



April 2022
The LSS Cruiser

**Lone Star Skiers &
Adventure Club**



A Note from Your LSS Board

Board Elections were held on March 8, 2022. You will find the results of the elections in this newsletter. The Lone Star Board met on March 15, 2022. Our Agenda included discussion on all our trips, the upcoming Bidfest in Grapevine, voting in new members, our club financials and discussion on revamping our By-Laws in upcoming sessions.

We are trying hard to find venues and trips that our Club Members would like to do. After Bidfest is over, you will receive a survey about the chosen trips and which ones you would like to participate in. I am also looking at a boat/bike trip, or a short Boat trip. Some other ideas are 3- and 4-day trips like heading back to the balloon festival, or a long weekend at an all-inclusive ranch, a trip to wine country in Canada (which also has a lovely lake!) If you have any ideas for activities or trips, please contact Mitch, Tamara, Elizabeth or me. Our email addresses are on the last page of this newsletter.

We have 2 Happy Hour activities planned for April. One in Dallas at Café de France and one in Ft. Worth at Smokestack 1948. Details are listed in the newsletter.

Upcoming trips include our Cuba trip on April 23-28, 2022, Maui, Hawaii on May 14-21, 2022, and Destin, FL from Sept 27-Oct 2, 2022.

Congratulations to Jori Andrade for finding the Celtic Shamrock first! She won the \$25 Amazon card. Now, can you find the Easter Rabbit (shown below)? If you have not won this year, you can play! First one to email me with the correct location at ladysnake828@yahoo.com wins!



Yours Truly – Cheryl Slaughter – VP, Trips

2022-2023 Elections

A huge THANK YOU to those volunteers who have offered their time and effort to serve on the 2022-2023 Board of Directors. And a BIGGER thank you to those who participated in either the in-person voting or used the online system.

One of the reasons we now also offer online voting is because coming in-person to Happy Hour for a lot of our members is not feasible due to distance, conflicts, or personal reasons. It is a way to reach out to our entire membership for their opinion. Your opinion is valued.

I'd like to take a moment to address a few comments that were received. The Board Members highly encourages others to seek positions on the Board and Club committees. We welcome it! New and fresh ideas are always appreciated. Interested in a position? Reach out to the individual holding it to learn about it. And run, hopefully, in the next election.

It is easy to blame the Board or an individual for perceived problems but without people stepping up, volunteering or participating, or offering viable solutions – we really can't change much. Also, our world was turned upside down by COVID a few years back and what worked prior to that time has changed dramatically.

We know Activities and Trips declined or were cancelled. People were cautious to participate or travel and those that did noticed significantly higher costs. Even the Tour Operators are struggling. Deposits for trips are much higher and most are non-refundable. For skiing – the huge problem with Vail operated resorts hurt our choices. We are still trying to arrange fun, safe, and affordable activities and trips.

Please remember as a Club, we are only as strong and active as our members. While you may not be able to be a Board member, you may be able to offer your expertise in many areas to improve our club.

Please Welcome Your LSS 2022-2023 Elected Board!

President: Mitch Womble
VP of Trips: Cheryl Slaughter
VP of Membership: Harriet Bonds
VP of Communications: Gwen Wood
VP of Activities: OPEN
Treasurer: Mike Mckimens
Secretary: Judi Lamson
Director, Trips: Elizabeth Lutton
Executive Director: Tamara Preston
Directors At Large: Katherine Nelson
and Marcia Wilkicki





Keep Lone Star's Members informed! We are looking for member news. Please send any member announcement (special requests, hospitalizations, anniversary, weddings, and memorials) to Marcia Wilkicki at kicki@kw.com.

Welcome to Our New Members and Thank you to our
Renewing Members

NEW

- Cindy James
- Steve James
- Fay Moraif

RENEWALS

- Christine Giacalone
- Debbie Greenslade
- Mary Lee Heald
- Diane Hultquist
- Gwen Wood



April Birthdays



06 Angela Squitieri
06 Karen Wilkerson
07 Rich Powell
09 Kerry Huffstutler
09 Diane Hultquist
11 Amit Punalekar
12 Mike Johnson
14 Erin Botsford
14 Ivette Holaway
18 Scott McGarvey
19 Charles Rogers
21 Cheryl Mann
22 Robert Nelson
22 Gwen Wood
25 Mary Meyer
26 Gary Bush
26 Rita Hejny
28 Chris Behnke



April Happy Hour- Dallas

WHERE: Cafe de France

ADDRESS: 17370 Preston Rd Dallas, TX 75252

PHONE: (972) 733-3400

DATE: April 12, 2022

TIME: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Come join your fellow LSS Club Members for Happy Hour at Café De France, a LSS favorite! The Board voted to continue to provide appetizers for attendees. Invite a friend and wear your name tag for a chance to win a prize.

Please ensure **YOU** take care of your servers!

