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The SitzMarke SPACE CITY SKI CLUB JULY, 1987

DON'T FORGET THE SUMMER BASH! JULY 25 SIGN-UP DEADLINE JULY 20



HEAD OF THE LIFTLINE

by Bill Kirk

A reminder on a couple of activities: the **Summer Bash**, which promises to be the best yet. Final payment is July 20th. Call **Glynnda Addicks** (see article). Do you like to solve mysteries? A night at the Sleepy Hollow Tavern/Restaurant is planned to solve a "**Murder**" committed by one of our SCSC members on August 19th (see article). Full payment is due NOW to hold your reservation. The Windsurfing on June 6th at Mudd Lake had a good turnout and another outing is scheduled some time in August. Watch for the article.

Are you receiving your *Sitzmarke?* Did you send in your dues? Did you send a notice to **Joe Murphy** (VP Membership) on a change of address? The *Sitzmarke* is mailed at bulk rate to conserve costs and sometimes is not forwarded by the Post Office. Give Joe a call if you're having a problem. All dues are now considered as new applicants. Please submit the correct amount: single \$25.00, couples \$35.00. Joe tells me we are at 804 members. That's about 200 more than at this time last year. Keep up the good work and get your friends to join.

Your VP Trips **Pam Holder** has found the merger of Western and Delta, resulted in a reduction of the number of flights to Colorado, quite a challenge. The **DOTS**, **Ray** and **Cheryl** are working with their assigned trips to prepare for budget approval this month. (See trips.) The Texas Ski Council slate of officers for 1987-88 were elected in May. Congratulations to two members of Space City Ski Club: **Dick Howard** -VP Marketing and **John Cook** - VP Traditional (*Texas Ski Week*). (See TSC Rep. report.)

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Remember to keep in shape; do some kind of exercise each day to keep in shape for skiing. See you at the **Bash.**

SCSC PERSONALS

MARRIAGES:

- Feb. 14 Flo Prince and Don Molgaard
- April 11 Kay Rainey and Rawley Outlaw
 May 20
- Laurie Brux and Mike West Ronnah Anderson and Aubry Passafuma
- June 6

Debbie Starnes and David Lindsey

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

On August 3, Tracy Houge, daughter of SCSC member Cheryl Houge, will compete for the title of Miss Texas USA. Tracy is currently "Miss Bay Area."

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Send items of interest to: Ann Batten 13415 Garden Grove, Houston, TX 77082.



This month's cover shows Bruce Maughs doing a graceful (?) volleyball leap at the '86 Bash. Join us this year on July 25th. ed.

ANY PROBLEM WITH SITZ-MARKE DELIVERY? If you have moved, or are having difficulty with the mail delivery of the SITZMARKE drop me a note so that we can help clear up any problem. Thanks! Bob Wilbanks

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JULY

- 12 Executive Meeting
- **13 NO MEETING IN JULY**
- 16 Happy Hour Studebaker's
- 22-23 Trip Budget Meetings
 - 25 Summer Bash

AUGUST

- 2 Windsurf Lessons
- 9 Executive Meeting
- **19** Mystery Dinner
- 20 Happy Hour
- 26 TC/ATC Poster Meeting
- 28 Country & Western Nite

SEPTEMBER

- **14 GENERAL MEETING -Trip Sign-Up**
- 20 Board Meeting
- 25-27 Campout

SCSC PERSONALS

- Marriages • New Arrivals
 - Awards
 - Items of Interest

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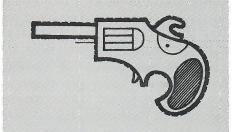
HAPPY HOUR July 16 - 5:00-8:00 p.m. Studebaker's



SUMMER BASH Our Premier Summer Event! July 25 - See page 7 for details



WINDSURF II August 2 See Bill Vasen for details



MYSTERY DINNER August 19 See Bob Frazier for details



COUNTRY & WESTERN NITE August 28 See page 14 for details



NEW ORLEANS JAZZ AND HERITAGE FESTIVAL

by Jeff Bogran

New Orleans will never be the same. Would you believe 80°, clear blue sky, and all the music and food you could want? Well, OK, maybe three or four times a year, but you get the picture. In for two nights and two days of "the good stuff," we arrive at N. O. Airport where everything goes smoothly except for our intrepid leader forgetting his luggage. No problem. Who would want his clothes? They were delivered to the hotel that night. After check-in at the hotel (about 11:30 p.m. - perfect timing for the French Quarter), Bourbon Street beckons. It was every man/woman for himself /herself the next day after a picturesque bus ride to the New Orleans Fairgrounds; the Festival begins. Picture this: 10 stages offering jazz, rhythm and blues, gospel, country, African and Reggae music. 3,000 musicians will play over two weekends.

