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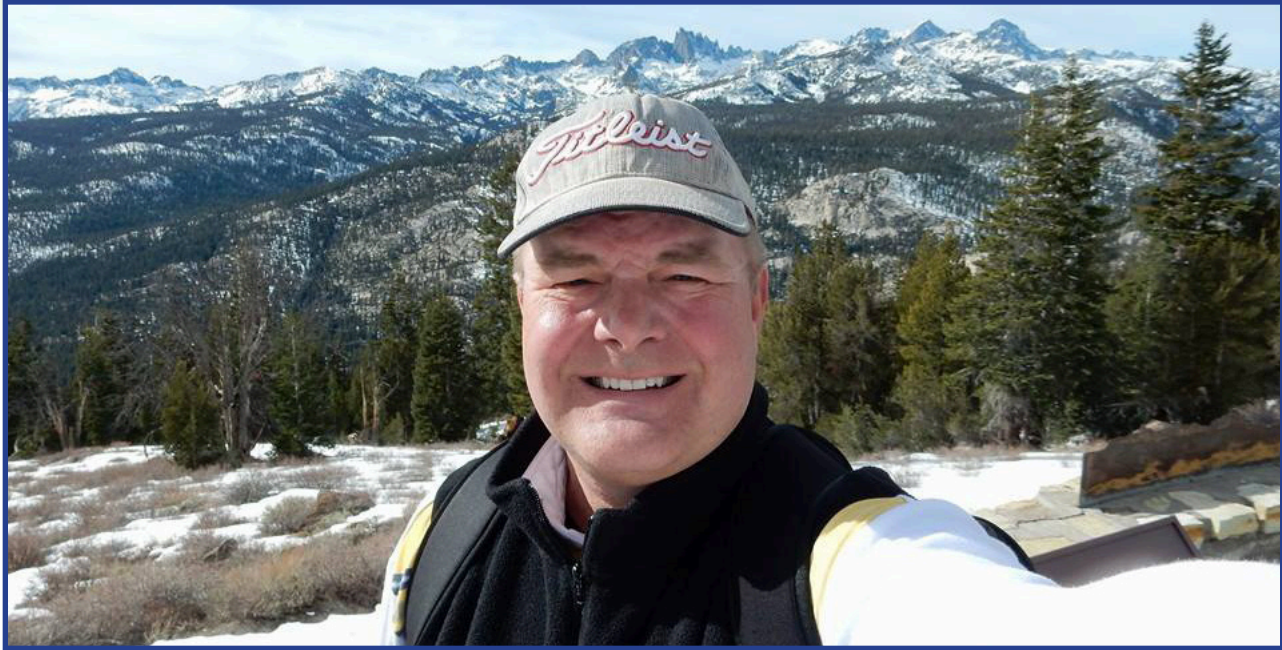
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**LONE STAR SKIERS
AND ADVENTURE CLUB**

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow...



This is the month of love ♥ - HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY - and Lone Star skiers are loving their ski trips! I'm getting some great pics from some of our members such as Randy Brazie, who is dutifully taking a selfie here at Mammoth to show us the beauty of the mountains behind him. Inside I have several pics from the Beaver Creek trip and an article from the trip director. At the end of the month our Final Showdown trip to Breckenridge will be happening and you can look forward to hearing from those folks too. Also, we have a new trip announced to Panama City Beach. Details inside. Ciao. ~susan

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LSS January Happy Hour at Picasso's Pizza



New members, Grace and Melissa



Cookie, Patricia, Yolanda, and Melba

NEXT HAPPY HOUR



February 10th, 5:30pm-8:30pm
PHO HOUSE
18020 N. Dallas Pkwy at Frankford
Dallas, Tx. 75287
972-661-9960



A rare appearance by Tony! ♥



John, friend, and Dennis

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



WELCOME! Our New Members

Tracy Frieze
James Genova
Patty Kelly
Linda McKinney
Tom Mowdy

David Ruda
Daphne Self
Freddy Tan
Jan White

February Activities

10 Happy Hour @ Pho House
17 Board Meeting @ La Madeline
19 Dallas Stars Game
21 Mardi Gras Party

March Activities

10 Happy Hour & Elections @
Queen of Sheba
17 Board Meeting @ La Madeline
21 Wine Tasting/Triple R Ranch

*Beginning in February
board meetings are held
at La Madeline Addison
once a month.



