



# The Lone Star Cruiser

December 2022



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**Lone Star Skiers and Adventure Club**

# A Note from Your Board

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving! Now, here we are in the Christmas Season, and soon, Skiing Season. Be sure to check the Cruiser for all of the listed upcoming trips, as well as, our numerous activities, starting with our December 3rd Christmas/40th Anniversary Party! (We currently have more than 50 registered). Next will be our December 13th Happy Hour, to be held at a new location in Plano. The new Arrowhead Sports Bar & Grill was recommended by our own Cookie Stiffler, so let's all gather to socialize, drink, eat, and have some fun during the Holiday Season. As a sneak peek our January 13th Happy Hour will take place at Cafe de France, 17370 Preston Rd., Dallas, TX 75252

Our November Happy Hour was a good one, held at one of our old favorites, Blue Mesa Southwest Grill. We had 44 members & guests make it out to this one, Addison is always a favorite for us to gather. Terry Smith, who has organized some of the Ft.Worth group Happy Hours, is presently working on our January 13th Happy Hour. Mark your calendar for a special February 14th (Valentines Day) Happy Hour that will be a joint venture with the Dallas Ski Club. It will be held at Joe's Italian Cafe in Addison. The owner has committed to closing the doors to the public, and be open only for our expected crowd of around a 100 ski clubbers!

Finally, if you are thinking about going skiing, please register on the website as soon as you can, because Cheryl is approaching deadlines for guaranteeing rooms, ski/boot rentals, as well as flights. DON'T hesitate, I would hate for you to miss out.

## Merry Christmas/Happy Holidays, Mitch Womble – President

*Congratulations to last month's winner, Robert Nelson. See if you can be the first to find the December **Santa Hat** (See at Right). If you have not won this year, you can play! First one to email Gwen with the correct location with **I FOUND THE SANTA HAT** in the subject line to [Gwen@gwenwood.com](mailto:Gwen@gwenwood.com) wins!*



Hope to see you at our **December** Happy Hour



**Say Hello to New Members**

**Thank you to our Renewing Members**

**New**

Patricia Jordan  
Nancy Lucas Bauer

**Renewing Members**

Joe Brooks	Marcus Tucker
Sue Brooks	Chip VanPelt
Ken Demko	Mary VanPelt
Jeff Nesrsta	

Keep Lone Star's Members informed! We encourage you to share member news. Please send any member announcements (special requests, hospitalizations, anniversary, weddings, and memorials) to Harriet Bonds at [h.bonds@sbcglobal.net](mailto:h.bonds@sbcglobal.net)



# December

## BIRTHDAYS

07 Steve Suddith

07 Jennifer Thomas

09 Dave Hensley

10 Carl Byler

12 Linda Penny

14 Jeff Florence

15 Tom Stiffler

15 Niles Wallgren

17 Manuel Garza

18 Lou Fox

20 Patricia McCormack

25 Judith Lamson

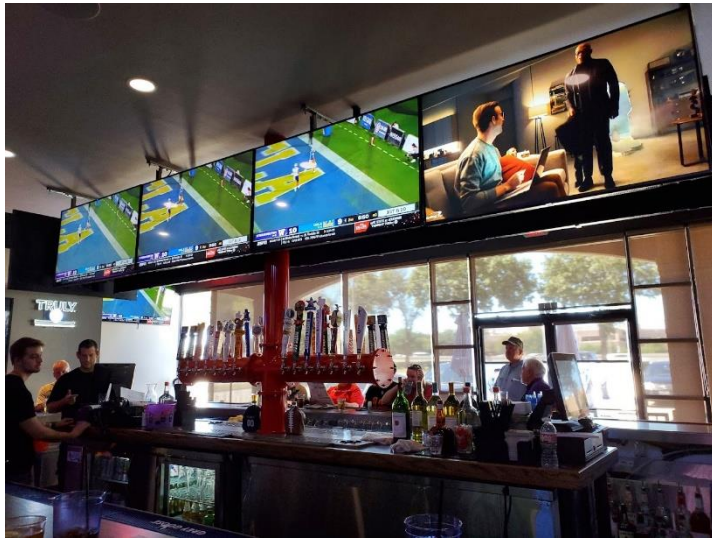
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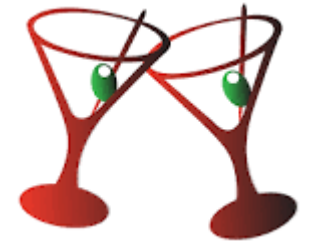
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# Happy Hour December 13, 2022 Arrowhead Sports Grill