This weekend, April 25-26, featured artists like Carl Perkins, Johnny Rivers, Clifton Chenier, Gatemouth Brown, John Fred & The Playboys, Deacon John, Bahamas Junkanoo Revue, Samaroo Jets of Trinidad (Yea, Man!), Santiago, and the Brubeck/LaVerne Trio to name but a few. The food: multiple food tents offering over 90 examples of New Orleans quisine like file gumbo, red beans and rice, BBQ'd alligator and cochon de lait. The harder it was to say, the better it tasted! After all the food and music a body could stand, it was back to the hotel to freshen up for the Riverboat/Jazz experience featuring none other than Kenny-G Hitsong (Song bird) and Spyro Gyra. After a few cocktails at the Sweet Pepper Grill in the Riverwalk Galleria, it was bon voyage on the Riverboat President. We thought we would never leave dockside, but by the third drink and Kenny-G's second set, we were off and what a concert! Not great seats, but very convenient to the bar. Priorities!

Next we dined at Mike Andersons, a restaurant on Bourbon Street (another priority) and then on to the famous Pat O'Brien's for seven or eight drinks (see picture) and soak up some ambiance. Next it was cruising the Quarter, ending up at Cafe-Dumond for beignets and cafe-ole. Back to the hotel and no early wake up calls, please! Sunday dawned (late) and the group split up, half going shopping at the Riverwalk, half trolley car'ing to the garden district for some Bloody Marys and Champagne Brunch. We met back at the Marriott for luggage and a little trouble at the Airport (they sold 285 seats for a 140-seat airplane -ooopps!) and we were winging it back and heading for, as far as we could tell, a little rest.





FROM THE SKI DESK

by Pam Holder

For those of you who have been following along with the continuing saga of trip planning, you will be pleased to know that our plans are taking final shape! The trip surveys have been most informative and I want to thank everyone who took the time to send in their preferences. As a result, we are planning one of the biggest Traditional Texas Ski Weeks this year to be held January 9-January 16 at Winter Park. We have secured lodging and air for 168 SCSCers to enjoy the entire week and another 42 SCSCers to join in on all of the fun as of Tuesday night, January 12.

We have also planned a very large group for Banff. Mark your calendars now for March 5-March 12. This is the week after the conclusion of the Winter Olympic Games. We have room for 126 SCSCers to experience the excitement of Canada!

The Texas Ski Council trips include the Fall Roundup celebrated this Thanksgiving at Copper Mountain and the Winter Shootout to be held at Keystone February 10-15. I hope you can join us on one of the Texas Ski Council trips because this is the year for SCSC to bring back the Texas Cup!! Remember, Cowtown will be in Switzerland during the Banff trip, so your racing points will really count this year!!

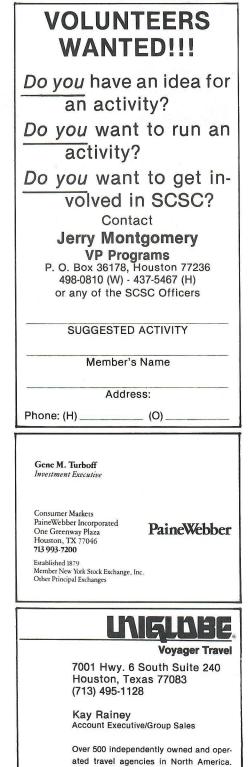
We will be rounding out the schedule with a Christmas trip to Park

City, the Aspen Traditional trip January 23-January 30, a trip to Breckenridge during February and a trip to Purgatory over Spring Break. And for those parents who voiced their desire to ski with their kids again this year, take heart -- kids are allowed on Purgatory trip. At this writing, we are still investigating the possibility of an exclusive SCSC European trip. You'll have to read next month's column for the final decision.