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EVENT ALERT!

Dallas Stars Game
Feb 19th, 7:30-10:30pm
American Airlines Center

Dallas Stars vs. San Jose Sharks

A few tickets are left at 50.00 each

These are Plaza Level seats, Section 125

Contact Debbie Rima - debbierima@yahoo.com

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Visit www.lonestarskiers.com to register for a trip and make a payment online.

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Panama City Beach, Florida

May 28th - June 1st

Discover Panama City Beach, Florida, home of award-winning white sandy beaches, emerald green waters, breathtaking underwater scenery, exceptional culinary variety and some of northwest Florida's best shopping.

If you've never played with Lone Star Skiers & Adventure Club at the beach, you need to go on this trip! We'll be working on lots of fun activities, and there will be plenty of time to just lounge and soak up rays!

Optional activities will include an afternoon 3-hour catamaran sail to a secluded area off Shell Island, where we can enjoy snorkeling, sliding down an inflatable slide, jumping on a water trampoline, kayaking, paddle boarding, banana boat rides and dolphin watching.

There's also an option to take a shuttle to Shell Island for snorkeling and swimming with the dolphins.

Shell Island Snorkeling Packages offer the chance to experience tropical fish, corals and sponges. Swim with our local, friendly dolphins that regularly frolic along the shores of Shell Island. Fun for beginners and pros of all ages! This

Panama City Beach, contd.

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natural, undeveloped 700-acre barrier island is just a short boat shuttle from St. Andrews State Park. The island which lies between the Gulf of Mexico and St. Andrews Bay is actually a part of St. Andrews State Park in Bay County, Florida. Relaxing on the sugary white sand on the beach of Shell Island, snorkeling, nature walks and shell collecting are just some of the ways you can enjoy this pristine wildlife sanctuary.

One evening, we'll be offering an optional 2-hour sunset sail around the Gulf of Mexico and St. Andrews Bay, with Caribbean style music, dolphin-viewing, a complimentary beverage, full service cash bar/snacks.

Another evening, we'll head to a local wine bar for some great music and wine tasting.

Panama City is known for its wreck dives and other great scuba diving, snorkeling, golfing deep sea fishing, and fine dining.

Some folks will carpool from Dallas (it's about a 12-13 hour drive from Dallas). We'll also be watching for air specials and will let you know when something pops up.

Cost: \$414(no air or transfers)

Details: 5 days/4 nights at Watercrest Condominiums (on the beach)

Limited to 24 participants

For more info contact, Mitch Womble at mitchwomble@yahoo.com

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Message from Our President

On March 10, 2015, a very important club quarterly meeting will be held. The club board-of-directors will be soliciting nominations for board positions for the year 2015-2016.

As most of you know, this club is run by volunteers like you. We need your help by volunteering to be nominated for a board position. Best of all, no experience is required for this job, only your willingness to join a team of great people who will help chart the future of the club.

All board positions are very important, but two very key board positions are open for nominations. They are the position of President and VP of Trips. After 3 years of being VP of Trips, Debbie Rima has decided to step down for a much deserved rest. The board is looking for a willing person to serve in this position. Debbie Rima is not going away and has agreed to train and mentor newcomers as we go along.

We all work on a volunteer basis, but the rewards for being on the board can be very satisfying. You get to work with a team of folks, planning trips and activities and running the business of the club. The board welcomes new ideas from members. The club has been in operation for over 33 years. New board members always bring in fresh ideas and that is why we need your help. Please consider being on the board of directors for a one year term. Come on out to the February Happy Hour and meet with the current board of directors who will be happy to answer your questions. They are the ones with the name tag and the blue ribbon. Feel free to contact me at johnnfry@verizon.net.

