

## IBEX SKI &amp; ADVENTURE CLUB



## THE OLDE GOAT

MAY 2021

## MEETINGS:

MAY 5—VIRTUAL

MAY 19— @GATSBYS  
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## Chair Lift Chat from the Prez

The new year for Ibex has just started, with that comes changes to the Board of Directors and Executive Board members. We are excited to announce that Sydney Whitley will be joining the Executive Board as Activities Chairperson. We have two additions to the Board of Directors. Welcome Patti Kalal and Amy Scattaglia! We are all looking forward to a fun filled year.

I want to thank the 2020-2021 Board of Directors and Executive Board members for their support during a very challenging year.

The new season will bring opportunities for in person events such as the May 15th Bike Ride hosted by Rich Fontagneres, Ibex Club meeting at Gatsby's on May 19th or in July for our annual club picnic.

Happy Mother's Day to all the Ibex Mothers.

Please stay safe & healthy and I hope to see you soon.

Joe Kelley, Ibex President

May 19th—Ibex Meeting will be held  
at Gatsby's—8 PM (7 PM Social)

Gatsby's Pizza & Pub  
427 E Rand Rd, Arlington Heights

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## TRIP EDITION—2020/2021

Hi,

As we close out the 2020/2021 season, I want to thank everyone for your confidence and patience as we managed through a challenging year. I am looking forward to the 2021/2022 season and I hope you are too.

Please mark your calendar! Our **annual trip sign-up party** is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 4** at Chandler's in Schaumburg. The Executive Board is finalizing the trip schedule for next year and we hope to announce it by June 1.

A virtual Mountain Travel Symposium (MTS) was held April 15-17 and I attended. In addition to general sessions, I met individually with 24 trip providers, resorts and tourism representatives for 20-minute meet and greets. I walked away excited and with some great ideas for next year and beyond.

Finally, our trips to Croatia (June) and South Africa (September) are still on. Fingers crossed...

As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
Lynn Dean  
Trip Chair



# ACTIVITIES

## Upcoming Activities:

May 15: Bike Ride—Rich (page 4)

May 19: Ibex Meeting at Gatsby's Pizza & Pub in Arlington Heights (below)

June 12: Bike Ride —Sue Weides

June 18: Restaurant of the Month in Deer Park—Sydney (below)

July 15: Volunteer Event at Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg—Amy (page 5)

July 18: Picnic—**SAVE THE DATE**

Sydney Whitley  
Activities Chair



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## Restaurant of the Month:

Join fellow club members for your favorite libation and a Mexican buffet at [La Hacienda](#) at Deer Park Mall, a large restaurant with a private room and adjacent patio

When: June 18—6 PM

Where: La Hacienda De Los Fernandez, 21520 W. Field Parkway, Deer Park (behind the mall across from movie theaters)

Venue: Party Room & Patio

Registration: Needed by May 28 to guarantee the room for 25 people

Cost: \$20 per person for the Mexican buffet, not including drinks or dessert

Payment to Ibex through credit card, zelle, or by check to the PO

Contact [Sydney](#) with any questions



## BIKE RIDES

### Rich's Taxing Bike Ride—May 15



Since income tax deadline has been delayed this year due to Covid-19 and everyone is looking forward to summer activities, its time for a bike ride this year.

**Date:** Saturday May 15, 2021 (Tax Day)

**Time:** 10:00 AM, 9:30 ish if you need air or cable or bike adjustments. My Cell phone **(847) 682-2163**

**Location:** 8223 N Odell Ave Niles IL 60714, 3 blocks north of Oakton and 3 blocks west of Harlem.

**Course:** We will ride the North Branch Bike trail, ( about 1 mile from my house) distance will be determined by peoples conditioning, especially mine. Those that wish can ride all the way to the Botanical Gardens but I am thinking more along 10 miles with the ability to turn back if you feel like it.

**Post Ride:** I will have a main dish of some kind, (sandwich and salad) and some cheap beer and pop. If anyone likes, we could use a dish to pass or desert.

We will probably be back at the house by 11:30 – 12:00 so if you don't ride come for the food and human contact.

Hope to see everyone there!

~Rich Fontagneres

### Chicago Botanical Garden Bike Ride—June 12

For bikers and nature lovers, join us, for a bike ride to botanical gardens.

**When:** Saturday, June 12, 10 AM

**Where:** Erickson Woods—Willow Rd, east of I-94/Edens Expy. We will meet in the parking lot.



The trail is approximately 3 miles, and then we will take a walk into botanical gardens eat lunch and ride back to Erickson Woods. RSVP on Ibex website.