I hope all of you enjoyed the picture of the SCSC Air Pirate hard at work on your travel plans. Ray Naudain continues to struggle with the flight times. To bring you up to date, United now only has two flights per day to Denver and Southwest has no non-stop service from Houston to Denver. Delta (who took over the Western routes) still flies to Denver through Dallas. So, you guessed it, Continental is the Big Daddy of Denver. In all fairness, Continental has been working very closely with us, and we do have our seats secured. Unfortunately, we may not all get to fly together as we have done in the past. Please don't burn your TC in effigy! It's really not anyone's fault.

On the other hand, **Cheryl Clements** has been working on the other side of the trips - trying to nail down the best accommodations for you at the best price possible. She has secured the Beaver Village at Winter Park for the full week and the Crest View for the short trip. Everyone (and I mean from all of the TSC clubs) will be staying at the Banff Springs Hotel for Banff. We haven't heard final words yet on the other trips.

Well, that is all I can tell you at this point. I hope that you will stay tuned for the future editions of As the Ski Turns.....Til next month, Happy Trails to You!





TEXAS SKI COUNCIL

by Cindy Garrett

What, and who is this group - the "Texas Ski Council?" And what does it do for a Space City skier?

If you are a new member to Space City Ski Club, you may hear of their TSC. trips, but what does it mean to you as SCSC member and skier?

Well, the TSC is a non-profit group of member ski clubs, some for profit, some like SCSC are all volunteer. Space City Ski Club is a founding member. This includes approximately 22 member clubs who all have a vote for its officers, trips, and policies. The Texas Ski Council's primary goal, per an excerpt from its Bylaws, is "...to promote and encourage individual and group interest in the sport of snow skiing, to secure and support actions that further the long-term economic and recreational interests of member skiers, and to promote an improved image for the Texas skier, especially to the ski resorts."

All that, and the Council provides a format for getting the member clubs together to race against each other, and helps provide an economical trip by working on sponsorship programs for these set trips. A very good example is the 1,200 skiers that participated in the TSC Austria trip in 1986 which has opened the door for European competitive bidding to the TSC and members.

About 16 years in operation, the

TSC originally sponsored one "Traditional" Texas Ski Week. This trip was in January of each year to bring together the member clubs to race for the famed "Texas Ski Cup." Over the years the idea changed and became the four trips as we know now:

"Fall Roundup" at Thanksgiving "Traditional" in January "Winter Shootout" in February "Final Showdown" in March

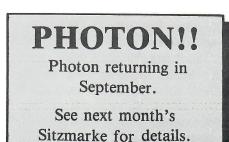
And the race for the "Cup" continues on an accumulated point basis among the member clubs who participated at each of the TSC trips. That's one of the reasons you will be asked to race at these trips. Individual races are also provided for the best men and women skiers from each member club at each of the TSC trips. A unique opportunity to race among Texas' best! Today among the member clubs, Space City Ski Club is classified with two other large clubs under Division I, Cowtown and Alpine Ski Clubs, both of Dallas.

Because the TSC has gained that recognition with the ski areas, each club member benefits by receiving lower lift ticket prices when we ski a TSC-sponsored trip. Usually the ski area selected has competitive lodging bids that help keep the cost of the trips low, too. Other benefits for member club participants on these trips have included: 1) "Lite Beer" from Miller at all trips and certain meetings; 2) prizes and awards from Head, Raichle, Tyrolia, I Ski Sunglasses, Bonne Bell, Hotfingers, and Aerro Poles for each trip during the 86-87 season; 3) printing, publicity, and coordination by World Wide Ski (NASTAR) donated; 4) Oshman's sponsorship for trophies, medals, prizes, banners, and merchandise; and 5) merchandising discounts for individual TSC members with Head, Raichle, Tyrolia.

The fun, too, at a TSC trip usually includes a Welcome Party, Fun Racing, sponsored Happy Hours, "Most Recognizable Club" Costume Party, Pajama Parties, Texas Night, Ten-Gallon Hat Night, Texas Bands, Award Parties, Treasure Hunts, and Polker Runs, etc., etc.

A total of 2,800 skiers participated in the four TSC trips in the '86-'87 season. Dollarwise, this amounts to approximately 2.0 million dollars. TSC is "big business" with the ski resorts and the TSC bidding process has become a trendsetter. And it is these monies that attract and make for very competitive bids from the ski area, and in return, giving you the greatest ski value through the "Texas Ski Council."

