#### Lone Star Skiers and Adventure Club



## May 2022

The Lone Star Cruiser







#### A Note from Your Board

On April 19<sup>th</sup>, LSS Board members met to discuss the planned trips for 2022-2023 and Bidfest results. Focus was on planning Club Activities, short trips and the possibility of holding a Member Drive. We are looking for a place to hold the Volunteer Party and have started planning the Christmas Party! Maybe even a Halloween Party. If anyone has ideas of where to hold the parties or even volunteer their home, please reach out to any Board member.

See the pictures and write-up on our Havana, Cuba trip! It was amazing! Upcoming trips include Maui, Hawaii on May 14-21, 2022, and Destin, FL from Sept 27-Oct 2, 2022.

Congratulations to Vivien Benjamin for finding the April Easter Bunny first! She won the \$25 Amazon card. Now, can you find the Spring Flower (Multicolor Rose to the right)? If you have not won this year, you can play! First one to email me with the correct location at <a href="mailto:ladysnake828@yahoo.com">ladysnake828@yahoo.com</a> wins!

Our Quarterly Board meeting will be held at the next Happy Hour. Find more details about upcoming events, trips and club information in this edition.

Yours Truly - Cheryl Slaughter - VP, Trips

Keep Lone Star's Members informed! We encourage you to share member news. Please send any member announcements (special requests, hospitalizations, anniversary, weddings, and memorials) to Harriet Bonds at <a href="mailto:h.bonds@sbcglobal.net">h.bonds@sbcglobal.net</a>

Welcome to our **New Members** 

Thank you to our **Renewing Members** 

#### **NEW**

- Fay Moraif
- Jennifer Thomas
- Penn Thomas

#### **RENEWALS**

- Chris Behnke
- Cynthia Billman
- Mark Davidson
- Ben Davis
- Lirio Fewins
- Christy Florence
- Bill Hayes
- Jan Key
- Theresa Powell
- James Quinton

## May Birthdays

- 03 Ronnie Slate
- 04 Steve Anderson
- 07 Joe Brooks
- 09 John Fry
- 10 Fred LeVay
- 12 Barbara Anne Thompson
- 13 Chip VanPelt
- 21 Michael Kerwin
- 21 Mary McGrath
- 24 Rebecca Chandler
- 25 Dwight Burt
- 27 Melissa Dear
- 28 Bill Hayes
- 29 Joseph Mueller
- 30 Mary Wine
- 31 Deby Warner







## May Happy Hour- Dallas

**WHERE: Dunston's Steak House** 

**ADDRESS: 8526 Harry Hines Blvd, Dallas, TX 75252** 

PHONE: (214) 637-3513

**DATE:** May 10, 2022

**TIME:** 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Come join your fellow LSS Club Members in a Private Room for our Quarterly Business Meeting and Happy Hour. We are meeting at Dunston's an LSS favorite! Wear your name tag for a chance to win a prize. Bring a quest for an extra chance to win a prize.

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

#### **Special Happy Hour Drink Pricing:**

- Beer \$ 3.00
- Well drinks \$5.00
- House Wine \$ 1.00 off











# April Happy Hour Pictures Café de France



## 2022 Trip Updates



Pack your bags! Have a new adventure! Want to try something new or see a place again? Please let Chery Slaughter <a href="mailto:ladysnake828@yahoo.com">ladysnake828@yahoo.com</a> or Elizabeth Lutton know at <a href="mailto:ladysnake828@yahoo.com">ladysnake828@yahoo.com</a> or

- 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 your will enjoy the waterfall and hot tub at the gulf-side lounging area. Contact Terry Smith, Trip Director or click here: <u>Destin</u>







### Contact Katherine Nelson at <u>Katherine.nelson@verizon.net</u> 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 <a href="mailto:terry@terrysmith.com">terry@terrysmith.com</a>



## Havana Cuba!

LSS boarded SW flight #6558 and headed to Havana. A quick trip at Customs and our guide Gretel met us outside the door. Ariel, our bus driver whisked us to our hotel to check in and later we enjoyed a buffet dinner in our hotel.

