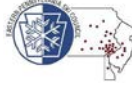




A non-profit organization founded in 1947 and dedicated to the promotion of all facets of skiing & winter sports - plus activities for the education and enjoyment of its members.

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 Wednesday of every month 6:30 pm.

----- <b>Apr</b> -----		
Tail Gate Party at Blue Mt.	Sun 1 pm	Apr 8
Book Club: Mary Laronge	Wed 6:30	Apr 18
Spring Banquet: Green Pond CC	Sat 5 pm	Apr 28
----- <b>May</b> -----		
Special Olympics: Dale Gogel	Fri TBA	May 4
----- <b>Jun</b> -----		
Spring Fling: Bill Ortner	Sat 2 pm	Jun 16
Bike Ride: Joyce Gilmore	Sat TBA	Jun 23
----- <b>Jul</b> -----		
Summer Picnic: Rich Klein	Sat TBA	Jul 21
----- <b>Aug</b> -----		
Musikfest	Fri TBA	Aug 3

**Tail Gate Party at Blue Mt. - Closing Day**

**Sunday Apr 8th at 1 pm**

We'll meet at 1:00 pm at the Valley Lodge, lower parking lot, northwest corner.

Bring something to eat and/or drink to share. And a chair to sit.

We will also need some of you to bring tables.

Blue Mt. Lift Tickets for Sunday Apr 8:  
 8am-4pm \$40 tickets, 12-4pm \$25 tickets

**Election Results**

Election held at Mar 13, 2018 General Membership Meeting

Officers:

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

Board Members:

Past President: Mary Ann Bedics

Elected and Appointed Board Members:

- Bill Ortner
- Ronnie Rother
- Joe Reilly
- Tim White
- Joyce Gilmore
- Lisa Rufo

Term of Office: May 1, 2018 - April 30, 2019



**President's Message**

**Mary Ann Bedics**  
 President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

Spring...  
 Will it ever get here?

Yes, the date, March 20th, marked the official arrival of Spring. However, the very next day the Lehigh Valley/Poconos got almost one foot of snow! This was great for the local ski areas which were able to extend the season a few more weeks and especially great for skiers and snowboarders. Get ready to close the season at Blue Mountain with the PSC's annual "Closing of the Mountain/Tailgate" party on Sunday, April 8th. Ski, snowboard, pond skim or just meet your Ptarmigan friends at the lower parking lot of the Valley Lodge at 1:00pm. (Look for the ubiquitous ski club banner!)

As a year-round club we still have many activities planned for the next few months. Make sure you sign up for the April 28th Spring Banquet at GPCC. Greystone will be our entertainment. Wear your dancing shoes. Also planned are several picnics, a bike ride, hiking, book club, golf outings, weekly happy hours, etc. Check the Calendar of Events for postings along with our website and FB.

Now to the thank-yous, where I get to thank all of those dedicated board members and loyal club members who made my six years as your president a truly wonderful experience. It was both a pleasure and an honor to serve this vibrant and thriving 70 year old club.

**Spring Banquet Sat Apr 28<sup>th</sup> - Green Pond CC**

Saturday, April 28, 2018  
 GREEN POND COUNTRY CLUB

Cash Bar - 5:00 to 10:00 PM  
 Social - 5:00 to 6:00 PM

Hot Dinner Buffet - 6:00 to 7:00 PM

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.

See Flyer  
 Below for  
 Details.

## 2017/2018 Ski Season – Trips:

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

- Mark Baechle 610-57-5825 [SkiPro99@gmail.com](mailto:SkiPro99@gmail.com)

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

- Donna Westgate 610-392-9200  
[travelswithdonna@yahoo.com](mailto:travelswithdonna@yahoo.com)

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

- Catherine Chrapacz -428-3547 [katyataz@yahoo.com](mailto:katyataz@yahoo.com)

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

- Brian Nuss 610-730-6102777 [brianjnuss@gmail.com](mailto:brianjnuss@gmail.com)

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

- Mark Baechle 610-57-5825 [SkiPro99@gmail.com](mailto: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 Red Mt. & Whitewater Trip

Mark Baechle's ski trip to Red Mt. & Whitewater in March had everything you could want in a ski trip – Skiing right into huge condos with granite countertops and private hot tubs on the balcony; 360 degrees of skiing on 3 mountains at a resort with more acres of skiing than Telluride, Jackson Hole, or Sun Valley; a day trip to another resort with a cool retro vibe; powder some days, sunshine & blue sky other days; fun people; and lots of partying.

Even though we arrived late our first night, we got up for the hot breakfast orientation, and enjoyed the mountain tour given by Andrew and Andrew. People were happy that Mark got everyone upgraded from 2 bedroom condos to 3 bedroom condos, and provided lots of beer, wine, rum drinks, and pizza, at the Apres-ski parties. The Slalom Creek condos were Ski-In, and a very short walk-out. Every day I would ski right to my hot tub, pop off my skis, and walk into my living room. Cool!

Red Mt. has 4200 acres of skiing, including lots of groomers, trees, moguls, and no crowds. One day everyone of our group skied together, and we made our own crowd.

