The Lone Star Cruiser January 2023





A Note from Your Board

The December 3rd Lone Star Skiers 40th Anniversary/Christmas Party was a rousing success, as we had 74 paid members & guests that showed up to eat, drink, and be merry! Unfortunately, we had only 4 Charter Members that were able to make it to the party, but there were numerous other 1980's members who were there, including yours truly, who joined the Club in 1983 (it's 2nd year of existence). A good time was had by all.

Our December 13th Happy Hour was held at the Arrowhead Bar & Grill, in north Plano, and we had 32 members & guests show up to party! One of the guests liked it so well that he joined up that night! So, welcome to Joe Bustetter!

Our January 10th HH will be held at Café de France in northern Dallas. They are under new ownership, but Mr. G. Flores knows us well, as he was the original owners head chef! So, let's come out in big numbers to show him that we care, and appreciate his hospitality.

Our February 14th Happy Hour, (Valentines Day), will be held at Joe's Italian Café in Addison. This one will be a combined HH with the Dallas Ski Club, and I think that this will be a worthwhile experiment. If both Clubs hold up their monthly HH averages, we will be looking at 100-110 members & guests showing up to this party!

Finally, I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas, and that your 2022 was a very good year.....anything would have been better than 2020 and 2021, right? So, here's hoping that 2023 will be a winner for everyone, and that the world will start resembling the old world that we remember, when things didn't seem so strange, and out of order!

New Years Blessings, Mitch Womble – President

Congratulations to last month's winner, Donna Powell for finding the SANTA HAT. See if you can be the first to find the January SNOW MAN (See at right). As a member, if you have not won in the last 12 months, you can play! First one to email Gwen with the correct location with I FOUND THE SNOWMAN in the subject line to Gwen@gwenwood.com wins!

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



Welcome the New Year with these New Members

Thank you to our Renewing Members

New

Joe Bustetter Leo Crowley Craig Holmes Marsha Holmes Jennifer Idley

Renewing Members

Joyce Hendrickson Ruth Hendricks

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



01 Denis Lanigan

20 Katherine Nelson

02 Angela Bedard

21 Laurie Harness

02 Diane Brett

21 Fay Morgan

03 Margaret Lutton

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03 David Shaw

26 Donna Powell

06 Susie Fry

26 Tamara Preston

06 Lanny Gouge

27 Brad Carver

08 Shelby Benton

27 Scott Leftwich

08 Vicki Roemer

10 Joyce Hendrickson

14 Marsha Miller

14 Clyde Reynolds

17 Charles Wells

19 Sheryldine Layne





Happy Hour January 10, 2023 Café de France

17370 Preston Rd Dallas, TX 75252 972-733-3400

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

Start off the new year right by attending the first Happy Hour of the new year 2023 at one of our favorites, Café de France. They are under new ownership, but Mr. G. Flores knows us well, as he was the original owners head chef! So, let's come out in big numbers to show him that we care, and appreciate his hospitality.

Domestic beers are \$4 House Wines are \$8 Well Drinks are \$8

Bring a friend!

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





December Happy Hour Arrowhead Sports Grill



Lone Star Skiers 40th Anniversary/Christmas







STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

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. If you are interested in serving on the TSC Board, please contact Karen Mann @ mannkarenl@yahoo.com for more details. They need to know ASAP as new officers are introduced at Bidfest which is April 14 – 16, 2023 and will once again be held in Grapevine, TX this year.

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.

We are starting to accept applications for Trip Directors for the 2024 and soon 2025. 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 (<u>ladysnake828@yahoo.com</u>). I'll send you a Trip Director Application and submit it to the Board for consideration. You can submit for multiple trips.

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.



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, Trip Coordinator for Details

DATES: Feb 11-18, 2023



We have already had to make our first room cuts. Currently we have 4 pillows left! One room and 1 single male and a single female pillow in another condo.

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

DATES: May 4 – 7th, 2023

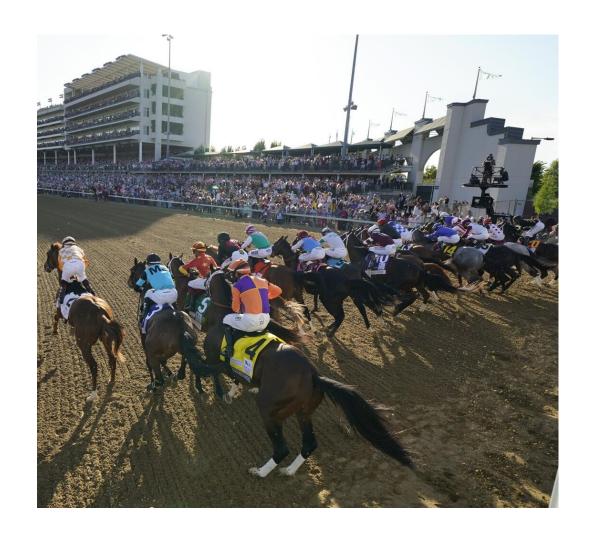
2023 Kentucky Derby Extravaganza

Cross this off Your Bucket List! And they're OFF! And so will you be when you join this trip 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



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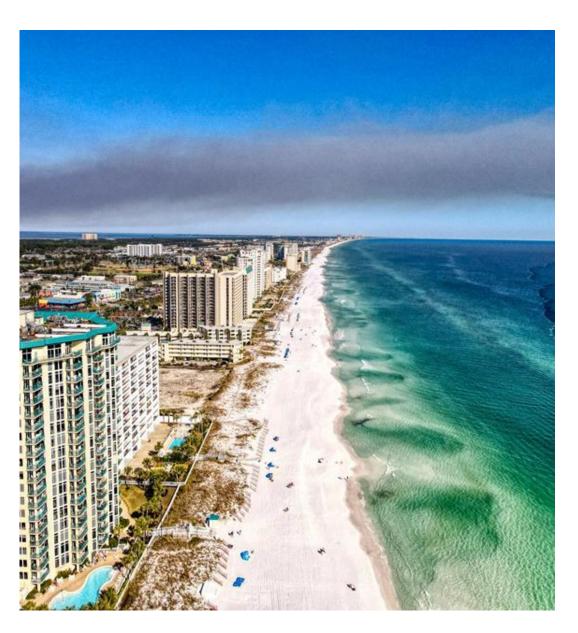
DATES: May 9 - 14, 2023

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



**18 Spots left

A Culinary Tour of Italy!

Eat and drink your way through Tuscany, Italy with LSS & Premier World Travel on a 5-star trip!

TRIP INCLUDES: International Airfare, 7 Nights at the Hotel, 17 Meals, Deluxe Motorcoach, and Portage.

WHAT WILL YOU SEE AND DO?

Truffle Hunt & Tasting, Pasta Cooking Class, Volpaia's Castle & Winery, Tuscan Farmhouse & Winery with Dinner & Wine, Gelato Tasting, Boat excursion on Lake Trasimeno and so much more! Please see details on the website.

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!

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

DATES: Nov 9 - 16, 2023



\$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! Included are: 11 days / 10 nights of magical and musical wonderlands mixed with historical sites and naturally beautiful landscapes. This makes this trip one of the best all-round trips for 2023!

The price includes much more than can fit. Check out this trip on our website!

Contact Debbie Rima, Trip Coordinator for Details





TSC Update:

TSC Meeting was cancelled due to no new updates.

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



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