

Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

April 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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Spring Banquet: Green Pond	Sat 5 pm	Apr 27
----- May -----	-----	-----
----- Jun -----	-----	-----
Spring Fling: Bill Ortner	Sat 2 pm	Jun 15
----- Jul -----	-----	-----
----- Aug -----	-----	-----
----- Sep -----	-----	-----
PSC Charity Golf: See Pres' Message	Fri All Day	Sep 6

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
- ❖ Seafood Primavera
- ❖ Penne Pasta
- ❖ Roasted Red Potatoes
- ❖ Vegetable Medley

Dessert: Ice Cream, Coffee or Tea.

After Dinner: Live Music by Greystone

Cost \$42 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.

See Flyer Below for more info.

Don't Miss the Banquet

Get your check to Kathy now!



President's Message

Phil Hublitz

President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

Charity of the Year – Special Olympics and Middle & High School Ski Club Scholarships.

Funding provided by Ptarmigan Ski Club Charity Golf Outing – this year's Event will be Friday September 6th.

Blue Mt. closed with some of the best spring skiing in years. Over 60 Ptarmigans tailgated in 70 deg temps to close out the season.

Editor's Note: Go to Page 3 & 4 for the full President's Message, including an update on planning for the Charity Golf Outing and a listing of the planning committee members. Also look for Mary Ann Bedics write-up and photos of the tailgate party on page 2.



PTARMIGAN FRIDAY GOLF OFFICIALLY STARTS MAY 3rd

IF INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CLUB'S INFORMAL GOLF LEAGUE THAT TEES OFF AT VARIOUS LEHIGH VALLEY COURSES EVERY MAY THROUGH OCTOBER FRIDAY AFTERNOON, PLEASE REPLY TO TOM WEISER (weiser@ptd.net). INCLUDE A CELL PHONE NUMBER.

AND TO THOSE 2018 GOLFERS, TOM NEEDS TO UPDATE CONTACT LIST AND VERIFY INFORMATION. AN EMAIL HAS BEEN SENT TO THOSE ON LAST SEASON'S CONTACT LIST.

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

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

Jackson Hole, Wy Mar 2 – 9, 2019

● Brian Nuss 610-730-2777 or brianjnuss@gmail.com

Editor's Notes: 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>

These are all Member Lead and Organized trips– Ptarmigan Ski Club does not run any trips of its own, we only advertise for our Members. These trips are open to members and non-members.

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.

PENNSYLVANIA REAL ID'S ARE AVAILABLE NOW

AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2020 PASSPORTS OR REAL ID'S WILL BE REQUIRED TO BOARD A DOMESTIC FLIGHT OR ENTER A FEDERAL BUILDING THAT REQUIRES ID.

A SAME DAY REAL ID (DRIVER LICENSE) CAN SECURED AT THE PENNSYLVANIA PHOTO AND EXAM CENTER 1101 MACARTHUR ROAD, WHITEHALL, PA 18052 (ACROSS FROM OLD LEHIGH VALLEY DAIRY)

IN ADDITION TO A FEE, SEVERAL DOCUMENTS NEED TO BE PROVIDED.

[REAL ID INFORMATION](#)

A WORD TO THE WISE. THE CLOSER TO THE DATE, THE LONGER THE LINES.

Tailgate Party Sat Mar 30th – Closing of Blue Mt. for the Season – Recap by Mary Ann Bedics

Sunny skies and unseasonably warm temperatures brought out over 60 Ptarmigans (and a few dogs) to the ski club's annual Blue Mountain closing Tail Gate party. Some skied before the party, some watched the pond skimming, but most came out to party and socialize. Long tables were set up displaying a delicious array of food and beverages. Bill Ortnier backed up his truck and served hot chili and vegetable soup. We can always count on everyone to bring something to share. Thanks to all who supported this annual event.





Ptarmigan Ski Club Charity Golf Outing

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President's Message

April 2019

Phil Hublitz

President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

Blue MT closed with some of the best spring skiing in years (wasn't March great). Ptarmigans rolled out in mass (over 60) for the closing pond skim & tailgate in mid-70s temps to bust their guts eating mass quantities of goodies & "baddies". I have to sum up by saying that the 2018-2019 ski season was one the best in recent years with ski trips all over the place and Blue MT making an all-out effort to provide the best skiing possible.

Charity of the Year – Special Olympics & Middle & High School Ski Club Scholarships
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Enough of that, we need to look down the lane to Friday September 6th.

