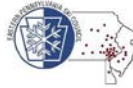




A non-profit organization founded in 1947 and dedicated to the promotion of all facets of skiing & winter sports - plus activities for the education and enjoyment of its members.

A member of Eastern PA Ski Council. <http://www.easternpaskicouncil.org>



You can also find us on Facebook. [Click here for Facebook](#)

<http://www.ptarmiganskiclub.org/>

Calendar of Events - Post In a Visible Location:

Happy Hour: Contact Bill Ortner, 5:00 pm Every Friday
 General Meetings at Christopher's – Knights of Columbus (KoC)
 Book Club, third Wed of every month 6:30 pm.

Sep		
Clam Bake: Mary Laronge	Sat 1 pm	Sep 9
First General Meeting: KoC Welcome	Tue 7 pm	Sep 12
General Meeting: KoC: Sharon Ernst PT	Tue 7 pm	Sep 26
Oct		
Oktoberfest: Bill Ortner	Sat 2 pm	Oct 7
General Meeting: Sub & Movie	Tue 7 pm	Oct 10
General Meeting: KoC: Mary Bach AARP	Tue 7 pm	Oct 24
Nov		
General Meeting: KoC: Year in Review	Tue 7 pm	Nov 14
Winter Expo: Brian Nuss	Mon TBD	Nov 6
Hike & Soup	Sun TBD	Nov 19
Dec		
General Meeting: Speaker: Tom Weiser	Tue 7 pm	Dec 12
Xmas Eve/Eve Party	Sat TBD	Dec 23
Jan		
General Meeting: Ski Party at Blue Mt	Tue 7 pm	Jan 9
Andorra & Spain: Mark Baechle	Fri Jan 12	Mon Jan 22
Mt Bachelor: Donna Westgate	Sat Jan 20	Sat Jan 27
Ischgl, Austria: Catherine Chrapacz	Fri Jan 26	Sun Feb 4
Feb		
General Meeting: Ski Party at Blue Mt	Tue 1 pm	Feb 13
Telluride, Co: Brian Nuss	Sat Feb 24	Sat Mar 3
Mar		
General Meeting: KoC Election	Tue 7 pm	Mar 13
Red Mt, BC: Mark Baechle	Sat Mar 17	Sat Mar 24
Apr		
Spring Banquet	Date TBD	

Our First General Meeting – Tue Sep 12th 7 pm

Christopher's – Knights of Columbus (KoC)
 1519 West Greenleaf Street, Allentown

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Bring some stories, photos and other memorabilia to share

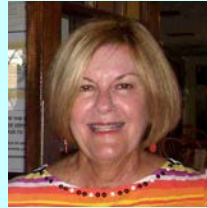
Ptarmigan Clam Bake & Picnic – Sat Sep 9th

Saturday, Sep 9, 1 pm to ?
 Copeechan Grove, Schnecksville

This is a reminder for those already Signed Up (signups are no longer accepted):

It's BYOB, but club will provide water. Desserts welcome!

Directions to Copeechan Grove: From Rt 22, take Rt 309 North to to right on Brook St. Grove is at 5649 Brook St,



President's Message

Mary Ann Bedics
 President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

Celebrating 70 Years

The opening theme for the first ski club meeting, Tuesday, September 12, 2017, is "Celebrating 70 Years".

In 1947, 70 years ago, a small band of eleven visionaries saw the potential to launch a ski club in the Lehigh Valley. Hence the birth of the Ptarmigan Ski club on December 28, 1947. Named after a bird in the grouse family, the ski club grew over the years from its original eleven members to its record high in the early seventies, to its present day membership of about 200.

In its first years the club met in the Sports Center in Allentown on Hamilton Street. Dues were \$1.25. For ten years the club ran its own ski area, "The Hill" (Apple Hill) in Guthsville, complete with a 1929 Chevy pulling a tow rope, and flood lights for night skiing. Members were trained to serve as ski patrollers and the area was staffed by volunteers from the club.

Many of our current programs and activities were started by these forward thinking founders. Although we no longer have square dancing, barn parties, fashion shows, a "Snow Queen" (Joyce Gilmore) , and a "Bachelor Bid" (in 1987 featuring Dale Gogel and Alex Pavel), the PSC message remains the same: to foster interest in skiing and other winter sports, to improve skiing techniques, and to promote year-round activities Our winter activities have expanded (Western and European ski trips), and our year-round activities have taken on a life of their own: golfing, picnics, Oktoberfests, cycling, happy hours, volunteer work, book club, clam bake, to name a few.

