



## "Ski News"

**September 2020**

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### **Message from the President of Austin Skiers**

It was wonderful to see many friends, new members and guests at our August Trip Presentation meeting! It was a bit different this year as we addressed the issue of providing a safe environment for our members who attended in person and those who preferred to use our virtual presentation via Zoom. We really didn't know what to expect particularly in person, but we had 61 people attend in person out of a capacity limit of 65. We had 40 Zoom connections amounting to 50-60 people.

Regarding the business side of things, under the "Members Only" tab that is visible when you log into the [AustinSkiers.org](http://AustinSkiers.org) web page, there are now two new choices. "Financial Reviews & Tax Returns" has links to a report of our financial records - last years' financial and the Club's tax returns for the past two fiscal years.

"Executive Committee" has a link to a summary of the Executive Committee meetings. Thanks to Treasurer Steve Knouse and Communications VP Gary Armstrong for getting this on the air.

Finally, please remember to check the [AustinSkiers.org](http://AustinSkiers.org) web page for details as to date/time for our September club meeting at Sun & Ski. Also, the details are addressed later in this newsletter.

Thinking Snow...

### G.D. "Tim" Atkinson



**Tim Atkinson, President: [President@austinskiers.org](mailto:President@austinskiers.org)**

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### **Trip Line up for 2021** **(subject to change)**

<u>Pass</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Lodging</u>
EPIC	<a href="#">Beaver Creek</a>	Jan 9 – 16	The Charter
IKON	<a href="#">Snowmass*</a>	Jan 16 – 23	Top Of the Village
IKON	<a href="#">Taos Long</a>	Jan 23 – 30	Snakedance
IKON	<a href="#">Taos Short</a>	Jan 23 – 27	Snakedance
EPIC	<a href="#">Telluride</a>	Feb 6 – 13	Bear Creek Lodge
IKON	<a href="#">Copper Mtn</a>	Feb 15 – 19	Silver Level Condo

EPIC [Heavenly](#) Feb 20 – 27 Lake Tahoe Resort Suites

IKON [Snowbird](#) Feb 27-Mar 6 Cliff Lodge

IKON [Lake Louise](#)\* Mar 13 – 20 Chateau Lake Louise

\*Texas Ski Council Trip



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Please take time to review our [Trip Policies](#) AND [Trip Cancellation Policies](#) (for each trip) as they are not necessarily the same).

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](#).**

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## 2021 Trips Update

Registration opened on **August 17th**, and despite the very legitimate concerns about COVID-19 situation, two trips (Snowmass & Heavenly) are Sold out! We have a few members on the wait list for each trip. Three other trips - Beaver Creek, Taos (Long) and Lake Louise (TSC) are "a go" as they have reached the minimum participation requirement and are still accepting more participants. Unfortunately 3 others trips are experiencing a very slow take off (Telluride, Copper and Snowbird). One trip didn't get any takers (Taos-Short) - it will likely be removed from the list. You still have two months (mid-November) to sign-up for Telluride and Copper. If the club cancels the trip, there will be no charge to the participants and no additional fees will be charged by the tour operator. Snowbird has granted us an extension of the cancellation - so you have until the end of October to decide.

If you are still undecided, and have safety concerns I would like to share with you the following points to consider:

1. [Jackie Bayly](#) our Director , went to Colorado this Summer and shared this with me:

"On our recent driving trip to escape the summer heat of Austin, Gary and I spent a few nights at Telluride Ski Resort and were very impressed with how hard they worked to protect guests from Covid-19 exposure. Measures included a mandatory mask ordinance, social distancing, antibacterial gel stations everywhere and constant reminders to follow safety guidelines. They also limited the number of people boarding the gondola to a single rider or members of the same family and cleaned the gondola cabin right after we exited. Throughout the resort, high touch surfaces were repeatedly sprayed and wiped, including restaurant tables and chairs. They clearly were working hard to prevent the spread and these extra steps eliminated many of my concerns about skiing during the pandemic. We noticed the same practices when we visited Purgatory ski area, too. Throughout Colorado, I think they are doing an excellent job of fighting the spread. So, this coming ski season, I will keep my neck gaiter pulled up, my ski goggles over my eyes and I will do my part by following the guidelines. So happy we signed up for two ski trips and look forward to a great ski season! Jackie Bayly"

2. [Vail Resorts](#) has announced the measures they will put in place for the upcoming season, these go along the lines of the points made by Jackie. These announcements should be viewed as a huge step in the right direction for the upcoming season.

You can find the full details in the [letter](#) from their CEO Rob Katz.

3. Resorts going along [IKON](#) will release announcements for the upcoming season Mid September, we can probably expect similar announcements.

Your Trip Chairs will be communicating to the participants the impact of the Vail Resorts announcement - so stay tuned.

Let me know if you have any question!



