



March 2021



*Lone Star Skiers
&
Adventure Club
LSS Cruiser*



Board Messages and Discussions

The Board met on February 16, 2021. Topics of discussion included upcoming Board Elections, Havana and Costa Rica upcoming trips, TSC activities, Club financials and activities. If COVID restrictions permit it, we will plan an April Happy Hour. We also decided to move voting for Board Members to April to allow our members to vote in person OR by an email ballot. If you would like to run for a position, please contact Tamara Preston to submit your name. Meet some of the officers running for re-election in this newsletter.

One of our major topics is what we can do for the club members. Trips and activities have been cancelled, options are limited, and people are unsure if they want to travel. Plus, with the added travel restrictions concerning multiple locations, it is difficult to plan future trips. Fear not! We are closely monitoring not only COVID, but the impact from the recent weather Texans have had to endure to see what we can do. If you need help as a result of the weather, please reach out to the Board. Lastly, good news on Snowmass Refunds! We will soon be issuing the refunds to those participants.

Please submit pictures of themselves keeping busy during this time. What have you been doing? Has anyone traveled? Send me your story and pictures!

Find the leprechaun in this edition and be the first one to email me for a prize!

Cheryl Slaughter – VP Trips

March Birthday Wishes!

3/9	Janet Medlock
3/9	Lori A Parker
3/15	Caprice Dodson
3/15	Diane S Gilliam
3/17	Patricia Anderson
3/20	Ron Campbell
3/20	Susan Swaim
3/25	Beach W Aten



CALL TO ACTION!

- **Interested in becoming a Board Member?** Let Tamara Preston know. Elections will be in April 2021. Meet those running for re-election and open positions in this newsletter.
- **2021 Bidfest: April 9 – 11, 2021.** Elizabeth Lutton and I will be attending virtually and voting on the 2022 TSC Trips. Those trips cancelled this year will be back on the bid list (Snowmass and Lake Louise). If you would like to listen in, contact Cheryl Slaughter
- **Happy Hour:** We are looking at possibly having an April Happy Hour. Dependent of COVID restrictions and venues. Stay tuned!
- **What do you want to do in 2021?**
Activities, trips close to home,
let's make things happen!!



LSS Board Elections

It is that time again! Time for elections to the Lone Star Ski and Adventure Club Board for the 2021/2022 Season. Unfortunately, COVID severely limited what the Board could do over the past year, so many of us did not get a chance to show you what we can do! Many of the Board is running for re-election but we have several open spaces on the Board to fill.

If you are interested in being on the Board and help shape the Club – this is it. Let Tamara Preston know, and you will be added to the ballot. This is your chance to help grow and expand our Club. New vision, new voices and especially new ideas on Activities, Trips (both ski and non-ski) are always welcome. This is your Club after all, and you can help chart our course as we head into the new season. Not ready to serve but have good ideas and suggestions? Email us your thoughts!

We are trying to plan a Happy Hours in April and you can vote there, but if we can't or you are unable to attend, you can cast your vote on the Club's website. You must be an active member to vote and run for a Board position. If you have any question about the ballot process, please reach out to Cheryl Slaughter.

Board Elections and Positions

All Board positions are open to any active member wishing to run. We have several open positions we need to fill. This is a wonderful way to give back to the Club and have fun as well. Voting will take place during the April Happy Hour (if possible) and/or by electronic ballot.

Board Positions are:

- President
- VP of Activities
- VP of Communications
- VP of Marketing
- VP of Membership
- VP of Trips
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Director, Non-Ski Trips
- Director, Activities
- Director

Meet Those Running for Re-election



Tamara Preston, President

Tamara had her work cut out for her this year with all the COVID related work that arose. Stead-fast and calm headed, she kept the member's best interests first and foremost. Tamara is ready to run again and work at building our club and getting back to what we do best!



Meet Those Running for Re- election

Cheryl Slaughter, VP Trips & Interim Role

Greetings Fellow LSS'ers! I'm running for re-election as VP of Trips. I've been on the Board for the past 5 years. Since COVID killed all our travel plans this past year, I am more than ready to start planning some new and exciting trips. I heard you – been there, done that. I am looking at new places to travel and ski, different lengths of trips, optional activities and of course, keeping it all affordable. As one of your TSC representatives, I am keeping LSS interests in front of the TSC and am passing along your feedback with regards to trips. There is a whole big world out there to see, explore and ski. Let's get ready for an exciting and fun upcoming season.

I have also been acting as your interim VP of Communications when this role became vacant, and no-one was able to fill it. I had great fun in creating the newsletters and updating the website. I haven't had as much time to do all I would have liked to (still a working girl here) but I would like to have more Club communications to our members. And give our newsletter a bit of zing to make it more interesting. I do enjoy this role and will continue it if we do not have someone interested in this Board position.

Lastly, I am your Security/Data Officer for Club Express. This added feature added additional security to keep your personal information safe.

Meet Those Running for Re-election



Marcia Wilkicki, VP Membership

Hi there Lone Star Ski and Adventure Club! I'm running for re-election as VP of Membership. While my capacity was limited this year, I enjoyed being your Chair, I would welcome the chance this year to explore ways of expanding our membership. I have learned how to utilize ClubExpress and its reporting functions to better benefit our members. Lastly, I want to give back to the Club as your Membership Chair once again.



