



"Ski News"

December 2021

Message from the President of Austin Skiers

Season's Greetings Austin Skiers...

I hope you're looking forward to the upcoming ski season as I am! A convenient way to check on snow conditions can be found at [OnTheSnow.com](https://www.onthesnow.com) for latest conditions at your favorite resort.

I hope to see you at our annual Holiday Party on **December 12** at [Balcones Country Club](#). Registration details are below and feel free to bring a guest. We had a good turnout for the November membership meeting at [MarineMax/Sail & Ski](#). Thanks to Oliver and the staff for hosting! While you are out holiday shopping consider stopping by [Sun & Ski Sports](#) on Anderson Lane and [Sail & Ski](#) in North Austin on 183 for your winter sports gear.

I look forward to kicking off the first ski trip of the season, which is a [Texas Ski Council Trip](#) (TSC) "Traditional" [Park City](#) on **January 8-15, 2022**. **Five** of our trips are **SOLD OUT** at this point. Check out Cindy Berry's, VP Trips update for more details. We suggest you may want to sign-up on the Wait List just in case there is a cancellation.

On behalf of our [Austin Skiers](#) Board of Directors, I wish you and your family a Wonderful Holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year - Salute!

Thinking Snow...

G.D. "Tim" Atkinson



Tim Atkinson, President: President@austinskiers.org

Trip Line up for 2022
(subject to change)

Pass	Location	Date	Lodging
EPIC	* Park City	Jan 8 – 15	Snowflower
	* Zell am See	Jan 21 – 29	Superior Grand Hotel
IKON	Snowmass	Jan 22 – 29	Top of the Village
IKON	Steamboat	Jan 29 – Feb 5	Trappeur's Crossing
EPIC	* Telluride	Feb 5 – 12	Mountain Lodge
	Sun Peaks, CAN	Feb 19 – 26	The Coast Hotel
EPIC	Vail	Feb 26 – Mar 5	Highline Vail (Doubletree)

IKON * [Mammoth, CA](#) Mar 5-Mar 12

[Scotland/N. Ireland](#) May 19-29 Multiple Properties
(Pre-Trip):Manchester May 14-19

*Texas Ski Council Trip

Please take time to review our [Trip Policies](#).

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 Trips Report

We now have 5 trips **SOLD OUT** - [Vail](#), [Snowmass](#) & [Telluride](#) & [Park City](#) & [Steamboat](#) Also, we still have room on [Sun Peaks](#), [Mammoth](#) (**one couple-contact Trip Chair**), [Zell am See](#) & [Scotland](#). Due to low participation on the Heavenly & Russia trips, the board voted to cancel both trips.

You can also [download](#) a PDF file of the **2022** trips for your convenience.

Even if a trip is **SOLD OUT** or near capacity, please consider registering and sending in your deposit as there are inevitable cancellations for a variety of reasons.

If you have any questions regarding the trips, you can contact the trip chairs or myself. Looking forward to an exciting year of skiing & travel!



Cindy Berry, VP Trips: Trips@austinskiers.org

<<<**Nominating Committee Seeks Candidates**>>>

The Austin Skiers Nominating Committee is looking for members willing to serve to recommend to the board a slate of candidates for next year. The committee will have **two** face-to-face **meetings** over the next **three months** with follow up thru email and phone calls. if you are interested or have questions about serving on our Board for next year please contact **Tim Atkinson** - **President@austinskiers.org**.

VP Trip Planning

If you've been anxious to go some place we haven't been join the **trip planning team** and we will try to make that happen for you. Even if you are traveling with the group, we can still use your help in planning our trips. We will start working on the **2023** slate of trips beginning in **January**. All meetings will be via Zoom - so you don't even have to leave the comfort of your recliner to join the team. For more information, contact Tere Mayne at TripPlanning@austinskiers.org.



Tere Mayne, VP Trip Planning: TripPlanning@austinskiers.org

**Celebrate the Holidays in Style with the
Austin Skiers**

Sunday, December 12th, 2021 - 6:00 to 9:00 PM

@ Balcones Country Club!

<<Registration is OPEN!!>>



Our Holiday Party is Back!

Our Holiday menu will begin with **Passed Hors d'oeuvres**. The **Main Course** served buffet-style will be a Carving Station with your choice of a Crusted **Prime Rib** slow roasted served with horseradish cream sauce & au jus **OR** Pan seared **Atlantic Salmon** with Mango Pineapple salsa.

