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what kind of ski season will it be?

Every year I start to scan the WWeather websites for long-term forecasts to try to answer the question: what kind of snow will we get this season?

That's why I'm pleased to bring you a guest article from one of the country's most expert meteorologists on snow -- Joel Graetz of OPENSNOW.COM. He'll explain what goes into a seasonal forecast, why you should (or should not) put faith in them, and then tell you what sort of year we might expect here in North America.

If you haven't visited his website, OPENSNOW.COM -- I'd recommend you take a look and subscribe. Joel and his team of

'snowcasters' predict the weather state-by-state -- and even predict the amount of snow or powder per resort because they take into account the intensity, velocity, winds and direction of a storm relative to the face of a mountain. At the very least, you'll find his writing informative and entertaining!

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PS: don't forget to check out our new member spotlight features by Jan Ferrell

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It's November and our first ski trip of the season will leave out in just a few weeks. Hopefully, everyone has received some useful health tips from our recent meetings and is ready for the slopes.

Mark your calendars for our November 11th meeting because it promises to be a fun and informative presentation on FEMA rescue dogs. Denise Corliss will bring her service dog and provide a presentation on human rescue. She and her pet helped rescue victims of 9-11, so she has some interesting stories to share. My husband and I make it a point to visit the Avalanche Dog Rescue

from MISSION CONTROL

Programs in the ski resorts where we vacation in each year. We support the programs by purchasing a t-shirt and have acquired quite an interesting collection over the years. Speaking of supporting programs, have you wondered how you can support our club through

volunteering? You may wonder what the path is to joining the club leadership. Becoming an Executive Committee member requires that you have a variety of experience in the club. To begin with, you can run an activity or volunteer to be a trip ATC. Once you've gotten your feet wet, you



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Photo credit: Avalanche rescue dog training, dafuriouds, flickr.com

can then volunteer to run a trip. Once you've been involved with trip and activity planning, you may want to consider becoming an 'Ex Com' officer.

Let the current leadership know that you're interesting in moving up and that information will be passed on to the nominating committee. What is most important is that you acquire an understanding of how the club is run. If you have a question, please ask anyone in leadership and they will be happy to help

you.

If you are approached by the nominating committee, please consider helping. Our volunteers keep this organization alive.

While there is a considerable

amount of work involved in these positions, you will also have the opportunity to meet interesting people and make new friends. Meanwhile, 'Like' us on Facebook and I'll see you on November 11th!

Melinda Hughes

President

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Interested in membership?

Join online, or contact our VP of Membership, Jan Ferrell, for more information. Family memberships are a great way to get on the slopes with your spouse and kids.

Jan Ferrell

VP of Membership

Have you forgotten your user name or password?

Jan can help.

E-mail her at

membership@spacecity.org

having a BLAST

The excitement of the **Houston Grand Prix** ended with a great party for all the volunteers. We enjoyed 3 full days of racing at Reliant Center. Having access to the pit area was incredible. Thanks to Ellen Eastham for recruiting volunteers for this event. I hope she steps up again next year to organize the volunteers for this event so I can be her first recruit. Yes, it was that much fun!

If you missed the last two club events you missed some great music and delicious food. Just ask Tami Kawasugi, one of the **Italian Festival** participants. We all enjoyed sampling good Italian food and wine and dancing the night away to the sounds of the Fab 5. Thanks to Craig Campbell for leading this activity. WOW is all I can say about the **Oktoberfest** Buffet at Rudi Lechner's Restaurant. 22 people feasted on just about every German dish imaginable. After dinner we all joined our own "chicken man", Stan Broniak, who led us out to the dance floor for the famous German Chicken Dance. What fun! I haven't laughed that hard in a long time. Thanks to Judy Schiro for being the activity coordinator. The last **East Coast Swing class** of the year is running Tuesday nights from October 29th through November 19th. Check with Roberta Rambin



robertarambin@comcast.net to see if you can still join the group. We're looking for input from our members to know if we should continue the dance classes next year. If so, what type of dance class are you interested in? Would you be an activity coordinator for these classes? It would be an easy way to make new friends while improving your dance skills. Please contact Gayle Dale activities@spacecity.org or Ali Pethick alipethick@yahoo.com if you are interested. Thanks to Roberta Rambin for being the activity coordinator for the previous classes.

If you missed out on the California Wine Trip then you will want to come to the **November Happy Hour**. Our Happy Hour in November will be the third Thursday, November 21st due to the Thanksgiving holiday. In keeping with the wine season, it will be held at Tango and Malbec Argentinean Restaurant. They boast having the only Rioplatense kitchen in Houston and the most extensive Malbec wine list. Check the SCSC web calendar for more information. Special wine discounts will be offered for SCSC members.