Any questions contact [Sue Dunlop](#) (847) 732-8573

## VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITY



Please join other IBEX members in volunteering at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) **Thursday, July 15 from 6-8 PM** in Schaumburg.

FMSC provides nutritious meals to children around the world. We will be sorting and packing food to support their efforts.



We have 20 spots available; I may be able to get more if needed. If you would like to participate, please signup at [skiibex.com](https://skiibex.com) or email Amy Scattaglia directly, [ascatt1212@gmail.com](mailto:ascatt1212@gmail.com)

Feed My Starving Children  
740 Wiley Farm Road  
Schaumburg, IL 60173

July 15, 2021 6-8 PM

Feel free to contact me with questions and check out the organization's website: <https://www.fmsc.org/get-involved/volunteer-info>

~Amy Scattaglia



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## EVENT RECAP

### Glen & Pam Chiechi Moving to Reno - Dinner

Wow! We had over 50 people join us at Beelow's on April 7<sup>th</sup> and it was wonderful to see everyone before our move to Reno. Thank you for seeing us off! We are getting settled into our new home & look forward to seeing many of you on the Ibex Croatia Trip and / or other upcoming Ibex trips.

As they say, a picture is worth 1000 words, so here are some great pics of the attendees. Special thanks to Lynne Moon for organizing such a fun event and Ed Fee for capturing the pics of the evening!

Pam & Glen



# IBEX ELECTION NOTICE

## Ibex Election Results: 2021-2022 Fiscal Year

Thank you to all the candidates for stepping up to lead the club. Everyone's contributions are much appreciated.

Thank you very much to Lynne Moon and Paula Hiller for their diligent work verifying the votes with me. Some busy work as the free version of SurveyMonkey limits our downloading and sorting capabilities.

### 2021-2022 Executive Board:

- President—Joe Kelley
- Trips—Lynn Dean
- Secretary—John Graves
- Treasurer—Barb Kimicata
- Membership—Mike Akutagawa
- Activities—Sydney Whitley

### Board of Directors:

Two Year term: Patti Kalal and Tom Lemanski

One Year term: Amy Scattaglia- appointed to fill remainder of Glen Chiechi term.

Congratulations to everyone. Looking forward to another year of strong Ibex Leadership.

Following is the Board of Directors composition for 2021-2022:

Name	Elected	Status
Jean Bagel	Past President	Permanent
Pam Chiechi	Past President	Permanent
Ed Fee	Past President	Permanent
Paula Hiller	Past President	Permanent
Patti Kadal	April 2021	Term expires 4/30/2023
Joe Kelley	Executive Board President	
Tom Lemanski	April 2021	Term expires 4/30/2023
Amy Scattaglia	Appointed April 2021	Term expires 4/30/2022
Linda Wagner	April 2020	Term expires 4/30/2022



# THANK YOU FROM THE BOD

Thank You to the 2020-2021 Ibex Club Leadership

Wow, who would have thought a year later I would still be writing about how well the club leadership has prevailed, despite the Covid 19 Pandemic. Through all the adjustments, postponements, and cancellations they just keep adapting. Plus, there has been awesome future planning. Ibex is staying on course!

The Ibex 2020-21 Executive Board has done a fantastic job!

Joe Kelley President, Lynn Dean Trips, Jan Vinopal Activities, Barb Kimicata Treasurer, John Graves Secretary/newsletter, Mike Akutagawa Membership. Excellent teamwork by all!

Ibex had one great ski trip to Big Sky! Sh\*\* happens beyond our control. You should have signed up for Big Sky! Best snow of the 5+ trips I have taken to Big Sky. Thank you to all the trip participants for being very fun, while following safe Covid protocols. Ed Fee was a great leader.

Big Sky has grown up! World class amenities and food came to the awesome Big Sky snow.

Activities rocked on, everyone helped. Ibex activities have always exemplified the strong bond and support system of the club. The Ibex Picnic prevailed. Socially distanced activities occurred: outdoor bar of month, bike rides, hikes, and volunteer opportunities. Ibex stayed connected to each other and gave back to the community.

Ibex went virtual. General meeting Zooms, Christmas party Zoom, you can't keep this club down!

The BOD discovered that Zoom allows us to be more productive. Appears we are very social and easily distracted. Remote BOD meetings will be the new norm for the foreseeable future. Bonus, we are saving the volunteer's time and cutting carbon emissions!

