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From Mission Control

Happy New Year Space City Ski and Adventure Club! I hope that everyone had a safe and joyful holiday season. After so much planning, it is difficult to believe that ski season is now upon us. As I write this article our December Vail trip has returned and we're gearing up for the Beaver Creek trip to depart very soon.

Our program in December was a tremendous success. Operation Military Embrace is an organization that provides care packages to our troops and our club donated many items for care packages. In addition, members provided financial donations to support our troops. Thank you, Space City and Operation Military Embrace! We make a great partnership.

We also partner with the Texas Ski Council to help bring exciting travel destinations to our club members. Mark your calendars for April 10 - 12th and head to San Antonio for BidFest. As our experienced club members know, this is the event that shapes our slate for the next ski season. You can help select trips for next year by participating in this event. Go to the [Texas Ski Council](http://www.texas-skicouncil.org) website for more information.

May I ask each of you to please log on to our web site www.spacecity.org and go to the membership directory. Make sure all of the information in your profile is up to date. If you're not listed in the profile and you're a paid member, please contact Ali Pethick, VP of Membership and let her know. Believe it or not, we're gearing up for an April membership renewal drive! Make sure you are counted.

To keep up with our activities, "like" us on Facebook, join our group at meetup.com and sign up for our mailing list.

Have a great ski season!



Melinda Hughes,
President



Countdown to Liftoff

I hope you and your family had a safe and Happy New Year! Our first ski trip of the year was to Vail, Colorado during December and by all accounts everyone had an excellent time. Thanks to Bob Olsen for doing his usual good job as Trip Coordinator.

In just a few days, our second trip of the year will be departing for Beaver Creek. This is the Texas Ski Council Traditional trip and almost 400 people from the various Texas ski clubs will be making the trip. Later in January we have two more trips departing - an international trip to Madesimo, Italy and the Texas Ski Council Winter Shoot Out trip to Mammoth, California. Over 125 of our

club members will be on one of those three trips.

In February and March we have ski trips planned to Taos New Mexico, Whitefish Montana, Breckenridge Colorado and Winter Park Colorado. If you suddenly realize you made a terrible decision by not signing up for one of these trips, it may not be too late! Often times we can expand a trip if there is enough interest to add an additional condo (i.e., add 4 more participants to trip). There is also a chance that someone on one of these trips will need to cancel for some reason and a space will become available. If you have an interest in any of these trips, please let the Trip Coordinator know and they can advise you of the trip status.

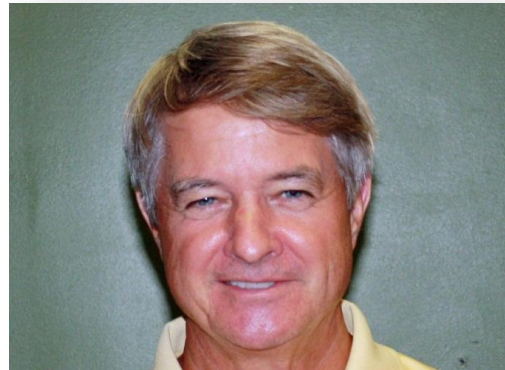
Tired of all this information on skiing and you can hardly wait for summer? The Board of Directors recently approved a May 2015 trip to Mexico's Riviera Maya. The club will be staying at the all-inclusive Barceló Maya Colonial Hotel, located south of Playa del Carmen in the Barceló Maya Beach Resort. Round trip airfare on United Airlines and ground transportation to/from the resort is included in the full package. Complete details will be posted on the website soon!

There is still space available for the Fall 2015 trip to Tuscany, Italy. The tour operator will soon begin filling unsold seats so we expect the remaining seats to go quickly. Signing up requires payment of a \$490 deposit for the full package/\$370 for the land package. Deposits are refundable until April 15, 2015, less a \$30 club cancellation fee. Trip insurance is available for an additional \$270 full package/\$240 land package. That protects you from a financial loss should you need to cancel after April 15 and before the trip departure date. If you are considering signing up for this trip, you do not want to

delay much longer. Full details for the [Discover Tuscany Trip](#) are available on our [website](#).

