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President's Report:

What a year we have been through, especially the Gilroy's.

Where it was dark for a while we now see light at the end of the tunnel. I hope we will all see light at the end of the COVID-19 tunnel.

I feel that members will start attending the TGIF's once they are vaccinated and feel safe to go out.

In the hopefully near future, we will be having our annual events to get everyone out among friends.

Members please stay safe.

Leslie

**Don't
Forget!**



Membership Report:

Dear Members,

We currently have 84 members. This year our membership has reduced because of COVID.

We will be sending out the renewal membership form shortly.

With all the vaccinations, we hope to see many of you again at our upcoming events.

Theresa

Social Calendar:

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2021 TGIF

April 9th - 4pm @ Blue Laguna
841 William Hilton Parkway, Suite L

Ski Club Picnic

May 16th - 4pm @
HHP Plantation House

2021 Adventures

Douro River Cruise
June 15th to 22nd
(see p. 5 below for details)

2022 Adventures

Caribbean Cruise
January 12th - 23rd
(see pp. 6-7 below for details)

Park City Utah Ski Trip
February 5th - 12th
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Copenhagen to Boston Cruise
July 16th - August 3rd
(see p. 10 below for details)

Vancouver to Alaska Cruise
September 11th - 18th
(see p. 11-12 below for details)



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Social Report

Dear Members,

Seems Spring has Sprung! With weather that allows for more outside group activities coupled with many locals having been fully vaccinated we look forward to uniting in festive gatherings.

April 9th TGIF at Blue Laguna

May 16th Club Picnic. Catered by One Hot Mamas. THIS IS A FREE EVENT for members!!!!!!

June 11th TGIF at BPI Launch Restaurant HHP

Please respond to Sue Crespan (by May 1st) to your invitation to the May 16th picnic FREE OF CHARGE to be held at the Plantation House in Hilton Head Plantation.

Heritage Golf Tournament will be starting in 12 days. This will tie up many roads as the tourist season is overwhelming this year due to the need for people to enjoy themselves in our Island paradise.

Be safe-ish, enjoy the weather and don't forget to water your lawns.

Trip Highlights for April 2021

Hi Everyone,

Our trip to Steamboat turned out great after all the earlier issues due to Covid. Almost everyone ended up with rooms that had a large living room and a full kitchen. The condo living space was so large we could sit 23 people comfortably. Since we could not do TGIF's Jim and Kim Hughes cooked pasta one night for everyone and I did chili for everyone. We had our usual pizza and left-over party the final night.

Our special dinner was at the Ore House where we had our own room and a special menu with lots of wine flowing. Fun was had by all.

For more pictures, visit our website. www.Hiltonheadskiclub.com.



2021 AmaWaterways Trip

Flavors of Portugal and Spain Onboard the AmaVida on the Douro River June 15th - 22nd



We still have six of us HOPING to take this cruise. Time will tell. Currently both Spain and Portugal are closed to US citizens.

2022 Adventures⁶

I am looking forward to 2022 getting back to normal for all of us. Based on that , I have planned four trips for the upcoming year.

January 12th-23rd - a cruise in the Caribbean round trip Fort Lauderdale - 11-day Southern Wayfarer on board the Nieuw Statendam.



The MS Nieuw Statendam is the sixth ship in Holland America's history to bear the name Statendam. Like sister-ship the Koningsdam, the Nieuw Statendam is one of the largest in the fleet and combines classic hallmarks of the cruise line with innovative venues. Guests can enjoy some of the finest dining at sea by indulging in Pacific Northwestern dishes at Pinnacle Grill, brasserie-style seafood at Sel de Mer, authentic Italian at Canaletto, or exotic Asian cuisine at Tamarind. For more relaxed meals, try al fresco dining by the pool at Dive-In or grab a slice at New York Pizza. Wine connoisseurs and novices alike can experience the art of winemaking at BLEND by Chateau Ste. Michelle. America's Test Kitchen features live onboard cooking shows and hands-on workshops where guests can learn techniques and recipes from experienced chefs. The Greenhouse Spa & Salon is the perfect spot for pampering with facials, massages, thermal pools, heated ceramic lounges, and more. Visit the Digital Workshop and learn how to edit, display, and share videos and photographs. Kids will have plenty to do onboard at Club HAL, Holland America's kids club, and fitness buffs can enjoy the sport court, jogging track, fitness center, and two swimming pools. Nightlife options abound on the Nieuw Statendam, with entertainment venues such as B.B. King's Blues Club, Lincoln Centerstage, World Stage, and the casino. Guests have an array of stateroom options to choose from, including family ocean view staterooms and signature suites. All staterooms come equipped with luxurious bedding, flat-panel TV, bath amenities from Elemis Aromapure, and premium massaging shower heads.

Date	Arrive	Port
Wednesday, January 12		Fort Lauderdale, FL
Thursday, January 13		At Sea
Friday, January 14		At Sea
Saturday, January 15	8:00am	St. Maarten
Sunday, January 16	8:00am	St. Lucia
Monday, January 17	8:00am	Barbados
Tuesday, January 18	8:00am	Fort-de-France, Martinique
Wednesday, January 19	8:00am	St. Kitts
Thursday, January 20	8:00am	St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands
Friday, January 21		At Sea
Saturday, January 22	8:00am	Half Moon Cay, Bahamas
Sunday, January 23	7:00am	Fort Lauderdale, FL

This cruise includes a beverage package which means up to 15 drinks per day per person. There is a one-night dining promo that will be set up by the cruise line.

Pricing starts at \$2,299.00 for an outside cabin. There is a reduced deposit to signup which is \$600.00. The port charges are \$195.00.