**Trips Chair:** Lynn Dean has done an amazing job navigating through these challenging times. I have been the Trip Chair. My head would have exploded! Changes, cancellations, provider refunds, participant refunds. Lynn Dean thanks for keeping everything running smoothly and everyone informed. Really looking forward to the great trip line up for 2021-22. Plus, the future adventure trips under consideration are Bucket List!

**Treasurer:** Barb Kimicata has been an excellent Treasurer during this time of rampant refunds. She has calmly and diligently navigated all the refunds. Pretty sure Barb is a fan of Zelle. So many checks and mailings avoided due to Zelle. If you need a problem/project researched, call Barb!

**Secretary/Newsletter:** John Graves, great job! The newsletter is so visually appealing. John gets the Newsletter out on time, despite the constant "cat herding" of all the article contributors. I admit to being a feral cat!

**Membership:** Mike Akutagawa, has provided easy access to online renewal. Mike is always a calm voice of reason during club decision making. Remember May 1<sup>st</sup> begins membership renewal. You do not want to miss Ibex 2021-2022! It is going to be amazing! Tell all your friends, family, and neighbors!

**President:** Joe Kelley is the perfect President to lead Ibex through the trials and tribulations of this pandemic. He has worked daily professionally to ensure the food production and distribution chain remain intact. He is a calming force as Ibex has faced difficult and relentless obstacles.

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# THANK YOU FROM THE BOD

The Ibex Board of Directors 2020-2021 has done a great job. Thanks to Ed Bendickson, Glen Chiechi, Pam Chiechi, Ed Fee, Paula Hiller, Joe Kelley, Tom Lemanski, Linda Wagner, Sydney Whitley and Jean Bagel. You are the unsung heroes. So much stuff behind the scenes.

This year two BOD members finished their service to the BOD: Ed Bendickson and Glen Chiechi. Ibex wishes them well. We know we are not saying goodbye, but just see you soon on another adventure!

Due to moving and focusing on other projects, Glen Chiechi has resigned from the Board of Directors. Glen has been an Ibex member for a legendary amount of time. His connection to so many Ibex members past and present is extraordinary. Glen, thank you for all your contributions, especially Zelle! Glen had one more year on his term, Amy Scattaglia has been appointed to finish that term.

Ed Bendickson completed his term of service on the BOD. Ed did not accept a nomination to run for the BOD. Congratulations and best wishes on your next adventure in Arizona! Karen and Ed will be missed on the Illinois adventures, but I know we will see you on other Ibex adventures. Ed has been invaluable with his insight and diligence keeping Ibex digitally secure and procuring the necessary hardware and software. Ed has been on the BOD for many years. Thank you for leading Ibex into the digital age.

I hope each of you appreciate the treasure you have found being an Ibex member! Keep safe contact with everyone, take time to connect, and let everyone know how much they are valued in your life.

Stay safe, be smart! Happy I am fully vaccinated!

Love, my Ibex friends. Cannot wait till we all can safely be together.