If you want to visit with our trip leaders about any of the trips we have planned, attend the January 19th General Meeting and visit in person with our Trip Coordinators and Assistant Trip Coordinators. They will answer your questions about the trips including the current status. Remember the January meeting has been moved to January 19 which is the 3rd Monday in January.

I look forward to another great year of skiing and traveling with the Space City Ski & Adventure Club!



Jim Hodges
VP of Trips

Trips 2014-2015

Destination		Date	Prices* Full / Land Only	Final Payment Date	Trip Coordinator	Assistant Trip Coordinator
Vail, CO Club Long/Short		Dec 6 – 13 2014	Completed		Bob Olsen	
Beaver Creek, CO TSC Winter Traditional	WAIT LIST ONLY	Jan 10 – 17 2015	\$1,130/\$858	19-Oct	Dennis Hughes	Kate MacDougal
Beaver Creek, CO Club Short	WAIT LIST ONLY	Jan 14 – 18 2015	\$610 (Land Only)	19-Oct	Dennis Hughes	Patti Finch
Madesimo, Italy TSC Winter Expedition	WAIT LIST ONLY	Jan 23 – 31 2015	\$2,313/\$1,282	13-Oct	Barbara Brescian	Sandy Schneider
Mammoth, CA TSC Winter Shootout		Jan 31 – Feb 7 2015	\$1,484/\$1,066	24-Oct	Dave Stotz	-
Taos, NM Club Long		Feb 14 – 21 2015	\$1,060 (Land Only)	10-Nov	Chris Bryan	-
Taos, NM Club Short		Feb 14 – 18 2015	\$693 (Land Only)	10-Nov	Chris Bryan	-
Whitefish, MT Club Trip	WAIT LIST ONLY	Feb 21 – 28 2015	\$1,258/\$665	21-Nov	Derek Shoobridge	Andy Smith
Breckenridge-Long TSC Final Showdown	WAIT LIST ONLY	Feb 28 – Mar 7 2015	\$1,248/\$902	17-Dec	Steve Ying	Cindy Moore
Breckenridge-Short TSC Final Showdown	WAIT LIST ONLY	Feb 28 – Mar 4 2015 (4 Day)	\$644 (Land Only)	17-Dec	Steve Ying	Cindy Moore
Breckenridge-Short TSC Final Showdown	WAIT LIST ONLY	Feb 28 – Mar 5 2015 (5 Day)	\$753 (Land Only)	17-Dec	Steve Ying	Cindy Moore
Winter Park, CO Spring Break trip		Mar 14 – 21 2015	\$1,269/\$900	12-Jan	Tony Curry	-
Mexico Riviera Maya Club Trip		May 9-16 2015	\$1,411/\$912	9-Mar	Sandra McCunis	
Discover Tuscany TSC Summer Expedition		Oct 29 – Nov 7 2015	\$3,799/\$2,469	1-July	Maria Koteras	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, 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.

SIGN UP - DON'T DELAY.

We have a great list of trips for this ski season. Don't procrastinate and miss out on the trip of your dreams. Last season some trips filled up very fast and a few folks were disappointed. Don't let that happen to you. You can send a check or use PayPal.

Last year this trip sold out in less than a week!!!



Photo by Fred Pethick

Beaver Creek, CO

TSC WINTER TRADITIONAL

LONG - JANUARY 10 - 17, 2015

SHORT - JANUARY 14 - 18, 2015

Dennis Hughes - TC

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Beaver Creek



Dennis Hughes

Kate MacDougal - ATC long Trip

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713-253-1853



Patti Finch



Kate MacDougal

Patti Finch - ATC Short Trip

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936-520-1486

WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

- Long trip option - 7 nights/up to 6 ski days.
- Short trip option - 4 nights/up to 4 ski days.
- Over 1800 skiable acres with 4,040' vertical drop.
- Terrain for all abilities.
- Upscale Beaver Creek lodging.
- TSC Traditional trip offers lots of extra activities; friends from other TSC ski clubs.