The main course will be served with a **Spinach Salad**, dried cranberries & pecans with balsamic vinegar. The sides will consist of **Rosemary Potatoes & Grilled Veggies** along with **Dinner Rolls & butter**. The **Dessert** will be your choice of **Lemon Bars OR Smores Cake** - both **FULL** size.

The **DJ** will be playing holiday tunes and dancing music – so don't hesitate to request your favorite tunes! We will also have a **Photo Booth** set up!

There will be a **Water Station** with **Coffee & Tea** AND a **Cash Bar**

Great door prizes!

\$35 per person, registration is required

Where: 8600 Balcones Club Dr, Austin, TX 78750

Come on what are you waiting for! Click [HERE](#) to Register!!



Lara Pavanelli, VP Programs: Programs@austinskiers.org

Happy Hour/Special Activities

Due to the Holidays, there will be **NO** Austin Skiers Happy Hour in December.



Bill Estes, VP Special Activities: Activities@austinskiers.org



Proudly partnering with the
Texas Ski Council (TSC).

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



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](#).



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. This discount cannot be combined with other offers.

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.



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.

UPDATE: St. Bernards has closed their North Domain Store permanently, but are planning a new location as yet undetermined.



Chris Vrba, Director: Director@austinskiers.org

Message from the Membership/Communications Chair

Gary's tidbits...

Membership:

Membership as of **November 31, 2021** stands at **415** "active" members. We added **5 new** members last month.

Straight from "Ski Magazine:"

Still need a gift idea for yourself or skier who loves [tech](#), check out this article - "[The Best Tech Gifts for Skiers.](#)"

For those going to [Telluride](#) (skiers' mountain some call it) you'll find some great skiing! For the [advanced beginner](#) you might want to try "[Sundance](#)" off the [Sunshine Express](#) chair lift - it's long, wide and just enough slope you can move along at a good clip. It's also located among other beginner runs - so you don't have to worry about someone going too fast running into you.

The best [intermediate](#) terrain appears to be "[See Forever](#)" found in the "[Revelation Bowl](#)" off the [Revelation Lift](#) - it's wide open and usually groomed. Leave the rest of the Revelation Bowl to the **experts**.

For those experts among you try "**Bushwhacker**." All the terrain off the **Plunge Chair** lift are expert and **Bushwhacker** is consistently steep giving your thighs quite a workout. It's considered one of the classic black diamonds at the resort.

[Membership Profile Update:](#)

When you have a few minutes over the holidays, **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! It's also **VERY** important when it comes to airline ticketing - your government issued ID e.g., drivers' license or passport **NEED** to match!

[Airline Travel - Domestic:](#)

Due to circumstances relating to COVID-19 the Department of Homeland Security has extended the [REAL ID](#) enforcement deadline to **May 23, 2023**. On this date you will need a REAL-ID compliant drivers' license, valid passport or U.S Military ID to travel by air in the U.S. Click [here](#) for the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) website for more information.

[Travel - International:](#)

For our [international](#) travelers you can check the U.S. State Department website by country for specific travel requirements relative to [COVID-19](#). Check this site for [re-entry](#) requirements into the United States. U.S. citizens may want to consider registering for the **Smart Traveler Enrollment Program** ([STEP.state.gov](#)) so you can receive important information from your nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate, including alerts and updates to [Travel Advisories](#).

The way things are developing, if you intend to do any international travel [expect](#) to have to be **FULLY** Vaccinated (**COVID-19 card**) **AND** show evidence of a **Negative COVID-19 test PRIOR** to leaving the U.S. **AND** [returning](#). **Three** things to keep in mind: **(1)** find out [which test](#) you will need to have; **(2)** how many hours in

advance of travel does it needs to be given; AND (3) the form of [payment](#) accepted, especially in a foreign country - you may need to bring extra cash. The rules can easily vary from country-to-country.

One [tip](#) - when you get your **COVID-19 card** [make a copy](#) front/back and take it to a business who can [laminare](#) the card. Put your **ORIGINAL** card in a safe place - so when/if it needs to be updated you will still have your original card. I'd also take a [picture](#) of it with your phone along with other valuables e.g., credit cards, passport, COVID-19 card, etc. It's also advisable to have a printout of the information as a back-up and put in your carry-on. I would also give a copy to a trusted friend. As the old adage goes - "Plan for the worst but expect the best."

[COVID-19 Plasma Donation:](#)

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 [multiple](#) locations around the Austin area. Your donation can literally **save a life**! Please check out this [link](#) for an updated COVID-19 antibody testing policy.

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

[Click here to renew your membership](#)

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