



The Lone Star Cruiser April 2024



Lone Star Skiers and Adventure Club

Notes from your President!

Congratulations to the new officers elected during the March quarterly meeting!

We are pleased to have you on-board and we look forward to working with you. I am particularly pleased to welcome our new Vice President of Activities- Barbara Baesmann. She stepped up to the position from a Director position and has already started to plan some great activities for the Spring and Summer. She will be assisted by Paula Lanigan, who also has some creative ideas for activities. The first activity that we will see from this dynamic duo is a Murder Mystery dinner on April 27, 2024 in Dallas. This should be a lot of fun, and again, a great opportunity to get together with your Lone Star buddies. More information is on the Lone Star Skiers website. Expect even more good things in the future and stay tuned for more information.

And - **there will be trips**. We are currently working on the trip lineup for late 2024 and 2025. Expect to see a comeback of skiing trips with several great ones proposed for 2025. Of course, we cannot have trips without Trip Directors. They are our lifeblood and our reason for the success of our trips.

Have you ever thought about being a Trip Director? We know that some of you are thinking about taking this step, but aren't quite sure of what is required. We are going to have a preliminary zoom meeting in the future that will tell you all about being a Trip Director and answer all of your questions. This zoom meeting is a no obligation meeting and you will not be required to sign up as a Trip Director. Stay tuned for a blast email which will give you the details.

Come see us at the Happy Hour and enjoy this great Spring weather. The Texas flowers are out in full bloom, so let's go outdoors! Elizabeth Lutton, President.

See if you can be the first to find the April Raindrop.  As a member, if you have not won in the last 12 months, you can play! First one to email Katherine with the correct location with I "Found the Raindrop" in the subject line to katherine.nelson@verizon.net wins! You could win an amazon gift card.

Congratulations to our new Board Of Directors 2024-2025



Secretary – Karen Mann



President – Robert Nelson



Director – Paula Lanigan



Director – Jean Jordan



VP Trips – Elizabeth Lutton



VP Activities – Barb Baesman



Director (Happy Hours) –
Mitch Womble



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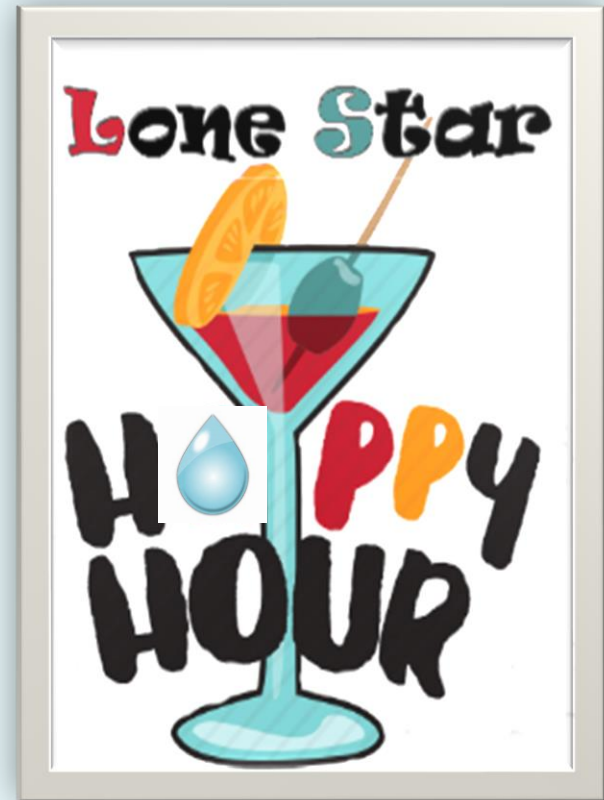


Lone Star Monthly Happy Hour

Tues – April 9, 2024
5:30pm – 8:00pm

14930 Midway Road
Addison, TX 75001
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Happy Hour: 4:00pm - 7:00pm All Drinks \$1.00 Off
Draught Beers: \$5.50 - \$9.00
Bottle/Can Beers: \$5.50 - \$15.00
Wines: \$8.00 - \$10.00
Call Drinks: 6.00 - \$21.00



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



Can YOU solve the mystery?

