



## "Ski News"

**April 2022**

**Message from the President of Austin Skiers**

### Planning Underway for 2023 Season

We have had a terrific return to skiing this year by the Austin Skiers! Our last trip of the season was [Mammoth, CA.](#), which returned on March 12 . We have a full trip for our Scotland/N. Ireland. However, if you're interested please contact [Tere Mayne](#), Trip Chair for more details.

Believe it or not it's already time to start planning our trips for **2023** and **2024**. We had **five** Austin Skiers participate in the [Texas Ski Council \(TSC\) BidFest](#) held this past weekend at the Grapevine Lakes Hilton. Please see Tere Mayne's, VP Trip Planning report below.

This is also the time of year the [Nominations Committee](#) solicits from the club membership candidates for each [board position](#) for the ensuing year. Each board position is **one-year**, which runs from June 1 to May 31. Please see their report below for the [recommended](#) slate for **2022-23**.

Thanks for your continued support of Austin Skiers!

Thinking Snow...

G.D. "Tim" Atkinson



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

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### <<<Nominating Committee Report>>>

This is the report of the Nominating Committee to the Executive Committee of Austin Skiers, Inc., regarding the **2022-23** officer slate, which will be submitted to the club membership for consideration at its Annual Membership meeting **May 12, 2022**.

The Nominating Committee appointed by the Executive Committee were Steve Knouse, Lara Pavanelli, Priscilla Johnsen, Bob Sharpe and Tim Atkinson. Each committee member was tasked with reaching out to various club members during trips, happy hours and to those they know to share information about officer positions and gauge each prospect's interest in serving.

The committee met to review all prospects. The full committee meetings were via Zoom on **March 13** and **20**. Individual communication between members and between members and prospects before and after the full meetings were in-person, and by telephone, text, and email. The slate proposed by unanimous consent of the committee members is as follows:

- \* President - Gary Armstrong
- \* VP Trips - Cindy Berry
- \* VP Trip Planning - Tere Mayne
- \* Treasurer - Steve Knouse
- \* Secretary - Mary Jo Humphreys
- \* VP Communications - Chuck Pena
- \* VP Programs - Zach Turner
- \* VP Special Activities - Bill Estes
- \* Director - Chris Vrba

Respectfully submitted March 28, 2022

*Tim Atkinson*

Tim Atkinson, Chair  
 Steve Knouse  
 Lara Pavanelli  
 Priscilla Johnsen  
 Bob Sharpe

**Remaining Trips for 2022**  
 (subject to change)

Pass	Location	Date	Lodging
	<a href="#">Scotland/N. Ireland</a>	May 18-29	Multiple Properties
	(Pre-Trip):Manchester	May 14-19	

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](#).**

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## VP of Trips Report

Post trip surveys have gone out and we would greatly appreciate you taking a few minutes of your time to give us feedback. We're always looking to improve how we do things.



Cindy Berry, VP Trips: [Trips@austinskiers.org](mailto:Trips@austinskiers.org)

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## TSC Trip Presentation (BidFest)

### AND THE WINNERS ARE....

A few years back, the TSC went to a 2 years out bid selection. This process was to help the clubs plan their own trips. So, this year's bid meeting was to select the trips for Fall of 2023 and Winter ski trips of 2024. The vendors came and

presented their best proposals for the Texas Ski Council. After much discussion and deliberation between the **12 clubs**, here are the **winners**:

Fall Expedition: New Zealand October, 2023 Holidayze  
Traditional: Beaver Creek Jan 13-20, 2024 Sports America  
Winter Expedition: Interlaken Jan 26-Feb 3, 2024 Holidayze  
Winter Shootout: Park City Feb 3-10, 2024 Sports America  
Final Showdown: Whitefish Mar 2-9, 2024 Ski.com

Now the **TSC** ski trips for winter **2023** were decided last year. They were announced a year ago, but here is the list again:

Snowmass 11/14-21/2023 Sports America  
Steamboat 2/11-18/2023 Sports America  
Ischgl, Austria 1/20-28/2023 Winter Ski & Sports  
Lake Louise 3/11-18/2023 Ski White Diamond

Your **Trip Planning Team** is working hard to fill in the gaps for a fun **2023 Ski and Travel** season. We have a contract for a cruise of **Eastern Europe** to the **Black Sea** and **Taos** for **Jan 28-Feb 4**. We are working on contracts for **Big Sky**, **Whistler**, **Winter Park**, **Crested Butte**, a wine trip to **Sonoma County** this **September** and maybe more.

Just keep turning



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

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## Treasurer Report

This is the time of year after ski trips members receive Payment from the club e.g., expense reimbursements, trip refunds, which are all paid by check. Typically checks take **five** business days up to as many as **eight** calendar days, to arrive.