Our December Happy Hour will be the **Christmas Gala** on December 19th at the Post Oak Grill. The Post Oak Grill has generously decided to give each

person two complimentary glasses of wine with dinner. Lori Aubrecht is the activity coordinator and she has put together a fantastic evening for us. We have an elaborate dinner buffet, dessert, two glasses of wine and, of course dancing, all for only \$52 for members (\$55 for non-members). This will be our only social activity in December so be sure to sign up so you can celebrate the holiday season with your SCSC friends.

We hope you will support the activities that your club leadership plans for you. They work really hard to plan fun events and to market them. So far we have had great response to our happy hours and activities and we thank you for that. Don't forget to contact me activities@spacecity.org or Ali Pethick alipethick@yahoo.com to volunteer to lead an activity that you would enjoy. We are always looking for more help and new ideas to make our club fun for all of us.

We wish you a blessed Thanksgiving and safe travels if you are visiting family or friends out of town.

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VP of Activities

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NOVEMBER HAPPY HOUR



Come and taste
South American
cuisine from
Houston's only

Rioplatense kitchen accompanied by the best variety in Malbec wines for a great experience! Good eating and drinking in a unique, warm and elegant atmosphere. The open grill and kitchen allows you to see and participate in a unique gastronomic experience in Houston.

WHAT: HAPPY HOUR

WHERE: Tango and Malbec
2800 Sage Rd A-100

MAP: <http://goo.gl/maps/wxbvm>

WHEN: Thursday, 11/21
5:30-9:00



great american trailer park CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

The Great
American Trailer Park
Christmas Musical
Saturday, Nov16
8:00pm

Optional dinner at
6:30pm

Stages Repertory Theater
2610 Briar Ridge Dr,
MAP: [http://goo.gl/
maps/gN0gl](http://goo.gl/maps/gN0gl)

ACTIVITY COORDINATOR:
[Nancy Burk](#)



It's holiday time down in Armadillo Acres, north Florida's premier mobile living community, and everyone is filled with warmth and beer. But when a freak bout of amnesia strikes Darlene, the trailer park scrooge, neighborly love is put to the test. Be on hand as Betty, Lin and Pickles jingle all the way with some new neighbors in an all-new, all-trailer park holiday extravaganza!

We have great seats available for you to see 'The Great American Trailer Park Christmas Musical' at Stages Repertory Theater. Meet before the show for an optional dinner and/or drinks at Teala's Mexican Restaurant within walking distance of the theater.

Member Cost: \$35.00 **(payment due by 11/1)**

Non-member Cost: \$38.00

Note: at the time of publication we had 4 seats available -- please contact Nancy Burk if you want to attend! WW

new member SPOTLIGHT

Mary and Jack Swiggert

Let me introduce Mary Swiggert-- Mary Swiggert and her husband Jack just joined the club in August. Our very own John Burk referred them to Space City. Mary grew up with him and was interested when he told her about our club and all the things we do. She loves to ski and is looking forward to traveling with us.

Mary and her husband live in Willis now but lived in Houston for 47 years. She came from Oklahoma as a child. The oil and gas industry is what keeps Mary busy as a land administrator. One of her prior jobs was as a flight attendant with United Airlines.

Outside of work, Mary is actively involved in volunteering with animal shelters such as the Conroe Animal Shelter. Her favorite t-shirt says, "Rescued is my favorite breed". I

second that!

Given the option of doing anything she wanted with no limits to time and money, she and her husband would go on a world cruise with a definite stop in Germany. Skiing the Swiss Alps is something she wants to do along with enjoying the countryside and castles of Germany. The best thing she likes about our club is the range of activities and that we are not just about skiing.

They are looking forward to meeting new people and making new friends. When asked about something that few people know about her, she pondered and said "I'm an open book so no secrets".

Welcome to our club, Mary and Jack!

Hope to see you at an event soon.

Jan Ferrell

VP of Membership

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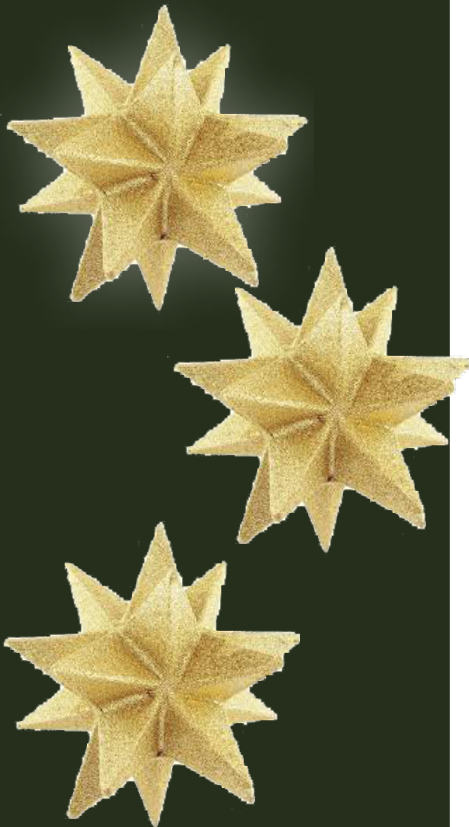
christmas GALA & DECEMBER HH

CHRISTMAS GALA & DECEMBER HH

THURSDAY, DEC 19th
7:30pm - midnight

Post Oak Grill
1415 S. Post Oak Lane

ACTIVITY COORDINATOR:
[Lori Aubrecht](#)



CHRISTMAS CHECKLIST:

Shopping : ✓

Decorating : ✓

Baking : ✓

Now it's time to relax!

