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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please check our DSC website for up to date information on all things DSC!
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- March 2 – 9, 2024 – Whitefish, Montana TSC Final Showdown Ski Trip
- Tuesday, March 12th – 1st Tuesday Happy Hour (moved to 2nd Tuesday due to Whitefish trip) at 12 Cuts Brazilian Steakhouse, 18010 Dallas Parkway 75287
- March 15 – 24, 2024 – Zermatt, Switzerland DSC Ski Trip
- Tuesday, April 2nd – 1st Tuesday Happy Hour ~ Honoring Past Presidents & Ring of Honor! Save the Date!
- Monday, April 8th – Watch Party for the Total Solar Eclipse at Addison Airport – Space is limited so you must RSVP on our website to attend
- Saturday, April 20th – Changing of the Guard Dinner Party at Brookhaven Country Club ~ Register now! Click here: COG Party
- Thursday, April 25th – Trip Leader Training
- Saturday, May 4th – Macho ‘Cinco de Mayo’ Party ~ Watch for details!
- Tuesday, May 7th – 1st Tuesday Happy Hour
- May, 2024 – New Member Party is being planned – by invitation only!
- Tuesday, June 4th – 1st Tuesday Happy Hour – Plan to attend this special ‘Volunteer Appreciation’ Happy Hour!
- July 12 – 22, 2024 – Mediterranean DSC Cruise onboard the Emerald Azzurra!
- October 22 – 31, 2024 – Italy’s Amalfi Coast TSC Trip, including Rome & Pompeii
- November 26 – 30, 2024 – TSC Youth Foundation Ski Trip

Put these dates on your calendar & plan to attend! Remember to check our [website](http://www.dallasskiclub.org) often for updated information on all things DSC!

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DSC MISSION

The Dallas Ski Club’s charter is to create and provide social activities and ski trips promoting friendships and camaraderie for the Dallas/Fort Worth community.

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Vince Hrenak
President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Dallas Ski Club could not ask for a better beginning of 2024. This year's club ski trips have been a big hit. The Beaver Creek, CO trip was fantastic. Our second trip, the annual Aspen extravaganza also received rave reviews from the nearly 100 members who participated. Both of these trips are the result of our hard working trip leaders, Beaver Creek - Rick Darlow and Asst. leader Joyce Bartell and Aspen - JoAnn Cox and assistant leader Catherine Walther. The three trips remaining, the July Yacht trip and Texas Ski Council Amalfi Coast, Italy trip look to be most successful.

In the last Powder Hound, I described the wonderful December 2023 Annual Ski Clinic at Steamboat Springs, CO. We plan to promote and communicate this clinic more thoroughly so more of our members can attend next December. It was really fun!

We have had a number of members, for good reasons, cancel trips beyond dates allowing any refund. We suggest trip insurance for all trips, which would allow for all or a majority of a trip reimbursement.

The 2024 Happy Hours are being well attended. Matter of fact, the last joint Happy Hour with Dallas Ski Club and Lone Star at KT's Comedy Club was to end at 8:30 PM. A big number of our members remained for dancing to almost 9 PM. Happy Hours are vital for DSC because it is a time for members to socialize and welcome new members. Many of our new members have commented that they have found our club members to be most welcoming to them.

Plan to attend our Macho Cinco de Mayo Party, a long tradition in our club where the men bring the food and the women bring the beverages with live music and dancing! It is currently planned to be at Vince Hrenak's home, on Saturday, May 4th. Stay tuned!

Our new 2024 Dallas Ski Club Board has been announced. They are fully geared to take over end of this April.

Our club is very healthy and has almost 600 members. We have been recognized as one of three best ski clubs and the fastest growing in the US. Great continuance since our founding during 1955. As always, we are looking for candid feedback from our members so we can keep meeting or exceeding expectations.

See you at the next Happy Hour or on the slopes. It is a honor to serve you.