Elizabeth Lutton, Director: Non-Ski Trips

I am addicted to travel. This is why I am running again for the Director of non-skiing trips. After going on and leading many Lone Star Skiers and Adventure Club trips, I decided last year to run for the Director position so that I can plan the trips that I like to go on and that I know our members will like. However, this year has been a very strange year, and I spent most of this year cancelling and rescheduling trips instead of planning them. For the upcoming year, I want the club to get back to normal with a full slate of non-skiing trips. I have been a club member since 1997 and have traveled with the Texas Ski Council since 1994. My previous Board service was from 2005-2010. Where do you want to go in late 2021 or 2022?

Meet Those Running for Re-election



Judi Lamson, Secretary

Hi everyone! I am running for re-election as Secretary of LSS. A 22-year member, I have been on the Board as Secretary for 8 years and was a Director for 2 years prior. Each year is a little different as new members of the Board come on, but it has always been interesting and enjoyable to work with everyone. My main duties include taking the minutes and attendance records for Board meetings, keeping track of birthdays for the newsletter, and keeping all the trip pricing, evaluations, and related reports on the website. I like being involved in helping with Club activities and encourage anyone who would like to run for any office to step up and volunteer. This has been a great way for me to give back to the club.



Mike McKimens, Treasurer

Mike is a veteran at keeping our books. Not only that but he is a stickler for Club process and policy! Experienced and knowledgeable of Club Express and financial software, Mike also files our club's taxes and keeps our non-profit status up to date. We've decided we're keeping Mike as no-one does it better!

Non-Ski Trip Updates

The Costa Rica trip is a go for for April 6-13. The trip is currently wait-listed but check with Trip Director Terry Smith as it is possible additional rooms may be available.

The Cuba trip **HAS BEEN** rescheduled to Nov 6-11, 2021 We have 3 spots open. Contact Trip Director Susan Riewe if you are interested in participating.

Be aware international travel is currently subject to a variety of restrictions, including Covid-19 negative tests results before departure and upon arrival back in the US. We strongly urge you to be familiar with those restrictions to make an informed decision to continue with or sign up for trips.

Where would you like to go for the 2021-2022 non-ski travel season? What type of trip (week-long, weekend, long-weekend, day trip) and activities? Please let Elizabeth Lutton, Director of Non-Skiing Trips know at, elalutton@hotmail.com with your ideas. This is **YOUR** club!



St Patrick's Day – Fact or Fiction

- The Shamrock was once used to show Irish pride in their heritage
- Green is the traditional color for St. Patrick
- Leprechauns are happy, merry souls responsible for mending the shoes of other fairies
- St. Patrick was not Irish.
- Celebratory parades for St. Patrick's day originated in Ireland
- Corned beef and cabbage are traditional Irish foods
- St Patrick's Day used to be a dry day (no alcohol).
- St Patrick brought Christianity to Ireland
- Chicago dyes the river green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day
- St Augustine was the first US city to hold a St Patrick's Day celebration
- Irish immigrants flocked to the US in the mid 1800's due to oppressive British rule

Answers in next edition!



Valentine's Day Across the World

How well did you do?

If you lived here

1. Denmark
2. France
3. South Korea
4. Wales
5. China
6. England
7. Philippines
8. Italy
9. Brazil
10. South Africa
11. Iraq
12. Bulgaria
13. Argentina

Your sweetheart would get:

1. Pressed flowers called snowdrops and lover's cards
2. Fill facing houses and pair up. Males not satisfied change their partner for another
3. Month-long celebration where women take the lead to woo the men
4. Carved intricate wooden spoons are made and presented to his beloved
5. Fruits and melons are offered to Zhinu to hopes to find their future husband
6. Place 5 bays leaves on your pillow to dream of your future husband
7. Mass weddings are held everywhere on Feb 14th
8. Gift exchanges and romantic dinners are the new norm
9. Is skipped in favor of "Lovers Day" where everyone celebrates, not just couples
10. Wear your heart on your sleeve with your love interest's name printed on it
11. Go all out with red symbols for Valentine's Day
12. On May 1st kiss your mate under a cherry tree to bring good luck for the coming year
13. Sweet's Week where kisses are exchanged for sweet treats

Next ***Board of Directors*** Meeting:
Tuesday, March 16, 2021
from: 6:30 - 8:00 pm

These are virtual Zoom meetings



TSC Update:

2021 Bidfest will be virtual again this year from April 9 – 11. If you are interested in attending, please contact Cheryl Slaughter or Elizabeth Lutton

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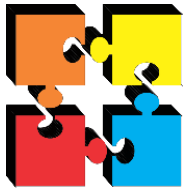
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Dazed and Confused about Medicare???

Paula Lanigan, Independent Health Insurance Agent, can HELP!!

With over 30 years health insurance/benefits experience, I'm your resource to make sense of Medicare benefits and available options when new to Medicare, or during the annual open enrollment in October through December 7 when you can review your current program or make changes.

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- ✓ Aetna, Humana, United Healthcare/AARP, CIGNA, Silverscript
- ✓ Assist with ancillary products like dental and vision options



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