What better way to
relax and unwind
around the holidays
than by enjoying a
lavish buffet dinner and

dancing until midnight? Please join us at the Post Oak Grill, located
in the beautifully decorated Galleria area. Our menu will include
Flounder Filet Florentine, Marinated Grilled Chicken, and Bowtie
Pasta A la Vodka, along with an assortment of salads, sides and
desserts.

We will have our own private room with a large dance floor and lots
of dancing music.

Sparkling attire encouraged!

Our Christmas Gala will take the place of our monthly Happy Hour.
There will be a cash bar.



BUFFET MENU

First Course

Post Oak Salad

Mixed Greens, Pinenuts, Crusted Goat Cheese

Famous Tomato Salad

Sliced Roma Tomatoes, Hearts Of Palm, Sweet Red Onions

Both Salads with Ranch Dressing & Herb Vinaigrette



Main Course

Flounder Filet Florentine

With Capers and Mushrooms in a Green Onion Sauce

Marinated Grilled Chicken

Topped with Fresh Tomatoes and Basil in a Bianco Sauce

Bowtie Pasta A la Vodka

With Tomatoes, Mushrooms and Basil

Sides

Whipped Red New Potatoes

Sauteed Seasonal Vegetables

Assorted Bread and Biscuits

Dessert

Assorted Homemade Cookies

Key Lime & Pecan Tarts

Chocolate Dipped Strawberries



seasonal weather PREDICTIONS 2013-14

You want to know how much snow will fall this season, but I have bad news. Seasonal forecasts stink.

aware of the caveat that you shouldn't trust it. With those words of caution behind us, let's dig in and see what



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Photography
Joel Graetz, CEO & Meteorologist,
OPENSNOW.COM

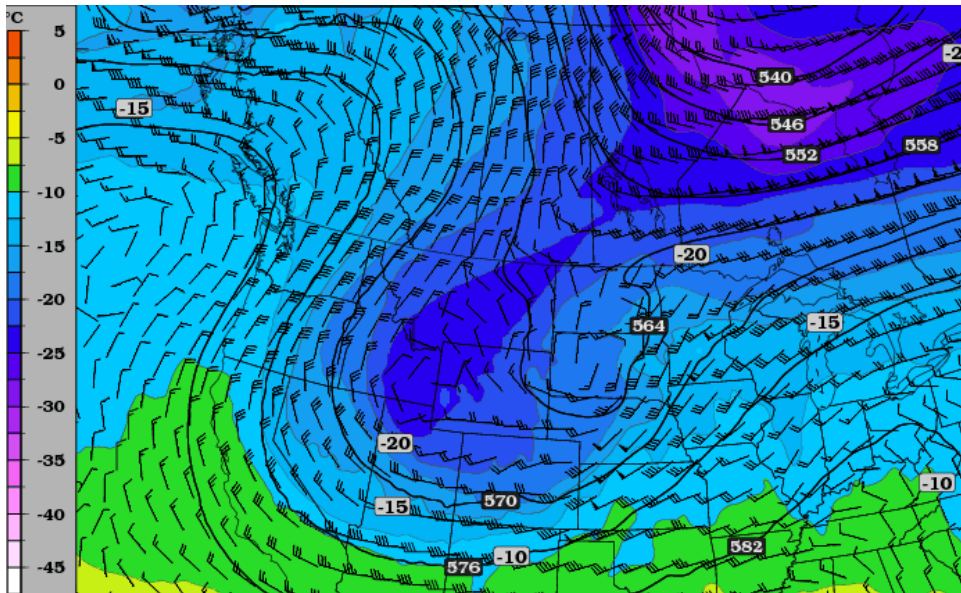


Photo source: twisterdata.com

The transition to winter is evident as warmer air is pushed to the south while cooler air from the north invades the United States. This map shows the temperature at 18,000 feet.

The science of meteorology has improved tremendously in the last few decades, and it's now rare that a storm arrives as a complete surprise. Despite these successes, a skillful seasonal weather prediction is still a mostly inaccurate proposition.

