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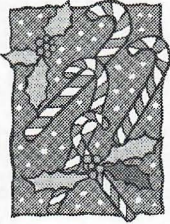
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*Everyone Loves a Generous Soul!
Come be one at the Sunshine Kids Charity Auction.*



SCSC General Meeting

Monday, Dec 9, 2002 6:30 pm

Holiday Inn Select – 2712 Southwest Fwy @ Kirby Drive

Happy Hour - Thursday, December 19 – Cosmos Cafe

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Head of the Liftline

Sean O'Brien - President

Our first ski trip of the season, to Breckenridge, CO, is now in the history books and I am sure the stories are circulating throughout club about how great a trip it was.

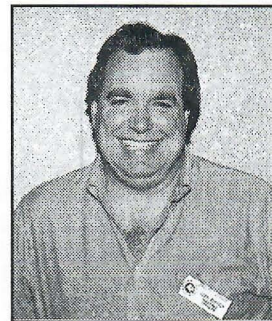
Our December meeting marks our annual Sunshine Kids Charity Auction and I am counting on all of you attending this meeting to make this a most successful event. All the behind the scenes work for this auction will have been for naught, if you do not attend and participate in the auction. If you have anything to donate please contact Nancy Sarff. If you cannot reach her, feel free to bring the item the night of the meeting and we will gladly create an auction sheet for the item.

We have two parties this month, both of which promise to be great fun. Ski Jammers has invited us to a party on December 6th and our Annual Holiday Gala is on the 20th. The Holiday Gala is neat because you cannot believe your eyes when you actually see 200 members of our club dressed up nice.

This past month I had the pleasure of going to a Houston Texans game with two members of our club who have been members for about 13 years. During the day, we talked about their first experiences with SCSC. I was amazed by the fact that these two individuals are now avid skiers, when their first ever experience skiing was in their mid 40's - skiing with SCSC. I thought I began my skiing later in life, skiing for the first time at 25. As I have talked with people about joining our club, the number one reason I hear as to why they are hesitant to join is "I have never skied before." or "I don't ski." I have no doubt that, while some of our members grew up around skiing, most of us did not, and we have had the pleasure still to find out how wonderful a sport this is. I think we need to get the word out to everyone that with SCSC you are never too late to start skiing. Along that line, I hope everyone is talking to friends about becoming involved with SCSC.

Please allow me to defy political correctness and wish all of you a Merry Christmas (instead of Happy Holidays) and a Happy New Year. Do not eat too much, because you all need to be in shape for ski season.

How can you tell who the ski instructor is in a room full of people? Answer: You don't need to - they'll tell you.



"... I am counting on you all to make this year's auction the most successful ..."



Happy Hour

Cosmos Cafe

69 Heights Blvd
(713) 697-1924



Thursday, December 19
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Appetizers & Happy Hour Drink Prices

Directions: Cosmos Cafe is inside the Loop, south of I-10, on Heights Blvd, at the corner of Heights and Center St.

General Meeting - December 9, 2002

Program: *Sunshine Kids Charity Auction*

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NEW (& YOUNGER) MEMBER MIXERS!



Tuesday, Dec. 3 5:30p - 8:00p

Little Woodrows Midtown

2306 Brazos St.
(713) 522-1041

Everyone Gets One Free Drink Ticket!
Buckets of Longnecks/ Mike's HL, \$3.50 House
Wines, \$3 Beers, \$2.50 Fajitas and a rocking
Jukebox!

Friday, Jan. 10 6:00p - 9:00p



6400 Richmond Ave.
Karaoke Room on 1st Flr.

Free Steak buffet Dinner, \$1.50 You-Call-It drinks,
no cover. Valet parking, or free parking at 6420/
6430 Richmond Ave.

Mixer Guidelines:

1. All SCSC members 45 years of age or younger are encouraged to attend and to bring at least one prospective new member age 45 or under.
2. SCSC members over 45 welcome, as long as you bring 2 prospective members age 45 or under.
3. No one will be "carded" - if your guest can pass for 45 or younger...bring them on!