PACKAGES OFFERED Long Trip - Jan 10th- Jan 17th, 2015

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
FULL	\$1,130	\$1,080
LAND ONLY	\$858	\$823

PACKAGES OFFERED Short Trip- Jan 14th - Jan 18th, 2015

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
LAND ONLY	\$610	\$575

DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. **FINAL PAYMENT:** Due by 10/19/14

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.



Photo by Tom Thomas

Madesimo, Italy – TSC WINTER EXPEDITION

JANUARY 23 - 31, 2015

Barbara Brescian

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713-516-5322



Barbara Brescian

Sandy Schneider

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281-870-1789



Sandy Schneider

WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

- Savor the tastes, sounds and skiing of the Italian Alps.
- Terrain for all abilities with runs leading to the village.
- Daily breakfast/dinner included plus lift tickets ½ of US prices.
- 4-star hotel with heated indoor pool and wellness center.

PACKAGES OFFERED Jan 23rd – Jan 31st, 2015

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
FULL	\$2,313	\$2,248
LAND ONLY	\$1,282	\$1,232

DEPOSIT: \$300 by check or online via PayPal. **FINAL PAYMENT:** Due by 10/13/14

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.



Mammoth, CA – TSC WINTER SHOOTOUT

JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 7, 2015

Dave Stotz

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713-862-9486

**Mammoth**



Dave Stotz

WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

- Ski-in, ski-out lodging at Juniper Springs Condos.
- TSC Winter Shootout includes multiple activities.
- Terrain for all abilities.

PACKAGES OFFERED Jan 31st – Feb 7th, 2015

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
FULL	\$1,484	\$1,434
LAND ONLY	\$1,066	\$1,031

DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 10/24/14



Taos, NM – CLUB TRIP

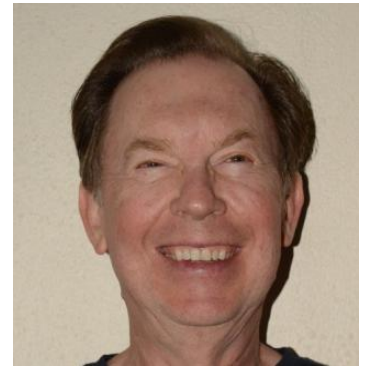
LONG – FEBRUARY 14 - 21, 2015

SHORT – FEBRUARY 14 – 18, 2015

Chris Bryan

chris@spacecity.org

281-827-6790

TAOS**Chris Bryan****WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP**

- Short & long options available.
- President's Day Week - take fewer vacation days to ski more.
- Taos offers 'Ski Week' - you'll ski better for the rest of your life.
- Terrain for all abilities & New Runs.
- Exciting new lift to the 12,450 ft. Kachina Peak – no more hiking to the backside!

PACKAGES OFFERED Long Trip Feb 14th – Feb 21st, 2015

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
LAND ONLY	\$1,060	\$1,025

PACKAGES OFFERED Short Trip Feb 14th – Feb 18th, 2015

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
LAND ONLY	\$693	\$658

DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 10/24/14

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.



Whitefish, MT – CLUB TRIP

FEBRUARY 21 – 28, 2015

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 713-501-1032

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 361-463-8776

**Derek Shoobridge****Andy Smith****WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP**

- Great skiing with uncrowded slopes.
- Luxury ski-in/ski-out condominium accommodations.
- Northern Montana-- low elevation skiing – base is below 4500'.
- Terrain for all abilities, including many bowls and tree runs.
- Optional day trip to Fernie Alpine Resort in Canada

PACKAGES OFFERED Feb 21st – Feb 28th, 2015

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
FULL	\$1,258	\$1,208
LAND ONLY	\$665	\$630

DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. **FINAL PAYMENT:** Due by 11/21/14

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.



Breckenridge, CO - TSC FINAL SHOWDOWN

LONG - FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 7, 2015

SHORT - 4 DAY - FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 4, 2015

SHORT - 5 DAY - FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 5, 2015

Steve Ying - TC

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281-433-4122

**Steve Ying**

Cindy Moore - ATC

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713-628-7613

**Cindy Moore****WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP**

- "Peak 6" is new for 2014.
- 543 additional acres of high alpine intermediate bowl skiing.
- Short lift lines! - Four six pack high speed lifts (the most in Colorado).
- Ski-in/Shuttle-out lodging one block from Main Street.
- Awesome terrain for every skill level.