If your bank **or** credit union support payment by [Zelle](#), it takes **minutes** for your money to be deposited **directly** to your account. Zelle is a **FREE** means to electronically send or receive money from friends or family and Austin Skiers.

Here is a [list of banks and credit unions](#) that support payment by Zelle. If your financial institution supports it, you can easily set it up via their web or smartphone app. Once you have it set up, then [email](#) the Austin Skiers treasurer the information used to set it up, which is going to be your **Name** along with your Telephone # **OR** email address required to enable Zelle payments.



Steve Knouse, Treasurer: [Treasurer@austinskiers.org](mailto:Treasurer@austinskiers.org)

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## **VP of Programs**

### **SAVE THE DATE!!**

The **Annual Business Meeting** of Austin Skiers will be held on **May 12** from **6-8PM** at the **Balcones Country Club**. Stay tuned for more details in future newsletters.



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

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## **Happy Hour/Special Activities**

**NORTH** Austin Happy Hour

**DISTRICT KITCHEN**

**April 7, 2022**

**4:30 - 6:30 pm**

7858 Shoal Creek Blvd.  
Austin, TX 78757

[MAP](#)

Please wear your name badge

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**SOUTH Austin Happy Hour**

**April 21, 2022**

**4:30PM - 6:30PM**

[Barton Springs Saloon](#)

424 S. Lamar Blvd.  
Austin, TX 78704

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Bill Estes, VP Special Activities: [Activities@austinskiers.org](mailto:Activities@austinskiers.org)

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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.

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. **Please note the discount policy applies for 1 month following our membership meeting. This was a corporate decision to tie discounts to "events."**



Chris Vrba, Director: [Director@austinskiers.org](mailto:Director@austinskiers.org)

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## Message from the Membership/Communications Chair

### Gary's tidbits...

#### Membership:

Membership as of **March 31, 2022** stands at **437** "active" members.

For those of you who are not currently members of Austin Skiers, **membership** runs from **June 1 - May 31**. Keep in mind we often times have **summer/fall trip** sign-ups prior to **June 1** - so if you join anytime **March 1** & after you will have an opportunity to register & travel with us. Anyone joining or renewing **before June 1** will have their membership run for up to **15 months**. Membership is not prorated.

#### Vail/EPIC Pass:

For those of you who've purchased the EPIC Pass be mindful to check your email because a **reminder email** was sent out by EPIC Pass on **March 23, 2022** about your **2022-23** pass. Please log-in and check to see whether your account is set to "auto-renew." You will need to **cancel** by **May 15, 2022**, otherwise you'll be charged **\$49 + tax** to your credit card on file with the final balance to be charged in mid-September. If you change your season pass you will automatically be **removed** from the auto-renewal program for next season.

However, in order to **change** the **auto-renew** you will need to **call** Vail - it can't be done on-line. "To make changes **or** update your credit card information or opt-out of the Auto Renew program contact our **Season Pass Call Center** at **970-754-0005** (select option 1 and 4) **or** e-mail **seasonpass@vailresorts.com**. The prices for the 3 EPIC passes are: "EPIC Pass" is **\$841**; "EPIC Local Pass" is **\$626**; "EPIC 4-Day Pass" is **\$347**. Click **HERE** for a further explanation of the passes.

For those who are thinking about purchasing the EPIC Pass we suggest you consider purchasing it through a tour operator as there are financial incentives ranging from a reduction in the overall price of the trip to a \$40-50 in lodging credit depending on the individual Pass purchased. The financial incentive options differ based on the tour operator. The price of the individual Pass will be the same either way as they cannot be discounted. **IMPORTANT** - Vail properties is **NOT** providing the opportunity to purchase **group lift tickets** - they've gone to a purely "Pass" program.

#### Ski Tips:

In a recent **post** on Facebook long-time Austin Skier commented about a YouTube video of Kili Weibel, a member of the Swiss snow demo team, pointers on how to ski on ice. He gives 4 pro tips. Tom said that "Kill is a good instructor & gets into

the detail. "The upper & lower body separation explanation and demonstration is great in the video." Check out the posted video for future reference.

#### **Trip Photos:**

You have the ability to **directly** upload trip photos to our [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#). There is also a section on the website where you can find pics of trips, although not all trips have pics. If you haven't already sent some of your photos you'd like to have posted under one of your trips from this past season - it's not too late. You can send them to me at [communications@austinskiers.org](mailto:communications@austinskiers.org)

We look forward to continue providing **Ski/Non-ski** trips as we look to the future in addition to special activities, happy hours and other social opportunities for you and your family to enjoy!

**[Click here to renew your membership](#)**

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Gary Armstrong, VP Communications: [Communications@austinskiers.org](mailto:Communications@austinskiers.org)

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## Executive Committee - Austin Skiers

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