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launchpad

snow in summer?

As I write this, I'm vacationing on the 'Eastern Shore', i.e., the Eastern Shore of Cheaspeake Bay which is actually on the West side of the 'Delmarva' peninsula. Staying in the 'soft shell capital of the world', Crisfield, MD, I've been learning about the crab and oyster industry here, and visiting nearby historic islands. I'll never look at a crab the same way, and have developed a deep appreciation for the hard work watermen do to bring in their catch and scratch out a living.

It seems odd to be thinking about snow in summer, but that's exactly what I'm doing. While publicly Space City takes a breath, I'm already working on the August trip issue of the Sitz that will be mailed to you.

For now, let your dreams take you to the slopes... ski season will be here before you know it!

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from MISSION CONTROL

It probably seems as if Space City is lying low this summer; however, there is quite a bit of behind the scenes activity going on with trip planning, activities, and such. We have approved a new slate of trips for 2013-2014 and are diligently working on budgets. Check our website, **spacecity.org**, in late July for the current slate of trips and their respective trip coordinators (TCs). Trip costs will be posted then to help you start your decision-making process.

On August 1st or shortly thereafter, you can begin to sign up for a destination online or send a check to the trip TC. Mark your calendar for August 12 when we will be hosting the year's first general meeting where there will be a presentation on each trip to help you decide your travel schedule. The first 25 people that sign-in at the meeting will receive one free drink ticket so don't be late! Also, the member who recruits the most new members by August 12th will receive a $50 gift certificate so tell your friends about our great club!

Our general meetings are held at the **HESS Club** at 5430 Westheimer in the Galleria area which is located between Yorktown and Chimney Rock. I am in the process of planning programs and would love to hear your ideas. E-mail me at president@spacecity.org with suggestions. We will have a limited number of copies of the Sitzmarke available at the general meetings as well as a computer to help you learn how to navigate our web site and how to sign up for trips online.

Susan Blome, our V.P. of Trips, has been burning the midnight oil to pull

this year's fabulous trip slate together. She is currently working on negotiating competitively priced trips, looking for a second director of trips, and training the new Trip Coordinators along with their Assistant Trip Coordinators. Thanks to Sean O'Brien for volunteering to be a director of trips.

Gayle Dale, our V.P. of Activities, continues to plan a variety of social activities. If you would like to suggest an activity, or would consider leading an activity, email her at activities@spacecity.org.

Jan Ferrell, our V.P. of Membership, is the person to contact if you have questions regarding your membership or would like to join. Her e-mail is membership@spacecity.org. If you have not renewed your membership, it's not too late. Renew or join now so you can participate in our trips and other organized activities. You can join online or send a check to our post office box.

Our trips fill quickly (some sell out by October) so don't delay activating your membership!

Stay in touch with us on our Facebook page: facebook.com/spacecityskiclub and I look forward to seeing you in August!

Melinda Hughes
President
president@spacecity.org

Photo: Vail Resorts

having a BLAST

Is it HOT or what??? Check your email!! We will soon be sending out an Evite for the July 20th **annual volunteer's party**. We are still looking for volunteers to check in the guests and help with the set-up and tear-down of the party. Please contact me or Cindy Moore if you're available to help. This activity is free for all those who have volunteered in the past year. There is a nominal charge for members who have not volunteered and their guests.

Photo: Matt Boulton

July 25th is the **Happy Hour at Goode Company Seafood**, located at 10211 Katy Freeway by Memorial City Mall. July 27th is the date for the **Houston Dynamos game**. Evan Howell is the activity director and there are seats still available. Read more about the event on pg 18.

August will find us **cruising Lake Conroe** on a party boat on August 10th (space still available) and on a pontoon boat on August 11th (wait list only). Margaret McCord, the party boat coordinator, is also arranging some hotel options if people want to spend the night and make it a weekend, going on one or both of the boat rides. Please note that the overnight option is not sponsored by SCSC.