2208 Dallas Pkwy, 303  
Plano, TX 75093



**Bring a friend!**



**Time: From 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm**

***It's the Holidays!!***

Join us for some holiday cheer at a new Sports Bar located near Park and the Tollway, around the side of Target facing the Tollway. Join LSS for fun, great conversation, appetizers, and DRINKS! Meet the Trip Directors and learn about our upcoming Trips. Sign-up onsite!

Happy Hour drink prices. Some select beers, wines and drinks are \$1.00 off, ask when you order.

***Please Drink Responsibly. Don't Drink and Drive. Consider Lyft or Uber.***



## November Happy Hour Blue Mesa Grill, Addison



# TX Wine Extravaganza was a Hit!

On November 5, 2022, Lone Star members joined members of the Wine Society of Texas to celebrate Texas Wine Month with a wine extravaganza. Both groups gathered at St. Marks Episcopal Church Parish Hall in Irving to hear all about Texas wine. Did you know there are over 500 wineries in Texas now? Members of the groups enjoined the fruits (literally) of several of these wineries, some of which are located in the Dallas Fort Worth area. The event started with a walk around wine tasting of several bottles. A delicious dinner of manicotti and chicken with pasta was also served. After the dinner, a seated wine tasting with a slide presentation was given. The wines tasted came from Lost Oak Vineyard in Burleson (2 wines), Haak Vineyard in Santa Fe (Galveston area), Bending Branch Winery in Comfort and Dotson Cervantes Winery in Mason (upper Hill Country). Members attending the event were quite pleased with the quality of the wines and enjoyed the dinner, as well. All in all, everyone had a great time celebrating with old friends and meeting some new ones with the Wine Society. Many thanks to Katherine and Robert Nelson, and all of the volunteers who made the event a success! We will see you again next year at another wine event. In the meantime, drink Texan to support your local winemakers! Elizabeth Lutton, Director of Trips for the Lone Star Skiers and Adventure Club and the Wine Society of Texas DFW Chapter Chair.



# Lone Star Holiday Party

*And celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the club*

Looking forward to a good crowd with those that have signed up and reserved a room if you wanted one.

**Date: Saturday December 3rd**

**Location: Renaissance Dallas North Hotel  
(formerly the Omni)**

**1590 Lyndon B Johnson Frwy, Dallas 75234  
972-869-4300**

**6pm- 10:30pm**

**Cost: \$65 for Members & \$75 for Non Members**

**REGISTRATION CLOSED**

We will start the evening with a Champagne toast to 40 years of fun with the Lone Star Skiers & the evening will then be followed by

**Fabulous Buffet Dinner & Desserts**

**Cash Bar**

**Casino Tables from 6:30pm - 9pm With Prizes For The Winners**

**Dress is Cocktail to Formal. You Pick.**

**Dance The Night Away To The Live Band MapleShade**

*eat  
drink  
AND BE  
merry*

*&*

*Dance*

*&*

*gamble*



**This Promises To Be A Really Fun Evening**

# After seeing all the trips, doesn't it make you want to be a Trip Director!

We are now accepting applications for Trip Directors for some Trips in 2023 and even looking into 2024! One of the benefits of running a trip is traveling on a much-reduced rate or even free!\* A trip director does have some responsibilities, but Cheryl and Elizabeth will help you all the way! We will post the trip to the Website, handle contractual details, submitting payments and finally sending out the Trip survey at the end.

