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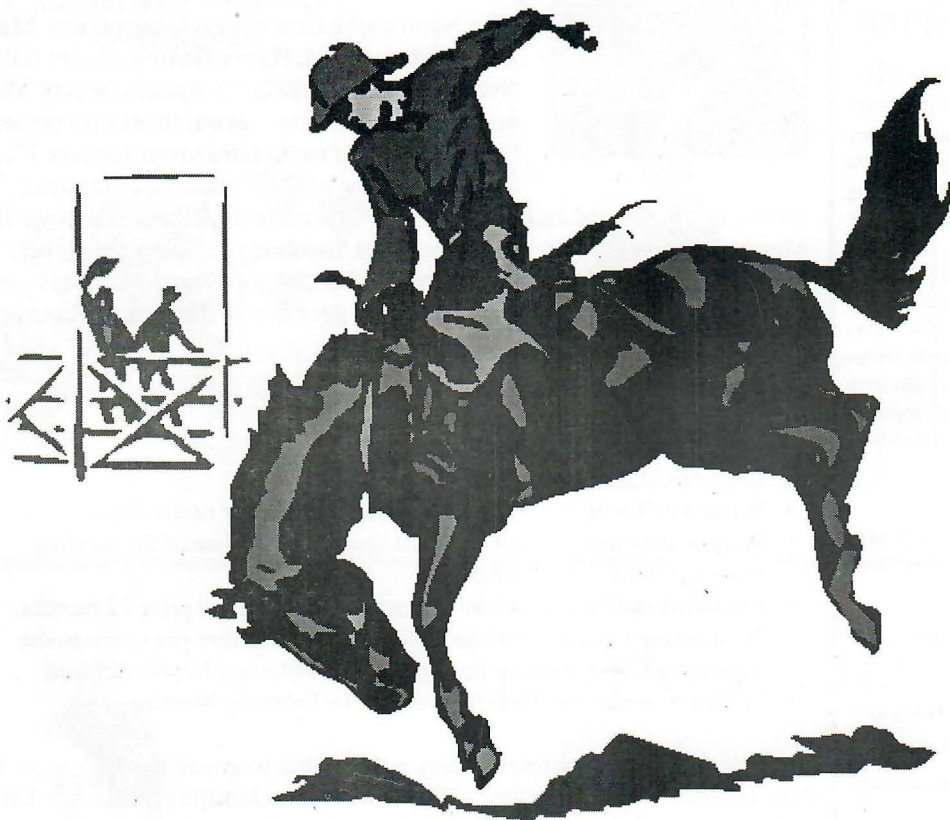
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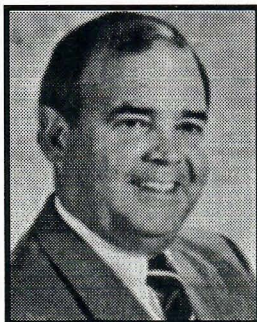
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Head of the Lifeline

by Richard Hall



Happy Valentine's Day! Guys, be sure to get your Valentines flowers and tell them how much they mean to you. It doesn't have to be your significant other. It can be mom & sis too. I sure couldn't get along without mine.

The Nominating Committee: Chairperson, **Marsha Lutz**, and members, **Harry Gaston, Bruce Kilgore, Nolan Badeaux, Craig Campbell, Marty Matras and Pam Smith**, deserves our thanks for presenting their selection of candidates to our January 17, 2000 Special Meeting of the Executive Committee. Their

names are published in this issue. All our current officers and other Board Members will do their best to help the incoming officers learn their jobs. Thanks to my predecessor, **Merrel Smith**, all the Board Members and my fellow officers this year for your help and good work. There is no management tool that this club does not give its officers.

Elections

Article 4 of the Bylaws provides in part for:

- Elections at the March Annual Meeting,-
- Written ballot unless there is only one nominee for each office,
- Written absentee votes of trip participants on the date of the meeting if received the Saturday before,
- Eligibility only for members in good standing for the prior 12 months,
- Nominating Committee Report of only one candidate per office to the Executive Committee for inclusion in the February Newsletter, and
- Further nominations from the floor at the February Meeting.

