

Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

March 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 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.

----- Mar -----		
General Meeting/Election at Koc	Tue 7 pm	Mar 12
----- Apr -----		
Spring Banquet: Green Pond	Sat 5 pm	Apr 27

General Meeting Tuesday Mar 12th

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

No formal program is planned; however Phil will show some skiing related video – this will be a Social Evening and we will be holding Elections for Officers and Board Members.

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

Below is a list of candidates for the 2019-2020 season. On election night feel free to nominate a candidate from the floor or to write in a candidate on the election form.

Club Officers - Vote for one candidate in each position:

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

Board of Directors - Vote for three of the following candidates: Bill Ortnr, Ronnie Rother, Joyce Gilmore, Joe Reilly, Lisa Rufo, Tim White.

(Note: The newly elected President may appoint up to three additional Board Members in addition to the three elected.)

More candidates are welcome. Contact Phil Hublitz at philhublitz@rcn.com or any Officer/Board Member if you are interested in running for any of the positions.

President's Message Cont'd

We are making every effort to make your experience enjoyable with live music as an added feature. We will pole attendees in May to make sure future events meet your particular taste in live or recorded music. Don't miss this exciting event for another chance to mix it up with the Flock when not in a bar, on the slopes, or the golf course.

Besides all that, some of us are hoping to sneak away for a midweek trip to the northeast for a final skiing blast. You up for it? You'll be dusting off your golf club before long...



President's Message

Phil Hublitz

President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

President's Message March 2019

Charity for March - the College or University of your choice

Another rollercoaster month weather wise...

Several major ski trips returned at the end of January and during February.

First back was Mark's Les Arcs Club Med in the Paradiski region of the French Alps, look for his report in this issue. Also, Catherine's trip to Val d'Isere returned from just south of Les Arcs in the French Alps. And, of course, our 3rd group spent a week at the Val Thorens Club Med in the 3 Vallées region of the Alps, 3 trips to France in one year, "vive la France".

I, for one, can't wait to get back. Overlapping the other trips was Vicki's trip to Sunday River Maine and Donna's Breckenridge adventure. Looking forward to hearing more about all of them. It's not over yet, Mark is going Fernie BC and Brian is going Jackson Hole. If you didn't find someplace that fit your bucket list this year, you need a bigger bucket.

Locally, Joyce has had Group Ski Days at Blue MT every week with lunch at the Blue MT Diner (see photo below). We've had rain, but we've had snow too. She been advertising music events for you listeners and dancers. For the eaters & drinkers the HHs continue to draw crowds to the Paddock, Taps Tavern, Jack's Slice and Miller Ale House. Between the Covers book of the month is the Long Walk by Slavomir Rawicz, a true story of his torture and escape to freedom from Siberia during WWII. We have something for everybody.

The two Blue MT Ski Parties were a flop because of the weather, one canceled and one should have been with only 9 showing. Bill gathered up the remaining food, froze it and promises a special Ortnr homestead HH (including booze) for all those who coughed up the money and missed the Feb 12th party.

In late April, the 27th to be exact, the Spring Banquet will be held at the Green Pond Country Club. We are just finalizing the menu this week. Check out the flyer is this issue. It is not too early to sign up now.

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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

- Donna Westgate travelswithdonna@yahoo.com

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

- Vicki Morris 610-791-3421 VLM2378@rcn.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

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 advertised 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.

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 March

Blue Mountain Ski Club Appreciation Day Is Rescheduled for March 5.

Discount Lift Tickets Are Available and A Free Buffet At 7 Pm For Club Members (you must present your membership card at the ticket window and buffet).

Also, Special Discount prices are available for next year's season passes. Buy by March 31st to get the best deal. When you purchase a 2019-2020 Winter Season Pass now you can ski the rest of this season and all of next! Only \$429 by March 31st.

See Dale's Flyer below for more details.

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

Blue Mt. Lift Tickets

Augusta has 3 Blue Mt. lift tickets for sale that she can't use for \$75.00.

