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From Mission Control

The trips are in full swing and I hope you had the opportunity to join in on at least one this year! If not, be sure to read George's article for openings. Also make sure you read the club emails. We had 99 members and guests have a rockin' good time at the Joe Valentino Show February meeting!

We are celebrating rodeo with our own rodeo competition at Jax Grill on March 14th! When you check in at the door you will get play money good for betting on your favorite horse. Pick a horse in the mini horse races on the bar with our Master of the Races James Schneider! Those who win the most play money get tickets to put in a drawing for free drinks/prizes!

So you always had a secret desire to lasso something? Here is your chance as you can participate in our lassoing contest. The winner will win a special prize. (Perhaps goggles from Sun and Ski Sports?) As I write this I am still looking for something to lasso. I did this once with a blow up bottle of Canadian Club, so if anyone has a connection with a liquor distributor that might want to promote his/her liquor at this meeting, please contact me ASAP. Alternatively, we could also lasso a statue of a horse, bull, big pig, etc. Do you have something that would work? Please let me know at president@spacecity.org.

And last but not least, toss our indoor horseshoes for prizes! We will have 3 stations for our rodeo events and winners will be announced all night. Plan on staying late (again) and rodeo Houston SCSC style! Going to work early on Tuesday is overrated anyway!

This is an important meeting because we need a quorum to vote in our new officers. (See nominee articles later in this issue.) We will also ask for other nominations from the floor. We will have the same overflow parking lots and our security officer will have fliers on how to find them. Please make an effort to attend!

Upcoming General Meetings

April 11th: General Meeting: The 2nd Annual SCSC Gong Show at Jax Grill. See our own terrific SCSC talent and our crazy gong girls! Contact me, or Bil Cusack, now to sign up to perform your act. We will have great prizes for the top two acts that get gonged last and the two that get gonged first.

May 9th: Going to visit Mom on Sunday, May 8th? Make sure you are back for our May general meeting. The location is a secret at this time. I am working with your incoming president on a very special May meeting. (It will be MORE special to you if you have paid your dues for 2016-2017 before this meeting!)

No more meetings until the fall. However, you will still have the awesome happy hours and activities planned by Jo to stay connected!



Cindy Moore,
President

Countdown to Liftoff

Wow! It's March already. Time flies when you are having fun. By the time you read this ski season will be closing out and adventure season will be getting into gear. New Zealand, Fredericksburg, Mexico, Whitefish and the Danube all await your participation. Take advantage of the opportunities to get with friends and have a good time.



March also means preparations for next ski season. This is the time when we plan where we want to go and who will be taking us there. To make next ski season a success we need your input and participation. If you have some ideas

about destinations, or are interested in helping to run a future trip, you need to let it be known now. We are looking for a few good men and women interested in making the future of the club happen. Send your suggestions to trips@spacecity.org.

A good place to start is by planning to attend the Texas Ski Council (TSC) Bid Fest weekend in San Antonio at the first weekend of April. For those of you who may not be familiar the TSC is an umbrella organization consisting of 14 ski and adventure clubs in Texas. The organization uses the combined buying power of all the clubs to leverage resorts and tour operators to offer travel deals that may not be otherwise available to individual clubs. The TSC sends out bid requests to providers and the best offers are presented over a fun filled weekend on the River Walk in San Antonio. Both foreign and domestic trips are presented and delegates from each club vote to select a slate of trip for the coming year. Club members in attendance get to caucus with the club's leadership and provide input on where the club will be going next year. This is a great opportunity not only to let your voice be heard, but also to have a great deal of fun. Reservations fill up fast so you need to act quickly.

George Lopez,
VP of Trips

SCSC Photo Contest 2016-2017

1. BEST SELFIE
2. ORIGINAL LANDSCAPE
3. SKI ACTION
4. PEOPLE
5. LOCAL TOWN

Send photos to
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Join the conversation!!!

Have something interesting to contribute? Share with fellow SCSC members your thoughts, experiences, memories of trips and activities. We'd love to hear from you!

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Trips 2015-2016

Destination	Date	Prices* Full / Land Only	Final Payment Date	Trip Coordinator
Vail, CO Club - Long	Dec 5 - 12 2015	\$1,429/\$1,171	1-Oct	Jim Jeans
Vail, CO Club - Short	Dec 5 - 9 2015	\$751 (Land Only)	1-Oct	Jim Jeans
Snowmass, CO TSC Winter Traditional	Jan 9 - 16 2016	\$1,370/\$1,062	12-Oct	Marti Turner
Quebec, QB, Canada TSC Winter Expedition	Jan 31 - Feb 7 2016	\$1,671/\$1,005	15-Dec	Jan Ferrell
Crested Butte, CO Club	Feb 6 - 13 2016	\$1,294/\$762	15-Nov	Betty Donellan
Sun Peaks, BC, Canada TSC Winter Shootout	Feb 13 - 20 2016	\$1,485/\$664	1-Nov	Dave Stotz
Steamboat, CO Club	Feb 24 - Mar 2 2016	\$1,363/\$941	24-Nov	Andy Smith
Lake Louise, AB, Canada TSC Final Showdown	Mar 5 - 12 2016	\$1,607/\$1,059	1-Jan	Bill Bomberger
Copper Mountain, CO Club	Mar 13 - 17 2016	\$495 (Land Only)	15-Jan	TBD
New Zealand Club	April 22 - May 1 2016	\$5,626/\$3,596	16-Jan	Linda Kuper
Wine and Adventure Tour to Fredericksburg Texas	May 28 - 30 2016	\$65 (\$61 Discounted)	27-April	Deb Cini
Bahia Sian Ka'an, Riviera Maya, Mexico	June 18 - 25 2016	\$837 (Land Only)	15-May	George Sargent
Whitefish, MT Club	August 20 - 27 2016	\$1,360/\$780	1-Mar	Dennis Hughes
Danube River Boat/Bike Tour TSC Summer Expedition	Sept 24 - Oct 2 2016	\$3,605/\$2,003	24-June	Leyla Ozkardesh

* **Published prices are before cash discount.**

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 ONLY packages do not include air. Published prices do not include baggage fees, equipment rentals or lift tickets (with the exception of Snow Bird on lift tickets), and are subject to change. All trip deposits can be made by check or by PayPal; however, final payment must be made by check to receive the 'Cash Price'. 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 5.1-5.4 for the governing policies on trips, cancellations, refunds, etc. DEPOSITS: All trips require a per person deposit to make a reservation.



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SCSC March General Meetings



MONDAY 14th, 2016
Rodeo Fun Night

**Don't
Miss**

Jax Grill 1613 Shepherd,
Houston, TX 77007. Ph: 713-861-5529
(Just south of I-10 between Durham
and Shepherd)

**Monday is STEAK NIGHT. Get a 15 ounce rib eye
steak, with a choice of side, for only \$15.99.**

Jax Grill is known for their excellent food and
friendly & quality service. Eat dinner-be happy!

Enjoy the vast assortment of delicious dinner choices, happy hour prices all night on margaritas
(\$4.00) and domestic bottled beer (\$2.75). Eat before or after the business meeting!

Having a Blast

Greetings!

We have lots of activities coming up but first let me shout THANK YOU to the folks that brought us a great Super Bowl Party: Rita Cardenas the Event Coordinator and football pool organizer, Stuart Traver who allowed us to invade his home for the evening, and Leyla Ozkardesh who handled a multitude of party tasks.

Hot to trot! Get your tickets NOW for the Horse, Camel, and Ostrich Races happening on Saturday evening, March 5th. Only \$14 Members / \$17 NonMembers for Reserved Counter Seats. These are live races with mounted jockeys. Place bets or just watch the action! Contact Marianne Pearce lickety-split to see if there are any tickets left! mariannetx@sbcglobal.net; 281-558-8678.

Also in March, satisfy that urge to hit something with a stick! Challenge yourself at Top Golf on Saturday, March 26, from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. We have two reserved bays for two hours. Also included is a casual buffet with all the fixins' to make a great Frito Pie, Southwestern Egg Rolls, mini hot dogs, and unlimited tea, soda, water. (Alcoholic drinks available for purchase.) \$70 Members / \$73 NonMembers. Contact Stuart Traver at trevorstewart21@yahoo.com.

Mark your calendar for this month's Happy Hour on March 24th at Johnny McElroy's Irish Pub, a *NEW* location at 1223 Waugh Drive. This new location inside the Loop is due to open mid-March. Details to come in future E-blasts and on our website.