PACKAGES OFFERED Long Trip: Feb 28th - Mar 7th, 2015

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
FULL	\$1,248	\$1,198
LAND ONLY	\$902	\$867

PACKAGES OFFERED Short Trip: Feb 28th - Mar 4th, 2015 (4 Day)

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
LAND ONLY	\$644	\$609

PACKAGES OFFERED Short Trip: Feb 28th - Mar 5th, 2015 (5 Day)

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
LAND ONLY	\$753	\$718

DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 12/17/14

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.



Photo by Jeff Andrew, Vail Resort



Photo by Liam Doran, Vail Resort

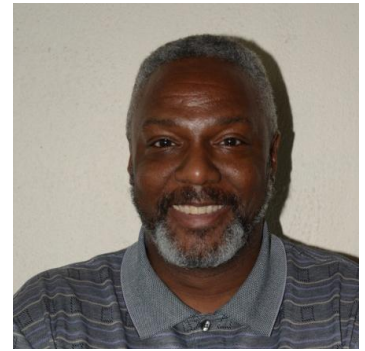
Winter Park, CO – SPRING BREAK TRIP

MARCH 14 –21, 2015

Tony Curry

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281-773-9016



Tony Curry

WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

- Spring Break Week – With youngsters out of school for the week, take your children/grandkids, nieces/nephews on a memorable ski vacation to the Snow Country of the Rocky Mountains.
- Got Scouts? Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts can earn a Snow Sports Merit Badge.
- Winter Park Ski Resort offers terrain for all abilities.

PACKAGES OFFERED Mar 14th – Mar 21st, 2015

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal/Check)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
Adult - FULL PACKAGE	\$1,269	\$1219
Adult - LAND ONLY	\$900	\$865
Youth - FULL PACKAGE		\$417
Youth - LAND ONLY		\$117

DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. **FINAL PAYMENT:** Due by 1/12/2015

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.



Discover Tuscany, Italy

TSC SUMMER EXPEDITION

OCTOBER 29th – NOVEMBER 7th, 2015

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 281-797-7084

TUSCANY



**Maria (Mendez)
Koteras**

Leyla Ozkardeh
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 281-785-2325

WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

- Trip of a Lifetime – check this one off your “Bucket List”.
- Gorgeous rolling landscapes and stunning architecture.
- Magnificent historic monuments, mouth-watering cuisine and wines.
- 1st Class and Deluxe hotel accommodations. Door to Door pick up to/from your home to airport within a 50 mile radius.

PACKAGES OFFERED Oct 29th – Nov 7th, 2015

PACKAGE	PRICE
FULL	\$3,799
LAND ONLY	\$2,469

DEPOSIT: Full package \$490 / Land Package \$370 - paid by check or online via PayPal.

FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 07/01/2015. Last date for full refund less club cancellation fee: March 1, 2015.

Optional travel insurance protection is available for an additional \$270 and must be paid before Nov 15, 2014. Trip price is subject to change if there is an increase in fuel surcharges by the airline. **Final payments** will be made directly to the Travel Agency (Collette) by check or credit card.

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.



**Barcelo Maya Colonial, Riviera Maya,
Puerto Aventuras, Quintana Roo, Mexico**
MAY 9th – 16th, 2015

Sandra McCunis
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281-463-7717



Sandra McCunis

WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP

- All-Inclusive 4 star resort on a beautiful Caribbean beach
- Expansive swimming pools & acres of lush tropical gardens
- Snorkeling & diving along a spectacular protected coral reef
- Variety of sports, daily activities & nightly live entertainment
- International cuisine - Food & drinks available 24 hours a day
- Non-stop flight to Cancun, Mexico on United Airlines

PACKAGES OFFERED May 9th – 16th, 2015

PACKAGE	PRICE (Pay by PayPal/Check)	DISCOUNTED PRICE (Pay by Check)
FULL	\$1,411	\$1,361
LAND ONLY	\$912	\$877

DEPOSIT: \$150 by check or online via PayPal. FINAL PAYMENT: Due by 3/9/2015

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.