The eleven visionaries who launched the ski club had the foresight to preserve its rich history. A very fragile album/scrapbook dating from 1947 holds many wonderful pictures, newspaper articles and event programs, and will be on display. Join your fellow Ptarmigans on September 12 at the Knights of Columbus, 7:00 pm, to share past stories, photos and other memorabilia that you may wish to bring along and share.

Ptarmigan's Oktoberfest Sat Oct 7th

See Flyer Below For Details.

2017/2018 Ski Season – Trips:

Andorra & Barcelona, Sp: Fri Jan 12 – Mon Jan 22, 2018

- \$2399 (Early Sign up Price) there after \$2499
- Air from Newark <-> Barcelona, Bus Barc <-> Andorra
- 7 Nights 4* Art Hotel Andorra, 2 Nights Hotel Regent Barc.
- 9 Breakfasts, 7 Dinners and 5 day Lift Ticket
- Mark Baechle 610-57-5825 SkiPro99@gmail.com

Mt Bachelor, Or.: Sat Jan 20 - Sat Jan 27, 2018

- \$1700
- Round Trip Air & Land Phil <-> Portland
- 7 Nights Riverhouse Hotel dbl/occ with Breakfast
- 5 of 6 DY Lift Pass
- Donna Westgate 610-392-9200
travelswithdonna@yahoo.com

Ischgl, Austria: Fri Jan 26 – Sun Feb 4, 2018

- \$2050 pp dbl/occ (tax, fees, surcharges included)
- 7 Nights 4* Hotel Anthony w/Breakfast & Dinner
- One Night 4* Hotel Glockenhof in Zurich w/Breakfast
- Swiss Air Newark – Zurich Skies Fly Free
- Catherine Chrapacz 610-428-3547 katyataz@yahoo.com

Telluride, Co.: Sat Feb 25 – Sat Mar 3, 2018

- Mountainside Inn - \$2037, Riverside Condos \$2263, Peaks Resort - \$2668
- Round Trip Air Newark <-> Montrose + Bus
- 7 Nights Accommodations
- 5 Day Lift Ticket
- Brian Nuss 610-730-2777 brianjnuss@gmail.com

Red Mt. BC: Sat Mar 17 – Sat Mar 24, 2018

- \$1888 (Early Bird Price) after that \$1999
- Slopeside Condos at Salom Creek
- Air to/from Philly
- 4 of 6 Day List Pass + Bus to Resort
- Mark Baechle 610-57-5825 SkiPro99@gmail.com

Editor's Note: Ptarmigan Ski Club requires all trips to have a written cancellation policy - Please read the trip flyers for details and cancellation policy. All Flyers are available on our Web Site: <http://ptarmiganskiclub.org/Trips.html>

Bill Ortnier, Editor.

Membership DUES: 2017/2018 Season

Renew your membership for the 2017/2018 Season.

Send your dues beginning September 1st until Oct 31st to: **Mary Laronge, 556 Parkside Court, Allentown, Pa 18104.**

Renewal: \$16 Single or \$26 Family.

New Members \$20 Single or \$30 Family

New Memberships are valid until Apr 30, 2019

All Members will receive the Ptarmigan Newsletter FREE by Email.

Members wishing to receive Hardcopy must pay \$5 in addition to their annual dues.

Programs for this Season's General Meetings

And Other Events

- Tue Sep 12: Welcome - First Meeting of the Season
- Tue Sep 26: Speaker – Sharon Ernst Physical Therapist
- Tue Oct 10: Sub & Movie Night
- Tue Oct 24: Speaker – Mary Bach AARP
- Mon Nov 6: Winter Expo – Time TBD
- Tue Nov 14: Year in Review – Phil Hublitz Movie
- Tue Dec 12: Speaker: Tom Weiser
- Sat Dec 23: Christmas Eve/Eve Party Time TBD
- Tue Jan 9: Ski Party at Blue Mt. – at 7 pm
- Tue Feb 13: Ski Party at Blue Mt. – at 1pm
- Tue Mar 13: Election of Offices and Board

Trips Update

Donna Westgate - Mt Bachelor:

Five air seats still available, singles (males or females) welcome also, can match you to a roommate!

