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HAPPY EASTER!



April 2021

Lone Star Skiers
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Board Messages and Discussions

The Board met on March 16, 2021. Topics of discussion included setting up an April Happy Hour for the upcoming Board Elections. An online ballot may be created as well. You can only vote once – either in person or online. The Board discussed COVID concerns with the Costa Rica trip but voted to allow the trip to occur. Other topics included 2021 Virtual Bidfest, Club financials, TSC activities and discussion on restarting Club activities and trips.

Congratulations to Debbie Pittenger who found the Leprachaun hiding on the last slide of the March edition. She wins a \$25 gift card!

Snowmass participants should have received their refunds less the \$45 Resort Operator fee. If you have not, please contact Mike McKimens.

Fun facts about Easter:

- During the holiday, more than 90 million chocolate bunnies, 91.4 billion eggs and 700 million Peeps are produced each year in the United States
- The Easter egg is said to symbolize and represent joy, celebration and new life.

We wish everyone a Blessed Easter and hope you can spend time with family and friends – even if the visits are virtual.

Cheryl Slaughter – VP Trips



Musings from an Abby-Normal Person

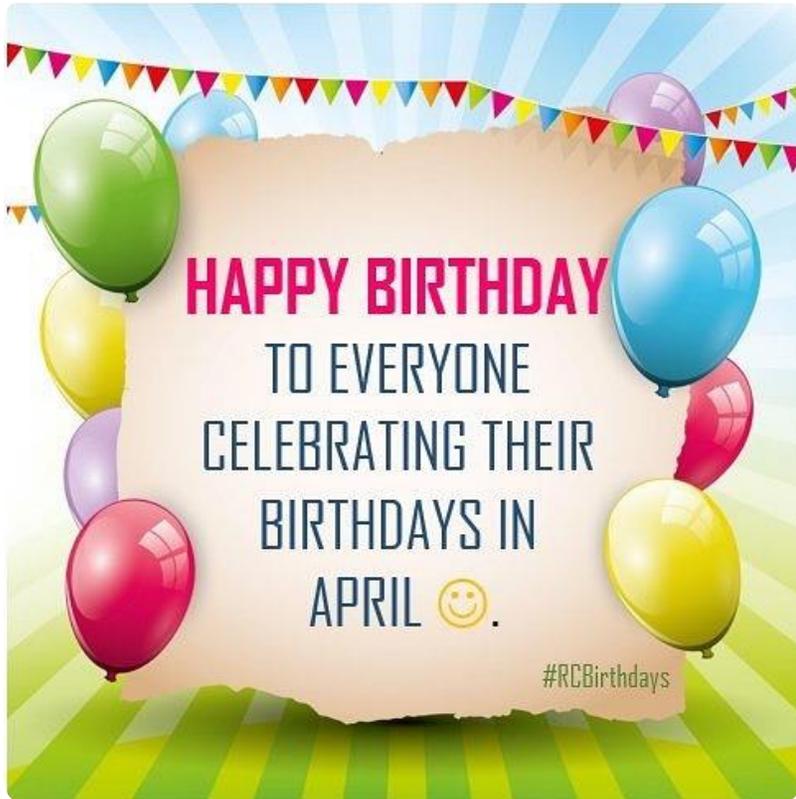
Here it is, a year later, and we are still fighting COVID and dealing with restrictions. But as we enter the Summer of 2021, I can only pray it is time to get back to a somewhat normal life.

We are planning trips and activities and hope you will join in the fun. We are an Adventure Club after all!

I lost time somehow and Easter is already upon us. Let's not forget the meaning of Easter. This paraphrased poem sums it up nicely:

*Remember on Easter Morning - that Jesus bowed under the weight of the cross and died.
He broke the bonds of death and rose to live forever. Do not forget his sacrifice, pain
and his joy! He has proven there is no death when we put our trust in him*

- Ken Picher, Jr.



April Birthday Wishes!

- 06 Angela Squitieri
- 06 Karen Wilkerson
- 07 Rich Powell
- 12 Mike Johnson
- 14 Erin Botsford
- 18 Scott McGarvey
- 21 Cheryl Mann
- 22 Robert Nelson
- 22 Gwen Wood
- 25 Mary Meyer
- 26 Gary Bush





Call to Action!

Interested in becoming a Board Member?

Let Tamara Preston know ASAP. Elections will be in April 2021. Remember to vote this month for your 2021-2022 Board Officers.

What do you want to do in 2021-2022?

With the re-opening of many activities and destinations, the Board is looking to our members to see what their interests are. Perhaps a Northwest wine tasting tour? Long-weekend on beautiful Florida beaches? How about an all-inclusive winter wonderland resort? Autumn tour to see fall foliage and eat lobster rolls? Send your suggestions to the Board.





