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FEBRUARY 2021

## MEETINGS:

FEBRUARY 3

FEBRUARY 17

ALL VIRTUAL

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Well in a normal Ibex Ski Club season, I would now be writing about what a great time was had by all in Mammoth, the Europe trip would be on their extension and we are preparing for spring break in Big Sky. But as you all know; it hasn't been a normal year it has been a really strange one without any travel. So that leaves us with memories so let me reminisce about Melissa's and I first trip with Ibex.

Big Sky 2012 – What a great experience it was that got us completely hooked on Ibex! We met great people who have become wonderful friends which only expanded that group through the years. One story that comes to mind from that trip was the day we went snowmobiling. It was a small group of 5-Ed Fee, Sara Schmeichel, Jim Malinowski, Melissa and I. We started out following the trails having a great time. We had lunch at a restaurant that was run by an elderly couple where he cooked and she managed the tables. The only access to this place was by snowmobile. While heading up a hill Ed went rogue having a good time and managed to flip his snowmobile over. We were able to flip it upright but the snowmobile would not start. Good thing Jim was with us as he knew what to do in this situation and was able to start the engine.

On this trip, we stayed in large homes with eight people. Each home had its own large hot tub. Après ski was spent in the tub with cocktails. On the last night we all met at one house for a "going home" party. We needed to finish all the food and booze. One picture I will never forget is Chuck dancing on the coffee table...I was shock it didn't break. This was just the beginning of our fun filled future with Ibex.

I know we all have amazing memories, stories and have made life long friends. I know we all hope to be traveling soon, but until then remember the great times!!! I hope to see you on an Ibex Zoom meeting soon.

Please join us sometime.

Joe Kelley, Ibex President

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day



# TRIP EDITION—2020/2021

Hi,

Hope this newsletter finds you safe and healthy. I'm writing this as I look out my window at all the beautiful snow – hopefully you were able to get out and enjoy it.

Our ski season so far has been a bust. But I continue to be hopeful we will still get a couple trips in.

A few things to note:

- First, since we have less than 10 people signed up for the **Devil's Head** trip, we are cancelling. We will issue refunds to anyone who put down a deposit.
- **Keystone**: the trip is still on for now, but please note there are currently restrictions in place in CO affecting our lodging. There is a limit of no more than 10 people and no more than two households in a personal gathering, including condos. So 3-4 individuals from separate households are currently not allowed to stay in one condo.

Our trip provider is working with Vail Resorts and River Run to see if there are any other rooming options for us in case the restriction continues. If not, there is a chance we will need to cancel. More to come...

- **Big Sky**: the trip is still on. We have given up our remaining spots but if you are interested, please let Ed Fee know and we will see if we can add.

We are looking forward to the Croatia/Dubrovnik and S Africa trips later in the year. Fingers crossed...

Thinking ahead to 2022, we have already rescheduled the following trips:

- Wengen/Majorca: Jan 21-29; Jan 29-Feb 2, 2022
- Snowbird: Feb 12-17, 2022
- Mammoth: Spring Break - March 19-26, 2022!

Keep an eye out for the annual trip survey in the next month or so. It will be abbreviated since many of our trips are moving to 2022. Thanks in advance for your participation.

Finally, many thanks to Barb Kimicata for all of her work as treasurer. There have been a lot of refunds to issue and Barb has been awesome throughout the process – it is a lot of work!

Lynn Dean  
Trip Chair





# TRIP EDITION—2020/2021

## Trip Insurance

Trip insurance is highly recommended! And if you want to be covered for pandemics (like COVID-19), you will want to purchase **Cancel for Any Reason (CFAR)** insurance. Fewer companies are offering this type of policy given COVID-19 and you will want to do your own research. Ibex does not endorse any particular company but the below companies offer CFAR (in addition to the Travel+Leisure link in Lynn's article):

- AIG Travel Guard: <http://travelguard.com>
- AXA Assistance: <https://www.axatravelinsurance.com/inithome>
- John Hancock: <https://www.johnhancocktravel.com/>
- Travel Insured: <https://www.travelinsured.com>
- USI Affinity: <https://www.usiaffinity.com/tai-ind/personal/travel-insurance/>

**Important note:** You will need to check your individual policy, but generally, CFAR needs to be purchased **within 14-21 days of making your initial deposit** and you must cancel at least 48 hours prior to the start of the trip. Trip insurance is an individual decision but in light of the last 6 months, it is worth considering.

