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## Texas Ski Council Bidfest April 7-9, 2017

### Update 1



February 18, 2017

Greetings TSC Delegates,

Plans are well underway for an exciting 2017 Texas Ski Council Ski Bidfest. We are returning to the great city of San Antonio, TX on April 7-9, 2017. The host hotel will be the historic Drury Plaza Hotel San Antonio Riverwalk. Please encourage your club members to join us for a fun filled weekend in San Antonio and be the first to know the 2018 trip line-up. It is important to reserve your hotel room now at an amazing rate of \$147/night. *Please note rooms will be released on March 16, 2017.*

The TSC Bidfest is a great opportunity for your board members, trip leaders and general membership to interact with the ski industry and see the bid process in action. Plus they will be the first to know the trip selections for 2018. Here are a few details to help you plan and promote a fun filled weekend for your club members.

Also included is a flier that you can use to post on your website and send to your membership. Feel free to add your logo and tweak for your specific club.

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**TSC 2017 Destinations**

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2/4-11	1/21 1/29
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## FROM MISSION CONTROL

BY BILL BOMBERGER, PRESIDENT

### IT IS ELECTION TIME!!

Please make your best attempt to attend the General Meeting on March 13th at the Live Oak Grill, 10444 Hempstead Road, Houston Texas 77092. We need your support in electing the officers for the 2017-2018 time frame.



This will be a very challenging year coming up for Space City Ski and Adventure Club. As you have seen from an email that Melinda Hughes and I sent to the club about volunteers; we need assistance or we need to change the way that Space City Ski and Adventure Club operates. Based on the response that we received from the email, we will have to pursue changing the way the club operates. It is reality that most of us do not have the time that we used to have to do volunteer work even for something that is as fun as skiing, traveling and making good friends. All of our family and work commitments have increased over the last few years. I can tell you from my IT background it has seriously increased with data overload and everyone wanting answers immediately.

If you are seriously interested in changing the Space City Ski and Adventure Club business model for the future please contact any of the officers that you will be electing on March 13<sup>th</sup>!! We can use your assistance on a committee that will be researching this very important topic.

## COUNTDOWN TO LIFTOFF

BY CHUCK PENA, VICE PRESIDENT OF TRIPS

Hi all! As you read this our last ski trip of the season will be returning from Telluride on Saturday Mar 4<sup>th</sup>. We had a great year with over 200 participants on six ski trips. Not included in this number are those from Space City that are participating in The Texas Ski Council Youth Foundation trip at Keystone on March 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>. Cindy Moore coordinated this trip



for the Youth Foundation and is taking 54 participants, most of whom are going with Space City. Our strong showing indicates that we need to push the Youth Foundation to continue these types of trips or consider having Space City run similar family optional trips in the future.

As Bill mentioned, we are in short supply of volunteers, and we will be looking for ways to revise our business model, but we still need Trip Leaders for every trip. With innovative ideas, we should be able to reduce the workload of volunteers, but we still will need people to guide each trip. We increased the number of spots sold this season by over 100. But we can't keep offering this many trips if we don't get people volunteering to run the trips. We want to keep up this positive trend but we need to get people to step-up and agree to run them. Please send your applications in ASAP (attachment at the end of this Sitzmarke) or send an email to [trips@spacecity.org](mailto:trips@spacecity.org).

As you saw this year's strategy was to feature resorts that honored the Local Epic pass. This allowed some to reduce their lift ticket costs and take multiple trips. For those that didn't buy the season pass the advantages weren't as obvious but here was the logic. Getting members to take multiple trips with the club allowed us to meet our minimum levels per trip and keep trip prices down.

Believe it or not, we are now at the key stage of our planning window for next season and we need your crucial input on how many trips and which ones to offer. To keep a variety of destinations we are planning to feature a different season pass for the 2017-2018 season. We have mentioned it before and details can be seen at the following link: [TheMaxPass.com](http://TheMaxPass.com). Here is a short list of the 39 resorts that are part of this pass: Big Sky, Steamboat, Copper Mt, Winter Park, Mt Bachelor, Solitude, Brighton, Crested Butte, Fernie, Kimberly, Kicking Horse and Alyeska. This pass isn't unlimited days like the Epic Pass but with 5-days per resort, it is enough to plan a few week long trips.

