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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 4, 2018 – 1st Tuesday Happy Hour Maguire's, 17552 N. Dallas Parkway, Dallas

December 8, 2018 – Silver Bells Ball Brookhaven Country Club, Farmers Branch

January 5-12, 2019 – Big Sky, MT Ski Trip

January 8, 2019 – 1st Tuesday Happy Hour Blatt Beer & Table, 7859 Walnut Hill, Dallas

January 18-26, 2019 – Zermatt, Switzerland Ski Trip

February 2-9, 2019 – Annual Aspen, CO Ski Trip

February 5, $2019 - 1^{st}$ Tuesday Happy Hour (at location to be announced)

February 23-March 2, 2019 – Whitefish, MT Ski Trip

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George Kelly President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to our fantastic members of the Dallas Ski Club. This month's message will probably be one on a subject that has never before appeared in the Powderhound – REFUNDING MONEY for an activity.

It happened last month for an event called the "Fish Fry", held in the home of Helga and Ray Sims. Every event we have involves planning what is needed and coming up with the total cost so that we can advertise to our members the price to be paid to attend. With all the moving parts of this event, figuring out how much fish, bread, salad, beer, wine, appetizers, desserts, utensils, cups, etc., etc., (you get the point) to buy in order to come up a with a respectful price to our members, we got to the point where we had to get a price listed on the DSC website so members could sign up, and we were nowhere near knowing the answer. So, a wild, sort of educated

guess was made and we advertised \$45 and sold out this event with 42 members paying to attend. Late morning of the day of the event, October 27, all the cost numbers came together and we realized the cost was way lower than anticipated.

So, at 6 p.m. on October 27, 42 members started arriving and were handed an envelope. Most asked what it was for, and when they finally opened their envelope, they saw a lovely \$10 bill in it. Many were astonished and said something like, "all my years in the club I've never had money given back!"

So, that's this month's message. We try to keep the price of all out events very reasonable, but if we make a mistake, we try to make everything well!

As usual, putting together all of the ski trips, activities, happy hours etc. needs volunteers from our members to assist in making these things happen. Please email me at <u>georgekelly@sbcglobal.net</u> if you will be a volunteer to assist in making these things a success.

Thanks for reading.

George Kelly, DSC President

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CONDOLENCES

Eva Marie Baer passed away October 15th, 2018. Eva was an active member from 2006 to 2012 when she became ill. There will be a Celebration of Life service for Eva on November 18th, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at Brookhaven Country Club, 3333 Golfing Green Drive, Farmers Branch, Texas.

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DALLAS SKI CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Dallas Ski Club held its annual golf tournament on Sunday, October 7th, at Grapevine Golf Course. Twenty-four members signed up to hit the links and enjoy some cooler fall weather in Texas. Luckily after a rainy week, Mother Nature cooperated with a mostly sunny day with just one brief shower that lasted a few minutes.

The members were grouped in four-person teams using a best ball scramble format to determine the score on each hole. In addition to the overall team winners, individual competitions were also held during the round of golf. Some of the individual winners and winning teams are the following:

Closest to the pin winners:

Men's - Gary Grimes Women's - Lori Seibold

Overall Team Winners:

- 1st Place Juli Taylor Kary Taylor Bob Ziegler George Neumeier
- 2nd Place Corrine Cooper Gary Grimes Bo Tisdale Joseph Cantu



FISH FRY

Helga and Ray Sims were our hosts for the Fish Fry on October 27th. Poor Helga had fallen a couple of days before and had a big bump and was black and blue, but like a trooper she came through and made all the side dishes. Ray and his son were assisted by Dale DuBord and cooked all the fish for Jane Baer, Betty Lu and Gene Chupic, Bob Cox, Lori Seibold, Bernie and Eleanor McGuire (to name a few) and many more.

It was a great night and no rain...we were lucky! We even put the forty-four guests to a mental challenge of sorts where they all had to guess how many pieces of pasta were in a big bowl...and a bottle of vodka was the prize for the closest guess!