Dallas Ski Club

Changing of the Guard Dinner Party & Dance



**Saturday,
April 20, 2024
7:00 PM**

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**Pre-Party for  
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# 2024 TRIPS



# **DSC Trips**

By Catherine Walther, VP Trips

## **2024 Trips**

- Whitefish, MT TSC Ski Trip ~ March 2-9, 2024
- Zermatt, Switzerland DSC Ski Trip ~ March 15 – 24, 2024
- Mediterranean Enchantment onboard the luxurious super yacht, *Emerald Azzurra!* ~ July 12 – 22, 2024
- Italy's Amalfi Coast TSC Trip, including Rome & Pompeii ~ October 22-31, 2024
- TSC Youth Foundation Ski Trip ~ November 26 – 30, 2024
- Steamboat Ski Camp ~ December, 2024

## **2025 Trips**

- Big Sky, Montana TSC Traditional Ski Trip
  - January 11 – 18, 2025
- Aspen, Colorado DSC Ski Trip
  - February 1 – 8, 2025
- Val Gardena, Italy DSC Ski Trip
  - Tentative Dates
  - Feb 15-22 or March 15-22, 2025
- Crested Butte, Colorado TSC Final Showdown Ski Trip
  - March 1 – 8, 2025

## **DSC Trip Sign Up ~ July, 2024**

Sign up for 2025 trips will be held later this summer, we're planning for early July. Watch for details to be posted on our website!

## **BidFest 2024 this August – to choose 2026 Trips!**

Bidfest this year will be held the first weekend in August in Houston. We'll be sending out a Survey later this summer so you can let us know which destinations you would like us to vote on at BidFest – we'll be choosing 2026 Texas Ski Council trips. Watch your emails for this Survey!

## Trip Leader Training

If you are interested in attending Dallas Ski Club Trip Leader Training to potentially become a future Trip Leader or Assistant Trip Leader for one of our DSC trips, please contact Catherine Walther at [cawalthe@gmail.com](mailto:cawalthe@gmail.com) or 214-477- 6237 as soon as possible. We plan to have the training on April 25th. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by Joyce Bartell, VP Membership

DSC Membership is booming! We have over 590 members now and are growing every day. We have so many fun activities and trips that there is something for everyone. We had many new faces on our trips this year, and our Happy Hours have been well attended. We will be having another New Member Party on Sunday, May 19, so if you have joined in the last several months, you will receive an email invite soon. If you are a new member or even someone that has been inactive for some time, attend some of our events and/or sign up for a trip. Going on a trip is a sure way of connecting with people and making life long friends. If you have any questions, just call me at 817-455-1083.

## NEW MEMBERS

APPLING, KYLE

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## HAPPY HOURS

by Rick Darlow

### January Happy Hour

The January Happy Hour saw us visiting a new location, Spatch Kitchen & Cocktails. Being just after the holidays, the crowd was a bit light at 65 members and 8 guests. Despite that, the crowd was very lively with the addition of DJ music. A line dance, started by Tommy Baer, wound its way through the restaurant and resulted in picking up other patrons in the restaurant. Many of the other patrons joined in with dancing throughout the evening! Everyone noted they enjoyed having a new venue with good appetizers.





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## February Happy Hour

The February Happy Hour ended up being over the top, with everyone raving about the new location at TK's Comedy Club and music from Michael, the DJ. Being a joint Happy Hour with Lone Star, we had 109 combined members and 11 guests, leading to a packed dance floor. To add to the great atmosphere, TK's was fully decorated for Valentine's Day. The overall consensus was we need to come back here for more gatherings.



## March Happy Hour

March 2024 Happy Hour will be held on the second Tuesday, March 12th due to the Whitefish Montana Ski Trip. It will take place at Twelve Cuts Brazilian Steakhouse.



## MARCH

|      |                   |      |                     |
|------|-------------------|------|---------------------|
| 3/1  | LISA C THOMAS     | 3/11 | MICHELLE APPLING    |
| 3/1  | ROBERT E KUNKLE   | 3/12 | TERYE RHODEN        |
| 3/1  | RON DONCKERS SR.  | 3/13 | EILEEN EDABURN      |
| 3/2  | TERESA SHEPARD    | 3/13 | JIM ORR             |
| 3/3  | JOHN KATZENBERG   | 3/13 | WENDY BERN-KALISHER |
| 3/3  | VICKI A ROBERTS   | 3/15 | COLLEEN C DOHERTY   |
| 3/4  | ADDISON HEINEMAN  | 3/15 | PATRICK BARTELL     |
| 3/5  | MAY MACGREGOR     | 3/16 | CHARLES P CLEGG     |
| 3/6  | JAMIE S FRISTOE   | 3/17 | ANDREA M MICHELICIC |
| 3/7  | BOB CLARK         | 3/17 | JOANN COX           |
| 3/7  | BRIAN CHAILLET    | 3/17 | STEFANIE BELL       |
| 3/8  | CHARLENE ECHOLS   | 3/20 | PATRICIA C BELL     |
| 3/8  | MARLIN KLING      | 3/20 | STUART HUGHES       |
| 3/8  | SHARON R GOLDBERG | 3/21 | BOB AITON           |
| 3/9  | BOB GUDIKUNST     | 3/21 | JANE BLOUNT         |
| 3/9  | DANNY TRAGER      | 3/23 | EDWARD RAMIREZ      |
| 3/9  | GEORGE R KELLY    | 3/25 | NANCI L MCCOOK      |
| 3/9  | NICHOLAS IRA      | 3/28 | ANNA E LACZKOWSKI   |
| 3/9  | SUSAN MURRY       | 3/28 | GENO STILLE         |
| 3/10 | JOAN ROWLAND      | 3/29 | RALPH RAST          |
| 3/10 | JOE ERGONIS       | 3/31 | SUSAN G SHAFFER     |