Mark Baechle – Andorra:

First Bag flies Free (both ways). Updated Flyer at: <http://ptarmiganskiclub.org/Trips.html>

Remembering Bernard "Bud" Cole

Bud passed away July 21, 2017 after a long illness. Just before his illness Bud presented a program to our general membership on October 28, 2014 at the Knights of Columbus. His delightful sense of humor threaded throughout his slides on the Galapagos Islands and Ecuador's Cloud Forest. Bud was an active member of local ski clubs and an adventure writer. He will be remembered for his love of nature and his volunteer work in the community.

Mary Ann Bedics



Ptarmigan Ski Club - Klein Summer Picnic, Saturday, July 22, 2017 - Photo Recap:



Musikfest 2017 Volunteers – Photo Recap:



PSC Golfers Get "A-Round": by MaryAnn Bedics

Judging by the enthusiasm of the Friday golfers, it may be an activity almost as popular as skiing. Each Friday from May through October (weather permitting) golfers gather at area golf courses sometimes numbering as many as 20-24 members. Thanks to the committee for arranging these outings: Tom Weiser, Jackie Lulewitz, Glen Bush, Phil Hublitz, Linny Cope, Bob Cope, Pat Combs, and Kathy Seufert.

For the members who cannot play on Fridays, Tom Weiser has arranged a few Sunday afternoon rounds at Blue Shamrock. After a round of golf we usually gather at the "19th Hole" to brag about our birdies, pars and double bogies!



Greenland Picnic and Pool Party Aug 12th: by MaryAnn Bedics

A more perfect day and a more perfect setting could not be found. Over thirty Ptarmigans made their way to Coopersburg for the first annual Greenland Picnic and Pool Party. Hosts, Carolyn and Harvey, were at their best! In addition to the very inviting pool, which many of us enjoyed, there was plenty to eat and drink. Thanks for hosting such an enthusiastic crowd. And thank you to all who brought something to share.



Ptarmigan Ski Club

Oktoberfest 2017

This Year We Will Again Feature
Pulled Pork and a Selection of German Sausages

When: Saturday Oct 7th 2pm until?
Where: Ortner's Hofbrauhaus
Donation: \$20 Per Person

Sign up early:
We can only
accommodate 60
people.

Beginning at 2 pm we'll be serving a Selection of Grilled German Sausages including Bratwurst (par-boiled in Beer) with Sauerkraut and also Homemade Split-Pea w/Ham Hock Soup. Around 4 pm we'll begin serving Pulled Pork along with some traditional Oktoberfest sides.

Enjoy a Fantastic Selection of Seasonal German Imported Draft Beers and Other Domestic Beers.

Plus an Excellent Selection of Wine.

Bottled Water will also be available.

If you like you may bring an Appetizer or Dessert to Share.

Bring a Picnic Chair if you want to sit.

There will be a Campfire after Dinner.

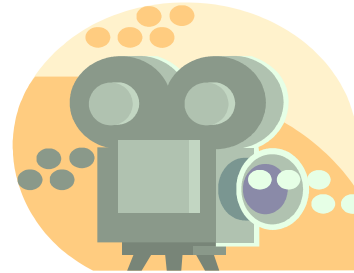
Directions: 2509 Peach Tree Road, Allentown Ph: (610)799-2549. Take the 15th street exit from Route 22, go north three miles on Mauch Chunk Road past Scherersville toward Balliettsville. Just past Mechanicsville Road, turn right at Grumpy's onto Peach Tree Road. Go in about 6 or 7 homes then turn left and go up the driveway.

----- Tear off and send along with your check -----

Cost \$20 Per Person – Enter Names Below

Send check by Sep 29th payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club to: Bill Ortner, 2509 Peachtree Road, Allentown, Pa 18104 610-799-2549 or wortner@att.net

Join Ptarmigan Ski Club for.....



A Sub and Movie Night

Oct 10th7pm

4 Choices

Italian

Tuna and Provolone

Turkey and Provolone

Veggie

With All the Trimmings and Dessert **\$8.00 ea.**

Please reserve by: Oct. 3rd

Any questions, contact Joyce Gilmore: mindycat36@yahoo.com or 610-683-6593

Make Check Payable to: Ptarmigan Ski Club. Tear off Order Below and Send with Payment to:
Kathy Seufert 5210 Suncrest Circle, Whitehall, PA 18052. 610-393-7324 or kathyhm@rcn.com

Name----- Sub Choice _____

Name----- Sub Choice _____



Join us for our 23rd Year at

Sunday River[®]

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 — FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2018

Accommodations: Summit Hotel and Conference Center located slopeside to the Moonstruck trail. Hotel features a complete health club with outdoor Olympic sized heated pool and Jacuzzi, sauna, Camp Restaurant and Lounge, fieldstone fireplace, on-site child care.