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 Madesimo, Italy, and for Tuscany, Italy: Full Package \$490/ Land Package \$370.

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 ☐

Please check one:

Full package ☐ Land package ☐

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 amount paid if I cannot be replaced on the trip. For Tuscany, Italy the final *refund* date is March 1, 2015. After that date \$250 of the deposit plus club cancellation fee is non-refundable

Signature(s) (Required) _____

Having a Blast

I hope you all had a blessed holiday season. Now the holiday decorations are put away and you are no doubt thinking of some serious snow skiing, like the rest of us! The Holiday Gala was a huge success and everyone enjoyed dancing the night away to the Band Hattick. Thanks to Ann Dorn for volunteering as the activity coordinator for this event.

Now we are planning a Super Bowl Party/Chili Cookoff at the home of Rita Cardenas in Tomball. We are also hoping for a good turn out from Space City members for the Galveston Mardi Gras Umbrella Parade. Marianne Pearce will be the activity coordinator for this event. Marianne attended last year and can assure you it will be a BLAST.

The January Happy Hour will be the 4th Thursday (January 22) at Arcodoro Italian Restaurant near the Galleria. Check the Club website www.spacecity.org for further information on happy hours and activities.

If you have any activities you would like to volunteer for please let me know.

Hope to see you on the slopes!!

Gayle Dale
VP of Activities

Upcoming Activities

January-2015

January 18th – Chevron Houston Marathon

January 22th – Happy Hour at Arcodoro Sardinian Restaurant

February

February 1st – Superbowl Party

February 6th – Galveston Mardi Gras Umbrella Parade



Membership

Member Profile – The Big Dogs

Ever since joining the Space City Ski Club I have always heard mention of “The Big Dogs”. So I set out to find out who they are and what they do. It was hard to track this group down. People would say things like, “I tag along with them sometimes but I’m not really one of them.” Finally, I got a name that most agreed would be one of these creatures, Keith Kirkman. Hmmmm.....I thought to myself. I am getting close! Then I asked our President, Melinda, and it turns out that Keith

is considered the leader. She smiled and said she would help me. Now, I had made the connection.

Keith explained that they are a group that likes to ski black runs. They enjoy the steep runs, powder, moguls, and trees. He said anyone who likes to ski those types of runs is welcome to ski with the group. The only requirement is no whining, and you must keep up with the pack. I knew right away I was probably not a candidate for this group. Whining is the least of my deficiencies!

Keith told me that somewhere along the line in a post trip write-up in the Sitzmarke, the trip leader referred to the group as the “Big Dogs” and the name stuck.

The group first came together on a 2002 club trip to Big Sky, Montana when they

**Original Big Dog Group, Big Sky Trip 2002
Charley-Nancy-Dennis-Sue-David-Gary-Beverly**





10th Year Reunion Big Dog Group, Moonlight Basin 2012

discovered each other and found that they liked to ski the same type of runs. Just as important, they also appreciated the pitchers of beer at après ski while re-living the day's finer moments on the mountain. Of course, since no one likes to pay for their own beer, a system of beer fines was developed where those who do any one of a number of klutzy things on the mountain are fined a pitcher of beer payable at that day's après ski.

Unfortunately, the skill level of most of the group has improved so much over the years that there are fewer and fewer beer fines each trip. They would probably want me to join the group, as I would be totally paying the bills. But then there is the keeping up with the group part.

The original "Big Dog" crew was Bill Bomberger, Gary Davis, Keith Kirkman, Dennis Newell, Beverly and Charley Roberts, Nancy Schultz, David Stotz, and Sue DeWitt. The following summer they discussed doing

one club trip together and have done that every year since. The Whitefish trip is this winter's group get-together.

Over the years, many ski club members have come and gone from the group. The group has grown with as many as 16 skiing together at a given time. Others who have skied regularly with the group over the years include Frank Adams, Diane and Ross Baker, Bob Debell, Juel Hill, Jim Hodges, Melinda and Dennis Hughes, Sharon Simandl, and Davis Tucker.

