


# Feb 2021 Edition



## Lone Star Skiers & Adventure Club LSS Cruiser





# *A Note from Your Board*

The Board met on January 12, 2021. Our discussion included verification of Snowmass's refunds, possible activities while COVID restrictions are still in place, 2021 Bidfest dates, membership renewals and dues, and improved Security measures for our website. Specific details can be found in this newsletter. The newsletter will be available to the public starting this month.

The Board would like to remind you the 2021-2022 Board Elections will occur in March. If you would like to run for a position, please contact Tamara Preston to submit your name.

I am asking our members to submit pictures of themselves keeping busy during this time! What have you been doing? Has anyone (besides me 😊!) traveled? Send your story and pictures. Are there additions to the newsletter you would like to see? Let me hear from you!

While we realize you may not be able to be with your family on this holiday, we encourage everyone to take care of themselves and remain healthy!

*Cheryl Slaughter - VP Trips*

# February Birthday Wishes!

- 06 James Mershon
- 08 Judy Gouge
- 09 Marcia Wilkicki
- 11 Ann DeGrassi
- 13 Mary Beth Wilson
- 14 Brian Alexander
- 16 Tyler Morris
- 16 Janes Quinton
- 20 Ruth Callahan
- 20 Dudley Medlock
- 21 Allan Logan
- 21 Betty Oliver
- 21 Brett Wetherill
- 24 Marlene Heineman
- 25 George Murphy
- 27 Dennis Lepovac





# *Board Discussion*

- **Renewing members of Lone Star Ski Club:** The Board voted to extend your current membership until May 2022 for free. New members' dues are 50% off or \$15 for the first year.
- **Webpage Security:** Cheryl Slaughter has been the acting Data Protection / Security Officer for our Club Express page. LSS has recently purchased Always Secure to add additional security and protection to our website.
- **All LSS trips will now have a Trip Waiver** (Release of Liability) for all trips. We have incorporated COVID (pandemic) language in the waiver.
- **Snowmass Refunds:** The total refund to Lone Star members has been verified by our Treasurer. The Tour Operator has indicated they expect refunds from Snowmass mid-late February. Once received, we will immediately begin to send our checks to participants.

# *Call to Action!*

- **2021 Bidfest: April 9 – 11, 2021.** This will be a virtual event (Zoom). I am inviting anyone that would like to listen in, let me know. We do have a limit of how many people can attend. Elizabeth Lutton and I will attend. We will be discussing the 2022 Ski Trips. Those trips cancelled this year will be back on the bid list (Snowmass, Lake Louise)
- **Interested in becoming a Board Member?** Let Tamara Preston know. Elections will be in March 2021
- **Please respond to the Ski Trip survey sent out this week.** Let Cheryl Slaughter know of resorts you would like to travel to in the coming year
- **Happy Hours have been suspended indefinitely** due to COVID restrictions. Would you be interested in a Zoom Meeting? We could even play Bingo and other virtual games for possible prizes!
- **Still want to Ski?** Other clubs have trips listed on the TSC webpage of upcoming ski trips

## A central illustration of a blue and white globe, tilted to show the Americas. A white orbital ring encircles the globe. Surrounding the globe are various world landmarks and travel-related icons: the Eiffel Tower, Big Ben, the Statue of Liberty, a hot air balloon, a jet airplane, a windmill, a palm tree, and a small red boat. The entire scene is enclosed within a large, light blue circular frame with a distressed, watercolor-like border. The text 'Non-Stop' is written in a pink, cursive font at the top right.

**LSS still has two trips scheduled for this Spring.**

Be aware international travel is currently subject to a variety of restrictions, including Covid-19 negative tests results after arrival and after arrival back in the US. We strongly urge you to be familiar with those restrictions to make an informed decision to continue with or sign up for trips. The Board will continue to monitor trip restrictions and provide our members updates from our travel providers as we receive them

The Cuba trip **HAS BEEN** rescheduled to May 8-13. Contact Trip Director Susan Riewe if you are interested in participating. There are spaces available.

The Costa Rica trip is scheduled for April 6-13. The trip is currently wait-listed but it is possible additional rooms may be available. Contact Trip Director Terry Smith for information.

Would anyone like to see additional trips for the 2021 Fall Season? If so, where would you like to go and what type of trip (week-long, weekend, long-weekend, day trip)? Please let Elizabeth Lutton, Director of Non-Skiing Trips know at , [ealutton@hotmail.com](mailto:ealutton@hotmail.com) with your ideas. This is **YOUR** club!