Other travel insurance companies who offer general policies (non-CFAR) are:

- Berkshire Hathaway Travel Protection: <https://www.bhtp.com>
- Travel Protectors, LLC: <http://www.travelprotectors.com>
- World Nomads: <https://www.worldnomads.com/>

**Ibex 2020-2021 payment schedule**

Payment date	8/5	9/2	9/16	10/7	10/21	11/4	11/18	12/2	12/16	1/6	1/20	2/3	3/4	5/5	Total
Keystone, CO	\$200		\$300		\$300		\$270*								\$1,070
Big Sky, MT	\$200			\$600			\$600			\$515*					\$1,915
South Africa	\$300				\$1,000			\$1,000			\$1,000		\$1,000	TBD**	TBD**

\* See your trip leader for final payment amount

\*\*Air pending (Land only \$3760)



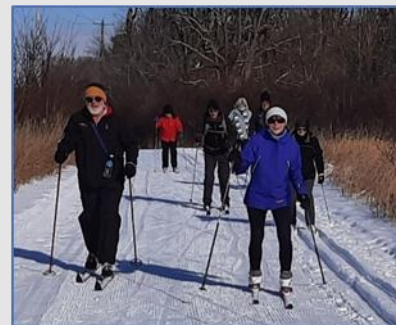
# RECAP: X-COUNTRY EVENT

## Welcome to the “Pop Up Experience”!

Some activities simply don't lend themselves well to advance planning. Cross Country Skiing would certainly be one of them. Weather and snow conditions need to be within certain parameters to make the activity enjoyable; and those parameters don't last long.

Hence the short (3d) notice for our Saturday, 9-Jan X-country activity. However, 10 alert Ibex answered the call and none were disappointed for the effort. We went to Parkside Cross Country Course in Kenosha; and where the Chicago-area started the day with wall-to-wall clouds, Kenosha blessed us with wall-to-wall blue sky! We did one 3.6-mile 'loop' tour enjoying the groomed trails which were more visible to us courtesy thanks to abundant sunshine.

After the event, we hung out in the parking lot together with coffee, water, beer, Bailey's & schnapps. Don clearly didn't have enough exercise so he pulled out his snowshoes to hit the trail yet again from a different perspective. Just watching him tired us out, so we then migrated to Buffalo Creek Brewery and enjoyed their outdoor firepits over a little food & beverages. As with so many of our events, the apres-activity oftentimes lasts significantly longer than the activity itself!



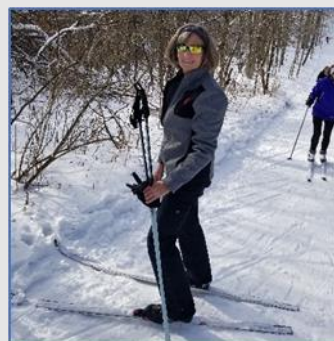
Some memorable (?) moments:

- The sun (being the welcomed addition to the day) was our challenge when trying to get a stranger to take our group picture (not to mention he couldn't get his finger out of the way of the lens!)
- Some skiers didn't look far enough ahead to 'lift their ski' from the track to avoid a not-so-little pooch-deposit. Ick. BIG Ick.
- We learned a new translation for an old expletive. “Shit Shit Shit” is Boba-ese for “Janine I'm going to run into you very soon!!”
- “Last time we went this way”; “No last time we went that way”; “Are you sure? I'm pretty sure we went this way”, “No, I think...” . . . the redundantly-lengthy yet moderately-entertaining dialogue amongst the experienced of us for the newly-initiated.
- “Buffalo Creek”: it's a walking path as well as a Brewery. Who knew??!

Keep watching your inbox and stay alert for more “pop up experiences” as we continue to search for things to do that may not be as “plannable” as we might like but always hold promise for entertainment!

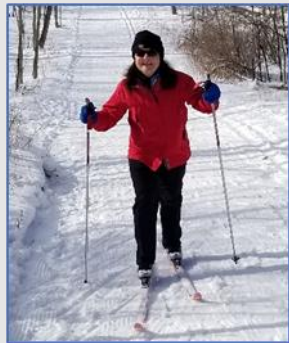
Until then . . . THINK FUN!

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# RECAP: X-COUNTRY EVENT





# FLASHBACK TO BIG SKY



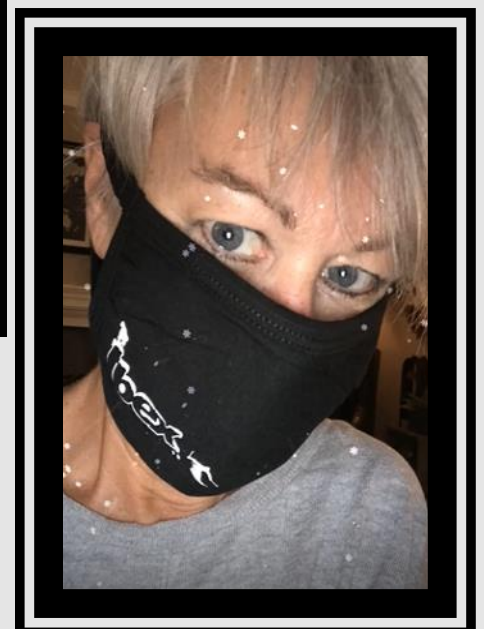


# IBEX MARKETPLACE

It's Winter and ski season! With any luck, powder, moguls and trips are all in our future. In order to be prepared and excited, we are introducing some new Ibex products perfect for your first, next or future ski adventures. These particular items are only available in limited quantities and for a limited time. Both mens and womens' hats as well as the neck pillow are all \$20 each. The masks are \$10. Get yours while they last!