February 5th - 12th

Ski Trip to The Grand Summit at Park City Utah



This resort located in the Canyons in Park City is a true ski in/ski-out resort.

Grand Summit Hotel is now open after a \$15 million renovation. From luxurious guest suites, the new RockResorts Spa and the First Tracks Café open concept, no stone was left unturned in the rebirth of this iconic ski-in/ski-out property. Nestled in the heart of Park City Canyons Village, the Grand Summit is steps away from America's largest ski resort. Guests will find an elegant ambience throughout this distinctive property, now part of Vail Resorts' premium RockResorts lodging collection.

Nearest Lift and Terrain Serviced: Orange Bubble Express & Red Pine Gondola

Nearest Ticket Office: Canyons Village Ticket Office

Nearest Rental Shop: Canyon Mountain Rentals

Nearest Ski School: Ski School in Canyons Village

Property Setting: Canyons Village

Unit Size Ranges: King & Queen Guestrooms, Studios, One - Three Bedroom Condos, Three & Four Bedroom Penthouses
 Top Property Amenities: Ski-in/out, Outdoor Pool, Resort Spa & Health Club, Valet & Concierge Service, Child Care Center, 24 hour front desk
 Top Unit Amenities: Suites with Kitchens, Gas Fireplaces (suites only), Complimentary wireless internet.

Rooms have been set aside for 40 of our members for this trip. You may choose from a one- or 2-bedroom condo, king, or queen/queen hotel rooms.

Pricing for rooms are per person and includes taxes as well as baggage handling fees:

2b/2b condo is \$1,528.00

King hotel room is \$1,573.00

Q/Q hotel room is \$1,690.00

One bedroom condo is \$2,309.00

LIFTS: A 5-day Vail resort WESTERN Lift pass is \$638.00

A 5 Day Senior pass (+65) is \$439.00.

There are other options for passes also - 6 day, child etc.

For those of you who are veterans or plan on skiing more than a week at various Vail resorts I would recommend going on EPICPASS.com and purchasing through that site. Currently Vail has reduced all their passes by 20%.

For example, a Western Local season pass is \$583.00, and a veteran pass is \$447.00.

For those planning on going on this trip you might want to consider buying your plane fare now. Both Delta and America Airlines are offering fares around \$335.00 per person. AA has quoted Sports America \$532.00 per person based on reserving 24 tickets for us. Delta has not priced tickets yet for groups. They will not price them until 200 days prior to the trip.

July 16th - August 3rd - 18 Day Viking Passage from Copenhagen to Boston on the Nieuw Statendam



See info on the ship above in the January Cruise.

Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
Saturday, July 16	Copenhagen, Denmark		5:00pm
Sunday, July 17	At Sea		
Monday, July 18	Alesund, Norway	8:00am	5:00pm
Tuesday, July 19	At Sea		
Wednesday, July 20	Akureyri, Iceland	8:00am	5:00pm
Thursday, July 21	Isafjordur, Iceland	8:00am	5:00pm
Friday, July 22	Reykjavik, Iceland	8:00am	
Saturday, July 23	Reykjavik, Iceland		7:00pm
Sunday, July 24	Grundarfjordur, Iceland	7:00am	5:00pm
Monday, July 25	At Sea		
Tuesday, July 26	Prince Christian Sound, Greenland (Cruising)		
Wednesday, July 27	Qaqortoq, Greenland	8:00am	5:00pm
Thursday, July 28	Nanortalik, Greenland	7:00am	1:00pm
Friday, July 29	At Sea		
Saturday, July 30	St. John's, NL, Canada	11:00am	7:00pm
Sunday, July 31	At Sea		
Monday, August 1	Halifax, NS, Canada	8:00am	11:00pm
Tuesday, August 2	At Sea		
Wednesday, August 3	Boston, MA	7:00am	

Pricing begins at \$4,649.00 for an outside cabin. This cruise includes a beverage package, prepaid gratuities, and a dining package. Port charges are \$290.00.

September 11th-18th - 7 Day round trip from Vancouver to Alaska through the Inside Passage on the Nieuw Amsterdam



The second of our Signature-class ship, Nieuw Amsterdam celebrates historic New York City with its inspired design and art collection valued at more than \$3 million. While on board enjoy regional cooking demonstrations and food and wine tastings with EXC Port to Table programming. Dine in your choice of specialty restaurants. Or rejuvenate in the Greenhouse Spa & Salon.

Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
Sunday, May 1	Vancouver, BC, Canada		4:30pm
Monday, May 2	Inside Passage, AK (Cruising)		
Tuesday, May 3	Juneau, AK	1:00pm	10:00pm
Wednesday, May 4	Skagway, AK	7:00am	9:00pm
Thursday, May 5	Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve, AK	7:00am	4:00pm
Friday, May 6	Ketchikan, AK	10:00am	6:00pm
Saturday, May 7	Inside Passage, AK (Cruising)		
Sunday, May 8	Vancouver, BC, Canada	7:00am	

This cruise includes prepaid gratuities, a beverage package, and a dining package. Suites also have free Wi-Fi. Veranda pricing starts at \$1,719.00; Signature Suites start at \$2,119.00, and Pinnacle Suites start at \$2,819.00. Deposit is \$350.00.

For more details on the ships and the trips I will be doing writeups for the ski club website this week.

Since everyone has experienced cabin fever as well as having lots of credits due to cancelled trips there is limited availability on many of the upcoming cruises.

To sign up for any of these cruises, please contact Grace Van Brunt at gvbtravel@aol.com.