Special Happy Hour Drink Pricing:

- Beer \$ 4.00
- Well drinks \$5.00
- House Wine \$ 5.00
- Martini \$6.00

Café de France
BAKERY & BISTRO



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

Ft Worth-April Happy Hour

WHERE: Smokestack 1948

ADDRESS: 2836 Stanley Avenue, Fort Worth, TX

DATE: April 21, 2022

TIME: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

WEBSITE: <https://www.smokestack1948.com/>

Come join your fellow LSS Club Members for Happy Hour at Smokestack 1948 . Restarting the Ft. Worth area Happy Hour to accommodate our members who live a little to far from Dallas to attend the Dallas-based ones.

Smokestack 1948 is an open-air style beer garden, located in the heart of Fort Worth, right down from TCU. With two full bars, 14 different beers on tap, a DELICIOUS on-site food truck, indoor and outdoor seating, a full , and live music. And \$4.00 house well drinks!

Could you please email her at terrysmithremax@gmail.com to let her know you are coming? She would be happy to pick anyone up at the T&P train station who wants to ride the train to Ft. Worth and miss the traffic. She is happy to drop you off after the Happy Hour as well!

Thank You, Terry Smith, for setting up our Happy Hour!



Smokestack1948
FRESH AIR FORT WORTH EAT & DRINK



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Wine Tasting School – March 25, 2022

LSS members went to Italian Wine School with Tenuta Torciano Winery in partnership with the Wine Society of Texas (DFW Chapter). LSS Members tasted 8 unique wines with our presenter Chiara Latini. Ms. Latini entertained the group with tales from her family's wine estate in Tuscany while teaching everyone the basics of drinking Italian wine. All enjoyed a delicious dinner of lasagna with salami, prosciutto, and cheese boards.

In addition to the excellent wines and food, LSS attendees renewed old acquaintances and caught up with each other. We are pleased Life is getting back to normal! All in all, everyone had a great time and, as they say, all appreciated the value of a good education!





2022 Trip Updates

Pack your bags! Have a new adventure! Want to try something new or see a place again? Please let Chery Slaughter ladysnake828@yahoo.com or Elizabeth Lutton know at ealutton@hotmail.com

- Havana, Cuba: April 23-28, 2022. We have one opening for a single male. Registration for this trip closes April 3rd. Contact Trip Director Cheryl Slaughter for details or click here: [Havana](#)
- Maui, Hawaii May 14-21, 2022. Spend 7 nights in a tropical cottage along the Lahaina coast on one of the most beautiful islands in the world. Openings available for main and pre-trip. Contact Katherine Nelson, Trip Director or click here: [Maui](#)
- Destin, FL: Sept 27 – Oct 2, 2022. Dip your toes in the pristine white sand beaches at Destin, FL. Lone Star is staying at the beachside Jade East Condominiums. Not only does it have stunning views, but you will enjoy the waterfall and hot tub at the gulf-side lounging area. Contact Terry Smith, Trip Director or click here: [Destin](#)



Havana, Cuba

Dates: April 23-28, 2022

A city trapped in time...

Havana captures the imagination like no other.

Faded glamour meets careful colonial-era reconstruction with a backdrop of irresistible color. Walk El Malecón, the walkway bordering the ocean; visit Old Havana and the Cathedral de San Cristóbal; and listen for salsa music, open-air bazaars and parties lasting all night long!!

