
TSC Hoe-Down

by Heidi Heinrich

It was a weekend of fun and games at the TSC Hoe-Down in Bandera. The Flying L Guest Ranch showed us how cowboys have a good time.

After dinner on Friday, we departed for an evening of dancing and drinking in Arky Blue's Silver Dollar Saloon. **Peggy and Jerry Montgomery, Llona and Chip Doubet, Roberta and Ron Rambin, Debbie and Jeff Warren, and Sue Barnett, and Steve Benson** were burning up the sawdust covered floor with their hot two-steppin'. Also seen dancing up a storm that night were **Elba Villareal, Dwayne Skweres, Jeri Hartman, and Lynn Burch**. **Elyse Turla** took the spritely town mayor for a spin, much to his delight. **Jeff Sarff**, being a good husband, went back to the ranch to retrieve **Nancy's** dancing shoes; the sawdust was creeping into her sandals. **Joe Daleo, John Allen, Sharon Broughton, Julia Butcher and Bill Bomberger** enjoyed a game of pool in the back of the dance hall. **Mike Gerstenberger, John Cook and Cheryl Houge** danced 'til daylight.

Saturday morning began too early with a hay ride to a hearty breakfast at picnic tables along the creek. We had a free morning for golf, tennis or horseback riding. **Pamela Whitfield and Bill Dahl** headed off for a ride in the nearby state park. **Nancy Sarff and Merrel Smith** bought some antique wooden snow skis while shopping in Bandera. Meanwhile **Susan Blome** took the opportunity to relax, as she is busy with her new DOT duties.

We all met poolside for a filling lunch. Once reenergized, we were ready to rodeo at the cowboy Olympics. The ranch foreman, Hagen, had the horses ready for riding and the calves ready for roping. **Karla Troutman** stood out as perhaps the only skilled horsewoman in the ring. **Charles Butler and Gary Butler** impressed us all in the steer roping competition. **Dave Stotz**, however, won that contest and took wife **Diane Stotz** to celebrate at the Silver Dollar. **Debbie Bergeron** did quite well in the "egg-in-a-spoon" on horseback race until she dropped it.

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Heidi Heinrich received a special recognition award for knocking out three other participants (including their eggs). Omelets anyone? **Lynn Burch** lost her "back seat" in the "run-out-of-town-on-a-rail" race. Next time you see **Mary Kay Kitchens** or **Bill Simmons**, ask them how many rodeo fans can fit in their van!

After dinner that night, as the sun set, we were entertained creekside by a local cowboy who told tall tales and sang songs about the old West. The ranch's ghost town was lively as we danced and sang the night away. **Sharon Smith** led a group of SCSCers in the now famous rake dance! Those of you who were in Sun Valley this past February know it as the broom dance.

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