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THE OLDE GOAT

Chair Lift Chat from the Prez

Welcome 2021...so excited for a new year!!!!

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays over the past two weeks. Had a chance to enjoy small family celebrations while staying safe. The New Year brings excitement and new hope with vaccinations starting there is light at the end of the tunnel.

We have had a little bumpy start with our Mammoth trip being cancel due to California's extended stay at home order, lack of ICU beds and increasing Covid numbers. The state imposed "stay at home" order restricts travel and all lodging reservations were cancelled. United had also cancelled our flights. We are already working on refunds for the group and will continue to monitor the situation for our other upcoming trips.

Our first meeting of the year will be Wednesday January 6th via zoom at 8pm. All members will get an email with link to join in and catch up with others. Just a reminder, all Ibex meetings are the first and third Wednesday of each month at 8pm and we would love to have you join. During these crazy times it is important to stay connected with friends so consider participating.

We had a great turn out for our Holiday zoom meeting. It was lots of fun and great to see all who joined. There were games & prizes-see the follow up article in the newsletter.

Joe Kelley, Ibex President

JANUARY 2021

MEETINGS:

JANUARY 2

JANUARY 16

ALL VIRTUAL

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HAPPY
NEW YEAR

TRIP EDITION—2020/2021

Hi,

Happy New Year! What a year! There is one thing I know for sure about 2020...I'm happy it is over. But despite all the negative aspects of the year, I am happy I was able to participate in the Val Gardena/Krakow trip in January. And grateful for a job I could work from home, Netflix, Amazon Prime and a comfortable home to enjoy all of these from.

It was an interesting year for Ibex and my role as trip chair. Thanks to everyone for your patience as we worked through trip cancellations and refunds. And an extra special thanks to our treasurer, Barb Kimicata, for her patience and hard work with all of the refunds/moving \$\$ across trips.

We've had to cancel four 2021 trips – Wengen, Majorca, Snowbird, and this week, Mammoth. Mammoth is part of the Southern California stay-at-home order and our lodging is only open to owners. It is a bummer but we will be moving these trips to 2022. Something to look forward to...

The Devil's Head, Keystone and Big Sky ski trips are still on – fingers crossed. If you are interested in Devil's Head, please sign up soon. We have cut spots on the Keystone and Big Sky trips, but if you are interested, please let the trip leader or me know (Keystone: Chuck Binzel; Big Sky: Ed Fee). We will try to get additional spots.

We can also look forward to the Croatia/Dubrovnik and S Africa trips later in the year. I know I am looking forward to traveling internationally again.

Many of our trips are moving to 2022 but we will still reach out in the next couple months with our annual trip survey. More to come...

Looking forward to 2021, one thing I know for sure...I will never again take the ability to travel for granted. Here's to an amazing 2021!

Happy New Year!

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/>

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
Mammoth, CA	\$200	\$500		\$500		\$550*									\$1,750
Devil's Head	\$75				\$75				\$99						\$249
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)



Sister club Piccadilly Ski Club - Ibex members may join Piccadilly for \$1 reciprocal membership fee! Trip list here: <https://www.piccadillyskiclub.com/trips/>
 Piccadilly has openings in particular for Pine Mountain, MI 2/19-21/21 and Winter Park, CO 3/19-24/21. Other trips may have spots.

TRIP EDITION—2020/2021

Devil's Head – Merrimac, WI

Feb. 26 - 28, 2021

- Drive up in your own car
- Lodging: Best Western Baraboo Inn (town of Baraboo, WI) - 2 nights
- 2-day lift ticket - Devil's Head
- Trip Leaders: Maggie and Joey Kelley

Price: \$230 (includes lodging and lift tickets)

Check out our website for more information and to sign up.

<https://skiibex.com/devils-head-drive-up-trip/>



ACTIVITIES RECAP

2020 Zoom Holiday Party



Happy Holidays!!!!

Thanks to everyone who joined us for the virtual holiday party. It was really great to see everyone on Zoom. We had fun playing games and catching up on how everyone is doing!! Trivia was challenging, outfits festive, backgrounds entertaining and of course there were delicious cocktails! A huge thank you Maureen Rosenbarger, & Sue Weides (Triva) and Maggie Kelley (2020 Blows Guessing game).

The winners of the Zoom games were:

Zoom Background: **Denise Boba**

Trivia: **Jean Bagel 1st and 2nd tie is Patti Kalal and Denise Boba**

2020 Blows Guessing game: **Jeff Jacobs**

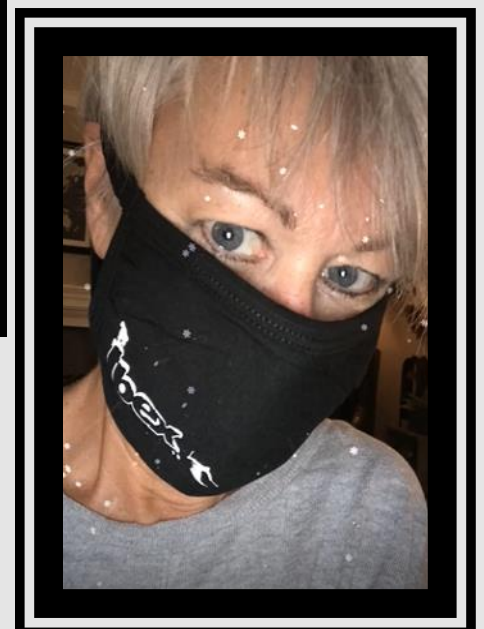
Outfit: **Sue Weides and Joe Davis**

IBEX MARKETPLACE

With the onset of Fall come visions of 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 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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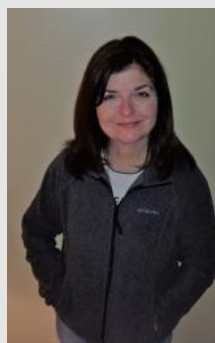
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CMSC UPDATES



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 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 ad 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

Thanks,

Guy Larson

Chairman-Ski Training Center

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

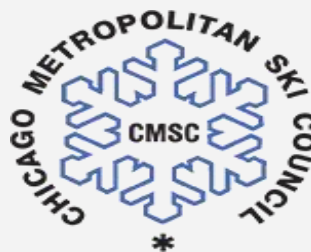
Renew Membership Now

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and safe New Year. Let's hope this is a much better year than last. And a good way to start is to take a trip with Ibex. There are still a few spots open. So renew your membership and join the gang on the slopes. 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

Kevin Kwiatt

Returning Members

Jon Gill



January Birthdays

Bill West	1/1
Jacqueline Wodach	1/1
Pat Tydell	1/2
Mark Westlund	1/3
Cheryl Wisniewski	1/3
Joeseeph Manning	1/7
Dan Brossard	1/8
Greg Kujawinski	1/8
Frank Quattrochi	1/8
Ron Hadsall	1/9
Linda Wagner	1/10
Sue Rosengard	1/14
Catherine Jasinski	1/16
Diane Stranc	1/26
Linda O'Connor	1/27

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Couple/Family	\$45.00

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