The August Happy Hour will be on the 22nd at **El Pueblito Patio Restaurant**. A beautiful patio with a waterfall and $3.00 margaritas will help keep you cool. They're located at 1423 Richmond Avenue and have a free

parking lot across the street.
Our summer will culminate with a **fantastic luau** complete with a imu (in the ground) pig roast and live Hawaiian entertainment planned for September 7t.h.
I'm still looking for help or suggestions for October (Halloween party?) and our Christmas Gala in November or December.
As always, I welcome all suggestions and help in coordinating future activities and happy hours. Hope to see you all at Goode Company Seafood on July 25th.

Gayle Dayle

VP of Activities

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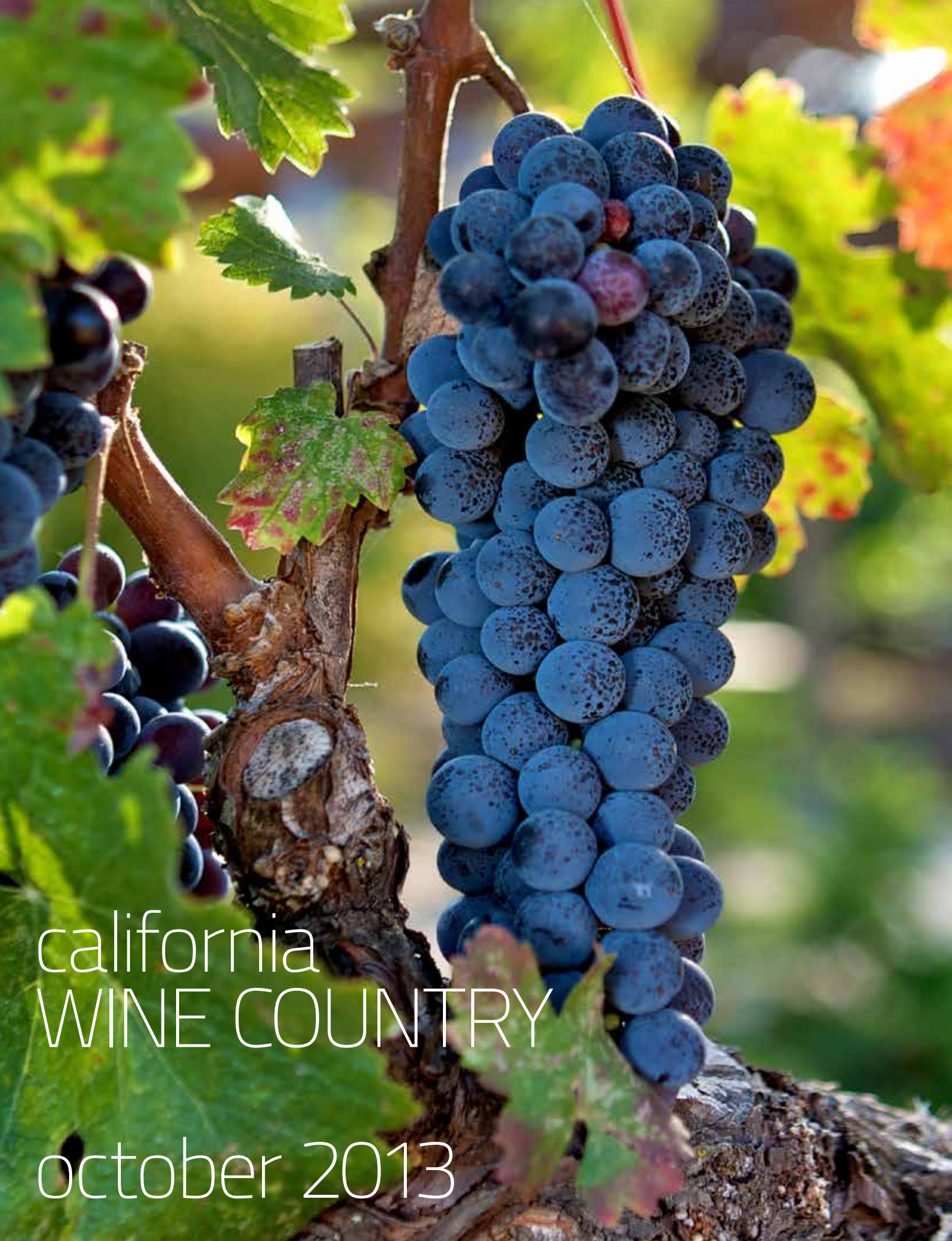
JULY HAPPY HOUR

Join us at Goode Company Seafood Restaurant for the July Happy Hour. They have a great patio and will offer reduced prices on appetizers and drinks until 7:00 p.m.