Before we can plan to feature TheMaxPass we need to understand if there is enough interest in these 39 resorts. We also need to know which and how many TSC trips the majority are interested in taking. This is needed before the upcoming TSC Trip Meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>.

To make sure your voice is heard, answer the trip survey that will be sent to everybody in the next week. We know everybody can't make it to San Antonio, so make sure you answer the survey promptly and your vote will still be counted.

For those wanting to come to San Antonio for the Annual TSC Trip meeting, it is being held on April 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> at the Drury Inn-Riverwalk. The Deadline to reserve a hotel room at the reduced rate of (\$147 or \$157) per night is March 13<sup>th</sup>. The registration fee is again only \$75 and includes the following and more: attendance to the presentations, vendor ski show, Saturday lunch and dinner, access to the silent auction plus the traditional TSC dance. (Flyer is included in this Sitzmarke.)

Thanks again for a great year. Cheers, Chuck Pena

## HAVING A BLAST

BY JO BARRIE, VICE PRESIDENT OF ACTIVITIES

Greetings!

I know there are many of you who look forward to attending Kentucky Derby Day at Sam Houston Race Park, are you one of them? If you would like our Club to go to the races (and show off the hats!) please volunteer to coordinate it, or snag a friend of yours to do it! Kentucky Derby Day is two months away on May 6th, but now—March—is the time to get started on it. Contact me right away at [activities@spacecity.org](mailto:activities@spacecity.org) so we can be off to the races!



We had a rather glamorous happy hour venue in February but in March we will change it up for a more casual time at the urban Kirby Ice House at 3333 Eastside Street. They offer 52 beers on tap but also have a full bar for cocktails and wine lovers. The venue offers everything from bar stools and sofas inside to picnic tables on the patio to metal clam chairs out in the backyard. There is an onsite food truck available and they also allow outside food deliveries. I do hope you can join us on Thursday, March 23rd! If you are new to our group just ask the waitstaff for the Space City Ski & Adventure Club tables.

This month we offer a very unique activity! It involves a little history and a little art, and afterwards (at your option) a little walking and a couple pub stops! On Sunday afternoon, March 19th, we will begin with the RAIN! exhibit inside the

old Houston cistern located at the Water Works in Buffalo Bayou Park at 105 Sabine Street & Memorial Drive. This tour lasts 30 minutes and costs \$10. Post-exhibit option: Join us for an approximately 20 minute walk along Buffalo Bayou to Allen's Landing and then up to street level to visit a few bars and restaurants in the Main Street and Market Square area. Check out all the details at [www.spacecity.org](http://www.spacecity.org) and click on the "Cistern" link on the Home Page.

For several years now various members have requested that we host an iFly event and now you have it! April 20th you can experience "flying" without the cost and hassle of securing a parachute and airplane! iFly is a serious training facility for parachuters but they also welcome those new to "flight" for a fun and safe experience. Check it out at [www.spacecity.org](http://www.spacecity.org) and click the "iFly" link on the Home Page.

Here is a unique opportunity for summer fun! Join Derek and the gang in this year's Sandcastle Competition on Galveston's East Beach on June 3. As usual we will be assisting with site preparation and marking, erection of Education boards, distribution of recycling and waste containers and anything else the committee wants us to do, including our favorite, manning the beer tent! This is also a good opportunity to let visitors know who we are!

Please contact Derek Shoobridge directly at [hlift@aol.com](mailto:hlift@aol.com) or 713-501-1032 to let him know if you prefer to volunteer for the morning or afternoon shift, or to get answers to your questions.

It is sad to think that ski season will soon be over. I hope you get to make that last Spring Break run!

'Til next month!  
Jo Barrie

## RECRUITMENT UPDATE

BY LESLIE CASHIO, VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP

### WHY JOIN SPACE CITY SKI & ADVENTURE CLUB?

#### Friendship

– meet new friends with common interests

#### Convenience

– pay, pack & participate (TC makes most of the arrangements for you)



**Economy** – get a much better price on lodging, lift tickets, air fare, etc.

**Fun** – apres' ski, parties, happy hours and plenty of year round non-ski activities, too

**WHY JOIN NOW?** New members joining now will get the rest of this membership year plus all of the next membership year for the current dues price! What a deal!

