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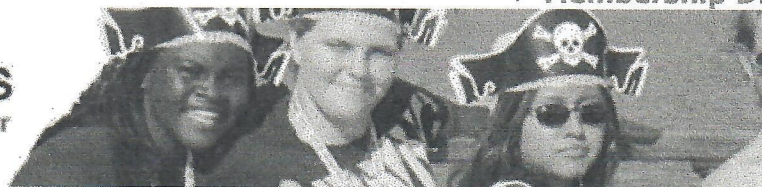
MAY GENERAL MEETING
THE SUNSHINE KIDS LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION
Monday, May 14, 2007 6:30-9:30pm
Vargo's Restaurant-2401 Fondren, Houston (Just north of
Westheimer)

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THE SUNSHINE KIDS
Dedicated to children with cancer



Get ready to donate anything you can think of for the silent auction to be held at meeting. Also, be creative by giving big things such as trips, timeshares, week rental of a ski or Galveston condo or tickets for rockets for the live auction. We auction off services you can perform, (legal services, handyman for a day, a date brunch or dinner for a group, singing or band services, dance lessons, airport service, calligraphy service) or any other service or talent you can auction off in auction!

For More Information Contact:
Activity Coordinator - Marti Turner

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Assistant Coordinator - Sandra Perry

**It's Membership Renewal Time!!!
Renew NOW and get the discounted rate of \$35.
Limited Time Offer!!!
Do it online NOW. It is easy!**

1. Go to Spacecityskiclub.org
2. Click on the "My SCSC tab
3. Log in with username and password
4. The light blue print above "Here are your member features" verifies your membership expiration date
5. Click on "Update My Membership Profile" and check all information for accuracy
6. Click on the "Renew My Membership" button
7. Decide if you want a single year membership (through 4/08 or multiple years – so you don't have to do all of this stuff every year!)
8. Proceed thru PayPal to complete your payment. It's secure, it's free and you don't have to have a PayPal account, just a major credit card or checking account.

TROUBLESHOOTING:

Don't have a SCSC on-line account?

1. Click on the "My SCSC tab
2. Click on the "SCSC members may request an account here" link
3. You will need your member number from a Sitzmarke label, or call the VP of membership

Did you get "Your session has timed out" when trying to complete the PayPal process? It's just a cookie setting.

1. Go back to the payment page.
 2. Below the PayPal button there is a link to a help page to get that all straight
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See Jessica at the Membership table to complete a new application at our next meeting or Hal

President's Message - Pat Piech, F



**President's article - Pat Piech
May 2007**

Well May marks another new year for the Space City Ski Club. I am honored to serve as its president. I enjoyed the past year as VP of Trips and hope the over 450 skiers who joined us on the slopes for the 2006-07 ski season had a fabulous time.

Speaking of skiing, we recently returned from the Texas Council Bid Fest where the trips for the 2007-08 season were selected. We have some fabulous excursions planned and our new VP of Trips Ted Widmer for more details. Also, if you are interested in running a trip as a TC or ATC, contact Ted. It is a great experience, one that you will enjoy, and the

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always greatly appreciated.

This month, the May meeting on the 14th, will feature the annual Sunshine Kids auction. It is a wonderful organization and we hope all of you will come out to Vargo's and support Sunshine Kids. The monthly meetings are only one of the ways SCSC members can get involved. I encourage you to also attend our happy hours and the events throughout the month. All of the details are always posted on the SCSC web site.

May also marks membership renewal time. Yes, now is the time to renew your membership for the coming year. You can renew via snail mail (membership application is online) or via PayPal which is accessible through our web site at www.spacecityskiclub.org.

Finally, I do want to hear from you with your ideas, suggestions and feedback for the coming year. It is your club and we want to be able to implement any worthwhile suggestions for the benefit of all.

2007 - 2008 Space City Ski Club

The 2007-2008 Space City Ski Club Officer :

- President - Pat Piech
- VP of Programs - Sandra Perry
- VP of Trips - Ted Widmer
- VP of Membership - Barbara Della Longa
- VP of Publication - Ross Baker
- Treasurer - David Cone
- Secretary - Sarah Granbery

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Date	Activities	Place	TC /AC	Telephone
June 2	Sandcastle Building Contest—FREE	Galveston	<u>John (Easy) Thayer</u>	979-297- 5436
TBA	Volunteer Party Free for 2007 SCSC Volunteers	TBA	<u>Deb Cini</u> <u>Cindy Moore</u>	281-277- 9679 713-984-1030

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	Guest—\$20			
June 29— July 8	Summer Expedition \$2220	Thailand	<u>Thuy Rocque</u>	281-673- 6949