Appetizers $5.50
Draft beer $2.50
Margarita's - $3.50
House wine - $4.50
Martini's - $5.50

WHAT: HAPPY HOUR
WHERE: Goode Company Seafood Restaurant
10211 Katy Freeway
MAP: http://goo.gl/maps/M9i0B
WHEN: Thursday, 7/25
5:30-9:00



california WINE COUNTRY

october 2013

countdown to LIFTOFF

Get ready, set, wait!!

Trip sign-up doesn't begin until August 1st but it's not too early to start thinking about which trip(s) you will sign up for in 2013-2014. During the months of June and July, your trip team of TCs and ATCs is busy attending training sessions, budget meetings, and finalizing the details on the individual trips. The trip slate is GREAT whether you looking for snow sports or adventure. Kicking off the year is a fall trip to the California Wine Country. For the skier, in addition to many of your favorite destinations, our lodging choices are 1st class with the #1 amenity Space City members have grown accustomed to maximize the skiing experience: ski-in/ski-out or easy access to the slopes! For the adventurer, who can resist S. Africa next summer especially if it's a place that's been on your bucket list of places to go? Plus, whether the trip is domestic or international, there is the added bonus of sharing memories with old and new friends! Our TCs and ATCs will be busy marketing their trips at happy hours and other gatherings, so please come meet them; they will be happy to answer your questions! It's going to be an AWESOME year for trips!!! More details to come in our August Sitzmarke, so please stay tuned, share the excitement and invite your friends to join us! Save the date, Monday, August 12th, for our annual TRIP KICKOFF at the General Meeting. I look forward to a fun-filled and exciting ski and adventure season and hope you do too! Take care & stay safe! Cheers!

Susan Blome

VP of Trips

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trip CALENDAR

OCTOBER

3-7 CALIFORNIA WINE COUNTRY

DECEMBER

7-11 VAIL SHORT

7-14 VAIL LONG

JANUARY

4-11 PARK CITY

24-31 GARMISH-PARTENKIRCHEN

FEBRUARY

8-15 JACKSON HOLE

15-19 TAOS SHORT

15-22 TAOS LONG

22-MAR 1 VAIL

MARCH

1-8 MAMMOTH

8-15 KEYSTONE(1)

12-16 BRECKENRIDGE SHORT

15-22 WINTER PARK(2)

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

19-30 SOUTH AFRICA

(1) Spring Break & Family Optional Trip # 1
(2) Spring Break & Family Optional Trip # 2