Elisabeth Poigin, VP Trips: [Trips@austinskiers.org](mailto:Trips@austinskiers.org)

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## A Virtual Wine and Food Tasting

Are you ready for a wine tasting? How about a wine and food pairing? This tasting will be something different. It will occur in your own home, via zoom, and maybe with a few friends. I recommend **4 to 6 people** share in a small group (with social distancing of course) to keep the expense to about **\$15-\$20** a person. The event will be held **Thursday, September 24th at 5:50 pm**. We will taste **three** different wines - a white, a rose and a red along with a variety of snacks that we will taste together and discuss how the wine changes with the foods. Here are the details you need for now:

- **Register** for the event by **September 20th** to get the zoom link and the wine/shopping list
- Buy the **wines** as directed (cost about **\$45**)
- Purchase the **food** items (can cost up to **\$60**)
- Invite a small number of friends to share the experience and/or the expense
- Log into the **Zoom** event on **September 24th at 5:30**
- Get ready to have some fun and maybe learn something too
- Event may last as long as 2 hours

The tasting is open to Austin Skiers members **and** their friends. Contact Tere Mayne at [TripPlanning@austinskiers.com](mailto:TripPlanning@austinskiers.com) for more details or register for the event.



Tere Mayne, VP Trip Planning: [TripPlanning@austinskiers.org](mailto:TripPlanning@austinskiers.org)

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## **Monthly Club Meeting**

**Sun & Ski**

**Sunday, September 27, 2020**

**5:00pm - 7:00pm**

**2438 W. Anderson Ln., B-1A**

**Austin, TX 78757**

Come join us for our Austin Skiers membership meeting. The store will close its doors to the public at 6:00pm. Shop, share your ski plans & catch up with Friends from 5:00pm - 6:00 pm. Enjoy food and beverages, Austin Skiers trip presentation and door prizes from 6:00pm - 7:00pm.

**IMPORTANT:** Everyone inside Sun & Ski must wear a mask, except for the short periods when eating or drinking.

Stay in **small groups** and please honor **social distancing space** when visiting with other members.

**Hand sanitizer** will be provided.

To help reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19, all food and beverages will be served instead of our usual self-service format.

Our volunteers will work to remind members to wear their mask and socially distance.

**REMINDER:** if you need your skis tuned for the upcoming season, bring them with you!

**MAP**



Lara Pavanelli, VP Programs: [Programs@austinskiers.org](mailto:Programs@austinskiers.org)

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**Due to the COVID-19 pandemic all Happy Hours and Activities have been cancelled through September. We will advise everyone of a new schedule once it is deemed safe to do so.**



Mary L. Goetschel (ML), VP Special Activities [Activities@austinskiers.org](mailto:Activities@austinskiers.org)

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The Texas Ski Council is a member of the National Ski Council Federation. Which means Austin Skiers are members and have some great benefits. Please check them out and register at [National Ski Council Federation](#).



Reminder, support your local ski stores - Sun & Ski, Marine Max Sail & Ski and Saint Bernard Sports. All three locations are promoting Austin Skiers and will host our club gatherings this Fall.

Join us at Sun & Ski on Sunday, September 27 from 5-7pm to hear the latest on trips, visit with masked friends (6' apart) and shop for new or last season's merchandise. We will have COVID protections in place.



Jackie Bayly, Director: [Director@austinskiers.org](mailto:Director@austinskiers.org)



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## Message from the Membership/Communications Chair

### Gary's tidbits...

As you look at the trip line-up please also read the [Trip Policies AND Trip Cancellation Policies](#). The [cancellation policies are not necessarily the same for each trip](#) - so please read the one applicable to the trip you are interested in.

June 1 to May 31 is the membership year for Austin Skiers and we want to thank those of you who have already [Renewed](#) your **annual membership!** The vast majority (90%) pay on-line because of convenience, but you may still send me a check to 11503 Oak View Dr, Austin, TX 78759. **Membership renewal** pricing remains **unchanged** at **\$40 for Singles** and **\$55 for Families** (up to 6).

Also, as you are [renewing](#) your [membership](#) please double-check your [contact information](#) is correct - address, phone # & email. On occasion we may need to physically mail you something or call - so please take a quick glance. We appreciate it! Also, the airlines are very strict about your government issued ID matching how the ticket is made out.

[FIS](#) has announced they're cancelling the 2020 North American World Cup Races. All events at Lake Louise, Killington and Beaver Creek will be replaced by additional races in France and Switzerland.

August is usually when the [U.S. Ski Team](#) sends athletes to South America for on-snow training to test new equipment and get ready for early season competitions. Of course, this year everything changed due to COVID-19. April and May are typically off-months for the athletes, but this year the team worked to organize extensive protocols. Check this article in [Ski Magazine](#) on how the U.S. Ski Team worked through the pandemic and stayed healthy.

For those of you that have recovered from **COVID-19** or know someone who has and developed the antibodies from the virus, please consider donating your **convalescent plasma** through "[We Are Blood](#)," which is the local blood bank for the Travis County Medical Society. They are in **desperate** need for donations! They have an [online form](#) you can submit your information to see if you qualify. If so, the total amount of time at their facility will take you 1-1/2 to 2 hours. They

have **three** locations around the Austin area. Your donation can literally **save a life!**

We look forward to providing another **GREAT** year of **ski** trips, special activities and other social opportunities for you and your family to enjoy!

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