If you don't feel the urge to swing a stick, how about a partner? East Coast Swing Dance lessons are coming your way! This is for all levels of experience! Class runs for four consecutive Wednesdays beginning on April 6th in the Spring Branch area. You cannot beat the price: \$33 Members / \$35 NonMembers. Get all the details online at www.spacecity.org. On the Home Page, scroll down to "Coming Up" on the right, click on "East Coast Swing". AC is Diane Gresko, dmmhouston@aol.com.

Also in April, we have a new customized Pedal Party! We've done the Pedal Party a couple times before but this year we include a stop at the Houston Art Car Museum! Price includes two hours on the Pedal Party thing-a-ma-jig, a visit to the Art Car Museum, and two drinks per person (in addition to bottled water). Saturday, April 23, 3-5pm. \$35 Members / \$38 NonMembers. What a deal, get your workout, your party on Washington Avenue, and art all rolled into one! AC is Leslie Ward: shmrck1317@aol.com.

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Until next month ...



Jo Barrie,
VP of Activities

Upcoming Activities

March

March 5th – Horses Camels & Ostrich Races - Live!

March 24th – Happy Hour at Johnny McElroy's Irish Pub

March 26th – Top Golf

April

April 6th – East Coast Swing Dance Classes

April 23rd – Pedal Party and Art Car Museum

April 28th – Happy Hour at Churrascos - Memorial

Membership

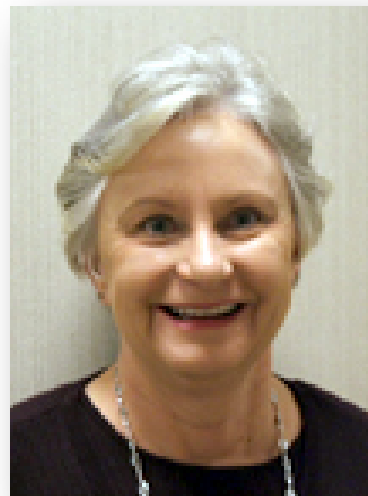
We are gradually increasing our membership. Our President has been diligently trying to have very enjoyable meetings so that everyone can meet and greet one another. Our Activities VP has put forth a lot of effort with some fantastic activities.

All you need to do is become a member to participate. It is very easy to register online. Go to: spacecity.org and register. You can elect to pay by Pay Pal or mail your check to Space City Ski Club, P.O. Box 22567, Houston, TX 770227.

If you join now, you will be a member for the remainder of this year, ending April 30, 2016 and a member for 2016-2017.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at membership@spacecity.org.

Thanks again.



Patty Finch,
VP of Membership

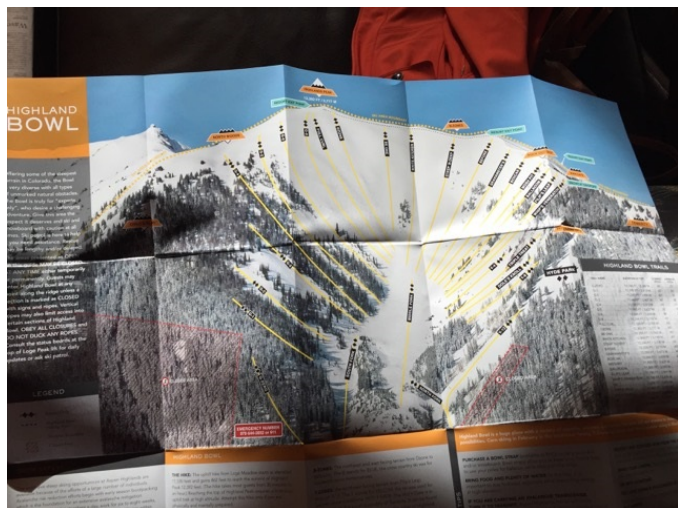
Member's Corner

Highland Bowl Adventure - Climb and Ski - By Robert Rowley



I am pointing at Highland Bowl with love because I want to ski down this 2,542 foot avalanche chute from the top of Highland Peak at 12,392 feet. Since I was six years old, I have been dreaming of skiing down it. Finally, at age 59, I have my chance. It is located at Aspen Highlands ski area in Aspen, Colorado.

I am on the Space City Ski & Adventure Club's Aspen/Snowmass ski trip. It is Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 1:30 PM. I am sitting inside the ski patrol shack at the top of Cloud Nine Chair lift. I am asking the ski patrol about the snow conditions of the face. He says, "The face is smooth, so if you fall you will slide a ways before you stop." This tells me



the snow is compact powder but not icy. I won't tumble to the bottom leaving a junk yard consisting of skis and poles littering the ski hill above. The avalanche hazard is low. What concerns me is the time of day I am leaving. Shadows are covering the slope. I will not see what is in front of me as I ski down. As I look at the map, I opt to ski down through the glades of the North Woods. At its steepest it is only 38 degrees.

Now, it's 2:00 PM and my first challenge is to hike up the south ridge of Highlands peak. It is a moderately steep walk with frozen steps leading to the top. Climbing up it I come to a steep section and look around. People are passing me at this point. Their boots squeak in the snow. My breathing is difficult. Two days earlier I arrived from sea level. I have to step outside of the trail and let them pass. They walk by me without fear. A cold west wind tries to blow me off the trail into the 43 degree slopes to my left. I turn around and start to retreat. I am intimidated. I stop. I dig deep down into the bottom of my soul and say to myself, "Man up Rob, Rob!"



I turn around and continue upward, taking care to place my feet. If I am not careful, this could be my last step. A few minutes later, I am at the false summit. The terrain is gentler now. I see the steps ahead of me leading a few hundred feet to the top. I'm inspired! I have waited over fifty - three years to be here. I am not backing out now!

When I reach the summit at 2:45 PM, I am happy, excited, and ready to ski down Highland Bowl. In the past, I've dreamed of skiing several thousands of feet without hazards. Finally, I am fulfilling my dream.



Looking towards the right, I put on my skis. A ski party of four is headed toward the North Wood Glades too. I am alone and feel better if I head in the same direction they're headed. Their leader asks, "Is this your first time?" "Yes," I say. "Are you alone?" he asks.

"Yes," I say. He encourages me saying, "Be patient, take your time!" "Thanks," I respond.

This group of locals is familiar with the terrain. They ski over to the North Ridge and wait for me to catch up. Now, they ski out toward the left into Highland Bowls steep exposed face. I ski more to the right into a 38 degree narrow avalanche chute lined with trees. The moguls are the size of my Subaru Station Wagon. I am able to take more calculated risks now that I can judge my turning radius from mogul to

mogul. As I corkscrew down them, I stop on top of each crown. Minutes go by, a snow ball rolls past me and bounces off one of them, sailing almost vertically downwards. I watch it land next to the leader who appears as a tiny speck at the bottom. He's

looking up at me to see if I am okay. He waits for a minute or two and skis on. I realize I am skiing extreme terrain and that I'm alone. Falling is not an option. I'm feeling sure of myself. The snow is soft. My skis can carve like I am carving a turkey. I'm happy feeling close to the wild heart of life.

It is 3:30 PM. I am at the bottom of North Woods having just skied an extreme 2,542 foot bowl from the top of Highland Peak at 12,392 feet. I raise my arms over my head and am exhilarated!







Photos by Ron Hayes

Nomination Committee Slate 2016-2017

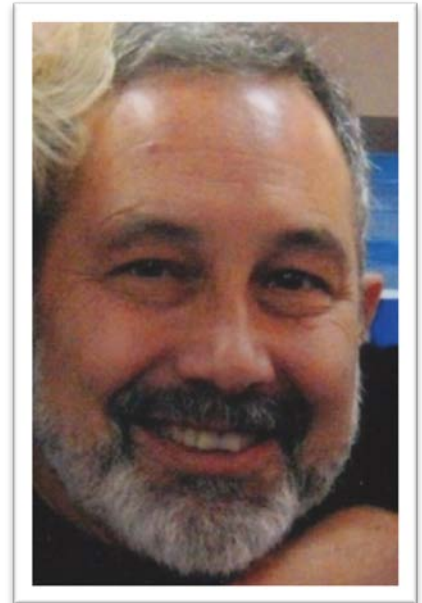
During the Annual Meeting scheduled for March 14, 2016, members will vote to accept the nominations. Please be sure to attend the annual meeting to approve this slate.

