

# The Lone Star Cruiser



Lone Star Skiers and Adventure Club

February 2023

# A Note from Your Board

I hope everyone had a happy & healthy January! Now, here we are into the 2023 Skiing Season so, please check "The Cruiser" for all of the listed upcoming trips, as well as, our numerous activities/Happy Hours.

Our upcoming February 14th (Valentines Day) Happy Hour, will be held at Joe's Italian Cafe in Addison! This special Happy Hour will be a joint HH with the Dallas Ski Club! They asked if they could join us since some of their members will be in Aspen skiing on their annual February Club trip. So, we should have quite a large turnout for this one. Joe's is closing down his restaurant just for us....so, it will be a very private HH, which will give all of us a chance to get to know each other.

Our Snowbird/Alta Ski Trip has started on a great note! I have been told that they are surrounded by over 400+ inches of the white stuff. Happy skiing to all, and be careful in that deep powder...I for one cannot ski in deep, heavy snow, but maybe it is the light, fluffy stuff, so be careful my fellow powder skiers.

Next ski-trip up will be Steamboat on February 11th - 18th. I hear they have a ton of snow also, so get ready for some more fun! Then from March 11th - 18th, we will be in Lake Louise, Canada for the Final Showdown. It is a beautiful place indeed....especially that Hotel.

Finally, I hear that our Spring Trip to Destin, Fl. has sold out, but that if 6 more members sign up, then Debbie Rime (our TD), will be able to get another condo which will put us up to 28 members! So, if you have been thinking about going, you'd better hurry!

## Happy Valentines Day, Mitch Womble – President

*Congratulations to last month's winner, Kathy Mahdak for finding the SNOWMAN. See if you can be the first to find the **February CUPID'S ARROW**. 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](mailto:Gwen@gwenwood.com) wins!*

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

# February

## Birthdays

01 Mike McLendon

05 Patty Decker

06 James Mershon

08 Judy Gouge

09 Marcia Wilkicki

10 Deborah Adair Hayes

10 Richard Mayer

11 Ann DeGrassi

13 Mary Beth Wilson

14 Brian Alexander

14 Stephanie Decker

16 Jennifer Idley

20 Ruth Callahan

20 Dudley Medlock

21 Andrew Kleek

21 Allan Logan

21 Betty Oliver

21 Brett Wetherill

24 Marlene Heineman

25 Yvonne Ambrose

25 George Murphy

27 Dennis Lepovac



FEBRUARY  
winter groundhog  
love is in the air  
President's Day  
HUGS & KISSES   
LOVE  
leap year friends

# MEMBERSHIP

**Thank you to our New and  
Renewing Members**

**New**

Cole Johnson

**Renewing Members**

Ruth Callahan

Rita Hejny

Sandra Hall



Have you Liked  
our  
Facebook Page  
Yet?



If you are a new member be sure to LIKE our Facebook page.

- Just search for LONE STAR SKIERS & ADVENTURE CLUB
- LIKE the page
- You will get all the updates in your feed.

Keep Lone Star's Members informed! We encourage you to share member news by posting on our Facebook page. Feel free to share by posting photos, member announcements, and postings about yours and past members life events, anniversary, weddings, memorials, etc that you think would be of interest to our member. This is a private page so ONLY members will see the posts. (Special requests for email distribution, like hospitalizations and memorials can still be sent to Harriet Bonds at [h.bonds@sbcglobal.net](mailto:h.bonds@sbcglobal.net))



# Happy Hour February 14, 2023 Joe's Italian Cafe

4002 Belt Line Rd #100  
Addison, TX 75001  
(972) 239-0050

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

**Please join us for this Combined Happy Hour with the Dallas Ski Club. We expect 100-110 members & guests showing up to this party!**

**This is a special event because Joe is closing down the restaurant just for us.**

**Delicious appetizers will be served.**

**\*\*\*Everyone who would like to have Valentine's Dinner during or after our Happy Hour, please email me: [mitch.womble@gmail.com](mailto:mitch.womble@gmail.com) so I can get a headcount for Joe to ensure proper staff.**

**Don't miss the fun!**

**Bring a friend!**

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





# "A Taste of Spain" Wine Tasting

"A Taste of Spain"  
Wine Tasting  
**Saturday, February 25, 2023**

**Place: Bodega Bar**  
**6434 E. Mockingbird Ln #109**  
**Dallas, Texas**  
**Phone: 214-704-4538**

**Time: 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

Cost: \$36 (includes tax and tip)

- Includes 6 wines
- assortment of Spanish cheese and charcuterie.

Lonestar Skiers & Adventure Club Teams with the Wine Society of Texas DFW Chapter to present a "Taste of Spain." As many of you know, Spanish wines provide a lot of flavor and style for a little money. They also help us to relive our European travel experiences, particularly at Bodega Bar, which has great European wines and atmosphere. As always, we will have a little wine training and a lot of fun! Guests are encouraged to attend.

The wines tasted will be:

- Cava (Sparkling)
- Godello (white)
- Rueda (white)
- Campo de Borja (Garnacha or Grenache red)
- Jumilla (Monastrell red)
- Rioja (Tempranillo red).

You can make a reservation by emailing me and pay at the door. See you there! Elizabeth Lutton, Director of Trips and DFW Chapter Chair, Wine Society of Texas, [elutton@hotmail.com](mailto:elutton@hotmail.com)



# January Happy Hour Café de France





# STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

## WE NEED YOU!



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](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 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](mailto: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 ([ladysnake828@yahoo.com](mailto:ladysnake828@yahoo.com)). I'll send you a Trip Director Application and submit it to the Board for consideration. You can submit for multiple trips.

# **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**



# **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

**DATES: May 4 – 7th, 2023**



# DESTIN FLORIDA

**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



**\*\*Officially waitlisted. If 6 more sign up for the waitlist we can get another condo. If we do not get 6 more you get your deposit back**



# A Culinary Tour of Italy!

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

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



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



# The Northern Lights of Finland!

Tour Package includes: All ground transportation between travel locations, all lodging, airfare within Finland, Welcome Party, City Tour in Helsinki, and all activities.

Optional Flight Package includes: includes Round trip airfare, airport transfers.

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.

-- Trip insurance available from Collette--

Contact Terry Smith, Trip Coordinator for Details at [terrysmithremax@gmail.com](mailto:terrysmithremax@gmail.com). Ask her about extending the trip for more days on your own with others on the trip. Some have expressed interest in visiting other cities before returning home.

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



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

**\*RT airfare from home city and airport transfer not included**

**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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of magical and musical  
wonderlands mixed with historical  
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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



### **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

### **2022-2023 Board of Directors**

**Thank you for your service!**

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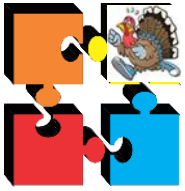
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