We met our membership goal of 480 active members for 2016-17 but there is plenty of room for more! Please invite your friends, family and co-workers to check out our website or better yet, bring them with you to a meeting or a happy hour. As we are so much more than a snow ski club, I am sure we have activities and adventures to interest everyone, both skiers and non-skiers.

Remember, if you bring a guest to a meeting or happy hour, both you and your guest will get a Space City Ski Club koozie. And, you never know what kind of wonderful door prize we might be giving away at a general meeting.

It is easy to become a member - Go to [www.spacecity.org](http://www.spacecity.org) - Click "join" then "membership"

Contact me at [membership@spacecity.org](mailto:membership@spacecity.org) with questions or suggestions.

Leslie Cashio  
VP – Membership

### EXTRAVEHICULAR ACTIVITIES UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

March 19	Cistern Tour & Buffalo Bayou Walk
March 23	Happy Hour at Kirby Ice House
April 20	iFly!
April 17 & 24	Two-Step Dance Class
April 27	Happy Hour at Gorgeous Gael



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***PLEASE DO JOIN US!***

*(Note: Kirby Ice House will not admit anyone under 23 years of age.)*



## Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

The Vail trip was a powder skiers' paradise! We had 22 inches of snow in the course of the week. It snowed so much that Vail pass closed several times during the week.

Kasia Rezmer, Melinda Hughes, Andy Smith, Beverly Roberts, Lauren and Kevin McCleary took advantage of the heavy snow conditions by taking a private group powder ski lesson.

SCSC acrobat of the year award goes to Melinda Hughes who received a 9.5 out of 10 for her somersault down the mountain making a perfect landing on her feet. Way to go Melinda!

The diehard award goes to Steve Ying! If you want the scoop on why he won this coveted award, ask him! I am sure he will tell you.

The hot tub queen award goes to Shari. "Shari Clark showed up at the hot tub with a basket containing a "teapot" of hot water, cocoa and peppermint schnapps making Kevin, Don and Lauren thin mint cocoa drinks tub-side.

The down home funny award goes to the Cashio's. Andy and Leslie were planning to ski with Ron Rambin so Leslie called him at 8:45 Monday morning and said, "Hey Ron, this is Leslie, are you about ready to go?" The reply was, "Where am I going?" She then realized that she had called her brother-in-law in New Orleans, also named Ron. So funny!! For the rest of the week Andy and Leslie sent him texts with photos and posts asking him when he would get to Vail. It was so funny because he played along. Thirteen hardy souls went backcountry snowshoeing over 3 miles along the Meadow Mountain Trail in the national forest. The group included: Jeanne Marie Ying, Irene Kenny, Marti

Turner, Craig Campbell, Marilyn Swanson, Larry Robinson, Donna Hathaway, Steve Samuels, Anne and Tom Thomas, Carol Oeller (guest from Clear Lake Ski Club), Bernie Clinton, and Kate MacDougall. Craig reported that he "fell in a hole snowshoeing." Fortunately it was humorous not injurious." Walking Mountain Tours provided Certified Interpretive Naturalist Guide Peter Suneson, as well as van transportation from the Landmark.

Thank you Marti Turner for coordinating the racing. SCSC showed up well taking second in overall participation with Kasia Rezmer receiving a GOLD medal! Marti Turner, Nelson Turner, and Anne Thomas received silver and bronze medals.

Dinners were great starting with pizza, salad and adult beverages at the Club Welcome party, then the SCSC optional dinner at the



Left Bank (thanks to Barry Caspar's recommendation) followed by the TSC farewell dinner at the Lodge at Vail. Hungry SCSC members lined up at the farewell buffet only to be told that the order for lining up would be alphabetical by ski club. Thus, Austin Skiers would be first. The order was quickly abandoned. Do not get between SCSC members and food or wine/beer!

