



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.

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Holiday Happy Hour: Barn House Village	Fri 5:30 pm	Dec 7
General Meeting at KoC: Salmon River	Tue 7 pm	Dec 11
Eve of Eve Party: Ray & Linny Cope	Sun 5 pm	Dec 23
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Ski Party/Meeting: Blue Mt + SWAP	Tue 4 pm	Jan 8
----- Feb -----	-----	-----
Ski Party/Meeting: Blue Mt + SWAP	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 Dec 11th 7:00 pm
Knights of Columbus, 1519 West Greenleaf St., A'town
Program:
Tom Weiser - The Salmon River Whitewater Experience.
Scott Graham from Windham Mountain Ski Area.

Ptarmigan Holiday Happy Hour Dec 7th
Barn House Village on Airport Road
Friday Dec 7th 5:30 – 9:30 pm
See you all there!

President's Message Cont'd

Looking far ahead to September 6th 2019, Lisa Rufo has booked the Allentown Municipal Golf Course for a "PSC Golf Tournament Fundraiser". The purpose is to replace funds used to supplement the scholarship program, various activities and events throughout the year. We no longer have the Ski Expo that performed that function in the past. We are asking that every Ptarmigan golfer attend and bring a friend who is not a member of the flock. Not only will this support the club but may add to the membership. A flyer is under development.

Skiers are bound to get in plenty of skiing at Blue as the temperatures dip...the Farinas have skied 3 days already.



President's Message

Phil Hublitz
President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

Charity of the Month: 2nd Harvest (Charity for the Eve of Eve Party at Linny & Ray's) Link: www.shfblv.org

Blue opened Black Friday & the Holidays are upon us...

Kathy's Hike & Soups was celebrated by 28 hikers walking either 4.5 or 7 miles, if they did the loop. Close to 10 additional eaters showed for the soup portion of the event and virtually everyone stuffed themselves on all the other goodies clubbers brought. We also hit a new HH venue at the Miller Ale House. Some of the flock showed at the Steel Pub the night before Thanksgiving for a mid-week Farina HH, and a few moved on to the Gin Mill to listen or dance to Stereotype. The Tally Ho was the site for Karaoke from 10 PM to 2 AM for late-night partiers, the last day of the month.

Our PSC speaker for general meeting was Mary Bach who delivered a thorough examination of the many types of scams that can take us down if we are not on our toes every minute. Speaking this month is our own inveterate traveler, Tom Weiser. The Salmon River Whitewater Experience is sure to engage you on December 11th. Also, on-hand will be Scott Graham from Windham Mountain Ski Area with various incentives to attract you to Windham this ski season.

Rolling in early this month is the Holiday Happy Hour at the Barn House Village on December 7th, 91 Ptarmigans signed on. We are all looking forward to celebrating with our Ptarmigan friends, listening and dancing up a storm to the music of Lorenzo. The Eve of Eve Party will be at Linny & Ray's home on December 23rd, be sure to let them know you are coming. The charity for the party is the 2nd Harvest Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley, bring whatever non-perishables you can spare.

BTC (Between the Covers) book for December is "Ten Days in a Mad House" which is bound to be revealing. It is a short novel of a true account written in 1887 by Nellie Bly. The January book is "The Ice Cream Queen of Orchard Street", the true story of an immigrant who fled Russia in 1913 and eventually made it big in the USA, that promises to be tasty.

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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

Breckenridge Co Jan 26 – Feb 2, 2019

Cancun, Club Med Feb 2 – Feb 9, 2019

- \$1,750 pp Breckenridge, \$1,795 Cancun
- Five day lift Pass
- Donna Westgate travelswithdonna@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>

Ski Party/Meeting Tues, Jan. 8th 4 pm Blue Mt.

Includes Chili, Soup (vegetable), Veggies and Dip.
Price is \$10.00, cash bar available.
See flyer below for details.

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.**

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

Late Renewal (after Oct 31st): \$20 Single or \$30 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

Les Arcs Extreme and Fernie - Mark Baechle:

Both the Les Arcs Trip and the Fernie trip have sold out, but he might be able to squeeze a few people on, if he knows soon. The Fernie Trip has room for one more single guy for a deluxe condo, or 2 more folks for a hotel (if you act very soon).

Breckenridge - Donna Westgate:

Her trip is sold out and can't take anymore.

Christmas Eve Eve Party – Sun Dec 23rd

The Christmas Eve Eve Party will be hosted by Ray and Linda Cope this year. Come and enjoy the Christmas Spirit. Bring something to share and wear your most festive outfit.

Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the local food bank. Packages cannot be out of date.

Date: Sunday, December 23

Time: 5 pm until ?

Where: Ray and Linda Cope Ray 484-560-3324
2685 Houghton Lean Linny 610-504-0305
Macungie, PA

Parking can be at a premium so carpooling may be helpful.

Music Schedule

Joyce Gilmore 610-683-6593 mindycat36@yahoo.com.

- The Ugly Sweater Party on Saturday, December 8th, at Blue Mt. top (Last Run Lodge) from 6-10 pm

We realize that people have many different music tastes. If you have a favorite band or music event, email Joyce or Bill with the info and the music style. We can put it out to the club in a music reminder so anyone who likes that type of music can attend. It's good to have lots of options.

Music Recap by Joyce Gilmore

On Sat, Oct. 27, there were Ptarmigans in two music locations. About 25 turned out in costumes for the rocking Halloween Party at the Fearless Fire Co. featuring the Large Flowerheads. The place was packed with about 300 people, and the dance floor was constantly in motion. A fabulous night! A smaller group of Ptarmigans gathered at Blue Mt. Slopeside to dance to Naked Soul. On Fri., Nov. 23, Nick Cerniglia entertained us at Slopeside with his guitar and an array of memorable songs from the 70's and 80's. A great way to end Black Friday!

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The Ugly Sweater Party on Saturday, December 8th, at Blue Mt. top (Last Run Lodge) from 6-10 pm. Wear your ugliest sweater to be entered in the raffle. Dale Gogel has a van full of the old Tannenbaum fluorescent ski sweaters (wide stripes of orange, lime, and yellow. He is willing to lend anyone a sweater that evening. We would certainly cause a stir if a gang of people came in wearing those sweaters! There will be live music by Toolshed Jack, food and drink specials, and prizes. Blue Mt. is doing this event as a Fund Raiser for Toys For Tots so bring an unwrapped toy if you like. Hope to see you there! It should be a blast!!!

No Free Lunch: Flim-Flams, Schemes and Scams

... by Mary Ann Bedics

Speaking to a full house at the Knights of Columbus on November 13, 2018, Mary Bach's presentation was informative and laced with humor.

Mary Bach is a long-time independent, nationally recognized Consume Advocate. As a volunteer for AARP-PA, Mary is spreading AARP's strategic message about fraud against older consumers. She also appears regularly on PCN and YouTube.

This was Mary's second appearance speaking to our ski club. She received a warm reception from us and is always amazed at the friendliness and conviviality of our members.



Hike and Soup Sunday Nov 18th

Twenty-eight Ptarmigans hiked a section of the Iron Rail Trail and then went back to Kathy's home for soup, where ten additional Ptarmigans came to eat and socialize.

Ski Party/Meeting Tues., Jan. 8th at 4 PM Blue Mt.

**Includes Chili, Soup (vegetable), Veggies and Dip,
Bread and butter.**

**NOTE: the time has changed to 4 PM.
Price is \$10.00, cash bar available**

If you wish to, bring a Dessert.

Where: Valley Lodge at the bottom of the mountain.

Please send your check, payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club, to
Jeanne Weiser, 125 Pine Street, Emmaus, PA 18049
e-mail: weiser@ptd.net or call 610-844-2590

Deadline for party is Sunday, Jan. 6th – Please reply to Jeanne
by that date so that we may have an accurate head-count.



Return of S.W.A.P. at the Blue Mt. Party

Love to ski? Looking for a way to make your day last longer and your turns more fun? Come Ski With A Pro for valuable tips on tactics and technique geared toward making skiing easier... and much more enjoyable!

If interested, please RSVP to Brian Nuss at brianjuss@gmail.com by Sunday January 6th so groups can be created and Pros confirmed. Details on meeting time and location will be sent to those who RSVP.

