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Ski News - Officer Slate & End of Year Membership Meeting

April 2024

Message from the President of Austin Skiers

Our 9 trip ski season began at Beaver Creek on January 13 and wrapped up with Big Sky with their return on March 16. We have two non-ski trips for 2024-25 to come with the "Great Rivers of Europe" (SOLD OUT) on May 9-24, 2024. You can still sign-up on the wait list for potential cancellations. However, the Amalfi Coast still has spots available for October 15-24, 2024 - contact [Jackie Bayly](#), Trip Chair, if interested.

"A BIG Thanks goes out to Tom Mowdy as the TSC Race Director on behalf of Austin Skiers coordinating this event again this year! See more information in Sylvia's report below. There will be racing awards handed out at the Annual Membership meeting on May 4 and recognizing Tom for the time and effort he puts into coordinating this effort for the club."

Planning for 2025 has been in full swing since back in January while ski season was still going on. You've been asking recently about the 2025 trip schedule. Well, you need look no further than our home page for the club trips and the Texas Ski Council (TSC) trips. When

pricing and more information is available it will be posted on the website. The Trip list is also shown in Lara's section below.

In addition to planning for Austin Skier's "club" trips, the TSC Bidfest, which is the annual trip selection meeting, will be held this year in Houston August 2-4 at the Sheraton Houston Brookhollow Hotel (Uptown/Galleria Area). We will be selecting the TSC Ski Trips for the 2026 season and Fall 2025 Tour Trip. You are encouraged and welcome to attend. There is a link on our home page to the hotel reservation site. The TSC webpage, which is also linked on our website will be posting details of the meeting as it become available.

This is also the time of year where the Nominating Committee finishes their work and submits a slate of nominees to the Executive Committee for approval. The board met on Tuesday, April 2 and approved a **full** slate of nominees for all positions. I'm excited and hope you will be also! The list of nominees by name/position are listed in a separate article below.

Thanks for your continued support of Austin Skiers!

Gary Armstrong, President

Austin Skiers – President@austinskiers.org



Proposed Officer Slate for 2024-25

The Nominating Committee, composed of Gary Roth, Chairperson, Rachel Ruiz, Bill Estes Mary Jo Humphreys, and Gary Armstrong reviewed all prospects for the Executive Committee (EC). They submitted their report to the EC proposing by unanimous consent a full slate of nominees for the 2024-25 year.

On April 2 the EC voted unanimously to support the proposed slate submitted and recommended by the committee (new EC members are in bold) as follows:

President - Gary Armstrong
VP Trips – Sylvia Blair
Treasurer – Alisa Cook-Roehs
VP Trip Planning – Lara Pavanelli
Secretary - Mary Jo Humphreys
VP Communications – Bob Foster
VP Programs – Denise Foster
VP Special Activities – Stuart Tyrrell (“Stu”)
Director / VP Membership – Diane Bennett

The membership of Austin Skiers will meet on May 4 at the Annual Membership meeting to vote on the slate of proposed nominees. Please click here to download the [2024-25 Proposed Officer Slate](#).

VP Trips

We have finished up our ski season and want to thank all those who helped make our group ski trips possible. Tour Operators who handled our bookings, Trip Chairs and Assistants who coordinated each trip, and all the participants who joined in to vacation together! I know we unfortunately had some injuries along the way so we send good thoughts and prayers to those recovering.

We thank Tom Mowdy, for being our Race director this year for TSC Racing events. Although we were only able to compete in Beaver Creek and Whitefish, a great time and effort was made by all racers. We had several first timers and quite a few veteran racers. You can read Tom's detailed report here [2024 EOY Racing Report](#) - and see how many of your fellow skiers and friends did on the course!

Here is a picture of your Whitefish Racers --->

A rectangular button with rounded corners and a thin border, containing the text "Whitefish Racers".