To order, please email: [lindasuewagner@gmail.com](mailto:lindasuewagner@gmail.com) Specify item(s): Womens' Knit Hat, Mens' Beanie, Neck Pillow or Mask along w/ your quantity of each. Remember, we have limited quantities so orders will be processed on a first come, first served basis. Cash or check only, made payable to Cash. All prices include tax.

~Linda Wagner





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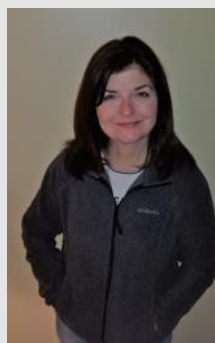
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# CMSC UPDATES



CMSC Board, Members and Clubs,

Our training center has seen an increase in new athletes. We currently have 25-30 kids on our small hills (5-25m) that's as many as I've seen in my 15 years with the club. Great problem to have and we want the trend to continue! We strive to update and maintain our facilities and equipment to the highest level, these goals go directly to the attraction, retention and safety our athletes.

We are in need of updating and adding to our equipment. We do our best to supply our junior athletes with skis, boots, and bindings. All of our equipment is sourced in Europe, and is difficult for new families to acquire on their own. It's a great benefit to our athletes and families to have quality equipment in house, without this equipment it is doubtful we would be able to attract and retain kids in the program.

With your help we will buy new equipment that is much safer for our juniors. Please consider making a donation, the CMSC board has generously agreed to match funds up to \$2500 raised from CMSC's member clubs.

Let's keep the Olympic dreams alive for the next generation.

Donation options: Go to our website [www.norgeskiclub.com](http://www.norgeskiclub.com) and use the PayPal button (can use credit card), Checks can be sent to: Norge Ski Club, PO Box 31, Fox River Grove IL 60021.

Please add note in PayPal, or memo on check "CMSC fundraiser".

Norge is a 501c3 non for profit #36-4418213

Please reach out for any questions 847-804-6190, [glarson164@gmail.com](mailto:glarson164@gmail.com)

Thanks,

Guy Larson

Chairman-Ski Training Center



# MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

## Renew Membership Now

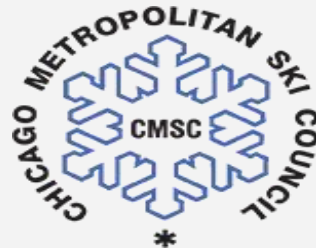
I know these are trying times. But we will eventually get back to at least semi normal. Hope you stay with us and renew your membership. Go to <http://www.skiibex.com>

**Mike Akutagawa**  
Membership Chair



## Social Media & More

Check out our social media sites. We have been busy posting pictures daily from our first three trips. Be part of the trip and post about it. Click on the icons below to get connected with Ibex & CMSC



## Welcome New Members

## Returning Members



## February Birthdays

Frank Buchberger	2/2
Bryan Merrill	2/3
Karla Lammers	2/4
Lizzie Haussmann	2/5
Todd Wood	2/6
Phyllis Moore	2/7
Mason Haussmann	2/9
Penny Link	2/12
Rahi Patel	2/12
Norb Tremko	2/13
Suzanne Nagel	2/16
Nancy Michalak	2/18
Russell Bugden	2/19
Sue Weides	2/19
Horacio Baggio	2/20
Debbie Dukes	2/20
Jeff Smith	2/22
Ed Masopust	2/23
Nicholas Wendt	2/25
Jeff Bush	2/26
Donna Todd	2/26
Pat Calabrese	2-29
Glen Chiechi	2-29





## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

- ◆ President—Joe Kelley
- ◆ Trip Chair—Lynn Dean
- ◆ Membership Chair—Mike Akutagawa
- ◆ Activities Chair—Jan Vinopal
- ◆ Secretary—John Graves
- ◆ Treasurer— Barb Kimicata

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- ◆ Jean Bagel
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- ◆ Pam Chiechi
- ◆ Glen Chiechi
- ◆ Ed Fee
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Single	\$25.00
Couple/Family	\$45.00

We'd love to hear from you. Tell us how we are doing with the newsletter or if you have suggestions on improving our communication.

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