Over the next several days, we learned about the history and culture of Cuba. Day 1 started with us visiting the Plaza de la Revolucion, having lunch at Mojito Mojito (Trip Director Cheryl took part in dancing with the band) and taking the bicycle taxis sightseeing. We traveled to the base of Christ of Havana and hitched a short ferry ride across the bay to catch the bus. Next, we had a lobster dinner at El Aljibe and finished the evening watching the fabulous Tropicana show!

Day 2 took us outside the city to an organic garden to learn how they utilize a small space to provide farm-totable produce to the restaurant El Ajiaco. Here we learned how to make mojitos, Cuban stew, and prepared lobster and lamb entries to eat for lunch. After lunch, we visited Ernest Hemmingway's estate, saw his home as he left it and toured the grounds. We celebrated our Club Dinner at Café Lorenz which was a short walk from our hotel.









## Havana Cuba!

Day 3 had us joyriding in Classic 50 convertibles around town and to the last true jungle park in Havana before heading back into town. We toured an art museum where we saw paintings taken from the Cuban Elite as far back to the late 1800's and modern art works. We had lunch at a private restaurant where we were entertained by singers, 2 peacocks and chickens! A few of us headed out for some beach time before going back to the hotel to explore on our own.

Day 4 shone bright with a trip to the COLIBRI record company and Abdala Music studio. Here the Cuban music history is celebrated. We learned how music is recorded, mixed and finalized for production. We got to sit in on a group's practice session and even participated. Next, a stop at the up-and-coming artists shop where we viewed modern art. Then off to the amazing, mind-blowing Fusterlandia, the Havana neighborhood that became José Fuster's Mosaic Masterpiece. This artist's project has been ongoing for over 20 years and has changed a struggling neighborhood to a must stop attraction. After a delicious lunch at his home, we took some time to freshen up before our Farewell Dinner at the top of the Hotel Nacional de Cuba where the sunset and city views were breath-taking.































## Scheduled 2023 Trips

LSS plans to participate in 3 TSC trips in 2023 and several shorter trips (ski / non-ski). We plan to schedule lots of outdoor activities and explore new places. Registration for all trips will be opened after pricing is received and approved by the Board.

#### CALLING FOR TRIP DIRECTORS FOR ALL TRIPS

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

#### **Current Trips scheduled for 2023:**

• 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 Expediation at Ishgl-Samnaum, Austria with Winter Ski and Sport from Jan 21 – 28, 2023, Lone Star will participate; otherwise, we will team up with a sister club. Optional resorts to ski may be Taos/Angel Fire, Red Mountain, Schweiber, and others. Stay tuned!

## Selected 2024 BidFest Trips

The Texas Ski Council, affiliated Clubs and their members met at Grapevine Lakes Hilton Hotel and Conference Center in Grapevine, Texas. Pre-selected bids were presented, discussed, and voted on. The below trips were selected for the 2024 TSC Trips.

Fall Expedition 2023	Traditional 2024	Winter Expedition 2024	Winter Shootout 2024	Final Showdown 2024
New Zealand	Beaver Creek, Colorado	Interlaken, Switzerland	Park City, Utah	Whitefish, Montana
Oct 2023	Jan 13 - 20, 2024	Jan 26 - Feb 3, 2024	Feb 3 - 10, 2024	Mar 2 - 9, 2024
Tour Operator: Holidaze	Tour Operator: Sports America	Tour Operator: Holidaze	Tour Operator: Sports America	Tour Operator: Ski.com

These trips are available to any LSS member. Members will receive a survey soon about which trips they would participate in. Since we have already been to New Zealand, we are looking at a Club trip elsewhere. I am working on a trip to Crested Butte instead of Park City and several other options. Please take the time to answer the survey – you are instrumental in the success of our club!













2022 Bidfest Pictures



#### TSC Update:

TSC is looking for Trip Coordinators for the TSC trips and volunteers for Board positions / committees. If interested, please contact Cheryl Mann or Andrea Yowman on the Texas Ski Council website:

Home - Texas Ski Council (texas-ski.org)



#### Contact us

#### **Official Address**

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#### **Newsletter Advertising**

- 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

## **2021-2022 Board of Directors** Thank you for your service!

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