

PARK CITY—Melinda Hughes

Wow! Park City was a fantastic experience for 98 SCSC participants that helped comprise the TSC Traditional Trip with 500 plus skiers. TC **Melinda Hughes** along with her ATC's **Sandra McCunis** and / orchestrated great times and weather. (Go ahead, Believe!) Space City converged January 6-14 on the tri-resort areas of Park City, Deer Valley and The Canyons. The snow at Deer Valley was particularly superb.

Long trip participants enjoyed glorious sun & snow the first 4 days followed by bitter cold on Friday. **Roger Holzman** & **Carmen Mchail** were skiing the gondola area, & considered riding it up & down so as to warm their frozen bodies. On the first day, **Cindy Moore**, **Michael Vick**, Carmen & Roger skied at Deer Valley. Upon their arrival Cindy & Carmen took a bathroom stop, & returned with reservations to the noted Stein Erickson Resort Sunday brunch. It was sinfully delicious, for 2 hours of decadence!

TC Melinda introduced hubby **Dennis** to skiing the blacks with the "Big Dogs." And when not on the slopes, Melinda diplomatically handled the many phone calls about our member concerns regarding bedding down with a same-sex member. Two of the guys sharing a king bed were heard to say that it was "touch & go". Hmmm!! One night they stacked pillows in the middle of the bed to which their friends sang, "Climb every mountain".

Roger Holzman was ill 4 days prior to the trip. **Keith Kirkman** & **Bill Bomberger** accused him of passing it onto them. Keith missed 3 days of skiing, Bill 2 days, but Roger skied 6 full days.

Sadly **Ann Rogers** received difficult news that her Mother's illness is terminal. She left for Seattle on Thursday to visit her. Compounding her sadness was a visit to the clinic on Wednesday with an injured knee.

Fresh snow fell for Thursday's race day. SCSC race participants included **Melinda Hughes**, **Thuy Rocque**, **Ann Ivory**, **Anne Marchetti**, **Debbie Dvorak**, **Mary Wollmann**, **Cindy Moore**, **Deanna Sullivan**, **Leyla Ozarkadesh**, **Thomas Norton**, **Phillip Vice**, **Robert Samen**, **Barry Caspar**, **David Dvorak**, **Richard Rocque**, **Dale Allbritton**, **Don Hodges**, **Bruce Lowther**, **Merlyn Harger**, **Bill Bomberger**, **Larry Edmondson**, **Dennis Hughes**, **Gary Hercules**, **Michael Vick**, **Brian Edmondson**, **Chuck Pena**, **Travis Carr**, **Tyler Carr**, **Robert Clements**, **K. C. Wang**, **Gary Butler**, **Roger Holzman**, **Michael Carr**, **Don Smith**, **Ron Rambin** and **Bob Wray**.

Thuy won third place overall in the female open division individual races, and Ann Ivory was fourth. **Thomas Norton** was first overall in the male super senior division, and **Robert Samen** was fourth in the open division. Of the 4 large Clubs, SCSC placed 3rd. Upon this announcement our group was heard singing, "We are not the worst."

After the TSC races Cindy Moore was gloating that she beat Roger in the races (by 0.06 of a second). Then disaster. A skier on the chair in front of them fell while exiting the lift. Cindy hit ice while exiting, crashed into the fallen skier, and tore her ACL. She had to put away her skis AND dance shoes for the rest of the season.... what a shame!

Park City had many SCSC couples and families on the long trip including Richard and Jane Adams, Alice and Dale Allbritton, The Carr's: Michael, Barbara, Travis and Tyler, The Flemings: Bruce and Stephen, David and Deborah Dvorak, Don and Teri Hodges, Ron and Roberta Rambin, Thuy and Richard Rocque, Michael and Diana Carter. Other long trip participants included Deborah Abadie, Frank Adams, Alex Bunsch, Christie Burke, Margaret Cohen, Cheryl Crockett, Ray Davis, Gail Clayton, Mitch Gaspard, Merlyn Harger, Gary Hercules, Dan Hoffman, Robert Knupp, Art McKnight, Ken Pape, Jim Parise, Dennis Pechal, Cathy Phillips, Steve Slade, Davis Tucker, David Whitehead, Rich Purvis and Eric Dalrymple.

