

The Lone Star Cruiser

March 2023



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MARCH!

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Lone Star Skiers and Adventure Club



A Note from Your Board

The February Minutes, Financials, and New Members were voted on and approved at our Board meeting on Tuesday, February 21st.


Our experiment with having a joint Happy Hour with our sister club, the DSC, proved to be a successful one! Our Valentines Day HH was held at Joe's Italian Cafe in Addison, where we had about 100 members & guests from both Clubs show up to party! We shared in great food and nice cozy atmosphere. Joe Catalano, and his staff of four, were impressed with our turnout and very pleased with the evening's results! Joe called me the next day to thank us all for packing his Café! Let's show our gratitude by frequenting his restaurant on your own when you are in the mood for Pizza or Italian food.

Our next Happy Hour, and Quarterly Meeting will be held at The Midway Point – Addison, on Tuesday, March 14th. This one will be to nominate, and vote on your 2023/2024 Board of Directors. Please help your Club by volunteering for any "open" positions. Remember, this is a member run Club and we need any new and/or old members to step up to the plate and help out. If you have not volunteered in a while, or have never volunteered, now is the time to show us what you're made of, while also paying it forward.

Let's talk about our TSC/Club Trips which are being led by our Lonestar member Cheryl Mershon. Lot's of great snow this year, how many of you are wishing you had signed up for at least one trip? Our final ski trip to Lake Louise is coming up March 11-18 and it is currently "waitlisted". That's enough 'snow' talk, let's talk about getting warm! There are only 2 spots left on the trip to Destin, FL, if you're interested talk to Debbie Rima, our Trip Director...and sign up ASAP.

Happy St Patrick's Day, Mitch Womble – President

Congratulations to last month's winner, Candis Hines, for finding February's Cupid's Arrow. See if you can be the first to find the

March Leprechaun Hat  *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 LEPRECHAUN HAT** in the subject line to Gwen@gwenwood.com wins!*

Hope to see you at our **March** Happy Hour & Quarterly Meeting



TSC Update and Bidfest 2023!

TSC BidFest will be held once again in Dallas at Grapevine, TX from April 14th-16th. The event is at the Grapevine Lakes Hilton Hotel and Conference Center, 1800 Highway 26E, Grapevine, Texas.

If you didn't make it out last year, you now have another opportunity to participate in the Welcome Party, Bid Presentations, Happy Hours, Golfing, Silent Auction, Dinner and Dance and just plain good camaraderie! Hope to see as many of you as possible at this year's festivities!

Click on the link to register: [Home - Texas Ski Council \(texas-ski.org\)](https://texas-ski.org)

Then click on the button (image below)

Texas Ski Council Bidfest Delegate/Guest Information & Registration



03 Judith Rayfield

05 Blake Budlong

05 Deborah Howe

07 Bob Clark

09 Janet Medlock

09 Lori Parker

11 Nancy Lucas Bauer

13 Patricia Jordan

17 Patricia Anderson

20 Ron Campbell

20 Susan Swaim

24 Gregory Herrman

31 Cary Bassham



MEMBERSHIP



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

New

Alan Alger
Bruce Alger
Charlotte Alger
Yvonne Ambrose
Tamara Gage
Martin Mayrath

Richard Richey
Kathleen Smith
Marketa Sotonova
Annette Swaggerty

Renewing Members

Angela Bedard
Steve Smith
Cindy Smith
Lisa Biddle
Cheryl Reinhart
Terry Smith

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

- Just search for LONE STAR SKIERS & ADVENTURE CLUB
- LIKE the page
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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

Four Day Weekend

Saturday, April 1, 2023 (No Foolin'!!)

6:00 PM until 10:00 PM

312 Houston St #7404
Fort Worth, TX 76012

D Magazine - Award winning comedy show built around audience suggestion and participation. 4Day Weekend has been voted "Best Comedy Club" and named "Best Entertainment Experience in Texas."

Tickets are \$25 plus service fees and tax (so right about \$30 – show only – does not include dinner or drinks). Located above Reata, the restaurant, near Sundance Square.

LOOK Once tickets are available, look for our email and we will send the club information on how to register for this event. 18 and older are welcome. In the meantime, if you have questions please call Paula Lanigan (619)206-3433 and Katherine Nelson (214) 803-3423

<https://www.fourdayweekend.com/>



Comedy Improv Show
"Think of it as Whose Line Is It Anyway? meets Saturday Night Live."
-D Magazine





Happy Hour & Board of Directors Elections for June 2023-May 2024 March 14, 2023 The Midway Point

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

Our next Happy Hour will also be Election night for the term June 2023-May 2024. Please come to nominate and vote on your 2023/2024 Board of Directors

Delicious appetizers will be served.

Special Happy Hour Drink Pricing

\$3.75 Domestic Bottle or Draft Beer

\$4.95 Well Drinks

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Bring a friend! And Ensure you take care of our servers.

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

February Happy Hour Joe's Italian Cafe

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*



Snowbird: Jan 28 – Feb 4, 2023



Eleven LSS skiers arrived at Snowbird for fun and skiing. We stayed at Cliff Lodge, a ski-in, ski-out facility with a wonderful spa. The snow was excellent. They have already received more snow this year than all last season. We met at the Aerie on the top floor of the Cliff Lodge where everybody got their lift ticket or gift card, trail maps, Snowbird pin, breakfast vouchers, and name tag.

