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These SCSCers are Thankful in Breckenridge!!!

Thirty optimistic, lucky SCSCers made this **Thanksgiving** trip. To accommodate those short on vacation time, the full-pkg group of 21 had a 5:49p scheduled departure. **Craig Campbell**, Race Director, was the first person to join **Julie** and **Bill Raley** at 3:38p. In this day of e-mail and telephones, floods and fires (flooding rains at three happy hours, including our pre-trip meeting, and then Red's burned in November), I had not met several

participants and had to, mentally, work quickly to put names and voices with faces. **Evan Lowe** got the last person award at 5:22p. I ran to meet the group, and must have looked too anxious because I was chosen to be frisked by security. I arrived at the gate at 5:50p, earning the last person on the plane aisle hustling award. The plane departed at 5:52p. This was a quiet, guarded group with varied interests and skiing levels. We had the **Hirasakis**, **Turners**, and **Mays** who would be renting vehicles so as to ski all the surrounding slopes and visit friends/family. **Dawn Forsmith's** jet-setting husband **Michael** wanted her to have a great Thanksgiving while he was away on business. We had Lake Charles, La. **Judge Billie Woodard**, a good friend of **Nora Montgomery**, **Pilar Gonzalez Rodriguez** from Washington, D.C., **Lana Doucette** and **Christine Heyne** (who came to be with their husbands...and for the shopping), and **Annaliese Unterharnscheidt**.

We arrived at the restricted access wing of the airport and had to go to the other side of the airport to get the Greyline chartered bus. Due to security the bus had to return to the holding area until Austin Ski Club arrived, so the bus was quickly loaded and then most of us chose to wait for Phyllis Penniston's group of 14 in the food court area. We arrived at the



resort about midnight. The staff was waiting for us and we soon got everyone settled. Bill and I were up until 3:47a, then arose at 6:30a to get lift tickets to **Walter & May Olsted**, who had come up to their condo the week before. It was 7 degrees on the slopes. Although **May** was apprehensive about skiing with her past knee problems, the green moguls she took **Walter** on proved to be no problem.

Luckily, **Pilar** noticed her packet contained the **Twisters** and **West Texas Skiers** credentials. Donna Crane was sure glad to get them back. **Stacey** (past prez) and **J.R. Ronczy** joined **Susan Blome** to ski and munch goodies at the Peak Nine restaurant. Wednesday, **Craig Campbell** went to the Race Directors meeting and was told our forms had been lost so we had a harried meeting. The TSC Welcome Party had really had Mexican food, but good conversation. It was great getting to see old friends and a lot of kids.

Thanksgiving arrived with 47 degree weather. We raced at 11:00a. The 14 SCSC racers were: **Julie Davis-Raley**, **Bill Raley**, **Marti Turner**, **Nelson Turner**, **George** and **Darlene Hirasaki**, **Gunnar Heyne**, **Robert Olsen**, **Keith Kirkman**, **Sharon Simandl**, **Craig Campbell**, **Jose Araujo**, **Alfred Luaces**, **Susan Bloome**. We did not have anyone wanting ski team photos, so most skied off as SCSC finished so they could get in some great skiing, and get to their destinations/loved ones. At 3:30p **Bill Raley**, **Paul Olsted** and **Sue Olsted** began gearing up for the evening festivities. The **Hirasakis**, **Mays** and **Turners** had happy family gatherings. **Walter** and **Cheryl Duthie Mays** joined 31 of her relatives at the home of her first cousin, once removed, Margie Teffield of Colorado Springs. **Susan Blome** was too ill with altitude sickness to get out in that bad weather, and some of the group had met old friends with reservations elsewhere and some had dates, so we ended up with 22 taking the FRISCO adventure and got a wonderful feast at the Olsted's condo in Frisco. We arrived home about midnight tired, full and thankful for the great opportunity to really talk to each other. We remembered **Susan** and she had a good feast for lunch the next day. Friday, Tor Lileng joined the TSC bus group to Vail and reports it was great.

At 9:00a Saturday morning some watched **Donna Crane** christen the new **Super8 chairlift**, then took it over to Peak 8 for some good skiing through the snowmaking machine blizzard. This was a much anticipated lift because it opens up the way to lift 6

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and the blue/black bowls. We had hoped Peak 7 would be open so we could get to the hundreds of new intermediate trails, but it didn't open until



December 22. In the afternoon, the TCs had a meeting/social with the Breckenridge and Beaver Run representatives, then had to hurry down to meet up with the TSC group in Tiff's for the Pub Crawl. I was absolutely exhausted and goggle-faced ...