AC: Cindy Moore (713) 984-1060

CALENDAR

December

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December

- 3... N&Y Member Mixer-Little Woodrows
- 4..... SCSC ExComm Meeting
- 7..... TSC Delegates Meeting
- 9..... SCSC General Meeting
- 12..... SCSC Board Meeting
- 19..... HappyHour-Cosmos Cafe
- 20..... SCSC Holiday Gala-Briar Club

January

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January

- TBA SCSC ExComm Meeting
- 10..... N&Y Member Mixer-TTown 2000
- 11..... Lazer Tag
- 13..... SCSC General Meeting
- 16..... HappyHr/C&W Dance Lesson-Brownstone
- 26..... Super Bowl Party

February

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February

- TBA SCSC ExComm Meeting
- 7..... N&Y Member Mixer-The Hideaway
- 9..... Bowling
- 10..... SCSC General Meeting
- 20..... Happy Hour-Wild West
- 21-23 Mardi Gras in Galveston



(Picture by C. Guerra)

*"Make sure
you have an
SCSC ski trip
in your
stocking!"*



HO HO HO...Merry Christmas – Have you been "good" this year?...Make sure you have an SCSC ski trip in your stocking!!!

Jingle Bells...Jingle Bells The Breckenridge trip has returned and they had a great time with lots of snow. Many thanks to Julie Davis-Raley for leading the TSC Fall Roundup trip!

We are fortunate to have many new members in the club this year. One of the frequently asked questions has been about roommates and sleeping arrangements on our trips. The club policy is two persons to one bedroom/bathroom. The bedding varies from property to property. Although we can not make guarantees, the trip leaders do their very best to align the bedding configuration with the couples and singles. We do, however, sometimes have more singles than single beds (or even more couples than double beds). **BE FLEXIBLE**—please—work with the trip leaders. Also, be sure to fill out the SCSC Questionnaires and talk to the trip leaders about what kind of roommate you are...do you snore...walk in your sleep...etc. You can meet the other members on your trip by attending a monthly meeting or happy hour. Then, the pre-trip meeting is the best opportunity to find a roommate, so be sure to attend.

Trip Updates:

Whistler, BC, Canada: The Whistler trip will be starting off the New Year with a *BANG*. They are on their way with 100 lucky skiers!

Vail: So...You wanna Rock & Roll all night & ski/snowboard Vail every day? Daytime & nighttime adventures are everywhere. Vail is consistently ranked the finest resorts in North America.

Lillehammer, Norway: Challenge your "Olympic" spirit by skiing the slopes from the 1994 Winter Olympics. (Remember that breakfast and dinner are included in the package).

Steamboat: Arrive just a short distance from the resort and then stay right on the slopes so you will never get lost—day or night! Ski/snowboard hard on their famous "Champagne Powder" and then enjoy the night-life — PARTY...Yes PARTY!! We arrive just in time to enjoy the festivities of Winter Carnival.

Jackson Hole: Visit the "Wild West" where the view is breathtaking, the slopes are uncrowded and the powder is deep—skiers/snowboarders wanted for fun and adventure.

Lake Tahoe: How about a place where the night-life is as captivating as the skiing? The "Ides of March" begins with this breathtakingly beautiful destination.

Quebec, QB, Canada: Madames et Monsieurs, we welcome you to the last ski season destination...one of the oldest French Settlements in North American...partake in this wonderful adventure.

(A person called and asked, "Do airlines put your physical description on your bag so they know who's luggage belongs to who?" I said, "No, why do you ask?" The reply was, "Well, when I checked in with the airline, they put a tag on my luggage that said **FAT**, and I'm overweight, is there any connection?" I came back and explained the city code for Fresno is **FAT**, and that the airline was just putting a destination tag on the luggage.)

SKI JAMMERS OF HOUSTON INVITE SCSC TO PJ JAM AND HOLIDAY PARTY

**Friday, December 6, 2002
9:00 pm - 2:00 am**

Stafford Civic Center - 1625 Stafford Shire, Stafford, TX
Hors d'oeuvres - DJ - Door Prizes
BYOB (No Coolers)

In advance: \$15, At door: \$15 + toy / \$20 w/o toy
For Tickets Call: 832-724-6067

SCSC Activity



HOLIDAY GALA

**Friday, December 20, 2002
7:00pm - 12:00 m**

The Briar Club - 2603 Timmons

Celebrate the Holidays in Style
Buffet Dinner, Music by *Toast and Jam*, Cash Bar
Cocktail Attire - Black Tie Optional

Price: \$43 Final Pmt Date: 12/09/2002
AC: Rita Wright (281) 531-1965 rita@ritatuckerwright.com-