## APRIL

|      |                  |      |                       |
|------|------------------|------|-----------------------|
| 4/1  | CHRIS SCHERNER   | 4/19 | CLEO PAYNE WILLIAMSON |
| 4/1  | CHRISTINE PEREZ  | 4/19 | DANIEL L JOHNSON      |
| 4/1  | KAREN ROMERO     | 4/19 | JAN WARD              |
| 4/4  | BRIAN HALL       | 4/19 | SHERIE HAMMETT        |
| 4/7  | RICHARD K POWELL | 4/20 | JEFF PLOWMAN          |
| 4/7  | TIMOTHY J SZAL   | 4/20 | THOMAS DOWNEY         |
| 4/9  | LINDA N SHARPE   | 4/21 | CHERYL MANN           |
| 4/11 | LORA THOMAS      | 4/22 | GARY B ANDERSON       |
| 4/11 | RICHARD J HURLEY | 4/23 | SUSAN D BANKSTON      |
| 4/13 | PAULA K WHEELER  | 4/25 | CELESTE M TINETTI     |
| 4/14 | DENISE SPINELLI  | 4/25 | MARY MEYER            |
| 4/14 | ERIN BOTSFORD    | 4/26 | GARY BUSH             |
| 4/14 | JOSEPH G SCHMIDT | 4/27 | BRUCE B MCDONALD      |
| 4/17 | CHARLOTTE COMER  | 4/28 | DON AVERITT           |
| 4/17 | JEFF C DAVIS     | 4/28 | GAY ATAI              |
| 4/17 | JOANNA K IRA     | 4/30 | KAREN GASSETT         |
| 4/17 | JOYCE SCHISKA    |      |                       |
| 4/17 | VIVIAN A WOLFSON |      |                       |
| 4/18 | SCOTT MCGARVEY   |      |                       |

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## **Bike Ride Tuesday!**

**You are invited to join a group of DSC members**

**We bike 10 miles around White Rock Lake. We meet at Debbie Schirico's house (7141 Greenbrook Lane, Dallas, TX 75214) every Tuesday at 8:30 am.**

**Anyone interested is invited to join in the fun!**

**Please contact Debbie (214-679-2445) or let one of us know that you will be attending so we can look out for you.**



# BEAVER CREEK SKI TRIP

By Rick Darlow and Joyce Bartell

Beaver Creek, CO. January 13 - 20, 2024, was the first Texas Ski Council trip of the year, with 7 clubs officially participating (Austin, Club St. Bernard, Dallas, Los Amigos, Space City, Twisted Sisters, and Tulsa). In all there were 215 attendees, with the Dallas Ski Club having the most participants at 55. This was a very popular trip, having sold out at the signup party and ending up with a large wait list. Ultimately, we were able to clear the wait list and accommodate an additional 10 people.

Upon arriving into Eagle Vail airport we boarded the shuttles to Beaver Creek, with a stop in Avon for groceries, before arriving at the Charter condominiums. The Charter conveniently had a ski rental shop within the facility offering a 30% discount on rentals. Folks had to decide to store their skis out front where the shuttle running every 10 minutes would take them to the village lifts or, store their skis out back where there was a ski in ski out run to the mountain.

Sunday dawned to a cloudy snowy day with low visibility. Most folks braved the conditions and got in at least a half day skiing. That evening the Texas Ski Council held a welcome reception in the Charter where we met up with many friends from the other clubs.