Destination	Dates	Prices	Final Payment Date	Trip Coordinator	Assistant Trip Coordinator
2013					
California Wine Country	Oct 3-7	TBD	TBD	Linda Kuper linda@spacecity.org 713-478-9094	
Vail, CO - Short	Dec 7-11	TBD	TBD	Ann Rogers ann@spacecity.org 281-703-0454	
Vail, CO - Long	Dec 7-14	TBD	TBD		
2014					
Park City, UT *TSC Winter Traditional*	Jan 4-11	TBD	TBD	Betty Donellan betty@spacecity.org 310-775-9215	Leslie Hajdo leslieh@spacecity.org 281-419-6237
Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Bavaria, Germany *TSC Winter Expedition*	Jan 24-31	TBD	TBD	Barbara Brescian barbara@spacecity.org 713-516-5322	
Jackson Hole, WY *TSC Winter Showdown*	Feb 8-15	TBD	TBD	Anne Thomas anne@spacecity.org 713-589-3660	Steve Ying steve@spacecity.org 281-433-4122
Taos, NM-Short/Long (?)	Feb 15-22	TBD	TBD	Chris Bryan chris@spacecity.org 281-827-6790	Joan Waddill joan@spacecity.org 281-460-1041
Vail, CO	Feb 22-Mar 1	TBD	TBD	Jim Hodges jim@spacecity.org 281-829-6155	Arlen Isham arlen@spacecity.org 713-560-0187
Mammoth, CA	Mar 1-8	TBD	TBD	Sandra McCunis sandra@spacecity.org 281-463-7717	
Keystone, CO(1) *TSC Final Showdown*	Mar 8-15	TBD	TBD	John Burk john@spacecity.org 281-468-1912	
Breckenridge, CO - Short	Mar 12-16	TBD	TBD	Patti Finch patti@spacecity.org 936-520-1486	
Winter Park, CO(2)	Mar 15-22	TBD	TBD	Cindy Moore cindy@spacecity.org 713-628-7613	
South Africa *TSC Summer Expedition*	Sept 19-30	TBD	TBD	Christine Augustine christine@spacecity.org 210-383-3779	Melody Bohlmann melody@spacecity.org 210-410-7302
Summer Club Trip - TBC	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Fall Club Trip - TBC	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	

(1) Spring Break & Family Optional Trip # 1 (2) Spring Break & Family Optional Trip # 2

Information shown on this Trip Schedule is subject to change. Contact the Trip Coordinator (TC) or Assistant Trip Coordinator (ATC) for the most up-to-date information.
PRICING: FULL packages include air, all transfers, and per person lodging based on double-occupancy. LAND packages do not include air. Ground transportation will be included and available on selected trips for land package participants if they can meet the group at the destination airport on time. Ground transportation will not be delayed for land package participants arriving later than the group. Check with your Trip Coordinator for ground transportation arrangements if you are choosing a land package.
Published prices do not include baggage fees, equipment rentals or lift tickets, and are subject to change. The number in parentheses is the price for the trip if you pay by check. All trip deposits can be made with PayPal; however, final payment must be made by check to receive the discounted rate. Trips frequently have optional activities, such as a group dinner, or offer pre- and post-trip segments that are not reflected in the price published above. The TC is your source of information as to what is included in the package price and the cost of available options. Each trip has a different 'final refund' date -- that is the last date you can withdraw from the trip without a penalty. Refer to the club's Standing Rules 5.1-5.3 for the governing policies on trips, cancellations, refunds, etc.
DEPOSITS: All trips require a per person deposit to make a reservation.

journey to SOUTH AFRICA

summer 2014

membership CAPSULE

Although our next meeting isn't until August, now is the time to join or re-join! When you walk into the meeting August 12th armed with your brand new or renewed membership, you can go to any of the trip tables and sign up right then!! You must be a member to go on one of those exciting trips. Colorado, Germany, Utah, Wyoming, S. Africa and the list goes on...

Members will receive a printed copy of the August Sitzmarke in the mail. Keep it handy and show it to your friends and family. Who knows, they may want to join you on a trip or activity!

And we do have activities all year long. Our new VP of Activities, Gayle Dale, has quite a lineup. Check our website for updates and information.

Stay in touch this summer by coming to our happy hours. See you there!

Jan Ferrell

VP of Membership

membership@spacecity.org

become a member TODAY

Click here to join NOW

salute our 2012-13 VOLUNTEERS

Space City Ski & Adventure Club exists because of its many members who volunteer their personal time to help run the club. These volunteers help coordinate activities, lead trips, check members into functions, host parties, create the posters and flyers you enjoy, work on the web, cook, clean, organize, pick up tickets, and schlep whatever, whereever.

Each year we throw a Volunteer Party that is free for the previous year's volunteers to attend....it's just a small way of expressing our thanks, and show much we appreciate them.

If you benefitted from the work of a volunteer sometime this past year, we invite you to attend the Volunteer Party on Saturday, July 20th to salute their service. This year's event will be at the home of **Linda and Stan Kuper**, who have a lovely pool and entertainment area. You'll find yourself relaxing by the pool (or in it), and chatting with your ski club pals for a relaxing Saturday afternoon and evening.