Sincerely,

John Fry

Lone Star Skiers and Adventure Club President



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Volunteering for LSS



Lone Star Skiers & Adventure Club cannot exist without its volunteers. The life and survival of our club is dependent on our members' participation. Volunteering for our club gives back as much as you give out – it enables you to take an active role in the operations of the club, it allows you to meet more of your fellow members and expand your friend base, and it makes you a part of something bigger. It's fun! You can shape and form the future of our club through your own ideas and experiences.

On Tuesday, March 10, we will once again hold our board elections, and we would like YOU to consider how YOU can best serve YOUR club. Your club is always evolving to move forward with

Your LSS Board Today

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Volunteering, contd.

current times, and we need new and innovative-thinking members to serve on our board, sharing ideas and knowledge as to how we can stay fresh and exciting and always attractive to outsiders.

Afraid you are too young (or too old)? Never! Too inexperienced? We all started somewhere, and learned from others; your predecessors are always willing to train and guide you. Short on time? Share the job with others; form a committee; assign responsibilities. Too new? Maybe your ideas and experiences are just what we need!

If you have ever joined us on a trip or activity and thought, "If they'd only done this, it would have been better," or "I had so much fun doing this, but I have an even better idea," or "If we did this, we sure could get more people interested in our club," then we NEED you!!!

Please consider running for a position on our board in March! Your leadership qualities will be put to great use. Your ideas will be very welcomed! Your mentors will be there to guide you along the way as you help our club evolve in 2015 and 2016.

Even if you can't serve directly on the board for some reason, we welcome your participation and ideas as part of a committee assisting those who are serving on the board. Perhaps you would serve better as a trip director, offering exciting ideas to enhance the quality of our trips. How about being a greeter at our happy hours and making our guests and new members feel welcome? Let us know your interests, and we'll find a spot for you!

Take an active role in YOUR club - you'll be amazed at what you can gain from your willingness to serve!

If you have questions or are interested in serving your club, please contact Debbie Rima at debbierima@yahoo.com.



*Wine Tasting, Blending, Lunch, Exotic Animals
Saturday, March 21st*

@ Triple R Ranch & Winery, 11am-5pm

DOES THAT SOUND LIKE FUN?

Of course it does!

For an action packed day, join us at Triple R Ranch for wine blending, tasting and lunch. After lunch, there will be ATVs available for our use to view exotic animals on the ranch... Lions, Tigers and Bears, Oh My!!!

There is also a "MEN'S CLUB" with shuffle board, pool, and other "MEN" activities. (LOL)

For the rest of us, there is fishing, horseshoes, basketball, hiking and other ranch-style games/activities.

So ya'll come on down to the ranch... Sign up now...



Cost: \$65.00 includes tasting/blending, lunch, water, soft drinks and activities. Additional wine sold by the glass or bottle.

Triple R Ranch is located at 2776 CR 125, Whitesboro, Tx.

Questions? Contact Maureen Murphree at mmurphree@hobertpools.com



My Big Fat Greek Cruise - MAMA MIA! October 13-21, 2015

This trip begins with Athens and ends with Rome. In between you will be on board a cruise ship with Holland America and venture to some of the most beautiful destinations in the Mediterranean. There are pre and post trip options as well.

Itinerary:

Oct 14, Athens, Greece
Oct 15, Ephesus, Turkey
Oct 16, Rhodes, Greece
Oct 17, Santorini, Greece
Oct 18, Katakalon, Greece
Oct 19, At Sea
Oct 20, Naples, Italy
Oct 21, Rome, Italy



You will fly from DFW to Athens and be transferred to Hotel Athens Ledro for an exciting evening in Athens. An optional half day tour of Athens the next day is offered prior to boarding your Holland America cruise ship, Ms. Zuiderdam.

*Optional room upgrades on ship are available - talk to the trip director.

*Shore excursions can be purchased directly from Holland America. The cruise line will contact participants individually prior to trip with packages offered on board during the cruise.

Greek Cruise, contd.

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Pricing:

BASE TRIP - October 12-21

\$3,368 With Air; \$1,941 No Air

Full trip includes air, one night at Hotel Athens Ledro, all transfers, port charges, taxes and 7-night cruise with all standard cruise amenities.