We want to thank the Nominating Committee for their work in selecting this excellent list of Candidates. The following members served on the Nominating Committee:

Gary Barrett Jim Hodges
Melinda Hughes Linda Kuper
Diane Stotz Steve Ying
Chairman Nominating Committee: Jim Jeans

George Lopez – President

A little over ten years ago I joined the then Space City Ski Club. There I was a guy from the Northeast joining a ski club in Texas. I am not sure what I expected but I was pleasantly surprised to find that everyone shared the same ski spirit and desire to have fun that I did. It wasn't long on my first bus ride from the airport to the slopes before everyone began to share ski stories of past adventures. And so began my experience with Space City. At first I participated in trips and activities. Later I volunteered as an ATC and then a TC; always looking for that elusive perfect ski experience; great slopes, great weather, great snow, great friends, and great fun. Not long after the club introduced me to the love of my life, Camille. We met on the slopes at Vail, got engaged on the slopes at Snowmass, and married among our SCSC friends in Houston. Not bad for a \$40 annual membership aye? Eat your heart out Match.com.



The club has been very good to me. Over the past years I have participated in and led numerous activities and trips. I have been a Director of Trips, am currently the VP of Trips and now seek your endorsement to become our next President. I seek the position not as a culmination of a club experience, but as an opportunity to give back to the club that has given so much to me.

Much has been said about the glory days of 1400 members and how our membership has declined as the club has aged. I believe that the future of the club will be forged by quality not necessarily by numbers. While we need to grow the club to assure its future, we need to preserve and nurture a spirit of friendship and plain old fun.

With your support I intend to do all I can to make your membership in the Space City Ski and Adventure an experience in friendship, adventure and good times.

Maria Koteras - Treasurer

This would be my second term as Treasurer. It's a time consuming position requiring a great deal of knowledge about Space City procedures, accounting entries and QuickBooks. I feel that I am just getting a handle on everything needed to do this job well. SCSC would benefit greatly from the knowledge gained during my first term.



Chuck Pena - VP of Trips

Want to thank the nominating committee for their confidence in me being your VP of Trips for the coming year. For those that don't know me, I'm now retired and have experience with 2 major oil companies in finance and engineering. For eight years I was responsible for building economic models to capture value for BHP Billiton's international oil & gas opportunities. A major part of this job required me to read, negotiate, and revise changes to contracts with foreign governments. I believe this will help me greatly in tackling the major aspect of his position of negotiating and approving contracts with our trip vendors. With my 2 plus years' experience as the treasurer, I have dealt in great detail with the cost, accounting and deadlines associated with running successful trips.

My past SCSC leadership included 2 years as the club's TSC rep, 1 year on the ExCom nominating committee and 2 ½ years as the Treasurer. I've been to almost 40 different ski resorts, mostly with SCSC, therefore I know what a lot of resorts have to offer.

My personal goal as VP of Trips would be to continue to offer great trips, at a lower price. I have many contacts with other ski clubs and hope to leverage some of their ideas to achieve this lower price. Hopefully this will help the club to continue to increase our membership.



Cindy Moore - VP of Marketing

My name is Cindy Moore. I was going to retire from the SCSC officer gig this coming year, but then Melinda hit me where my heart is: Marketing our terrific ski club. I have been told marketing is my forte'. I have been told I could sell ice to Eskimos. I have been told I missed my calling by not going into marketing for a profession. As an example, at a dance class of 20 SCSC members in 2015 one new member went around to everyone in the class and asked them how they found out about SCSC. All but two said "from Cindy Moore."

My experience in the club goes back many years. I joined in 1997 and started off volunteering for the follies one year. Then I was the Happy Hour coordinator. I have also been the Holiday Gala A.C. for at least 4 different years, and have been the A.C. for many other activities. I have served as President twice now, VP of Programs once, VP of Activities once, Director of Activities once, and Assistant Trip Leader and Trip Leader so many times I have lost count. I have served as Chairperson of the Board and have served most of the last 14 years as a Board Member.

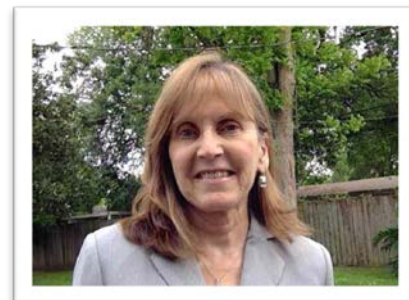
I was the TSC VP of Final Showdown to Snowbird several years ago. That was the year I am also credited with saving the SCSC trip to Snowbird as the Ex-com was going to cancel the trip due to low sign up. I told them to give me a chance over the next two weeks to market it before making that decision. I took over the SCSC trip as TC (while also being the T.S.C. V.P.) and it turned out to be one of our biggest trips of the year! I had great incentive....I didn't want to be on a T.S.C. trip without any of my Houston friends!

As your president this year I have brought back meetings that are also good events to attract new members. I changed the location to Jax Grill, where Jax and SCSC can cross market. I have reestablished our excellent relationship with Sun and Ski Sports and we are also doing cross marketing. I suggested establishing the Director of Publicity to direct marketing events, strategies and update our social media. I helped get ads for our Sitzmarke. I am so excited that we are growing our club this year and I will be putting together a real marketing plan for the upcoming year, if you vote me in as your Vice President of Marketing!



Jo Barrie – VP of Activities

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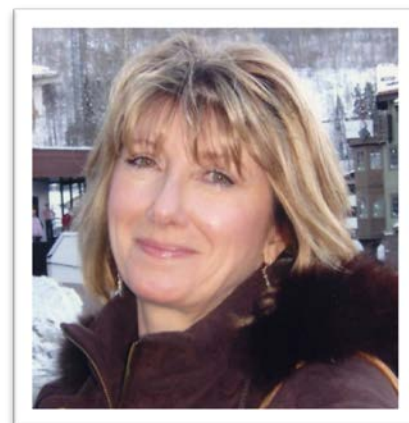


Leslie Cashio – VP of Membership

My name is, Leslie Cashio. I have been nominated to be the VP of Membership. My husband, Andy, and I have been SCSC members since 1989. We've gone on many snow ski trips and European trips with the club. I spent my working career in the oil and gas business and enjoy water skiing in addition to snow skiing. I am looking forward to being a bit more involved with our ski club.

As VP of Membership I hope to get to know more of our existing members and to be a liaison between our members and our executive committee. I want to reach out to the Houston area community to let more people know about the many different and varied activities the ski club has to offer beyond the always wonderful snow ski trips.

We have enjoyed every activity we have done with the ski club over the years. Our recent trip to Italy with the club was fabulous and we were even able to sneak in a quick trip to Gaeta, Italy where our son was just



deployed. With the help of all the members, I hope we can expand our membership.

Ann Dorn – Secretary

Hi, all members of our SCSC! I am Ann Dorn. After graduating from UNC-G (Clothing and Textile Major), I moved down to Texas and have been living in Houston more than a quarter century and consider Houston as my second home town.

I opened my own clothing factory in southwest part of Houston for 13 years, but had to close it down in 2003 because of Made in China products which we could not compete with in price. I really hope that we all support our proudly made in USA products and there will be more factories in our country and create more jobs for our Americans.

I had never worked in a real world apparel company, but with ambition and passion for the fashion business, I had to teach myself in an unconventional way in pattern making, grading, designing, cutting, dyeing and a lot more about running a small business. Working with more than a handful of small apparel companies as their contractor also helped me widen my experience and realize the importance of making win-win partnerships to be able to grow together.

Making uniforms for Houston Helicopter Patrol Police officers and all kids' uniforms for the movie called Spy Kids are a couple of our memorable moments having a factory here in Houston.

Now I run a small Bridal, party and evening dress shop and operate a reception hall for weddings, Quinceaneras, birthday and special occasions in Fresno, Texas. If anybody wants to know where Fresno is, please catch me at our next general meeting or our happy hour. :)

I have been a member since 2003 and have enjoyed meeting and making friends with some great people here. I can proudly say my dearest and close friends are all members of SCSC and this club has become a big part of my life. I worked with several Holiday Galas and hosted a few wine tasting parties at my house.



There are a few members who still ask about my 2 daughters who helped me bake brownies, cupcakes and played piano for guests. Unfortunately, I mean fortunately, they are now all grown, have become young career women and no longer live with me, but they invite me to have dinner and play games with them occasionally.