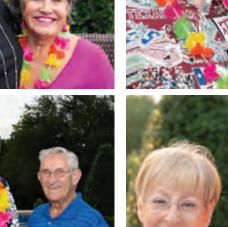
KICKOFF PARTY

We had our annual Kickoff Party at Maureen and Hobert Murphree's home on September 29th. What great sports they are to entertain one hundred guests, especially when we didn't know if it would be rain or shine!

Our theme this year was Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville with the decorations and band, The Bad Monkeys, to carry it through. Chef Bill supplied the Caribbean menus and the margarita machine flowed. The usual suspects danced the night away and a great night was had by all!























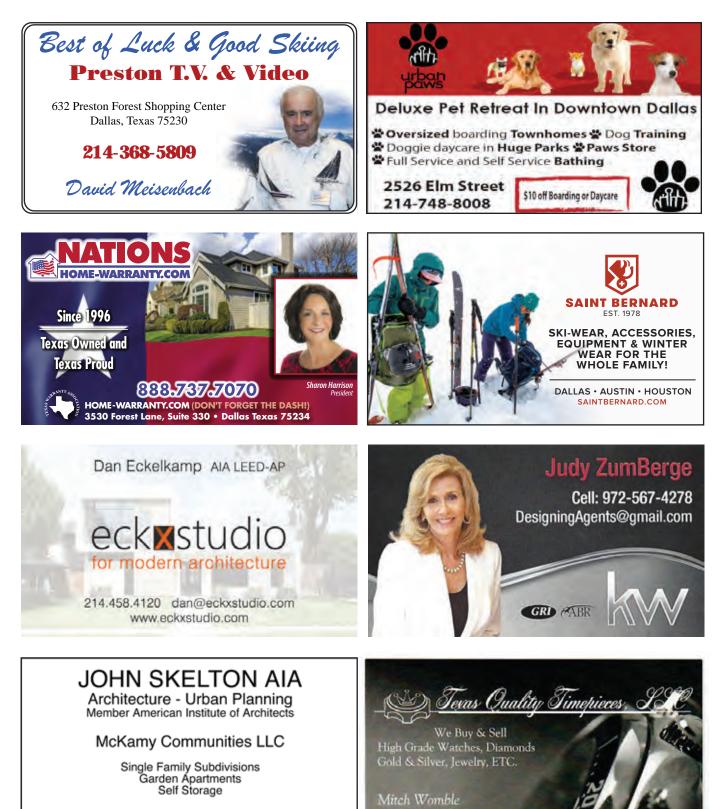












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Zermatt, Switzerland January 19 - 26, 2019

Aspen, Colorado February 2 - 9, 2019

Whitefish, Montana February 23 - March 2, 2019

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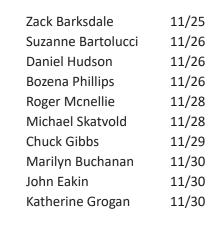
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NOVEMBER

Kathy Cassidy	11/2
Tod Mahoney	11/2
Jan Grant	11/3
Carolyn Gigac	11/6
Andrew Laczkowski	11/6
Robert Brubaker	11/9
Robert Elliott	11/9
Terri Miller	11/9
Ray Sims	11/9
Daphne Self	11/11
Pamela Autrey	11/12
Irene Gill	11/13
Michael Walker	11/15
John Gregg	11/20
Nancy Johnson	11/23
Somsri Griffin	11/24
Richard Jefferson	11/24



DECEMBER

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Camille Clark	12/4
Bernie Cotton	12/5
William Bigley	12/9
Sharon Harrison	12/9
Penny Maris	12/9
Carol Brown	12/12
Loretta Seibold	12/12
Charlotte Clifford	12/14
Betty Neuman	12/15
Lowell Saunders	12/16
Bob Tully	12/16
Liz Furman	12/18
James Amble	12/26
Sharon Hodges	12/30
Jeff Nesrsta	12/30
Rodney Ramick	12/30
Frances Leitner	12/31



DALLAS SKI CLUB 'MEMBER SPOTLIGHT'

Gene Chupik

Past President of Dallas Ski Club . . . and so much more!

