

Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

February 2019



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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Ski Party/Meeting: Blue Mt + SWAP	Tue 1 pm	Feb 12
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General Meeting/Election at Koc	Tue 7 pm	Mar 12
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Spring Banquet: Green Pond	Sat TDB pm	Apr 27

Ski Party at Blue Mt Tue Feb 12th 1 pm

Ski Party/Meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 12th at Blue Mt.
This is a Mid-Day party starting at 1 PM

Includes Chili, Soup, Veggie Tray and Bread & Butter
If you wish to, bring a Dessert.

Price is \$10.00, cash bar available.

Where: Blue Mt. Valley Lodge at the bottom of the mountain.

Please send your check payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club to:
Phil Hublitz, 3424 W Highland Street, Allentown, Pa 18104.

Deadline for party is Sunday, Feb. 10th – Please reply to
Phil Hublitz 484-809-4102 philhublitz@rcn.com by that date.
You can pay at the door only if you let Phil know by Feb 10th.

Ski With A Pro (SWAP)

“Ski With A Pro” will be offered at the Feb12th Ski Party.

Swap will be from 12:00 to 1-1:30PM prior to the Ski Party.

If interested, please RSVP to:
Brian Nuss at brianjnuss@gmail.com no later than Sunday
February 10th No walk-ons, please. Those that RSVP will
receive meeting time/location details prior to the event.

See Flyer below for details.



President's Message

Phil Hublitz
President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

February Charity - Boys & Girls Club of Allentown

link: <https://www.bgcalledtown.org/>

Whoa, what happened to January?

Well, actually some good things. We hit another new Happy Hour venue adding Hops at the Paddock and perhaps a new record with about 35 in attendance, keep it up gang. We returned to the Miller Ale House where many (over 30) were well pleased with the food and the reasonable level of ambient noise.

Although the weather was on a roller coaster all month, we did get some skiing in, some of you a good deal of skiing. Joyce launched her Group Ski days with everyone meeting at the Blue MT Diner for lunch, drawing a good crowd and the last one on Monday at the Last Run Lounge attended by about 30 skiers. Watch for emails from Joyce on more PSC Group Ski days.

The January Ski Party at Blue was canceled due to rain, but the February Ski Party promises to be a winner with 28 paid guests so far. If you want to come the deadline is the 10th for either a check or a call to me, you may pay at the door. If you are doing the SWAP (Ski with a Pro) be sure to contact Brian Nuss in advance, no walk-ons please.

The major ski trips have launched as can be seen by the quantity of great pictures Mark has posted on Facebook. That trip just returned from the Les Arcs Club Med at the Paradiski complex in the France Alps. Catherine's trip will be returning from Val d'Isere on the 2nd. Both Europe and the West have been blasted with snow. Coming up are trips to Breckenridge, Sunday River, Jackson Hole and Fernie, not to mention our own small group going to Val Thorens, in the 3 Vallées ski complex, the world's largest, on the 2nd (topping out at over 100" of pixy dust by Sunday).

March will be on us before you know it. That means it will be election time.

Don't miss the general meeting on the 12th. The ski season will undoubtedly begin to wind down by the end of March unless you scramble to Vermont or the West. April will bring the Spring Banquet at Green Pond. It is not too early to commit to that event on April 27th.

Finally, we do not have to “think snow”, we have it almost everywhere...

2018/2019 Ski Season – Trips:

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

- Mark Baechle 610-657-5825 or SkiPro99@gmail.com

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

- 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>

Congratulations to Brian Nuss

Ptarmigans own Brian Nuss has just achieved the Level 3 Instructor rating from the Professional Ski Instructors Association (PSIA).

Level 3 is the highest PSIA rating available.

Brian has been working for many years to achieve this rating ... Congratulations Brian from all Ptarmigans!!!

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.