My first ski trip was Park City, UT in 2006 and I have been to Snowbird, Winter Park, Vail, Breckenridge, Beaver Creek and I am ready to explore many more ski resorts. I enjoyed my recent Snow Mass ski trip tremendously, especially assisting our Trip Leader Marti Turner.

Working as an ATC really gave me a chance to get to know how hard and diligently all our officers, trip leaders and volunteers work so behind the scene and it gave me a great opportunity to get to know more members personally. I am looking forward to being more involved and learning more about this fun and great organization.

Trip Report - Snowmass

Great skiing, terrific parties, lots of après-ski activities, and even rubbing elbows with a celebrity – the Snowmass trip had it all! On Jan. 9-16, sixty SCSC members, along with the other Texas Ski Council clubs gathered in Snowmass, CO for a fun-filled week.

Great Skiing & Snowboarding

While the cold temps seemed daunting on our first morning, everyone hit the slopes for a beautiful day. Some skiers, like Ron Ramin's group (usually Janet McKenzie, Bruce Lowther, Doug Shows, Marti



Kimber Kane ringing the dragon gong at Buttermilk

Diane Thomas were among those trying out Buttermilk's runs early in the week, while Kasia Rezmer kept Andy Smith, Anne Thomas, and Morris Covin moving fast at Aspen and Aspen Highlands to maximize vertical feet.

Some experienced the "Thrill of Victory":

- SCSC racers won 2nd place in TSC division one races and Kasia Rezmer, James Holland and Nelson Turner each won 1st place in their age group for individual races. Charles Albright also medaled!
- Robert Rowley completed his mountaineering goal of climbing 12,000 ft.



Ron's Ski Group

Loge's Peak and skiing down (see his separate article).

- Denise Holmes, with husband John, and Cindy Moore conquered black runs at Buttermilk.
- Ron Ramin was the only person in the "House of Pain" condo to not have any pain. His condo mates, Kimber Kane, Diane Thomas, Doug Shows, & Bruce Lowther are going to try his Oreo diet on their next trip.
- Keith Kirkman (Big Dog group leader), almost had a mutiny leading Charlie & Beverly Roberts, Dan Lemay, Melinda Hughes, Frank Adams & Nelson Turner on an uphill hike from the Elk Camp lift for a long tree run in Burnt Mountain Glades. After all the effort, they said it was a great run and continued to follow him!

Some experienced the "Agony of Defeat":

- David Powell learned the hard way that you don't take a selfie while skiing – double release – shouldn't there have been a beer fine?
- Janet McKenzie tested her condo's "ski-in" by unsuccessfully trying to ski to her patio grill. Her



Kasia Rezmer

Melinda Hughes, Dan LeMay, Keith Kirkman, Beverly Roberts & Frank Adams



acrobatic fall was seen (and heard) by all the condos in the area!

Charlie Roberts were at every event – these guys have the right priorities!

A highlight of the trip was the TSC on-mountain barbeque with perfect weather and food. Among those enjoying the sun were Melinda Hughes, Pat Piech, Marty Baker, Gary Hercules, Leslie & Andy Cashio, Ross Baker, and Pete Mathieu.

Lots of Après Ski & Non-Ski Activities

Happy hours every night-- SCSC should have won a medal for TSC happy hour attendance as we were the only club at every happy hour! Keith Kirkman &

And we had parties, parties, parties...

- Welcome parties got everyone started on Saturday & Sunday evenings.
- Ann Dorn had an informal game night in her condo on Monday, while others watched the National championship.
- Tuesday's TSC wine tasting party was special with everyone enjoying the Kenwood wines & champagne. Jeanne-Marie Garcia was named the undisputed shopping maven of



Jana Rosenbaum, Ron Rambin, Pat Piech, Ann Rogers, Janet McKenzie, Melinda Hughes, Susan Stanley & Pete Mathieu at TSC BBQ



Keith & Maria Koteras, Marti Turner, Leslie & Andy Cashio, Janet McKenzie & Morris Covin

Marty Baker, David Phillips, & Gary Hercules



Space City Ski Club after showing off her Aspen purchases at the party!

- We had club parties in two condos with loads of food on Wednesday. Ann Dorn's fantastic appetizers were particularly appreciated.
- Friday's TSC Farewell Dinner Dance party was attended by everyone, with just about everyone getting pulled onto the dance floor after dinner.

Mid-week, Stan & Linda Kuper, Paul & Sandra Stolnacke, Allan Simpson & Vicki Faulkner, drove, then hiked to the remote Pine Creek Cookhouse where they enjoyed bloody marys and local faire. They topped off the day with favorite cocktails at the Hotel Jerome bar.

Thursday night, several groups went in to Aspen for



Top: Ann Dorn, Rita Cardenas, Leyla Ozkardesh, Seated: Jeanne Marie Garcia, Steve Ying

dinner, drinks and live music. Steve Ying, Jeanne-Marie Garcia, Deb Cini, Nick Morrone, Ann Dorn, James Holland, Leyla Ozkardesh, Rita Cardenas, & Robert Rowley stayed late at

Jewel with Jeanne Marie Garcia



Belly-Up bar when a special guest was introduced at the table behind them – Jewel! She did a surprise performance, then chatted and took pictures with the group.

As you can see, the Snowmass trip really did have it all. Thank you to my ATC, Ann Dorn, for all her work, and to the participants of this trip for making it so much fun!

Marti Turner Snowmass TC



Surprise Guest, Jewel, at Belly-Up Bar- Photos by Steve Ying

Wine and Adventure Tour to Fredericksburg Texas

MAY 28-30 – Memorial Day Weekend

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Join us for our Space City Wine and Adventure Tour to Fredericksburg Texas on May 28-30 (Memorial Day weekend)! We did this trip two years ago and it was a blast!

We will tour three award –winning vineyards on our Wine Bus and enjoy some music, dancing and lunch at Torre Di Pietro winery on Saturday! Saturday night will be an optional USO style 1940's Hanger Dance at the airport with a big band and optional costume contest! If dancing is not your "thing" there is a Crawfish Festival and plenty of restaurants and live music on Main Street, walking distance from the hotel.

Day two (Sunday) will be on your own to enjoy the Crawfish Festival, World War II reenactment (really cool!) or shopping and dining in Fredericksburg, just steps from our centrally- located hotel. Sunday night we will get back together for a hot tub and wine/beer sharing party (with snacks of course!) on the hotel grounds.

Each attendee will need to book their own hotel at the Fredericksburg Inn, where we have blocked rooms for \$328 (plus tax) for two nights (double occupancy) with the option of two queens or one king bed. There is a two night minimum (Saturday and Sunday to get this club rate). Note: Up to 4 members can share a room if desired but the room should only be booked with your credit card after you have paid for the trip fee.

The trip fee of \$61 includes the Wine Bus transportation on Saturday, snacks and water on the bus, lunch at the winery, transportation to the dance and the hot tub party on Sunday. Optional tickets to the Hanger Dance, WWII reenactment, Nimitz museum, Crawfish Festival may be purchased prior to the trip from us. We are obtaining discounted prices and don't anticipate these to be expensive, most events are around \$7 and the dance approximately \$25. All participants will travel to Fredericksburg on your own or in carpools. The club is not responsible for this travel or liable.

We will have only about 30 spots available on this trip and they will sell out quickly. Flyers will be available at the meeting or happy hours and information on the web site and Facebook page. Sign up online now at our website www.spacecity.org, with final payment date of April 27th. Contact Deb Cini, Trip AC at Deb@spacecity.org or 832-528-6125 with questions.

So.....stop "whining" about the cold and let's go "winning" together in May!!

Bahia Sian Ka'an, Riviera Maya, Mexico

JUNE 18-25

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George Sargent

The Bahia Sian Ka'an is part of a much larger Bahia Principe complex. The Sian Ka'an is a contemporary modern style adult community built for the discriminating individual who enjoys 5 star service, dining and overall accommodations. Take a look at the Sian Ka'an link: <http://www.bahia-principe.com/en/resorts-in-riviera-maya/resort-sian-kaan/>

I did say adult. And with that, understand the Sian Ka'an is more private than the sister resorts. It is located in an eco-environment jungle. But don't be afraid of Tarzan and Jane. I hear these natives are super friendly and will tend to your every beck and call. This property is located next to a golf course.



