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NEWSLETTER



General Meeting:

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[Warehouse 72](#)
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Suite 305

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From Mission Control



**Beverly Roberts,
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Hello Friends

First, I hope everyone has recovered from the February super freeze. I also hope we don't have any more 'unprecedented' events for a LONG time, and that we are approaching some version of what we remember as normal life! Charlie and I have received our vaccinations, and we are excited to restart our social life. We attended the February and March club dinners and the March club meeting – our first club activities in a YEAR! It was soooooo good to see friends we have missed so much.

There is lots of club news to report.

First, in the March meeting, Anne Thomas, the chair of the nominating committee, presented the proposed slate of officers

for the 2021-2022 term. The slate, which was approved by in-person and proxy voters, is made up of both current officers returning for another term and several long-time club members who have agreed to serve. A big thanks to EVERYONE who has agreed to leadership roles for the coming year, including officers and trip coordinators. The club is run by volunteers, and we appreciate the creativity, dedication, patience, and TIME our volunteers commit to the club.



Snowbird: Charles Albright, Kasia Rezmer, Renata Juraczk Diane Baker, Ross Baker

From Mission Control Continued

Also – **big news** - please help me welcome new member Susan Granbery, who has agreed to take on the role of Webmaster. Yes, her name is familiar – she is the sister of our long-time member and super volunteer, Sarah Granbery. Please give Susan your full support, and we all look forward to working with her in the coming year.

Finally, it's already Bid Fest time! The virtual meetings are scheduled April 9-11. Destinations for TSC 2022 Winter Expedition trip and the three 2023 TSC ski trips (Traditional, Winter Shootout and Final Showdown) will be selected. Stay tuned for more information!

As always, visit the club website often and read the weekly eblasts for news on activities and trip updates. Join the activities as you feel comfortable. Be safe! And let's all hope for a spring and summer full of the 'precedented' rather than the 'unprecedented' !!

Beverly



Countdown to Lift Off



**Marsha Lutz,
Vice President of
Trips**

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Hello! Spring has sprung!

Well the 2020-2021 ski season is over - albeit a limited one it was for SCSC. At least we had almost 50 people go to either Jackson Hole or Snowbird. Last fall someone told me they thought we might end up with 0 ski trips like what happened only once in SCSC history sometime in the 80s because of no snow at any of the resorts. But we did get two ski trips off and unlike in the 80s, we now have adventure trips. And luckily, we started doing domestic as well as international adventure trips because the international ones have fallen once again to that ugly COVID problem. Who would have ever thought this would affect our travel over 1.5 years later? At least we can travel closer to home and I know everyone is itching for that and the wheels are starting to roll.

Currently neither Greece nor New Zealand are accepting travelers from the U.S. Greece claims they will be reopened 7/31 but that is just 2 months before our departure

date. So that places too many uncertainties of how open it will be regarding our activities and visits. New Zealand and Australia may not open until 10/31 which is after that trip's departure date. So here we go again. Due to TSC bid rules the New Zealand trip could not be postponed again. It must be cancelled. The tour operator can propose it again at the 2022 BidFest for a Fall 2023 trip. I know it was very popular so maybe it will win again. Greece is a club trip so we can postpone it – again.



Snowbird Tram

We are evaluating timeframes in 2022- sometime in July or August depending on what wins for 2022 Fall Expedition at BidFest on April 11th.

But we do still have our **Grand Canyon/Zion** trip since this one is within the good old USA! Arlen Isham has great plans in place since he has led groups there many times. The late September 2021 trip has just one opening for a male. The next adventure trip known for sure after this is the **Bike & Barge from Bruges to Amsterdam** in June 2022. Talk to Rita and Leyla about that one. They have previously run 2 other bike and boat trips. Both were great experiences and I know their third one will be too.

The above adventure trips have been advertised for some time, so I am sure you know a good bit about them. The ski trips in the table below are in the beginning of the planning phase so stay tuned. I have trip leaders for all but Vail. We have gone to Vail almost every year for over 20 years, so I would feel like things were amiss if we skipped two years in a row.

<i>Destination</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Grand Canyon/Zion National Parks	09/25-09/29/2021
Vail CO – the SCSC annual event	TBD – need a TC
TSC Traditional Park City, UT	01/08 – 01/15/22
TSC Winter Expedition Zell-am-See, Austria –Extension to Prague/Vienna Breckenridge, CO	01/21 -01/29/22
	01/29- 02/05/22
TSC Winter Shootout Telluride, CO	02/05 – 02/12/22
Steamboat, CO	TBD – Feb/early March 2022
Bruges to Amsterdam -Bike/Barge	06/06 – 06/14/2022

Not listed is a trip still in the procurement process and not yet approved by the Executive Committee. But I will say that it is another Arlen adventure trip to Yosemite - possibly in May 2022. And as stated before we are now looking further out to 2023 in our trip planning. The BidFest is a virtual event from April 9-11 where the following trips will be presented and voted upon. The Pre-Select Committee had a large list of 46 options to narrow down to the 22 bids below – not an easy task! SCSC did not have a person on the committee this year, as the positions are filled by a club rotation and we were part of the group last year. It is not easy making our selections from even the narrowed down pre-select committee slate. I have a team helping me review these options.

