



"Ski News"

June 2020

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Hello Austin Skiers - it's Summer time!

We had a great 2019-20 season with [360](#) participants that included [9](#) ski trips, a scuba diving trip to Cozumel and the Sonoma Wine Tour. The new year is well underway and we're hard at work to make your experience with Austin Skiers as good or better than last year. We want to thank those who have already [renewed](#) their 2020-21 [membership](#) in Austin Skiers - the [pricing has not changed](#) for Individual or Family membership. Only through your continued support and involvement can club activities continue and expand.

We had a very good turnout for the first "Virtual" [Annual Membership Meeting](#) in May due to COVID-19. Thank you for your perseverance with this new medium. You will find our newly elected club officers listed in this newsletter.

I want to personally thank outgoing officers [Jackie Bayly](#), [Jake Sullivan](#), and [Steve Tatro](#) for their dedicated service. They have spent a lot of time working on your behalf and have done a great job! [Jackie Bayly](#) is taking a well-deserved break after three years as your president, but thankfully she will continue to serve Austin

Skiers as Director. **Jackie**, I am especially grateful for the hours (and patience) you have spent bringing me up to speed.

TRIPS...Are you as anxious as we are to get out of the house? Thanks to those who completed the Trip Planning Survey this spring, because we listen to what you say. **Tere Mayne**, VP Trip Planning, continues to work hard to finalize trip pricing and details, with the final contract for each trip to be approved by the executive board. **Tere** deserves special recognition this year for some tough contract negotiations concerning contingencies related to COVID-19. **Elisabeth Poigin**, VP Trips, is starting to recruit, train, and supervise Trip Chairs for 2021 in preparation for the **August 16 Trip Presentation**. Please thank both **Tere** and **Elisabeth** for their hard work and dedication.

The executive board members spend a lot of time on your behalf to keep this **50-year-old** not-for-profit club running so well. I am so impressed with the dedication and professionalism of your officers; please know that they do appreciate your kind words of support. Please also welcome our other new board member, secretary [Mary Jo Humphreys](#).

Finally, thank you for the honor of asking me to serve again as your president. You're probably tired of hearing me say it: "I joined Austin Skiers for the inexpensive trips, but I stayed for the friendships." Life is all about friendships, and few I cherish more than those that have grown in Austin Skiers. It won't be too long before we all again can share handshakes and hugs, and get to go outside and play, and it can't get here soon enough.

Thinking snow,

[Tim Atkinson](#)



Tim Atkinson, President: President@austinskiers.org



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Please take time to review our [trip policies](#), which include cancellation information.

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](#).**

Please Welcome our 2020/2021 Board Members!

The following Austin Skiers members were elected as club officers at the annual meeting on May 8. They begin their duties on June 1. Visit the [Contact Us](#) page to view pictures and contact emails.

President – Tim Atkinson
VP Trips - Elisabeth Poigin
VP Trip Planning - Tere Mayne
Treasurer - Steve Knouse
Director – Jackie Bayly
VP Programs - Lara Pavanelli
VP Special Activities - Mary L. Goetschel (ML)
Secretary – Mary Jo Humphreys
VP Communications - Gary Armstrong

Annual Membership Meeting - May 12

This year was unlike any other Annual Membership Meeting of the Austin Skiers – it was conducted “virtually” via Zoom. It was held on May 12 & you can view the [presentation file](#) (PDF) by clicking on this link, which includes a description of the bylaw changes as approved. The executive committee will have two new members with one changing positions. Tim Atkinson will assume the role as President while Jackie Bayly will move over to serve in the Directors position being vacated by Jake Sullivan. Steve Tatro will rotate off the board to be replaced by Mary Jo

Humphreys. The **trips for 2021** were also announced for **Austin Skiers/TSC** along with the **2021 TSC schedule**.