Transportation to Cancun International airport will be made by you. I've worked hard to determine if there is a preferred airline. My final conclusion is that if we shop the market ourselves and jump when the price is right we all get a better deal. Also, many have favorites for air travel and not to mention you have better flexibility for using personal frequent flyer miles. We will also coordinate 2-3 round trip airport to resort shuttles. Our goal should be to arrive at the airport no later than mid-afternoon on Saturday the 18th. These shuttles will be scheduled based on arriving flights.

What does All-Inclusive mean? It means just about everything is included! Take a look.

- All meals included every day (buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner or a la carte dinner), snacks, PLUS access to an additional 11 specialty a la carte restaurants located at the Grand Bahia Principe complex,
- Swim-up and Beach Bars,
- Unlimited beverages including domestic alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks,
- House wine with lunch and dinner,
- Salon, theatre, animation and night-time shows,
- Bikes for use within the hotels confines,



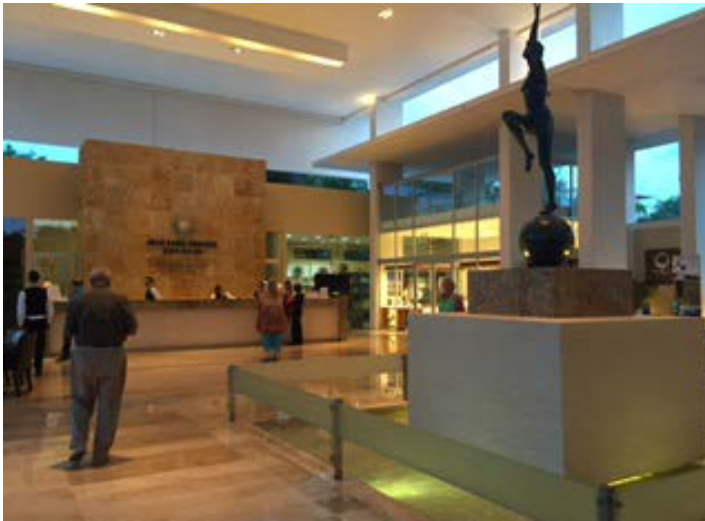


- All gratuities included.

What else?

- 24 hour reception and room service
- International entertainment programs for adults (day and night)
- Waiter service at the beach and pool
- 24 hours free WI-FI throughout the hotel (service available for a maximum of two devices per room reservation)
- 1 hour per day of paddle surf, tennis, snorkeling, catamaran, kayaking, cycling
- Guests can use all the facilities and restaurants of the hotels and Bahia complex
- Transportation facilities
- Free entrance to the discotheque at “Hacienda Doña Isabel” with local drinks and soft drinks included (premium drinks with additional charge)
- Unlimited á la carte dinners (reservation and formal dress required, long pants and shirt for men)
- Discount at the Riviera Maya Golf Club
- Snack bar open 24 hours a day
- I think you will agree this will be an incredible vacation stay. It would be great to have a large group. Please consider joining us so you won't miss out!





All pictures are compliment of Betty Gosse

Lake Louise, AB, Canada TSC FINAL SHOWDOWN

MARCH 5 - 12, 2016

Bill Bomberger - TC

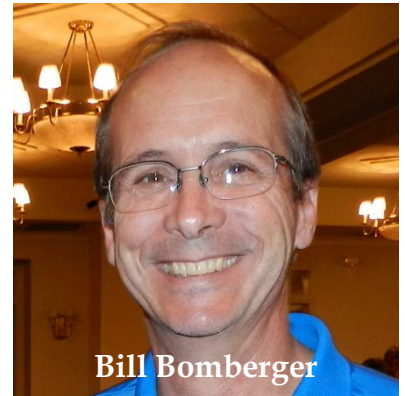
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Bill Bomberger



Sandy Schneider

WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

- Non-stop flights from Houston and Dallas to Calgary.
- Short 2-hour transfer from Calgary to Lake Louise.
- Superior lodging: We are staying in the unique Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise.
- Superior skiing: Ski the classic Big Three - Norquay, Sunshine, and Lake Louise.
- Superior activities: Bring along your non-skiing friends and family: fun local activities.



Banff Lake Louise Tourism/ Paul Zizka Photography

- Plenty of unique eating establishments, fine dining and family style.
- Sophisticated selection of shops offering global goods.
- No provincial sales tax and possible refund of GST on purchases.
- The destination community is committed to hosting a perfect Texas Ski Council.

The Banff and Lake Louise community wish to showcase all the dimensions of their world-class destination to provide an ideal venue for this Texas Ski Council trip. The town of Banff and village of Lake Louise are essentially pockets of civilization in the wilderness. Home to over 1,000 glaciers, Banff National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and offers world famous dry Canadian Rockies powder. Snow frosted Rockies peaks, a legendary lake, and a majestic glacier; overlooking all this, The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, “The Diamond in the Wilderness.” Elegant and polished yet relaxed and inviting the luxury of a bygone era has been perfectly preserved. The Tri-Area Lift Pass includes all three ski areas.

TERRAIN

Lake Louise: 4,200 skiable acres with 22% beginner, 31% intermediate and 42% advanced.
Sunshine: 3,358 skiable acres with 25% beginner, 45% intermediate and 30% advanced.

LODGING: THE FAIRMONT CHATEAU LAKE LOUISE

The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise hotel in Alberta, Canada features breathtaking views of Lake Louise and the surrounding Rocky Mountains. It lives up to the natural wonder with which it shares its name.

WELCOME RECEPTION AND FAREWELL DINNER

The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise will be providing a complimentary Welcome Reception for the Texas Ski Council upon arrival including 2 complimentary drinks and snacks. The Farewell Dinner will either be at Chateau Lake Louise or at Torch Light Dinner (TBD).



Banff Lake Louise Tourism / Paul Zizka Photography

FUN GROUP ACTIVITIES

Ski Canada Holidays is partnering with a local tour company to provide some fun activities for our group for additional fees:

- Lake Louise Dog Sledding; Heli Site-Seeing Tours; Discover Lake Louise; Snowmobiling Tours in British Columbia; Heli Ski in BC; Youth Ski Camp; Race Day Option at Lake Louise Ski Resort; Skiing at Kicking Horse Resort.

PACKAGES OFFERED Mar 5th – Mar 12th, 2016

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
FULL	\$1,607	\$1,532
LAND ONLY	\$1,059	\$1,009

DEPOSIT: \$300 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 1/4/16

Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write *trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope*. Online payments using PayPal are available.

TRANSPORTATION

AIR ITINERARY (Full Package)

Check our website for the latest info.

LAND TRANSFERS

Ground transportation provided by the Texas Ski Council to Lake Louise.

OPTIONAL

LIFT TICKETS

Skiing at 3 different Resorts including Lake Louise, Sunshine Village and Norquay with daily transportation to and from each resort. Lift tickets have been priced to show options for single to multi-day passes



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/ Paul Zizka Photography

Copper Mountain, CO - CLUB TRIP

MARCH 13 - 17, 2016

TC - TBD



TBD

The trip is scheduled to coincide with Spring Break in TX. It is being offered as a land only package. You will need to book your own air and ground transportation. The base trip consists of a 4 night stay with 3 days available for skiing. You will have the option to add days; it is family optional, and is being administered by the Texas Ski Council Youth Foundation. That means that participating children are eligible for a \$150 ski lesson subsidy. The following lift ticket packages will be available:

	Adult	Senior/Child	Youth
		65+/6-12	13-17
3 Day	\$174	\$138	\$149

Discounts on rental equipment and special pricing on lessons will be available.

Amenities include:

- Welcome Pizza Party (To be held the evening of the 13th or 14th)
- Après S'mores Party (To be held the afternoon of Tuesday the 15th)
- Roundtrip baggage handling

Copper Mountain is just 75 miles from Denver with 2,465 acres of skiable terrain and a village that feels more like a neighborhood. Copper's guests enjoy steps away lodging, après ski entertainment, naturally divided terrain, exciting events and a welcoming, knowledgeable staff.