Some of the activities you will do as a trip director:

- Communicate to participants prior and during the trip
- Market the trip (Happy Hours, emails, etc.)
- Plan the Agenda (Club Dinner, Happy Hours, activities, etc.)
- After the trip, a short trip write-up for the newsletter and submit your expense report.

If you are interested send me an email ([ladysnake828@yahoo.com](mailto:ladysnake828@yahoo.com)). I'll send you a TD Application and submit it to the Board for consideration. You can submit for multiple trips.



*\* Reimbursement for TD depends on favorable Trip Surveys, trip write-up and submission of TD expenses.*

# THE TSC & LSS NEED YOUR HELP

Both the TSC and LSS Board members are made up of volunteers. The Texas Ski Council is currently accepting nominations to serve on the TSC Board. You do not need to have served on the LSS Board to be nominated. If interested, please contact Karen Mann @ [mannkarenl@yahoo.com](mailto:mannkarenl@yahoo.com) for more details. They need to know ASAP as new officers are introduced at Bidfest which is April 14 – 16, 2023.

Lone Star is also looking for members to run for our Board. Our elections occur in May with new officers starting June 2023. ALL BOARD POSITIONS are open for candidates. Please contact Mitch Womble at [mitch.womble@gmail.com](mailto:mitch.womble@gmail.com).

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**Only 3 pillows left! One room and 1  
single female**

# **CLUB TRIP — SNOWBIRD / ALTA**

LSS is offering an (almost) INCLUSIVE RESORT PACKAGE FOR THIS TRIP. Sorry Airfare is not included but there are several affordable options. Included: Lodging at Cliff Lodge and Spa, lift tickets and discounted rentals, round trip ground transportation, portage, and Club activities. Single supplements are available.

Club Dinner will be at the Wildflower Restaurant with transportation included to and from restaurant.

Snowbird / Alta share the same mountain and we are awaiting Alta lift ticket prices. Also lift ticket and transportation to both Solitude and Brighton.

All resorts are IKON passes. If you own an IKON pass, Snowbird is granting a \$534 credit for you to use at the resort.

Contact Dana Lindberg, Trip Coordinator for Details.

**DATES: JAN 28 - FEB 4, 2023**



**Snowbird already has snow and is officially  
opened November 30, 2022!!**

# **TSC Winter Shootout Steamboat Springs, CO**

Our own Lisa Biddle is the TSC Coordinator for this trip! Join her and the rest of the TSC Clubs back at wild and wonderful Steamboat Springs!!

Staying at the Lodge at Steamboat, we are right at the base of the slopes to start the day off skiing! An optional trip to Strawberry Hot Springs is being planned. There is just so much to do at Steamboat!!

Lone Star is offering a Standard Package (including Airfare, Lodging, Round Trip Ground transportation, portage and all Club and TSC Activities) and a Basic Package (all the above, just no airfare). Lift tickets are discounted and can be purchased for 3-6 days.

Contact Dana Lindberg,  
Coordinator for Details

**DATES: Feb 11-18, 2023**



**We have already had to make our first room cuts. Currently we have 3 pillows left! One room and 1 single female.**

# TSC Final Showdown Lake Louise, Canada

**DATES: March 11-18, 2023**

Another LSS Member is the TSC Coordinator for this Trip! Join Cheryl Mershon and the rest of the TSC Clubs at Lake Louise.

Home to three distinctive mountain resorts: Lake Louise Ski Resort, Banff Sunshine, and Mt Norquay. Lake Louise is in the heart of historic Banff National Park. The area boasts of spectacular scenery with terrain variety ranging from gentle slopes and long cruisers to chutes, glades, and exciting, wide-open bowls along with annual snowfalls of 30+ feet of feather light, dry Canadian Rockies powder.