If that's the case, why am I writing an article about how much snow will fall during the upcoming winter? Because digging into the data and looking for atmospheric clues is fun. And because I know you want some type of prediction, even if you're

we can find.

The best way to forecast snowfall during the winter is to measure the water temperatures in the central Pacific Ocean between Australia and South America. This area of water is huge, so if the water temperature is well above or below average, it can influence weather patterns across the world. If you're a bit of a weather

connoisseur, then you know that I'm talking about El Nino or La Nina.

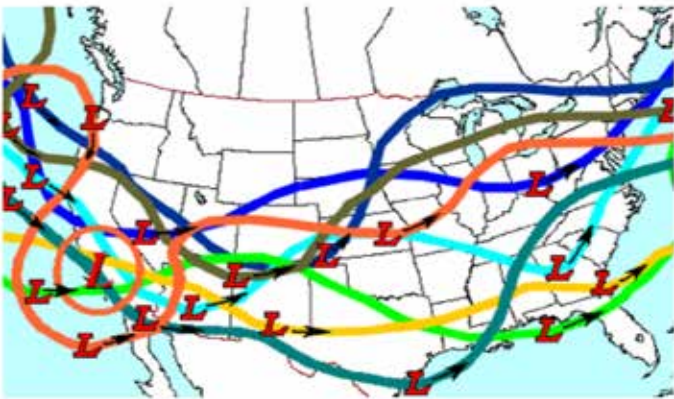
If the water temperatures in the central Pacific Ocean are well above average, than we call it an **El Nino**. This usually, but not always, leads to above average snowfall in the southern third of the United States.

If the water temperatures in the central Pacific Ocean are well below average, than we call it a **La**

by joel graetz, meteorologist OPENSNOW.COM

Nina. This usually, but not always, leads to above average snowfall in the northern third of the United States.

Storm tracks for El Nino.



Courtesy: Mike Baker, NWS Boulder

Source: Mike Baker, National Weather Service
Average storm tracks during a winter with an El Nino, which means warmer than average water temperatures in the central Pacific Ocean.

The images show the favored storm tracks during El Nino and La Nina. While any single storm can follow any track it wants, these maps show the average path of storms during winters with a strong El Nino or La Nina.

If this season featured a strong El Nino or strong

La Nina, I could offer a reasonable hint about where the deepest snow may fall. But alas, the water temperatures in the central Pacific Ocean are about average, which we affectionately call a La Nada. As you guessed, this means we have very little ability to predict winter snowfall.

As a last-ditch effort to figure out the season, meteorologists often look for analogous years to this year. For example, if there was a lot of precipitation during the fall in certain areas of the

Storm tracks for La Nina.



Courtesy: Mike Baker, NWS Boulder

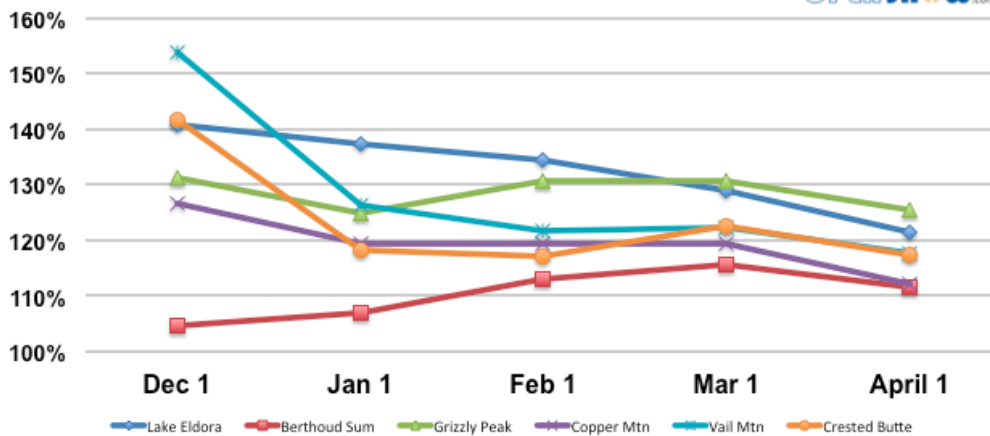
Source: Mike Baker, National Weather Service
Average storm tracks during a winter with a La Nina, which means cooler than average water temperatures in the central Pacific Ocean.

country, we would look back to past fall seasons, find those with heavy precipitation, then look at

the data and found that heavy rain in September near Boulder, CO correlates to strong early-season

snowfall in many mountain areas of Colorado, with average snowfall during the middle and end of the season. I wouldn't necessarily place money on this outcome, but we have had a few early-season storms already, so perhaps the statistics will be correct on this one.

Snow on the ground during winters following high precipitation in Boulder



Source: Joel Gratz, OpenSnow.com, and Dr. Andrew Slater, National Snow and Ice Data Center.
Wet Septembers near Boulder seem to signal a strong start to the winter in many mountains of Colorado.

where and when the snow fell during the ensuing winters. This method doesn't always produce accurate forecasts, but is surprisingly correct many times.