Space City Ski Club 2002-2003 Ski Trip Schedule

Dates	Nights/ Ski Days	Trip Destination	Cost	Final Payment	Lodging	No. Skiers	TC/ATC (BB, CM)	Home Phone	E-Mail Address
Jan 4-11, 2003 (Sat- Sat)	7/6	WHISTLER Canada (TSC Traditional)	\$883 LS522	10/14/02	Condos	80 L-6	Trip Team Patty Finch (TC) Hope Flynn (ATC) Larry Christie (TC) Carmen Mikhail (ATC) (CM)	936-321-1529 713-621-5990 713-802-9801 713-664-7522	pfinch@lockeliddell.com hflynn@kathyandrews.com larrychristie@excite.com mikhail@bcm.tmc.edu
Jan. 18-25, 2003 (Sat- Sat)	7/6	VAIL Colorado	\$989 LS792	10/17/02	Condos	44 L-4	Lori Gilliland Bruce Lowther (CM)	281-493-3060 713-785-5196	lgilliland@att.net rblowt@hal-pc.org
Jan 24-31, 2003 (Fri- Sat)	8/7	LILLEHAMMER Norway (TSC Expedition)	\$1380	10/14/02	Hotel	50	Harvey Hetzel Penny Chancey (BB)	713-937-1515 713-686-4863	harvey_hetzel@hcjpd.co.harris.tx.us pschancey@msn.com
Feb , 2003 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	STEAMBOAT Colorado	\$1085 LS599	10/21/02	Condos	32 L-4	Dana Wardell Kim Page (CM)	281-497-8552 713-271-4912	danawardel@aol.com kpage3@houston.rr.com
Feb 15-22, 2003 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	JACKSON HOLE Wyoming (TSC Winter Shootout)	\$1099 LS617	10/21/02	Condos	50 L-4	Bill Brown Carol Cain (BB)	281-930-8472 713-665-8121	wbrown@Shell.com cainsug@aol.com
Mar 1-8, 2003 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	LAKE TAHOE Nevada	\$839 LS462	12/09/02	Condos	40 L-4	Leyla Ozkardesh Cindy Moore (CM)	281-584-9723 713-984-1060	leyla_ozkardesh@mckinsey.com lucinda_moore@evl.net
Mar 15-22, 2003 (Sat-Sat)	7/6	QUEBEC Canada (TSC Final Showdown) Family Optional	\$1113 LS694	12/09/02	Hotel	50 L-4	Walter May Chip Stokes Vicki Faulkner (BB)	281-493-0016 281-485-5778 713-863-0470	waltmayscsc@aol.com cstokes@andersonsouth.com vsfaulkner@shell.com

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PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Dawn Rodriguez, VP-Programs



"... more events to come that are sure to spice up your life."

The festivities in November were numerous. Thanks to **Jason McCanna** for starting the month with a successful trip to the Renaissance Festival. There is a great article in this issue to fill you in on the happenings with the trip. At long last ("Ahoy Mate") was the Day Sail in Galveston. The diligence of **Concietta Ruggiero** and **Richard Hall** paid off. While it was a rain out on the first try, the second turned into one of the most beautiful days of the year. Everyone is still talking about how wonderfully fun it was. Then, of course, you always have those thrill seekers out there. **Laura Rowley** organized a Hang Gliding event, something quite adventurous here in Houston, to accomodate the fearless. Then, just before Thanksgiving, the month end finale: **Ron Rodriguez** coordinated a bash at Cullen Park, with the ability to rollerblade providing the icing on the cake. Let us not forget the event that brought spine-tingling chills to those who attended. **Marianne Pearce** organized the High Spirits Tours of Haunted Houston, exploring the Bayou City's History, Spirits and Folklore with different tours

inside of haunted locations, including pubs, and energy readings. In the middle of it all, our November meeting proved successful with **Judy Dexler** hosting a winter fashion show, compliments of *Sun and Ski Sports*.

There are more events to come that are sure to spice up your life. So pull out your schedule and check out the list. I want to give a special thanks to **Marsha Lutz** for such a successful turnout and joyful evening at the Radio Music Theatre. She has gone out of her way to double down and is now diligently working to make the trip to Costa Rica a success. Do not forget about the glorious Holiday Gala on December 20, with a buffet dinner and music by *Toast and Jam*, pulled together beautifully by **Rita Tucker Wright**.

Lastly, be sure to attend this month's General Meeting, on December 9th. We will be having our annual Charity Auction for the Sunshine Kids and we need you there to help make this worthy event a resounding success.