Speaking of Volunteers! They will be able to attend the Volunteer Party this summer. All out-going officers will be submitting volunteer lists for publication in the April Sitzmarke. It is not too late to volunteer. Sign up and give someone else the benefit of your time. It will make you feel good.

Rodeo time is coming up. Get those duds out of the closet, shake'm out and buff'm up. The Rodeo Cookoff has become one of my favorite events. It's nice to see the Good Time Cookers whooping it up and cooking good BBQ. Strolling through the Live Stock Show is fun too. The first week is professional exhibitors and the second is the kids from 4-H & FFA. Wolfiing down that good grub from the concession stands is great. The midway can be fun. This year the Tilt-a-Whirl will be my choice for a ride.

The HH Dance Lessons at the Melody Club were fun. 75% of the people there got up to learn the dance steps. It was fun to talk and dance with new people. The swing is a lot like the Jitterbug. The steps are interchangeable. There are some wild and crazy dancers in this club. **Millie Cagle** was there pushing the cruise trip. We discovered some mutual friends in our pasts.

See you the February 17th HH at the Toc Bar or the February 21st General Meeting!

Happy Valentine's Day

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SCSC Activity

February Happy Hour

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CALENDAR

February

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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February

- 1/29-2/6 Soll
- 5-12 Mammoth
- 12-19 Winter Park
- 17 Happy Hour - Toc Bar
- 18 Rodeo
- 19-26 Telluride
- 21 General Meeting
- 26-3/4 Steamboat

March

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March

- 3 Houston Aeros
- 4-11 Banff/Lake Louise
- 11 Cleopatra
- 11-18 Sun Valley
- 13 General Meeting
- 23 Happy Hour - Max s 2001
- 24-28 The Canyons

April

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April

- 1 Houston Rockets
- 10 General Meeting
- 20 Happy Hour



Welcome, February! As you read this, the Snowmass and Vail trips will have become memories and the Soll trip will be on its way back. We ll have four more exciting trips leaving this month. As for myself, I can t believe that this year s ski season is already at its mid-point. Time flies when you are having fun.

Speaking of fun and of February, which by the way is the Valentine month, reminds me of when I began my love affair with the sport of skiing. Bear in mind that it was in February a long time ago. Clueless, I took a group lesson. The instructor told me to put on my skis, which I did on an incline and promptly slid backward, all the way down the hill. Back then, control was non-existent. I would go careening down the hill at break-neck speed in the best and biggest snow-plow you ever saw. It was exhilarating then living on the edge even if it was the snow-plower s edge! Fortunately, I was able to connect with the ski club. Through the club I was able to meet and learn from better skiers until gradually I became the skier I am today. Of course, I am still waiting for the old age handicap and possibly that race metal in my future. Back in those days, I never dreamed that one-day I would become VP of Trips of the biggest and best ski club in Texas.

I like to think that right now there is someone new out there in a snow-plow who will become a future VP of Trips. This is how our legacy carries onward. I am reminded of this when I speak with long time club members such as **Frank Reisenberg** and **Pat McLaughlin**. For thirty-five years now SCSC has written its history in this manner. Continuation of this ski history is dependent upon volunteers. It is a simple fact that if we have no volunteers for TCs and ATCs we have no trips.

If you think you might be interested in leading a trip for the 2000/2001 season, now is the time to step forward. *The only requirements are that you have been a member in good standing for the preceding twelve months and that you have participated in at least one SCSC ski trip.* Feel free to talk to me about the challenges and rewards of leading a trip or your ideas about great new places to go skiing. Don t be shy. Volunteer!!

Traditionally, the VP of Trips and DOTs learns the trade by moving up through the ranks of trip leaders and thus our bright skiing future is assured by each successive year of trip leaders. We choose from an outstanding pool of volunteers. Will one of those volunteers be you?

Directors of Trips (DOTS)

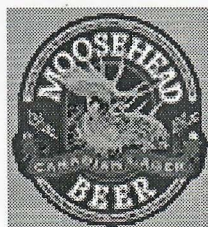


Jane Orr



Arlen Isham

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Your help is needed!!

We are looking for an Activity Coordinator for the SCSC Follies

Here is your chance to get involved with the club. The Follies has always been a fun activity and takes place at the last meeting before summer.

