## THE JULY, 1984 <br> 



CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE CRAWFISH KIND WHAT'S NEW IN SKI TRIPS MONTHLY MEETINGS MOVED

## SUMMER BASH LARGEST SCSC SUMMER ACTIVITY

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## SHORT TAKES FROM THE TOP

The Executive Council continues moving toward the 1984-85 ski season. Trip coordinators have been chosen and are hard at work putting their trips together. The upcoming season will have a couple of new areas for SCSCers to try. These packages will be most attractive. (See related article)

I hope you have sent in your money for the Summer Bash - you can't beat the price. Don't forget, if you send your money in after July 10 , you are only entitled to drink and have fun - not eat!!!

Also, don't forget about the cruise!! It's a great package. So contact Eric or Shirley and get on board...see the ad.

## SitzMarke Deadlines

- July 16
- August 13

A couple of SCSCers making good:

John "Easy" Thayer has been elected President of the Texas Ski Council for the 1984-85 season.

Janet Pickell has been re-elected as Secretary of the Texas Ski Council for the 1984-85 season.

Bob Olsen has been elected as a Director of the U. S. Recreational Association!!!

Congratulations!! The first meeting is only two months down the road. Remember, it's at the Radisson. See the related article concerning the change of meeting place. See you at the Bash!!

COMING ATTRACTIONS

## TEXAS RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 13
9:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

## TENNIS

 TOURNAMENTin October

## MERCER'S CAMPOUT

Friday-Sunday October 19-21

ANNUAL SKI SWAP
October Meeting

## 20th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Date to be announced.

## CASINO PARTY <br> In November <br> FASHION SHOW <br> November Meeting

## IT'S A DATE!

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1 Summer Softball/Swimming 4:30-8:30 P.M. Peden YWCA, 11209 Clematis. Contact Margie Cook, 371-3376.
8 Executive Committee Meeting. 6:00 P.M. Contact Tom Mercer, 988-7075.
15 Summer Bash. 2:00-8:00 P.M., Greek Orthodox Community Center, 11600 Haviland. Contact Ron Smith, 879-8240.
19 Happy Hour, 5:00-8:00 P.M. Rainbeau's, 2736 Virginia.
22 Summer Softball/Swimming. 4:30-8:30 P.M. Peden YWCA, 11209 Clematis. Contact Margie Cook, 371-3376.
28 Astroworld, 10:30 A.M. 9901 Kirby. Contact Debbie Bergeron, 367-7534.

## AUGUST

1 Astro Game. 7:40 P.M. Astrodome. Contact Paul Konecny, 974-5603.
5 Summer Softball/Swimming, 4:30-8:30 P.M. Peden YWCA, 11209 Clematis. Contact Margie Cook, 371-3376.
11 GUD Party, 2:00-? P.M. McMahon Residence, 5123 Forest Haven. Contact Yvonne McMahon, 583-8352.
16 Happy Hour.
17 Kerrville Blue Grass Festival, 7:00 P.M., Miller Outdoor Theatre. Contact Manuel Valle, 820-4633.
18 Racquetball. Contact Bonnie Hughes, 481-8301
26 Delta Downs, 9:00 A.M. Contact Mike Gerstenberger, 476-4006.


The Jim McIntyre Memorial Bicycle Rally was another successful SCSC adventure.

Forty pedal pushers met in Fulshear to try their hand (feet) at biking a short 16 mile or long 22
mile course. While Laura Gangluff led the short course cruisers, the remainder sprinted off to the halfway point in Brookshire (which just happened to be the same location as the Texas Saloon). We hope the

# RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT 

## Saturday, August 18

For more information, contact: BONNIE HUGHES

481-8301 (H)
bartender in the Texas Saloon has recovered from the shock of twenty thirsty bikers invading her peaceful Sunday for a quick brew(s).

The long coursers met the short coursers near Simonton (sorry troops-I thought the U-Tote-M would be open) and continued to Fulshear.

