



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>



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

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

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.

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General Meeting: KoC Election, Speaker	Tue 7 pm	Mar 13
Ski Red Mt, BC: Mark Baechle	Sat Mar 17	Sat Mar 24
St Patty's, Band, Blue Mt: Joyce Gilmore	Sat 6 pm	Mar 17
Greystone Band Blue Mt: Joyce Gilmore	Sat 6 pm	Mar 31
----- Apr -----		
Spring Banquet: Green Pond CC	Sat 5 pm	Apr 28

General Meeting Tuesday Mar 13th

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

Elections: All positions are always open and available. If interested contact one of the current board members.

Speaker: Turning Point of Lehigh Valley. Topic: Abuse Later in Life & Prevention -Physical, sexual, psychological, emotional & financial exploitation, Intervention: Recognize, Respond and Refer

Below is a list of candidates for the 2018-2019 season. As always, all positions are open and available. On election night, March 13, 2018, feel free to nominate a candidate from the floor or to write in a candidate on the election form.

Board Officers - Vote for one candidate in each position:

- President: Phil Hublitz
- Vice Pres. Jeanne Weiser
- Membership: Mary Laronge
- Secretary: Gwen White
- Treasurer: Kathy Seufert

Board of Directors - Vote for three candidates
(Up to three more may be appointed by the President.)

- Bill Ortner
- Tim White
- Ronnie Rother
- Joyce Gilmore
- Joe Reilly
- Your name here?

More candidates are welcome. Contact Mary Ann Bedics at maryannbedics@rcn.com or any of the current board members if you are interested in running for any of the positions.



President's Message

Mary Ann Bedics
President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

This "Board"? Never "Bored"!

A Tribute to the PSC Board of Directors

As your soon-to-be past president, I want to take this opportunity to send kudos to the folks who have made my six-year tenure as president thoroughly enjoyable and memorable.

Brian Nuss, Past President: Move over Brian. Your 12-year tenure as president and past president will soon be over. May you enjoy your hiatus (short, I hope) as a board member. The Winter Sports Expo has been a great success allowing the club to contribute thousands of dollars to local Special Olympic downhill ski programs. This 2012 MVP leads first class ski trips, creates "Welcome Back" posters (which I have saved) that are works of art, and started the SWAP program with his colleagues from Bear Creek.

Jeanne Weiser, Vice-President: This 2015 MVP packs a lot of enthusiasm and energy into her tiny frame. Not only does she instruct at Blue Mountain, Jeanne organizes all of the Blue Mountain winter ski club parties, serves on many committees, and was instrumental in getting our club to buy liability insurance. She organized many Musikfest volunteers.

Mary Laronge, Membership Secretary: Mary makes sure everyone who pays their dues (in a timely fashion) gets their membership card (if you include a SASE with your check and application). Mary organizes an annual golf trip, serves on many committees, organized road rallies, clam bakes, hosted holiday happy hours, and started the book club with Ronnie Rother. A volunteer at Jewish Family Service, Mary delivers our club's generous contribution to their food bank each year.

Kathy Seufert, Treasurer: Also selected the 2016 MVP, Kathy collects and deposits all dues, event checks, sends charitable contributions, and keeps the club in good standing with the IRS. Kathy hosts the annual pre-Thanksgiving Hike & Soup party, and plans the holiday and spring banquets.

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Spring Banquet Sat Apr 28th - Green Pond CC

See Flyer Below.

2017/2018 Ski Season – Trips:

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

- Mark Baechle 610-57-5825 SkiPro99@gmail.com

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

- Donna Westgate 610-392-9200
travelswithdonna@yahoo.com

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

- Catherine Chrapacz -428-3547 katyataz@yahoo.com

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

- Brian Nuss 610-730-6102777 brianjuss@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>

Mark Baechle's 2018 Andorra Trip

Mark Baechle's trip to Andorra in January is best described as a 10-day wine & cheese party with lots of blue sky and sunshine skiing. When we showed up at the slopes in Vallnord, Andorra, our first morning we were greeted by 4-6 of fresh snow, good visibility, no crowds, and great skiing. We had blue sky and sunshine every day after that -- Ski club Nirvana! We also skied Arinsal, El Tarter, Pas de la Casa, Soldue, and En Camp, interconnected by Grandvalira, known for its huge bowls and 210 km of groomed pistes (trails).