Bryan Allegretto, the OpenSnow.com forecaster in Lake Tahoe, ran the numbers and didn't find a strong correlation. But he did find clues pointing to a later start to the season and an eventual tally of average to above average snowfall by the end of the season. Let's hope this works out!

In my neck of the woods, the front range of Colorado saw tremendous rains in September. I looked at

To find great snow conditions, I recommend two options. First, if you need to lock in your trip dates



Photo credit: Megan Gilman
Joel Graetz skiing powder

well ahead of time, then praying or doing a snow dance is your best bet. On the other hand, if you have flexibility in your schedule, you can start trusting forecasts between 7-10 days out, and you can think about booking your trip 3-5 days in advance. This time frame is what I use based on my knowledge of the accuracy of weather forecasts. I know this is pretty last minute, but it's the best the science of meteorology can offer right now. I bet it'll be much improved in about 10 years, though, so stay tuned and keep your legs in shape!

Good luck finding powder this winter!

JOEL GRATZ

Founder, Meteorologist and CEO, OpenSnow.com

Editor's Note: If you enjoyed this article, drop Joel a line at joel@opensnow.com and say 'thanks'

about OPENSNOW.COM & Joel Graetz

Joel Gratz grew up skiing and watching the weather, so it was no surprise to his parents and friends that he attended Penn State and earned a degree in meteorology in 2003. During graduate school at the University of Colorado, Joel became upset (read: Mad!) that he would miss powder days due to inaccurate forecasts.



Photo credit: Liam Doran Photography

But instead of staying mad, he got even. After studying the local weather patterns for a few years, Joel started a weekly newsletter about where to find the best powder. From this 28-person email list grew the concept for OpenSnow.com, where local independent forecasters from across the country gather to provide snow forecasts and analysis. During the 2012-2013 season, nearly 1 millions skiers and snowboarders viewed forecasts from OpenSnow.com.

The site operates as a for-profit business and is able to support the efforts of their forecasters through a combination of advertising and subscription revenue. Users can upgrade to a Pro or SuperPro subscription for access to longer-range forecasts, the ability to set additional favorites and snow alerts, and view how the forecast is trending. Since launching the Pro service in February 2013, thousands of people have upgraded. This support has allowed the OpenSnow.com team to develop mobile apps and revamp the website, which should be live by the time this article is published.



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countdown to LIFTOFF

WOW!!! Have you looked at the calendar recently?

It's November!!! I can't believe the summer is long over, fall is upon us and Thanksgiving is at the end of this month! Where has the time gone?

While Houston is just beginning to enjoy cooler days, the mountains are getting snow and, combined with snowmaking abilities, the resorts have scheduled openings for later this month. So, have you remembered to sign up for your ski trip yet? Our first ski trip of the 2013-2014 season – Vail December – leaves on December 7th and it's not too late to sign up for the trip of your choice. As I write this, several trips are full – Park City, Garmisch, Jackson Hole, and Vail-Feb – and have wait/standby lists; however, things constantly change.

Trips with openings are Vail-Dec, Mammoth, Keystone, Breckenridge, Winter Park & S. Africa. However, a trip may be full one minute, and then have a cancellation and an opening the next, so please check directly with the TC of the trip you are

interested in for the absolute latest trip information.

I also cannot emphasize enough the importance of checking with the TC and signing up for the wait / standby list if the trip of your choice is currently

full. Remember, one of the benefits of being an SCSC member is that SCSC will help find a replacement participant if a member has to cancel and it works both ways should you, as a participant, have to cancel from a trip due to a work project, a family emergency, illness, etc. In fact, S. Africa and Jackson Hole have already had folks clear their wait list and the trips are months away. So,

don't hesitate to get on the wait

list because you may actually be helping a fellow member having an unexpected change of plans. Also, many of us have joined a trip after clearing a wait list and as the trips get closer to departure, the wait/standby lists will become even more