BASE TRIP & PRE TRIP TO MYKONOS & POST TRIP TO ROME -

October 9-October 23

\$3,812 With Air; \$2,428 No Air

Full trip includes all amenities from base trip, pre trip to Mykonos AND post trip to Rome, including transfers to hotel, 2 nights at 4 star Hotel Quirinale, walking distance to Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, etc., and transfers to the airport.

POST TRIP TO ROME ADD ON - \$268

Select this if you have purchased the base trip partial (no air) only and want to add Rome. We have no air available for the base + Rome trip. This will include your transfer from ship to hotel and 2 nights in the heart of Rome. An optional transfer to the airport is available on 10/23 if you are flying out about 11:00 a.m. Please select that option as well if you wish to join us on the ride to the airport.

Optional 3-hour tour of Athens- \$30
(includes private tour guide, tips and driver)

Deposit is \$200 to sign up. When you pay a total of \$350, that money will be sent to tour operator immediately to secure the room of your choosing on the cruise ship. That deposit is fully refundable until June 15, 2015 when final payment is due to the club.

Contact Debbie Rima with questions or to register, debbieRima@yahoo.com.



Beaver Creek Ski Trip Report from John

Lone Star Skiers had a terrific time at the beautiful Beaver Creek Ski Resort on the Texas Ski Council Traditional ski trip. Eighteen of us participated on the long trip and 19 were present on the short trip. We departed DFW and arrived in Denver on time after an uneventful flight. We joined other Texas Ski Council clubs for bus transfer to Beaver Creek. After a stop at the famous Applejack's Wine and Spirits for groceries and supplies, we arrived at our luxury slope side condos at the Borders Lodge.

The Borders is a true ski-in, ski-out lodge with ski storage located just feet away from the lift. Just step into your skies, and ski a few yards and get on the lift. There was an outdoor hot tub where you would find many LSS members after a day on the slopes.

Beaver Creek is a great place to ski with terrain suitable for all ability levels. The weather was great the entire week. Beaver Creek Village was a short walk away or you could catch the free shuttle that ran during the day. Free on-call transportation was also available after 5 PM as well.

Several LSS members took the bus to Vail, for another great day of skiing.

The Texas Ski Council's welcome reception and farewell dinner was very festive. Our own Dave Thomas entertained us during the week at different locations offering discounts on food and drink after a great day of skiing.

The LSS party was held on Friday at the Borders Lodge meeting room featuring pizza, salad, beverage, beer, wine, and donations from other condos (i.e. leftovers) for all to enjoy.

A good time was had by all. A special thanks to Donna Fry, Cheryl Acres, Jan White, Judith and Bob Lamson, for help on LSS party.

Yours truly,

John Fry
LSS President
Beaver Creek Trip Director



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Anthony, Nicholas, Ron



Our snowboarding grandma, Shelby



Jori, Mary, Carol



Kathleen, Barbara, and friends



LSS member, Dave Thomas, and his band



Donna and John

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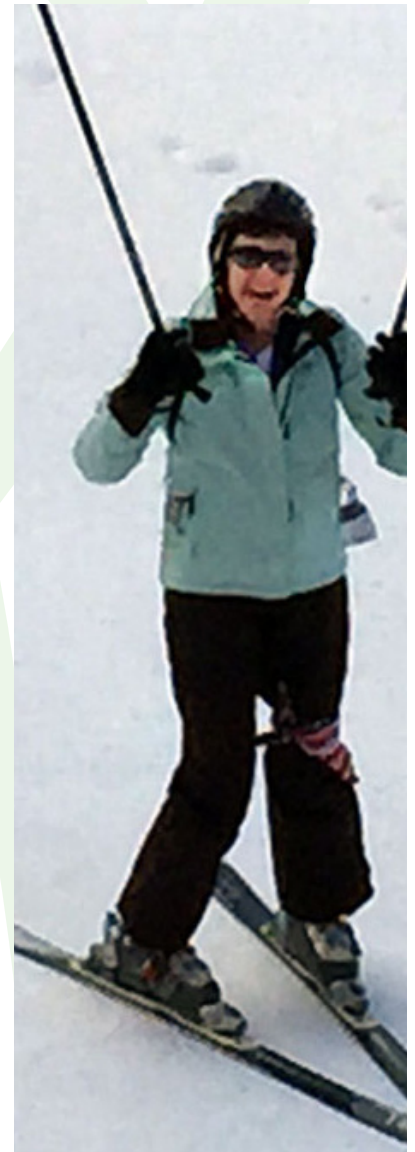
Kathy, Shelby, and Jan