No walk-ons please

BLUE MOUNTAIN TICKETS	ONLINE	WINDOW	EZ SLOPE	Individual day/night EZ SLOPE
MON – FRI DAY	\$ 50	\$ 55	\$ 45	PURCHASE EZ SLOPE TICKETS AT
MON – FRI NIGHT	\$ 35	\$ 40	\$ 30	MTN WITH MEMBERSHIP CARD
SAT SUN HOL DAY	\$ 60	\$ 65	\$ 55	PTARMIGAN CLUB DISCOUNT
SAT SUN HOL NIGHT	\$ 35	\$ 40	\$	PURCHASE EZ SLOPE TICKETS AT
SUN NIGHT (4 PM-CLOSE)	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30	MTN WITH MEMBERSHIP CARD

Christmas week December 26, 2018-January 1, 2019 Martin Luther King Day January 21, 2019
 President's Day February 18, 2019 - HOLIDAY RATES

EZ Slope tickets can now be purchased at the Blue Mtn with membership card
Weekday Day \$ 45 (list \$ 55) Weekday Night \$ 30 (list \$ 40)
Weekend Day \$ 55 (list \$ 65) - BUY TICKETS AT BLUE W/MEMBERSHIP CARD

PTARMIGAN SKI PARTY DATES – JANUARY 8 & FEBRUARY 12
DAY LIFT \$ 35 (8 HR) (list \$ 55) MEMBERSHIP CARD REQUIRED TO GET
NIGHT LIFT \$ 30 (list \$ 40) DISCOUNTED TICKET AT TICKET WINDOWS
PARTY IN VALLEY LODGE – (PAY KATHY FOR PARTY)

FEBRUARY 20 - SKI CLUB APPRECIATION DAY AT BLUE MOUNTAIN
WITH THE FORMER NORTHEAST PA SKI COUNCIL CLUBS
SPECIAL LIFT TICKETS WITH MEMBERSHIP CARD AT TICKET WINDOWS
SPECIAL DAY TICKET \$ 35 (list \$55) (with membership card at ticket windows)
SPECIAL NIGHT TICKET \$ 30 (list \$ 40) (with membership card @ ticket window)
FREE BUFFET IN MAIN LOUNGE AT 7 PM (with membership card)

Skiers needed - Lehigh County Special Olympics Trains at Blue Mountain Valley Lodge Wednesdays 9 AM – 2 PM.
 We currently have intermediate to expert skiers that only need a skier to ski with them (16 – 43). SO training begins December 12 and continues till March 6. Anyone interested in skiing with athletes or providing transportation from Parkland and Whitehall High Schools - contact Dale Gogel 610 767 1546 with questions - 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. Day lift ticket provided.

2019 LEHIGH VALLEY Special Olympics POLAR PLUNGE-Saturday February 16th
 Registration Opens: 9:30 am - Plunge Time: 12:00 pm - Admission: Free to spectators.
 Location: Scott Park, Larry Holmes Drive & 3rd Street, Easton, PA 18042
 All Plungers are required to raise a minimum of \$50 in pledges or personal donations
<http://specialolympicspa.org/about-lehigh-valley-plunge>

2018-2019 Ski Card! You can purchase WNEP SKI CARD - good for one full day lift ticket at each of the following local ski resorts:
 Whiteface Mountain– Lake Placid, NY Ski Big Bear– Pennsylvania
 Jack Frost / Big Boulder– Pennsylvania Mountain Creek– New Jersey
 Shawnee Mountain– Pennsylvania Ski Sawmill– Pennsylvania
 Swain Mountain– New York Tussey Mountain– Pennsylvania

You may redeem this for either weekday or weekend lift tickets. That's right, you can ski on the weekend with the **WNEP Ski Card!**
 Please note that this is not valid for holidays <http://wnep.nimbledeals.com/deal/moosic/2018-19-wnep-ski-card-4>
Value \$511.99 - Discount 76% - Savings \$387.99 - \$124 limited quantity

BLUE MTN SPECIAL DAILY PICK-UP - SKI PACKAGE \$ 179.00 RENTAL LIST \$ 40 /DAY

Pick up daily when you arrive at the mountain to avoid carting equipment home. You will not receive the exact same ski or board on each visit. You will need to go through the same process as all other daily rental guests.

BLUE MTN SPECIAL TAKE HOME - SKI PACKAGE \$ 179.00 RENTAL LIST \$ 40 /DAY

RENT ONCE AND SKI OR SNOWBOARD ALL SEASON LONG! THE UNLIMITED EQUIPMENT RENTAL PACKAGE IS NOW ON SALE FOR ONLY \$139. AT BLUE MOUNTAIN RESORT, OUR RENTAL GEAR IS CUSTOM-FITTED WITH THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY AND STYLES. This is for 1 person to rental for the season. This package you will take home with you to avoid the Rentals lines.

UGLY SWEATER PARTY – SLOPE SIDE - PUB 6 – 10 PM - DECEMBER 8 – Music by “Toolshed Jack”
Bring an unwrapped toy for MARINE CORPS “Toys for Tots”
GINGER BREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP – VISTA BALLROOM 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM - DECEMBER 9

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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