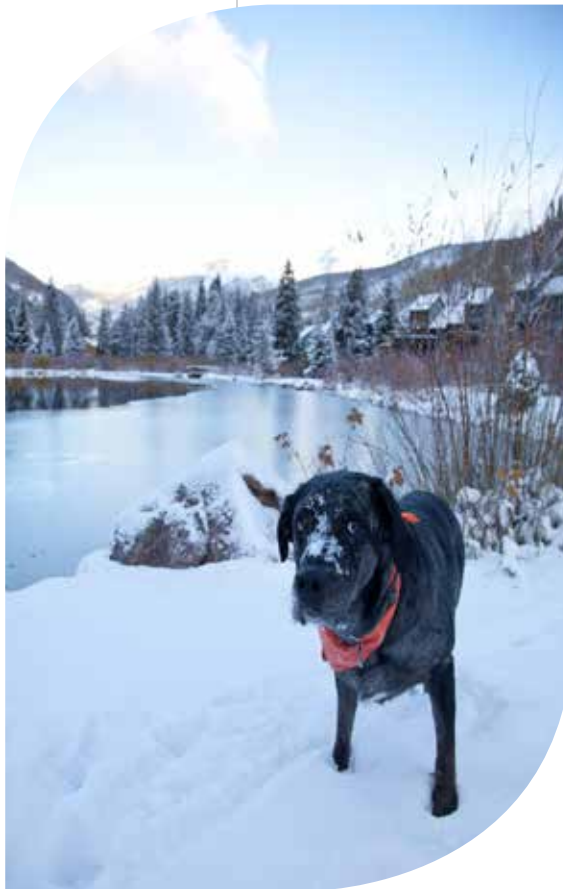


Photo credit: Vail FB page, enjoying early snow in Vail

countdown to LIFTOFF (continued)

important.

Our team of TCs and ATCs is working hard to bring you a slate of fantastic trips. Come to the next General Meeting on November 11th to meet with them personally and find out other information they can share about your trip or any trip you are interested in, including options and the parties planned for your trip.

Whatever you decide, enjoy your vacation with friends and family, create new memories, and save money by taking advantage of the group rates that SCSC offers. I look forward to a fun-filled and exciting ski and adventure season and hope you do too. Wishing each and all a Happy Thanksgiving! Take care & stay safe. Cheers!

Susan Blome

VP of Trips

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NEWS FLASH!!!

The mountains are getting snow and, combined with snowmaking abilities, several of the resorts have scheduled openings in November. Our first ski trip of the 2013-2014 Ski Season to Vail leaves on Dec 7th, and it's not too late to join this trip.

Although a few of our trips are full (Garmisch, Jackson Hole, Park City and Vail February), things are changing constantly and we now have openings for South Africa which was previously sold out. You can still buckle-up your boots on Vail December, Mammoth, Keystone, Breckenridge, and Winter Park.

long-time member SPOTLIGHT

Tom Danowski

I am pleased to introduce you to our first long-time member interviewee—Tom Danowski. Tom has been a member of the club since 1984 and an active one at that. In addition to skiing with us, he volunteers at the Sand Castle Competition each June and volunteered this month at the newly resurrected Grand Prix of Houston. When asked why he joined the club, he responded that he had skied for many years and was looking for people to ski with. He truly enjoys the diversity of people and activities he encounters of the club. While Tom was not born in Texas, in his words “I got here as fast as I could” and he has been here for 35 years. He was born in Long Island, NY and got an engineering degree. Using that knowledge, he went into industrial and electrical sales which is what he does

today.

Outside of work, Tom likes to manage his yard, try to eat healthy and workout, and of course ski and travel. What he likes most about Houston are the festivals and art. I asked him what he would do if money and time were of no concern. He wants to travel around the world with no particular agenda but make sure he hits Eastern Europe. “It’s still mysterious”, he said. One last question got a very interesting reply—What is something few people know about you? He replied “I am going to build an electric car”.

Thanks, Tom—see you at the next event! Oh, and I want a ride in that electric car.

