

# Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

## May/June 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.

-----Jun-----		
Bike Ride: Joyce Gilmore	Sun 9:30a	Jun 2
Spring Fling: Bill Ortner	Sat 2 pm	Jun 15
Phil Klopp's Trains (see flyer below)	Sun 2:30p	Jun 23
-----Jul-----		
Summer Picnic: Greenland's	Sat 2 pm	Jul 13
-----Aug-----		
Event/Party/Picnic TBD		
-----Sep-----		
PSC Charity Golf: See Pres' Message	Fri All Day	Sep 6
General Meeting at KoC	Tue 7 pm	Sep 10
General Meeting at KoC	Tue 7 pm	Sep 24
-----Oct-----		
General Meeting at KoC	Tue 7 pm	Oct 8
General Meeting at KoC	Tue 7 pm	Oct 22
-----Nov-----		
General Meeting at KoC	Tue 7 pm	Nov 12
-----Dec-----		
General Meeting at KoC	Tue 7 pm	Dec 10
-----Jan-----		
Blue Mt. Ski & Party: Jeanne Weiser	Tue TBD	Jan 14
-----Feb-----		
Ski Party Rain Date or Pop Up Ski Day		Feb 11
-----Mar-----		
General Meeting / Elections at KoC	Tue 7 pm	Mar 10

### Bike Ride - Sunday, Jun 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:30 am

D & R rail trail - Frenchtown, N.J. to Stockton, N.J. 25 miles  
Contact: Joyce Gilmore Details on Page 2.

### Spring Fling Picnic Sat Jun 15<sup>th</sup> 2 pm

Sat Jun 15<sup>th</sup> 2 pm (Rain or Shine)

Where: Ortner's Acres. Campfire at Dusk (if no Rain)

Donation to Club: \$12 per/person

Includes: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chicken, Bratwurst  
Cooked in Beer w/Sauerkraut, Veggie Burgers,  
Bottled Water, Beer & Wine

Bring Something to Share: Appetizer, Hors d'oeuvres, Salad,  
Desert or Your Favorite Dish

Send Donation, check payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club, by  
Jun 10<sup>th</sup> to: Bill Ortner, 2509 Peachtree Road, Allentown, Pa  
18104. Call Ph: 610-799-2549 or email [wortner@att.net](mailto:wortner@att.net)

See Flyer below for more details.



### President's Message

**Phil Hublitz**

**President, Ptarmigan Ski Club**

Golfing has started, although the weather is not cooperating. Why does it always rain on Fridays, although I did manage to squeeze in 6 rounds so far.

April was another busy month with HHs and music events, not to mention the Spring Banquet with 66 turning out for food, camaraderie and dancing. May came in with a splash: an HH at Casa Toro, Farina's Cinco de Mayo Pub Crawl and the Hike & Soup at Bill's. Stay tuned for (PSC MVP) Joyce's music event listings...

The Spring Fling is headed your way on June 15<sup>th</sup> another chance to wear out Ortner's furniture or get your car stuck on his grass. In July we will have the Summer Picnic Pool Party at the Greenland's. Plans for an August event are TBD. We have the whole summer planned for you...check your newsletter for details.

Charity of the Year – Special Olympics & Middle/High School Ski Club Scholarships Funding provided by Ptarmigan Ski Club Charity Golf Tournament (Our Charity for May-June-July-August)

With the brochure & flyer/registration documents created by the PSC Tournament Committee in hand, we are ready to forge ahead. The Sales Force of Ray, Jay, Rich, Dale and I have moved into high gear gathering sponsors for the tournament. Mary is selling to her personal contacts, feel free to do that yourself. Vanessa is contacting potential volunteers for the Tournament Day, Friday September 6<sup>th</sup>. I have sent digital copies of the tournament forms to all the golfers. Print them out and use them to get others in the game. In addition, Bill will be posting these documents on the website so that you non-golfers can seek golfers and sponsors from among your friends and associates. We cannot make this event a success without everyone pitching in: golfers, skiers, dancers, drinkers, foodies – all of us.