Texas Ski Council's member clubs include: Alpine Ski and Sports Club, Armadillo Ski Club, Austin Skiers, Inc., Capitol Downhill Skiers, Clear Lake Area Ski Club, Corpus Christi Skiers, Club St. Bernard, Cowtown Ski Club, Dallas Ski Club, Flatlanders Ski Club, Harlingen Ski Club, Houston Ski Jammers, Houstonian Snow Skiers, Inc., Lone Star Skiers, Los Amigos Ski Club, San Antonio Ski Club, Space City Ski Club, Texas Renegades Ski Club, Texas Ski Rangers, Texas Twisters Ski Club, Texians Ski Club.



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1:00 to 7:00 p.m. Camp Mirror Lake in Spring, Texas FUN, GAMES, FOOD, BEER!

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- Plenty of beer, wine coolers, soft drinks

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COZUMEL - 1987

by Debbie Chrissinger

Spending your honeymoon with 30 SCSC friends does not sound like much fun, but that didn't stop Mike and Laurie West (Laurie Brux) and Ronnah and Aubrey Passafuma (Ronnah Anderson) from doing so. Both couples tied the nuptial knot Wednesday, May 20, the day before departure to Cozumel.

Arriving at IAH Thursday morning took many people by surprise, especially those not on our trip, as about half of the group of 31 dressed up for the International Tourists Contest. The winner, Laurie West, was decided through votes from airport visitors, fellow passengers and our group. A tie-breaker was held at our pool party. It was a close race between "Aunt Sam," Pat Bruchett, and the "Holland Dutch Girl." Krystal Hotels of Mexico provided our winner with accommodations for three nights/four days at the Krystal Hotel in Ixtapa, Mexico.

Upon arrival in Cozumel a pool party was in order provided by the Casa del Mar Hotel complete with Mexican Style Margaritas. (*They use lots and lots of tequila!*) We were all laid poolside (after given different colored Hawaiian leis) and met the other people on our trip. Twelve of the group went for a beach dive, while the others continued to drink free margaritas and find their way to the hot tub, which proved to be a mistake for some.

Gayle Speck enjoyed the free margaritas so much that when they stopped serving them, he ordered several rounds for the hot-tubbers and entertained them with his underwater shark impressions, complete with toe biting. Bob Rozich joined in the fun of hot tub sharking and had his fair share of toes. Glynnda Addicks lost her diving booties by the hot tub but founnd out that Bob picked them up by mistake) and Rose Tortorici lost her hat ... was that due to toe biting?? Sally Hintz barely made the trip as she was the last person called due to a last minute cancellation. Thank goodness, because our trip was complete with Sally's antidotes from her meeting fun passengers on the plane to the exciting time she had in the hot tub that first night. She joined in with the others as she lost her shoes. (Could it have been from that long kiss?)

That evening several small groups ventured to town for dinner. A group of close to half ended up at Pizzeria Rolandes for great Italian food. Corky Ament tried to meet as many women in the restaurant as he could. The only proof we have of his being successful was after he left the restaurant. See photo.

That evening Donna Repka hailed

a cab the Marilyn Monroe way by lifting her skirt WAY ABOVE her knees, as the men couldn't seem to get the cabbies attention. Donna had a cab (and the OK sign from passengers) in no time flat.

The next morning thirteen divers and six passengers boarded the dive boat and headed off for Paradise Reef for diving and snorkeling. On the way to the reef we were attacked by another dive boat throwing water balloons. Yvette Perry ended up being a prime target. Karl Gautschi showed all of the divers up by getting the most bottom time under water as he was the last to surface with our dive master Pepe. After the dive, we surfaced in a torrential downpour. The rain felt good as it washed all the salt water off of us in time for lunch. While all of us were drying off we noticed Sara Green, already dry, putting on makeup, and fixing her hair. Calvin Doody failed to tell her that we were only going to a somewhat deserted beach for lunch. After lunch, Sally discovered the joys of treasure hunting while snorkeling as she found a new Gucci watch, which was still ticking. Debbi Chrissinger and Max Langley, weren't as lucky, but surfaced with a 10" star fish just before boarding the boat for the second dive.