ACTIVITY DATE	ACTIVITY	COORDINATOR	CONTACT #	FINAL PMT DATE	COST
<u>2002</u>	12/3	N&Y Member Mixer - The Social	Cindy Moore	-	-
	12/19	Happy Hour - Cosmos Cafe	Laura Carmin	-	-
	12/20	Holiday Gala	Rita Tucker Wright	12/9	\$43
<u>2003</u>	1/9	N&Y Member Mixer - TBA	Cindy Moore	-	-
	1/11	Lazer Tag	Lee White	12/9	\$18
	1/20	Happy Hour - The Brownstone	Laura Carmin	-	-
	1/23	C&W Dance Lesson @ HappyHour	Dawn Edwards	1/13	\$4
	1/26	SuperBowl Party	Becky Maitland	1/20	\$5
	2/9	Bowling Tournament	Gerry Simpson	1/20	\$20
	2/20	Happy Hour - Wild West	Laura Carmin	-	-
	2/21-23	Mardi Gras-Galveston	Ellen Eastham	2/3	\$137



BE A STAR!!!

SCSC is always on the lookout for great volunteers to plan & help coordinate various activities for the upcoming year. Please contact Dawn if you have ideas or are interested in running an activity!



Dawn Rodriguez, VP Programs (713) 728-1955
or dawn.c.rodriguez@chase.com

SCSC Activity

MARDI GRAS IN GALVESTON

SALUTES

RAINFORESTS OF THE WORLD



February 21-23, 2003

Mystic Krewe of Aquarius Parade
Z Procession Parade
Commodore on the Beach Hotel

Price: \$137 Final Pmt Date: 2/3/2003
AC: Ellen Eastham (281) 989-9935

Costa Rica Expedition



TSC Summer Expedition

Jun 28 - Jul 6, 2003

Full Pkg: \$1,529

(Sat - Sun)

Don't miss this opportunity to join SCSC on our first ever trip to Costa Rica! There are so many activities offered that the hardest part of being on the trip will be deciding what you want to do most! Your *tantalizing tour of the tropics* will include beautiful sunsets, sandy beaches and a variety of water sports such as sea kayaking, mangrove tours, dolphin watching or deep sea fishing while in the **Pacific resort town of Quepos**. We will be minutes from Manuel Antonio National Park, where the wildlife includes tropical birds, butterflies, white-faced monkeys, three-toed sloths and more! Our second locale is in the **mountains at Arenal** where you will have the thrill of seeing, hearing and maybe feeling an active volcano. There will be hiking tours and/or horseback rides to the volcano, Lake Arenal and the beautiful La Fortuna waterfalls. Also famous to this area are the Tabacon Hot Springs.

Available at both destinations is hiking through lush jungles and rain forests, swimming, whitewater rafting on class 2,3,4 or 5 rapids, bird watching, and of course the famous cloud forests and canopy tours where you can play Peter Pan and slide on cables between the trees or walk on a bridge for those that want a little less of a thrill!

Our first night will be spent in the capital city of San Jose at the Palacio Hotel. You will have the evening to explore the city, go to casinos or just relax at a great restaurant. After a large buffet breakfast on Sunday, we will leave for Quepos via a bus that will make some interesting stops along the way. At Quepos, we will be lodging at the Hotel Parador for four nights (www.hotelparador.com). This is a five star hotel, where Julia Roberts and other stars like to stay while vacationing here. The hotel has a massage therapist, game room, two pools, art gallery, Jacuzzi, two restaurants, several bars, and trails for viewing the exotic creatures. On our 5th day in paradise, we will travel by private bus to Arenal, stopping for lunch, light shopping and sightseeing along the way. In Arenal we will be staying at the stunningly beautiful Tabacon Resort (www.tabacon.com) where you can view the volcano directly from the hotel, including from the swim-up bar in the hot springs. These springs are right on the property and their use is free to hotel guests. SCSC has selected the top hotel offered at each of the locations, so comfort and beauty are yours for the taking!

On each of the bus rides, the guides will provide us with lots of interesting, fun information on the country and the areas we are visiting. Spanish is the national language, but most staff and vendors speak English. However, I always think it's more fun to try a little Spanish when you can! So - Vamanos! - Let's Go!

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marsha.lutz@erm.com

AAC: Bill Raley 281-873-8730
davisraley@pocketmail.com

SCSC Activity



LAZER TAG

Saturday, January 11, 2003

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Hunt, Hide, Form Coalitions,
Shoot-em-up -- You never had so much fun!

Price: \$18 Final Pmt Date: 12/09/2002
AC: Lee White (281) 477-8803

SCSC Activity

DANCE LESSONS AT THE SCSC HAPPY HOUR

January 16, 2003 C & W



Enjoy the Happy Hour. Learn a New Step or Two.
Singles or Couples

Price: \$4 ea. lesson Final Pmt Date: Call for Details
AC: Dawn Edwards (713) 729-7639

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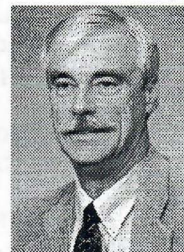
BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Sunday, February 9, 2003



Have a great time at a place where
striking out is a good thing!