Here are the Resort's statistics:

- Summit: 12,313 ft (3,753 m)
- Base: 9,712 ft (2,960 m)
- Vertical: 2,601 ft (793 m)
- Trails: 126 total (21% beginner, 25% intermediate, 36% advanced, 18% expert)
- Acres: 2,465 acres (9.98 km²)
- Average annual snowfall: 310 in (790 cm)
- Snowmaking: 380 acres (1.5 km²)



- Bowls: 3 (Resolution, Spaulding, Copper)
- Peaks: 3 (Copper, Tucker, Union)
- Snowcat: 1 (Tucker Mountain Snow Cat)
- 22 total lifts (1 high speed six pack, 5 high speed quad lifts, 5 triple chairlifts, 4 double chairlifts, 2 surface lifts, 4 conveyor lifts & 1 tubing zone lift)

With local activities such as Ice Skating, Snowshoeing, Tubing, Snowmobiling, Sleigh Rides, Dog Sledding, Cross Country Skiing, Racquet and Athletic Club, Spa Facilities, Shopping, Dining, Après, and Woodward, Copper has something for everyone! Come join us next spring.

The package offers 4 nights lodging in 2 bedroom/2 bathroom condos located in Center Village of Copper Mountain Resort. These condos are just 50-100yards from the lifts!

PACKAGES OFFERED Mar 13th – 17th, 2016

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
LAND ONLY	\$495	\$460

DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 1/15/16

Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write *trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope*. Online payments using PayPal are available.



New Zealand – CLUB TRIP

APRIL 22 –MAY 1, 2016

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FIVE REASONS TO VISIT NEW ZEALAND

- Queenstown – the Southern Hemisphere’s premier year round resort area – spectacular fall colors in April.
- Pleasant temperatures for hikes with views of snowfields, glaciers, waterfalls and majestic peaks.
- Visit New Zealand’s award winning red wine region and sample their “Pinot Noir”.
- Start your day before the rest of the world, (just west of the International Date Line).
- Sea kayak with fur seals and dolphins in a beautiful fiord near the Tasman Sea.

NEW ZEALAND – LAND OF ADVENTURE

Travel down under to a multi-island nation complete with fiords, glaciers, mountains, alpine forests, rainforests, waterfalls, world famous wines and fall foliage in April. You will leave Houston on Friday evening and arrive in Queenstown on Sunday morning.

FIRST STOP IS QUEENSTOWN.

Nestled on beautiful Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown in autumn is draped in a gorgeous color palette of reds and golds. Our home will be the Crowne Plaza hotel with its central location overlooking the lake and the surrounding mountains, called “The Remarkables”. The hotel has a contemporary style and the layout allows each room to include its own private balcony or courtyard access. There are several great restaurants, bars and entertainment at the nearby Steamer Wharf on the lake. Included in your package are all meals except one dinner and two lunches.

To explore Queenstown in 5 days, we will take hikes near town and in the nearby wilderness area, cruise the lake on a historic steamship, enjoy world renowned wines at the local vineyards and stroll the shops for treasures to bring home. There is an option to fly





into Mt. Aspiring National Park, stay one night in a back country hut and hike the Siberian Valley trail to reach the river for a jet boat ride back to civilization.

The other option is to hike to the Rob Roy Glacier and the next day, visit a gold prospector hut in the nearby beech forest (this option stays in the comfort of the hotel overnight!)

SECOND STOP IS MILFORD SOUND

Our journey continues to the west coast on a bus tour to Milford Sound, which is the best

known fiord of New Zealand and the only one accessible by road. There may be a close encounter with a mob of sheep on the drive to the sound. They obviously control the flow of traffic in the area.

We stay at the picturesque Milford Sound Lodge, where you can gaze on the rainforests and the mountains on the banks of the Cleddau River. We are roughly 10 miles from the Tasman Sea at the edge of the fiord. Sea kayaks will be our vehicles to explore this beautiful southern hemisphere treasure. We will experience the natural wonders of the clear water of the sound. Gliding along at water level allows us to get a real feel for the enormity of the peaks towering overhead and possibly a close encounter with the special marine wildlife in the fiord. All the gear will be provided for this trip but bring your containers to keep your cameras safe and maybe a pair of gloves (it is fall remember and you will be riding in the cold water).



Our last day in Queenstown, we experience a jetboat ride to the most spectacular river gorges on the mighty Kawarau River, which flows eastward, joins two other rivers and passes thru the steep Kawarau Gorge. The river is lined with beautiful willow trees and towering cliffs, which is the home of the first commercial bungee jumping site. The afternoon is free time for final shopping, exploring those areas not seen with the group like enjoying a horseback ride, a bungee jump or mountain biking. We have our final group dinner and bid fond farewell to lovely New Zealand. Sunday we leave New Zealand in the

afternoon and arrive in Houston that same afternoon (only about 5 hours later) – a real journey thru time. Come along for this incredible adventure down under!!! Airfares are not finalized as of now. Also, the post trip adventure to Sydney, Australia is not finalized.

PACKAGES OFFERED April 22nd – May 1st, 2016

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
FULL	\$5,626	\$5,516
LAND ONLY	\$3,596	\$3,516

DEPOSIT: 300 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 1/16/2016

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Whitefish, MT - CLUB TRIP

AUGUST 20-27, 2016

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Ever wonder what they do in the mountains in the summer? The authentic mountain town of Whitefish, Montana provides for a unique vacation experience – a five-star town in the heart of the Rocky Mountain wilderness near Glacier National Park. This is a town built on the personalities, charm and wisdom of its local residents who work hard and play harder. While Glacier National Park is open year-round, summer in Whitefish offers close access to the hanging valleys and emerald peaks of this World Heritage Site, just 25 miles from town. Fish a clear mountain stream, hike an alpine trail, or embark on a historic driving tour of the famed Going-to-the-Sun Road. More than 700 miles of well-marked trails provide an incredible variety of hiking to explore mountain lakes, glaciers, plant life, and glimpses of the full-time residents such as grizzly and black bears, mountain goats, bighorn sheep, moose, deer and more.





RED BUS TOUR - GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

With their multiple doors and rollback canvas tops, the Reds are as much a part of Glacier National Park as the Going-to-the-Sun Road. While on a tour of the Park, you will marvel at the views from Logan Pass - 6646 feet high on the Continental Divide - the highest point on the breathtaking Going-to-the-Sun Road. Transfer to the Park via 50 person coach for a Full Day Tour. Sack lunch provided by Whitefish Mountain Resort.



SCENIC LIFT AND USFS NATURE CENTER PRESENTATION

A scenic lift ride is a great way to get outdoors and enjoy Mother Nature. The approximately 15 minute ride to the summit offers a chance to cool off, enjoy the scenery & visit the USFS Nature Center Presentation for local knowledge of flora and fauna and to take a guided nature walk.

ALPINE SLIDE

Grab a sled and race down the Alpine Slide controlling your speed through straight ways and banked curves. A fun experience unlike anything else you've ever done. The Alpine Slide is fun for all ages.

What are you going to do the rest of the time? Golf, rafting, fishing, hiking, shopping, the options are unlimited. You decide. Join me in Whitefish, 2016.

PACKAGES OFFERED Aug 20th – Aug 27st, 2016

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
FULL	\$1,360	\$1,310
LAND ONLY	\$780	\$745

DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. **FINAL PAYMENT:** Due by 3/1/2016

Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write *trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope*. Online payments using PayPal are available.

TRANSPORTATION

AIR ITINERARY (Full Package) & LAND TRANSFERS

Check our website for the latest info.





Danube River Boat/Bike Tour, Austria TSC SUMMER EXPEDITION

SEPTEMBER 24 – OCTOBER 2, 2016

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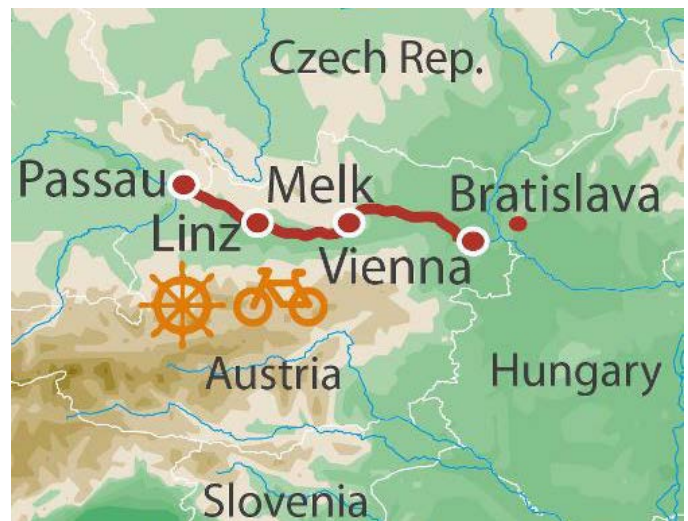


Leyla Ozkardesh & Rita Cardenas

The Danube Impressions Excursion is an easy, leisurely and enjoyable bicycle tour along the meandering lush green river banks of the Danube River going from village to village on quiet bike paths. This makes it an ideal way to explore the rich art, history and architecture of the Austrian and German countryside. The bicycle route we will be riding is flat with only a few gradual up or downhill sections, so if you can ride a bike 20-30 miles with 2-3 hours on the saddle, you can probably complete this bicycle tour with no difficulty. The guide is on the boat and will describe the ride to everyone each day. Then, everyone is free to do the ride on their own and at their own pace. Most of the sights will be seen by bicycle.

