



# The Sitzmarke

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## IMPORTANT - DECEMBER SITZMARKE ISSUE STARTS ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTION

Due to rising printing costs, SCSC will start emailing the Sitzmarke to our member's email addresses instead of mailing a hard copy. Starting December 2011, the club newsletter will be sent out as a PDF document to your email address. This means we can have unlimited pages. Please logon to your account on the website, [www.spacecityskiclub.org](http://www.spacecityskiclub.org), and verify your email address. For those who wish to still receive a hard copy, please send email to [vppublications@spacecityskiclub.org](mailto:vppublications@spacecityskiclub.org) and you will be added to the list to receive mailed copies.

### From Mission Control

by Sandra McCunis, President

Our November General Meeting will be at a new location. We are returning to Vargo's at 2401 Fondren for the remainder of the season. Our meetings were held at Vargo's before moving to Dave & Buster's and members enjoyed their beautiful setting. They have extended their Happy Hour for SCSC and are offering us special drink prices.

Sara Clemons with Sports America was our featured speaker at our October meeting and she delivered the great news that it is snowing in Colorado. If you have not signed up for a trip, the time is now to do so. Some of our trips are full and have wait lists. We will be reducing our airfare and lodging on other trips soon so contact the Trip Coordinators to inquire about signing up for one or more of our exciting trips. We also had our Ski Swap at the Oct meeting and I want to thank David Cone for organizing the sale.



Our November meeting will feature our annual Fashion Show. Please join us to view the latest styles in ski and après ski attire. Also, don't forget about our Holiday Gala at Capone's on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Our Gala has been at Capone's for the previous two years and we had a fantastic time. Contact Cindy Moore at [dance\\_c\\_ski@yahoo.com](mailto:dance_c_ski@yahoo.com) to sign up or for more details. We will have our annual Sunshine Kids Auction at our December General Meeting. Peggy Montgomery, a long time member of SCSC who now resides in Austin, will be making a special trip to chair the auction at our meeting. We need donations in order for this auction to be a success. If you have something that you can donate or know of a business that you could ask to donate an item, please contact me at [semccunis@aol.com](mailto:semccunis@aol.com) or Leona Schroeder at [cl\\_spec@yahoo.com](mailto:cl_spec@yahoo.com). Your generosity is certainly appreciated to help support this great charity.

I am looking forward to seeing you at Vargo's for our November meeting and later this season on the slopes.

### Countdown to Liftoff

By Jim Hodges, V.P. of Trips

Did you know that A-Basin, Colorado and Loveland Basin, Colorado ski areas both opened in October? The La Nina weather pattern that is blamed for the Texas drought brought record snowfall to Colorado last year and La Nina is back again for another ski season. The National Weather Service is not going out on a limb and predicting back-to-back record snowfall years for Colorado, saying it may only be an "average" snowfall year in Colorado. Average? Average for Colorado is GOOD! The National Weather Service did say the ski areas to the north - Whistler, Banff & Sun Valley - were likely to get hammered again. That is good news for Space City Ski Club members signed up for Banff and Sun Valley! Following is the status of our ski trips:

**VAIL** - Our Vail trip in December has limited space on both the long trip and short trip. Time is definitely running out for people to sign up for Vail!

**Banff, Canada** - The November general meeting may be your last chance to sign up for our trip to Banff. We are offering a great airline connection (direct non-stop to Calgary) and a trip price that is competitive with other ski trips on our slate. Stay in Banff Aspen Lodge with breakfast included, then have the option to ski each day at Sunshine Village, Lake Louise or Banff Mt. Norquay. Or if you prefer not to ski, Banff Aspen Lodge is located two blocks from downtown; close to shopping, galleries and many fine restaurants

**Breckenridge/Keystone** - Our Breckenridge (short trip) and Breckenridge/Keystone (long trip) is still available as either a short trip or long trip. Both full packages and land packages are availa-



ble. Depending on what happens with trip sign-up during the next few weeks, this may be changed to a Breckenridge short trip. We already have good interest in the short trip and it is a definite go! We need to see a significant increase in interest for the Keystone extension.