We finished the week with a progressive potluck dinner serving appetizers in one condo and dinner at another. Thank you again to our appetizer hosts Randi Martin, Lawrence Chen, Irene Kenny, Laura Helmke and many





thanks to the Yings, Jose and Marguerita Fernandez, David Burrows and Martin Baker, our dinner hosts. Everyone was eager to help themselves to Robert and Leasa Clements' famous brisket. Yum however John and Cindy McGowan, Shari Clark and Joan Waddill were able to sample more brisket than the rest of us since they were in the Clements' condo.

Susan Stanley enjoyed rooming with resident nutritionist Melinda Hughes. "If daily doses of cool whip in your coffee is the only "bad thing" that you consume Susan, well, you should be okay."

Après ski at the Vail Chop house was such a success on Wednesday that we reserved it again for the Friday Apré Ski. The big draw was



Phil Long as entertainment. On Friday night Phil Long was joined by Lone Star's club member, Dave Thomas. Look at us dance while a blizzard raged outside.

Long time club member and Rhode Island transplant Diane M a c k s o u d gathered 3 more from RI to join us as new members: cheerful Dottie



Macksoud and Epic Mix medalists Patti Tribou and Barrett Clarke.

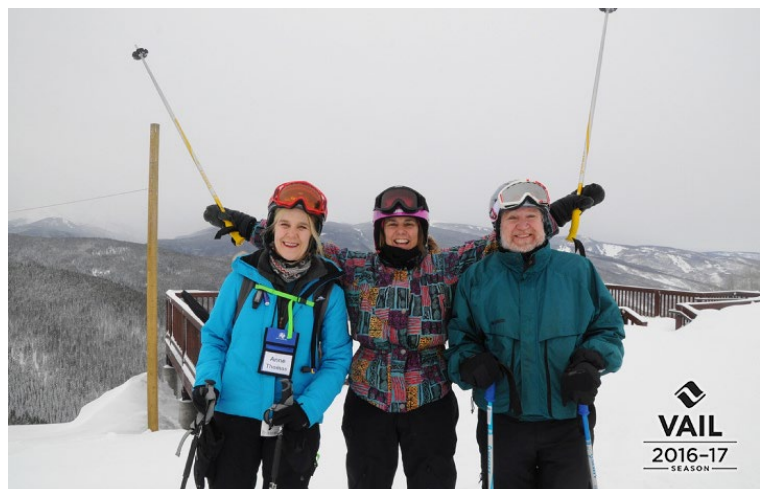
We had several other new members join our trip: Cindy and Al Brown, Jose and Margarita Fernandez, Irene Kenny, Neil Jolly, Ron Schmidt, Magdalena Huzzey. Classy Jim Walker roomed with Neil, Barry Caspar roomed with Ron and Laura Helmke shared a condo with Irene. All had a great time.

Robert Samen and Mark Clarke had fun comparing who had the best wax job on their skis; Jim Hodges tried to keep up with Marina Wang on her snowboard (or was it the other way around?); Bill Bomberger, Tom Hogle and Ron Rambin were jolly condo mates – did they stay up late telling ghost stories around the fireplace?

Frank Adams and Morris Covin had their usual great time skiing together along with their big dog leader Keith Kirkman. Laurie Haischer took a break from work, work, work to join the Vail trip. Our VP of trips, Chuck Pena, enjoyed the fruits of his earlier labor – it was nice to be himself on vacation without trip planning woes.

Assisting on the trip has its rewards: Bus Captain David Stotz was treated to a bag of almonds dipped in dark chocolate. Did he share with anyone? Hmm... Janet McKenzie, David Stotz's impromptu assistant, quipped about her volunteer service – voila! She was surprised with a hand stitched Japanese handkerchief which nipped her quip in the bud.

Bottom line is we had a blast on and off the slopes!





On Saturday morning, January 21st, 63 intrepid souls made it to Hobby Airport dark and early to find a super easy check in and boarding for the flight to Denver. This seemed to be a sign of what was to come for the week: smooth skiing, on-time events, mostly great weather including constant dumps of fresh snow. OK, it did get cold a couple of times <guy in back> “How cold was it?”