Non-Ski Trip Updates

Want to go some where? Have a new adventure, try something new or see a place again? Please let Elizabeth Lutton, Director of Non-Skiing Trips know at, ealutton@hotmail.com with your suggestions

CURRENT TRIPS

- Costa Rica: April 6-13, 2021. Wishing everyone a fun-filled adventure! Take lots of pictures and send them to ladysnake828@yahoo.com to be included in the next newsletter.
- Havana, Cuba: Nov 6-11, 2021. Contact Trip Director Susan Riewe if you are interested in participating. Click here for details: [Havana](#)

NEW TRIPS

- Hot Springs, AR Oct 20-24, 2021. See details on next page



HOT SPRINGS, AR

October 20-24, 2021

Come with LSS to Hot Springs Arkansas and experience the beauty and relaxation of America's first resort. Step back into history as we travel to a place known by Native Americans as the “Valley of the Vapors” for its naturally occurring hot springs. In 1832, it was designated by President Andrew Jackson as a federal reserve. Now a gorgeous national park, it boasts of many hiking trails and outdoor activities. In the 1800s, it also became a prominent spa destination where travelers could partake in the “healing waters.”

Several of the historic Victorian bath houses are open for soaking in the mineral water or touring. There are various spas in town, shopping opportunities and delicious restaurants. We will be staying at the Embassy Suites, which includes breakfast and a nightly reception.

Hot Springs is only 4 ½ hours from Dallas. The price of \$448 per person* includes 4 nights lodging at the Embassy Suites and a guided forest walk. Optional activities are being planned.

LSS has 22 reservations and is seeking a Trip Director for this event! If you are interested in the TD opening or need more trip information, please contact Elizabeth Lutton, ealutton@hotmail.com , telephone: 682-365-6213.

** Based on double occupancy*

It is time to travel again! Let's go to Hot Springs where beauty and history meet!

TSC Updates



2021 Bidfest: April 9 – 11, 2021.

Elizabeth Lutton and Cheryl Slaughter will be attending virtually and voting on the 2023 TSC Trips. Due to confidentiality issues, only delegates will be allowed to attend.

2021 New Zealand Trip

Due to continuing COVID issues, the TSC delegates voted to **cancel** the New Zealand trip. A request for club refunds has been submitted. Individual clubs have the option to offer this trip as a club trip

TSC Board Elections

Welcome the TSC election winners!
Click [here](#)





2021-2022 *Ski Trips*

Hard to believe it is time to start getting ready for our ski season. Listed below are the some of the ski trips already planned. Other ski trips are being researched. Consider being a trip director! Stay tuned for more information on the website and in our newsletter.

Club Trip 2021	Traditional	Winter Expedition	Winter Shootout	Final Showdown
Snowbird-Alta-Solitude	Park City, Utah	Zell-am-See, Austria	Telluride, CO	Mammoth, CA
Dec 11-18, 2021	Jan 8-15, 2022	Jan 21-29, 2022	Feb 5-12, 2022	Mar 5-12, 2022
Click Here: Snowbird	Winter Ski & Sports	Holidaze	Sports America	Sports America

April 2021

Blue Mesa
14866 Montford Drive
Dallas, TX 75254

**HAPPY
HOUR**

It's BAAACCCKK!! And just in time for Spring. Join LSS on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 for our April Happy Hour. PLEASE NOTE: Check the LSS Website in case we need to cancel.

Fun Starts at 5:30 PM and lasts until 8 PM

**Wear Your Name Tag for a Chance to Win
a Free Drink!**

Invite a Friend



St Patrick's Day – Fact or Fiction

Did you pass?

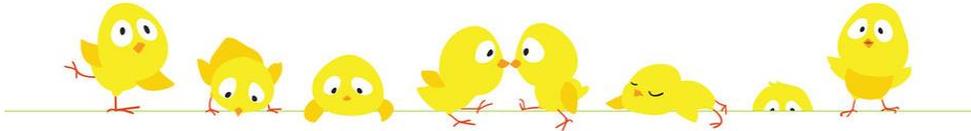
- The Shamrock was once used to show Irish pride in their heritage – **FACT**: It was also used by St Patrick to explain the Holy Trinity.
- Green is the traditional color for St. Patrick – **FICTION** – it is actually **BLUE**!
- Leprechauns are happy, merry souls responsible for mending the shoes of other fairies = **FICTION** – Leprachauns are mean and nasty but were cobblers. Or bankers!
- St. Patrick was not Irish. **FACT**, he was British .
- Celebratory parades for St. Patrick's day originated in Ireland – **FICTION** – It was the US.
- Corned beef and cabbage are traditional Irish foods – **FICTION** – It started in the US because **Corned Beef was cheaper than traditional ham.**
- St Patrick's Day used to be a dry day (no alcohol). **FACT** - it is considered a religious holiday
- St Patrick brought Christianity to Ireland **FICTION** – Paddruis preceded him.
- Chicago dyes the river green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day **FACT** – The Local Plumbers and Pipefitters Union dyes the river.
- St Augustine was the first US city to hold a St Patrick's Day celebration – **GOT YOU!** Some sources state **Boston was the first and other sources state it was in St Augustine.**
- Irish immigrants flocked to the US in the mid 1800's due to oppressive British rule – **FACT** – but their hardships did not end due to stereotyping the Irish as lazy and unreliable.

Next Virtual *Board of Directors*

Meeting:

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

from: 6:30 - 8:00 pm



TSC Update:

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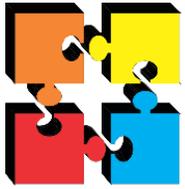
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Newsletter Advertising

- For advertising opportunities contact Tamara Preston
- 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



Dazed and Confused about Medicare???

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

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