Jan Ferrell

VP of Membership



trip CALENDAR OCTOBER

3-7 CALIFORNIA WINE COUNTRY

DECEMBER

7-11 VAIL SHORT

7-14 VAIL LONG

JANUARY

4-11 PARK CITY

24-31 GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN

FEBRUARY

8-15 JACKSON HOLE

22-MAR 1 VAIL

MARCH

1-8 MAMMOTH

8-15 KEYSTONE⁽¹⁾

12-16 BRECKENRIDGE SHORT

15-22 WINTER PARK⁽²⁾

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

19-30 SOUTH AFRICA

(1) Spring Break & Family Optional Trip # 1

(2) Spring Break & Family Optional Trip # 2

| Destination | Dates | Prices Full/Land Only (before cash discount) | Final Pay- ment Date | Trip Coordinator | Assistant Trip Coordinator |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2013 | | | | | |
| California Wine Country | Oct 3-7 | \$773 - land & cash only | 8/30/13 | Linda Kuper linda@spacecity.org 713-478-9094 | |
| Vail, CO - Short | Dec 7-11 | \$756 - land only | 10/14/13 | Ann Rogers ann@spacecity.org 281-703-0454 | |
| Vail, CO - Long | Dec 7-14 | \$1,229 - land only | 10/14/13 | | |
| 2014 | | | | | |
| Park City, UT <i>TSC Winter Tradition</i> | Jan 4-11 | \$1,310/\$851 | 11/11/13 | Betty Donellan betty@spacecity.org 310-702-2090 | Leslie Hajdo leslieh@spacecity.org 281-419-6237 |
| Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Bavaria, Germany <i>TSC Winter Expedition</i> | Jan 24-31 | \$2,148/\$1,067 | 11/11/13 | Barbara Brescian barbara@spacecity.org 713-516-5322 | Sarah Granberry sarah@spacecity.org 713-392-5255 |
| Jackson Hole, WY <i>TSC Winter Showdown</i> | Feb 8-15 | \$1,399/\$766 | 12/2/13 | Anne Thomas anne@spacecity.org 713-589-3660 | Steve Ying steve@spacecity.org 281-433-4122 |
| Vail, CO | Feb 22-Mar 1 | \$1,204/\$860 | 11/24/13 | Jim Hodges jim@spacecity.org 281-829-6155 | Arlen Isham arlen@spacecity.org 713-560-0187 |
| Mammoth, CA | Mar 1-8 | \$1,479/\$901 | 1/13/14 | Sandra McCunis sandra@spacecity.org 281-463-7717 | |
| Keystone, CO ⁽¹⁾ <i>TSC Final Showdown</i> | Mar 8-15 | \$1,335/\$715 | 11/11/13 | John Burk john@spacecity.org 281-468-1912 | |
| Breckenridge, CO - Short | Mar 12-16 | \$578 - land only | 1/13/14 | Patti Finch patti@spacecity.org 936-520-1486 | |
| Winter Park, CO ⁽²⁾ | Mar 15-22 | \$941/\$550 | 12/9/13 | Cindy Moore cindy@spacecity.org 713-628-7613 | |
| South Africa <i>TSC Summer Expedition</i> | Sept 19-30 | \$5,130/\$2,938 | TBD | Melody Bohlmann melody@spacecity.org 210-410-7302 | |
| (1) Spring Break & Family Optional Trip # 1 (2) Spring Break & Family Optional Trip # 2 | | | | | |

Information shown on this Trip Schedule is subject to change. Contact the Trip Coordinator (TC) or Assistant Trip Coordinator (ATC) for the most up-to-date information.

PRICING: FULL packages include air, all transfers, and per person lodging based on double-occupancy. LAND packages do not include air. Ground transportation will be included and available on selected trips for land package participants if they can meet the group at the destination airport in time to meet the group. Ground transportation will not be delayed for land package participants arriving later than the group. Check with your Trip Coordinator for ground transportation arrangements if you are choosing a land package.

Published prices do not include baggage fees, equipment rentals or lift tickets, and are subject to change. All trip deposits can be made with PayPal; however, final payment must be made by check to receive the discounted rate. Trips frequently have optional activities, such as a group dinner, or offer pre- and post-trip segments that are not reflected in the price published above. The TC is your source of information as to what is included in the package price and the cost of available options. Each trip has a different 'final refund' date -- that is the last date you can withdraw from the trip without a penalty. Refer to the club's Standing Rules 5.1-5.3 for the governing policies on trips, cancellations, refunds, etc.

DEPOSITS: All trips require a per person deposit to make a reservation.

TRIP COORDINATORS FOR 2013-14

CALIFORNIA WINE COUNTRY

OCTOBER 3-7, 2013

Linda Kuper, TC

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- 2 custom tailored, guided wine excursions
- Harvest season in Sonoma/Napa areas
- Quaint town of Healdsburg (reminiscent of Tuscany in the fall)
- Complimentary wine tastings at local wineries
- Fall is a beautiful time to visit Northern California – experience fall color & crisp weather



Linda Kuper

VAIL CO

DEC 7-14 or 7-11

Ann Rogers, TC

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281-703-0454

- Short & long options available
- Largest ski resort in the United States
- 5,289 acres of skiing
- Famous Back Bowls



Ann Rogers

PARK CITY, UT - TSC TRADITIONAL

JAN 4-11

Betty Donellan, TC

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281-374-2172 / 310-702-2090

Leslie Hajdo, ATC

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- World's Best Snow
- Three mountains to ski – Park City, Deer Valley, The Canyons
- Terrain for all abilities
- Park City is a charming mining town to explore



Betty Donellan



Leslie Hajdo

WAIT-LIST ONLY

and why you should choose their TRIP

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, BAVARIA, GERMANY - TSC WINTER EXPEDITION

JANUARY 24-31

Barbara Brescian
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Sarah Granbery
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- Savor the tastes, sounds and skiing of a Bavarian mountain resort town
- Ski the panoramic roof top of Germany
- Terrain for all abilities
- Step back in time to tour the 'real Disney castle'
- Historical sites, interesting excursions, art and culture

WAIT-LIST ONLY

Barbara Brescian and Sarah Granbery

JACKSON HOLE, WY - TSC WINTER SHOWDOWN

FEB 8-15

Anne Thomas
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Steve Ying
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281-433-4122