Let us know what you want to do. Stay safe and keep dreaming about our future trips together!





## Whitefish, MT Ski Trip!

After Snowmass was cancelled, I made my mind up I was going to Whitefish. Ryan helped me put the trip together in 2 weeks. A few of our members and 1 Clear Lake member joined me and off we jetted to Whitefish. We had one very foggy day but mostly enjoyed several Bluebird days and the snow was great. Even had powder on Sunday!

Whitefish has significantly improved its shuttle service and it was easier to move up and down the mountain and even to downtown. The weather was mostly in the mid-upper 20's and low 30's although it was getting colder the last 2 days.

Everyone had a great time on the mountain and with capacity restrictions lifted, we were able to eat indoors. Room service and take-out were also available. The Lodge at Whitefish was comfortable, clean and was actively practicing extra cleaning for their guests. All in all, we had a blast and got some serious skiing in!







# Valentine's Day Across the World

If you lived here:

Your sweetheart would get:

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|------------------|---|
| 1. Denmark       | 1. Sweet's Week where kisses are exchanged for sweet treats                             |
| 2. France        | 2. Kiss your mate on May 1st under a cherry tree for good luck for the coming year      |
| 3. South Korea   | 3. Wear your heart on your sleeve with your love interest's name printed on it          |
| 4. Wales         | 4. Month-long celebration where women take the lead to woo the men                      |
| 5. China         | 5. Fill facing houses and pair up. Males not satisfied change their partner for another |
| 6. England       | 6. Gift exchanges and romantic dinners are the new norm                                 |
| 7. Philippines   | 7. Pressed flowers called snowdrops and lover's cards                                   |
| 8. Italy         | 8. Fruits and melons are offered to Zhinu to hopes to find their future husband         |
| 9. Brazil        | 9. Place 5 bay's leaves on your pillow to dream of your future husband                  |
| 10. South Africa | 10. Carved intricate wooden spoons are made and presented to his beloved                |
| 11. Iraq         | 11. Mass weddings are held everywhere on Feb 14 <sup>th</sup>                           |
| 12. Bulgaria     | 12. Is skipped in favor of "Lovers Day" where everyone celebrates, not just couples     |
| 13. Argentina    | 13. Go all out with red symbols for Valentine's Day                                     |

**Can you match the Valentine's Day tradition  
with the right country??**



## *How many did you get right?*

1. Brazil (#10)
  2. Greece (#9)
  3. Italy (#7)
  4. Ecuador (#13)
  5. Russia (#12)
  6. Japan (#11)
  7. The Netherlands (#14)
  8. Chile (#2)
  9. Estonia (#4)
  10. Ireland (#3)
  11. Scotland (#1)
  12. Turkey (#5)
  13. Germany (#6)
  14. Denmark (#8)
  15. Spain (#15)
1. Wish a dark-haired male is the first person across your doorstep
  2. Hang out in the cemetery with deceased family and friends
  3. Sleeping on mistletoe helps women dream of their future husbands
  4. Eat many meals, 7 or more, on NYE for good things to come
  5. Sprinkle salt over your shoulder for peace and prosperity
  6. Melt lead and pour into water. The shape reveals your fate
  7. Wear your best red underwear!
  8. Throw china at your friends/neighbor's doors leaving bad-will behind
  9. Smash pomegranates against the door of your house for prosperity
  10. Throw white flowers /candles into the sea for Yemoja's blessing
  11. 108 Bell rings purges the 108 evils desires in each person
  12. Father Frost and the Ice Maiden plant a spruce underwater
  13. Burning iconic scarecrows to cleanse the bad and bring in the new
  14. Chowing down on deep-fried dough
  15. Eat 12 grapes at midnight



Next ***Board of Directors*** Meeting:

Tuesday, Feb 16, 2020

from: 6:30 - 8:00 pm

These are virtual Zoom meetings



***TSC Update:***

*2022 Bidfest will be virtual again this year. If you are interested in attending, please contact Cheryl Slaughter or Elizabeth Lutton*

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# Dazed and Confused about Medicare???

**Paula Lanigan, Independent Health Insurance Agent, can HELP!!**

With over 30 years health insurance/benefits experience, I'm your resource to make sense of Medicare benefits and available options when new to Medicare, or during the annual open enrollment in October through December 7 when you can review your current program or make changes.

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