Monday was much the same with snow and poor visibility. But, again, folks ventured out to brave the conditions and enjoy the new snow. That evening the Dallas Ski Club held a pizza party at Blue Moose Pizza in the Village with over 50 participants. Everyone agreed that these were about the best pizzas they ever tasted.

Tuesday, and finally a beautiful day for skiing. Ski Club member, Kristi Loverdi, offered members to join her for lunch at the private Beano's Cabin, a charming rustic lodge on the mountain. As a special treat the private club offered a snow cat ride to the lodge for those not skiing. Those skiing were led by a great young lady snowboarder and member of the Beaver Creek Club to the lodge.

Wednesday morning was action packed with the Texas Ski Council ski races. Due to a couple of days of poor weather the Dallas Ski Club had only 6 participants; Kristi Loverdi, David Pennington, Mark LaVoy, Scott McGarvey, Chuck and Nancy Gibbs. That evening The Dallas Ski Club held a happy hour at The Charter with a table of great appetizers and a free drink ticket for all.



With overnight snow, Thursday dawned with some folks searching out groomed slopes, while others tackled the fresh snow. That evening was the Texas Ski Council banquet, awards ceremony and dance. There was such a crowd that they had to split the group into two different banquet rooms. In the end all got together for the awards ceremony and music that followed. True to form, the Dallas Ski Club dominated the dance floor for the evening.

For Friday, once again, member Kristi Loverdi hosted an afternoon lunch on the mountain. This time at the private Allie's Cabin, another rustic lodge and part of the Beaver Creek Club. Fifteen members joined us for a final wrap up to a great week. The lodge offered great vistas, great food and great drinks in a white tablecloth setting. A fitting end to the first ski trip of the season. That evening we hosted a potluck dinner in two adjacent condos with folks bringing their leftover food from the week. Some of the members took it upon themselves to cook up a great feast of pastas and quiches. We ended up with a lot of leftovers for the cleaning staff to enjoy.

We left early Saturday for the airport with great memories, along with piles of luggage, to take home...







# Total Solar Eclipse

## April 8, 2024

Join us for this 'once in a lifetime' event on Monday, April 8th!! We'll meet around 12:20 pm at the White Rock Masonic Lodge No. 234, 15405 Addison Rd., Addison 75001, which is southeast of the Addison Airport - plenty of open space for great viewing!

The solar eclipse in Dallas will begin at 12:23 pm. The maximum point of the eclipse, when the moon completely covers the sun, will occur at 1:42 pm. The total duration of the eclipse will be approximately 2 hours and 39 minutes, with the totality phase lasting for 3 minutes and 52 seconds. During this remarkable event, the moon's shadow will sweep across the Earth, creating a captivating celestial display.

**Here are the key timings for the eclipse in Dallas (these times may change slightly):**

**Partial eclipse begins:** At 12:23:18 pm, when the edge of the Moon touches the edge of the Sun.

**Totality begins:** At 1:40:43 pm, when the edge of the Moon covers all of the Sun.  
**Maximum eclipse:** At 1:42:39 pm, the deepest point of the eclipse with the Sun at its most hidden.

**Totality ends:** At 1:44:35 pm, when the edge of the Moon exposes the Sun.  
***The total solar eclipse in Dallas will last for approximately 4 minutes and 28 seconds.***

During this awe-inspiring event, the moon will completely cover the sun, casting a shadow over the Earth and creating a breathtaking celestial spectacle!

We'll be meeting at the White Rock Masonic Lodge, which is just southeast of the Addison Airport where there's plenty of open space! The Lodge is north of Arapaho Rd & Addison Rd. Expect the Addison area to be very busy during this time. RSVP now!

Bring your lunch & your drink of choice! We'll have water bottles available as well as SOLAR WATCHING GLASSES to protect your eyes! No Cost!  
You must RSVP on our website to attend due to limited space!

**Check out:** <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/>

# ASPEN 2024 TRIP WAS GREAT!

We started out with flights to Grand Junction, and last flight cancelled until the next day. The good news was lots of fresh snow. The bad news was delayed luggage and skis. However, come Monday, all was good on the slopes. Powder days brings smiles!

With 100 people on the trip added to group parties, I came up with 8 condo parties with smaller groups. I might have overbought on the sandwich trays but this group usually eats hardily. I have suggestions to improve next year's event if the numbers stay this high.