At the finish, Dozier's was kind enough to sell us all of the bar-bque and cold frosties we could handle. A smaller contingent then set off for PaPa Blakley's for some final cold ones to ease the saddle sores and cap-off another good "Sun" day.

## "WE'RE MOVING!"

The news is already out, as most of you read in last month's "Head of the Liftline," or heard at the May general meeting. But for those of you who have not heard, we'll make the announcement, again...SCSC is moving its general membership meetings to a new location for the 1984-85 season, and hopefully for many seasons thereafter, to the Radisson Inn and Conference Center (formerly Dunfey's Royal Coach Inn on the Southwest Freeway).

You may be asking, "Why move?" or "Why the Radisson?" There are several answers to your questions and we'll try to cover each point briefly as we tell the story of the decision making and selection process.

Negotiations for the upcoming season's meetings were begun in February with Stouffer's, our intentions being to renew the contract due to our previously satisfactory two years of meeting there. During the negotiations, we learned that Stouffer's wanted to change the current agreement, substantially increasing the costs of the meeting space to the Club and the costs of drinks to the members and guests.

The decision was made to search for a new locaton. Initial contact with many hotels was made by phone by Tania Andrasko, Jerry Pyle, Tom Mercer, and Karen Fried-
sam. A formal bid request stating our requirements for space, facilities, amenities, parking, etc., was developed and mailed or hand delivered to 12 hotels and meeting locations that met the general requirements specified in the telephone contact.

Written bids were received from most of these hotels, with many of them offering attractive prices and excellent facilities. These initial bids were reviewed by a committee made up of Tania, Jerry and Tom, and the best seven bids were selected from the areas of Houston considered to be most accessible to the majority of the Club's membership.

Each of these hotels was visited by members of the Board of Directors. After all the reviews and comparisons, the majority of both the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee expressed a desire for our meetings to be held at the Radisson. The final agreement was made by the end of April.

The Radisson package includes the lowest price on drinks - we're going back to $\$ 1.75$ cocktails and beer on tap will be $\$ 1.25$ ! Plus, the Radisson will provide many other items and services necessary to the running of our meetings at no cost to the Club. And to top it all off, we'll have a very special added attraction for our style shows and
follies. The "Top of the Castle," a former dinner theater, is now available for meeting space and is ideal for our needs on these special occasions.

The Radisson chain has hotels in many cities throughout the country and moved into the Houston area just within the past year. The new owners are planning a major remodeling of the downstairs entrance, reception, and bar areas, which should be completed by the September meeting. The new look will be light marble, chrome and glass - quite a change from the former dark Tudor style of Dunfey's.

The Radisson's location in southwest Houston should meet the large majority of our member's location preferences. A check of the membership's residence demographics (taken from the final 1983-84 computerized membership rolls) shows that over 900 of our 1400 members live in the southwest area of Houston, with most living along the Westheimer and Southwest Freeway corridors, outside the Loop.

So now that you know all about the extended search for new meeting space, we hope to see the majority of you on September 10th, ready to sign up for next season's ski trips and see all your friends and ski buddies you missed all summer!

Tania Andrasko
 10th ANNIVERSARY OPENING NIGHT GALAS

July 27, 6:45 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. Hamlet July 28, 6:45 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. Two Gentlemen of Verona MILLER OUTDOOR THEATRE
(Meet at Nielson's Delicatessen, 4500 Montrose)
$\$ 12.50$
(Price includes box dinner, champagne, transportation from Nielson's to Theatre, reserved seat ticket and pre-show entertainment)

Name
(Number of Dinners)
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(Assorted meats, potato salad)
Box dinner 2
(Assorted cheeses and fruit)

Phone
(Check Date Desired) Fri. 7/28 $\qquad$ Sat. 7/29
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Make checks payable to Festivall Angels, Inc. and send to:

> CINDY CHANDLER, (2500 Lazy Hollow, Apt. 225C, Houston, TX 77063)
by Friday, July 20th, or call MIRIAM STRANE at 749-3796.