**Heavenly, Lake Tahoe, California** - This trip is the Texas Ski Council Winter Shootout. We are in the process of renegotiating the air contract and expect the full trip price to be reduced to below \$1000 including non-stop air to Reno. Stay at the Forest Suites Resort Condos with breakfast included! Enjoy the Nevada casinos and night life at Harrah's and others. Use your EPIC pass or else buy deeply discounted lift tickets negotiated by the Texas Ski Council.

**Sun Valley, Idaho** - This is the Texas Ski Council Final Showdown. This trip is during the week that all Houston area schools are on spring break and is a Texas Ski Council Youth Foundation trip. You can take your kids or grandkids on a ski trip and get great price discounts for the kids! We are staying in luxury 3 bedroom condos near the historic Sun Valley Lodge

Steamboat Springs and Big Sky have very limited remaining availability. As of this writing, Steamboat had space for one couple, one single male and one single female. Big Sky had a spot available for one single male.

Snowmass, Poland and Galapagos are full and counting down the days!

Need more information? Visit with the TCs and ATCs at the November 14 General Meeting at Vargo's. You can discuss the details of the trip, get answers to your questions and sign-up for the trip. Don't forget to bring your check book!!!

## Ski Trip Schedule 2011-2012

**\*\*Trip Price Cash/Check Discounts (Domestic)—Subtract \$50 on Full Trip Pkgs & \$35 on Land/Short Trip Pkgs**

Destination	Trip Dates	FPD	Trip \$	TC	ATC
Breckenridge TSC Fall Roundup	Nov 22-27, 2011 (Tues-Sun)		Land Only \$555 No Cash Discount	Andrea Yowman -TSC fallroundup@tscyf.org 832-877-6071	Join Ski Jammers Ski Club for this trip (see article)
Vail, CO—Short Trip	Dec 10-14, 2011 (Sat-Weds)	10-Oct-11	Full \$903 Land \$570	Pat Piech ppiech48@comcast.net 281-531-7650	
Vail, CO—Long Trip	Dec 10-17, 2010 (Sat-Sat)	10-Oct-11	Full \$1,232 Land \$884	Pat Piech ppiech48@comcast.net 281-531-7650	
Snowmass , CO TSC Traditional	Jan 7-14, 2012 (Sat-Sat)	1-Nov-11	Full \$1,343 Land \$884	George Lopez GJL_ASTI@yahoo.com 856 296 9399	Camille LaRoe camille.LaRoe@sylvania.com 281-686-2274
Poland	Jan 20-29, 2012 (Fri-Sun)	1-Nov-11	Full \$2,196 Cash Disc \$60 Land \$1,069 Cash Disc \$35	Vicki Faulkner vsfaulkner@att.net 713-863-0470	
Steamboat Springs, CO	Jan 21-28, 2012 (Sat-Sat)	11-Oct-11	Full \$1,097 Land \$690	Derek Shoobridge hlift@aol.com 281-393-1255	Lynda Meyer lynda_meyer@yahoo.com 713-775-9215
Banff, Canada	Feb 4-11, 2012 (Sat-Sat)	21-Nov-11	Full \$1230 Land \$700	Arlen Isham aisham@consolidated.net 713-560-0187	
Heavenly-Lake Tahoe, CA TSC Winter Shootout	Feb 11-18, 2012 (Sat-Sat)	1-Nov-11	Full \$995 Land \$579	Bob Olsen bobolsen1@comcast.net 713-530-9068	Maria Mendez mendez_me@yahoo.com 281-797-7084
Big Sky, MT	Feb 25 - Mar 3 (Sat-Sat)	14-Nov-11	Full \$1,219 Land \$816	Beverly Roberts 281-496-4897 Beverly.borroughs.roberts@gmail.com	Jill Nanney 832-251-7097 pj_nanney@hotmail.com
Breckenridge, CO Short Trip	Mar 3-7, 2012 (Sat-Weds)	14-Nov-11	Full \$829 Land \$502	Patty Finch finchp@gtlaw.com 936-520-1486	Louella Steller ljdms@aol.com 832-723-9529
Breckenridge/Keystone Long Trip	Mar 3-10, 2012 (Sat-Sat)	14-Nov-11	Full \$1,140 Land \$800	Patty Finch finchp@gtlaw.com 936-520-1486	Louella Steller ljdms@aol.com 832-723-9529
Sun Valley, Idaho TSC Final Showdown	Mar 10-17, 2012 (Sat-Sat)	1-Dec-11	Full \$1,352 Land \$887	Ann Rogers rogersae@msn.com 281-703-0454	Ray Villareal rdforce1@yahoo.com 713-344-3625
Galapagos TSC Summer Expedition	August 1-10, 2012 (Weds-Fri)	19-Mar-12	Land Only \$3,563 Cash Disc \$100	Melinda Hughes home@angeloproductions.com 936-825-7039	

