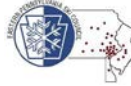




A non-profit organization founded in 1947 and dedicated to the promotion of all facets of skiing & winter sports - plus activities for the education and enjoyment of its members.

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

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



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Calendar of Events - Post In a Visible Location:

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

----- Oct -----	-----	-----
General Meeting at KoC: Sub & Movie	Tue 7 pm	Oct 9
General Meeting at KoC: Jim Daiely	Tue 7 pm	Oct 23
----- Nov -----	-----	-----
General Meeting at KoC	Tue 7 pm	Nov 13
----- Dec -----	-----	-----
Holiday Happy Hour: Barn House Village	Fri TBD pm	Dec 11
General Meeting at KoC	Tue 7 pm	Dec 11
----- Jan -----	-----	-----
Ski Party/Meeting: Blue Mt	Tue 4 pm	Jan 8
----- Feb -----	-----	-----
Ski Party/Meeting: Blue Mt	Tue 1 pm	Feb 12
----- Mar -----	-----	-----
General Meeting/Election at Koc	Tue 7 pm	Mar 12
----- Apr -----	-----	-----
Spring Banquet: Green Pond	Sat TDB pm	Apr 27

General Meeting -Tue Oct 9th 7:00 pm

Knights of Columbus, 1519 West Greenleaf St., A'town

Sub & Movie Night
Choice of Sub: Tuna, Turkey, Italian, Veggie
Cost of Sub \$8
Contact Joyce Gilmore with Sub Order at 610-683-6593 or mindycat36@yahoo.com
See Flyer below for details.

General Meeting -Tue Oct 23th 7:00 pm

Knights of Columbus, 1519 West Greenleaf St., A'town

Speaker: Jim Dailey COO of Blue Mt Ski Resort

Reminder:

Your Dues are Due by October 31st.
If you haven't paid yet get a check to -
Mary Laronge, 556 Parkside Court, Allentown, Pa 18104
Or come to one of the October Meetings.
Renewal: \$16 Single or \$26 Family.
Contact Mary at 610-737-2349 or marynlaronge@gmail.com



President's Message

Phil Hublitz
President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

Into Fall...

Two general meetings down already.
Charity of the Month: Your local food bank.

September slipped through our fingers like wet spaghetti and so did the weather. Happy Hours at Bar Louie, Jack's Slice, the Tiki Hut and a new venue enjoyed by all, Casa Toro with guitarist Lorenzo Branca. We are in the process of hiring him for the triple-H at the Barn House Village. You will not want to miss that event just to hear him play from 7 to 10 PM. We played golf at Locust Valley several times, once at Iron Lakes and Shepherd Hills. Wednesday & Thursday this week the first flight of the flock will head to Lykens Valley Golf Resort with Mary Laronge in the lead.

Almost 70 Ptarmigan attended the Oktoberfest Pig Roast (well pulled-pig) at the Ortnr Estate in South Whitehall Township. Thanks to all for your support. There should be a few pictures in this issue. Next up is the Sub & a Movie with Tim White, the second meeting we have locked in Jim Dailey Blue MT COO who was unable to speak in September.

Joyce lead some good music events in September and has 2 lined up so far for October, The \$2 Band Oct 6th and Greystone October 12th both at Blue MT. Look for Lorenzo to pop up sometime this month. This guy is hot, playing over 20 venues a month. Don't forget the Large Flowerheads Halloween Party OCT 27th at the Fearless Fire Company, if you were quick enough to grab a ticket before they were sold out. Bridget returns from Madrid on the 19th and may have few extras.

Be sure to check this issue for Ski Trip Updates for the trips in January, February and March. All these trips are sure to close soon. Ever realize that we spend hundreds of thousands of dollars each year on ski trips? I wonder what the total is for golf, another \$30,000 or so?

It's a wrap, what ever I forgot will be covered elsewhere in this issue. Oh yes, we are talking about a golf tournament next fall, member & guest, Lisa Rufo is exploring some options, if we spend money, we need to refill the kitty and what better way than more golf, painless unless you count the scores...see you soon.