# SUMMER BASH SUNDAY, JULY 15 • 2-8 p.m. Greek Orthodox Community Center 11600 Haviland 

Cost: $\$ 10.00$ before July 10 - Food, Drink and Fun


Fill out and mail form along with check made payable to SCSC to: RON SMITH
11962 Brook Meadows, Stafford, Texas $77477 \quad \square$ BEEF or $\square$ CHICKEN
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#### Abstract

Never been on a cruise before? Maybe you've always wanted to go on one but for one reason or another have kept putting it off. Why wait any longer? Now not only can you get a great discount ( $15 \%$ off the published fares), but your cruise coordinator is familiar both with the cruise line and the ports of call and will be able to help you get the most out of your vacation time. = Several questions have been asked about the cruise which we thought might be of general interest, so we've tried to address them below.


$\star$ Isn't cruising more expensive than other kinds of travel?

Cruising represents one of the best travel values available. Break down the cost of a cruise and compare it to what you'd spend on room, meals, transportation and entertainment for a similar vacation on land. All these things -- and many more -- are included in the price of your cruise ticket. You will also save money on your drinks and gifts, since these items aboard ship are sold at duty-free prices.
$\star$ Do Il have to be a member of Space City Ski Club to join the group on the cruise?

No. Friends and famiy are welcome on non-ski activities. $\star$ Am I missing anything by purchasing less expensive accommodations?

The price affects only the type and location of your cabin. On a cruise, everyone has the same choices of foods, can enjoy the same entertainment, and is given the same high-quality service. (This should not be confused with a transatlantic crossing, which may offer two classes of service.)
$\star$ What should I plan to wear? Will I have to dress up every evening?

Cruise vacations are casual by day, whether you're on ship or on shore. In the evening the cruise ship will vary the dress attire from casual to dressy, depending upon the occasion.

## $\star$ I'm always in a hurry to get

 where I'm going; won't ship travel be too slow for my taste?When you vacation at sea, the cruise itself is the primary destination; the ports of call are a "Bonus" that enhance the total experience. Your holiday begins the moment you walk up the gangway!
$\star$ I'm single; will I feel comfortable?

Cruising is ideal for singles because of the wide variety of activities designed to help people get acquainted. An average of about
one third of the passengers aboard ship are single.

* I'm afraid of getting seasick; isn't this a common problem?

Not really. Improved stabilizers on modern ships, advance availability of accurate weather information, and development of effective preventive medication have, for the most part, eliminated the incidence of motion sickness.
$\star$ I'm an active person. Won't the days be boring?

Hardly. Ships offer full and varied programs of organized activities, from dance lessons to skeet shooting, cooking demonstrations to backgammon tournaments, with just the right amount of relaxation in between. Or, you can get off on your own to jog, swim, work out in the gym or stretch out in the sauna. $\star$ What is there to do at night?

Every evening you'll find quality entertainment in the night clubs, first-run movies in the cinema, and dancing in the lounges and discos. And there are special events like talent night, masquerade, and other features which are part of the grand camaraderie of cruising.
$\star$ Won't I feel confined on a ship?
Confined to what? Not only are cruise ships bigger than they look, but it takes some people two full days just to discover all the amenities. If you will test yourself with a few reflective moments at the rail of a ship at sea, you'll find that "fear of confinement" is quickly replaced by the freest feeling in the world.
$\star$ I like variety in my vacations. Aren't all those islands alike?

Ship itineraries are deliberately designed to take you to different kinds of destinations. And by its very nature, a cruise offers an interesting and balanced contrast between shoreside experiences and life at sea.

Cruising is one of the most popular forms of tourism, with $80 \%$ of its clients returning for one or
more cruises. Come join us on the "Song of America" and find out why so many people return again and again.