The slope crowds were low, but large numbers of ski groups staying in Aspen this year caused Races on Thursday and our Race lunch on Tuesday. This was a little odd, but what a great lunch! We had 78 to 80 show up at Spider Sabich Picnic Area and it was delicious and a great atmosphere.

The Gant was celebrating their 50 years anniversary and wrapped their shuttles in Gold Foil, which added to the festive atmosphere. Our group included the current president, Vince Hrenak, and president elect Marlene Heineman along with past presidents, Joyce Bartel, Ed Cox, and Dick Gromel all on the trip as well. The awards banquet was a pleasant end to the trip with a sing along featuring Bob Bruebaker and Jim Bennet.







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# 2024 DSC Aspen Ski Races ~ The Results

by Marlene Heineman ~ DSC Race Director

The Snowmass NASTAR race course was the site for some very exciting ski races during our Dallas Ski Club annual Aspen Ski Trip, February 3 – 10, 2024! The Aspen races are part of the long standing tradition of the Dallas Ski Club and we are excited to announce our new Dallas Ski Club 2024 Ski Club Champion – **Kevin Cassidy!** At our Changing of the Guard Party on April 20<sup>th</sup>, Traveling Trophies will be presented – please plan to attend this fun party! The DSC Ski Championship trophies have been ‘traveling’ since 1955 for the Men’s and 1957 for the Women’s . . . . trophies are passed each year to the new Champs!

The annual Dallas Ski Club Ski Races were held on Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, on the Snowmass NASTAR race course. We had almost **25** racers this year racing in 5 different flights – Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Expert & Super. We had several ‘first time’ racers with Dallas Ski Club this year and many of them won a ski trophy!!

As you can see from the times below, we had some very close races this year and all the races were exciting! On Friday evening, the following winners were presented individual trophies at the Awards Banquet in Aspen:

|                 | <u>WOMEN</u>    |                            | <u>MEN</u>      |       |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-------|
|                 |                 | <u>SUPER FLIGHT</u>        |                 |       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Sadie McGoodwin | 28.50                      | Blake Ramick    | 25.05 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | n/a             |                            | Dave Pennington | 26.98 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | n/a             |                            | Scott Brown     | 28.37 |
|                 |                 | <u>EXPERT FLIGHT</u>       |                 |       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | n/a             |                            | Kevin Cassidy   | 30.08 |
|                 |                 |                            | Bill Baillie    | 34.53 |
|                 |                 | <u>ADVANCED FLIGHT</u>     |                 |       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Susan Bankston  | 29.21                      | Larry Levin     | 32.76 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Joanna Ira      | 29.94                      | Dave Bodden     | 32.85 |
|                 |                 | <u>INTERMEDIATE FLIGHT</u> |                 |       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Diana Dunning   | 34.49                      | Lou Fox         | 32.66 |
|                 |                 | <u>NOVICE FLIGHT</u>       |                 |       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | n/a             |                            | Vince Hrenak    |       |

The Winners of our **Dallas Ski Club Traveling Trophies** are:

DSC Ski Champions (winners of the Expert Flight) –

**Kevin Cassidy**

Advanced Trophy Winners (winners of the Advanced Flight) –

**Susan Bankston & Larry Levin**

Ernie Blake Trophy Winners (fastest skiers across all flights) –

**Sadie McGoodwin & Blake Ramik**

The following racers won NASTAR medals which were presented at the Friday evening Awards Banquet in Aspen. Congratulations to all of you!

Platinum NASTAR Medals:

**Sadie McGoodwin**

Silver NASTAR Medals:

**Scott Brown**

**Kevin Cassidy**

Gold NASTAR Medals:

**Kyle Adams**

**Susan Bankston**

**Joanna Ira**

**Dave Pennington**

**Blake Ramick**

Bronze NASTAR Medals:

**Bill Baillie**

**Dave Bodden**

**Diana Dunning**

**Lou Fox**

**Stephen Fristoe**

**Larry Levin**

**Christine Perez**

A huge 'THANKS 'to everyone who raced in the Dallas Ski Club annual ski races in Aspen as well to all the 'Cheerleaders 'who came out & cheered our racers on! You're all Winners!