Bil: “It was so cold Starbucks had to serve their coffee on a stick”.

The first night we gathered for the pizza, beer and wine party where Vail Resorts answered questions about Peaks 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 for our newcomers. Also, thanks to Chuck Pena, we got a bonus of \$15 mountain money for lunch with each ticket!

After each day of skiing, we had a strong attendance at the happy hour. Base Nine Bar at the entrance to Beaver Run seemed to be the most popular - free pool tables, cheap drinks, and very convenient. TC Bil and Pete Mathieu kept place at the bar while the rest of the Crew were ordering around us.

We had a group dinner at Beaver Run on Wednesday which was well attended. The dinner was mid-week and it gave us all a chance to enjoy a nice meal and great conversation and get to know some of our new members: Linda Cooper (from Oklahoma), Bob Williams, Darrell Lindsay, Debbie and Ed Hamilton, Edith and David Wright, John and Denise Holmes to name a few. I understand Robert Riley and Angela Zumwalt encouraged the Hamilton's to come on their first trip.

Wanda Callahan and Debbie Moser discovered “The His-

toric Brown”. “The Historic Brown what?” I asked. Well, it turns out to be a very cool venue off the main drag with a different band every night. Spotted there the night I attended was Bernie Clinton, James Holland, Kasia Rezmer and a host of locals slam dancing to 80's music. If our kids could see us now.



Deb Cini reminded me to mention the ‘chairlift incident’ involving her, Pete Mathieu, Cindy Moore, and (oh yeah) me, Bil. I’m not saying who is responsible for the four of us stopping the lift 5 minutes while we got ourselves together for a remount. Ah, rare occasions are the ones you remember...

Not everyone skis on our trips; there is plenty of fun to be had with all the great recreational choices. Jeanne Marie Ying tells of a great snowshoe hike to see a miner’s boarding house from 1868 and the stories behind it. Joanne Shank went dog sledding and snowmobiling and has rave reviews. Ask her!

So I was a first time TC... was I worried? Not with the likes of my very competent ATC Patty Finch and our SCSC officers and previous TC’s like Melinda and Dennis Hughes, Steve Ying, Ann Dorn, Ann Rogers, Cindy Moore, Bob Wray, Craig Campell, Ron Rambin, Sandy Fowler, Marti Turner, Kate MacDougall and Chuck Pena (and probably others I missed) in attendance. We had a deep bench of SCSC leaders present with roughly 10,000 combined years of trip experience.





We did not see or hear much from the Big Dogs (Keith Kirkman, Jim Hodges, Frank Adams and Morris Covin) on this trip. They seemed to be very busy enjoying each day.

We had several couples on the trip: Sam and Sandra Cornelius, Charlie and Beverly Roberts, Nelson and Marti Turner and Richard and Beverly Adams. Whitney and Harriet Leavell spent their ski days with Chaille Hutcheson trying to make sure they skied each Peak, and they did.

The big winter carnival began during our week in Breckenridge. This brought us world-class snow sculptures, fire throwing and other wonders of nature right in town to enjoy.

Our lodging at Beaver Run was awesome, all the ame-

nities under one roof – well 7 roofs, all connected. The town of Breckenridge was an 8 minute walk or a 2 minute shuttle ride away with all the great shops, restaurants, pubs easily accessible. Our group of skiers consisted of all skill levels from beginner to expert.

The best part was that we had NO major injuries! We took everyone home we brought - (a few more actually). The Breckingcrew came, skied, and brought home excellent memories.

By Bil Cusack – TC  
Patty Finch - ATC

## SCSC 2017-2018 OFFICER NOMINEES

### BILL BOMBERGER

#### NOMINEE FOR SCSC 2017-2018 PRESIDENT

After being a member of Space City for over 20 years I am looking forward to returning as your President.

#### Here is a short resume of my career with Space City.

Trip Leader - more than 5 trips  
Director of Trips – numerous years  
Vice President of Publications – 2 Years  
Treasurer – 2 years  
Board of Directors – too many years to count or remember  
President – 2016/2017



#### My background outside of SCSC includes the following:

30+ years in manufacturing management including the following roles:

IT, Planning, Manufacturing, Warehousing, Supply Chain Management, Cost Accounting etc.