Hot breakfasts were included every day, with both European and American cuisine, including custom-made omelets. Mark provided lots of local wine, local cheeses, and local fun at the Après-ski parties, followed by dinner (included) with choices of various local dishes.

The country of Andorra was a shopper's paradise – 100% duty-free, and no VAT. The towns had a mix of historic old buildings and modern sculptures. There were more people walking around at night shopping, than there were on the slopes!

After a week of skiing in Andorra, we explored Barcelona, including the Olympic Park, the harbor and marina, and Gaudi's many houses and park. Some of us took a dip in the Mediterranean; many of us enjoyed Tapas, Paella, Sangria, and other delicacies that Barcelona is famous for.

Everyone had a great time, and is looking forward to skiing and partying together soon. Please let Mark know where you want to go next year.

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.

Trips Update

Mark Baechle – Red Mt.

Two folks had to cancel Red Mt. because of a family emergency. They would love to have 2 people take their spots, for a reduced price.

St. Patrick's Day, Band, Blue Mt – Sat Mar 17th

Saturday, March 17, Slopeside Grill, *Road To Killarney* band, 6 - 9 p.m.

Contact Joyce Gilmore mindycat36@yahoo.com

Greystone Band Blue Mt. – Sat Mar 31st

Saturday, March 31, Slopeside Happy Hour, Blue Mt., 6-9 pm, listen and dance to the music of *Greystone Band*.

Contact Joyce Gilmore mindycat36@yahoo.com

70's, 80's & 90's - Party Nights at Blue Mt.

Recap by: Joyce Gilmore

Ptarmigans enjoyed a throwback to the 70's (Jan. 11) and 80's (Feb. 1) with themed parties at Blue Mt. in the Last Run Lodge. People dressed in era attire, won prizes, answered trivia questions, enjoyed food and drink specials such as a tequila sunrise, kamikazi, and sex on the beach, and watched 70's and 80's flashbacks on big screens. We danced to the bands Naked Soul (70's Night), and M80 (80's Night). Lots of fun and great club turnout!

The 90's party at Blue Mt. on March 1 was a blast! Fifteen Ptarmigans turned out, many in 90's outfits including denim shirts, baggy pants, bandanas, terrycloth wristbands, surfers' crosses, and backwards baseball caps. Some even won prizes in the costume contest! Nine Deez Nite Band rocked some excellent 90's songs as Ptarmigans took over the dance floor and danced every dance. Lots of great spirit and energy in our club!

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Barb Stephens, Recording Secretary: Barb is responsible for recording the minutes of every board meeting, hence preserving the history of the club. Barb has decided to turn over this office as she is taking on another responsibility, that of planning her next high school class reunion. In 2016 Barb was selected to receive the MVP "behind-the-scenes" award.

Bill Ortner, Board Member: Bill has worn many hats over the years: President, Past President, Newsletter Editor, Oktoberfest and Spring Fling host, happy hour scheduler, and 2013 MVP. Bill has a wealth of information about the history of the club and can always be counted on to make sure the board makes the right decisions and follows the by-laws.

Ronnie Rother, Board Member: Mary and Ronnie had the vision to start a book club as many of our members are avid readers. Both host the monthly meetings at which up to two dozen folks may attend. Successful? Yes, yes, yes! Ronnie also hosts the Eve/Eve party, helps with the website and contributes insightful ideas for programs, events, activities and book titles. Ronnie is concerned about safety protocol at Blue Mountain and has recently contacted their security office and has made some suggestions to improve the safety for skiers.

Phil Hublitz, Board Member: Phil may be best known for his "Year in Review" program. Each year he gets hundreds of photos from members and puts together a first class show, music and all. The 2017 MVP, Phil is our go-to-tech-guru.

Tim White, Board Member: Tim screens movies throughout the year and picks his favorite for our Sub/Movie program. It was Tim's initial suggestion that the ski club sponsor two local students that would allow them to participate in their school's ski program. This year's recipients were two students from Saucon Valley Middle School.

Joyce Gilmore, Board Member: If you like to dance you can thank Joyce for all of those Blue Mountain events that she finds and advertises. At least once a week during ski season Joyce organizes a morning "meet-up" at the Valley Lodge at Blue Mountain. Ptarmigans like to ski together and meet for lunch afterwards at the Blue Mountain Diner. She also organizes an annual bike ride and coordinates the subs for the Sub/Movie program. And she slices a mean pizza!