We are staying at the lakeside Fairmont Chateau. We are offering a Basic (no Air) package in the Fairmont rooms. Contact Cheryl Slaughter, Trip Director for details.



**Only 3 pillows left in Fairmont Rooms. One full room and 1 single Male**

# 2023 Kentucky Derby Extravaganza

Cross this off Your Bucket List!  
And they're OFF! And so will you be  
when you join Trip Coordinator  
Barbara Barney Thompson on May 4th  
– 7th at the 2023 Run for the Roses!

Included in this trip is RT Ground from  
Lexington Bluegrass Airport, 3 nights  
of lodging at the Embassy Suites and a  
full day of guided tours on Friday at a  
Horse Farm, a Bourbon Distillery, and  
lunch.

Saturday you're off to the races to  
watch the Derby from the 1st Floor  
Grandstand. You can upgrade your race  
watching location.

Contact Cheryl Slaughter, Trip  
Coordinator for Details

**DATES: May 4 – 7th, 2023**



**DATES: May 9 - 14, 2023**

# DESTIN FLORIDA

Let's go to the beach again! Destin Florida is known for its white sand beaches and relaxed atmosphere.

Come join the Lone Star Skiers and Adventure Club for 5 nights in condos near the beach from May 9 - 14, 2023. The cost will be \$510, double occupancy, and \$996 single supplement, which includes the lodging and the activity fee.

The condos are in the Jade East Towers. We are planning a variety of fun activities which may include snorkeling, a boat cruise, a visit to an island, and shopping on the boardwalk. Or you could just enjoy the beach.

Contact Debbie Rima, Trip Coordinator for Details



**\*\*16 Spots left**

# A Culinary Tour of Italy!

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Contact Cheryl Slaughter, Trip Coordinator for Details

**DATES: October 10 - 18, 2023**



**We must cut unsold rooms in February 2023! Don't wait to sign up!**

# The Northern Lights of Finland!

**DATES: Nov 9 - 16, 2023**

Package includes: All ground transportation between travel locations, all lodging, a Welcome Party, City Tour in Helsinki, and all activities. Optional – Round trip airfare, airfare within Finland, airport transfers and trip insurance from Collette

Join Lone Star to experience the eerie majestic magic of the Northern Lights, spend a night in a glass igloo, mush a dogsled team and ride in reindeer sleighs.

You even get to visit Santa's home and relax – often – in the famed Finnish saunas.

Contact Terry Smith, Trip Coordinator for Details at [terrysmithremax@gmail.com](mailto:terrysmithremax@gmail.com)



**\$4,199 double \$5099 single (only two singles left!)**

**WAITLISTED**

**DATES: Nov 22 to Dec 3, 2023**

# European Christmas Market River Cruise

So much more than just a  
Christmas Market Cruise!

Debbie Rima is the Trip Director  
of this once in a lifetime trip!  
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one of the best all-round trips for  
2023!

The price includes much more than  
can fit on this slide so PLEASE:  
Check out this trip on our website!

Contact Debbie Rima, Trip  
Coordinator for Details





### ***TSC Update:***

The TSC Delegate Meeting is virtual and being held on Dec 3rd at 9:00 AM.

The TSC is looking for Trip Coordinators for 2024 Trips. Interested? Contact Cheryl @ladysnake828@yahoo.com



### **Contact us**

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- For advertising opportunities contact the VP of Communications
- Advertising a charitable event is free if a member is actively participating in the event
- A member may advertise a non-LSS sponsored event for \$5. Some restrictions apply
- Members and non-members will qualify for a discount of 10% for a 6-month ad and 15% for a 12-month ad

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**Thank you for your service!**

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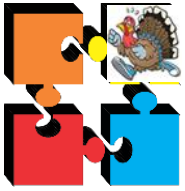
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