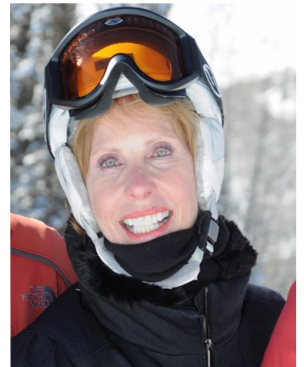
I also spent 30 years as a volunteer firefighter, retiring in 2015 as a Captain/Battalion Chief.

I am looking forward to leading the club into the future. It will be a very challenging year as we will need to change our existing business model to be successful as a club. I will need all of your support and input with the changes that will be needed to keep Space City Ski and Activity Club successful.

### BEVERLY ROBERTS

#### NOMINEE FOR SCSC 2017-2018 V.P. OF TRIPS

My name is Beverly Roberts, and I am very excited to be nominated as VP of Trips. My husband Charlie and I have been members of SCSC since the mid 90's, and have been on an average of two SCSC ski trips each year since we joined. These trips have provided us with the opportunity to visit diverse and wonderful ski resorts, while making lifelong friends that we have enjoyed both on the snow and back in the Houston flatlands.



I have recently retired from a long career in IT management with a large energy infrastructure company. I am very detail-oriented, and very familiar with project management and deadlines. I have been both ATC and TC of ski trips, and served as Director of Trips last year. I will use these skills and experience, along with collaboration with both membership and leadership, to build a great slate of trips. I would like to reach out to club members for trip ideas, and gather feedback about what made past trips memorable. I would also like to reach out to past VP trip leadership for ideas and guidance and build on that success. Finally, I would like to build an enthusiastic and creative team of TCs and ATCs, because they are the backbone of a great SCSC trip experience.



## LESLIE CASHIO

### NOMINEE FOR SCSC 2017-2018 SECRETARY

My name is Leslie Cashio. I have been nominated to be the Secretary of Space City Ski & Adventure Club for 2017-18. I was the VP of Membership for 2016-17 and really enjoyed that job but am anxious to try a new role in our wonderful club. I actually had the job of secretary a long time ago in Clear Lake Area Ski Club. In my membership role, I was able to meet and get to know many more members. I hope I can remain a liaison between our members and our executive committee, so please continue to give me your suggestions and ideas. We want to make our club the best it can be!



I have been an SCSC member on and off for over 25 years. I skied once and discovered I REALLY don't like the cold and I am scared to death of heights. So why have I been a member all of these years you ask? The answer is easy. It is because of the amazing people and the fun non-ski events I have participated in and/or organized. I was the SCSC Happy Hour Coordinator for about 3 years and I have run three dart tournaments and participated in pool tournaments. The dart tournaments were "bring a dish events", run rather haphazardly, but the end result was always lots of good food and even better company. A grand time was had by all!

I started a new job in January and along with the new job came the opportunity to be the VP of Marketing for y'all. The nominating committee did an excellent job of recruiting folks to fill the outgoing officer's shoes. I hope I can keep mine on! See you soon!

Laura

## LAURA CARMIN

### NOMINEE FOR SCSC 2017-2018 V.P. MARKETING

Hi y'all. My name is Laura Carmin and I am really excited to be nominated as VP of Marketing and looking forward to working with past and present volunteers, in all capacities, to enhance the ski club's exposure to folks who haven't heard how great this club is! I hail from Jolly Old England! Actually, I was born in Scotland and moved to England when I was little. My mum and dad were managers of various pubs and sports clubs so I had an unusual growing up experience. There were lots of people, footballers, cricket players, rugby players and at one club my parents managed, there were tennis courts and a golf putting green to boot. To go along with all of the outdoor sports there were the usual indoor sports – drinking... darts...dancing...billiards, etc.