Friday evening provided us with a gorgeous sunset and an exciting night dive enjoyed by **Steve Holt**, Max Langley, Ronnah and Aubrey Passafuma, **Bob Neilsen**, **Arlene Bradley**, Bob Rozich and Debbi Chrissinger. The rest of the troupe enjoyed dining and dancing at nearby discos. During dinner Corky admitted he left his toothbrush back in Houston, and was using the hotel washcloth as a replacement. He purchased a toothbrush in town. Donna and Luann Nelson properly christened it by dipping the brush into a margarita, then adding hot sauce



to spice it up. Corky proceeded to try it out in the restaurant, but claimed the washcloth did a better job. Later we heard about **Bill Greenwood** becoming the original table dancer when he danced up a storm, crashed into the table next to him at the Mayan 2000, picked himself up off the floor and kept on dancing without missing a beat.

Saturday morning was the day of our last scheduled dive on the boat. This trip we came prepared with water balloons armed and ready; we tried to attack several boats along the way.

Back on shore Jimmy Licari spent the day at Chakanaab Park meeting women from Clear Lake, while Susan Tilotta, Glynnda Addicks, Bill Greenwood, and Corky Ament took a ferry to the mainland and toured Tulume.

All but a few met Saturday evening at Sol Caribe for happy hour before journeying off to Carlos 'n Charlies. While there, **Cheryl Clements** was found recruiting members for SCSC and standing on chairs to write on the ceiling while **Robert Clements** was telling everyone about the best BBQ ribs he had ever eaten for dinner. After dinner we caught up with **Jane Stepchinski**, Randy, Donna, Luann, Bob Rozich and other SCSCers that toasted the night away in Carlos 'n Charlies, and had our pictures taken by people from Cow Town Ski Club!!

Sunday most everyone gathered in the lobby at 8:30 a.m. to journey off to Chakanaab Park. Karl and Lotty Gautschi had already played a set of tennis, eaten breakfast and managed to go snorkeling before meeting us, and we thought we were all doing good to get up by 8:00. Kathleen Endress, Pat Bruchett, Randy Pavelka and Steve Holt rented a jeep and toured the "Other Side" of the island after meeting us at the park.

The week went fast, but all were glad to return to the good ole USA. Customs questioned a few, but Alan Monnat was the chosen one when they asked to search through his luggage.

The trip had several contests which were sponsored by businesses in Houston. I would like to thank **Krystal Hotels of Mexico**, the **Westchase Hilton & Towers**, and the **Holiday Inn-Crowne Plaza Park 10, Houston Scuba Academy** and **Aquaventures** for their generous donations.



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COZUMEL TRIP (continued)







WATCH FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS



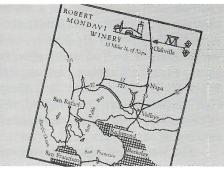




Renaissance Festival Trip



Fall Tennis Tournament



Wine Safari



Ski Equipment / Clothes Swap Meet

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JUNE WINDSURFING Activity Chairperson: Terry Wander















The June windsurf lessons were courtesy of **SPORTHAUS LINDNER OF ASPEN.** If you are interested in lessons, call Tom Shigei at 965-0412.

WINDSURFING II

SCSC and Windsurfing Gale bring you a second FREE, funfilled, "Intro to Windsurfing." Beginning lessons (Land Simulations) and a limited number of beginner boards will be provided. Experienced sailors with their own boards are welcome!

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| Time: | 9:30 A.M 2:00 P.M. |
| Where: | Texas City Levee (Turn left at stop sign |
| | before reaching Texas City Dike.) |
| Sandy | BYO Food, beverage, shade, chairs |
| Beach: | Call |
| | BILL VASEN, 482-5501 |

to register

It was a cold dark rainy night when this beautiful blonde dame burst into my office sobbing her uncle was kidnapped by her mother's stepsister. I watch her chest heave as I handed her my hankerchief. *Does the rest of this story interest you?* Then join other SCSC members at a Murder Mystery Dinner where the distinction between the dinner guests and the murder mystery participants is non-existent.

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

(Who Dunnit by Candlelight)

Everyone will be in the evening's plot. Each person either tries to figure out who did it or else cover their tracks. You will recive instructions of who you are and your personality in advance. Come dressed for your part. This is not a spectator sport, everyone particiaptes. Multiple mysteries running simultaneously.

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