Joe Reilly, Board member: The newest member of the board, Joe is our "celebrity" Ptarmigan, gaining recognition for his capture of a Soviet spy doing his career as an FBI agent. And for you wine lovers, you can thank Joe for starting the wine service at our Knights of Columbus meetings.

I would be remiss if I did not mention previous board members who served during my six-year tenure: Pat Combs, Emily Bradley, Gail Clark, Bob Clark, Glen Bush, Kristin Sincavage, Dave Schnitzler.

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Also, kudos to all who sat at the welcoming table, collected the 50/50 money, to Dale Gogel for his voucher and Special Olympics work, Tom Weiser our representative to the Eastern Pa Ski Council, Mary Mihalow recipient of the 2016 MVP "behind-the-scenes" award for copying and mailing the hardcopy newsletter. Victoria Perity for developing our Web Site, Alex Pavel for organizing Musikfest Volunteers, Kris & Gordon Yerry as previous board members, Denny Graver and Jane David for organizing Volleyball, Rich Klein and Carolyn & Harvey Greenland for hosting Summer Picnics, and to all of the members who supported the club and its mission.

And a very special thanks to trip leaders Catherine Chrapacz, Brian Nuss, Mark Baechle and Donna Westgate for all their hard work planning and running their ski trips. No organization would be successful without its loyal members.

After 70 years the club is still thriving. Thank you for supporting me as your president for these six years.

Your Current Board Members – Hard at Work!



(Note: Brian and Kathy were missing for the photo, but surely they are somewhere working hard)

Relax on a Summer Weekend this August

A trip back in time at the quaint

Adirondack Hotel

On Long Lake, New York

August 17, 18, 2018

Contact: Ray Cope at 484-560-3324

See Flyer Below for Details.



← 70's Party Jan 11th at Blue Mt.

Ski Party Feb 13th at Blue ↓



90' Party Mar 1st at Blue Mt ↓



PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB

SPRING BANQUET

Saturday, April 28, 2018

GREEN POND COUNTRY CLUB

3601 Farmersville Road
Bethlehem, PA 18020
610-253-2505
Estate Room

Cash Bar - 5:00 to 10:00 PM

Social - 5:00 to 6:00 PM
Cheese & Cracker Tray
Vegetable Crudites with Ranch Dip

Hot Dinner Buffet - 6:00 to 7:00 PM
Tossed Salad
Rolls & Butter

Main Courses:
Sweet & Sour Pork
Pasta with Vodka Sauce
Chicken Piccata

Accompaniments:
Rice Pilaf
Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrot Medley

Dessert:
Ice Cream Parfait
Coffee, Decaf, Hot Tea

Following dinner, dance to the music of "Greystone"

Price: \$35.00 Per Person

Reservation deadline: April 19, 2018.
Make checks payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club.
Send checks to Kathy Seufert, 5210 Suncrest Circle, Whitehall, PA 18052.

BLUE MOUNTAIN 2018 – 2019 SEASON PASS REMAINDER OF THIS 2018 YEAR AND ALL OF 2019

All Access Pass (ages 6-69) \$ 399

One price for children 6 – 69 Over 70 FREE

Please note: rates will go up as the limited quantities sell out.

(The pricing is limited to a fixed number of tickets sold)

(The price will probably go up 20%+ when first offering is sold out.)

NO MID WEEK SEASON TICKETS NEXT YEAR

REMEMBER THE PRICE LAST NOVEMBER FOR THE ALL DAYS SEASON TICKET WAS \$ 749

THE PRICE LAST NOVEMBER FOR THE MIDWEEK SEASON TICKET WAS \$ 589

SO BUY THE SEASON TICKET FOR NEXT YEAR TODAY!!!

2018 - 2019 Holidays:

Christmas - December 26 to January 1

Martin Luther King Day - January 21

President's Day - February 18

Holiday Closings:

Thanksgiving Day – November 22 Closed

Christmas Eve – December 24 Closing at 4pm

Christmas Day – December 25 Closed

Season Pass Holder Benefits

10% Discount on Food at the Summit, Valley & Adventure Center Cafe's.

10% discount excludes alcohol and cannot be combined with another offer.

10% Discount at True Blue Sports Stores: Hard & Soft Goods and Equipment.

10% Discount on Lift Tickets & Rentals. (Discount can not be combined with other coupons or special promotions)

Free Snowtubing with a Ski or Ride Season Pass.