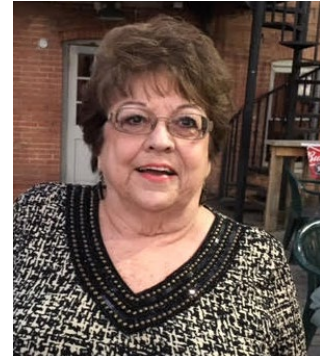


Marketing is not new to me. I have a total of 26 years of experience in the marketing field as I was the Marketing Coordinator for GDF Suez and also for my prior employer Dal-Sterling. Although I will use those skills for SCSC, there are a lot of things I will have to learn along the way, however, I know that the people who have helped with marketing for the past year will be there to assist. That's the ski club way.

## LYNN BURCH

### NOMINEE FOR SCSC 2017-2018 V.P. ACTIVITIES

Hi. My name is Lynn Burch and I have been in the Space City Ski Club since the early 1970's and have always kept my membership active. I have run several ski trips through the years, the last one being Vail in 1994. I also ran one trip to Ocho Rios, Jamaica and two to Mexico in the 80's. I was the Director of Trips in 1980/1981 and VP of Programs in 1981/1982.



Unfortunately, in the last several years I have not been able to be as active in SCSC as I would have liked, because the job I had entailed me traveling 3 weeks out of the month. I was able to go on the summer trips to Egypt and Ireland. I have now retired which now allows me to be able to devote a lot of my time to SCSC.

I will obtain member feedback for new ideas and the types of activities that interest you for the upcoming year. I will also check with some of the longtime current and past members to see what we can do to get them back active and participating in activities with SCSC.

I look forward to working with all of the SCSC members to plan a year of fun activities as VP Activities.



## DAVE GRESKO

NOMINEE FOR SCSC 2017-2018 TREASURER

Hi! My name is Dave Gresko. I've been nominated to be the new Treasurer for the 2017-18 trip and adventure year. My wife, Diane, and I have been ski and adventure club members for close to five years now. While we may not be that big into the "ski" part of the club, we've had a great time on many "adventures"! My first trip (and only ski trip) was to Winter Park. I had a great time meeting the other skiers and enjoying the SCSC experience. Since then, Diane and I have been a part of international adventures to South Africa and Tuscany, and we're also signed up for the Iceland trip later this year. If you've been on a trip with us, you'll know us as "the tall couple"! We're also semi-regulars at the dance classes, as well as other fun excursions like the Fredericksburg trip, Buffalo Bayou walk, and the Polish Feast at the Polonia Restaurant.



In my "spare time", I'm the Risk & Insurance Manager for Noble Energy, Inc. Previous to that, I worked for several other energy companies in a variety of capacities including risk management, project management and finance. All of my jobs involved "tracking the money", so I feel I bring the requisite experience to be successful as the club's Treasurer. I view this as my opportunity to give back to the club and its membership for the many hours invested by others to make the events I've been a part of so enjoyable. I look forward to working with the other board members and coordinators to make your SCSC events, trips and adventures fantastic!

## ANNE THOMAS

NOMINEE FOR SCSC 2017-2018 V. P. MEMBERSHIP

I'm excited to be the space city nominee for VP of Membership. I joined the club in 2004 and frequently enjoy two SCSC ski trips each year, unless I am lucky enough to participate in three. Also I have enjoyed being a TC (Trip Coordinator) for numerous long and short trips since 2007.



My husband Tom and I are soon returning to Houston after living two years in Geoje, South Korea plus an additional nine months in Rockport, Texas while he oversaw the construction of a deep water platform for the Gulf of Mexico. Even while outside of Houston, I kept up with my Space City ski friends on several awesome trips. I loved our online trip sign up from a distance and eagerly looked forward to home visits to ski with friends.

My educational background and career focused on Risk Management and Insurance with a BBA & MBA from The University of Georgia's RMI program. My first working years were in corporate risk management with Esmark in Chicago and BFI in Houston. Later I shifted to professional liability insurance consulting and brokerage to hospitals and healthcare entities. Membership duties must be in my blood as I served as Membership Chairman of a professional organization. Alas, I officially retired from all income producing activities when we moved to South Korea.

Speaking of Membership - March is the great time to join as we offer up to 14 months for the price of 12. A new annual Membership is valid until May 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 so join now!