Sailing date: September 23-30, 1984 Ports of call: Nassau, Bahamas; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and St. Thomas, U. S. Virgin Islands

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## MEET YOUR 1984-85 DIRECTORS of TRIPS



## BILL KIRK

Bill Kirk joined the SCSC in 1977 and has participated on at least one ski trip a year and enjoys the non-ski trip activities, such as canoe trips, bike rides and campouts. He was TC for the 1984 Sun Valley. Trip and ATC for the 1983 Snowmass Trip.

Bill grew up in Lake Delton, a small village in Wisconsin with plenty of snow and small hills to begin learning to ski, at the age of twelve. Many years later while touring the countries which border the Mediterranean Sea, via a Navy destroyer, he went skiing in the French, Maritimes Alps and has enjoyed the sport since that time.

Bill considers Houston his home; but still manages a trip to Florida, to go sailing and visit his family. He is currently employed with Channelview Independent School District as Assistant Business Manager. Bill is a bachelor and occupies some of his free time going to hear "Bluegrass Music," is actively involved in chili cook-off's and


CINDY GARRETT
Longlegged, brunette, active -this best describes SCSC's new Director of Trips, Cindy Garrett. Associated with the Houston Building scene since 1972, Cindy is a member of the marketing council of the Greater Houston Builders Association and a member of the Texas Organization of Professional Saleswomen. Currently, Cindy is the top sales producer in Houston for U.S. Brick.

Cindy, a member of SCSC since 1980, learned to ski with Space City and improved her skiing via her four ski trips with the club.

The new responsibilities of DOT for the 1984-85 season will keep the long legs running! She's excited about the ski trips this year. Let's welcome Cindy Garrett as DOT!
many other activities.
Bill encourages SCSC members to get involved in the many different activities and be willing to volunteer and assist when needed.

## ASTROS vs ATLANTA BRAVES <br> Wednesday, August 1 <br> Cost $\$ 5.50$ - Loge seats Meet at ROUND-UP CAFE (Main at S. Loop) at 6:45 P.M. Game starts at 7:40 P.M.

Payment must be received by July 25 Send check payable to SCSC to:

PAUL KONECNY

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    974-5603 (H) • 676-1181 (W)
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TEXAS SKI COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE


## JIM McINTYRE

Jim McIntyre has been selected to again serve as SCSC's Texas Ski Council Representative for the 1984-85 season. He has served two terms as SCSC representative to the Council. Jim is a past president and vice-president of trips of SCSC and has served on the Board of Directors for six years.

Jim states that he has written over twenty articles for the Sitzmarke, served on too many committees to remember and skied on too many ski trips to count. This must be true because he is currently on his fourth pair of skis and fifth pair of ski boots.

The first Texas Ski Week was held in Vail. Jim organized and ran this trip while holding the office of SCSC President.

Born in Laredo and raised in Eagle Pass qualifies Jim as a Native Texan, He attended the University of Houston. He is employed at Amoco Production Company as a project engineer.

Jim likes to cook, play poker, bicycle, camp and play tennis. However, his most avid pursuit is that of sailing. He has enjoyed this sport for twelve years and owned his own sailboat nine of these. His current joy is a 27 foot "Sun Babe."

Jim is one of twelve original organizers of the Texas Mariners Cruising Association which boasts a membership of over, 300 and makes over 30 cruises a year along the Gulf Coast.

Racing on snow skis is not Jim's only interest. He has also raced for years in the GBCA including one race from Galveston to Biloxi, Mississippi.

# WHAT'S NEW IN TRIPS? 

What's new? Well for one thing - I am. I will be your new V. P. of Trips for this coming season. I am very pleased to serve you and along with the other officers, DOTs, TCs and ATCs bring you another interesting and exciting year of skiing with Space City Ski Club. We hope this coming season's trip schedule provides you with a choice of some of your favorite ski areas plus a chance to try something new. That's right - new!