Contact: Rob Metter 484-788-2403

robmetterrocks@gmail.com

Spring Banquet – Sat Apr 27th

Ptarmigan's Annual Spring Banquet is set for Saturday April 27th at Green Pond Country Club.

Starting at 5:00 pm with a Cash Bar, Social Hour and Munchies.

Hot Buffet from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm – Chicken Cacciatore, Beef Tips Burgundy and Seafood Primavera, Penne Pasta, Roasted Red Potatoes, Vegetable Medley followed by Ice Cream, Coffee or Tea.

After Dinner: Live Music by Greystone

Cost \$42 per person.

See Flyer Below for Details.

Some of Joyce's Ski Days Group at Blue Mt. - Relaxing after Skiing Thursday Feb 28th



2019 Les Arcs Extreme & Geneva - Trip Report by Mark Baechle

Mark Baechle's trip to Les Arcs Extreme & Geneva Trip in January was like 2 trips in one: (1) A week of skiing, eating, and drinking in Les Arcs Extreme Club Med, with unlimited food, unlimited drinks, blue sky, sunshine, lessons, and guides to show us the secret stashed of untracked powder, and (2) A couple of days exploring Geneva, with its beautiful lake, water jet, museums, churches, architecture, restaurants, and bars.

On our first morning at Les Arcs Club Med we were introduced to our Guides/Instructors, that stayed with us every morning and every afternoon for 5 days. They gave lessons to those that wanted to improve, and showed everyone the best places to ski for their ability, including many areas that they would never have found on their own. We had some snow that week, but most days were blue sky and sunshine -- Ski club heaven! Many of us also skied La Plange, and Peisey-Vallandry.

The problem with that week in Club Med is all that fantastic French cuisine, and unlimited drinks, meant that the baggage was not the only thing in jeopardy of being overweight on the way back.

After a week of skiing in Paradiski, we explored Geneva. The first day we explored on our own, with some of us ending our city-exploring at a cool bar on an island in the Rhone. The next day Mark provided an organized tour with a local guide, who described the cities attractions, architecture, history, and stories. Later many of us did our own third tour of Geneva, including an guided tour of the United Nations European Headquarters. We were able to sit in a meeting room, and listen in on an actual multi-nation meeting. Cool!

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.

Sunday River, Maine – Trip Report by Vicki Morris

Sunday, January 27 – Friday, February 1, 2019

The week trip to Sunday River took place Sunday, January 27 to Friday, February 1. This was Go50 Week at Sunday River with lots of activities scheduled during the week.

We had nine new people join us for our 24th Annual Trip this year. We had the best year for snow conditions and Wednesday woke up to 8 inches of fresh powder. Wednesday night there was a pizza party for the group with enough door prizes that everyone got something. Cody Deutsch was the winner of a \$125 Gift Certificate that was donated by Sunday River Ski Resort Leisure Sales. Thursday night we had a group dinner with 29 people at the Trail's End Restaurant with 17 of us feasting on Maine Lobster! Everyone enjoyed a great week of skiing and seeing friends we haven't seen since last year's trip.

A Very Special Thank You goes to Steve Martin, Nancy Heilman, Les Hower, Jim Wachter, Ken & Lori Bennett, Sam Carlson, Barry & Susan Miller, Diane Gotthardt, Judy Nagel & Lori Snyder, Linda Plunkett, Sally Hallman, Terry & Bruce Blackman, Vicki & Herb Morris, Tammy Wolfram Cugini, Rob & Barbara Leiser, Joe Mazurek, Arts Quest, Mack Ski Club, and Sunday River Leisure Sales for all the great door prizes and if we missed anyone, thank you very much to you also.

Thanks to everyone for another great trip.

Val Thorens, France – Trip Report by Karen Montgomery

Fourteen US based Ptarmigans and two from our Spanish Ptarmigan branch traveled in January to Val Thorens, France, the world's largest and Europe's highest ski area, for 5 out of 6 days of blue sky, good snow for all bowl skiing, great food and drinks, and Happy Hour and a dubious quality of entertainment every night.

