



The Lone Star Cruiser

November 2023



Lone Star Skiers and Adventure Club



The Prez Says!



I have noticed on the news that the snow is starting early this year in the high country. As a result, I start to think about skiing and I dream of a banner year with lots of fluffy white powder. Skiing also means to me a group of Lone Star friends gathered around a fireplace with adult beverages laughing and telling stories of their adventures.

We are going back to an old favorite area - **Whitefish, Montana in 2024**. Everyone loves this ski town, with its unpretentious wild west vibe and a great mountain. This is a Texas Ski Council trip, so you will be able to see your old friends from all the other Texas ski clubs. Again, there will be non skiing activities if you don't want to ski or if you are like me and you just want to ski a day or two. All the information is on the website for you to review.

The snow is falling. It is time to lock in your winter plans and go with your buddies. Some of us have been going on trips together for over 25 years or more. Let's do a few more runs together. Cheers to the good times!

See you there! Elizabeth Lutton President.



See if you can be the first to find the Nov leaf  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 LEAF in the subject line to katherine.nelson@verizon.net wins! You could win an amazon gift card.



**Happy Hour &
Quarterly Meeting
Tues – Nov. 14, 2023**

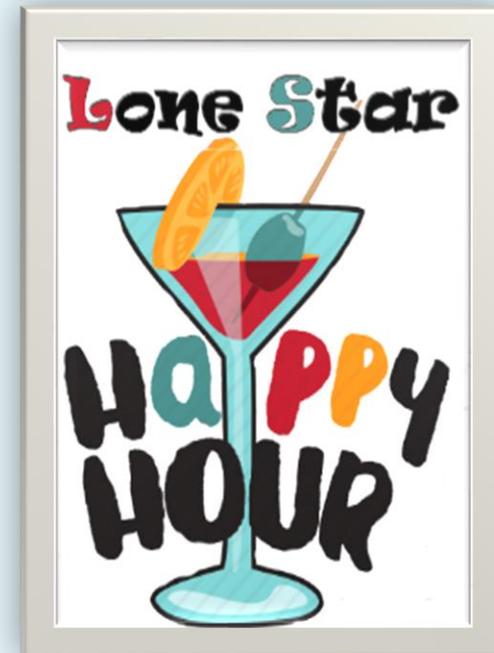
Time: From 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

\$5 Domestic Beer, \$6 Imported Beers
Specialties: Mules, Martini's, Margaritas
\$7-\$12
Drink Specials until 7pm

Spatch Kitchen + Cocktails

5000 Belt Line Road
Dallas, TX 75254
972-846-0790

**Light appetizers provided by the BOD – but
consider staying for dinner.**



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



Lone Star Skiers Present:

A Taste of Africa - A Harvest Celebration and Wine Tasting

Sunday, November 19, 2023 | 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

St. Marks Parish Church

2024 S. Collins

Arlington, Texas 76010

- Come Join us as the Lone Star Skiers and Adventure Club teams up with both the Wine Society of Texas DFW Chapter to celebrate the harvest with South African wine and traditional food from all over Africa. The harvest in most African counties is a time to celebrate life's abundance with family and friends. We will taste several different wines with a variety of food made for a feast, including some rarity wines not exported to the U.S. We will also hear about African traditions in various countries. We will even have a slide presentation to revisit the Lone Star Skier's South Africa trip.
- The cost of the event is a \$30 per person – payable at the event. Guests are welcome!
- RSVP: ealutton@hotmail.com. (LSS President and Wine Society DFW Chapter Chair)



LONE STAR SKIERS & ADVENTURE CLUB

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

with Dinner, Live Music and a Casino Night!

Saturday, December 9, 2023

RENAISSANCE NORTH DALLAS

1590 LBJ FREEWAY

DALLAS, TX 75234

972-869-4300

\$85 pp includes Dinner, Live Music, Casino Night + 2 drink tickets
(Beer & Wine)

CASINO GAMES: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Try your hand at blackjack, poker or craps. Prizes awarded for highest chip winners

LIVE MUSIC by *MAPLESHADE* starting at 6:00pm

DINNER BUFFET SERVED around 7:00 pm

This is one party you really don't want to miss! Dress is cocktail - formal.