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I would also like your input on whatever you like or don't like from the bid list below. Please feel free to email me. I may also do a club survey once our review is done. Time is short for your input as the vote will be on April 11th! All this prep work is needed to be prepared for the BidFest meeting. Last year we could have 3 Zoom connections, so a few others besides Beverly, Anne, Sarah and I were able to watch the presentations and hear the delegates' discussions. I imagine this will be the case this year too, so if anyone wants to watch the show let me know before April 8th. Once I have the presentation schedule I can share it with interested parties. Hope to see you at the April General Meeting at Warehouse 72!

Marsha

<u>Traditional 2023 - January</u>	
Destination	Tour Operator
Beaver Creek	Winter Ski & Sports
Steamboat	Sports America
Snowmass	Sports America
Big Sky	Sports America

<u>Winter Expedition 2023- Late Jan/Early Feb</u>	
Destination	Tour Operator
Interlaken, Switzerland	Holidaze
Davos, Switzerland	Holidaze
Ischgl-Samnaun Austria	Winter Ski & Sports
Northern Patagonia	Active Adventures

<u>Winter Shootout 2023 –Feb 11-18</u>	
Destination	Tour Operator
Whitefish	Ski.Com
Beaver Creek	Sports America
Steamboat	Sports America
Jackson Hole	Winter Ski & Sports

<u>Final Showdown 2023 – March 4 or Feb 11-18</u>	
Destination	Tour Operator
Jackson Hole	
Red Mountain	Resort
Lake Louise	Ski White Diamond
Big Sky	Sports America

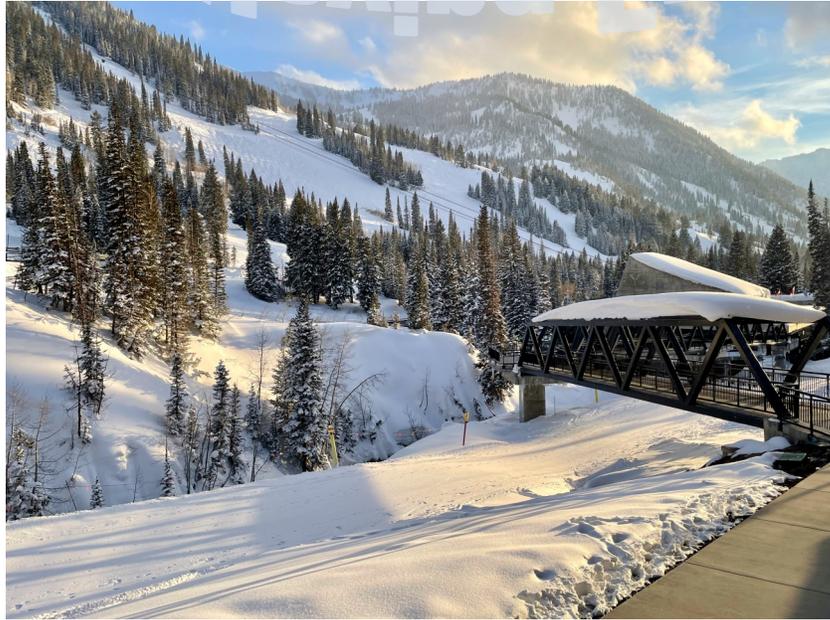
<u>Fall Expedition 2023</u>	
Destination	Tour Operator
South Africa	Premier World Discovery
Scotland/Northern Ireland	Holidaze
Russia	Collette
Poland	Mayflower
Hawaii	SkiGroup.net
Bordeaux	Winter Ski & Sports

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Disc Golf!

Having a Blast



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Vice President
of Activities

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YEAAA!!! I think we are about to get closer to back to normal. The end of April we will start back with In Person Happy Hours and I have a date for the Volunteer Party.

At our February Dinner at Warehouse 72 we had 32 signed up. Unfortunately, we had 6 no shows or cancellations. We ended up having a great time because, not only was the food delicious, but we celebrated George Sargent's birthday. Rowena brought a cake and ice cream for everyone. She had the idea of putting all the candles of his age on it so it was a big fire. He rushed to blow them all out but all the smoke it caused I was scared it was going to set off the smoke detectors and maybe the water sprinklers. Thankfully nothing happened but a lot of fanning of the smoke by several of us.