If saluting our terrific volunteers isn't reason enough to attend, then you should consider the outstanding BBQ we enjoy at this annual event. Two long-time Space City members, **Robert Clemens** and **Bruce Lowther**, bring their pit, secret recipes, years of grilling experience, and throw down some lip-smacking BBQ for all to enjoy. No matter the weather, they come through with a fantastic feast each year. There's also always a huge spread of sides, desserts, and of course beer, wine, and margaritas.

If you don't have time to register on-line beforehand, you can pay at the door. Contact Gayle Dale or Cindy Moore for the exact location.

Abadie, Debbie
Adair, Olga
Allred, Clint
Allred, Kathy
Anderson, Christina
Araujo, Jose
Ashley, LaDuane
Baker, Ross
Barrett, Gary
Barrie, Jo
Blanton, Gail
Blome, Susan
Bomberger, Bill
Brooks, Dick
Burke, Christie
Campbell, Craig
Carmin, Laura
Casanova, Manuel
Chancey, Penny
Cini, Deb
Cone, David
Dale, Gayle
Danowski, Tom
Donellan, Betty
Donellan, Bob
Dorn, Ann
Dufrane, Nancy
Eastham, Ellen
Escobar, Doris
Ferrell, Jan
Finch, Patty
Flatten, John
Fowler, Sandy
Granberry, Sarah
Hayes, Ron
Hodges, Jim
Holzman, Roger
Hughes, Melinda
Irwin, Maureen
Isham, Arlen
Kaminsky, Marty
Kirkman, Keith
Kuper, Linda
Kuper, Stan
LaRoe, Camille
Learned, Halcyon
Leggett, Jay
Lileng, Tor
Lopez, George
Lutz, Marsha
McCunis, Sandra
McKeough, Kay
McMahon, Yvonne
Mendez, Maria
Meyer, Lynda
Moore, Cindy
Newburn, Cecelia
O'Brien, Sean
O'Conner, Joan
Olsen, Bob
Ozkardseh, Leyla
Pearce, Marianne
Pena, Chuck
Robinson, Helene
Rodriguez, Dawn
Rodriguez, Ron
Rogers, Ann
Rosenbaum, Jana
Salvage, Sue
Schidlowski, Karin
Schidlowski, Kurt
Schillinger, Peggy
Schiro, Judy
Schroeder, Leona
Selcer, Jon
Shoobridge, Derek
Simandl, Sharon
Slade, Steve
Stellar, Louella
Stotz, David
Stotz, Diane
TenBrink, Candace
Thomas, Anne
Thomas, Tom
Waddill, Joan
Ward, Leslie
Wellhousen, Sandy
Zavala, John
Zavala, Laura

THANK YOU 2012-13 VOLUNTEERS!

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER PARTY

Saturday, July 20th
4:00-8:30PM

At the home of Stan & Linda Kuper

Free for volunteers (listed at left)
$15 - members
$17 - non-members

ACTIVITY COORDINATORS:
Gayle Dale
Cindy Moore

REGISTER NOW

splash down on LAKE CONROE

One of the most popular activites last year was our Party Barge on Lake Conroe...so much so that we're bringing it back for you!

Beat the heat and have an SCSC "summer fun day" on the water with 50 of your closest friends.

Once again we have reserved our own private party boat on Lake Conroe for four hours. The boat has two levels. The lower level is shaded, and the upper level has a waterslide and a large deck area for soaking up some of that good ol' Texas sun.

And last but not least - the boat has an enclosed marina toilet on board!

Your activity fee will include the cost of the boat, lunch, sodas, and bottled water. Note that this activity is BYOB.

Bring your swim suit, towel, ice chest, plenty of sun screen, chairs, water toys, floats, and your favorite CDs.

We need payment ASAP to hold this date - so don't delay - sign up today!