I look forward to serving Space City Ski Club.





Photographer: Jack Affleck

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March 12-16, 2017  
\$504 per Adult  
Land Only

SCSC Trip Contact:  
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713-393-9588



Dates: Aug 21-29, 2017  
Price  
Full package: \$3186  
Land Only: \$2250

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Photographer: Dieter Schweizer



Trip Coordinator: Jan Ferrell  
[Jan@spacecity.org](mailto:Jan@spacecity.org)



Photographer: Diego Delso

Pre-Trip to NYC  
Date: Aug 18 - 21, 2017  
Price: \$655 per person

Post-Trip to Norway  
Date: Aug 29 to Sep 2, 2017  
Price: \$949 per person

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# TEXAS SKI COUNCIL





# MARCH GENERAL MEETING

6:30-8:30pm Monday  
March 13, 2017

LIVE OAK BAR AND GRILL  
10444 Hempstead Road  
Houston, Texas 77092

Don't miss the March 13th General Meeting at [Live Oak Bar and Grill](#). We need a quorum at this meeting to elect new officers! Please come, socialize and vote!

Easy to find outside of the 610 Loop, West of Hwy 290, on Hempstead Road just west of Dacoma.



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## Trip Coordinator (TC)/Assistant Trip Coordinator (ATC) 2017-2018 Application

Do you love to ski or snowboard? Do you enjoy working with people and making new friends? Are you good at planning and organizing? If your answer is YES to these questions, SCSC needs YOU to join the great team of Trip Coordinators and Assistants running fun ski trips to exciting destinations.

Please complete this form and return to **2016-2017 V.P. of Trips, Chuck Pena** send email to: [trips@spacecity.org](mailto:trips@spacecity.org)

Name:	Telephone-Home:
Address:	Telephone-Work:
	Telephone-Cell:
Preferred contact type: (circle all thzt apply) Telephone: Home Work Cell e-mail	E-Mail Address:
Occupation:	Year you joined SCSC (Approx):

Position you are applying for: \_\_\_\_\_ TC \_\_\_\_\_ ATC \_\_\_\_\_ Either

(Note: In order to serve as an ATC, you must have taken at least one ski trip with SCSC. In order to server as a TC, you must have served as an ATC on at least one SCSC ski trip or an AC for a large activity or experience running trips with other organizations.)

What type of SCSC ski trip do you prefer to run?

\_\_\_\_\_ TSC (Texas Ski Council) \_\_\_\_\_ Club (SCSC) \_\_\_\_\_ Either

What length of SCSC ski trip do you prefer to run?

\_\_\_\_\_ Long (week long) \_\_\_\_\_ Short (4 or 5 day) \_\_\_\_\_ Either

Where would you like to run a trip (Destination/s)?

**Availability:** Dates that you are *Unavailable* to run a trip (If any):

*Preferred* dates (If any):

Are you available for monthly SCSC meetings usually the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month? (August-May)

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Are you available for monthly SCSC happy hours usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Are you available to attend 2 to 3 training sessions?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

(Training sessions likely will be May, June or July 2017)

On what side of town do you live/work? \_\_\_\_\_

**Prior SCSC Volunteer Experience: TC/ATC/AC-Activity Coordinator /AAC-Assist. Activity Coordinator/Officer  
(Start with most recent)**

Year	Trip/Activity/Office	Year	Trip/Activity /Office

**SCSC-Ski Trips Taken**

**Non-SCSC Ski Trips Taken**

Year	Trip	Year	Trip	Year	Trip	Year	Trip

**Other Volunteer Experience: (Start with most recent)**

Year	Organization/Office	Year	Organization/Office

**Computer experience:**

\_\_\_\_\_Microsoft Word \_\_\_\_\_Microsoft Excel \_\_\_\_\_Other

Do you have access to a computer at home or work? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

Do you have access to a fax machine at home or work? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

Can you make & receive SCSC related phone calls at work? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

Can you send & receive SCSC related e-mail at work? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

What other experience/skills can you bring to the position of TC/ATC?

Why are you interested in running a SCSC ski trip?