March 6 was the Disc Golf, unfortunately Bil Cusack who was running it fell off a ladder right before and spent Saturday in the Emergency Room getting checked out. Luckily no permanent damage just very sore. Arlen Isham took over for Bil and said they had a good time. It took about 90 minutes to do the course but said it was a windy day so the Frisby's went all over the place. Afterward they enjoyed a drink at Baker Street Pub. We will plan a few more of these outings.

Karen Leeson left Bil home on Sunday March 7 and led a 15 mile bike ride for her, Cindy Moore, Deb Cini, Barbara Carlson, Lidia Mayforth and Leslie Taylor through Olivewood and Glenwood cemeteries. Both were very educational since both date back to the 1800's, Olivewood was for African Americans and freed slaves where they got a very informative talk from Mr. Cook, the caretaker,

about how it was very overgrown and the movement that led to getting it the way it is today. Then Glenwood was for wealthy Houstonians where many notable Houstonians are buried and they saw Howard Hughes grave. These two cemeteries are polar opposites but both very important historically. They finished up with a brewery stop on Washington at South Urban that had an amazing selection of beers! We will definitely be planning on another bike ride.

We had our first General Meeting of the year on March 8 and I had mistakenly put on the website and in eblasts that March was when we presented the slate of officers and April was when we voted. Beverly let us know when we got there that the vote for the officers was in March. We had 40 signed up to come which would have made the quorum but there were about 10 no shows so a few of us had to get on the phone and ask some members to text us their proxy for the vote. After several calls we were able to get a quorum and the new officers for 2021/2022 were elected.

Our 3rd shot at Trivia at Warehouse 72 is going to be on March 20 and I am planning on it becoming a monthly event. The March Dinner will be at Mia's Table on Gessner across from Memorial City Mall.

Trivia is moving to Friday night instead of Saturday in April and probably from now on. It will be on Friday April 23.

April will be the last 2 ZOOM Happy Hours (April 1 & 15) as I plan to start back to the in person Happy Hours in April. The first one will be at FM Kitchen on Shepherd on April 29. It is a large place and has a big outside area. The April Dinner will be at Blue Agave on April 24. It also is very large and has a covered outside area.

Linda Kuper and I have come up with a date for the Volunteer Party of June 12.

I am starting this week to set the next few months

Having a Blast

of Dinners, Happy Hours and other Activities. If anyone has a suggestion of where would be fun to go, please let me know.

Please keep signing up for activities early and don't wait until the last minute. Several places, I have to let know days in advance of how many are coming.

Lynn

Trivia Contest



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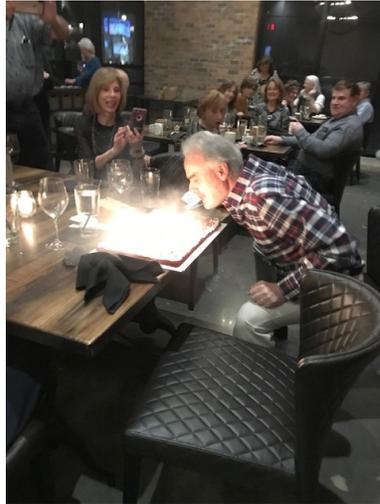
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Extracurricular Activities—April 2021 Upcoming Events



- April 1 & 15** **Virtual Happy Hour every other Thursday**
- April 12** **Monthly meeting at Warehouse 72**
- April 23** **Trivia at Warehouse 72**
- April 24** **Monthly Dinner at Blue Agave**
- April 29** **Happy Hour at the FM Kitchen on Shepherd**

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Hope to see you at the next dinner, happy hour or activity! Bruce

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Tom & Anne Thomas

JACKSON HOLE

After hurdling all the possible Covid issues that effected other trips, the Jackson Hole trip was on its way to departure on Saturday, February 13th. Nothing could stop us!!! Twelve of the thirteen Full Package members were able to board the plane without incident.... and I won't tell on the number thirteen, except to say her self reliance was a Blessing, and she was able to arrange another flight. For land package members, it was a little more dicey. Flights were cancelled, flights were delayed, and some flights took off for Jackson Hole with no guarantee that they would be able to land. That is the power of weather....it can mess up flights while providing pristine powder for skiers. Luckily, our entire group of 26 made it into Jackson Hole, all on the same day, and was able to enjoy the bounty of snow on Sunday.

Saturday afternoon was spent exploring the ski village and arranging ski rentals for many. The Alpenhof Lodge provided a lovely Fondue on Sunday evening. Big fondue pots of yummy, melty, Gruyere and Emmenthler cheese with white wine were served with bread and apples. Thermos Pitchers of hot cider and mulled wine were offered up as well. The bar was open with a nice selection of beers and cocktails. This welcome hour

gave everyone a chance to meet & greet and get the down low on best lifts to take in the morning, the impact of Covid restrictions on the aerial tram (reduced from 100 to 25 person capacity), and best lifts for quickly getting onto the mountain.