VP Trips Report

Trip Line up for 2021 (subject to change)

Pass	Location	Date	Lodging
EPIC	Beaver Creek	Jan 9 – 16	The Charter
IKON	Snowmass*	Jan 16 – 23	Top Of the Village
IKON	Taos Long	Jan 23 – 30	Snakedance
IKON	Taos Short	Jan 23 – 27	Snakedance
EPIC	Telluride	Feb 6 – 13	Bear Creek Lodge
IKON	Copper Mtn	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

Trip Chairs Wanted

Austin Skiers has an exciting 2021 ski season ahead with several top-rated, ski-in, ski-out resorts from which to choose! The tentative trip line-up is also posted on our [home page](#). There is a PDF file that you can [download](#) providing you a list of venues, applicable passes (IKON/EPIC), accommodations, dates and proximity to the slope.

We are working on the details for our trips and will have them posted on our web site. This is also the time to begin thinking about serving in the capacity as either a

Trip Chair or Trip Chair Assistant. We are asking our membership to find members who are interested in volunteering for either of these positions.

Now is the time to identify club members willing to serve as Trip Chairs and Trip Chair Assistants. Qualified applicant will be allowed a trip reimbursement of \$1200 as a Trip Chair or \$300 as a Trip Chair Assistant.

As you know we can't run a trip without a Trip Chair, so this is a critical leadership position for our club. If you are interested in serving as a Trip Chair or Assistant read through the trip chair's [responsibilities](#) and submit your [application](#). Email your completed application form and any questions you may have about the trip to Elisabeth Poigin at Trips@AustinSkiers.org.

2020 Trips Update

The [Post-Trip](#) party, which was tentatively scheduled for **June 14** has been [postponed](#) after reviewing the survey responses from trip participants. We will continue to monitor the CDC guidelines & local health officials insofar as gatherings of large crowds.



Elisabeth Poigin, VP Trips: Trips@austinskiers.org

SAVE THE DATES

* **Trip Presentation Meeting: August 16**
(Details to follow)

* **Post Trip Party: Postponed**



Lara Pavanelli, VP Programs: Programs@austinskiers.org

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic all Happy Hours and Activities have been cancelled through June. 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



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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](#).



UPDATE: [Sun & Ski Sports](#) has **re-opened** their store for walk-in traffic.

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.

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.



Jackie Bayly, Director: Director@austinskiers.org

Austin Skiers "active" membership stands at **463**. We appreciate your membership & participation in Austin Skiers - it is why we exist.

June 1 to May 31 is the membership year for Austin Skiers and we want to 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 P.O. Box 200516, Austin, TX 78720. **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!

Congratulations to **Elisabeth Poigin**, VP Trips, who became an **American citizen** on **May 22!**

We are still working on finalizing a few remaining contracts for a Great line-up of ski venues for next season. Please consider serving as either a Trip Chair **or** Assistant Trip Chair in 2021. Contact Elisabeth Poigin Trips@austinskiers.org for further details. The training will be held sometime this summer.

As you know from our **Trip Line-Up** we're scheduled to go to **Telluride**, CO and **Snowbird**, UT. I ran across two articles in **Ski Magazine** on both venues you might be interested in to get you a glimpse of next season. Also, check out this **uTube** video footage put together by **Richard Permin** and several Dynastar athletes as they ride the terrain of Snowbird and the back country around Telluride. It also showcases **stunning** footage of the Utah desert near Moab, the Great Salt Lake, and Switzerland. It is well worth your time watching this 4 min/19 sec. video that premiered on May 21, 2020.

Sun & Ski Sports offers a service they call "[Ship to Store](#)," that offers FREE shipping for your online orders to your local stores locations. Thanks to those who've donated some **20 goggles** by Austin Skiers. Check out the details on their website. They continue to support the "[Goggles for Docs](#)" program, which allows you to donate your used goggles or purchase/donate them to provide continuing support to the front-line workers. The goggles are being sent to the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio. See our main [webpage](#) for more information and the local [Sun & Ski Sports](#) store website.

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 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.

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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