Sunday found most taking off to the top of the mountain. Unfortunately, the Tram Club was packed that day for the Championship games so many watched the games in their room. Monday dawned cold but the sun was shining! A few minor injuries kept people off the slopes to rest and recover. The group decided not to ski Solitude or Brighton due to cost/time. Instead, we met at SeventyOne for a few cocktails and stories before dinner. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday were more skiing, hot tubbing, storytelling, and drinking. The 3 varied heat hot tubs got lots of use by the group. Mitch heard you and Andrew many hot tub friends!!



Thursday's Club Dinner at The Wildflower provided great service and fantastic pizza, salad, and wings and good dinner conversations. Our final trip off the mountain ended in the Tram Club for our final beer of the trip. The trip home on Saturday morning started very early for some but others had the buffet breakfast and left later. We all had a great time in the Bird. Woo-hoo!





As always, Alta provided very nice skiing and a positive experience for those that choose to go up and over the top of Snowbird, and through the Alta gate. Alta has a more “laid back” vibe.

Our new ski friends from Wimberly and Houston added a very positive addition to the group: Jim Shadowens and Rodney Dondas are great skiers and all-around good guys. Hopefully, they will join us on another trip in the future.



Thanks to Cheryl and Dana for organizing the trip. Special thanks to Joe Mueller for investigating Solitude and Brighton as well as his usual shenanigans, to Dan LeMay for researching the grocery run, and to Susan Williams for providing lots of pictures.



Steamboat: Feb 11 – 18, 2023



On Feb 11th, our mixed group of 18 arrived at Steamboat for a week of skiing and fun! Six clubs with 140 skiers participated. LSS stayed at The Lodge in Building A, a semi-ski-in, ski-out facility with two great hot tubs for each building.

Steamboat came through with a solid 73" base and 337" of the fluffy snow! Most ski days were bluebird days with a few flurries thrown in. Bad weather on Wednesday closed the resort, a very rare occurrence.

The Welcome Party at The Steamboat Grand had heavy appetizers: sliders, meatballs, a meat/cheese/veggie display, and amazing flatbreads. Since it conflicted with the Super Bowl, many left early to enjoy the game elsewhere.

Monday's Club Dinner was at The Cabin with fabulous Pork Chops which the majority ordered. We had an interesting appetizer of Shishito Peppers with lemon aioli and lemon black pepper seasoning. Topped off with a dessert variety and a wonderful waiter Alex, everyone enjoyed the meal.

For Thursday's Farewell Dinner the group moved to the Steamboat Grand due to a water line break. The Mexican Fiesta buffet was heavily attended, and the food was tasty and plentiful.





After the racing awards, the group rocked out and danced for a very happening DJ! Congratulations to LSS race winner Patricia Jordan for winning Bronze in her division. Gary Anderson took Silver, David Jeter won Bronze in their respective categories and for their club. Andrew Kleek and Steve James were awarded the Silver EPIC pins. Patricia Jordan and Gary Andersen were awarded the Bronze EPIC pins. LSS also won Bronze in the Division 1 Club competition.



Friday found LSS at the Timber & Torch for the last Après Ski. Friday also offered night skiing with no additional charge from 5:30 – 8:30 pm. Dana Lindberg skied freshly groomed runs on a beautiful clear night with no wind. Mike McKimens hosted the “Sweep the Kitchen” party to wipe up the remaining food people had.

Thanks to our Tulsa and Twisters friends for joining us. David Jeter and his wife from Twisters with his friends, Marsha and Craig Holmes. Gary Andersen from Tulsa and his friend, Cindy. Thanks to Cheryl and Dana for planning the trip. Of course,



thanks to Joe Mueller for stepping up to be the Race Director after some arm twisting in Snowbird. And a big thank you to our own Lisa Biddle for coordinating the whole TSC Winter Shoot Out trip.



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 @ mannkaren@yahoo.com for more details. **Lone Star is also looking for members to run for our Board.** Our elections occur in March 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 (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 Final Showdown Lake Louise, Canada

Waitlisted

DATES: March 11-18, 2023

Hard to believe our Lake Louise trip is coming up very soon. Less than 30 days before Lone Star heads north to the beautiful Lake Louise, Canada. We are staying at the Fairmont Chateau with views of snow-capped mountains, their majestic lake and even an awe-inspiring glacier. 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. Wish our members a fabulous time!



2023 Kentucky Derby Extravaganza

DATES: May 4 – 7th, 2023

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
Director for Details



**We have a good group going on this trip
and still have openings! Free
Transportation to/from Lexington Bluegrass
Hotel. Extended stays are also offered**

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



We need 3 more to sign up on the waitlist we can get another condo.

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!

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Contact Cheryl Slaughter, Trip Coordinator for Details



We are still taking reservations! 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



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European Christmas Market River Cruise

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of this once in a lifetime trip!
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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

DATES: Nov 22 to Dec 3, 2023



WAITLISTED



TSC Update:

TSC Board Virtually Held Feb 27, 2023.

Looking for help with April 2023 Bidfest! If interested contact James Mershon. Stay tuned for Bidfest Updates.



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- 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
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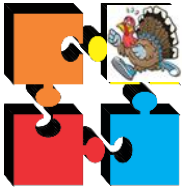
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