To see the Brochure & Registration documents Click below:

[PSC Charity Golf Tournament Tri-Fold Brochure.pdf](#)

[PSC Charity Golf Tournament Letter Registration Form.pdf](#)

## 2019/2020 Ski Season – Trips:

No trips formally announced yet, but here's what's some Trip Leaders are looking into. Let them know what you think:

Catherine Chrapacz, [katyataz@yahoo.com](mailto:katyataz@yahoo.com): Grindwald, Switzerland end of January.

Vicki Morris [vlm2378@rcn.com](mailto:vlm2378@rcn.com): Sunday River, Maine ski trip is Sunday, January 26 – Friday, January 31, 2020. This will be the 25th year going to Sunday River.

Mark Baechle, [SkiPro99@gmail.com](mailto:SkiPro99@gmail.com): is looking at several great possibilities for 2020 ski trips, including Chamonix, Madonna di Campiglio, or Zermatt, and Steamboat, Panorama BC, or Beaver Creek. Please let him know where and when you want to go by emailing.

Brian Nuss, [brianjnuss@gmail.com](mailto:brianjnuss@gmail.com): Winter Park, CO February 22<sup>nd</sup> thru 29<sup>th</sup>, prices and flyer to follow by July 4<sup>th</sup>.

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.

## Bike Ride - Sunday, June 2

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: D & R rail trail - Frenchtown, N.J. to Stockton, N.J. 25 miles

Contact: Joyce Gilmore - [mindycat36@yahoo.com](mailto:mindycat36@yahoo.com) or 610-683-6593 (land line) cell - 610-741-8943 - call, don't text - I can't receive texts

Meet at the Bridge Cafe, 8 Bridge St., Frenchtown, N.J., ready to ride at 9:30. The Bridge Cafe is on the right after crossing the bridge to Frenchtown. You can take the first right immediately after the bridge and park in that lot. Come early for breakfast if you like. The food is excellent! We will bike 12 1/2 miles to Stockton, probably stopping at Bull's Island (about 8 miles from Frenchtown) for a bathroom break and photos. At Stockton, we can have lunch at picnic tables by a deli right on the trail. You can bring your lunch or buy it at the deli. There are also restaurants in Stockton -- Lilli's Meals and The Stockton Inn. Then we will bike back to Frenchtown and have ice cream, a snack, or adult liquid refreshment there. Everyone is free to bike at their own speed. It's an enjoyable, easy paced ride. The trail is scenic, shaded, and parallels the Delaware River. If you want to ride a shorter distance, meet us at Bull's Island. If you would like a longer distance, continue on from Stockton. In case of rain, I will reschedule later in the summer. Hope you can come. It should be fun!

## Membership DUES: 2019/2020 Season

**Renew your membership for the 2019/2020 Season.**

**Send your dues beginning September 1<sup>st</sup> until Oct 31<sup>st</sup> to: Mary Laronge, 556 Parkside Court, Allentown, Pa 18104.**

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

**Late Renewal (after Oct 31<sup>st</sup>):** \$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.**

## Spring Hike & Soup Party May 5, 2019

Recap by Mary Ann Bedics

Relentless Rain "Reigns"

It seems Ptarmigans are getting used to being rained out. Just because the "Hike" part of the day got cancelled, the heavy downpour did not stop over 40 Ptarmigans from coming out to party at Bill Ortners Homestead. A slight break in the downpour, a drizzle, found several folks going for a short walk around the neighborhood. However, most stayed in to eat and drink the fine array of goodies everyone brought to share.

Thanks, Bill, for hosting. And many thanks to all who braved the elements to share an afternoon with their Ptarmigan friends.



## PSC Spring Banquet April 27, 2019

Recap by Mary Ann Bedics

The skis are put away; the golf clubs are ready to swing; the hiking boots are cleaned up!