We begin in Passau and tour to Vienna, a firework of places of interests! Sights like St. Stephen's Cathedral, the Town Hall and the world's oldest Ferris wheel (Riesenrad) are easy to reach. At the Naschmarkt (famous food market), a stroll will become a cultural and culinary adventure. We will tour new wonderful sites on the way back to Passau. This bike tour along the German/ Austrian Danube is a very special pleasure because your "hotel" riverboat is always with you.

Please imagine yourself sitting in a café alongside the majestic Danube River, enjoying a snack, wine or espresso with your friends. Your bike is just outside, waiting to take you further along your journey of cycling the most famous bicycle path in Europe, passing castles, monasteries, vineyards and more. And



knowing that after each day's ride, you will join your TSC friends onboard the boat for dinner, drinks and stories of the day's adventure. Sound good? Then this might just be the cycling-themed holiday you've been dreaming about!

DAY 1 - PASSAU

We begin in Passau, the "Bishop City", close to the Bavarian/Austrian border and also known as the City of Three Rivers. It has long been regarded as one of Germany's most beautiful cities. It is recommended to spend time visiting the world's largest Catholic Church organ or a typical Bavarian beer garden before we board the boat at 5pm.



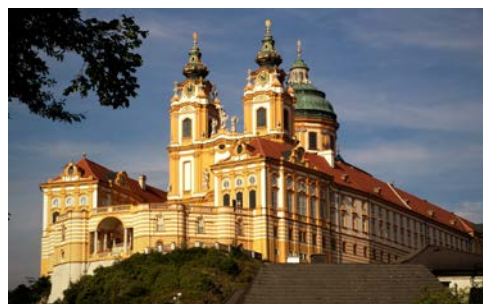
DAY 2 - MAUTHAUSEN TO GREIN (22 MILES)

Our first biking day takes us directly along the Danube where we will enjoy the natural state of the meadow landscape. We have opportunities to visit the medieval village and former concentration camp of Mauthausen and Celtic village Mitterkirchen or an alternate slightly hilly route to "Clam Castle" which takes you through the beautiful back country of the "Strudengau". Optional trip to Grein - Austria's oldest city theatre and a castle.



DAY 3 - GREIN TO MELK TO TULLN (30 MILES)

Starting at the Strudengau, the valley expands and our bike tour leads you to Melk with its gorgeous baroque Benedictine monastery. On board the boat, we travel down the river to Tulln famous for its numerous market gardens while enjoying the sunset and evening illumination of the Wachau.



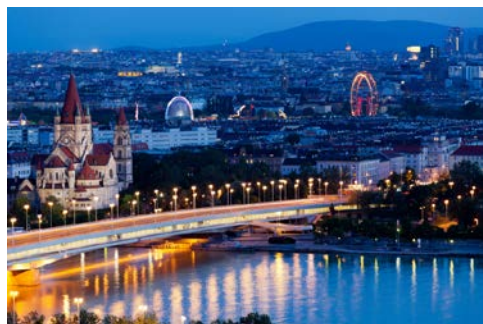
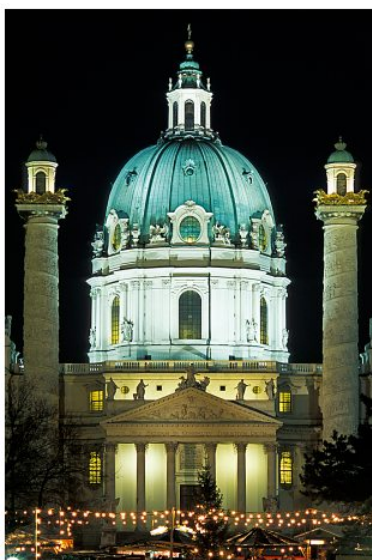
DAY 4 - TULLN ONTO VIENNA (22 MILES)

Starting in Tulln, a key historical crossing point is where we will find a number of well-preserved architectural monuments dating to the High Middle Ages and even back to Roman times. At Vienna's entrance embedded in beautiful scenery, is the monastery of Klosterneuberg. Stroll through wine vineyards and enjoy panoramic view of Vienna.



DAY 5 - VIENNA (REST DAY):

A day to explore beautiful Vienna - an abundance of sights! Famous sights like St. Stephen's Cathedral, the city hall and the world's oldest Ferris wheel (Riesenrad) are easy to reach. A stroll through the Naschmarkt (famous food market) is a wonderful cultural and culinary adventure. You can also relax at any of the cozy coffee houses or at a typical traditional Viennese wine tavern. An optional Waltz and Opera concert at the Hofburg is offered.



DAY 6 – WACHAU/ROSSATZ-EMMERSDORF (29 MILES)

This day's biking enchants you with small dreamy towns, vineyards, castles, monasteries and ruins. Weißenkirchen- perfect for a wine tasting right alongside the cycle path.

DAY 7 – GREAT DANUBE LOOP-ENGELHARTSZELL (22 MILES)

Awaken your senses as we cycle through the Danube valley. Follow the walking trail to the lookout high above the Danube Loop with breathtaking views of the Danube valley. Tonight on board there will be a farewell dinner and a crew show - it is sure to be a night with lots of fun and entertainment.

DAY 8 – PASSAU

We disembark at 10am as we say farewell to our friends. You might spend time in the lovely city of Passau taking in all its wonders. Take a walking tour through the cobblestone streets of this Baroque town renowned for its lovely stained glass and nearly 100 churches. See the Altes Rathaus, the old town hall with 14th-century origins, murals on the façade and a glockenspiel in the tower; and visit St. Stephan's Cathedral, home to a magnificent pipe organ that is the world's largest.

RENTAL BICYCLES INCLUDED

The rentals are modern and high standard hybrid touring bicycles. They offer 28-Zoll-Unisex-tourbikes with deep comfort-entrance. The bikes are equipped with a 21-derailleur-gear with override, caliper breaks and robust wheels. The bicycles are mostly not older than 3 years. If you prefer to rent an electric bike, you will receive modern, high quality E-Bikes – Additional \$82. Bring own helmet or buy one for \$30.

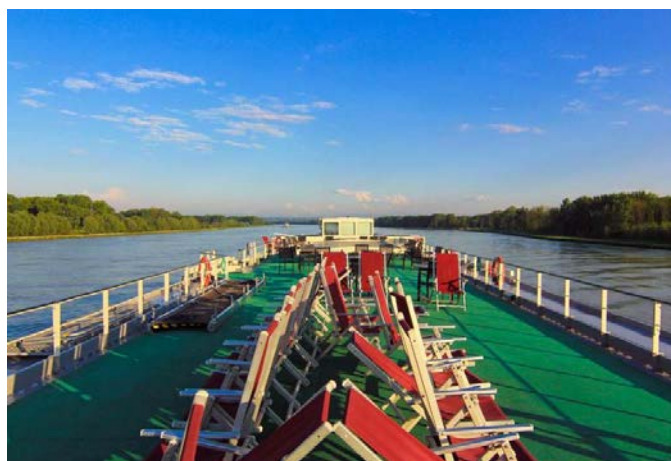
LODGING

Our floating hotel for the week will be the My Story. It is a very spacious and traditional ship. The MS My Story was built in 1971 and renovated in 2013/2014. The Sun Deck with its awnings allows you to enjoy the passing scenery. There is a sauna on board too! The Panorama Restaurant and the Panorama Lounge with its bar provide not only excellent food and drinks, but also a sense of conviviality with old friends and new acquaintances.