- SCSC/TSC trips are packed with activities on and off the slopes
- Offers 40% Blue Trails and ski terrain for all abilities
- Mountainside Lodging- No long bus rides!
- Elevation – base 6,311' is good for sleeping; summit -10,450' is great for skiing.
- Avoid Houston restaurant crowds by celebrating Valentine's Day in a skier's paradise

WAIT-LIST ONLY

Steve Ying and Anne Thomas

TRIP COORDINATORS FOR 2013-14

VAIL, CO

FEB 22-MAR 1

Jim Hodges
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Jim Hodges and Arlen Isham

- Largest, single mountain ski area in North America
- Vail International Condos located near Lionshead Village; walk or shuttle to gondola lift
- Dining and nightlife rated among the best in ski country
- Non-stop flight to Denver followed by a short 2 hr bus ride
- Skiing for everyone – wide open groomed runs, famous back bowls

WAIT-LIST ONLY

MAMMOTH, CA

MARCH 1-8

Sandra McCunis
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- Mammoth Mountain has the most open terrain in the U.S.
- Average of 400 inches of snow and 300 days of sunshine
- Lodging in premier ski-in, ski-out condominium hotel
- The Village at Mammoth with shopping, dining and nightlife
- Overnight stay on Friday in Reno hotel with great entertainment included



Sandra McCunis

KEYSTONE, CO - TSC FINAL SHOWDOWN, FAMILY TRIP

MARCH 8-15

John Burk
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- Spring [Break] Skiing / Family Optional
- 3 Mountains at Keystone plus Breckenridge & Arapahoe Basin
- One scheduled day at Vail with transportation included
- Texas Ski Council (TSC) parties, activities and discounts
- Terrain for all abilities



John Burk

and why you should choose their TRIP

BRECKENRIDGE SHORT

MARCH 12-16

Patti Finch

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936-520-1486

- Patti's favorite destination !
- Over 2,300 acres for skiing, including 800 acres of bowl skiing
- Breckenridge is an authentic mining town with lots of character
- Easy access from the Denver airport
- Terrific 'learn to ski' area



Patti Finch

WINTER PARK, CO

MARCH 15-22

Cindy Moore

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- Coincides with Houston & Spring Branch ISD, several college spring breaks, and the trip is geared for children of all ages
- Seven nights of value-priced lodging are offered
- Lift tickets are inexpensive and lesson packages for all ages
- Winter Park offers terrain for all abilities, with lots of gentle slopes for beginners



Cindy Moore

SOUTH AFRICA - TSC SUMMER EXPEDITION

SEPTEMBER 19-30, 2014

Melody Bohlmann

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- 'Bucket List' South Africa destination with a 3 night pre-trip option available for Victoria Falls and a post-trip to Kruger Park.
- This trip has something for everyone – the adventurer, nature lover, animal lover, wine taster, historian, photographer, and the shopper.



Melody Bohlmann

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NOVEMBER

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General Meeting

16

Great American
Trailer Park
Christmas Musical

21

Happy Hour



DECEMBER

1

Jackson Hole Pre-trip party

7-11

7-14

Vail December Trip

9

General Meeting

15

Park City Pre-trip
Party

19

Happy Hour and
Christmas Jingle
Mingle Gala

club CALENDAR

JANUARY

4-11

Park City Ski Trip

9

Garmisch Pre-Trip
Party

13

General Meeting

24-31

Garmisch Ski Trip

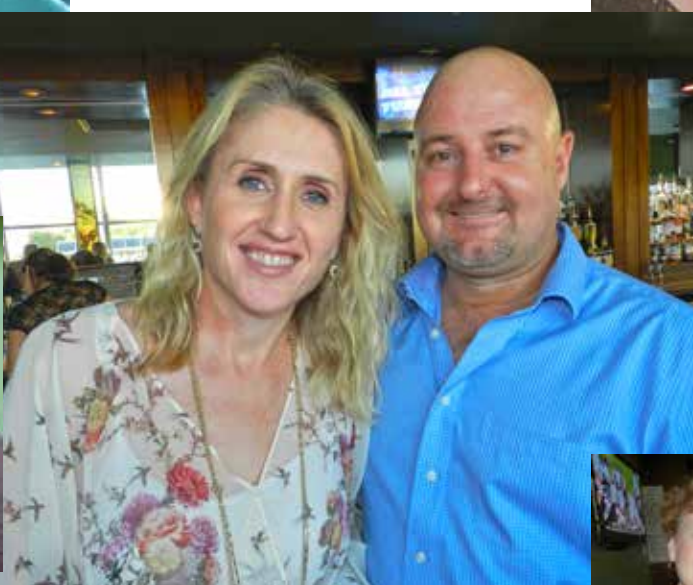
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Happy Hour

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recent PHOTOS OKTOBERFEST at Rudi Lechner's



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