### Having A Blast!

By Leslie Ward, V.P. of Activities

Thanks to Ann Dorn for hosting another successful Wine Tasting Party.

Our next activity will be a Port of Houston Tour and optional dinner at the original Ninfa's on Navigation. Tour is free but reservations are required. This event is full, but please contacts Jo Barrie, AC, at [job@sbcglob.net](mailto:job@sbcglob.net) or if you are interested in getting on the waiting list. .

Our Holiday Gala has been scheduled for Saturday Nov. 12 at Capone's. Cindy Moore is the AC and Marty Budinsky & Adi Buturovic will be the AAC's. Price is \$40 per person. The live band "Little Terry and the Blues Birds" will be playing that night. We will be inviting members of the Clear Lake Area Ski Club and the



Houston Ski Jammers. This event will include an auction to raise money for the TSC Youth Foundation, a 501c3 charitable organization. General donations for the TSCYF will also be collected at this event.

See the Calendar of Events for the upcoming Happy Hour locations. The November Happy Hour will be at the Boneyard Dog Park & Drinkery. It's unique place where you can bring your dog and socialize with friends. There is a two dog limit per person. Check out their website <http://www.boneyardhouston.com/>.

Our next event is Dickens on The Strand Sunday Dec. 4, 2011. It is \$37 per members and \$40 for guests. Activity starts with a Dickens Country Buffett Breakfast at 10:00 AM Linda Kuper has volunteered to be the AC. Start looking for your costumes and get in the Christmas Spirit.

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## SPACE CITY SKI CLUB NEEDS YOU AS AN OFFICER !!!!!

The Nominating Committee is beginning its search for the brightest and best leaders among the SCSC Membership to guide SCSC through another ski year. As stated by the By-Laws:

"The only persons eligible to hold office shall be those who have been SCSC members in good standing for the twelve (12) months preceding the annual meeting (March 31). Additionally, candidates for President shall have been or are currently an elected officer of the Executive Committee."

This includes **YOU**! If you have always wondered why SCSC does things the way it does or that maybe, just maybe, YOU could do it better, NOW is your chance to make a significant contribution to YOUR club. The following briefly describes the basic responsibilities of each office:

PRESIDENT: principle executive officer of the club  
VP- PROGRAMS: coordinates all club programs and non-ski activities  
VP- Trips: coordinate all ski trips  
VP- Membership: performs all membership duties (computer skills recommended)  
VP- Publications: publishes the Sitzmarke, solicits advertising (computer skills)  
Secretary: records official business of the club, publishes directory, and solicits advertising  
Treasurer: financial and accounting functions of the club (acctg and computer skills recommended)

All officers are allowed volunteers for assistance!