From The Ski Deck - Ted Widmer VP

VP Trips article - Ted Widmer

Have you ever wondered how the club determines what ski trips it will offer? About half of the trips season are Texas Ski Counsel Trips. Each year since 1973 our club has been a part of the Texas sk which is an organization comprised of 18 Texas ski clubs devoted to, you guessed it, skiing. Each y spring the counsel holds a meeting where various ski areas present proposals to the counsel for pr packaged ski trips. After listening to the proposals each club's representatives meet and decide wh proposal for a given area to support. That occurs all day Saturday. Then on Sunday morning a vote to determine which trips will be selected. Each club has a different number of votes depending on t the club. Next ski season the counsel trips picked are as follows: We will go to Keystone Colorado, 20th. to 25th., Vail, Colorado January 5th. through the 12th. Banksco, Bulgaria January 25 through 3rd., Telluride, Colorado February 2nd. through the 9th. and finally Quebec, Canada March 1st. thr 8th.. In the coming months I will tell you more about each of the areas and why they were chosen In addition to the Counsel trips we will have about the same number of club trips the destinations (are being determined as we speak and should be announced in the next Sitzmark. Although the Co destinations are written in stone, the club trips are not. So, where would you like to go? Let me he you at the E-mail address below. We also need trip leaders, assistants and trip directors. In additio a lot of fun, running or helping run a trip makes your trip either free or partially free. I hope to see May meeting. Ted Widmer, VP of Trips, 713-203- 3145. tedwidmer1@aol.com

SCSC's Sports and Social Clubs Expo - Barabara Dell

SCSC's Sports and Social Clubs Expo by Barbara Della Longa

The April general meeting was more than "just a meeting". SCSC hosted its second annual Sports and Social Clu inviting 23 other clubs and organizations to man their own tables at Vargo's. The goal was to have a lot of fun wh showcasing SCSC as well as acquainting everyone with our guest organizations. Approximately 300 people attter Expo on April 9. SCSC recruited some new members while our guest clubs did the same.

About half of the organizations who participated last year returned this year in addition to about 10 new ones. Ma Adams, owner of Gulf Coast Kayak Adventures, displayed one of her kayaks which stood about 15' high and almost the ceiling at Vargo's. The people at the Expo enjoyed looking at all of the curling equipment brought by the Curling Houston. Bob Wilbanks, editor of National Ski Club Newsletter, even came in town to write an article on the Expo. The different clubs represented included skiing, rollerblading, running, adventure racing, tennis, singles groups, scuba diving, kayaking, scuba diving, social clubs, dancing, volunteer, outdoors, travel, fitness, etc. Entertainment included a demonstration by Bay Area Whip Dance Club and Houston Swing Dance Society while Jay Marks, (SCSC's "usual" played some great tunes. In addition, some of our own SCSC members wore 2 hats by running or assisting table: SCSC clubs of which they are also affiliated.

I would like to thank the following organizations for participating in the Expo:

Space City Ski Club, B Sailing Club, Bad Blades Rollerblade Group, Bay Area Whip Dance Club, Bayou City Out Curling Club of Houston, Eight Friends Out, Events and Adventures, Gulf Coast Kayak Adventures, Houston Area Runners Assn., Houston Fit Adventure Racing, Houston Galloway Marathon Training Program, Houston Margarita Houston Single Source, Houston Singles Tennis Assn., Houston Swing Dance Society, Houston Tennis Assn., Houston Underwater Club, Houston West Chamber of Commerce, JME Entertainment, LTG, REI, Sail La Vie' and Texas / Single Sailors.

Our Expo would never have come to fruition without all of our wonderful SCSC volunteers. In particular, I would like to thank Gloria Lopez for designing the table layout at Vargo's; Linda Licarione for preparing that informative written program that was handed out at the meeting. In addition, over 55 SCSC volunteers helped set-up, clean-up, check in guests, SCSC tables and were "Ambassadors" to each of our guest organizations. We could never have run such a successful meeting without all of our volunteers. Finally, I want to thank all of the SCSC Ambassadors for helping at the Expo and their dedication in introducing new members and guests to SCSC throughout the past year.

Sun Valley --By Marsha Lutz and Bari



**SUN VALLEY
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FEBRUARY
MARCH**

By Marsha
and Bari

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At the Boise airport, we met Leslie Adams and Steven Ellsbury, our California contingent and friends of Greg Conary and Theresa Tanchak, who sail together as well as ski. After a long day

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travel, we settled into our deluxe condos at the historic Sun Valley Lodge, established in 1937 first destination ski resort in North America. The scenery lived up to its touted image of beauty captured on many cameras, including Bruce Baird's and Steve Slade's spectacular slide show

On Sunday, Ron Hayes, Judy Schiro, Roger Holzman, Marsha, Jill Nanney, Allan Smith, and E Gomez were among those who participated in our mountain tour, after which everyone skied s powder. After our welcome party on Sunday evening, 16 theatre enthusiasts, including Diane & Vicki Faulkner, Linda Licarione, Dave and Winnie Pullin, Sharon Simandl, and Bill Bomberger, advantage of free admission to the musical "Forever Plaid."