By Marlene Heineman

Meet Gene Chupik! Of course, if you've belonged to DSC for more than just a few years, you already know Gene & his lovely wife, Betty Lu. Gene served as DSC President in 1972 – 1973 and he & Betty Lu have been active members ever since!

Gene remembers the early days

Gene & Betty Lu joined Dallas Ski Club in 1963. Gene was introduced to the Dallas Ski Club by his lifelong friend, Jim Vandeveer, who served as DSC President 1962-1963. Gene & Jim have also been business partners for 61 years. Gene & Betty Lu took their first ski trip to Aspen in 1964 with a small group of friends in Jim's company plane. This was the first time Gene had skied in the United States, but not his first time skiing – that happened in 1952 when he was stationed in France while he was in the Navy. One of his Navy friends was from Minnesota – he & Gene had a 3 day pass, so Gene's friend convinced him to go skiing with him in France! Gene made 1 run, fell and turned in his skis – not to ski again until that Aspen trip in 1964. Gene took a ski lesson in Aspen, which made all the difference. For the next 4 years, Gene took ski lessons every day for a week and became a great skier. For the next several years, they skied all over Colorado – in addition to Aspen, they skied at Crested Butte, Vail, Snowbird.

Gene & Betty Lu's first Dallas Ski Club trip was in 1965 to Aspen! It was during Dean Guerin's year as DSC President & their plane to Aspen had oil dripping out of one of the engines which concerned all the passengers. They landed in Grand Junction before traveling to Aspen. Gene served as the DSC Race Director for 5 or 6 years. The Club Races were held at Buttermilk and DSC usually had about 120 racers! In 1973, when Gene was DSC President, the Aspen trip had 300 participants with about 120 to 130 racers. Back then, the Races were timed using a stop watch and the Club had 'Gate Watchers' stationed along the race course, watching for missed gates. Gene laughs when he talks about one DSC Aspen trip when the weather was particularly cold – one lady was very diligent about her 'gate watching' for all those racers. At the end of the races and after standing in her skis in one place during the races, she found that her skis were now frozen to the ground – yikes!

After the Club Races, a local restaurant hosted DSC for a Chili Cook Off at the bottom of the race course! In addition to Chili Cook Offs, Club members would sponsor 'Wine & Cheese' parties on the mountain. Gene remembers the ski patrol loading up their snowmobiles with wine & cheese – sitting up parties for DSC on the mountain! Gene won the Men's Dallas Ski Club Champion Traveling Trophy in 1976! On the Aspen ski trips, DSC had huge dances at the Red Onion – still a mainstay in downtown Aspen! In fact, DSC recently held our Friday night Awards Banquet at the Red Onion while the Gant was remodeling their conference center.

The Club ran a bit differently back then – there were only 3 or 4 meetings each year in Dallas. Each meeting would have 300 to 400 people attend to learn about the upcoming ski trips. Different ski areas would attend our DSC meetings with promotions & entertainment. Meetings would always have a 'Ski Celebrity' attend, sharing their experiences and promoting different ski areas, e.g. Billy Kidd, the Mahre Brothers, Stein Erikson, Jean-Claude Killy, Warren Miller, etc. Ski movies would also be shown. The Club often held a Christmas Party & Dance, but not every year.

Gene was a Charter Member of the DSC Ring of Honor when it was established in 1982.

Heli-Skiing

It wasn't long before Gene discovered heli-skiing . . . which he did every year for the next 26 years. Gene has great memories of his years of Heli-Skiing with Hubert & Joanne Burgess – long time DSC members. Others who often went on the week long Heli-Skiing trips with Gene include, Eric Sperling, Joe Hedge, & Bill Sparks. Imagine . . . virgin powder every run, 180 vertical feet, perfect weather, perfect conditions, skiing with a good fast group! The group started each day with a 45 minute stretching class before breakfast. The group would then divide into 4 smaller groups and be taken, 1 group at a time, to be dropped off on the mountain. When the last group was dropped off at the top, the helicopter would meet the 1st group at a designated location to pick them up and drop them off for their 2nd run. Lunch would be delivered to the groups on the mountain and skiing continued the rest of the day – after which they headed to the hot tubs.