Jose Araujo messed up my plans to get them so drunk that they wouldn't notice I slipped off and went to bed after Tiff's! :) He had a SIGN-UP SHEET and a DIGITAL CAMERA! Here are the results. Tiff's was in the resort. **Pilar Gonzalez, Dawn Forsmith, =Becky Maitland, Craig Campbell, Tor Lileng, Jose Araujo, Bob Olsen, Julie Davis-Raley, Bill Raley** (joined by Becky, Heather, and Alan from Austin Ski Club and Marta from West Central Texas Ski Club).



Next, we headed to Park Avenue Pub where we found **Alfred Luaces, Sharon Simandl,**



Evan Lowe, Paul and Sue Olsted and a lot of folks from other groups. This is where Jose got ribbed

about drinking a mug of hot chocolate ... until he let everyone know he was drinking White Russians at all the other stop!{PB290180}

3rd stop. Mi Casa Mexican Restaurant. The word had gotten back to the Breck staff we were having GREAT FUN and they showed up here. There were LOTS of TEXANS here. Lots of food ,booze, and socializing amongst the flowers.



stop 4. Breckenridge Brewery.{PB300187} Already packed when we arrived. **Dawn Forsmith** took quick action and staked out the upper level for our group. **Peyton Paul** luckily knew the owner and waitress, because they had obviously forgotten we were coming. More food and drinks here at **Tor Lileng's** favorite place where he can get GOOD BEER!

Next was Salt Creek Saloon, but a lot of us bailed out at the brewery! **Pilar, Dawn, Craig, Tor, Evan, and Jose** drank, ate, and danced country with a Norwegian flavor.{PB300191, PB300192}

Sherpa & Yeti's: **Pilar, Craig, Tor, and Jose.**

Cecilia's. It's 1 o'clock am and only one, yes 1, bathroom. Wish we had a picture of **Jose** waiting in line here! I understand he had quite a funny gal behind him in the L.O.N.G. line... and then the artwork in there was interesting, so he himself had to take a little extra time viewing it! These last four were feeling really good, I'm sure. Last, but not least....THE Winners! **Pilar Gonzalez, Craig Campbell, Tor Lileng, and Jose Araujo!** made it to Ullr. Thank goodness the Resort Shuttle was there to get them back home because it was about 12 degrees. Thanks Again Jose!

We didn't see them again until the awards banquet Saturday night! Our club was only third in the race

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rankings but several of our skiers won medals:

3rd overall SuperSeniors and Open Silver: **George Hirasaki**

*Open Senior Silver: **Keith Kirkman**

* Open Super Senior: **Gunnar Heyne**

* Open Senior Bronze: **Robert Olsen**

*Open Senior Bronze: **Nelson Turner**

* Open Bronze: **Marti Turner**

* Open Bronze: **Sharon Simandl.**

The food was great and several people won door prizes, but most were exhausted so the band went home at 11pm after playing the TSC version of "**Friends in Low Places**" and "**Devil in a Blue Dress**". The next morning came quickly but a 5:00a brisk 1-mile walk to the donut shop felt good and resulted in hot donuts for us to gobble up at 6:20a. The **Douchettes** got the last on the bus award.

Once again we dispersed at the airport as people gathered their luggage and headed out to beat the crowd. I was carrying the donuts and I got frisked...twice... but I at least managed to get on the plane a full 10 minutes before it departed, and with all my participants settled in. It was a great time to do some last minute socializing and napping. We arrived to sunny Houston about 3pm which gave us lots of time to pick up kids and pets from the sitters and get unpacked/repacked/ready for the next trip.

A special thanks goes to:

Craig Campbell and **Jose Araujo** who helped in every way possible

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TSC Secretary **Susan Blome** who coordinates between the TSC groups and brought the banner home,

Lawson Pedder, Chris Swallows, Peyton Paul and Eddie McGuigan who had to coordinate all the TSC functions and lodging, and party with us until the wee hours.

A hearty thanks to **Sue** and **Paul Olsted** for making our Thanksgiving special.

Thanks to **Lana** and **David Doucettes** for agreeing to host our March 29 potluck Post-Trip Party.

And, of course, **Sue Bohnert** and **Bill Bomberger**, who took my scrawlings/receipts and Lotus spreadsheets and translated them to Excel for tax records consistency, **Melanie Morin** who processed new and renewing members as quickly as possible so I could complete their sign-up, and **Cindy Moore** who went above and beyond to make her Young and New Member group aware of my trip in the middle of Summer when the pressure to get people signed up really intensifies.

And a big thanks to all the people who signed up at early sign-up putting their faith in me and Breckenridge to come through with the first Thanksgiving trip in 5 years to have 100% of last years slope open and new lifts and runs open as a bonus. Psychopath accessible via lift 6 was the most fun run I have ever maneuvered down.

A special thanks to husband **Bill Raley** who is the AAC for Costa Rica. Everyone on this trip saw what a good job he did so come let him take you to the forests, beaches and volcanos of Costa Rica! Sign up right away for COSTA RICA and he and **Marsha Lutz** will give you the adventure of a lifetime this June.