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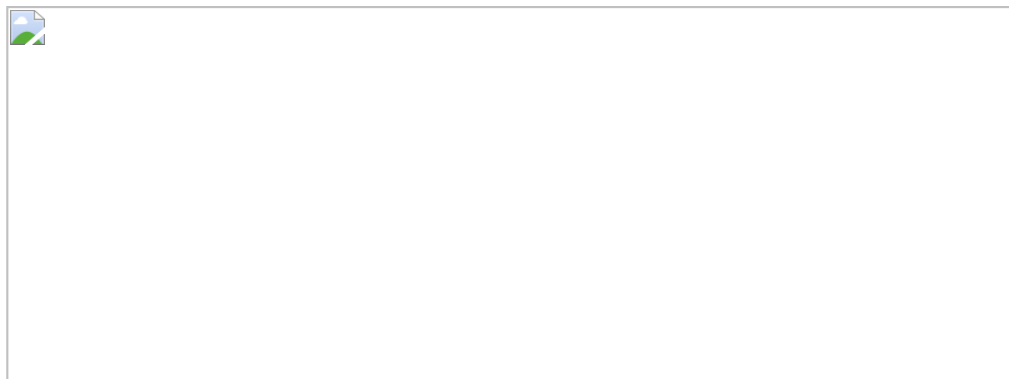
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April Newsletter - 2015

All Aboard the Steamboat!!!



Photos by Jeff -- Photos by Jackie

What a great trip! Besides enjoying the welcoming hospitality of Steamboat, the snow gods dumped about 20" of snow on us during the entire trip. Our group of 50 skiers arrived on February 21 to fresh powder coming down, which continued through most of Sunday. By Monday, the weather cleared up and everyone had two great days of skiing before another 5" inches of snow arrived on Wednesday. The giant hot tub gatherings were a favorite way to relieve our tired muscles. On the social side, Asst. trip chair Sylvia Blair did a great job of organizing lunch meet ups, happy hours and group dinners. Our well attended mid-week party with pizza, beer, and wine concluded with member Rick Mayr rounding up a group to hit the local country-western club where the dance floor was filled with Austin Skiers and local

cowboys/girls. We also enjoyed a wine and cheese party hosted by the Canyon Creek condos. Finally, on Friday night we held the "left-overs" night where we were treated to Polish "punch", massive quantities of food, wine and beer. Back home, Donna and Ed King hosted our post-trip party allowing us to enjoy one last party gathering together. *Trip Chair ~ Jeff Howdeshell*

Big and Beautiful Breckenridge



[Photos](#) - [GoPro Video](#)

Austin Skiers had 53 skiers signed up for the Texas Ski Council Final Showdown in Breckenridge. In spite of the dangerous and icy Saturday morning, we all arrived safely at the Austin Airport. The condos at The Village in Breckenridge were nice and very convenient for mountain access at Peak 9! On Sunday night, the TSC welcomed more than 160 Texas skiers to Breckenridge. We enjoyed a taco bar, beverages and catching up with friends from other clubs. On Tuesday, a few jumped on the bus for the TSC Vail ski day. Tuesday evening, we celebrated two birthday's and enjoyed a family style Italian feast at Taddeo's Restaurante Italiano! On Wednesday evening the TSC planned an 80's themed "Pub Crawl". We had fun walking around town and enjoyed dancing into the night. Friday evening, was the TSC Race Award Presentation and dinner dance. Austin Skiers earned an impressive number of medals! Kudos to those that participated in the race day! We are proud to congratulate: Lou Horwitz, Polly Newman, Jackie Bayly-Bryant, Lee Flagg and Xander Fleming. You made Austin Skiers very proud! Because of the daily snow fall, excellent mountain conditions and the wonderful folks on this trip, our ski trip to Breckenridge was FUN-filled in every way! *Trip Chair ~ Chris Vrba*

Winter Fun in Winter Park



Photos by participants - Photos by Priscilla

Forty-nine Austin Skiers teamed up with 11 people from Capital Ski & Adventure and 13 from the Space City Ski Club to have a wonderful Spring Break in Winter Park, CO. This was a true example of a trip for all ages with a skier as young as 4 and another as young as 79. Twenty four people took advantage of the resort's great offer to take the First Tracks Clinic every morning beginning an hour before the public got access to the mountain. Some groups focused on lessons and others wanted high speed touring. It was a real hit. We stayed in convenient slopeside condos. The families with children got a terrific deal on ski school from both the resort and the Texas Ski Council Youth Foundation. The kids learned to ski and the parents got the opportunity to ski without the kids. The resort gave us a private mountain tour that included volunteers with Go-Pro cameras recording the action. Everyone had fun and is looking forward to going back to Winter Park. *Trip Chair ~ Gary Roth*

And the Winners Are...