Now looking forward to working on next year's line up of Trips. We are excited about working with some different Tour Operators this year on a few of our trips. We use Tour operators for all our trips for liability reasons, discount packaging, and ease of coordinating as a volunteer non profit club.

Regards,

Sylvia Blair
VP of Trips
Austin Skiers



Sylvia Blair, VP Trips: Trips@austinskiers.org

We encourage our members going on our trips to consider trip insurance for those unexpected emergencies before or during your trip. Here is a link for more information on [Trip Insurance](#).

VP of Trip Planning & TSC Representative

Thanks to the hard work of our Trip Planning Committee and Board approval we are pleased to announce our trip line up for 2025:

Vail Jan 4 - 11, 2025 Tour Op: Sports America - **EPIC Pass**

Snowmass Jan 25 - Feb 1 2025 Tour Op: Sports America **IKON Pass**

Winter Park Feb 1 - 8, 2025 Tour Op: Sports America **IKON Pass**

Keystone (TSC) Feb 8 - 15, 2025 Tour Op: Skigroup.net **EPIC Pass**

Sun Peaks, BC Feb 15 - 22, 2025 Tour Op: Sports America **IKON Pass**

Alyeska, Alaska Feb 23 - Mar 3, 2025 Tour Op: Skigroup.net **IKON Pass**

Crested Butte (TSC) Mar 1 - 8, 2025 Tour Op: Skigroup.net **EPIC Pass**

Val di Fassa, Italy Mar 8 - 15, 2025 Tour Op: Alpine Adventures **IKON Pass**

Mammoth, Ca Mar 22 - 29, 2025 Tour OP: Sports America **IKON Pass**

S Africa - Sept 12 - 22, 2025 Tour Op: Alpine Adventures

Lara,



Lara Pavanelli VP Trip Planning:
tripsplanning@austinskiers.org

VP of Programs Report

Hi Everbody!

We've got some great events coming up this summer for ASC.

The May Membership meeting will be on May 4th at the Balcones Country Club from 5p to 7p.

A deli buffet and mixed desserts will be served along with a cash bar. You'll get to meet the incoming board members and talk about some of the future trips we've booked for the 2025 season. We'll also talk about financials and other club admin subjects. This is a great opportunity to meet other club members and ask your questions about the Austin Ski Club.

Registration is currently open for Active Members, but we have limited space so please register soon! [Register Here](#)

In June, we'll be having a Summer party at a ski club member's beautiful home on Lake Travis. It'll be Rodeo in Atlantis themed so wear your cowboy hats but don't forget your swimsuit. The property has a beautiful pool and we'll be catering in BBQ. It's a BOYB event and feel free to bring in any food you would like to as well. We'll take dietary restriction orders at a later date when registration is open. It will be on June 30th, from 2 to 8p, so be sure to mark your calendars. More information coming soon!

On July 28th from 4 to 6p, we'll have the Trip Presentation meeting for the 2025 season along with a deli buffet and cash bar. It's a great chance to ask questions and find out more information about our upcoming trips. It will also be at the Balcones Country Club. More information to come on that later.

It's going to be a great summer, looking forward to seeing everyone at more events!

Warm regards,
Zach

We request you wear your name badge as there may be new members who you haven't met.



Zach Turner VP Programs: Programs@austinskiers.org

**Watch for Future Emails about our Great
Happy Hours for 2024**

**April 18th - Easy Tiger - The Linc
6406 N Interstate 35 Frontage Rd #1100,
Austin, TX 78752**

Here is a Link to These Events [calendar](#)

Please wear your name badge



Mary Lisa Goetschel, VP Special Activities: Activities@austinskiers.org



On going Winter Sale on ski clothing and various ski gear!

When thinking of shopping for ski gear this season, remember to shop [Sun & Ski Sports](#). Please **let their staff know** Austin Skiers enjoy a **15% discount off regular-priced** items in the store.

In addition, you will receive **50%** off the cost (labor) of tune-ups, waxes & edging.