Rooms Available: 15 Standard Hotel Units: 2 Queen Beds and a Private Bath
9 Studio Deluxe Units: Queen Murphy bed and Sleep Sofa in Living Room, Kitchenette and a Private Bath
Early Deposit will guarantee room of your choice!

Cost Per Person: \$770 Double Occupancy \$750 Seniors (65+)
\$710 Triple Occupancy \$690 Seniors (65+)
\$580 Non Skier / No Lift Ticket (Adult or Senior) Double Occupancy

Cost Includes: 5 Nights Lodging; 5 Day Lift Ticket; One Complimentary Adult Perfect Turn Clinic; Breakfast Buffet (includes tax and tips); Welcome Wine & Cheese Party hosted by the Group Sales/Service Office; Pizza Party; taxes and gratuities; round-trip bus transportation; refreshments on bus.

Reservations: \$260 per person at time of registration
\$260 per person Due October 11
Balance Due December 13 (Optional: Dining Card Payment Due)

Departure: Bus leaving 7 a.m. sharp from **UAW Local 677 Parking Lot, 2101 Mack Boulevard, Allentown** (Directly across the street from Lehigh Valley Health Network)

Cancellation Policy: No Refunds will be made until after the trip and only if a replacement is made. Partial refunds will be made depending on lodging, transportation, and agency cancellation.

Optional: **SUNDAY RIVER DINING CARDS \$100 VALUE** for \$80 per Card (Must be ordered in Advance on Group Rooming List. Can be paid with Final Payment)

Trip Leaders: Vicki Morris
For Additional Information: 610-791-3421
Email: VLM2378@rcn.com

Mail your payment along with your reservation form to: Vicki Morris
(Payable to Vicki Morris) 2378 South 10th Street
Allentown, PA 18103

SUNDAY RIVER, MAINE

Make Check Payable to "Vicki Morris"
Name _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____

Required Deposit - \$260.00 per person
Phone # _____ (C)
_____ (W)
Amount Enclosed _____
Amount Enclosed _____

Optional: Dining Card (\$80 per Card)
of Seniors _____ Non-Skier _____ Number in Room _____ Email _____

Standard Hotel Unit _____ Studio Deluxe Unit _____ PLEASE CHECK YOUR PREFERENCE
Unless you prefer having the Studio Deluxe, Standard Units will be First Come, First Serve!

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PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB - 2016/2017 Season Membership Renewal and New Member Application

Please complete this entire form *including the date and your signature*. Make checks payable to **PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB**. Send form, payment *and a self-addressed stamped envelope* to: **Mary Laronge, 556 Parkside Court, Allentown, PA 18104**. Otherwise, you may feel free to pick-up your card(s) at our monthly meetings.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
 Spouse: _____ Children: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____
 Phone: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email: _____ Sponsored By (if applicable): _____

Print email in UPPERCASE to avoid confusion)

The Ptarmigan Newsletter is sent by Email (be sure to include your Email Address); however you may request a Hardcopy by including an additional \$5 with your Annual Dues – Check the box below.

2016/2017 Season - Membership Dues: Please Check the Appropriate Boxes Below

Current Member Renewal (due May 1st): \$16 Single \$26 Family
Late Renewal (after Oct 31st): \$20 Single \$30 Family **Renew before Oct 31st and Save**

New Member Application: \$20 Single \$30 Family **New Memberships valid until Apr 30, 2018**
 \$5 Additional for Hardcopy Newsletter via US Postal (everyone will get it FREE by Email)

Acknowledgement of Responsibility / Release of Liability:

The Ptarmigan Ski Club is a year-round sports and social club providing a variety of activities for its members. Participation in these activities can involve risk and personal injury. I fully accept and understand these risks and voluntarily assume all risks either known or not readily foreseeable. I agree not to hold the Ptarmigan Ski Club, its officers, board members, or any volunteers, liable for any accident or injury resulting from my participation in any club activity.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____
Note: Adult member is responsible for each named minor. Each adult must sign.

Demographic Information: Age: 21 -39 40 - 59 60 & over Male Female

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