Contact Stacey Ronczy - 713-861-6470

We need volunteers to work on the Volunteer Party!

Yes, SCSC does reward you for all your hard work during the year. The party (for anyone who volunteers their time) is usually in May or June. Here is your opportunity to get involved with the club.

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Meetings:

February 21, 2000

March 13, 2000

April 10, 2000

May 8, 2000

No Summer Meetings

September 11, 2000

October 9, 2000

November 13, 2000

December 11, 2000

January 15, 2001

Happy Hours:

February 17, 2000

March 23, 2000

April 20, 2000

May 18, 2000

June 16, 2000

July 20, 2000

August 17, 2000

September 21, 2000

October 26, 2000

November 18, 2000

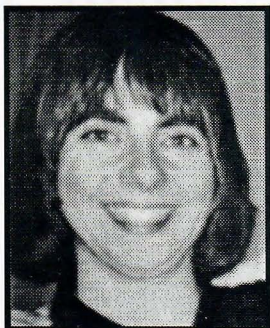
December 21, 2000

January 19, 2001

Subject to change, check your Sitzmarks Monthly

V. P. Programs

by Stacey Ronczy



Stacey Ronczy

Happy Valentine's Day and YEEEEHAAAA! We have Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo tickets for opening night! Hurry and call Cheryl May and she will tell you if you are lucky enough to get seats in the Space City Ski Club section. I know very few people actually read this article, but the first person that comes up to me at the meeting and says they read my article and can tell me the secret word (snowboard) will receive a door prize. TTFN (Ta Ta For Now)



Kim Page

Kudos to:

Bob Horan - Houston Marathon Volunteers
Phil Cezeaux - Main Street Theatre - Jubilee (Cole Porter)

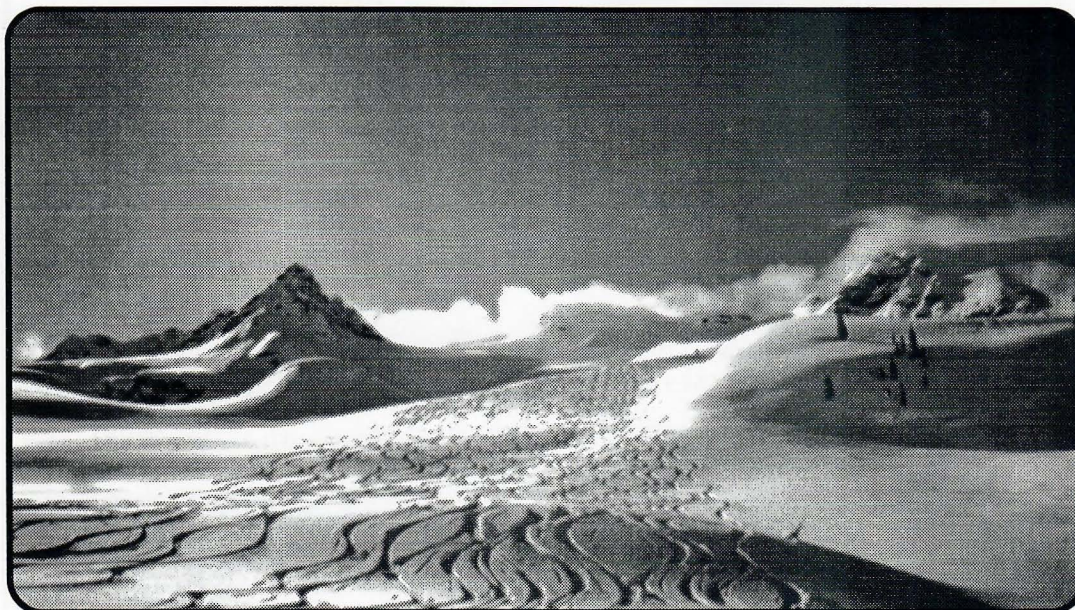
Upcoming activities:

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo - Opening Night, February 18, 2000 - Cheryl May
Houston Aeros Hockey - March 3, 2000 - Anita Suson
Houston Ballet's Premier of "Cleopatra" - March 11, 2000 - Kay McKeough
Houston Rockets Basketball - April 1, 2000 - Joanne Fore
Golf Tournament - May 13, 2000 - Margaret Johnson
Caribbean Cruise - June 25 - July 2, 2000 Leave Port of Houston - Garry Schoonover and Millie Cagle

Thank You

To all our friends on Snowmass I, II, and III, thank you for your concern, sympathy, and help after my injury. It made what could have been a dissappointing trip a pleasure

J.R. Ronczy



**LET'S
GO
SKIING!!**



Space City Ski Club 1999 / 2000 Trip Schedule (as of 1/17/2000)

Trip Dates	Nights/ Ski Days	Trip Destination	Cost (See Notes)	Final Payment	Lodging	No. Skiers	Status/ Wait List	TC/ATC (DOT)	Home Phone
Feb 5-12, 2000 (Sat-Sat)	7 / 6	MAMMOTH California	\$718.	11/20/99	Sierra Park Villas (condo)	25	25	Mike Dawson Karla Darden (ARI)	281-438-5428 409-851-2829
Feb 12-19, 2000 (Sat.-Sat.)	7 / 6	WINTER PARK Colorado (TSC Winter Shootout)	\$735.	11/08/99	Hi Country Haus (condo)	32 (44)	28	Patti Maudslay Geoffrey Eastham (ARI)	713-532-1610 281-499-2752
Feb. 19-26, 2000 (Sat.-Sat.)	7 / 6	TELLURIDE Colorado	\$857	11/08/99	Boomerang/ The Plunge (condo)	32 (44)	42	Diane Stotz Jessica Halter (JIO)	713-862-9486 281-364-9972
Feb. 26-Mar 4, 2000 (Sat.-Sat.)	7 / 7	STEAMBOAT Colorado	\$807	12/11/99	Timber Run (condo)	32 (44)	44	Angie Westergren Roger Sahni (JIO)	713-266-5523 281-493-4414
Mar 4-11, 2000 (Sat.-Sat.)	7 / 6	BANFF/LAKE LOUISE Canada	\$937. L \$637.	1/04/00	Chateau Lake Louise & Banff Springs Hotels	32 (44) L - 8	62 WL 4 L - 8 WL 5	Dorann Valka Judy Katany Steven Teoh (ARI)	713-782-0871 713-864-7531
Mar 11-18, 2000 (Sat.-Sat.)	7 / 6	SUN VALLEY Idaho (TSC Final Showdown)	\$783. *L\$378	12/13/99	Elkhorn Resort (hotel)	32 L - 6	44 WL 5 L - 6 WL - 2	Jerry Montgomery Mary Simpson (ARI)	281-437-5467 713-436-0957
Mar 24-28, 2000 (Fri - Tues)	4 / 3	THE CANYONS Utah	\$599.	1/19/00	Sundial (hotel/condo)	32	22	Gary Sequeira Christine Redfield (JIO)	281-955-2336 713-464-1898
Aug 19-29, 2000 (Sat-Tues)	7 / 6	BARILOCHE Argentina South America	\$1927.	4/1/00	Pan Americano Hotel	32 (42)	48 WL 10	Deborah Christie Lynda Henry (ARI)	713-802-9801 713-956-0853

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Only six land packages are available on Sun Valley trip. Number in () is possible trip participant expansion size

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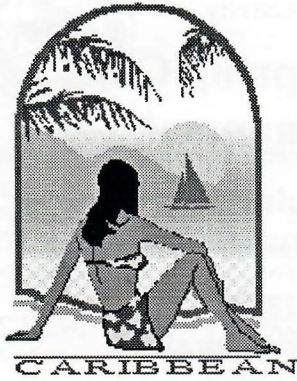
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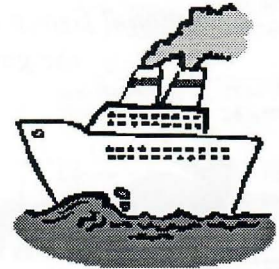
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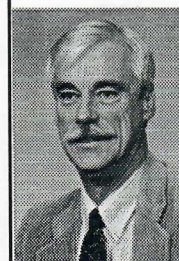
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NOMINEES FOR 2000-2001 OFFICERS