Special Holiday Hotel Rates will be published soon.

Self parking is free in the hotel parking garage

Questions?

Contact Tamara Preston @ tamarap@kw.com

Sign-up is open on our website!



November 2023 Celebrations:

02 Terry Smith
04 Dana Lindberg
09 Bernard Clinton
09 Gene Mayer
11 Mark Davidson
12 Pamela Autrey
13 Ben Davis, Jr.
13 Tonya Stephens
18 Michael Hines
18 Rusty Wells
20 Roberta McAllister
28 Lino Fewins

New & Renewing Members!

Eileen Edaburn
Robert Lambert

Linda Sharpe
Ken Demko
Fay Morgan

Sign Up for LSS 2024 Ski Trips. Registration is Open!

Are you ready to travel to amazing places and travel with friends? Enjoy the culture, food and just have fun? Now you can! The trips are open and ready for sign-up. Go to the website and look under Trips for more details and how to sign up. We will be opening the trips up to sister clubs mid-September.

- **[Whitefish, MT \(Mar 2-9, 2023\)](#)**: An LSS favorite. Whitefish is where small town charm meets world-class hospitality. Come and “Ski the Fish. Hotel and Condo options are available at the Lodge at Whitefish. Trip offers both air and land packages, free ground transportation and all the TSC & Club activities. Lift tickets are extremely affordable. Minutes from downtown Whitefish, 10 minutes to the ski slopes and less than a 30-minute drive to Glacier National Park. Pricing starts at \$1,632 for Hotel Rooms with double occupancy and \$1,674 for a pillow in a 2bd/2ba condo.



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 Turkoise: 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. Air is not included, and pricing starts at \$2,116 for double occupancy. **14 SPOTS LEFT!**



- **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 cliffides 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. Trip is offered with and without air. Pricing starts at \$4,570.00 Double Occupancy/ per person. Includes RT Airfare, RT Shuttle service, 8 nights lodging, with baggage handling, 10 meals, motorcoach transportation, activities and admissions listed in the itinerary, and certain gratuities. **3 SPOTS LEFT!**
We can start a waitlist if needed.

October Happy Hour at The Londoner



A Culinary Tour Through Tuscany Oct. 10-18, 2023



Tuscany brought us beautiful weather to enjoy the amazing views everywhere we went.

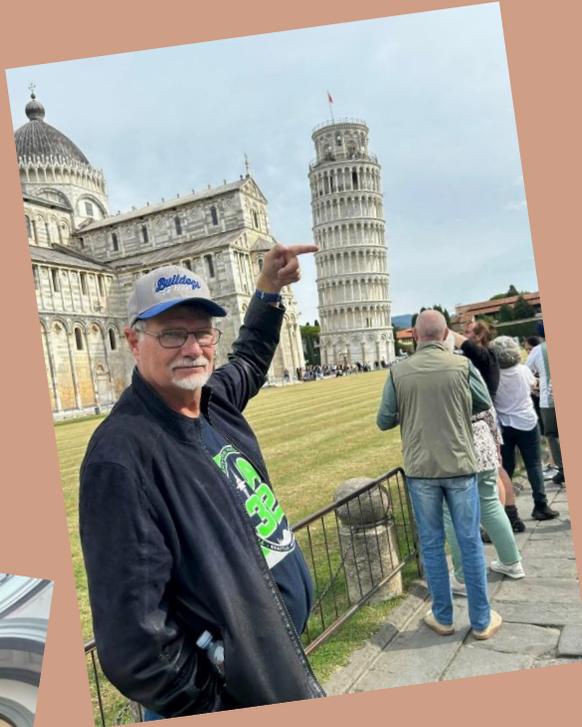
Our hotel was a bit remote for the nearby town, but there was plenty to see and do. Day 3 found LSS in Florence, Italy and we got to view the famous statue of David. A walking tour of Florence afforded us its history and beauty. Next we went to a truffle farm and watched the truffle dog sniff out delicious truffles. She even ate one herself they were that good! The group tasted truffle favored honey and pasta!