Price: \$20 Final Pmt Date: 1/14/2003
AC: Gerry Simpson (713) 984-9641



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DECEMBER AUCTION FOR THE SUNSHINE KIDS

Nancy Sarff - Event Coordinator



December 9, 2002... The date of our December meeting, Space City will continue our tradition of holding a silent and live auction to benefit **The Sunshine Kids**. In the past years, our members have been very generous in donating items, activities, parties, and even themselves to auction at this special fund-raiser. The bidding is quite lively and a fun time is had by both bidders and donors! If you are a new member or someone who hasn't donated before – we need your involvement as a donor or a volunteer.

IDEAS FOR DONATIONS ARE:

- Dinners, brunches, or appetizer parties for 2 or more (this is a lot of fun for a group of friends to give)
- A day or weekend at the lake or beach (for those who have boats or weekend houses)
- Dinner or lunch at a favorite restaurant
- tickets to entertainment or sporting events
- A special motorcycle ride
- Sweets! Homemade cookies, candy, cheesecakes, etc are always extremely popular
- Services like manicures & pedicures, spa packages, or car detailing, etc.
- A gift basket of wine/cheese, etc.
- Items for Christmas gifts or decorations
- Any (new) sports equipment

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Set up silent auction tables at the December meeting
- Assist with the collection of payments at the end of the auction

Give me a call at (H) 713-862-3006. Help us help **The Sunshine Kids**!

The Sunshine Kids is a non-profit, volunteer organization based in Houston and dedicated

- to providing positive activities for children confronted with cancer, and
- to add quality of life to a child who is seriously ill and give support, when needed, to each member of the family.

SCSC has raised funds to help this organization since 1995, and has raised over \$50,000 over the years to make a difference in the lives of these children and their families.

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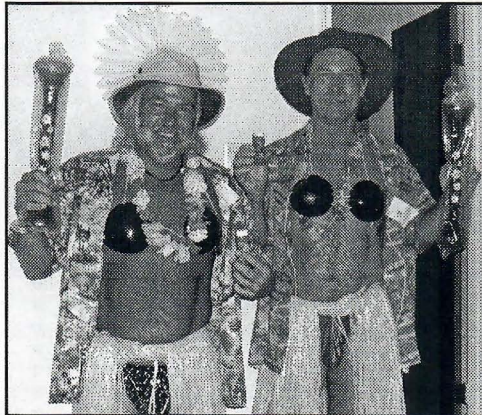


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With Hurricane Isidore moving up through Louisiana, and a week before Hurricane Lili came in, the Beach Bash 2002 was blessed with beautiful weather. Several



arrived early on Fri and spent some time on the beach, in the water, and on kayaks. As the masses arrived in the evening, groups headed out to dinner. After dinner, the tattoo parlor was opened, complete with neon TATTOO sign. There were many people tattooed in many places. This is always a great ice breaker / introduction party.

Saturday morning had Jerry Sadler preparing a gourmet breakfast for 40. Not a bad way to start off a

beautiful morning. After breakfast, 8 people headed off to the high school for a couple of hours of tennis. Meanwhile, the volleyball net was set up for afternoon activities. We had a couple of teams attempting the water balloon toss over the volleyball net with sheets. It's hard to explain... you just had to be there. It was wild.

After a quick beer break, the real volleyball games started. We did pretty good for no-talent players. Everyone had fun and that's all that mattered.

Next, some headed back the water to cool down, while others got card and dominoes games going that seemed to last the rest of the weekend.

Just before dinner, we organized the (hopefully) first annual wet tshirt contest. We had 8 contestants. They were all winners – as were those that watched. The names are withheld to protect the “innocent”.

Gary and Sharon Sequeria proceeded to prepare the Cajun shrimp boil dinner and it was great as usual. Gary did not renew his relationship with Jose Cuervo until dinner was pretty much over.

After dinner came the best hula / Hawaiian costume contest. The 2 guys in hula skirts, Hawaiian shirts,

coconut bras, and thongs were the hands down winners.

Again, the names are withheld to protect the “innocent”, as well as the names of the ladies that kept unwrapping the hula skirts. Honorable mention goes to the talents of Mary Kay Kitchens in her performance.

Most headed down to the beach to sit around the fire. Sex on the Beach was provided in ample supply to all interested.