Sunday was made for powder hounds!! Jackson Hole Ski Resort had been a dumping ground for snow the week before we arrived. That low cloud ceiling had made it difficult for plane landings on Saturday and this continued right into Sunday. It seemed to be a LOVE it or HATE it kind of day. Great snow with low visibility. Caspers was the lunch gathering spot for the day....but it is a big mountain with lots of dark blue and black runs....easier said than done to get there in a timely fashion. RPK3 was the hit for apres ski. Only 25 yards from the Lodge and very attractive Happy Hour pricing. Fourteen happy people met up for drinks. The hardest part for many of us Boomers was trying to figure out how to place the food and drink orders on our phone!! Luckily, bar service was available for those with all thumbs.

The Alpenhof provided a complimentary breakfast every morning. Each day included a new special....always tasty. The San Antonio Los Amigos contingent of **Kimberly and Steve Finder, Michelle and John Mar-**

shall, along with **Ross and Diane Baker** could be found each morning in the dining room booth with good conversation. Another enjoyable aspect to the dining room was the visits by “B” the Basset Hound and “Lucy” the sorta-kinda Labrador. They were quite the hotel ambassadors and **Fred Keinz** was B’s favorite....because he shared his breakfast.

Monday was more powder and more low cloud ceiling. I struggled to enjoy myself....not very successfully. **Cathy Boyer** and **Lynn Bodfish** headed into the town of Jackson to visit the Galleries. . . We didn’t do an immediate apres ski, but instead all 26 of us gathered for dinner at the AlpenRose restaurant in the Lodge. The dining room was beautifully transformed and very welcoming. First course was a Caesar Salad Our main entree was very entertaining — Fondue Chinoise. We cooked our beef, chicken, and vegetables in a hot broth Occasionally, you could hear the exclaim, “I lost my cauliflower!” This slow and relaxing dinner gave everyone lots of time to get to know each other better. **Stan Kuper** showed off his drawing talents. We all played Guess What Stan drew? The guesses were very entertaining....as was Stan’s actual answer. A freshly made warm, apple, cranberry and almond Strudel with cream Anglaise was served for dessert. I think I heard people groaning in satisfaction.

Meanwhile, Houston was in the clutches of an Arctic Invasion. Facebook posts, friends and family kept us abreast of the power outages and icy conditions.

After two days of intense skiing, many people took off Tuesday and met up in town. **Miranda Kelly, Tammie Naddall, George and Rene Reed**, met up at The Roadhouse. Miranda was able to test a few local craft brews. Tammie got Loose Boots!! And Rene’ has now become a lover of Buffalo Cauliflower with Blue Cheese dipping sauce. And if that wasn’t enough fun, we hustled back to join the after ski group at the Mangy Moose! The Moose is not very Mangey — it is actually a pretty nice bar and restaurant.

Wednesday was FINALLY A BEAUTIFUL DAY!! Sunshine and happiness!! Several people were super excited to see a Moose on one of runs. It was best to see him from the Lift, so you didn’t risk actually running into him. **Tammie Nadell** got in over her head on one of the runs and was taken down in a Toboggan by a very handsome member of the ski patrol. She wasn’t entirely sure if she was taken down because she was weak kneed or if she became weak kneed when he came to her aid. **Terri Barnes** and **Mary Jones** spoke highly of the spa treatments at the Snake River Lodge.

Rather than an immediate apres ski hour, the adventurous met up in Jackson at the Silver Dollar. What a great place. Good music and fabulous art. **Deb and Ken Gordon** saved us some seats.

Many of us went to The Kitchen for dinner. **Deb and Ken Gordon, Fred Keinz and George and Rene** at one table, **Chile Hile, Carlos Gonzales, Cathy Boyer and Lynn Bodfish** at the second and **Miranda Kelly and Tammy Nadell** at another. The wine flowed and we all agreed our dinners were superb!!!

While waiting on the shuttle bus back to the village. A young man drove by and asked if any ladies needed a ride. He was told to come back when he had a vehicle with enough room for everyone! He returned 5 minutes later, (same vehicle) with the stereo CRANKED UP! He and **George Reed** had a dance off in the street much to the laughter of everyone watching, dancing AND singing along. Save a Horse, Ride a Cowboy!

By Thursday, the news from Houston was somewhat dire with power and water losses at many homes and businesses. We joked that we came to Jackson Hole to be warmer.

A partly cloudy day with snow on Thursday morning and NO lift lines. It was ski down

to the lift, get on the lift, and go ski again. After that kind of work out, The Alpenhof Bistro had a cozy fire going and more than a dozen of us gathered for apres ski. Hot toddies, beers, coffee are all great after a cold day!!!