Although Sun Valley is considered a tough mountain, the black diamonds were a piece of cake of our more seasoned skiers, Ed Freiter and Bob Gottlieb. One of our new members, Markus E showed his Austrian roots, joining in on the black diamonds.

From day one, Keith Kirkman enjoyed his role as trail boss. At one point he had 14 skiers, all " following him. The gang, that included Bomberger, Sharon, Melinda Hughes, Barb, Nancy Sch Frank Adams, Bob Wray, Bob Gottlieb, Jeff Kovacs, and Gary Davis, made an instant lift line v they skied, like a pack of dogs. Other Big Dogs, Bill Prater, Ed, Keith, Dennis Newell, and Jim had a very nature filled trip, skiing among the trees whenever possible. When some of the gan their burning thighs needed a break, they formed a smaller pack, named "porch puppies" by M

Our prima ballerinas, Bill Prater and Nancy both exhibited hidden talents in their demonstration pirouettes on skis. Robert Todd had a different take on aerial moves, as he was seen going air following a collision with another skier. Unfortunately, he hurt his shoulder and broke ribs, curt skiing for the week. Ron, Judy, Maria Mendez, and Diane got an advanced education, skiing L Lower College ski runs.

Sun Valley restaurants are well- known for their culinary offerings and our lunches on the moun fantastic (Lookout excluded!). On Tuesday, Dave Blacklock, Ky Griffin, and Mike Rothermund Christmas Bowl all morning, then joined the group, who climbed the 60+ stairs to the entrance Roundhouse, the original mountain restaurant. Menu selections included soup and quiche. No to be considered effeminate, philosopher Bob Wray declared, "Real men eat quiche and ski gr runs!" Rothermund enjoyed Roundhouse so much that he returned for lunch every day for the week.

Tuesday evening, a number of us went to Ketchum for dinner, feasting on local faire, such as l buffalo, and trout, then later met up with Mark Monroe, Leigh Howlett, and Markus to check ou action at Whisky Jacques. We're not sure who won the foosball championship between Dave & Markus.

Although local restaurants are excellent, several of our group flaunted their hidden gourmet ch Bomberger prepared a roast, Roger and Melinda cooked a spaghetti dinner with their own sec Frank made his Gretchen's Gold French toast, and Dave Pullin impressed Winnie and condo r Linda and Vicki, with homemade chicken soup and baked fresh apples. Winnie even packed h "Mr. Mom" apron for him to wear in the kitchen.

Several participants including Sheldon and Clara Tuffyas, Rothermund, the Stotz's ventured to Lodge's huge outdoor hot tub, also from the original 1937 construction. And why was it that Di wanted to spend so much time in the hot tub? I guess the sights were appealing.

Wednesday was a shopping day for the girls and guy: Nancy, Melinda, Maria, Sharon, Diane, Frank. Did Frank take the day off to see the galleries and sights of Ketchum or spend the afternoon with the women while the other guys skied? Some wondered if Mark Ehrlich purchased his buffalo hat but he brought it with him – glad to have the chance to wear it since it's not allowed around his

Several participants took advantage of the centralized laundry mat. Mary Simpson and Betty S returned with a strange pair of socks, only to find out they both had the same strange pair. They matched the oddities.

Sonja Davis enticed Carol Cain, to join her in cross country skiing on the golf course. After hearing much Carmen Mikhail enjoyed snow shoeing, Carol added that to her repertoire - downhill ski, cross country skiing and snow shoeing all in one week!

Our sleigh ride to Trail Cabin Creek was great. The full moon shining on Mt. Baldy, enhanced the beauty of the snowcats grooming the ski runs. Our dinners were so big that many of us brought back, coined the phrase, "fox lunches," to toss to the foxes that followed the sleighs on the return ride.

On Thursday, 15 racers participated in Nastar races, led by race director, Bob Wray. Our fastest was Markus, followed closely by Dennis. Jill was the fastest woman on the slopes, with Mary V as second. Several door prizes were won at our group dinner that evening, including a backpack for Gary. Mary Ellen Arbuckle "won" a jacket, which was good since she had left hers on the bus. The jackets looked identical! Maria and Dave Pullin won ski goggles.

At the end of a wonderful week, we faced another long day of travel back to Houston. On the bus, Jill wanted to know how much time we had before we reached our destination. Roger answered, "age you don't ask how much more time you have!" However, one question everyone willingly answered yes to was that of Bob Simpson's - "Did you have as much fun as we did in Sun Valley?"

