



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.

----- Jan -----	-----	-----
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

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

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

Price is \$10.00, cash bar available

NOTE: the time has changed to 4 PM.

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
If interested, please RSVP to Brian Nuss at brianjnuss@gmail.com by Sunday January 6th.

See Flyer below for details.

Heads-up - Mark your Calendar for our February Mid-day Ski Party:

Ski Party at Blue Mt Tue Feb 12th 1 pm

“Ski With A Pro” also available.

See Flyer below for details.



President's Message

Phil Hublitz
President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

Charity of the Month: Wildlife Forever (has a nice ring to it) - Link: www.wildlifeforever.org

Where did December go, 2018? Time flies when you are having fun and the Flock does fly a lot...It seems we were all going in different directions this month: Vietnam, Portugal, San Antonio, Florida and who knows where else. Of course, the biggest blast of the month was the Eve of Eve party at Linny & Ray's on the 23rd, over 100 in attendance, fab. Facebook is loaded with pictures of the many that made it to the party, check it out. Coming in a close second was the Holiday Happy Hour at the Barn House Village in early December with 90 Ptarmigans showing up to celebrate. The highlight of the evening, I think most will agree, was Lorenzo who showed great diversity in his talents and playlist. Everyone was out on that dance floor ripping it up (maybe we will need more space next year).

Another success story was Tom Weiser's presentation on the Salmon River Whitewater Experience to a packed house, it was nearly 10 PM before I got out of the club house. Blue MT was up and running the day after Thanksgiving with some birds skiing as many as 7 times and maybe be more this month (not sure since I was out of town for a week). Although the skiing was limited initially, it was really quite good for a few days.

BTC met at Mary & Ralph's to discuss "Ten Days in a Mad House" with some readers already deep into "the Ice Cream Queen of Orchard Street". I for one could not put it down. A few of us went to the Tally Ho to sing Karaoke after an HH, the place was flooded with kids but Rob & Jim held their own. We spread our wings for Happy Hours, returning, to the delight of many, to the Miller Ale House, Jack's Slice and a new venue, the Sunset Grill this past Friday. Ski party at Blue MT January 8th, be there...Think snow (a little cold weather would help).

Think Snow!

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>

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 - Mark Baechle:

The Les Arcs Extreme trip is sold Out.

Fernie - Mark Baechle:

I might be able to get 1 single male on the Powder Highway Trip, staying in a Ski-In/Ski-Out hotel, if he acts soon.

Dale Gogel's Blue Mt. Update:

NOTE COLLEGE AND 4th & 5th GRADE PROGRAMS

NOTE THE "LOST SKI AREAS" - FIND INFO ON THE SKI AREAS OF YESTERDAY

EASTERN PA SKI COUNCIL VOUCHER PROGRAM FOR THE HOT BLOODED THE POLAR PLUNGE IS FEBRUARY 16

AGAIN, I AM NOT SELLING THE EZ SLOPE TICKETS - THE EZ SLOPE TICKETS CAN BE BOUGHT AT THE MOUNTAIN WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH THE EASTERN PA SKI COUNCIL ON THE BACK

THE REDUCED TICKETS FOR THE PTARMIGAN SKI DAYS AND

THE FORMER NORTHEAST SKI COUNCIL SKI CLUB APPRECIATION DAY IS ON FEBRUARY 20 FREE MEAL AT 7:00 PM - MAIN LODGE.

See Flyer below for details.

Eve-Eve Party Recap & Photos:

Thanks to all the 100+ Ptarmigans and friends for coming to our home to celebrate the Eve Before Eve Christmas party. Special thanks to Mary, Pat, Joe and Vicki for all their help. We had wonderful caroling downstairs and bantering upstairs.

Many thanks for all the generous contributions to the food bank and to the myriad of food and drink that we all enjoyed. We look forward to the New Year with many ski runs and all the other happy times we will share.

Ray and Linny Cope



Holiday Happy Hour Dec 7th at the Barn House Photo Recap:



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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)

EASTERN PA SKI COUNCIL VOUCHER PROGRAM - <http://www.easternpaskicouncil.org/15/index.php>

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 January 9 and continues till March 6. Interested in skiing with athletes - contact Dale Gogel 610 767 1546 with questions - dalego@aol.com. Special Olympics forms must be filled out & a one day training session is required. Most of our athletes will participate in State Special Olympics at Seven Springs Mountain Resort – February 10 – 13 along with 350 other athletes from across the state. 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:

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| 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.

LOST SKI AREAS - <http://www.dcski.com/lostareas/> (Apple Hill, Hahn, etc)

COLLEGE WEEK \$ 30 / 8 HR TICKET – JAN 7-11 & JAN 14-18 W/ MANY COLLEGE EVENTS

Learn to ski for FREE! Pennsylvania Ski Area Association brings kids in **4th and 5th grade** an opportunity to participate in the sport for no cost to the student. 4th & 5th Grade Snowpass containing one FREE LEARN TO SKI/BOARD PACKAGE (beginner lift, lesson & rental package) to any one area of their choice and 3 FREE LIFT TICKETS for each of the participating Ski Area \$ 40 Processing fee

<https://www.skiblument.com/winter-sports/tickets/psaa-snowpass/> <https://www.skipa.com/kids/4th5th-grade-snowpass>

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 Pizza, Stromboli, Veggies with Dip

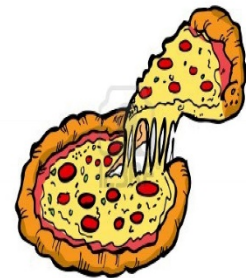
Price is \$10.00, cash bar available.

If you wish to, bring a Dessert.

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
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.

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.

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