Friday was a HOLY COW kind of powder day! Fourteen fresh inches. Foggy and snowy conditions. **Linda Kuper** continued her conquering of the Green by skiing in thigh deep powder. Bravo Linda! Of course, Linda is petite! It was only calf height for everyone else!

Our last happy hour was back at RPK. Who can resist \$4 drinks!! We made a cheerful dent in their liquor supply. **Robert Reidenbach, Keith Kirkman, Paul & Sandra Stolnacke, Craig Campbell, Ken and Deb Gordon, Fred Keinz, Stan & Linda Kuper, Tammie Nadell, Miranda Kelly and Rene & George Reed** made the most of our last night on the Mountain.

Over Saturday's breakfast, we watched the snow come down at the rate of 3" per hour. **Chile Hile, Carlos Gonzalez, Cathy Boyer** took an early morning trip to the Elk Refuge for photos. I cannot see those!

Always sad to leave and for many of us, we were not exactly sure what kind of damage from the Arctic Invasion that we would be





SNOWBIRD

We had beautiful sunny weather the entire week and we could not have asked for better ski weather.

Our last ski club trip to Snowbird trip was about 10 years ago and I was looking forward going back again. We had 24 people initially registered for the trip then needed to make some changes due to participants' busy work schedules. Ron Rambin had to cancel his trip at the last minute because of Houston's historic freeze that cause major damage to his home following burst water pipes. We fortunately attracted several new members who joined Space City to participate on the Snowbird trip. A big welcome to: Helen Chang, Misun Song, Steven Kwon, Michael Howell, Bobby and Liz Cotton.

22 of us met at Salt Lake City Airport including Steven Kwon and Renata Juraczk who flew in from different states. Alas, our ski bags arrived a lot later than regular baggage which gave us chance to wait for additional participants that were on later flights.

Bobby and Liz Cotton, who are good friends with Joe Zurfley, joined SCSC and drove from Colorado to ski with us.

After the airport we made a quick stop for food and liquor provisions on the way to the Hotel. The drive to the Cliff Lodge was a little slow due to snow and ice however our view was spectacular.

We checked into to our rooms and distributed lift tickets, trail maps and Snowbird neck gaters, Covid cancelled our traditional group welcome party at TC's room however all were in good spirits.

We had a nice breakfast buffet Sunday morning at Restaurant 71 and introduction from Jared who is a director of Snowbird tourism.

Since our lodging offered traditional hotel rooms without a kitchen, I brought an electric kettle, small portable electric burner and pot to provide participants with Korean Spicy Ramyun and rice cake. We had a chance to have small gathering on Tuesday evening to share some spicy noodle soup and white wine brought by Sue and Joan.

We were able to arrange an Italian buffet in the banquet room just for our group. We enjoyed:
Caesar salad with Asiago cheese, garlic croutons and dressing
antipasto, chicken piccata,
Spicy Italian Sausage Marinara
Vegetarian Lasagna,
Zucchini Procanal
Rolls and butter
Tiramisu
Hot coffee, lemonade and water

The buffet was a great chance for all of us to get together and say good bye to Bobby and Liz who were leaving the next day.

Some non-ski participants enjoyed a short bus ride to Alta where they visited the spa enjoyed the outdoor swimming pool and hot tub. Cliff Lodge is surrounded with mountains; the views from Hot tub were amazing!

I want to share a few participant comments:

Sue Muenks 😊

One of the best memories I will take from Snowbird is the beautiful weather we had all week. Blue skies and 30 degree plus temperatures after the previous Houston freeze that

was not fun for Texas gave them around 7 feet of snow from the different reports I heard from the staff at our hotel.

Despite the reports of higher temperatures, I did choose to wear my usual 3 layers including my very well insulated jacket. Little did I know that a group of us, with challenging map reading skills, would spend the day repeating the same mistakes and hiking as much as we skied. At around 1 pm after missing the turn off that a few times that would allow us to ski in to our ski in/out hotel, Ann, Helen, Joan and I decided we would give up trying to figure out the map take our skis off and take the shuttle bus back to the town center. After several group discussions and wrong turns, we finally made it there. Joan, my roommate, who was clearly the wisest of the group, decided to call it a day and return to the hotel. The three of us took the Peruvian lift to the top and proceeded to have the second adventure of the day which included several falls and almost missed turn back to the lodge. Needless to say, when we finally carried our skis across the bridge late in the afternoon because we didn't realize that we needed to take the bunny slope lift back up to actually ski in, we were very tired. Thankfully, Joan and I had wisely invested in several bottles of wine and Ann also invited us for what we deemed is the best Korean soup ever! Thus, the day was promptly forgotten over good food and wine and next day we made sure to read the map correctly!