2018/2019 Ski Season – Trips:

Les Arcs Club Med, France Jan 19 – 29, 2019

- \$2,999 per person
- Round Trip Newark – Geneva, All Ground Transport
- 7 Nights Club Med Ski-In Ski-Out Brk, Lun, Dinner daily
- 6 Day Lift Ticket w/five days ski instruction
- 2 Nights in Geneva – Center Nations Hotel
- Mark Baechle 610-657-5825 or SkiPro99@gmail.com

Val d'Isere, France Jan 26 – Feb 2, 2019

- \$2,325 per person
- Round Trip Swiss Air Newark – Geneva, All Ground Trans
- 7 Nights Hotel Altitude Ski-In Ski-Out Brk & Dinner daily
- Lift Tickets Not Included, but are much cheaper in France
- 1 Night in Geneva - Hotel Royal 4* w/Brk
- Catherine Chrapacz 610-428-3547 katyataz@yahoo.com

Fernie, BC Feb 26 – Mar 6, 2019

- \$1,888 Hotel, \$1,999 Condo Early Bird Special Price
- Round Trip Air to Calgary
- 7 Nights Slopeside Lodge Hotel, Lizard Creek Condo
- 7 Day Lift Ticket
- 1 Night in Calgary
- Mark Baechle 610-657-5825 or SkiPro99@gmail.com

Sunday River, Maine Sun Jan 27 – Fri Feb 1, 2019

- \$799 dbl/occ, \$739 tri/occ, \$609 dbl/occ non-skier
- Bus Transportation from Allentown to Sunday River
- 5 Nights Lodging, Wine/Cheese Party, a Pizza Party
- 5 Day Lift Pass, One Perfect Turn Clinic Pass
- Vicki Morris 610-791-3421 VLM2378@rcn.com

Jackson Hole, Wy Mar 2 – 9, 2019

- \$1,870 Hotel, \$1,665 3 Bd/Rm \$1,855 2 Bd/Rm Condo
- Round Trip Air JFK – Jackson Hole, All Ground Trans
- 7 Nights Hotel Alpenhof w/Brkfst, 7 Nights Nez Perce Condos
- Lift Tickets Not Included, but many ticket options available
- Brian Nuss 610-730-2777 or brianjnuss@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.

The above information is a brief summary of each trip, see actual flyer for complete details. All Flyers are available on our Web Site: <http://ptarmiganskiclub.org/Trips.html>

Membership DUES: 2018/2019 Season

Renew your membership for the 2018/2019 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, 2020

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

All Trips still have room, but they are selling fast. So don't wait, make up your mind and contact the trip leader ASAP or be left out.

October Music Schedule

Two Dollar Bill Band - Slopeside, Blue Mt., Sat., Oct. 6, 6-9 p.m.

Greystone Band - Slopeside, Blue Mt., Fri, Oct. 12, 6-9 p.m.

Naked Soul - Slopeside, Blue Mt., Sat. Oct. 27, 6-9 p.m.

Come join us for a great time! Hopefully we can be outside under the stars around the fire pits. Weather not permitting - we will be inside.

Questions??? Contact Joyce Gilmore at mindycat36@yahoo.com or 610-683-6593.

Music Recap – by Joyce Gilmore

There was a great turnout and lots of enthusiasm for musical events in September! Ptarmigans enjoyed three bands over Labor Day weekend -- Ultra King Dulux (a rockabilly duo) on Sept.1, Stripped Stacey on Sept 2, and Graystone All Stars on Labor Day, Sept. 3.

The Large Flowerheads provided great 60's and 70's music at the Sands Molten Lounge on Sept.18. The dance floor is always full when they play! Lorenzo was a special Happy Hour surprise on Sept. 14. He's a one man band with a terrific sound. Phil quickly booked him for our Christmas Happy Hour party. Ptarmigans enjoyed two great nights with Naked Soul at Slopeside, Blue Mt., on Sept. 13 and 22. Eighteen people showed up on the 22nd, and we really rocked the place. Ptarmigans were on the dance floor for every dance. Joel and Patti did a spectacular bump dance! The lead singer thanked us for our spirit, and said he wanted to join the ski club! I was so impressed with all the energy and fun we generated! It was such a pleasant evening to be outdoors around the fire pits listening and dancing to good music. Thank you, everyone, for turning out! Here's to many more dancing parties!

Think Snow!

Skiers Needed for Special Olympics

Skiers needed - Lehigh County Special Olympics Trains at Blue Mountain Valley Lodge on Wednesdays From 9 Am – 2 Pm. We currently have intermediate and expert skiers that only need a skier to ski with them (16 – 43). We are recruiting new athletes to begin skiing this year, so we will need to instruct the new skiers.

SO training begins the Wednesday after Thanksgiving and continues till the first week in March.

Anyone interested in skiing with athletes or providing transportation from Parkland and Whitehall High

Schools should contact dale Gogel with questions 610 767 1546 - dalego@aol.com. Special Olympics forms must be filled out and a one day training session is required. Most of our athletes will participate in the State Special Olympics at Seven Springs Mountain Resort - February 10 – 13 along with 350 other athletes.