We believe that one of the important functions of your ski club is to introduce its members to the many varied and interesting facets associated with snow skiing including the opportunity to travel to previously unvisited ski areas. Many of you would not have discovered the charm of Big Ski, Montana or the challenge of Sun Valley, Idaho were it not for the trip you took with SCSC. Perhaps you chanced to venture with us to Jackson Hole, Wyoming or Telluride, Colorado and found there was plenty of great skiing for everyone, not just the experts. If you are a new skier our trips to Aspen or Vail might be new to you - I encourage you to go for it. Indeed, many of you would not have taken up the "new" sport of skiing if it were not for the help and encouragement of your Space City friends.

This coming season we plan a trip to a new area, Brianhead, Utah. Where? Brianhead is a small but growing ski area in the Dixie Na tional Forest of Southwestern Utah. The area is blessed with large dumps ( 450 inches/yr) of light Utah powder on its $11,300 \mathrm{ft}$. elevation. Its seven chairlifts are never crowded and serve terrain primarily suitable for the beginner and intermediate skier. Brianhead is located adjacent to Cedar Breaks, Zion, and Bryce Canyon National Parks. Brianhead skiing will be combined with a few days (and nights) at Las Vegas for some shows and a chance at the tables. Space City skiers love to party and gamble based on the success of our Tahoe trips. Las Vegas/Brianhead promises to be a unique and varied new skiing experience - try it.

Stowe, Vermont is an old ski town, but new to most Space City folks. Mansfield is one of the oldest ski mountains in the country but still offers some of the best - some of the toughest expert runs anywhere plus plenty of inter-

## SPACE CITY SKIER ELECTED PRESIDENT OF TEXAS SKI COUNCIL



1984-85 TSC OFFICERS (left to right): David Holt, Easy Thayer, Janet Pickell, Carol Bonn, Val Falcone, Gene Murphy. Not shown - David Rosen.

At the May meeting of the Texas Ski Council, held in Dallas, the Board of Delegates elected officers for the coming year. They are:

| PRESIDENT |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Easy Thayer | Space City |
| V. P. MARKETING | Cowtown |
| Van Falcone |  |
| SECRETARY/TREASURER |  |
| Janet Pickell | Space City |
| V. P. TEXAS SKI WEEK: |  |
| FALL ROUND-UP | Cowtown |
| Carol Bonn |  |
| TRADITIONAL |  |
| Gene Murphy | Lone Star |
| WINTER SHOOT-OUT | Alpine |
| Dave Holt |  |
| FINAL SHOWDOWN |  |
| David Rosen | Flatlanders |
| EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR |  |
| Camille Critelli | Clear Lake |
| NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE |  |
| Bob Olsen | Space City |

The Council made numerous By-Law and Standing Rules changes, to coincide with the new officer structure. Basically, the new officer structure enhances the prestige of the officers when dealing with the Ski Industry and possible Sponsors. These changes should enable the Council to function more professionally.

SCSC was instrumental in persuading the COUNCIL to re-examine
last year's race rules. I am on the race committee now, and will work to make the rules more equitable than last year's rules.

The TSC had five new ski clubs join, for a total of nineteen. For the first time the Dallas Ski Club joined the Texas Ski Council. Following is a list of member clubs:

| ALPINE | Dallas |
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| ARMADILLO | Beaumont |
| AUSTIN | Austin |
| CLEAR LAKE AREA | Houston |
| COWTOWN | Ft. Worth |
| DALLAS | Dallas |
| FLATLANDERS | Midland/Odessa |
| HOUSTON | Houston |
| LONE STAR | Dallas |
| LOS AMIGOS | San Antonio |
| POWDERHOUNDS | El Paso |
| ST. BENARD | San Antonio |
| SAN ANTONIO | San Antonio |
| SPACE CITY | Houston |
| TEXAS TWISTERS | Lubbock |
| TEXINS | Dallas |
| UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS | Austin |
| WEST TEXAS | Lubbock |
| WOLF CREEK | Perryton |

In other TSC news, Bob Olsen was elected for a two year term as a Director of the U. S. Recreational Ski Association and thus will continue to represent the TSC and SCSC on a national level.
Jim McIntyre, TSC Representative
sightseeing and shows. Space City has never attempted (to my knowledge) a trip to the Northeast -be one of the first.