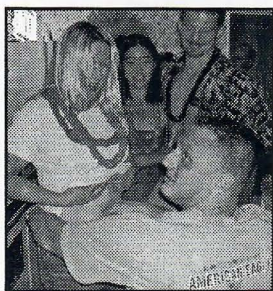
Sunday morning saw some up early and leaving, while others didn't seem to want to get up at all. We closed down the last house at 4:00, leaving some of the card players still at it under the beach house.

Special thanks to:

- * Gary & Sharon Sequeria - Cajun Shrimp boil
- * Jerry Sadler – Gourmet breakfast
- * Susan Wicker – Sex on the Beach & Jello Shots
- * Steve Meyer - 2 kayaks
- * John Smith – Fire wood galore
- * Curtis Smith, Jennifer, Samantha Davidson, Neil Fruge – Just for

making our group's average age drop.

- * Christine – Bringing the karaoke machine (even though we did not get around to using it)
- * Laura Irwin – Omelet preparation on Sunday
- * All the ladies that entered the wet tshirt contest.
- * Everyone that entered the hula contest
- * Everyone who helped with all the little things to keep things running smoothly with few complaints.

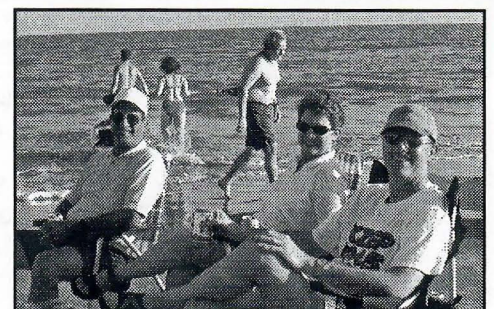
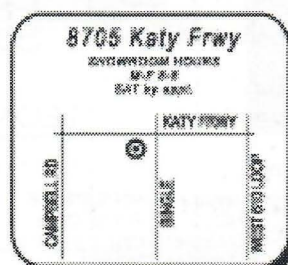


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Singing in the rain! That is what a visit to the Renaissance Festival might be titled this year. How unfortunate that this wonderful event each fall amidst the beautiful woods northwest of Houston has suffered through heavy rains during many of its weekends this year. Jason McCanna, Activity Coordinator, led a hardy group of SCSC Adventurers who arose early on Nov. 2 with hopes of good weather. Pool car drivers Patti Maudsley & Penny Chancey met Jim Hendrix, Rachelle, John, Christina, Dave & Roger Holzman at the NW Mall for the drive to the wooded countryside. Christina at once left the group for her coffee fix. Many of s headed to the first of many live stages to enjoy the offbeat Entertainers. Then to the arena for the jousting & the crazy mideaval games enacted by the Scots defeating the bawdy Brits & Welsh. We were amused by the very "raw" Announcers' descriptions of the proceedings. The grounds abound with Lords & Ladies in full mideaval & interesting garb. Uplifted breasts were everywhere, which Tor Liling found enticing. Awesome sites! Jim set the record for hitting on many of the large-breasted lasses to enjoy "meaningful dialogue". Patti & John met the roving & beautifully-garbed French King, SCSC's own Mitch Gaspard. Mitch has worked at the festival for many years. This place is a shopper's mecca. Dave & Roger patiently followed Penny browsing many of the unique shops. She needed check every ceramic & wool scarf meticulously before finding the perfect one to purchase. Then in an instant she decides that she must have the most expensive caped wool coat as it matches the scarf. Rachelle found the perfect tiara. Roving entertainers were everywhere, & a delight. But then the rains returned. Poncho venders did big business. But all of us had a delightful experience at this very elaborate & unusual event.

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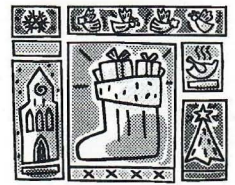
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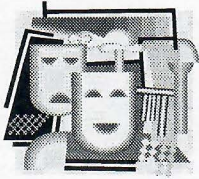
HALLOWEEN PARTY OCTOBER 26, 2002