Gordon Boulger

Excellent trip, well planned, beautiful hotel and everything went smoothly. We had beautiful powder days in the trees and the wide open bowls of The Devil's Castle, Provo and Pipeline. We did some steeper skiing on Upper Cirque, Alf's High Rustler, Katerine's Chutes and the Gad chutes. And we found great bumps and groom-

ers all over Snowbird and Alta. We didn't manage to make it up Mt Baldy, but maybe next time.

Thanks to Ann and everyone for making it a great trip!

Robert Rowley

Twenty - four Space City Ski members spend six days, February 28 - March 5 skiing Snowbirds powder, chutes and trees. Its eleven lifts, 142 open trails and 50 groomed trails offer something for all of us and with 82 inches of snow, Spring time temperatures at 44 degrees and sunny weather what more could we ask for? Perhaps, our answer is: how well can we carve our skis in the soft white gold. In the first two days two inches of powder falls which makes us leave our rooms at the luxurious Cliff lodge at 9:00 A.M. so we can have first tracks. This is every skiers' dream. Diane, Ross, Renata, Kasia, Chuck, Gordon and me ride up the 2800 foot Peruvian chair lift to point our skis down hill. We're in bliss flying through the white gold. The soft moguls are pleasurable to ski over and around on. The group ski's well and is excited to explore Peruvian Gulch, Gad Valley and Mineral Basin. We're so impressed after skiing at Snowbird for two days, that we have to try Alta. It connects with Snowbird at the top of the Baldy chair lift. Simple! While we are there we trek to a giant snowfield off to the right of the Sugarloaf chair lift. After a hundred yards of hiking, we point our ski's down into the cut up powder. I watch as Renata ski's down it with reckless abandon, Diane with enthusiasm, Kasia with laughter, panic and fear, Chuck with ease and me with eagerness. It tests us but we love it. Next come the chutes, they prove to be adverse for our psyches, dropping into them takes courage on account of them being bony at the top, but once inside the belly of the beast, we ski in some of the best snow conditions. There were only two misadventures of

the week when Gordon did a somersault and Chuck slide down a dirty bony section of the Black Diamond Gad Chute. I was skiing third and watched the show! Our ski week at Snowbird offered us an aggressive advanced ski mountain with powder, trees, chutes and more. The Cliff lodge's ski in ski out made skiing easy! Fantastic!!!!!!





Zion & Grand Canyon Tour

Hiking and Sightseeing



TC- Arlen Isham

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September 25—29, 2021

Land Package Price \$617 *

Final Payment – 7/11/2021

Deposit—15%

Total Participants: 30

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Two nights at Springdale, Zion National Park, hiking and scenic views

Scenic drive - Zion National Canyon

One night at the Grand Canyon North Rim Lodge

Scenic drive to Point Imperial and Cape Royal on the North Rim

Scenic drive to the south rim Grand Canyon including many view stops.

One night at the Yavapai Lodge, Grand Canyon South Rim

Rt. 66 & Hoover Dam on the return to Las Vegas

Optional extra time at Las Vegas

Why Choose This Trip?

My wife and I first went to the Grand Canyon in 1969. About 15 years later, we visited Zion and



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both the North and South rims with our children. That started a long association with the Grand Canyon, where I organized 14 adventure trips with almost 400 people over the next 30 years. Many SCSC members have been on those Rim to Rim hiking adventures. You may have been to Zion and the Grand Canyon, but you missed what I will show you, including the amazing North Rim.

This is your chance to join me on a trip with SCSC next September, 2021. Travel with me as I show you the best way to maximize your experience on this scenic trip with the chance to hike a little bit of two of the top ten adventure hikes of the world. If you are not a hiker, you will still be able to see and enjoy these two great National Parks. There will be lots of opportunities to stop and gawk at amazing sights.

What is the Plan?

We fly to Las Vegas on an early Saturday morning flight via an early Southwest Airlines flight; but you can choose your own airline with an early arrival to Las Vegas. We will pick up our four 15 passenger vans with 7 or 8 people in each van. The drive to Springdale is only about 170 miles, so we will arrive in time for an afternoon visit to Zion to hike or sight see. You can join me as I lead a hike up into the famous Zion Narrows for a short distance on the next afternoon as one of the several options.

After our two nights at Zion, we leave Zion on Monday through the east side with more view stops. A stop at Kanab will acquaint you with that area of lower Utah on our drive to the North Rim.



Be in this picture, Monday, September 27, 2021 on the back patio of the North Rim historic lodge.