The Space City Ski Club Nominating Committee has been working hard to fulfill the task of selecting a good slate of candidates for next year's officers. We would like to place into nomination the following members to serve as SCSC's officers for 2000-2001:

President: **Stacey Ronczy**
VP Programs: **Joe Walker**
VP Trips: **Jane Orr**
VP Membership: **Mike Montgomery**
VP Publications: **Charles Butler**
Secretary: **Nora Montgomery**
Treasurer: **Marvin Volz**

Many thanks to all of the members who volunteered to be officers. Serving on the Nominating Committee is truly an eye opening experience. Finding members who are willing and able to manage a large volunteer organization is more complicated than most people think. The Nominating Committee first solicits volunteers and then actively recruits potentially qualified club members to become officers. Then we have to choose only seven from the many whom put their name in for consideration. This is not an easy task! Some of the criteria that we looked for included:

- Time available
- Business experience
- Previous contributions to the club
- Creativity
- Enthusiasm (active in the Club)
- Accessibility (located in the Houston vicinity)
- Stability (risk of relocation)
- Balance among officers (male/female)
- Teamwork (complementary leaders)
- Other relevant volunteer experience outside of SCSC

After many interviews, the Nominating Committee believes the above slate represents an energetic, talented team of people who will work well together and be a real asset to Space City Ski Club. The slate of officers will be presented at the February General Meeting at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor (with the consent of the nominee) per By-Law 4.5, found in your SCSC directory. All officer nominees need to prepare a brief biography and submit it to Darlene Hirasaki by February 15 for inclusion in the March Sitzmarke. Elections will be held at the March General Meeting.

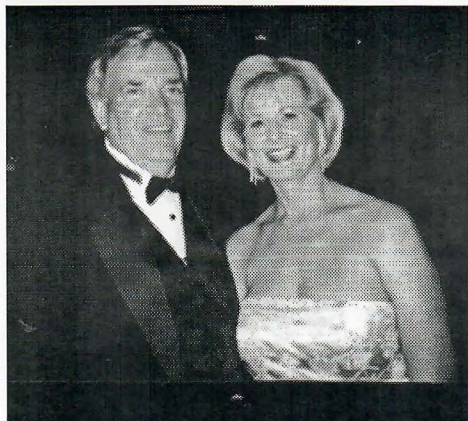
Respectively Submitted,

SCSC Nominating Committee
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Nolan Badeaux
Craig Campbell
Harry Gaston
Bruce Kilgore
Marty Matras
Pam Smith



Christmas Gala

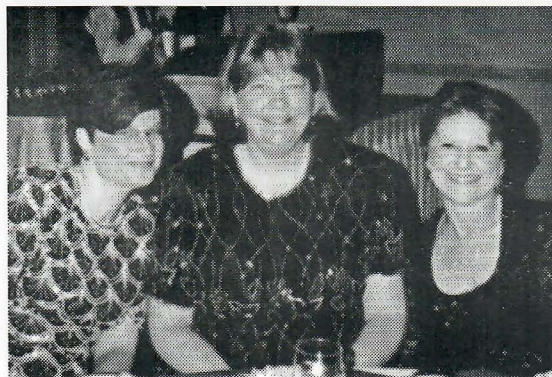
by Claire Finn



Over 200 members and guests of the Space City Ski Club rang in the 1999 holiday season with a gala at the Briar Club on Friday, December 3rd! The evening started out with a delicious buffet dinner after which time everyone kicked up their heels, cut a rug and just generally danced the night away to the tunes of



Easy Money. There are many talented dancers in the ski club. At one point, some group members (Sean O'Brien, Steve Amy, Ann Odegard, Jim Edwards, Steven Teoh, Kathleen Fowler, Claire Finn, Concietta Ruggerio, Jeff Warren, Debbie Warren, Eric Wright and Rita Wright, to mention a few) were spotted exhibiting their line-dancing techniques to the



Harlem Shuffle. **Ellen Manhard** served as one of the designated photographers for the party.