That is the date of the first Ptarmigan Ski Club Charity Golf Outing. We currently have 8 Ptarmigans on the PSC Charity Golf Outing Committee working diligently to create a 1st class golfing event that will raise funds for the Special Olympics and Middle & High School Ski Club Scholarships.

We need support from all Ptarmigans in this endeavor. First, we need all our golfers to play in the outing and bring a non-member to join them in play. Second, we need 10 to 15 Ptarmigans, who may be skiers or social members, to volunteer the day of the event, Friday September 6th, to help with registration of golfers and all the various tasks that will be needed the day of the outing including but not limited to helping unload golf clubs from participants cars,

Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code, enacted in August of 1993, requires you to keep written substantiation of gifts of \$250 or greater in order to claim a deduction for your contribution. This letter hereby serves as a receipt for the above gift. No goods or services have been provided in exchange for your gift.

manning the registration table, tending the breakfast table, distributing gift packages, help run putting contests, etc.. WITH YOUR HELP THIS EVENT WILL BE A SUCCESS

As you already may know we have given ski club scholarships to deserving students at several schools for the last two years. Tim White & Jeanne Weiser, PSC Board Members, have worked with Blue MT to arrange with school ski club advisers to distribute \$200 scholarships to school ski clubs, advisers finding students who otherwise would not be able to join the ski club. We wish to expand this program to offer scholarships to more schools & student skiers.

The 2nd program that we expect to fund through the golf outing is Special Olympics. Steve Lisicky, Jeanie Black and Dale Gogel are a significant part of the Blue MT Special Olympics Ski program. Every Wednesday during the ski season these Ptarmigans and other instructors teach Special Olympics participants how to ski and improve their skills. We want continue and expand our support for this program too.

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

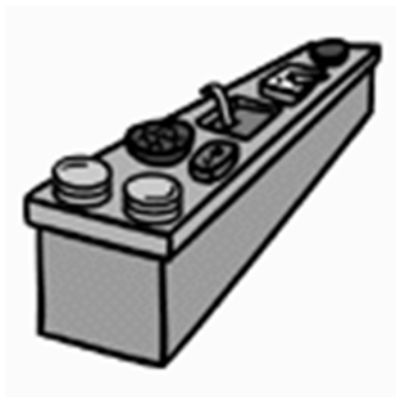
Accompaniments:
Roasted Red Potatoes
Penne Pasta w/Butter
Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrot Medley

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.
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Make checks payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club.
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MARCH 5 - SKI CLUB APPRECIATION DAY AT BLUE MOUNTAIN

50 MEMBERS OF THE FORMER NORTHEAST PA SKI COUNCIL CLUB ATTENDED WITH 20 PTARMIGAN MEMBERS PRESENT. MAKE SURE TO ATTEND FEB 19, 2020 (tentative date)



BLUE MOUNTAIN - 2019-2020 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.

FOR 2020 SEASON	TILL 3/31	4/1	10/1
SEASONAL SKI RENTAL	139	169	199
LOCKER RENTAL	159	179	199

REMEMBER THE PSAA SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR 4th and 5th graders (see website)
TRIPLE PACK WEEKDAY \$ 139 SAT/SUN/HOL \$ 165

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. 85-90 buses to be unloaded. The loading takes on another complexity as all the buses have varying departure times till 2:15. 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**

High Ropes Course & Zip lines - Blue Mountain Resort's Summit Aerial Park is a high ropes course featuring 46 elements and a total of 500 feet of thrilling zip line adventure.

CONTACT DALE IF INTERESTED IN JOINING THE GROUP DURING MAY - 610 767 1546 - dalego@aol.com

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/

Val d'Isere, France – Trip Report by Catherine Chrapacz

Val d'Isere, France is located in the Majestic French Alps. Hotel Altitude is a Ski-in/Ski-out Chalet style hotel located near the de Belvarde Ski Slope and the Olympic gondola. The village was a three-minute walk across the slopes to shopping in the village centre. The owner of the hotel, Nicolas and his staff were a wonderful host. He went out of his way to make our stay quite comfortable. Dinners were delicious at Hotel Altitude. The most memorable was definitely the raclette cheese and fondue night. Each table had an electric raclette melter machine and fondue pots to share. Lots of melted cheese and potatoes that night.