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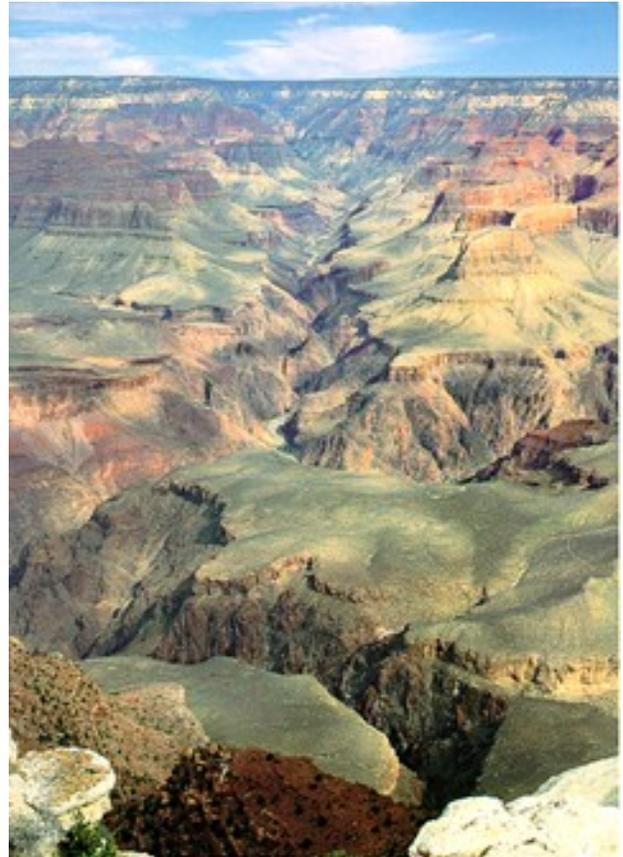
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The North Rim has spectacular views and is surrounded with forest of Ponderosa Pines. It averages 1,000 to 1,500 feet higher than the South Rim! It is isolated from the crowds of the South Rim and provides for a great laid back and relaxing afternoon and evening. We will eat dinner at the famous North Rim Lodge and also enjoy what many people say is one of the best Bloody Mary's in the world. An optional afternoon drive to Point Imperial is often considered the greatest viewpoint on the North Rim. We will continue to Cape Royal to see Angels Window and great views of the Canyon and the south rim.



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On Tuesday, our 3rd day, we will drive around to the South Rim with several stops, including down at the Colorado River to dip your hands into the 55 degree water coming out of Glen Canyon Dam, and maybe see raft companies launching trips down the 270 mile trip through the Canyon. The stop at Marble Canyon over the Colorado River may include sights of Condors under the bridge. The drive along the south rim of the Grand Canyon will take in the incredible views with stops for pictures.

Our arrival to Grand Canyon Village on Tuesday will be in the afternoon giving everyone a chance to wander the south rim area, including possibly walking down a little bit of one of the two rim to rim corridor trails, Bright Angel or South Kaibab. I will be leading a 1.8 mile round trip hike down the South Kaibab to **Ooh-Aah point!** Remember, down is optional, and up is mandatory. For those that want to see much of the south rim without walking much, take the Hermits Trail shuttle out and back. Most people never get the chance to do that.

On Wednesday morning, you may want to get up early and see the sunrise over the Canyon, then head back for breakfast at the Maswik or even Break-

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fast at the El Tovar. However, we will be leaving at 7:00 AM for one last great view of the Canyon at Yavapai point.

Our trip back to Vegas will include stops briefly in Williams, then a quirky stop at Grand Canyon Caverns. We probably won't have time to actually go in the Cavern, but you can find out about it.

Finally, we will do a drive through of Hoover Dam and brief stop to see the Dam and Lake Mead.

Trip Lodging

Our lodging at Zion will be the La Quinta at Springdale, which is less than 1.5 miles from the Park front entrance. From April through October, access into Zion Canyon is by shuttle bus only right outside the La Quinta. The shuttle will take you to 9 stops on the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive. You can get out at one of the stops depending on which hike you'll be conquering for the day or just to stop and stroll along the Virgin River. The La Quinta is in great walking distance to all of the eateries and shopping in Springdale.

Our lodging at the North Rim will be in the rustic Frontier Cabins. These are conveniently located close to the North Rim Grand Canyon lodge and the amazing views at the Lodge. Plan on relaxing on the back patio looking out to the south rim between Roaring Springs Canyon and Transept Canyon.

The Lodging at the South Rim will be at the Yavapai Lodge, close to the other major "On Rim" locations to sight see and have dinner. The south rim shuttle provides ease of exploration to the "over rim" sights near Grand Canyon Village

We return to Las Vegas about 3:00 PM for our return home or perhaps some of the group will decide to do an extension in Las Vegas (Lost Wages).

This trip will fill quickly, possibly in a couple days. Don't miss out. It is very possible this trip will be full before the publication of the September Sitzmarke. If so, get on the wait list.

Look on the SCSC website for more pictures and detailed information.

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**Zion & Grand
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Bike and Boat Tour

Bruges to Amsterdam, The Netherlands

June 6 through 14, 2022

TC1: Rita Cardenas
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Package Prices

Land Package-Cabin: \$3,024 estimated

Deposit: 15% of Package

Land Package-Suite: \$3,621 estimated

Final Payment: February 8, 2021

All prices are based on payment by credit card. A discount up to 2.99% will be deducted for payment by check.

