

I had heard praises about Beaver Creek before I went, and it certainly did not disappoint! Wow! What a great resort and our accommodations at The Charter were supreme! This place had everything to offer including large bedrooms, indoor/outdoor hot tubs, steam rooms, saunas, game rooms, great meeting rooms and a lively bar! All this plus a large ski area with multiple levels of skiing and 200 members of The Texas Ski Council for the “Shootout”, you have a perfect ski trip!

We began our trek with chains on our bus due to the amount of snow falling the first night but that only meant good snow on the mountain the following days. The second night we were treated to a welcome reception hosted by TSC and since it was Valentine week, the theme was started that evening and carried out during the week. Heart stickers were placed on all the Space City Ski Club name tags because our hearts are always with SCSC. Anne Thomas went over all the activities for the week, final registration for TSC races were completed, and friends reunited and discussed, what else, skiing! TSC offered an optional backcountry snowshoe excursion which was also a big hit!

Fifty-Five SCSC members experienced our trip and as usual, the “Big Dogs” Diane Baker, Ross Baker, Barry Caspar, Jim Hodges, Dennis Hughes, Melinda Hughes, Keith Kirkman, Beverly



Roberts, Thuy Rocque, (our Trip Coordinator), Richard Rocque, and Hugh Williamson hit the slopes early every day and skied with great vigor and style. Did you know that Thuy and Richard met in Beaver Creek? It was a great story and I understand that Thuy was very skeptical of Richard’s skiing ability and made him audition for the “Big Dogs” and RICHARD HAD BEEN A SKI INSTRUCTOR! I really enjoyed finding new ski partners with Marti Turner, Ann Rogers, Gloria Lopez, Jean Eng, Cindy Rapisand (who joined us from Austin) and Rita Cardenas. I have seen Rita in the SCSC Club for a long time but never got to know her. Proof as Bill Bomberger says, “You have to get involved to get to know people!”



Thuy planned lunches on the slopes and Après ski every day. However, the Black Diamond Bistro quickly became our main hangout when we discovered “Dave” the musician in the bar and

had many spontaneous sing-a-longs in the afternoon including “I’ve Got Friends in Low Places” the club theme song. I know I enjoyed surfing the internet with our own “Dave” David Stotz looking for good sing-alongs and



Hugh kissing me in the bar had nothing to do with my enjoyment one evening. Music continued with a good band and “Dave” entertaining us at our TSC Dinner, Awards and Dancing in the Park Hyatt. SCSC was represented with various members receiving recognition for the TSC races. Hugh along with Thuy made us proud as



we cheered their accomplishments. Did you know that we had at least 5 octogenarians who skied on the TSC trip! That should give us all some inspiration. Other members on the SCSC trip included Kristen Barrett, Jenny Berg, Andy Berg, Andy Cashio, Leslie Cashio, Nancy DuFrane, Ken Feaster, Kevin Fester, Chaille Hutcheson, Rick Jaeger, Kelly Miranda, Ron Rambin, Michele Reynolds, Charlie Roberts, Jana Rosenbaum, Julie Rothermund, Michael Rothermund, Steve Slade (great humor as usual), Susan Stanley, Lara Sterzing, Tom Thomas, Raymond Koteras, Maria Koteras, Whitney Leavell, Harriet Leavell, April Macha, Janet McKenzie, Ash Moza, Nelson Turner, Bill Volz, Marina Wang, Hugh Williamson (personality galore), Stephanie Willis, Mike Willis and Laura Zavala.

SCSC had our own Club Dinner and thanks to Thuy, again, Valentine candy was given to every member. A final Farewell Apré Ski was hosted by TSC on our final night and it was sad to see the week come to an end! So many new and old friends to tell goodbye but so many fond memories of this great trip.

I need to add a personal note here: I received some distressful news on this trip and I have to give compliments and thank you to Thuy, especially, Richard, Cindy, Michelle, Laura, Beverly, and all the members who knew and gave me support and encouragement. Please know this comes from a very grateful heart.