Val d'Isere Ski Resort has an old world charm with chalet architecture in the western and central area and newer mountain style ski-in/ski-out hotels. Today Val d'Isere Resort is known for the 1992 Albertville Winter Olympics and Alpine Skiing World Championships in 2009. Val d'Isere also produced the legendary Jean-Claude Killy for his three medals at the Grenoble Olympics Games in 1968.

Val d'Isere is the oldest resort and has the best skiing in the French Alps with 186 miles of groomed pistes, 2 glaciers, 78 lifts, 153 pistes and 2 snowparks. The ski area starts at 5000 feet to 11,318 feet. The weather and ski conditions were great, with sunny skies. There is a variety of easy, intermediate to expert skiing trails. Here are few noted memories from our group.

Trina & Roberts' day at Tignes provided blue skies and wonderful conditions. They had the opportunity for some fresh lines on the Grande Motte Glacier. Visibility was a little challenging during the snow events, but they were able to make the top to bottom run on the Belvarde Olympic Downhill Course. What a real thigh burner!

Holly, Reggie, Carol & David scheduled an off-piste ski tour for a two days-4 hour guide. They had great conditions with plenty of fresh snow. The guide took them mostly to untracked powder runs that they would not have known without a guided tour and offered ski lessons to improve their skiing techniques. The group took the instructor for a late lunch on the mountain at Le Panoramic, a gourmet restaurant, located just below Grande Motte glacier in Tignes which they all enjoyed. This group skied so much they had no energy to enjoy the night life.

Several women took a day off downhill skiing and enjoyed some cross-country skiing. They had fun and found a beautiful sightseeing trail. The course and weather were challenging, but the après' lunch and drinks made up for the challenges.

Entertainment in the village was plentiful. Ice sculptures were placed throughout the village. On Thursday, the streets are blocked in the village and the town provides a laser show with street entertainers; musicians, dancers, drinks and food. What a great night of entertainment!

Val d'Isere's Aquasportif is an Aqua Spa which is constructed of glass, wood, and stone situated at the foot of the pistes. The spa had a huge leisure pool, with swim lanes, aqua bikes, several water jets, wave machine, wet and dry saunas, steam baths, and massage therapy. I enjoyed another leisure day off to relax those sore muscles from skiing.

The hotel in Geneva was located within a short walk to some beautiful sightseeing sites and great restaurants. One of the most famous landmarks Jet d'Eau, the largest fountain was a view across the street of our hotel. Several went out to a traditional Switzerland restaurant that had a band and an authentic Alphorn, approximately 8 feet long. The horn lay from the top of the staircase and reached down to the floor. The musician invited any patron to test their lungs. Quite the experience.

Everyone enjoyed Val d'Isere Resort, meeting new members and reconnecting with the old. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2020.

2019 Powder Highway Trip

Mark Baechle's trip to the Powder Highway in British Columbia, February 26 to March 6th, was chock full of fun – 7 days of great skiing, and lots of parties in the evenings. We enjoyed the 142 trails and 5 massive bowls at Fernie Alpine Resort, and the additional 68 trails, and great glade skiing, at Kimberley. We had fresh snow two of the days, and blue sky and sunshine the other seven.

Some folks choose to stay in the ski-in/ski-out Fernie Slopeside Hotel, others choose the luxury ski-in/ski-out Lizard Creek Condos, where most of the parties were held. Mark threw parties 6 of the 9 evenings, including his annual Son-of-a-Beach Party, a Pizza Party, End-of-the-Week Party, multiple Bus Parties, and even a Hallway Party in Calgary.

We watched the annual Dummy Downhill at Fernie, where dummy's on skis hurled down the slopes, launched into the air, and crashed in the parking lot. The crowd favorite was Donald Trump on a toilet that said "Oval Office". Many of us braved a cold day at the annual "Griz Festival", with Lumberjack shows, live music, a parade, and more. Photos of these events, the mountains, and the people, can be found on the Facebook page "Ski Trips With Mark".

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.

PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB CONTACTS

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PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB - 2019/2020 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.

2019/2020 Season - Membership Dues: Please Check the Appropriate Boxes Below

- ☐ **New Member Application:** ☐ **\$20 Single** ☐ **\$30 Family** **New Memberships valid for 2 years, until Apr 30, 2021**
☐ **Yearly Renewal:** ☐ **\$16 Single** ☐ **\$26 Family** **Must Renew by Oct 31, 2019**
☐ **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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