Courtesy of Explore Havana

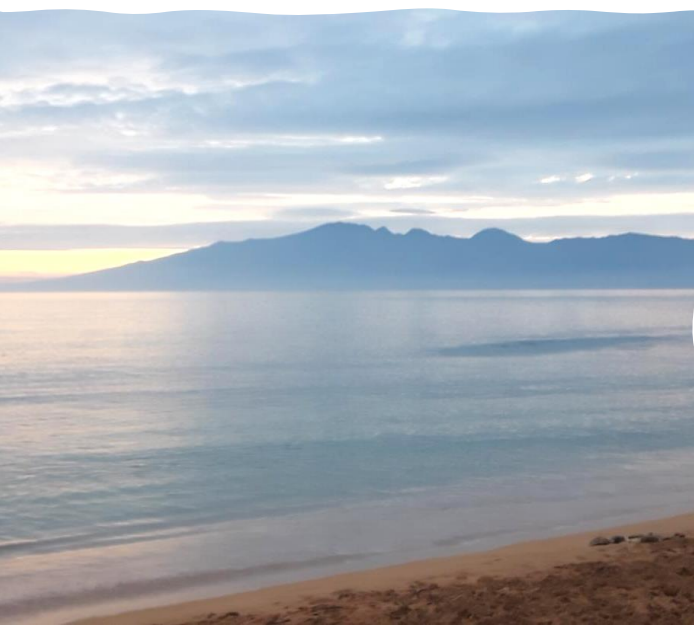
INCLUDED IN TOUR COST

- All taxes and Airport transfers from José Martí Int'l Airport in Havana to your hotel upon arrival and return to José Martí Airport for departure.
- 5 nights at the NH Capri Hotel, a four-star hotel located in the heart of downtown Havana
- 5 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- Modern air-conditioned minibus and professional driver. An expert Cuban English-speaking guide and interpreter whose background matches tour content throughout the program. Tips for tour guide and bus driver including bottled water on bus.
- All activities, services and meals as described in tour itinerary except those noted as "optional" or "not included in cost."
- Ongoing support from Cuba Explorer Tours staff in North America and Cuba before, during and after your stay.
- Emergency collect call access to our North American and Cuban staff while in Cuba.
- Emergency cash advances for our tour participants who face complications accessing funds from aboard while in Cuba
- Cuban Tourist Visa.
- Help with obtaining the return COVID test to enter the US

Pricing is \$2,702 which includes your Visa. \$399 deposit is due at registration and is non-refundable. However, it is transferrable if someone takes your spot. COVID vaccinations and testing required. For Questions: Contact Cheryl Slaughter at

ladysnake828@yahoo.com

Trip interruption and cancellation protection insurance is highly recommended.



Contact Katherine Nelson at
Katherine.nelson@verizon.net
for details

Maui , Hawaii

Lone Star Skiers and Adventure Club is going to Maui from May 14-21, 2022. **Openings available for Main and Pre-trips. Check website for further details.**

- Spend 7 nights in a tropical cottage along the Lahaina coast on one of the most beautiful islands in the world.
- Maui has everything resort travelers want, including beaches, hiking, water sports, golf, cruising, shopping and even tropical adult beverages.
- Trip cost is \$1500 per person, which includes double occupancy in a cottage, and transfers to/from the airport. Airfare is extra, but your trip director can assist with choosing flights
- A pre-trip to the island of Kona for \$823 is also available from May 10-14, 2022.
- It is preferred to obtain the same flights as most of the group.

DESTIN F-L-A!

Sept 27 – Oct 2, 2022

Lone Star is heading to the white sand beaches and relaxed atmosphere of Destin, Florida. Staying at the 18-story Jade East condominium located on one of Destin's most covered beachfront locations. Enjoy luxury accommodations, stunning gulf views, and amenities such as waterfall, hot tub, and gulf-side lounging area. Have a bite in the grill area. Click on the link below to explore the condominium.

[Jade East Condos](#)

Terry Smith, your trip director, is planning a variety of fun activities! Like to snorkeling? How about taking a dolphin boat ride? Or maybe cruise to Shell or Crab Island? Stroll along the boardwalk or visit Henderson State Park. For the fearless, you can visit the Gator Farm. Or just relax on the beach and enjoy the soothing sounds of the waves.

The trip will be open for sign up on our website in early December. The cost is \$482/person and includes your lodging and activity fees for 5 days. For more information, email Terry at terry@terrysmith.com



Scheduled 2023 Trips

Currently LSS is looking at all 4 TSC trips in 2023 as well as several shorter trips to ski, participate in outdoor activities and new places to explore. Registration for all trips will be opened after pricing is received and approved by the Board.

I encourage people to sign up for Trip Directors. You will have training and support while you run your trip. Some things you need to do are market the trip, work with tour operators, VP of Communications to post in newsletter/website and VP of Trips. Help shape the trip with optional activities and keep members in the know. And don't forget the perks!

Current Trips scheduled for 2023:

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| • TSC Traditional: Snowmass, CO | Date: Jan 7 – 14, 2023 | Sports America |
| • Club: Inclusive Snowbird/Alta | Date: Jan 28 – Feb 4, 2023 | Resort Contact |
| • TSC Shootout: Steamboat, CO | Date: Feb 11 – 18, 2023 | Sports American |
| • TSC Final Showdown: Lake Louise, CA | Date: March 11-18, 2023 | Ski White Diamond |

If we have interest in TSC Winter Expedition at Ischgl-Samnaun, Austria with Winter Ski and Sport from Jan 21 – 28, 2023, Lone Star will participate; otherwise we will team up with a sister club. Some other areas to ski are Taos/Angel Fire, Red Mountain, Schweiber and others. Stay tuned!



March Happy Hour
The Inwood Tavern

Next Virtual
Board of Directors

Meeting:
Tuesday, April 19, 2022
from: 6:30 - 8:00 pm



TSC Update:

TSC is looking for Trip Coordinators for the 2023 TSC trips and volunteers for Board positions / committees. If interested, please let James Mershon know @ jhmershon@msn.com

Bidfest is April 1- 3, 2022 in Grapevine, Texas. Final Details in progress



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Director at Large: Katherine Nelson

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Director at Large: Mitch Womble

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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

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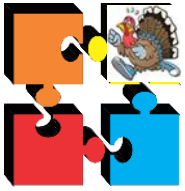
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