# Heavenly Trip by Vince Hrenak

This 5 day trip was a shorter DSC trip than usual but could not have been better. All 38 DSC members, skiers and non-skiers were able to ski, gamble at Harrah's or Harvey's, attend shows (the Magic Show was a big hit) or just enjoy beautiful South Lake Tahoe. The weather on the slopes and in town was wonderfully sunny all days. The Heavenly Gondola, just 3 blocks from the hotel, was a long and gorgeous ride. We could ski a variety of slopes in Nevada or venture to the California side. Amazing! In addition to Happy Hours at Stateline Brewery and MCP's Tap House, we had a most unusual dinner at Fire + Ice located next to Heavenly Gondola. The cuisine was all you can eat. Your choice ingredients were then cooked on a large sizzling huge round grill. We all enjoyed the dinner and socializing.



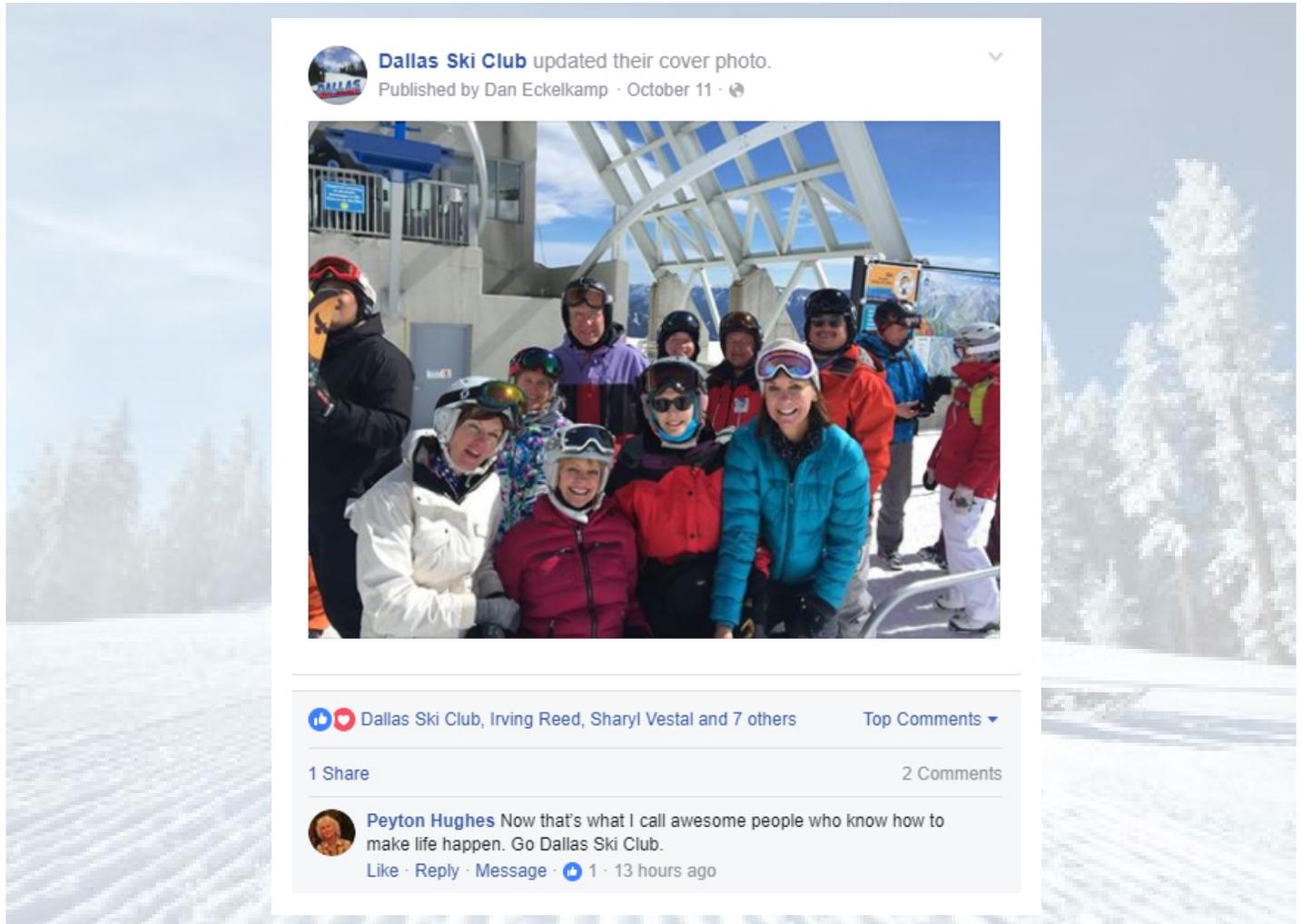


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