Day 4 shown brightly as we headed off to Cooking class to make ravioli and tagliatelle. They cooked up our hard work with a delicious lunch and we enjoyed the winery's vintages. We headed to another winery for more tastings and a dinner under the stars. Day 5 had us traveling to Montalcino to enjoy a multi-sensory experience of wine and music! Dinner was a traditional Italian at a local Farmhouse. (We also slipped a Pecorino cheese tasting in between travels.)

Day 6 took us to Siena where we walked the area of the famous Palio horse race and learned its history. We had time to wander about and have lunch before going to San Gimignano for art and gelatos. Day 7 was an optional tour to Pisa to take cheesy pictures of the Leaning Tower of Pisa and walk the grounds. Next we headed to Lucca high above the valleys offering spectacular views. Dinner was a 7-course beef dinner at the restaurant of Italy's most famous butcher. The meal was divine!

Our last day was spent traveling to Lake Trasimeno where we took the ferry the Isle Maggiore and dined on local beef or lake fish. The group explored the island before heading back to our farewell dinner and early flights out.

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2024 Train Ride and Tyler Rose Festival

Fifteen of your LS Skiers did a real TX weekend riding the rails and getting their royal on!

We spent a few hours riding through the piney woods from Palestine to Rusk TX and back on the TX State vintage railway and then ate lunch on a beautiful Rusk station property complete with a lake. So nice to be back outside after our brutal summer!

Then we all headed to the same hotel to overnight in Tyler and had a fabulous dinner at The Grove, again enjoying a beautiful evening outside. Bright and early Saturday came with a free breakfast that was very hot and handy.

Saturday morning the Tyler Rose Festival parade started at 9am. The beautiful Rose Festival Queen and her court rode on floats, and every band in town treated us to marching music. Many fancy cars and the Shriners were running the street. Candy was being thrown to all the kids young and old but no chocolate 😏 The Rose Festival is a very well-known and long-standing event weekend.

After the parade, we headed to a historic home and enjoyed a brief tour followed by the arts and crafts display along with food trucks for a lunch again outside. We gathered chairs and circled our wagon enjoying the usual festival food. It was warm, so I particularly enjoyed ice cream.

From 1-3pm Saturday afternoon, the Queen's Tea took place in the Tyler Rose Garden and Arboretum. It was time to take photos of these beautiful young women in their 'film' themed gowns. The girls raise money to pay for their lavish dresses and must interview for a spot. The court were all 21-22-year-old towny gals who can only be in this pageant once. Out of town gals were also in the court and called Duchesses. Handsome young men were chosen to escort these lovely ladies. If you don't know, Tyler is an oil-rich town, and I have to say you could tell that during the tea with beautifully dressed court Moms and Dads 😊 Tyler also has UT Tyler.

Later most of us took an afternoon nap before having dinner at Pino del Lago on a private lake. It was another perfect weather evening!

Sunday morning, we bid each other good-bye and hit the road to home. Everyone enjoyed this Texas get-away. If I ever go back, I want to attend the Queen's Coronation as I'm sure it is quite a production now that I have experienced this festival. Thanks everyone who enjoyed a unique couple of days. Paula Lanigan

2024 Train Ride and Tyler Rose Festival



WE WANT YOU- AS A TRIP DIRECTOR

Recruiting for trip directors for 2024 Ski and Non-Ski season. We are also looking for 2025 Ski Trip Directors. 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. Attend Happy Hours if located in Dallas area, zoom calls, emails, work with Tour Operator to promote, etc.
- 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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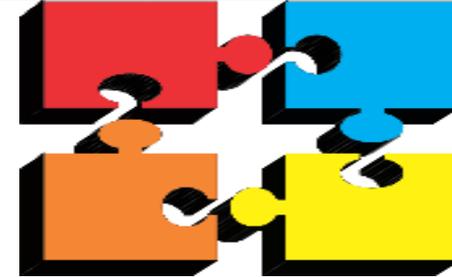
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