Ron Hayes/Judy Shiro, Activity Coordinator

It was a warm, windy, dark, goulish, and very rainy night, but eighteen of our scariest showed up for the Halloween party hosted by Ketchup Man (**Ron Hayes**) and Mustard Woman (**Judy Shiro**). **Ellen Eastham** and her "wrecking crew" (i.e., her three daughters) came early to help with the decorations (Thank You for all your help). Ellen then went home, but a Medieval Princess looking much like her later showed up at the party. The rain didn't stop Dr. Dread (**Joe Walker**) and Miss Kitty (**Linda Beebe**), as they were the first to arrive. The Black Widow (**Dawn Rodriguez**) and her wonderfully out of shape Overweight Stripper (**Ron Rodriguez**), along with Medusa (**Dawn Edwards**), helped to get the party started. The Exorcist (**Alex Azzo**) brought his Sister with a Bad Habit (**Judy Azzo**). A second Medieval Princess (**Patti Maudslay**) brought along a Olympic OverSight Committee Member (**John Tulloss**). John spent most of the night trying, unsuccessfully, to get more bribes for his pockets

while staying out of the rain. A Black Widow SpiderWoman (**Laura Carmin**) brought her Priest (**Larry Lonabottom**) along. Also in attendance was Leopard Woman (**Diane Baker**) and Oriental Warrior (**Ross Baker**). A very inventive snowmountain (**Penny Chancey**), complete with the different runs, got several of us in the mood for skiing. A Gypsy (**Christina Anderson**), Indian (**David Cone**), and a Mardi Gras Reveler (**Anna Marie McDonald**) rounded out the costumed set and added to the evening's fun. Even Sophie the dog got into the act and came as a Beggar -- after all, that's what she does best. We all did the karaoke thing and ate too much of the wonderful food that was provided (thank you Joe for the beans....they were superb!). With the rain, the planned games were forgotten, as they were scheduled for outside. So the game prizes became door prizes, and everyone went home with a hostess gift. It was a fun night and a good time was had by all. Did I mention the rain?





On Friday, October 25th, almost 30 SCSCers enjoyed an evening filled with laughter as we watched the comedy play *"Rough Night at the Remo Room"* at the Radio Music Theatre (RMT). Diane and Dave Stotz helped hold tables for some of us that got a bite to eat first at Café Express. They were soon joined by Donna Hahus, Marsha Lutz, Mary Craft, Linda Bwalden, John Palincsar, and Karyl Lawson. More tables were added for Vicki Faulkner, Billie Nowak, James Byars, Patti Maudslay, Rebecca Stuart, John Tulloss and others. Ladye Freitag came by briefly after an exhaustive shopping spree. We walked over to the theatre and tried to get as many of our group seated together as we could. Others that joined us at the theatre included Lotti Gautschi, Glen and Ganul Youngblood, Marianne Pearce, Howard

Schoenike, Suzie Staats. We were worried that Jeff and Debbie Warren might miss the fun, but they have been to several shows here and did make it just in time. They wouldn't miss the hilarious antics of Lou, Gwendolyn, Doc or the other dozen or more characters (played by only 3 actors!) associated with the Fertle Family. This time the Fertles and Dumpster, Texas had to fight off big city crime, as outsiders came to town with a new, fancy bar that threatened the livelihood of two local favorite bars that employed many of the characters!

Marsha asked Steve Farrell (one of the 3 actors) if he could mention SCSC at the end. Not only did he do that, but Doc threw in the name 3 or 4 times – you just had to catch it with his extremely thick Cajun accent!

Afterwards, a few of us joined Walter and Cheryl May for a few more laughs, along with more food and drink, at Guadalajara. Peggy Schillinger and Gary Barrett opted for something sweet at The Dessert Gallery. The fun just kept on going! For those interested – the next show at RMT is *"The Fertle Family Christmas"* which is even funnier than the Remo Room!



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- You may have volunteered on a trip or activity ...
- You may be a past officer ...
- You may be a current officer ...

We need your enthusiasm and experience!

Stop by the Nominating Committee table at the monthly meeting, or call/e-mail one of us to discuss and learn more about the offices. Volunteer yourself, or let us know someone you think would make a great officer for SCSC. Better yet, fill out the Application Form in this issue of the Sitzmarke. Either way, let us hear from you!

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This year SNOWFEST received the support of many new and existing member volunteers. Thank you all! Your time volunteered is very appreciated. We all helped each other and it was a success. Some volunteers even helped me work 2 days- Joe Daleo, Julie and Bill Raley, Gary Butler and Penny Chancey.

