as planned, but when Carnival's "Dolphin Encounter" and water excursions were cancelled for the day, Kay Cain, Roberta Rambin, Sue Edwards and yours truly caught up with Nancy Sarff, Peggy Montgomery, Sharon Smith, Lisa Smith, Elyse Turla, Pat

Menville, Gary Butler, Charles Butler, Gail Blanton, Donna Sears, and Jamie Fitzgerald for shopping and a cab caravan down to Fat Tuesday's "Swing" Bar at the International Pier for tropical beverages and great music. Some spontaneous line dancing began by a "Few Who Shall Remain Nameless" as revealed by video footage that later appeared on the ship's TV channel.



Tanya...The Ultimate Team Head Waitress

Meanwhile, back at the Golf Tournament, players quickly learned that if your ball goes off in the rough, it's in the jungle (literally), so you don't bother trying to retrieve it. First Place went to Ed Cain, Jeff Sarff, Ted Bergeron & Kim Page. Second Place went to the

"Fortunate Flatlanders"; Third to Ed Menville, Ron Rambin and Jim Edwards; and Fourth to Kayleen Kill, John Rice and Linda Licarione. Kayleen was also the exuberant winner of both the Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin! The Fortunate Flatlanders also captured the Grand Door Prize donated by Canadian Rockies Vacations – two nights' lodging in Banff for four people and two rounds of golf for two.

On Thursday, the Elation was anchored off of Belize City, and tenders shuttled us for tours of ruins, the town, zoo, catamaran snorkeling and, for the truly adventurous, cave tubing. Out of the many shore & water excursion tales, Jan Ferrell and Barb Tuley apparently had their own private fishing expeditions, and there's reportedly a hilarious story about "Mr. Ed, The Horse" that Jerry Montgomery will be happy to share ... although Peggy would prefer that he didn't.

Days Six & Seven – Back At Sea. On Friday, Vail Resorts hosted a blast of a Slot Tournament, and out of 80 contestants, Nancy Sarff won 1st prize of \$400! Saturday's events included TSC Deck Relays, and although Bill Bomberger, Paul Olstad, Becky Hall, Roberta & Ron Rambin, Jim Edwards, Jeff Sarff, Ed Cain, Kayleen Kill, and John "I've Got The String Stuck In My Shorts" Rice did not emerge victorious, what a great team effort they put forth! Back at the casino, Vail Resorts hosted a Blackjack Tournament, and Jim Menke of Corpus Christi Skiers won 1st place. The final competitive event was "Horse Racing At Sea" where Merrel Smith and Ted Bergeron "raced" their trusty steeds, Flea Biscuit and Lightning, but alas, suffered defeat at the hands of yet another Fortunate Flatlander.

Kudos & Thanks! This cruise was a first for the TSC and was exceptionally well run by Ski Canada/Ski Europe and SCSC's own Peggy Montgomery at the helm as TSC Expedition Coordinator. Many, many thanks to her and to Roswitha Vogler, Dorothea Rasser, and Sandy Best with Ski Canada/Ski Europe for a fabulous week; and to Vail Resorts and Canadian Rockies Vacations for their support, as well as Copper Mountain and Aspen/Snowmass for their contributions. Kudos to all of our participants – you were GREAT cruise mates!! Tremendous thanks to my wonderful husband, Ted, for his never-ending support and patience. And finally, a huge round of applause to Nancy for the year of hard work she spent organizing and promoting this trip, only to have fate intervene just two months before our departure date. Thanks to her courage and determination to get better, we were all ELATED that she was able to join us on the CARNIVAL ELATION where everyone had an absolute blast!



Formal Night in the Grand Atrium



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