Check out their ski/snowboard bundles - goggles, ski poles, boot bags and snow apparel! Follow them on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and other social media sites listed on their website.



End of the ski season SALE:

Great deals on ALL Jackets and layering pieces, and 50% off on ALL ski pants!

Also, please remember our long-time partner [Marine Max/Sail & Ski](#). Follow them on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube along with other social media listed on their website. **Please note the discount policy applies for 1 month following our membership meeting. This was a corporate decision to tie discounts to "events."**

VP-Membership-Director

As the VP-Membership. I look forward to seeing you at our FUN and informative gatherings! I welcome your feedback on membership growth and any new activities we might pursue.

If you are a **New Member (not renewed)** and need a name badge please email me!

My Email: Membership-Director@austinskiers.org

Our current membership is [418] active members. We've had a wonderful response to our trip line up, which has encouraged new members to join us on our adventures! Think snow and exciting travels ahead!

[Click here to join or renew your membership](#)

Christine Vrba
VP Membership - Director



Chris Vrba, Membership-Director: Membership-Director@austinskiers.org

VP Communications

Hi all

As mentioned above, the Nominating Committee has done a great job of locating 4 New Officers to help run your club for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The committee did a great job in getting volunteers, a task that is sometimes very difficult. A big thanks for the 4 new members that stepped up and the 5 officers that will be continuing next fiscal year. Your club can't continue without these volunteers.

The Trips Schedule is also listed on the Home Page of the Website. When additional information about the trips is available it will be posted there. Pricing is not available at this time but will be available before the trip presentation meeting in July.

As mentioned above, the TSC Trip Selection Meeting (Bidfest) will be held in Houston on August 2 - 4, 2024. This is also posted on the Website Home Page and includes a link to reserve hotel rooms for the event. The event will be held at the Sheraton Houston Brookhollow Hotel (Galleria Area). The TSC rate is \$119 per night, per room plus taxes, etc. If you have never attended, it is a fun event and a chance to meet other TSC club members. Attendees will also see the proposed 2026 TSC trips and participate in the club voting process for the TSC vote. Once the TSC Meeting Registration link is active on their website we will add it to our Home Page. [TSC](#)

2024 EPIC Season passes are now on sale and available from our tour operator Sports America, at the following [LINK](#). For those buying a pass through Sports America, they again will be offering a 6.5% credit toward your 2024-2025 trip. Current and Past EPIC Pass Holders will likely receive emails directly from Vail resorts suggesting that you renew your pass through them. **IF YOU RENEW THROUGH VAIL YOU WILL NOT QUALIFY FOR THE 6.5% TRIP CREDIT. Again this year, Telluride is the only EPIC pass resort that only accepts a Full EPIC Pass.**

For those that qualify for Military and First Responder EPIC Pass Discounts, these passes are not sold through Sports America and therefore you will need to get these directly through Vail.

2024 IKON Season Passes went on sale on **March 14th** and are available from our tour operator: Sports America at the following [LINK](#). For those buying a pass through Sports America, they again will be offering a 6.5% credit toward your 2024-2025 trip. Current and Past IKON Pass Holders will likely receive emails directly from IKON suggesting that you renew your pass through them. **IF YOU RENEW THROUGH IKON YOU WILL NOT QUALIFY FOR THE 6.5% TRIP CREDIT.** For a limited time, they will also be able to offer Tour Operator early season group pricing on the IKON passes.

Please read the limitations of the three different IKON passes, more than a few resorts only accept the Full IKON Pass or Base Plus IKON Pass. These details are spelled out in the Sports America order form for each of the pass types. The IKON Base Plus Pass offers only a very small discount verses the Full IKON pass and rarely justifies the significant limitations of the Base Plus Pass verses the Full IKON Pass.

Please remember, these passes are not refundable or transferable, make sure you are sure you will use it before purchasing.

Chuck Pena, VP Communications



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Executive Committee - Austin Skiers

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Visit [Texas Ski Council](#) for more information.



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