Blue Mountain Lift Tickets

Blue Mountain Lift Tickets pricing has not been announced as of this date. However the Season Pass is currently selling for \$499 on the web <https://www.skibluemt.com/winter-sports/tickets/season-passes/>. Individual day/night lift vouchers available thru Dale Gogel throughout the season. Triple passes and the Black Friday specials will be posted on the website at a later date. The club Ski Dates on January 8 and February 12 will have reduced ticket prices with Membership Card. February 20 - Ski Club Appreciation Day at Blue Mountain with the former northeast pa ski council clubs - Blue Ridge, Ingersoll Rand, Mack, Poco, Ptarmigan special lift tickets with membership card at ticket window and a great buffet in Main Lodge at 7 PM.

Skies and Boots for Sale

Sandy Lewandowski, is selling her ski boots and skies. She has to give up skiing.

Solomon Divine 55 ,bought in 2015, size 8 1/2.

Only worn about 6 times, like new.

Dynastar 150's skis, Model EXCLUSIVE 8, Just tuned up.

Boots \$75

Skis and poles \$40

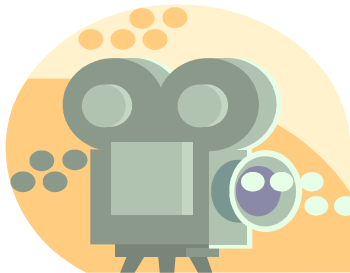
Call Sandy at 610-349-3045, or eandshighonlife@aol.com



Photo Recap of Ptarmigan's Oktoberfest Sat Sep 31st at Bill Ortnr's



Join Ptarmigan Ski Club for.....



A Sub and Movie Night

Oct 9th7pm

4 Choices

- Tuna and American cheese**
- Turkey and American cheese**
- Italian**
- Veggie**

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

Please reserve by: Tuesday Oct. 2rd

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: Joyce Gilmore, 27 Garman Rd., Kutztown, Pa. 19530

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First ski trip of 2018-2019: Valle Nevado, Chile – by Lisa Rufo



On August 23rd 14 of us including 3 others from PA ventured off to Valle Nevado ski resort in Chile. This trip was through the Fund Bank Ski Club of DC. As our plane approached Santiago we saw the glorious snow covered Andes including Aconcagua which is the highest peak in the cordillera. The road that took us from Santiago to the slopes has 60 switchbacks or curvas which are marked to reach 10,000 feet for our base at Puerta del Sol Hotel. After all the hot and steamy weather this summer it was so pleasant to be in the cool fresh air with magnificent and heavenly vistas. We had 5 days of sunny and bluebird skies, no wind, and with temps of 20-50 degrees for our skiing. Plus no bugs! Some of the group took pommel lifts to the other side of the mountain to ski at La Parva or El Colorado on different days. The American team was training at La Parva and Lindsey Vohn was spotted at lunch. Many other teams from various countries were training there and at Valle Nevado.

Some of our precipitation from this summer could have been shipped to the Andes Mountains as this was a low snowfall year!

Yet we had enough snow coverage for smooth conditions along with some freezing overnight to make for crusty slopes in the morning. It seemed very natural to put on the ski gear in August and with the desert dryness it did not feel cold. There was a heated pool for apres ski lounging to take in more of the breathtaking scenery above the tree line.

After the days of skiing we spent 4 days in Santiago which is approaching spring. We saw flowers blooming along with almond and plum trees blossoming. The one day we went to Valparaiso to sight see and had lunch overlooking the Pacific Ocean in Vina del Mar. Another day we went to 2 wineries and had lunch at one. The wines in Chile do not contain as much tannins and sulfates as they ferment so we all enjoyed sampling and having wine throughout the trip.

The food everywhere was the best I have had on a trip. Our dinners were included at the slopes where we had Chilean, French, and Italian food. The presentation of the meals with sauces drizzled on plates around the elegantly presented food, desserts embellished with metallic looking chocolate and various shapes of edibles were all exquisite including in Santiago. One of the included lunches was empanadas with Pisco Sours which is a Peruvian drink. Todo muy rico!

A trip to South America to ski is definitely a thrill. I had done a similar trip in 1991 to Las Lenas, Argentina and was so glad to have a 2nd opportunity to ski and visit another country.



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PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB - 2018/2019 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.

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 Free by Email (be sure to include your Email Address); however, you may request a Hardcopy by U.S. Postal for \$5 in Addition to your Dues – Check the box below for Hardcopy.

2018/2019 Season - Membership Dues: Please Check the Appropriate Boxes Below

- New Member Application: \$20 Single \$30 Family **New Memberships valid until Apr 30, 2020**
- Yearly Renewal: \$16 Single \$26 Family **Must Renew by Oct 31, 2018**
- Late Renewal (after Oct 31st): \$20 Single \$30 Family
- \$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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