TSC 2007 Summer Expedition - Thailand

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Thailand: Bangkok – Chiang Mai - Phuket

View the Trip Powerpoint

(MS POWERPOINT IS REQUIRED. CHOOSE "SAVE AS" AND THEN YOU CAN VIEW THE PPT.)

June 29-July 8, 2007

Trip Coordinator-Thuy Rocque

Pre – trip choices:

1. Bangkok – 2 or 3 additional nights
2. Hongkong – 3 nights
3. Tokyo – 3 nights

Post – trip choices:

1. Cambodia - 2 nights as per bid package
2. Singapore – 2 nights for clubs using Singapore airlines



Are you ready for a new experience? If your answer is "YES" then start making plans now for a diff Texas Ski Council experience. The Kingdom of Thailand draws more visitors than any other country Southeast Asia. Bangkok and Chaing Mia are rated by Discovery Channel among the top ten most p tourist destination cities in the world. Thailand's irresistible combination of breathtaking beauty, in temples, renowned hospitality, robust cuisine, abundant in, on, above and below water activities pi make this one of the most memorable trips of a lifetime.

Variety is indeed the spice of life in Thailand. Imagine the cooler northern stuba-studded mountain tranquil villages, forest, jungles, rivers and waterfalls. Experience the historical and cultural museu activities, then on to the pulse-pounding dance clubs. Don't forget the stunning beaches, Thailand's world class golf courses, Thai Boxing events, Thai cooking classes, exotic spa massage and of cour shopping, shopping, and more shopping. With the favorable currency exchange, Thailand is a shop Mecca.

Add a pre trip experience with one of the fabulous trips for two or three additional nights in Bangko nights in Tokyo, Japan or three nights in Hong Kong or a post trip for two days in Angkor Wat and Cambodia; one of the seven wonders of the world or Singapore - 2 nights available for those flying Airlines.

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21st Annual AIA Sandcastle Con

21st Annual AIA Sandcastle Competi

EAST BEACH, GALVESTON

June 2, 2007

VOLUNTEER to assist in set up, parking cars, assisting judges, and vote counting.
Complimentary t-shirts, food, drink, and **MUCH FUN!**
(and there's no charge)

Sandcastle building competition begins at 10 a.m., awards at 4:30
Volunteer Shifts 6 a.m. - 11 a.m.; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.

If you have not seen the Sandcastle Competition, it is a must! 85 architectural firms teams competed in 2006!

Optional: Friday night **BEACH BASH** at the Galveston Hilton (~\$20)
GREAT Party!!
Saturday night after party!!!

Check website for photos www.aiasandcastle.com

AC John Thayer, aka "Easy"
johncthayer@computron.net

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(979) 297-5436

*Members!***Membership Drive**

Recruit a New Member and Win Contest - Part II - Start 2007 on the right foot and get rewarded recruiting new members! Ten (10) members will each win a free membership for recruiting the members. The free memberships are non-transferable and must be used for the 2007-08 membership year. However, if a winning member previously paid for a multi-year membership, the free membership will be applied to the next year that a renewal is due. The contest runs from January 1 to April. The winners will be announced at the April general meeting, so start recruiting!

Check www.spacecityskiclub.org for all of the contest's rules. Please contact Barbara Della Longa at prdirector@spacecityskiclub.org if you have any questions.

Winners of the Recruit a New Member and Win Contest - Part I

The winners of the "Recruit a New Member and Win Contest" were announced at the general meeting on October. Congratulations to the following winners:

Mike Carr - \$200 ski trip credit
Sandy Oballe - \$100 ski trip credit
Barbara Rossetti - \$100 ski trip credit

Recognitions - free memberships for 2007-2008: Anne Marchetti and Trish Ramirez

Vargo SCSC Dinner Special

At each meeting come early for the early bird and late evening awesome Vargo's SCSC dinner special announced on the meeting page of the web site 2 weeks prior. These dinners are \$9.00 off Vargo's price! You won't believe the quality of food for this price

SCSC Meeting Night Dinner Specials - Oct 9 Your choice:

Ribeye steak

Mahimahi Almondine

Chicken Marsala

each served with vegetables, rice or potato, bread and a salad

Our Price: \$19.95

Menu

Sun & Ski Sport 10% Discount

Member Benefits - Sun & Ski Sports offers Space City members 10% discount on merchandise and services; must present your personalized SCSC discount coupon at the store. To get yours, go to www.spacecityskiclub.org the "My SCSC" tab, login and a link to your coupon will just above the logout button. Click on it, print the page and take it with you.

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Our Price: \$

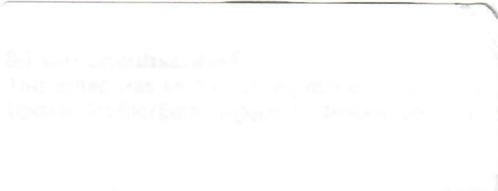
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