



## "Ski News"

**February 2022**

**Message from the President of Austin Skiers**

### Season's Greetings Austin Skiers...

Happy New Year Austin Skiers! It's difficult to believe how quickly 2021 just seemed to fly by! We've all faced challenges this past year as COVID-19 continues to "live-on" albeit in a different version (variant). However, we continue to find ways to keep activities moving forward & staying safe! I hope you're looking forward to the upcoming ski season as I am! You can find current snow conditions for your favorite resorts at [ONTHESNOW.COM](https://onthesnow.com).

It was great to see almost 70 of you at our annual Holiday Party on **December 12** at **Balcones Country Club** enjoying yourselves! Thanks to Lara for all the hard work she put into making it happen along with Sail & Ski Sports for providing some of the giveaways! While you are out holiday shopping consider stopping by [Sun & Ski Sports](#) on Anderson Lane and [MarineMax/Sail & Ski](#) in North Austin on 183 for your winter sports gear.

By this time we already have had Park City, Zell am See and Snowmass trips completed with Steamboat going on right now. **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](mailto:President@austinskiers.org)

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**Trip Line up for 2022**  
(subject to change)

Pass	Location	Date	Lodging
EPIC	* <a href="#">Park City</a>	Jan 8 – 15	Snowflower
	<a href="#">Zell am See</a>	Jan 21 – 29	Superior Grand Hotel
IKON	<a href="#">Snowmass</a>	Jan 22 – 29	Top of the Village

IKON	<a href="#">Steamboat</a>	Jan 29 – Feb 5	Trappeur's Crossing
EPIC	* <a href="#">Telluride</a>	Feb 5 – 12	Mountain Lodge
	<a href="#">Sun Peaks, CAN</a>	Feb 19 – 26	The Coast Hotel
EPIC	<a href="#">Vail</a>	Feb 26 – Mar 5	Highline Vail (Doubletree)
IKON	* <a href="#">Mammoth, CA</a>	Mar 5-Mar 12	
	<a href="#">Scotland/N. Ireland</a>	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](#).**

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### **VP of Trips Report**

Of the remaining trips we have **2** trips **SOLD OUT** - [Vail](#) & [Telluride](#) (**In Progress**). We still have room on [Mammoth](#) (**Couple OR Single Supplement**) AND **Single Female**, [Sun Peaks](#) & [Scotland](#). Any questions you have about open spots on trips please contact the Trip Chair directly.

I'm sure many of you already check out the snow reports and know the West received a lot of snow recently and it continues. An easy way to find out snow reports and skiing conditions is [ONTHE SNOW.COM](#).

For the **February** trips click on the name of the trip of interest for up-to-date information: [Telluride \(In Progress\)](#), [Sun Peaks & Vail](#).

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](mailto:Trips@austinskiers.org)

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

The Austin Skiers Nominating Committee is looking for members willing to serve on the Executive Committee (EC). The committee will

recommend to the EC a slate of candidates for next year. The recommended slate will be announced to the membership after the April board meeting.

The committee will have several [Zoom meetings](#) in lieu of in-person over the next [several months](#) with follow up thru email and phone calls. If you are interested or have questions about serving on the Board for next year, please contact [Tim Atkinson](#) - [President@austinskiers.org](mailto:President@austinskiers.org).

We particularly need candidates for President & VP Programs.

A list of responsibilities for Executive Committee Members can be found [here](#).

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### **Mark on Your Calendars – TSC Trip Presentation (BidFest)**

OK, Austin Skiers the Annual **TSC "BidFest"** is back!! We encourage all Austin Skiers to register and attend to see how the TSC trips are selected. It will be held **April 1 - 3, 2022** at the Grapevine Lakes Hilton. Go to the TSC [website](#) and click [HERE](#) (**Bidfest 2022**) to register. We encourage you to [sign-up early](#) as registrations are slated to increase after the first of the month.

This is a beautiful venue, spacious meeting auditorium, superior rooms and a fantastic dinner & dance hall AND we will have live music being performed by **Mapleshade**.

Other activities include [golf](#) on Friday with the **1st t-time** at **11:00AM**, hopefully allowing us to complete the round in ample time for the [Welcome](#) at **5:15PM**. We have also arranged a [wine & shopping](#) afternoon in the historic downtown area of Grapevine for those early arrivals who do not care for golf.

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### **VP of Trip Planning**

It you're interested in participating to plan future trips whether it be snow skiing, river boat cruises or wine country trip, etc. for Austin Skiers, please contact Tere Mayne at [TripPlanning@austinskiers.org](mailto:TripPlanning@austinskiers.org). We would love your comments on where you want to ski and travel in the future.



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

**SOUTH** Happy Hour

**February 17, 2022**

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

**Salt Trader's (Zilker)**

1101 S. Mopac Expy/Barton Hills  
Austin, TX 78746  
512-484-0095

**MAP**

<<Please remember to wear your name badge>>



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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.

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 they have a new discount policy - it 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 **January 31, 2021** stands at **426** "active" members. We added **2** new members as of the date of this publication.

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 go with us. Anyone joining or renewing **before June 1** will have their membership run for up to **15 months**. Membership is not prorated.

##### **Events:**

I live by my calendar - so when I need to be somewhere, which takes several minutes to do after typing in the caption, date, time & location. We have a **TWO** less time-consuming ways you may not know about for Austin Skiers "events" e.g., Happy Hours, Ski Trips.

**First**, go to our home page and look on the right-side under "Upcoming Events" - click on the "event" of interest. In the upper right-hand corner of the page you'll see "[Add to Calendar](#)." It will provide you **FIVE** different calendar format options. Click on the one that applies to you - a small file will download to your computer. Click on the file and it will add the "event" to your calendar.

**Second**, you can also use the handy **FREE** "WildApricot" app ([Apple](#) and [Android](#)) for **members** - launch the app & tap "events." Click on the "event" of interest - at the top of the next page under the caption you'll find "[Add to Calendar](#)." There is no file to download - it will be automatically added to your device calendar.

#### [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. For those living in an [apartment](#) or [condo](#) please remember to include your **Unit #**.

It's also **VERY** important when it comes to airline ticketing - your government issued ID e.g., drivers' license or passport **NEED** to match.

#### [Layering for Cold Weather Adventure:](#)

Ski Magazine offers up a [definitive guide](#) on layering in cold weather. Yes, we all probably know about base, mid & exterior layering, but they also provide guidance how to layer based on temperature. Check it out.

#### [Trip Photos:](#)

If you're on one of the remaining Austin Skiers trips this year and would like to have some of your photos published on our [Website/Facebook/Instagram](#) pages please feel free to send them to me at [communications@austinskiers.org](mailto:communications@austinskiers.org).

#### [International Travel Update:](#)

Rules keep changing for international travel (different by country) with the latest one being England. As of 4PM **February 11, 2022** rules will change for travel to [England](#). For those on the Scotland trip please

refer to the recent email from Tere Mayne, Trip Chair for more details. As always rules are subject to change and vary country-to-country.

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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### **Executive Committee - Austin Skiers**

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"...more than skiing."