Why Choose This Trip

Another fabulous boat and bike tour on the schedule!

Please Join Us!

During this bicycle tour, we will visit some of the most beautiful cities of Holland and Flanders (Western Belgium): Bruges, Antwerp, Utrecht and Amsterdam, where you still can feel the charm of the days long gone.

We start in Bruges, the “Pearl of Flanders” with its picturesque medieval town center. We will cycle through and discover the Dutch province of Zeeland, essentially one big river delta of the Rhine, Meuse, and Scheldt Rivers famous for its fantastic beaches, water activities and Delta works and the Flanders region of Belgium famous for a reputation for superb food and drink



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We will cross through a beautiful part of the Netherlands, before you bike along the winding Vecht River with its impressive mansions and country houses on its banks. You will visit a real Dutch cheese farm and the 19 Dutch windmills in Kinderdijk. Our destination is Amsterdam.

What's included in the package:

- Accommodation for hotel in Bruges the night before the boat tour begins
- Accommodation on board the Magnifique III boat (Built 2017). 8 days/7 nights. Climate controlled. The upper deck has salon with restaurant, bar, and lounge with large windows. Large doors open to the partially covered sundeck. The top deck includes a whirlpool/jacuzzi and deck-chairs to relax.

Bruges to Amsterdam

- Full board – 7x breakfast, 6x picnic lunch during bike tours, 6x three course dinner on board (dinner excluded in Bruges and AntwerMaid service)
- Bike tour guides – instructions and detailed maps
- Some walking tourist tours
- Limited Free WiFi on board – most areas
- Hybrid touring bikes – 7 speed (e-bikes available for extra) with Pannier bag
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Greece Cruise

Dates Pending



Package Pricing is based on your cabin choice. See our website for the price.

Athens Post Trip—\$453

Single Supplement: none

Participants: 30 **Deposit:** \$300 pp **Final Payment Date:** 4/13/21

All prices are based on payment by credit card. A 2.99% discount will be deducted for each payment by check.

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WHY CHOOSE THIS TRIP?

Greece, the name conjures images of magnificent ancient ruins, crystal blue seawater with sandy beaches, white stucco building with colorful rooftops perched on steep cliffs, and of course delightful foods. Now you can turn those images into reality by joining us on this once in a lifetime trip to the Greek islands whether you're looking to relax on picturesque islands with un-



spoiled sandy beaches or stimulate your senses in places that have marked ancient history. Come and be serenaded by the romance of the Aegean Sea and visit the most enchanting Greek island destinations dotted around the Aegean Sea, where culture, history, pristine beaches, and fishing villages suspended in time all await. Set foot on some of the most magnificent ancient ruins in the world when we visit Athens, Greece as part of your adventure.

Greece

Our journey spans 2 countries and starts in the magnificent ancient city of Athens, then we embark on a 7 night cruise starting in Turkey (Kusadasi) then visit some of Greece's most popular islands (Mykonos, Santorini, Ephesus, Rhodes, Santorini, Milos, and Olympia), and finally disembark back in Athens for another half day of sightseeing. There's also the option of extending your journey for another 2 nights in Athens to explore a city that you've read about in history books.



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So, what are you waiting for??? Join me on my "Big Fat Greek adventure" and sign up today. Get your spouse, partner, significant other, friend, sibling or even a parent/son/daughter and sign up together to get the cabin class you want for this Bucket List trip. Cabin types are limited and leaving it to chance to get a cabin-mate who wants your exact choice of cabin price category is risky so find a partner ahead of time then sign up together as cabin mates! Oompah!!

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- Roundtrip airfare from Houston (IAH) (full package only).
- Airline taxes, fees & fuel surcharges.
- Intra-Greece ground transportation and transfers by air-conditioned motor coach.
- Accommodations pre and post cruise at first class and deluxe Athens hotels (1 night before and 1 night after cruise)

Greece

- 7-night “Idyllic Aegean” Sea Cruise aboard Celestyal Cruises Crystal Ship.
- Port charges.
- 25 meals: 9 full buffet American breakfasts (B), 7 lunches (L) and 9 dinners (D)
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours in Athens, Olympia and Delphi
- Three (3) included shore excursions (numerous additional optional shore excursions are available for purchase onboard).
- Professional guides for included sightseeing tours and tour director throughout trip.
- All tips & gratuities during cruise onboard ship and on included excursions

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OPTIONAL POST-CRUISE EXTENTION IN ATHENS INCLUDES:

Accommodation at first class hotel for 2 nights including breakfast

Transfer from hotel to airport



cenae and Epidaurus.

Half day tour in Cape Sounion w/ English speaking guide

Optional half day Athens Markets walking tour or full day tour to My-



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