The outside cabins are about 97 sq ft of space. There are individual fresh air controls plus a central AC / heating, shower and WC, Satellite TV, hair dryer and roomy cupboards. All cabins are equipped with two lower beds, one of which can be folded against the wall during the day to provide a homier atmosphere.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 7 nights lodging
- Captains welcome party
- Daily Cabin cleaning, towels, bed
- Full Meals – Breakfast, Lunch on board (non-cyclists) or packed lunch (cyclists), afternoon coffee, dinner (2-3 dishes to choose from) (No beverages included)
- Gala Farewell Dinner
- Farewell crew show with live music
- Tour guide on board (does not cycle with group)
- Daily informational meeting



TRANSPORTATION

AIR ITINERARY (Full Package) & LAND TRANSFERS

Check our website to the latest info.

PACKAGES OFFERED Sep 24th – Oct 2nd, 2016

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
FULL	\$3,605	\$3,530
LAND ONLY	\$2,003	\$1,953

DEPOSIT: \$300 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 6/24/2016

Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to 'P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227' write *trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope*. Online payments using PayPal are available.

DANUBE BOAT/BIKE TOUR EXTENSIONS

PRE-TRIP: BUDAPEST EXTENSION \$650 PER PERSON

- Sept 22 Arrival by plane to Budapest
- Sept 22 Transfer airport Budapest - hotel Budapest by bus & 1 guide in each bus
- Sept 22 Day of rest at Budapest (no lunch included)
- Sept 22 Dinner at the hotel and overnight stay at Best Western Grand Hotel Hungaria
- Sept 23 Breakfast at Best Western Grand Hotel Hungaria

- Sept 23 Tour Budapest by bus whole day program (no lunch included)
- Sept 23 Dinner at the hotel and overnight stay at Best Western Grand Hotel Hungaria
- Sept 24 Breakfast at Best Western Grand Hotel Hungaria
- Sept 24 Explore Budapest on your own
- Sept 24 Dinner at the hotel and overnight stay at Best Western Grand Hotel Hungaria
- Sept 25 Transfer from Budapest hotel to Passau pier (~6-7 hrs) by bus & 1 guide per bus

POST-TRIP: PASSAU & OKTOBERFEST EXTENSION \$469 PER PERSON

- Oct 2 Disembarkation in Passau + transfer pier - hotel Weisser Hase
- Oct 2 Day of rest at Passau (no lunch included)
- Oct 2 Dinner at the hotel and overnight stay in Passau hotel Weisser Hase
- Oct 3 Breakfast at the hotel Weisser Hase
- Oct 3 Transfer by bus to/from Munich Oktoberfest (no guide on the bus), day on your own at the Oktoberfest (no lunch)
- Oct 3 Dinner at the hotel and overnight stay in Passau hotel Weisser Hase
- Oct 4 Breakfast at the hotel Weisser Hase
- Oct 4 Day to explore Passau on your own
- Oct 4 Dinner at the hotel and overnight stay in Passau hotel Weisser Hase
- Oct 5 Transfer from Passau hotel to Munich airport by bus (no guide at the bus)



THE ART OF TRIP SIGN-UP AND THE FINE PRINT

Trip Sign-Up: HERE IT IS! Your chance to sign-up for your favorite SCSC ski trip(s) for 2015-2016. The trip registration form is in the back of this issue of the Sitzmarke and online. Go to www.spacecity.org to sign up online starting August 1st and pay your deposit using PayPal, or you may follow up your online registration by mailing a check to the TC. You also have the option of sending your trip registration form by USPS mail; however, the envelope can be postmarked no earlier than August 1st and you will need to wait for the trip TC to notify you if you are on the trip or come to the September General Meeting to verify your registration.

1. Trip sign-up for all trips begins August 1st, 2015. We take sign-ups in three ways: 1) mail your trip registration form and deposit payment to the TC or 2) give your registration form and deposit payment directly to the trip TC at an SCSC event or 3) signup online and pay your deposit by PayPal. If you sign up by mail, make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227. Write trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope. The envelope cannot be postmarked prior to August 1st. Any signup postmarked prior to August 1st will be at the back of the line of day one sign-ups if it becomes necessary to determine the order that registrations were received.
2. You must be a current member in good standing to be added to a trip. Contact Patty Finch, VP of Membership (membership@spacecity.org), if you have questions regarding your membership status.
3. You may sign up yourself and one other SCSC member per trip (plus children for Family Optional trips) (see by-law 2.8.A.)
4. If you choose to register by mail, include the trip registration form with your deposit. The deposit for domestic trips is \$150 per participant and international trips is \$300 per participant. Checks are to be made payable to 'SCSC' and write the TRIP NAME in the memo field on your check.
5. If you choose registration by mail, mail your trip registration form and check to the TC listed for that trip. Additional information, TC telephone numbers and e-mail addresses, is listed in this Sitzmarke.
6. If the registration meets the above guidelines, your name(s) will be added to each trip's Participant List in the order received. If a trip's participant roster is full, additional registrations received will be added to a waitlist in the order received. The TC will hold deposit checks for waitlisted members until a space becomes available on the trip. For the participants that are confirmed on the trips, the checks will be deposited immediately.
7. These procedures apply to ALL members (except the trip's TC and ATC) and all trip participants are subject to SCSC Standing Rules, Policies and Procedures.
8. SCSC is not responsible for any problems with the U.S. Postal Service or the internet, including delayed delivery or lost mail.
9. Information shown on the Trip Schedule is subject to change. Contact the TC or ATC for up-to-date information.
10. Any registrations received which do not meet the above qualifications, may be returned to the sender.
11. Land packages have been approved by The Executive Committee for this year's trips. On the trips which have a limited number of available land packages, if all are filled, you will be given the option of being on a "Land Wait List" or switching to a full package.
12. Because of the restrictions noted below for land packages, be sure you have concrete travel arrangements made before you sign up for one of these. SCSC will not be responsible for any difficulties or extra expense you incur due to delayed or canceled flights or other transportation problems.

Rules and Restrictions for Land Packages

13. The price of the land package will be the full trip price minus participant's airfare. Ground transportation will be included and available on selected trips to 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.
14. Other than the full package, this is the only package price available; no other combinations of lodging and/or transportation will be offered. Note: As in the past, members may "Shadow" a trip by arranging

their own transportation, lodging, etc., and pay only for the parties and trip options. Please arrange to do this in advance as some of the trip options (group dinners, parties, and lift tickets) are reserved well in advance of the departure date.

15. Normal cancellation policies apply: 1) the added stipulation that, on or after final payment date, land package participants must be replaced from a land package wait list and full package participants must be replaced from a full package wait list in order to receive a refund.
16. Be sure this is the package you want - It may not be possible to convert your trip from land package to full package, or vice versa. The Club may not be able to secure additional airline seats.
17. If you sign up for a land package, please notify the TC of your transportation plans in advance of the trip. The TC can tell you where to meet the group at the airport and other pertinent details.

Trip Registration Form

FOR USE BY SCSC MEMBERS ONLY

(Complete ONE Registration Form and prepare ONE deposit check PER trip)

Deposit (per participant) is \$150 for domestic trips & \$300 for international trips.

Make the check payable to 'SCSC' & mail to P.O. Box 22567, Houston TX 77227. Write trip name on the check & on the outside of the envelope. **Each envelope must contain the registration form and deposit.**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY - WE MUST BE ABLE TO READ THE DATA ON THIS FORM

Trip Name: _____ Trip Dates _____ to _____

Participant #1

Participant #2

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City _____ Zip _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone(H) _____ (W) _____

Phone(H) _____ (W) _____

Cell _____

Cell _____

E-Mail _____

E-Mail _____

Please check one:

Full package ☐ Land package ☐

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Note for Full Package participants: Trip price includes all current air taxes & fuel surcharges subject to change until ticketed. Does NOT INCLUDE any additional fees imposed by the airline such as baggage fees.

Note for Land Package participants: Ground transportation will be included and available, on selected trips, to 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.

I understand the following (per standing rules 5.1 - 5.4): Cancellations after trip sign-up must be *in writing* to the Trip Coordinator and all cancellations are subject to a \$30 per person cancellation fee. If I cancel on or after the final payment date, I may forfeit the full deposit amount if I cannot be replaced on the trip. After that date, the deposit plus club cancellation fee are non-refundable

Signature(s) (Required) _____

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March Happy Hour

*Thursday, March 24th
5:30 – 8:30 pm*

Johnny McElroy's Irish Pub

1223 Waugh Drive, Houston, TX 77019

**This brand-new Irish pub will be
opening in mid-March!
Watch for the Happy Hour details on
future SCSC emails and on our website.**

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