Cooking in the condos was prevalent on this trip. Poor **Bob Wray** often had decisions to make, with 3 invites each of several nights. Appetizers at one, main course at another, dessert & liquor elsewhere. **Malinda Sheehan's** exotic cooking permeated the entire 4th floor several nights to the delight of her room mates **Gail Clayton**, **Elba Villarreal** and **Sandra McCunis** as the single guys followed their noses.

Short trip participants enjoyed themselves once they acclimated to the resort as most arrived with an after midnight check-in. They had to wait until daylight for the grocery & beverages but soon discovered that to go to the Liquor Store, go with **Larry Edmondson** instead of **Greg Biasetti**. Larry hails buses by jumping in front of them to stop, while Greg and Janetlee meander along the scenic route only taking buses whose driver stops for 15-minute breaks. Ask **Walter Robin** instead of **Don Smith** to start the fire. Walter burned up all the wood from their suite, the suite next door, and from the bucket downstairs, while Don had to re-start the same fire three times during the evening party. If you see left over cheesecake in the fridge, don't eat it even if **Deanna Sullivan** has not put her name on it. If Deanna's name is on it, only eat a little bit and deny that it was you. **Anne Marchetti** likes to cook for groups. Make sure she is in your suite and she doesn't mind when you do the cleaning. If you like snacks make sure that **Kay Smith** is in your condo.... she stocks more than convenience stores can offer! And remember - nobody likes White Zinfandel - just dump it in the sink instead of trying to "make a use for it" in the spaghetti sauce.

If you want to ski over cliffs (and rocks), ski with **Larry Edmondson**, **Bryan Edmondson**,



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David Morse, Anne Marchetti, Deanna Sullivan and Bob Gottlieb. By the fourth day, the aggressive antics wiped out Anne's knee requiring a subsequent trip to the doctor.

On the other hand, if you want new skis, go to happy hour with **Bernie Clinton.** After leaving his skis for a few drinks and shopping, he returned (the next day) to find them gone. After renting a new pair, he returned a day later and his skis re-appeared.

If you want to be surrounded by fur, go walking with the Space City Snow Chicks.

Short trip couples included KC and **Tseung-Pu Wang, Michael** and **Hyo Knebel** along with Buddy and **Sarah Soland** who joined at a last minute cancellation. What fun couples, and we learned from Sarah that "BS" means "before Sarah." Also joining the short trip, as experienced skiers were **Ann Dorn, Nancy DuFrane, Anneliese Unterharnscheidt, Helen Schilling, David DuVaney, Karl Ferenczy, Ash Moza, and Bob Rexford.** All reported to have had a blast.

Grant Fowler arrived early and left early Saturday to be back in Houston in time to run the half marathon. Grant roomed with **Barry Stewart** who is a new SCSC member & a superb skier. And, best of all, Barry wants to help lead our future ski trips. Barry, we accept your offer. It is a done deal.

Falling in love took Steven Theo off the ski slopes for several years. Steven?? Priorities?? It's good that you were present for the return bus ride. As an officer, Steven, along with Jessica Halter, pulled officer rank strings when the Lone Star ATC reportedly gave away some of the SCSC bus seats. Thanks for **Camile LaRoe** and **Chuck Pena** for volunteering to take a taxi to airport, along with an overflow of luggage. All participants and luggage made it to their flights on time...and the entire luggage arrived in Houston too!

Mambo King **Barry Casper** wowed the ladies and everybody else by showing his Latin Salsa dancing moves with **Elba Villarreal** and others at the Final Awards Banquet and in Condo 147! Has the Mambo King found a Mambo Queen dance partner?

Park City must have been the first ski trip where there were so many beer fines that we had to turn them down. Bill Bomberger was fined for falling down while standing in the lift lines. He was in front of 4 little kids in a ski school and scared them! **Thuy Rocque** got a beer fine for getting one of her poles stuck while getting on the lift chair. She had to have the people in the chair behind deliver it to the top of the lift. Our Race Director **Bob Wray** got a beer fine for testing the speed limit of his skis on a GREEN run leading down to the main lift when he wiped out in a yard sale fashion where both skis released and went flying. However, he was still clutching both his poles when he finally came to and said he felt fine and said that he has no memory of the fall but he was really enjoying himself skiing in Lake Tahoe!!!! As for the rest, we knew we were in Park City and we thoroughly enjoyed the trip!!