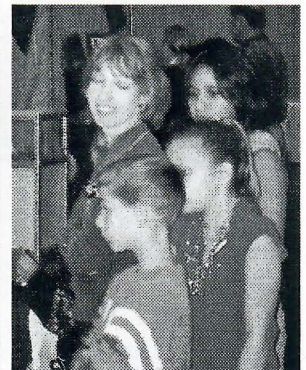
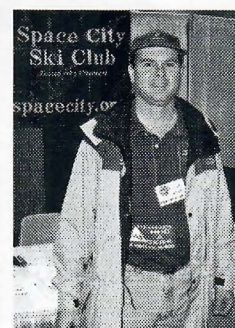
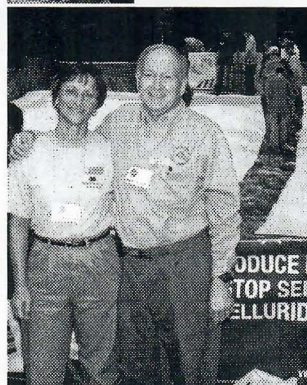
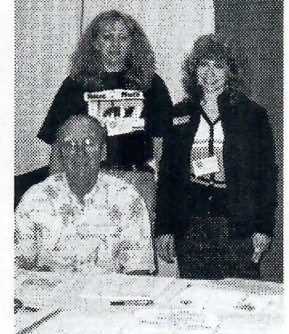
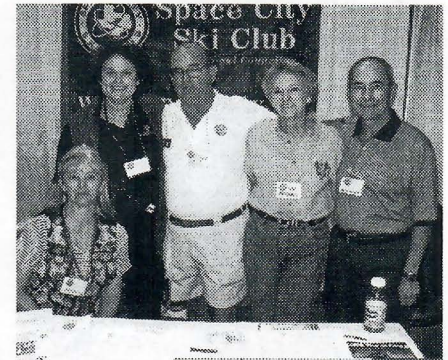
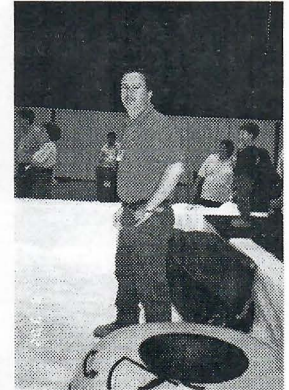
Great Group of Volunteers: Jose Araujo, Bruce Baird, Gary Barrett, Susan Blome, Sue Bohnert, Bill Bomberger, Charles Butler, Gary Butler, Craig Campbell, Penny Chaney, Mike Dawson, Joe Daleo, Ellen Eastham, Jim Edwards, David L. George, Lori Gilliland, Yvonne Guy and daughter, Jonie Richardson, Richard Hall, Mary Ann Harrell, Ron Hayes, Jessica Halter and Kathy (daughter), Bob Horan, Tor Leling, Jason McKenna, Jerry Montgomery, Mike Montgomery, Nora Montgomery, Cindy Moore, Melanie Morin, Sean O'Brien, Joanie Osbourn, Dan Petersen, Janelle Peyton, Julie Davis-Raley, Bill Raley, Pat Reinhardt, Bob Rexford, Brenda Rodriguez, Dawn Rodriguez, Ron Rodriguez, Sue Salvage, Judy Schirol, Sharon Smith, Merrel Smith, Jill St. Clair, Jimmy St. Clair, Diane Stotz, Marti Toomer, Anneliese Unterharnscheidt, Manolo Valle and Brett Woody.

Channel 11 Coverage on SCSC at Snowfest: Channel 11 news team interviewed Sue Bohnert; Lori Gilliland; Cindy Moore and Melanie Morin.

Thank you, Angie Hibbs, Events Marketing & Management, for coordinating a FREE and Houston Chronicle sponsored booth for SCSC at Snowfest.

Thank you, Paul Swenson with Vail Sport Tours Groups. They brought SCSC a FREE keg of beer to November 12 meeting.

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"The only persons eligible to hold office shall be members in good standing as of the date of the Annual Meeting, and who were active members in the preceding membership year. The Nominee for President shall have been, or shall currently be, an elective officer of Space City Ski Club who has served a minimum six months term of office at time of nomination as President."

This includes YOU ! If you have always wondered why SCSC does things the way it does or that maybe, just maybe, YOU could do it better, NOW is your chance to make a significant contribution to YOUR club. The following briefly describes the basic responsibilities of each office:

PRESIDENT:	principle executive officer of the club
VP- PROGRAMS:	coordinates all club programs and non-ski activities
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All officers are allowed volunteers for assistance!

If you are serious about becoming involved in club management and policymaking, ask yourself:

- * Am I self motivated?
- * Am I enthusiastic about the club and the office?
- * Do I feel I have the ability to motivate and coordinate others toward a common goal?
- * Do I have any experience I can offer the club?
- * Am I willing (and able) for a two-year commitment (1) Officer, (2) Board of Directors?
- * Am I willing (and able) to devote twenty plus hours a month to being an officer?

If you feel you can honestly answer yes to these questions, then you are officer material. Now is your opportunity to really make a difference for your club!

Nominating Committee

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