Dale Gogel's Blue Mt. Info for February

● FEBRUARY 12th - PTARMIGAN SKI PARTY DATE

DAY LIFT \$ 35 (8 HR) (list \$ 55)

NIGHT LIFT \$ 30 (list \$ 40)

MEMBERSHIP CARD REQUIRED TO GET

DISCOUNTED TICKET AT TICKET WINDOWS

PARTY IN VALLEY LODGE – (PAY KATHY FOR PARTY)

● SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16th

2019 LEHIGH VALLEY Special Olympics POLAR PLUNGE

● FEBRUARY 17th ... Mack Ski Club Bulldog Challenge Race

● FEBRUARY 20th - SKI CLUB APPRECIATION DAY AT BLUE MOUNTAIN

WITH THE FORMER NORTHEAST PA SKI COUNCIL CLUBS

SPECIAL LIFT TICKETS WITH MEMBERSHIP CARD AT TICKET WINDOWS

FREE BUFFET IN MAIN LOUNGE AT 7 PM (with membership card)

SPECIAL DAY TICKET \$ 35 (list \$55) (with membership card at ticket windows)

SPECIAL NIGHT TICKET \$ 30 (list \$ 40) (with membership card @ ticket window)

See Dale's Flyer below for more details.

For More Info Contact Dale at 610-767-1546 or dalego@aol.com

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so that we have an accurate head-count. You can pay at the door
as long as you let Phil know you're coming – but you will be charged even if you don't show-up.



Ski With A Pro

“Ski With A Pro” will be offered in conjunction with the
February 12th Ski Party.

What is “Ski With A Pro” you ask? Well, professionally
certified ski instructors will be on hand to offer a few tips and
tactics that may help enhance your skiing skills and
enjoyment. The Pros will give you a mini-clinic, work through
some skiing tasks and drills, and enhance movement
patterns that will aid your performance and give your skiing a
tune-up.

Ski With A Pro will be offered from 12:00 to 1-1:30PM on the
12th prior to the Ski Party.

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February 10th. No walk-ons, please. Those that RSVP will
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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

President's Day February 18, 2019 - HOLIDAY RATES

www.skiblue.com

Watch for mid February for 2020 season pass that will be available for rest of 2019 and the 2020 season.

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 DATE – FEBRUARY 12

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NIGHT LIFT \$ 30 (list \$ 40) DISCOUNTED TICKET AT TICKET WINDOWS

PARTY IN VALLEY LODGE - This is a Mid-Day party starting at 1 PM

- Includes Pizza, Stromboli, Veggies with Dip - Price is \$10.00, cash bar available.

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February 17.....Mack Ski Club Bulldog Challenge Race – all ages

Mack Bulldog Challenge Race Sunday February 17th Blue Mountain Resort
Time: 2pm Cost: \$12 It will be a one run GS for both children and adults

Lehigh County Special Olympics Trains at Blue Mountain Valley Lodge Wednesdays 9 AM – 2 PM. SO training continues till March 6. - contact Dale Gogel 610 767 1546 - dalego@aol.com. 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>

LEHIGH COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS TRACK & FIELD EVENT – MAY 9 –

WHITEHALL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STADIUM - volunteers needed – 7:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Over 700 Lehigh County Special Olympics Athletes will compete in Track & Field events on Thursday May 9. Athletes from all the schools in Lehigh County arrive from 7:45 – 9:15. As each athlete enters the stadium they are matched with a buddy from the participating schools. Thus 1500 students arrive and have to be safely unloaded and escorted into the stadium. 80-90 buses to be unloaded. The loading takes on another complexity as all the buses have varying departure times. Needed helpers to escort students to and from buses. Over lunch time the bus crew assists with serving lunches for the 1500+ students and 300+ volunteers. CONTACT - Dale Gogel is in charge of Bussing – 610 767 1546 - dalego@aol.com

PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB CONTACTS				
Officers	President	Phil Hublitz	484-809-4102	philhublitz@rcn.com
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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