When we arrived at Whitewater on Tuesday, we were greeted with a fresh coat of powder, and enjoyed the cool vibe of this resort, that reminded us of Alta, or Mad River Glenn, with a Canadian accent. We stuck around that evening for Apres Ski at Coal Oil Johnny's pub, until they turned the electricity off at the resort. Way to close a place down!

Our last day at Red Mt. culminated in a snowstorm that ended our trip with more fresh powder. Pictures of the trip can be seen on the "Ski Trips With Mark" Facebook page.

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 1<sup>st</sup> until Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 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.**

## Ptarmigan Book Club - Between the Covers

Wednesday April 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm

American Radical: Inside the World of an Undercover Muslim FBI Agent

by Tamer Elnoury with Kevin Maurer

A New York Times Bestseller

The explosive memoir of a Muslim American FBI agent fighting terror from the inside.

It's no secret that federal agencies are waging a broad, global war against terror. But for the first time in this memoir, an active Muslim American federal agent reveals his experience infiltrating and bringing down a terror cell in North America.

A longtime undercover agent, Tamer Elnoury joined an elite counterterrorism unit after September 11. Its express purpose is to gain the trust of terrorists whose goals are to take out as many Americans in as public and as devastating a way possible. It's a furious race against the clock for Tamer and his unit to stop them before they can implement their plans. Yet as new as this war still is, the techniques are as old as time: listen, record, and prove terrorist intent.

Due to his ongoing work for the FBI, Elnoury writes under a pseudonym. An Arabic-speaking Muslim American, a patriot, a hero: To many Americans, it will be a revelation that he and his team even exist, let alone the vital and dangerous work they do keeping all Americans safe.

This month's book meeting and discussion will be held at: Mary and Ralph's, 566 Parkside Court, Allentown, PA 18104

BYOB and/or an appetizer/dessert to share (if you wish).

Contact Mary at 610-737-2349 or [marynlaronge@gmail.com](mailto:marynlaronge@gmail.com)

**See You at the Tail Gate Party**

**Sunday Apr 8<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm**

**Valley Lodge Parking Lot**



TIME TO PUT AWAY THE SKIS AND DUST THE GOLF CLUBS. THE OFFICIAL START OF PTARMIGAN'S FRIDAY GOLF WILL BE MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>. TO BE PLACED ON THE CONTACT LIST FOR GOLF EVENTS, REPLY TO TOM WEISER [weiser@ptd.net](mailto:weiser@ptd.net). INCLUDE A PHONE NUMBER WHICH RECEIVES TEXT MESSAGES

### **Turning Point of Lehigh Valley Speaker** Mary Ann Bedics

At the club's last meeting at the K of C for the season, Tuesday Mar 13<sup>th</sup>, Andrea Search, Community Outreach Director of Turning Point of Lehigh Valley, spoke about Abuse Later in Life & Prevention. Physical, sexual, psychological, emotional and financial exploitation were highlighted. Also discussed were interventions such as how to recognize, respond, and refer should abuse be suspected. The Ptarmigans were a very responsive audience asking questions and some relating personal experiences regarding caregiving. Thanks to Sharon Braker for putting us in touch with Turning Point.



### **Winter Bonfire** by Mary Ann Bedics

On Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, almost two dozen Ptarmigans descended on the Ortner Homestead. The menu included the leftover pizza and desserts from the February Blue Mountain Ski & Pizza Party. Everyone brought something to share. Although the weather was chilly, that did not stop these hearty winter folks from enjoying the warmth of the bonfire and the warmth of their Ptarmigan friends.



Editor's Note: Bill Ortner

The photo below from 1948 is from the Ptarmigan Ski Club History Album. It shows PSC gathered in Little Lehigh Parkway to ski and then warm up by a bonfire ... How little things change! If you thought the Happy Hour Bonfire on Mar 16<sup>th</sup> was a bit weird, well think again, we were just being Ptarmigans!

I have the entire Album in digital format, thanks to a Past President, Bob Link; and I will try to incorporate the photos and newspaper articles into future Newsletters. Hope you enjoy seeing them.



## St. Patrick's Day at Slopeside Pub

By Joyce Gilmore

Thirty Ptarmigans decked out in all kinds of green array celebrated St. Patrick's Day at Slopeside Pub and Grill at Blue Mt. Summit Lodge. "Miles To Killarney," an Irish band provided lively music as club members took over the dance floor. It is rumored that Bill Ortnor was spotted doing a fast Irish jig on the dance floor! GO BILL! The camaraderie and special Irish food and drink specials made this spot a perfect place to be Irish on St. Patrick's Day!



## Slopeside Saturday Happy Hour

By Joyce Gilmore

On Easter Eve, March 31, eleven Ptarmigans spent the evening having supper, listening, and dancing to Greystone Band. We had a good view from the windows of skiers and riders still enjoying some spring runs and others sitting around the fire pits. Greystone Band always provides a variety of easy listening and upbeat dancing music. They will be playing at our spring banquet on April 28.



**A Group of Ptarmigans Ski Blue Mt. on Tuesday Mar 27<sup>th</sup>**



# ***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.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

Print email in UPPERCASE to avoid confusion)

How Did You Hear About Us? \_\_\_\_\_

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 1<sup>st</sup>):**     \$16 Single     \$26 Family  
**Late Renewal (after Oct 31<sup>st</sup>):**     \$20 Single     \$30 Family    Renew before Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 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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