If you are serious about becoming involved in club management and policy making, ask yourself:

- \* Am I self motivated?
- \* Am I enthusiastic about the club and the office
- \* Do I feel I have the ability to motivate and coordinate others toward a common goal?
- \* Do I have any experience I can offer the club?
- \* Am I willing (and able) for a two-year commitment (1) Officer, (2) Board of Directors?
- \* Am I willing (and able) to devote twenty plus hours a month to being an officer?

If you feel you can honestly answer **yes** to these questions, then **you** are officer material. Now is your opportunity to really make a difference for **your** club!

### Nominating Committee

Ted Widmer - Chairman & Past Officer

Louella Steller - Past Officer

Ann Rogers - Past Officer

Ron Hayes

Stan Kuper

Marianne Pearce

raig Campbell

Please complete and submit the questionnaire by November to: Sandy Wellhausen,  
2408 CreekrIDGE Dr., Pearland, TX 77581, phone: 281.996.8653, email address: [sandywp.ski@gmail.com](mailto:sandywp.ski@gmail.com)

## ELECTIVE OFFICER CANDIDATE APPLICATION FORM

Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Office) : \_\_\_\_\_ (Home): \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Office(s) of iinterest: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Participation w/dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Joined \_\_\_\_\_ Best Friend in Club \_\_\_\_\_

Past Officer(s) \_\_\_\_\_

TC, ATC, or Activity Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Trips \_\_\_\_\_

Activities \_\_\_\_\_

Additional qualifications and experiences (i.e.: managerial, computer skills, community service, volunteer work, etc.):

## Having A Blast! Cont

See the website for more details.

Kay McKeough has again volunteered to host a Christmas Cocktail Party. This year it will be on Sunday December 18 and will start at the Museum of Fine Arts to go see the King Tut exhibit. Price is \$23 for members and \$25 for guests.

Millie Jude will be coordinating a group to see the The Menil Collection. It is free to get into the museum. We will do an optional dinner afterward.

We have tentatively planned to go see La Cage on Saturday April 28, 2012. Peggy Schillinger is the AC for this. We will have pricing for this after the first of the year.

SCSC is now on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/spacecityskiclub](http://www.facebook.com/spacecityskiclub)

SCSC is now on twitter @spacecityski (they would follow spacecityski)

Please contact me at 832-863-2018 or [shmrck1317@aol.com](mailto:shmrck1317@aol.com) to volunteer to lead an activity.

## Calendar of Events

11/06/11	Port of Houston Tour - Sam Houston Boat Tour - 7300 Clinton Dr. Houston, TX 77029 - 2:30 to 7:00 PM
11/12/11	Holiday Gala - Capone's - 4304 Westheimer @ Midland - 6:30 to 11:30 PM
11/14/11	November General Meeting & Fashion Show - Vargo's - 2401 Fondren - 6:30 to 9:00 PM
11/17/11	November Happy Hour - Boneyard Dog Park & Drinkery - 8150 Washington - 5:30 to 9:00 PM
12/04/11	Dickens on the Strand with Breakfast Buffet - 2702 Avenue O Galveston, TX - 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
12/12/11	December General Meeting & Sunshine Kid's Auction - Vargo's - 2401 Fondren - 6:30 to 9:00 PM
12/15/11	December Happy Hour - Tango Malbec - 2800 Sage Rd A - 100 - 5:30 to 9:00 PM
12/18/11	King Tut Exhibit & Christmas Cocktail Party - Museum of Fine Arts - 1001 Bissonnet - TBD
01/16/12	January General Meeting - Vargo's 2401 Fondren - 6:30 to 9:00 PM
01/26/12	January Happy Hour - Masraff's - 1705 Post Oak Blvd. - 5:30 to 9:00 PM

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President	Sandra McCunis	<a href="mailto:semccunis@aol.com">semccunis@aol.com</a>	281-463-7717	
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VP of Trips	Jim Hodges	<a href="mailto:jehodgesjr@sbcglobal.net">jehodgesjr@sbcglobal.net</a>	281-829-6155	Melinda Hughes
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