



The Lone Star Cruiser

June 2023



Lone Star Skiers and Adventure Club



A Note from Your President

Welcome to a new year of fun and friendship!

I am honored to serve as your President this year. For those who don't know me, let me introduce myself. I have been a member since 1997 and have served on the board twice in many positions. My special emphasis is travel, so expect to see a brand new group of exciting trips in the near future.

With the great Board that we have, also expect to see a variety of interesting activities. Of course, we will continue our monthly Happy Hour tradition to get together frequently.

Send me your ideas and comments. This is your club, so tell us what you want to do. See you at the next Happy Hour. Cheers!

Elizabeth Lutton - President

See if you can be the first to find the **June Seashell**  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 SEASHELL** in the subject line to katherine.nelson@verizon.net wins! You could win a \$25 amazon gift card.

2023 LSS Volunteer Appreciation and Pool Party

Sat., June 17, 2023

2:00 – 6:00pm

The Board is excited to announce the 2022-23 Volunteer Appreciation Party in Plano this year! Lone Star will provide a catered meal, beer and wine, water, sodas.

- Feel free to BYOB and if you like, a special dish to share.
- The cost is complimentary to the 2022-2023 volunteers!
- Address and parking details will be sent to all who register.



Other LSS members can attend for \$20/person with non-members/guests at \$25.

Deadline for registration is June 10, 2023

(Check for your name on the volunteer list under documents)

We need Volunteers to help with set-up and tear-down at the party. This puts you on the Volunteer List for next year. Check the website for details.



Happy Hour Tues, June 13, 2023 TNT Sports Page

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

Domestic beers are \$3.50

House Wines are \$5.00

Well Drinks are \$3.50

Call Drinks are \$6.00

**Appetizers provided – please consider
staying for dinner!
OH, and bring a friend!**



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

House Boat party! Let's Cruise Lake Lewisville



Sat., July 15, 2023

1130am – 5pm

Hosts: Mike & Cynthia Birowski

Summer fun on Lake Lewisville.

We will swim in a cove and slide down the boat slide. Bring your swimsuit, a small cooler for your beverages, and soft soled shoes. Please - No hard or high heeled shoes. You must be able to climb a ramp to get on the boat and move about while it is in the water.

For members only.

Contact: Elizabeth Lutton- ealutton@hotmail.com for more information.

\$40, includes box lunch



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03 Beth Slaughter
04 Cole Johnson
05 Candis Hines
14 Tom Preston
17 Craig Holmes
18 Steve James
18 Stephen Shellberg
19 Cheryl Acres
22 Marketa Sotonova
23 Carol Kjelstad
25 George Lopez
30 Marla McKibben



MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to our New and Renewing Members

New

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Thomas Chambers
Kim Crutchfield

Renewing Members

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Catherine Walther
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Keep Lone Star's Members informed! We encourage you to share member news by posting on our Facebook page. Feel free to share by posting photos, member announcements, and postings about yours and past members life events, anniversary, weddings, memorials, etc that you think would be of interest to our member. This is a private page so **ONLY** members will see the posts. (Special requests for email distribution, like hospitalizations and memorials can still be sent to Harriet Bonds at h.bonds@sbcglobal.net)

Kentucky Derby Extravaganza

May 4-7, 2023



On May 4th, thirteen adventuresome LSS members set off to experience the 149th Kentucky Derby. A short 15-minute ride from Bluegrass Airport transported our members to the luxurious Embassy Suites, Lexington. Located in the heart of Kentucky's Bluegrass Country it was a short 3-mile drive to downtown Lexington. The hotel featured complimentary cooked-to-order breakfasts and nightly manager's reception.

Friday arrived bright and sunny for the group. Sports Authority provided buses to transport our members for the day's activities. The host, Nicholas Newman, a former horse trainer was outstanding! LSS got to visit a working horse farm, getting to pet and interact with these beautiful animals. They stopped for arranged lunch and while, there was a Bourbon tour and tasting at a distillery scheduled, unfortunately, lunch took longer than expected and it had to be cancelled.



Saturday dawned bright and sunny day for all the races at the Derby. The group was transported to the Derby to soak in the experience, place their bets, see the famous and beautiful people (Barbara saw Patrick Mahomes!), sip a Mint Julip, and swim through the sea of magnificent hats! And the Derby lived up to its name with #8 Mage, a 3-year chestnut colt having 15-1 odds surged late in the race to pass both leaders and holding off crowd favorites Two Phil's and Angel of the Empire. His jockey Javier Castellano had his 1st ever Derby win after 16 starts.

Sunday, the group said goodbye to Lexington and returned home cross off this Bucket List trip.



DESTIN FLORIDA

May 9 - 14, 2023

One of the best things about traveling with Lone Star Skiers on their club trips is the opportunity to form really good and solid friendships! These types of trips are also one of the most fun trips you can experience!!

The fun and comradery for our Destin Beach Trip started as soon as we got unpacked and met up for our first happy hour. We not only drank copious amounts of wine and chowed on appetizers, we celebrated all the May birthdays in our midst.

Wednesday, we grabbed chairs on the beach and by the pool and just relaxed - really relaxed!! That was until we heard about the Tiki Hut just a short walk down the beach where one could grab a nice frozen drink. Several of us took orders and hiked down to what became our favorite day spot to grab some Bushwackers and Pina Coladas.