** For those who are interested in staying either Friday or Saturday night, contact Margaret McCord for more details.

Photo at right: Kevin Harber

PARTY BARGE
ON LAKE CONROE

Saturday, August 10th
12:30-5pm

April Plaza Marina on
Lake Conroe
17742 Hwy 105 W.
Montgomery, TX

MAP

$40
Final payment due
7/10/13

ACTIVITY COORDINATOR:
Margaret McCord

REGISTER NOW

houston DYNAMOS

Would you like to be so close to exciting champion Houston Dynamo soccer action that you can smell the grass on the field? If so, join SCSC for an exhilarating event at the beautiful new BBVA Compass Stadium cheering on the Houston Dynamo as they douse the Chicago Fire! Not only will you be seated in section 117 (7, 8 or 9 rows from the grass) but included in this deal is a Dynamo orange collector T-shirt! Meet up at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and/or drinks and to pick up tickets at Lucky's Pub -- just west of the stadium. Lucky's Pub boasts the largest beer selection in Houston with over 280 beers! They also have an award winning chef. See you there!

Check the website to ensure tickets are still available. At the time of publication, we still had some open seats.

ATTEND A DYNAMO GAME

Saturday, July 27th
5:30pm - optional pregame drinks/dinner & pick-up tickets
7:00pm - game time
9:00pm - game over

PRE-GAME DINNER:
801 Saint Emmanuel St. (Lucky's Pub)

DYNAMO GAME:
2200 Texas Ave. (BBVA Compass stadium)

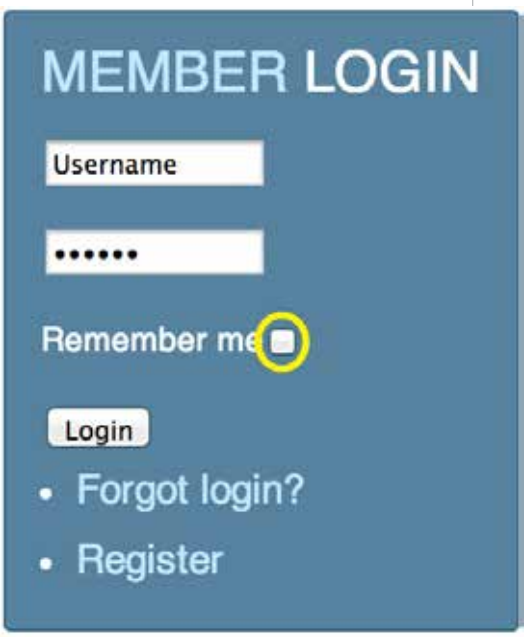
$37 - members
$40 - non-members
Final payment refund date is 6/27

ACTIVITY COORDINATOR:
Evan Howell

website TIPS

Do you find you sometimes forget to sign-in and end up paying the non-member rate for an activity?

You can have the website automatically sign you in all the time. Here's how: When you go to the home page, enter your login credentials, and then click the box 'Remember me' (circled in the image). Then click the 'Login' button. Your browser will now save your sign-in information, and our website will automatically sign you in next time you visit. To disable this setting, just click LOGOUT. That will require you to re-enter your credentials next time you sign in.



If you use different browsers or multiple devices, you will need to save your login information for each one.

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Read the Sitz using www.magcloud.com -- just enter 'Sitzmarke' in the search box

Sign-up for our email list here, and set your spam filter to let through emails from 'listadmin@spacecity.com'

recent PHOTOS

may general meeting & may happy hour

May Happy Hour at Denis Seafood

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club CALENDAR

Visit our website for the most up-to-date information.

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JULY

9 Intermediate II East Coast Swing Dance (FULL - Tues 7/9-7/30)

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<<MORE INFO>>

25 July Happy Hour

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27 Dynamos Game

<< MORE INFO >

AUGUST

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11 Pete's Power Pontoon Boat Day (FULL)

<< MORE INFO >>

12 August General Meeting & Annual Ski KickOff

<< MORE INFO >>

22 August Happy Hour

<< MORE INFO >>

SEPTEMBER

7 Hawaiian Luau

16 General Mtg

26 Sept Happy Hour

2013-14 ANNUAL SKI & TRIP KICKOFF

Monday, August 12th
6:30 - 9:00pm

The Hess Club
5430 Westheimer Road