Dennis, Cindy, and Dave



Nicholas, Randy, Chris, Anthony, and Ron



LSS Members at the TSC Party

BidFest in San Antonio April 10-12, 2014

Join us on the Riverwalk at the beautiful Drury Plaza for the annual TSC Bidfest. If you've never been to Bidfest, it's truly an experience. All Texas Ski Council clubs meet in San Antonio with various vendors of resorts from around the world, and listen to them do their best to convince us to choose their resort as one of our 5 TSC trips.



There are many fun activities planned which will be announced soon but will include cocktails Friday evening, dinner Saturday evening, and a silent auction with lots of great items and trips to bid on. Later Lone Star Ski & Adventure Club members have been known to venture out on their own for a little Riverwalk partying!!

If you have ever been curious about how the trips are chosen, you need to be in San Antonio April 10-12 for Bidfest! You will play a very active role in how Lone Star Skiers & Adventure Club votes for their choice of trips!

If you would like to donate an item for the silent auction, your business and you will get a special plug! Proceeds from the silent auction benefit our Youth Foundation helping Texas youth get exposed to the wonders of skiing and boarding.

More information can be found online at <http://www.texas-ski.org/insidetsc/Meetings.htm>.

Registration details are forthcoming. If you know you want to register contact Debbie Rima at debbierima@yahoo.com.



Tuscany - Italia!

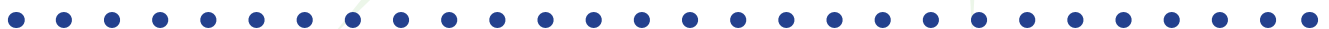
September 3-12, 2015

For more details and to check out rates visit - <http://www.capski.org/index.php/trips-events/trip-details/tuscany>.

Basically it's a 10 day trip through the hillside villages of Tuscany with the option of a pre trip to Cinque Terre and a post trip to Rome. Rolling landscapes, savory wines, delicious food and stunning architecture.

Rome • Assisi • Basilica of St. Francis • Montecatini Terme • Siena • San Gimignano Lucca & Pisa • Winery Tour • Florence • Tuscan Feast

Contact Trip Leader, Linda Raymer lraymertx@gmail.com.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

06 James Mershon
08 Mary Lou Alford
08 Lydia Donaldson
08 Judy Gouge
11 Ann DeGrassi
11 James Dooley
13 Mary Beth Wilson



16 Cindy McGowan
16 Steven Jones
20 Dudley Medlock
21 Allan Logan
22 Don Smith
24 Marlene Heineman
25 Buddy Soland

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

01 Tony Vargas
03 Judy Rayfield
09 Bob Gudikunst
09 Janet Medlock
09 Lori Parker
10 Chris Terhune
12 Terye Rhoden
15 Diane Gilliam
17 Patricia Anderson
20 Ron Campbell



20 Diana Johnson
20 Susan Swaim
20 Tony McClellan
21 Terry Moetteli
25 Beach Aten
25 Carolina Bejarano
26 Kathleen Turner
27 Patty Wilson
27 Monica Schatz

Get Your LSS Merch Here!



Caps - \$10.00



Fleece Vests - \$60.00



Neck Wallets - \$4.00

If you want to purchase,
contact gstrother@auigc.com
and Glenn Strother aka 'Hopper' will
assist you.

Contact Trip Chair: Allison McMillan, 806-544-9892 for more information.

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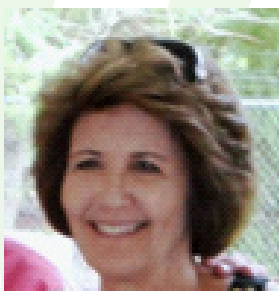
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