Invitation to **Exclusive Season Pass Parties**.

Skip the Ticket Lines! Season Pass Holders Go Direct-to-Slope.

<https://www.skibluemt.com/winter-sports/skiing-snowboarding/blue-deals/>

Access the **VIP Line at High-Speed Chair Lifts**

Avoid waiting in ticket window lines

1 FREE Buddy Day Pass

10% Discount at Slopeside Pub & Grill

download the Liability Release form:

<https://www.skibluemt.com>

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Thriple Play tickets are still available on WEB

<https://www.skibluemt.com>

EZ SLOPE TICKETS AVAILABLE ALL SEASON – CONTACT DALE GOGEL

<u>EZ-SLOPE TICKETS</u>	<u>LIST</u>	<u>ONLINE</u>	<u>EZ SLOPE</u>	<u>LIFT TICKETS GOOD FOR 8 HOURS FROM FIRST LIFT</u>
WEEKEND TICKET	62	57	52	EZ-SLOPE LIFT TICKETS NEVER EXPIRE –
MID WEEK TICKET (non hol)	52	47	42	TRIPLE PLAY -ORDER ON LINE
NIGHT TICKET (M-F) (non hol)	35	30	30	–PICK UP TRIPLE PLAY PACKAGE AT TICKET OFFICE
Night Ticket (Sat/Sun/Hol)	40	35	- ALL AGE PRICING – CAN BUY MULTIPLE TRIPLE PLAY PACKAGES	
SUNDAY NIGHT TICKET	30	www.skibluemt.com/winter-sports/skiing-snowboarding/lift-tickets/		

EZ SLOPE TICKETS AVAILABLE ALL SEASON - SEND CHECK Payable to – “DALE GOGEL” - 610-767-1546

MAIL TO - Dale Gogel - 4721 Three Mile Lane - Walnutport, Pa 18088 - dalego@aol.com

Relax on a weekend back in time at the quaint

Adirondack Hotel

On Long Lake, New York



August 17, 18, 2018

\$324 per room for two nights (tax is included)

Extend your stay, either before or after, at \$135 per day.

Built in 1858, it boasts a unique blend of rustic Adirondack and Victorian design.

Enjoy hiking, boating, canoeing or a flight in a seaplane over beaver dams, waterfalls and The Hotel has a restaurant featuring a fabulous Friday night Fish Fry and a drop dead Saturday night barbeque.

Carol, the proprietor (and Bill Ortner's sister) will make us at home in her home. Bill promises to show us a good time at his second home. Join us for this fabulous getaway.

To reserve this weekend, contact Carol at adkhotel@frontiernet.net or call 518-624-4700. Refer to the date and mention the Ray Cope party. Availability is limited – only 7 rooms remain. Questions, call Ray at 484-560-3324. Check it out: www.adirondackhotel.com

ADIRONDACK HOTEL
P.O. BOX 355
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(518) 624-4700
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Adirondack Hotel Room Rates per night plus tax:

<u>In Season Rates: 6/1 -10/15</u>	<u>Off Season Rates:10/16-5/31</u>
Rooms w/Private Bath \$120/Fri & Sat\$150	Rooms w/Private Bath \$80.00
Rooms w/Shared Bath \$95/Fri & Sat\$100	Rooms w/Shared Bath \$65.00
2nd Floor suite \$150.00	2nd Floor Suite \$125.00
3rd Floor Apartment \$250.00	3rd Floor Apartment \$200.00

Check-in time is 3:00pm

Check-out time is 11:00am

*Suite sleeps up to 6 guests w/private bath, refrigerator and microwave included.

*Suite is located above bar area.

*Apartment sleeps up to 8 guests w/2 bathrooms, full kitchen and living room.

*Suite and Apartment only rooms with TV.

Room Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations received 14 days or less prior to your arrival date will result in a charge to your credit card for the entire amount of your stay.

Policies:

The Hotel has a non-smoking policy and all rooms are inspected and cleaned upon departure of each guest. Any damage from cigarettes or candles will be charged accordingly.

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Pets are not allowed.

Amenities:

Free WI/FI, ATT and Verizon Cell Service. Restaurant and Taproom serve Lunch and Dinner daily. Across street from Town Beach and Seaplane rides.



*For reservations or
additional information, please call us at*

518-624-4700

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PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB - 2017/2018 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.

2017/2018 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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