Serving as Master and Mistress of Ceremony and creative forces behind the



fun games that were played at the party were **Joe Walker** and **Cindy Moore**. They introduced their game "Human Scavenger Hunt" to the revelers. This game required that people find a member



of the opposite sex to answer a question on their game card. Many intimate and important details of our fellow members' lives were revealed this night! For example, who has a freckle on their derriere, who likes to suck toes and who



has been ill on an airplane (**Steven Teoh**, do you carry Dramamine when you fly?). This game provided a great opportunity for mingling and meeting different folks and getting to know some fun things about them! Once you had your card filled up you then dropped it in a bowl for drawings for door prizes. It was discovered that **Sue Salvage** french-



Christmas Gala

by Claire Finn



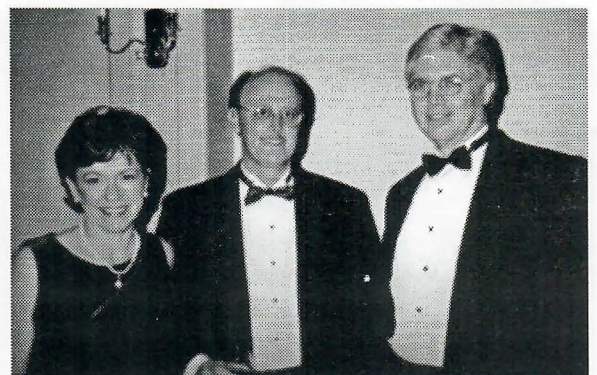
kissed before the age of 14 and gave a demonstration to **Joe Walker**! We also found out that a lot of male ski club members claim to be members of the Mile High Club! **Jack Miller** can touch his tongue to his nose, **Linda Beebe** has held a snake, **Rosemary Russell** likes to have her toes sucked, **Gene Soo** and **Jeff Warren** have parachuted, **Helen Jones** has owned a hamster, and **Nelson Turner** has spent the night in a cave. So much talent in one room!

Karen Mozisek volunteered her time to assist **Steven Teoh** in shopping for many lovely prizes, including a Fitz & Floyd Christmas candle holder, a set of four Lenox wine glasses, wine baskets, Rockets tickets, and a Waterford crystal ring holder, just to mention a few. Many thanks to Sun & Ski Sports for graciously donating two gift certificates as door prizes. **Warren Schroder** won a Dust Devil cordless vacuum cleaner and volunteered to come and clean homes of the female members of the club! Way to go Warren – do you do windows? **Stan Broniak** was the lucky recipient of a Massaging Foot Spa. Other lucky winners included **Gary Kuchcinski**, **Jennifer Schroder**, **Jeri Wilson**, **Jeanette Perini** and **Jeri Hartman**, and **Ed Cain** who won a boom box!

Everyone at the party had a great time and all looked lovely in their holiday attire. A former member of the club, **Lucretia Nelson**, flew in from Alabama to attend the party! **Mary Kay Kitchens** and **Bill Simmons** had the distinct honor of being the first to sign up for the gala!

Thanks to The Briar Club for a delicious dinner and gourmet desserts and to Easy Money for the great musical entertainment. Also thanks to **Tory Williams**, **Julia Moselle** and **P. Nguyen** for the great job they did tending the ticket table!

Pictures of the party are available on-line at www.photoisland.com. To view the photos, log in as Guest, type in Username which is gala99, and the password which is SCSC. Here are some comments made by some members after viewing the pictures on-line: **Nancy and Jeff Sarff** commented “great pictures; thanks for helping us create more SCSC memories.” **Bruce Kilgore**’s comments “very good pictures and images of a good time by all”. **Pam Smith** “Steven, as always.....you did a wonderful job ——enjoyed the photos.” **Bobby Miller** said “cool”!



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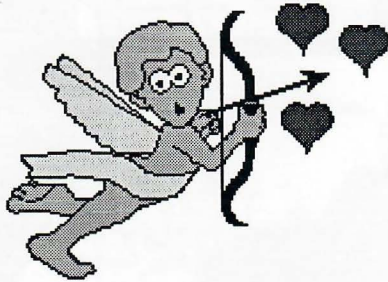
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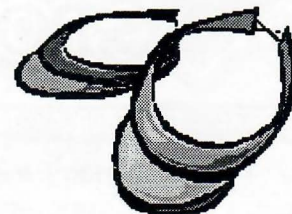


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