Jean Bagel

Ibex BOD Chair 2020-21

# IBEX MARKETPLACE

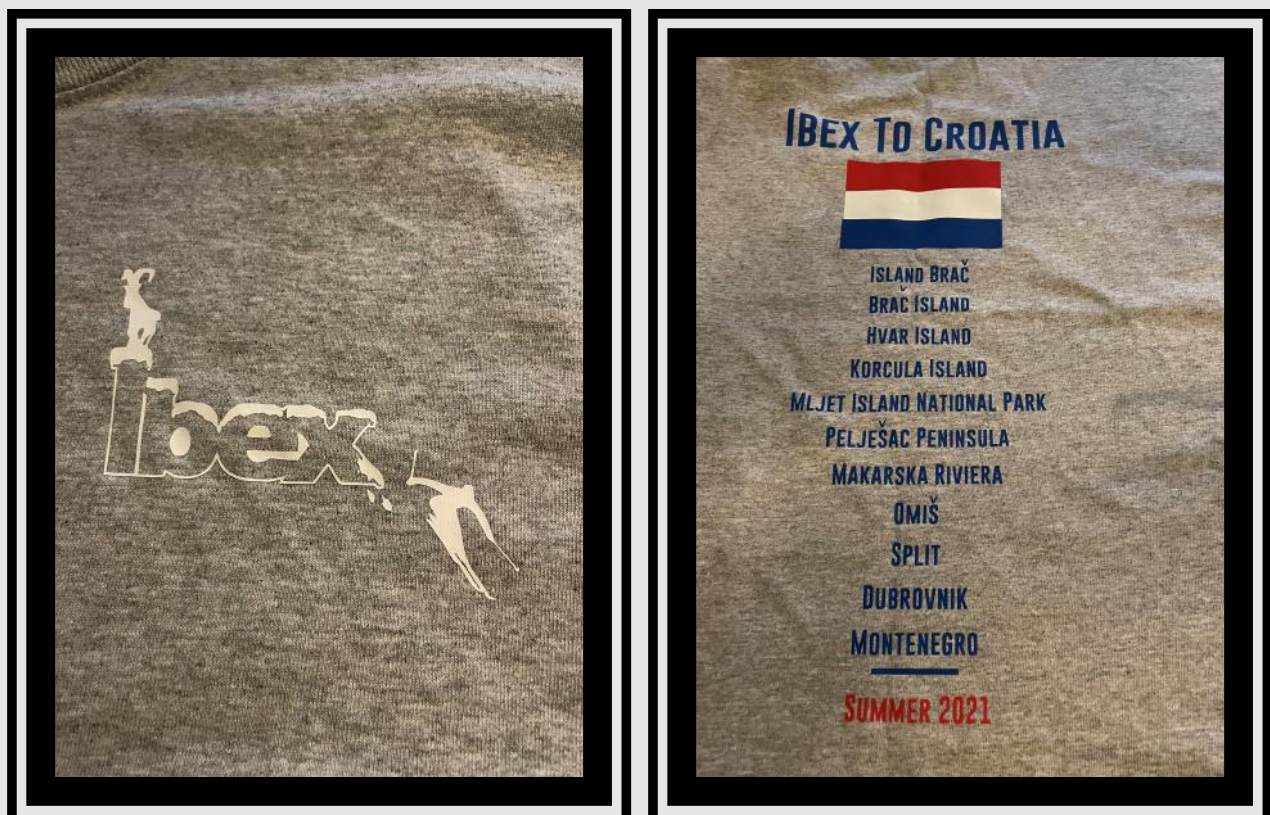
Ibex is proud to announce our first edition Trip Shirts. Trip shirts are being offered to any interested members going on our summer biking and boating trip to Croatia. While we are not selling shirts, and certainly not requiring shirts, all travelers are invited to provide their own shirt to be customized with the Ibex logo, the flag of Croatia and a listing of all of the towns we will visit along the way. We have chosen light grey as a color so regardless of the different shirt styles, we will make a great looking group! All interested are being asked to get their shirts to Linda Wagner by **May 20**. You can drop them off or have them delivered to:

Linda Wagner  
1248 S. Smith St.  
Palatine, IL 60067

Ideally, shirts should be a tech fabric in light grey. Long sleeve, short sleeve and sleeveless are all acceptable but racer backs probably won't work. Please make sure your shirt is very obviously labeled with your name. Any questions, please email Linda at [lindasuewagner@gmail.com](mailto:lindasuewagner@gmail.com) or text to 847-567-1928.

Really hoping this takes off and becomes an every trip souvenir. Looking forward to receiving those shirts

~Linda Wagner



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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

Happy May Day. Being that it is May 1st it is time to renew your Ibex membership. Go to <http://www.skiibex.com> or [contact me](#) with any questions about membership. Be part of the best Ski & Adventure Club, this side of the Mississippi.

**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



## May Birthdays

Brian Blome	5/1
Loretta Low	5/1
Larry Wolfrum	5/5
Lucy DiFrancisco	5/6
Jane Bugden	5/8
Patty Timothy	5/8
Marissa DiFrancisco	5/12
Tom Lemanski	5/12
Joe Davis	5/15
Mike Edens	5/15
Patti Bustle	5/16
Laura Nearing	5/17
Steve Harmony	5/18
Curt Moore	5/21
David DeGuire	5/25
Ellen Vigil	5/31



## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

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

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- ◆ Jean Bagel
- ◆ Pam Chiechi
- ◆ Ed Fee
- ◆ Paula Hiller
- ◆ Patti Kadal
- ◆ Joe Kelley
- ◆ Tom Lemanski
- ◆ Amy Scattaglia
- ◆ Linda Wagner



### When life bring changes...

- ◆ Help us keep our records up to date. When your information changes please fill out this form and bring it to a meeting, email to address below, or better yet update your profile at Group Spaces!

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Single	\$25.00
Couple/Family	\$45.00

  
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