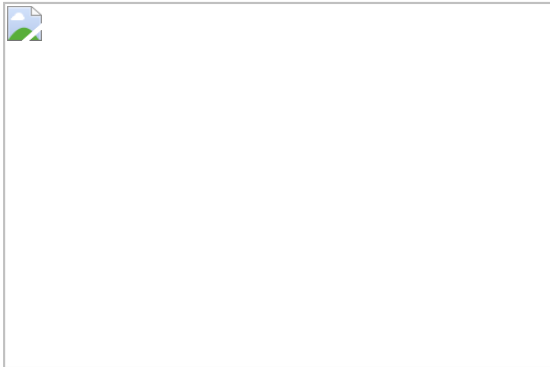
Several Austin Skiers members won race medals during 2015 Texas Ski Council

trips. Two members went on to race at NASTAR National Championships and win! Congratulations to **Lou Horwitz** and **Jenny Peterman** for bringing home the GOLD!

News and pictures taken during our ski trips can be found on our Facebook page. Visit and "Like us" at www.facebook.com/austinskiersboarders



TRIP PLANNING FOR 2016



Thinking about where to ski or travel to next year? The trip planning committee has started to work researching trips for 2016.

If you would like to make a suggestion email TripPlanning@AustinSkiers.org

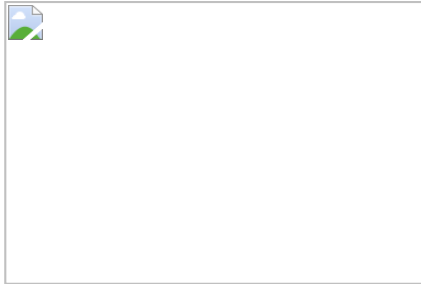
Discover Tuscany, Italy

Don't Miss Out on Finding Your Favorite
October 15-24, 2015

Trip Price Will Increase on April 14

Is it the history, the food, the wine, the arts, the shopping or all of it? [Tuscany](#) was the birthplace of the Italian Renaissance and its artistic heritage includes architecture, paintings

and sculptures, collected in dozens of museums. The best-known is the Uffizi in Florence, but also found in virtually every small town and city in the region. Our Base- Montecatini Terme, known for its thermal waters, is one of Italy's top spa towns. Meals & Sightseeing Included: Breakfast is included every day and so are 5 dinners with wine. Each day you will have the pleasure of visiting an enchanting location such as Assisi, Siena, San Gimignano (pictured) and Florence, where you will have a local guide walk you through the best parts of each town. Join us on this unforgettable 10 day journey to [Tuscany](#) and discover your favorite thing. **Trip price will increase \$250 to \$3845 on April 14th!** Don't miss out on the fun, the history, the food, the wines or the art.



Austin Skiers & Boarders is a proud member of the Texas Ski Council (TSC). Visit texas-ski.org to better understand their role and to access their newsletter.

Membership Dues Will Increase

Over the years, our volunteers and board members have worked hard to keep expenses as low as possible to avoid raising membership dues. However, there comes a time when cost-saving measures are simply not enough. To offset the rising cost of food, beverages and rental space for our meetings and activities, membership dues will increase \$5 per person. Starting now, Austin Skiers annual membership dues for 2015-16 will increase to \$40 for individuals and \$55 for families. Our membership year begins on June 1. We look forward to another great year of providing travel and social opportunities for you and your family to enjoy.

Meetings and Activities

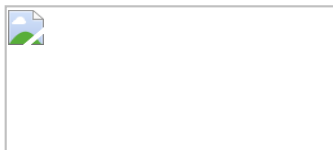
NOTE: We will not have a membership meeting in April.

May Annual Meeting

**Tues., May 12
6:30PM - 8:30 PM
Lions Municipal Golf Course
Club House
2901 Enfield at Exposition**

Happy Hour Socials

April Happy Hours



**Gusto Italian Kitchen & Wine Bar
Thursdays, April 2 & 16**

[Map](#)

Join us for a review of the club activities for the past year and the election of officers for the new year. A special thanks to AXA Advisors for sponsoring our meeting.

Special Activities

Zach Theatre Performance
"ALL THE WAY"

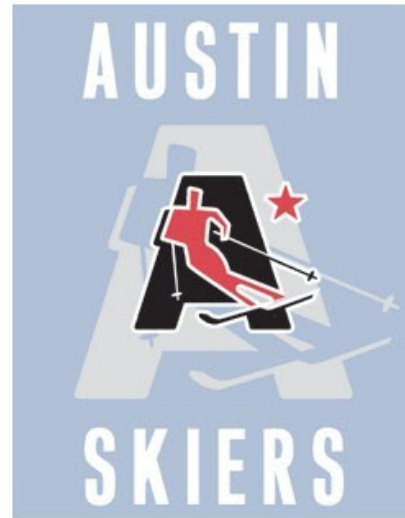
Sunday, April 26, 2:30 PM

\$55 per person

Deadline to reserve tickets: April 2.

Registration required.

5:00 - 7:00 PM
4800 Burnet Rd - Austin
512-458-1100



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