Both of these trips combine new skiing areas with two of our nation's most exciting cities to provide a unique vacation experience. Be adventurous - try something new.

Dick Howard

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These are the "most Eligible Bachelare is Noustow?" Karen Zriedoan interviews Ron Ariith and Carla


## BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN BREAUX BRIDGE

By Ann Batten and Glenn Bishop

Everyone was assembled and ready for a weekend of crawfish, beer and cajun carrousing, but, lo and behold, John Hargleroad and Sally Brinkman were late and thus continued to set the precedent with Ira Sanborn and Chris Jafferies following their example even with morning wakeup calls.

Barbara Cruse and Missy and John Paterson signed on the Bob Cruse Crawfish Festival Tour and relived some of Bob's "Close Encounters of the Crawfish Kind."

Carlos Febles and Randy Fitzpatrick demonstrated the art of crawfish belly dancing on the bus and provided more entertainment otherwise known as the Randy and Carlos Show, alias "Partners in Crime."

It was rumored, and later confirmed, that Bob Wilbanks was seen saving a harem of five ladies - Darcie Davis, Brenda Bennett, Jean Ubico, Nancy Harder and Sharon Griffin. Was your popularity due to your well-stocked camera case?

Tom Mercer headed the group to Evangeline Downs with help from Pam Holder. The race track became a few dollars richer thanks to Fred Kahrs, Sandra Hannahas, Bill Kirk, Patti Webb, Dave Donahue, Linda Licarione and Dee Dee Marsh.

Special recognition should go to the survivors Tanya Mears, Jeanie Morton, Jeri Rotenberg, Gayle Speck, Glenn Bishop and Ann Batten

for sustaining a full day and night of partying with the locals of beautiful downtown Breaux Bridge. Many interesting stories were shared and some not. Gayle Speck and Jeri Rotenberg proudly wore the handiwork of local artisans through the night. Tanya Mears and Jeanie Morton kept attracting strange "friends" that couldn't take a hint even after they sought refuge at the police station. Ann Batten and Glenn Bishop danced the fais-do-do until they almost turned into pumpkins at midnight.

Our bus driver and Bill Meyer and his wife, Josie, led a successful
scavenger hunt early on Sunday morning on the narrow streets of Lafayette.

Everyone enjoyed their unique experience of savory catfish at the Boondocks. It quickly became apparent how the restaurant received its name. There was no extra charge for the live entertainment of the cunning alligator and the hungry goat. (Did the alligator finally get his goat?)

Special thanks to everyone for making the trip run smoothly and to Ira Sanborn for providing a 24 hour security parking area. We had a great time.

## SCSC SKIERS ASSIST SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

One of the more difficult lifestyle problems faced by Houston skiers in the summer time is the question of what to do with yourself if you can't afford weekends in New Zealand. A creative answer to this question has been found by several members who have become involved in supporting the Houston Shakespeare Festival. A knowledgeable observer has suggested that the high level of Ski Club activity associated with the Festival is a result of the fact that the hill above Miller Outdoor Theatre is one of the highest and steepest in Harris County.

Volunteer activities at the Houston Shakespeare Festival have been coordinated by SCSCers for each of the last three years. Volunteer support activities at the Festival were run under the aegis of Festival Angels, Inc., a charitable support organization that acts as the "guild" for the Shakespeare Festival and the Children's Theatre Festival. In 1982, volunteer coordinator for the HSF was long-time member Gar Bering, assisted by SCSCer Carla Bishop. In 1983, Carla was the coordinator, assisted by members Janey Depew and Keith Moore, while Gar moved up to Treasurer of the Angels. This year, the HSF coordinator is another SCSCer, Cindy Chandler, while Gar is acting as President. Both of them would be delighted to see even more Space City skiers out helping with the fun than in previous years. Like all volunteer organizations, Festival Angels could always use contributions and volunteers (Call Gar at 749-2848 or 669-0896 for further information.)