**Join fellow LSS members, family and friends for a fun-filled evening!
Here is your chance to channel your inner Sherlock Holmes!**

WHERE? The Dinner Detective Murder Mystery Show
Hilton Garden Inn Downtown Dallas, 1600 Pacific Ave, Dallas, TX 75201
Parking Info: Valet parking for \$15.

WHEN? Saturday, April 27, 2024 @ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm CDT

COST? \$71.99 plus sales tax and processing fee buys your dinner and the show!

HOW TO REGISTER

Go to the website to register - There is no cost. This only provides a head count for the coordinators.

After registering on the LSS website, you must go to the Dinner Detective Murder Mystery Theatre website to purchase your tickets. This event is first come, first serve. LSS cannot reserve seats for this event. Do not wait to purchase as the event usually sells out. Ensure you purchase your tickets for the April 27th event in Dallas.

IMPORTANT INFO:

Please insert Paula Lanigan as who you want to sit with during the check-out process. This allows the theatre to group us together as much as possible.

On their website, you can see the dinner menu. Please choose your dinner selection.

If you have any questions, please contact Paula Lanigan - paula.k.lanigan@gmail.com



New & Renewed Members:

02 Margaret Chambers
06 Angela Squitieri
07 Rich Powell
09 Linda Sharpe
11 Amit Punalekar
18 Scott McGarvey
19 Katherine Clinton
21 Cheryl Mann
22 Robert Nelson
24 Stanley Marcieski
25 Mary Meyer
27 Lisa Colton

Kathy Boehm
Orma Gilat
Tracie Miller
Jim Noakes
LaDean Noakes
Annette Swaggerty
Mary Lee Heald
Bert Butkus
Lisa Biddle

NOTICE OF MEMBERSHIP PRICE INCREASE

After many years, the price of LSS club membership will be going up by \$10 per year to \$40. This will help us keep pace with the other clubs' dues and help us continue to provide free happy hours and other club amenities.

The price increase is effective 6-1-2024.

**Thank you,
Lone Star Skiers Board of Directors**



2024 LSS and TSC Spring and Fall Trips

While we are exploring other trips, these amazing adventures are open for registration.

- **Turks & Caicos - Club Med Resort Turquoise: Dates: May 11-18, 2024.** Sit on an award-winning beach at an adults-exclusive, all-inclusive paradise. Learn what it truly means to disconnect. You can sail away on the turquoise blue water, scuba and snorkel, enjoy live music, fresh smoothies, and cocktails right on the beach. There is so much included in this package, but you can also explore off resort if you wish. Pricing starts at \$2,116 for double occupancy. Book your own air. **Only 2 spots left (Deluxe Ocean View Room \$2,336.00)**
- **Italy's Amalfi Coast Trip: Dates: October 22-31, 2024.** Amalfi offers some of Italy's most iconic and beautiful scenery. A rare place where photographs simply don't do its sights justice. A region famous for vividly painted towns tumbling down cliffsides to a sparkling azure sea. Explore the glamorous island of Capri, a popular haunt of the wealthy for centuries and renowned for its natural beauty along with exploring Sorrento, Ravello, Positano, and Rome. Pricing starts at \$4,570.00 Double Occupancy/ per person. Includes RT Airfare, RT Shuttle service, 8 nights lodging, with baggage handling, 12 meals, motorcoach transportation, activities and admissions listed in the itinerary, and certain gratuities. **We are taking a wait list!**



March '24 Happy Hour at The Back 9



Lone Star Skiers @ TSC Final Showdown Whitefish, MT (March 2-9, 2024)

On March 2 - 17 Lone Star skiers (some Los Amigos in the mix too) arrived at Kalispell, MT for a week of skiing and fun at Whitefish Resort with the Texas Ski Council's Final Showdown. 134 skiers from 6 Clubs participated. LSS stayed at The Lodge at Whitefish in the condos looking over Whitefish Lake. The Lodge had an indoor hot tub and pool with a huge outdoor hot tub with magnificent lake and mountain views.