Wednesday evening, we celebrated Fred LeVay's 70th birthday with another happy hour and another round of song! Several of us checked out the gas grills and Yvonne Ambrose and Todd Richey grilled a whole fish with eyes and all, while the all-girl condo broke into a rendition of "We Are Family," declaring lifetime sisterhood between them.

Thursday, many got up early to enjoy a pontoon boat ride out to Shell Island. We hopped off our boat and walked around, exploring the floating restaurants, general store, ice cream boats. That evening, most of us checked out The Wine Bar, featuring amazing food and wine

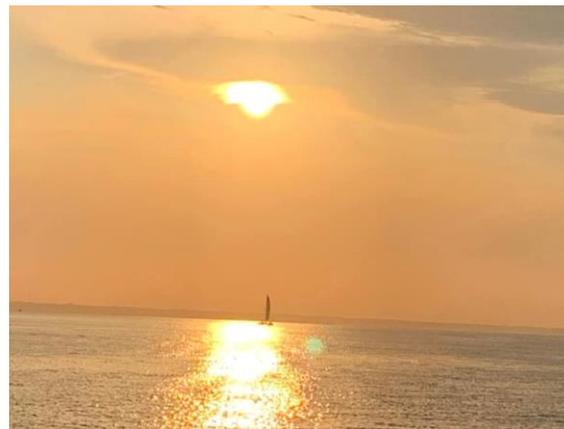
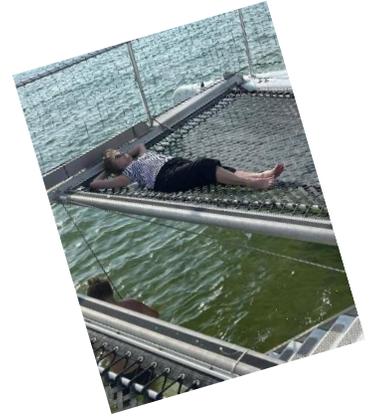
Friday morning, the all-girl condo toasted Annette Swaggerty on her wedding anniversary (she postponed her celebration with hubby to go on this trip. Trying to gather a group of 27 after a day and evening of cocktails for a group picture did not prove as successful as hoped but we managed!

We topped off our trip with an amazing sunset cruise Saturday evening which was the perfect ending to our trip. The weather was incredible and the sunset was spectacular – and included dolphins swimming with us along the way.

I wish I could name each participant individually, but trust me when I say this was a perfect trip with the best group of folks. Everyone got along so well, and many true friendships were formed and solidified. I strongly encourage you to join us next time we do one of these!! This is how you really get to know our folks!

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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.

A Culinary Tour of Italy

DATES: October 10 - 18, 2023

Time is running out to sign up and travel with Lone Star. You stay in one 4+ star hotel the entire stay. Thae begin to eat and drink your way through Tuscany, Italy. Premier World Travel has prepared a 5-star bucket list trip!

TRIP INCLUDES: International Airfare, 7 Nights at the Hotel, 17 Meals, Deluxe Motorcoach, and Portage.

WHAT WILL YOU SEE AND DO?

Truffle Hunt & Tasting, Pasta Cooking Class, Volpaia's Castle & Winery, Tuscan Farmhouse & Winery with Dinner & Wine, Gelato Tasting, Boat excursion on Lake Trasimeno and so much more! Please see details on the website.

Contact Cheryl Slaughter, Trip Director for Details



The Northern Lights of Finland!

DATES: Nov 9 - 16, 2023

Full and Partial Packages available. Both include ground transportation between travel locations, all lodging, a Welcome Party, City Tour in Helsinki, and all activities. Land only offers optional round trip airfare, airfare within Finland, airport transfers. Trip insurance offered by Collette is recommended.

Join Lone Star to experience the eerie majestic magic of the Northern Lights, spend a night in a glass igloo, mush a dogsled team and ride in reindeer sleighs. You even get to visit Santa's home and relax – often – in the famed Finnish saunas.

Contact Terry Smith, Trip Coordinator for details at terrismithremax@gmail.com



European Christmas Market River Cruise

DATES: Nov 22 to Dec 3, 2023

This trip has been waitlisted for a while now! It's so popular we may look at repeating it in the coming years.

Join Debbie Rima, Trip Director, on this magical, light-filled once in a lifetime trip! River Cruise includes 11 days / 10 nights of musical, yule-tide wonderlands mixed with historical sites and naturally beautiful landscapes.

The price includes much more than can fit on this slide so PLEASE: Check out this trip on our website!

Contact Debbie Rima, Trip Coordinator for Details



WAITLISTED

TSC Update:



May's Board of Directors meeting will be held virtually on May 29th at 6:00 PM CST.

The Board is focused on revising Bidfest, when trip RFPs will be submitted (more in line with the industry) and possibly updating Bidfest Policy and Procedures.

Contact us



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- 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

2023-2024 Board of Directors

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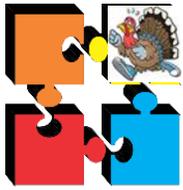
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Let me help you, as I have for many other LS Members, make sense of Medicare and the options available to you.

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