The tenth anniversary season of the Houston Shakespeare Festival will be celebrated by the production of two plays in striking contrast -Hamlet and The Two Gentlemen of Verona. The season opens with Hamlet on July 27 (additional performances scheduled August 2, 4, 8, 10) with The Two Gentlemen of Verona opening on July 28 (additional performances on August 1, 3, 9, 11) at Miller Outdoor Theatre in Hermann Park at 8:30 p.m.

This year, one of the Angel's major activities will be a gala celebration of the Festival's tenth birthday on the two opening nights. The Angels have extended a special invitation to all SCSC members to attend this gala, which will be held before the shows on July 27 and 28. (See Advertisement)

## MDA COOKOFF VOLUNTEERS



## BIKE RALLY Sunday, August 12, 1984 1:00 P.M.

Meet at Doziers in Fulshear
(Approximately 7 miles west of Highway 6 on Westheimer)

## B Y O B B i.e. Body, Bike

Stops at Texas Saloon and Bessie's Creek for refreshments.

contact LAURA GANGLUFF (H) 977.7910

# WHERE DO YOU WANT TO SKI? 

by Dick Howard and Debbie Ball Directors of Trips 1983/84

Where do you want to ski? This is the question you were asked by a survey taken during the March and April general meetings. The survey form listed most of the Rocky Mountain areas familiar to SCSC and asked you to check your response as strong ("Rarin' to go -when do I show?"), moderate ("ambivalent"), or negative ("Hell no - I won't go" $]$. The results were intended to guide trip selection for the 1984-85 season by your new officers and Directors of Trips. While we think we have a good "feel" as to where you like to ski from your response to previous seasons trips, trip critiques, etc., we used this information to measure the relative strength of your preferences.

In general, you are a very positive and enthusiastic lot. Most of you preferred to check only positive responses ignoring the ambivalent and negative categories altogether. Many of you apparently plan to do a lot of skiing next season since you checked as many as 10 ski areas in the "rarin' to go". category. There were only 160 responses to the survey - a moderate sampling of club membership. Your responses were highly varied as expected reflecting a wide variety of interests, opinions, skiing ability, etc. that exists in our ski club.

And now the results! First we looked at the "rarin' to go"
category, only ignoring the ambivalent and negative responses for the moment, to determine the most requested areas from your favorites. The winner -- Lake Tahoe. Tahoe edged out Aspen with both areas requested by approximately half of you. The next two finishers were a bit of a surprise as Banff was a strong third followed by Jackson Hole. You apparently like to ski places other than Colorado as 3 of the top 5 and 6 of 10 were nonColorado areas. (Colorado area managers - take note!) Your next most requested areas included Snowmass (Aspen again?), Sun Valley, Steamboat and Vail followed by Utah areas Park CityIDeer Valley and Alta/Snowbird. The least requested as listed? Purgatory with only seven responses in the "rarin' to go $^{\prime \prime}$ category. Twenty of the 160 respondents expressed strong interest in a trip to Europe.

OK, so much for the popularity contest, what about overall strength. For this a weighted score system was used: 4 points for "rarin' to go," 1 for ambivalent, and -2 for "won't go." This system gives more recognition to those areas that might be your personal third or fourth choice but penalizes those areas you have no intentions of visiting. The overall weighted score did not change the results significantly but Aspen did gain revenge on Tahoe with a 332 to 317 scoring. Banff held third place
but Jackson fell to eighth place and Vail gained position from eighth to sixth. The summit areas Copper, Breckenridge, and Keystone finished in the middle of the pack of 24 listed areas at 10th, 12th, and 13th respectively. Purgatory maintained firm grip on last place. Another interesting result, while you like to ski at the Utah areas, you strongly prefer to stay at the area as opposed to staying in Salt Lake City and busing to the area.