The Club Med was designed to give every room a mountain view--aaah! The area is so huge and the ski map so crazy, that part of the package included ski instructors/guides for every level of ability. And woe to the hapless skier who got separated from their group--the resultant taxi ride burned him for over \$200! The more aggressive skiers in the group got to visit all 3 valleys, including lunch one day in swanky Corchevel with its private one-strip airport. One group got to witness a single engine plane keep going right into a huge snow bank, the video of which became the #1 video on Google news the next day!

Other excitement included Ray Cope going over the edge of a slope into 3 feet of snow, taking his knee out of commission for the season--and Augusta Metter breaking her fibula, with the same results--but not before she skied back to the resort and walked around town!

Thanks to Carolyn, Harvey, and Phil for organizing the trip and smoothing out issues that arose along the way. All agreed it was a great trip, made even sweeter by the fact that we left the day before all the schools in France started a 4-week vacation that would have flooded the slopes! Great week pick!

See the photos on the next page.

Val Thorens Photos



Spring Banquet

PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB

SPRING BANQUET

Saturday, April 27, 2019

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 Crudités with Ranch Dip

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

Main Courses:
Chicken Cacciatore
Beef Tips Burgundy
Seafood Primavera

Accompaniments:
Roasted Red Potatoes
Penne Pasta w/Butter
Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrot Medley

Dessert:
Ice Cream Parfait
Coffee, Decaf, Hot Tea

Following dinner, dance to the music of "Greystone"

Price: \$42.00 Per Person

Reservation deadline: April 15, 2019.
No Signups/Checks accepted after the deadline.
Make checks payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club.
Send checks to Kathy Seufert, 5210 Suncrest Circle, Whitehall, PA 18052.



MARCH 5 - SKI CLUB APPRECIATION DAY AT BLUE MOUNTAIN

WITH THE FORMER NORTHEAST PA SKI COUNCIL CLUBS (RESCHEDULED)

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)

WORTH WHILE TO MAKE THE TRIP FOR THE MEAL AT 7 PM

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

www.skiblument.com CHECK BOTTOM OF FLYER FOR 2019-2020 SEASON PASS PRICING

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

Lehigh County Special Olympics Trains at Blue Mountain Valley Lodge - Wednesdays 9 AM – 2 PM.

SO training continues till March 6. Day lift ticket provided. Our athletes participated in the State Special Olympics at Seven Springs Mountain Resort – February 10 – 13 along with 350 other athletes. - contact Dale Gogel 610 767 1546 - dalego@aol.com. SPECIAL SKI DAY MARCH 10 W/YORK & MONTGOMERY COUNTIES

LEHIGH COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS TRACK & FIELD EVENT – MAY 9

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

Over 782+ 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

BLUE MOUNTAIN - 2019-2020 Season Pass

Ski or Snowboard for FREE the rest of this season when you purchase a 2019-2020 Winter Season Pass! There are no restrictions and no blackout dates, so you can ski or board when you want.

SALE DATE	ALL AGES	ORDER ONLINE
FEBRUARY 20-MARCH 31	\$ 429	BUY NOW
APRIL 1 – SEPTEMBER 30	\$ 529	STARTING APRIL 1st
OCTOBER 1st – END OF SEASON	\$ 629	STARTING OCTOBER 1st

PASSHOLDER PERKS:

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

1 FREE Buddy Day Pass

Access the VIP Line at High-Speed Chair Lifts

10% Discount at Slopeside Pub & Grill

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't be combined with other coupons or special promotions)

Free Snow tubing with a Ski or Ride Season Pass

Invitation to Exclusive Season Pass Parties.

JOIN DALE - 12 WEEKENDS OF RACING - SCCA ROAD RACING -
AUTO HILL CLIMBS pahillclimb.org/schedule-results/

sjr-scca.org/club-racing/2018-schedule-results.html
VINTAGE RACE vrgonline.org/event-info/

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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: _____
 Home Ph#: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Cell Ph#: _____ Email: _____

Please Provide a Cell # to get last minute updates on events *Please provide an email address to get club Newsletters*
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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