Lunchtime on the mountain.



Dinner with Daryl Hannah & JFK, Jr.



Daryl Hannah hugging Gene – JFK, Jr standing far right.



Gene's friends digging him out of a tree well!

Gene met & skied with people from all over the world on his heli-skiing weeks. One trip, he met & skied with actress Daryl Hannah & her boyfriend, JFK, Jr – the group called him John John! The skiers were trained by the Guides what to do in the event of an avalanche. Gene was in an avalanche 3 times, but was never buried – he was always able to avoid them or ski out of them. Skiers were never to get in front of the Guide. If the Guide stopped, you stopped behind them. Once, Gene was right behind the Guide when the Guide yelled STOP – Gene stopped as quickly as he could . . . and then Gene watched the snow beneath the very front of his skis give way and become an avalanche. The Guide quickly skied out of it and Gene stood there looking at the empty space which just a few seconds before had been full of snow!

After a skier has skied 1 million vertical feet with the heli-skiing company, they are presented with a new snowsuit. Gene was excited to get his 1st snowsuit after he had skied 1 million vertical feet - see the picture of Gene getting his 1st snowsuit from his favorite guide, Ernest. Ernest was a Swiss German guide and was a big influence for Gene's interest in Heli-Skiing. Over the 26 years that Gene took Heli-Skiing trips, Gene skied 3 million vertical feet and was present 3 snowsuits!



Gene getting his 1st of 3 snowsuits – each snowsuit represents 1 million vertical feet of heli-skiing!



Gene on the mountain enjoying a great run!





Gene . . . today!

Gene & Betty Lou now divide their time between Dallas & Steamboat – they usually spend 2 months in Steamboat Springs during the winter and 4 months there during the summer. They have 2 sons & 4 grandsons – and they all ski, of course! This year, 2018, will be Gene & Betty Lu's 39th Family Christmas in Steamboat – with all their children and all their grandchildren!



Gene & one of his sons!

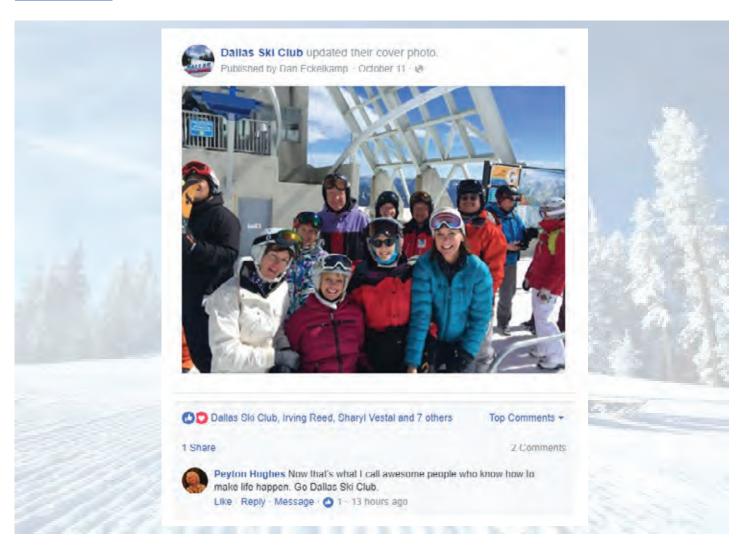
Gene's watched many changes in DSC through the years and knows that the Club's first priority is SKI-ING – that's the tradition of our Club! Dallas Ski Club gives all of us the opportunity to meet wonderful people and to get to know people from all over the world; to make life-long friends; to explore and get involved in great Business opportunities ; and to be able to do things and go places we might never have been able to do and go. All are great reasons why we love Dallas Ski Club and we're still going strong . . . in our 65th year! Many thanks to Gene Chupik and those that came before us for helping to make and keep the Dallas Ski Club great!

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