Some ski areas seem to elicit strong opinions on both ends of the spectrum. Taos, New Mexico for example, received over 40 of the "rarin to go" responses putting it in a group with Breckenridge and Keystone but also collected over 20 "hell no, I won't go" responses. Jackson Hole fell into this category also. Many of you love to ski there (fourth place in favorable responses) but apparently many of you don't (or perhaps haven't tried it yet).

Many of you were not content with the choices offered on the survey. Squaw Valley, or northern Lake Tahoe area, received many write-in votes along with suggestions for a European trip. And, oh yes! the request to ski Holiday Valley (near Buffalo, New York) has been duly recorded and will be filed with the other survey sheets in Debbie Ball's shoe box until next season. Thank you.



Men's 2nd - Bruce Maughs
The Spring Tennis Tournament was held May 12 at the Westwood Country Club. Sherry Lewis and Gene Turboff coordinated the activity.



## HAPPY HOUR

 July 19 RAINBEAU'S2736 Virginia at Westheimer (next to the Brownstone) 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Drinks $\$ 1.50$
Relax by the Pool Park across the street

## KERRVILLE BLUE GRASS FESTIVAL

Friday, August 17, 8 p.m. Miller Outdoor Theatre
Meet at 7 p.m. under the balloons on the theatre grounds.
Bring your own wine, cheese, blanket and "Honey."

Contact
MANUEL VALLE 820-4633 (H)

Come escape with us for a day of thrills at

## ASTROWORLD

Saturday, July 28, 10:30 A.M. KIDS WELCOME
Meet at group ticket booth near the front gate to buy tickets. $\$ 13.95$ per ticket
Contact DEBBIE BERGERON - 367-7534 (H) evenings

## DIRECTORY CHANGES

For our club directory, we need updated addresses and phone numbers. If your name, address or phone number has changed since you applied for membership, please fill in the form below and return it at your earliest convenience.

If you or someone you know are not receiving the Sitzmarke, send in the form below to confirm that your address is correct.

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CITY $\qquad$ STATE $\qquad$ ZIP.
PHONE (O) $\qquad$ (H) $\qquad$
MEMBERSHIP NUMBER $\qquad$
Send completed form to:
JERRY PYLE, Membership Vice President
Space City Ski Club, P. O. Box 22567, Houston, Texas 77227

## DELTA DOWNS HORSE RACING VINTON, LOUISIANA



Sunday, August 26, 9:00 A.M. Cost $\$ 17.00$ per person

Includes round trip via chartered bus, soft drinks and snacks on bus, and admission to track with reserved Club House seating. Members and guests over 18 years old only.

Depart Houston at central point (to be decided) Sunday, August 26 at 9:00 A.M. on bus and arrive at Race Track at 11:30 A.M. Attend races and depart Race Track at 6:30 P.M. Stop in Beaumont for dinner (price not included) and arrive in Houston approximately 10:30 P.M.

Payment deadline is August 10.
Must have 40 people per bus.
For further information, contact:

## MIKE GERSTENBERGER

476-4006
or send check payable to SCSC to Mike Gerstenburger, 302 Lincoln, Deer Park, Texas 77536. Include your name, address, zip code and phone number.

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## Second Annual

 GUD[Geographically UnDesirable] BURGER AND POOL PARTY

Beer, Soft Drinks, Hamburgers
August 11, 2 - ? p.m. 5123 Forest Haven (1960 Area) Houston, Texas 77066
\$6 per person by mail received by August 4 $\$ 8.50$ per person at door
(Limit to 50 people)
BRING YOUR SWIMSUIT, TOWEL, FLOATIE, CHAIR, GAMES

## CONTACT YVONNE McMAHON

583-8352
Directions: Take I-45 North to West Road exit and take a left (West) on to West Road. Take a right on Stuebner Airline and continue to FM 1960. Take a left on FM 1960. Turn left on Champion Forest Drive and continue to Forest Haven. Turn left on Forest Haven and continue for three blocks.


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