Whitefish - wow what a beautiful place! The softest powdery snow I have ever skied. We could not have picked a better week to be there. The snow stopped early in the week and we had clear sunny days the rest of the week. The locals said that sunny days can be rare. The mountain had 199" of snow to date with 4" of new snow the day we arrived. The 6,817 foot Summit had a 88" base.

Sunday, the TSC Welcome Party at the Grouse Mountain Lodge had appetizers including - fresh vegetables & remoulade, Spanakopita, Seared Beef Tenderloin + horseradish caper aioli & crostini, Lemon Pepper Trout Cakes, and cookies. This event was a nice chance for old ski buddies to get caught up with each other.

Tuesday's Club Dinner was at the Buffalo Café which has a local Whitefish flare. The Dallas Ski club was also having their club dinner. Bison Meatloaf and Elk Tacos were some of the local specials. The espresso ice cream with dark chocolate sauce and whip cream was the icing on the cake. Vera Weldon did not ski but explored the area and visited Glacier National Park. Cheryl Mershon almost did not ski at all – she made it down the mountain once before she picked up the sled express to the clinic. Unfortunately, she was not able to get back on her skis this week. James Mershon finished a few more runs on Tuesday while Cheryl finished up in the clinic.

Thursday's Farewell Dinner and Racing Awards were also hosted at the Grouse Mountain Lodge. The dinner menu included Green salad, Artisan Rolls, Sauteed Chicken Breast with spinach, tomatoes and garlic, Rosemary Roasted Red Potatoes, Chef's Seasonal Vegetable, and NY Cheesecake with fresh berries, chocolate drizzle. Fabulous!

Race awards were presented before dinner. Joe Mueller and Bert Butkus were the sole LSS racers. Bert was awarded the Gold EPIC pin. Joe was awarded a Bronze EPIC pin.

The DJ played plenty of dance music and of course the famous "Friends in Low Places" which had the floor packed with the group dance lead by our former LSS member and now Los Amigos', Glen "Hopper" Strother.

Friday was the last day to ski and our last Après Ski time at The Boat Club inside The Lodge at Whitefish. This was a very nice ending to a fabulous week of skiing. Thanks to our friends from other clubs who joined us! Thanks to Cheryl and Dana for planning the trip. Of course, thanks to Joe Mueller for stepping up to be the Race Director. And a big thank you to Tere Mayne for coordinating the whole TSC Final Showdown trip. Dana Lindberg – Trip Director

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WE WANT YOU- AS A TRIP DIRECTOR

Recruiting for trip directors for 2024 trips and 2025 TSC Ski trips. There is a **NEW** process for applying for trip directors. If you are interested in running a trip, go to the Club Webpage and under “Looking for Trip Directors” there is a Survey Button. Click on it and answer the questions. You are able to choose multiple known trips or an upcoming trip that is not planned yet. This will help us create a pool of trip directors for our trips!

Never ran a trip? No worries, Cheryl and Elizabeth can help you with the planning. Cheryl and Mike will handle financials. Trip Director training will cover many details.

Trip Director responsibilities:

- Communicate to participants prior and during the trip
- Create the Club Trip Page and Newsletter slides/updates.
- Market the trip. The TD is expected to market their trip by attending Happy Hours, email blasts and communication with sister clubs as needed.
- If TSC trip, communicate THROUGH the TSC Trip Coordinator for trip details.
- Plan the Trip Agenda (Club Dinner, Happy Hours, activities, etc.)
- After the trip, a short trip write-up for the newsletter and submit your expense report.



Lone Star Skiers & Adventure Club



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our
Facebook Page
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2022-2023 Board of Directors

Thank you for your service!

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