Now that Keith had admitted to being the leader, I pounced on the final question of how he became the leader. He said that he was the only one who read the trail maps and knew how to get around the various resorts. He also skis so many days a year that he is very familiar with most of the places they go. I suspect it is more than that but I felt that I

had accomplished my goal and was willing to move on to the next membership challenge.

If anyone knows any other member or members that need heralding, email me or stop me and quietly give me a note if that is your style. You know I will follow up no matter what it takes.



Ali Pethick
VP of Membership

NEW - Now you can purchase SCSC Logo Products!

*We have our **e-store** at Land's End and you can select any product you like to purchase. Once you've selected a product, you may select our logo to apply to your item(s).*

Shop & enjoy!

You can find the link to the e-store at www.spacecity.org, under the Welcome block.

SCSC Photo Contest 2014-2015

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



We will use the winning photo as the cover photo for our newsletter's Annual Issue in 2015-2016. We used last year's winning photo by Tom Thomas as the cover for our August Annual Issue 2014.

Send photos to
marketing@spacecity.org

Member's Corner





Photos by Ron Hayes & Morris Covin

Our Leadership Team 2014-2015

President	-	Melinda Hughes	president@spacecity.org
VP of Activities	-	Gayle Dale	activities@spacecity.org
VP of Trips	-	Jim Hodges	trips@spacecity.org
VP of Membership	-	Ali Pethick	membership@spacecity.org
VP of Marketing	-	Bobby Goel	marketing@spacecity.org
Treasurer	-	Marti Turner	treasurer@spacecity.org
Secretary	-	Sandy Fowler	secretary@spacecity.org
Auditor	-	Keith Kirkman	auditor@spacecity.org
Director of Trips	-	George Lopez	george@spacecity.org
Director of Trips	-	Bill Bomberger	bill@spacecity.org

Our Board of Directors 2014-2015

Chairperson	-	Sandra McCunis	sandra@spacecity.org
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Director	-	Bill Bomberger	bill@spacecity.org
Director	-	David Cone	david@spacecity.org
Director	-	Jan Ferrell	jan@spacecity.org
Director	-	Lynda Meyer	lynda@spacecity.org
Director	-	Ann Rogers	ann@spacecity.org
Director	-	Susan Blome	susan@spacecity.org

Space City Ski and Adventure Club is a proud member of **Texas Ski Council** and **National Ski Council Federation**.

The National Ski Council Federation (NSCF) is made up of ski councils and ski clubs throughout United States that have chosen to belong to the National Ski Council Federation. Ski councils regionally serve member ski clubs that belong to that council.

A ski council is an organization whose regular membership consists substantially of not-for-profit voluntary membership clubs (& their members) of which snow skiing (in various forms) is a major activity. The term ski council is meant to include some organizations that perform the above function, but include in their names the word association instead of council.

The Ski Councils throughout the United States have certain functions in common with each other but also have differences.

U.S. is divided into 3 broad geographic sections for easier location of Ski Councils. The East Coast includes the Southeast, Central includes all the middle tier of states and the West Coast covers from the Rocky Mountains west.

Texas Ski Council (TSC) is a non-profit, all volunteer organization consisting of 14 clubs throughout the State of Texas. The members of each club have at least one common interest -- snow sports. The purpose of the TSC is to promote individual and group interest in skiing and snowboarding.

TSC is able to secure economical group travel discounts for its members with ski & travel destinations throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, Asia and the Southern Hemisphere.

As a member of [Space City Ski and Adventure Club](#) you are also a member if [Texas Ski Council](#) and [National Ski Council Federation](#) and can enjoy all the benefits offered to their members. Check their website for more details.



January Happy Hour

*Thursday, January 22th
5:30 – 8:30 pm*

Arcodoro Sardinian Restaurant

Centre at Post Oak,
5000 Westheimer Road #120,
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This beautiful Galleria Italian restaurant reflects owner **Efisio Farris'** Sardinian heritage and the simple rustic cuisine rich in the flavors and textures of his island. The Houston menu shines with inventive dishes including: carpaccios, risottos, homemade pastas, pizza from the wood-burning oven, baked whole fish and award winning steaks. Efisio invites you to sip Arcodoro's Signature Grapparita or enjoy a cocktail in the Doro Bar.

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