But first over 60 Ptarmigans came out to celebrate the end of the winter season and to welcome the start of the spring/summer season by attending the annual Spring Banquet at Green Pond Country Club.

A cash bar, appetizers, and a buffet dinner made for a delightful evening. Paired with the music of Greystone (Mike Peters) and a lot of enthusiastic dancing, the event was enjoyed by everyone.

The honor of the 2019 MVP (Most Valuable Ptarmigan) was awarded to Joyce Gilmore. Joyce schedules Ptarmigan Ski Days at Blue Mountain and finds the best music events in the Lehigh Valley and Poconos to gather us together for dancing, of course.

Tom Weiser was awarded an honorable mention for all that he contributes to the ski club: coordinating the Friday golf events, representing the PSC at the EPSC meetings, and can always be called upon to present a program with slides on his latest outdoor adventure.



# **Ptarmigan Ski Club**

## **Spring Fling**

### **Picnic**

*Sat Jun 15<sup>th</sup> 2 pm (Rain or Shine)*  
*Campfire at Dusk (if no Rain)*

Where: *Ortner's Acres.*

Donation to Club: \$12 per/person –  
Make check payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club

*Includes: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chicken, Bratwurst Cooked in Beer  
w/Sauerkraut, Veggie Burgers, Bottled Water  
Beer - assorted Bottled and Mini Draft Kegs of Premium Beers  
Wine – an Upscale Selection*

*Bring a Covered Dish to Share: Last Names Beginning with:*  
*A-H an Appetizer/Hors d'oeuvres,*  
*I-P a Desert,*  
*Q-Z a Salad,*  
*Or ... Just Bring Your Favorite Dish*

*Also Bring a Folding Chair if you want to Sit*

Directions: From the 15<sup>th</sup> Street exit off Route 22 proceed North on Mauch Chunk Road (Rothrock Car Dealership will be on your right). Go three (3) miles North on Mauch Chunk, at Grumpy's Tavern turn Right onto Peach Tree Road. Go in about 6 homes to 2509 Peach Tree. Look for Grey Ranch house up a steep driveway. If lost call 610 -799-2549.

Send Donation, make check payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club, by Jun 10<sup>th</sup> to Bill Ortner, 2509 Peachtree Road, Allentown, Pa 18104.

For more info: Ph: 610-799-2549 or email [wortner@att.net](mailto:wortner@att.net)

-----✂----- Spring Fling Picnic: Tear Off and Send to Bill by Jun 10<sup>nd</sup> -----

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

# OPEN HOUSE TO SEE PHIL KLOPP'S MODEL TRAIN LAYOUTS

## SPECIAL INVITATION TO PTARMIGAN MEMBERS



Sunday, June 23, there will be an open house to show one of the best O Gauge Lionel train displays created by longtime Ptarmigan member Phil Klopp. This layout was featured in Great Toy Train Layouts of America and later on a segment of Charles Osgoods CBS Sunday Morning. It occupies Phil and Linda's entire basement and even includes a ski slope with an operating lift. From 2:30 until 4:30 Phil will be running

trains and after that the party can continue.

Bring any refreshments you enjoy and something to share as well as a chair. We will go outside if weather is good. Phil loves to show the layout so, if you have neighbors, friends, and especially kids you can arrange to come later for more extensive and interactive tour. But this time it is limited to Ptarmigan members and Phil would appreciate knowing how many are coming.



The address is 260 Skyline Drive, Easton (Williams Township) Pa. From Exit 75 of I-78 take Morgan Hill Road one mile south past the Morgan Hill golf course to Skyline Drive on the left. Turn onto Skyline Dr and look for 260, (left side of road) on the mailbox. Be careful as some GPS systems will take you to a Skyline Drive near Freemansburg. Be aware there is a spiral stairway to the basement. Call Phil at 610-258-1814 or email him at [cyklopps1@icloud.com](mailto:cyklopps1@icloud.com) if you need more information. Click to see a [Youtube Video: Phil's Model Trains - Who am I Rollin' By](#)



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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 31<sup>st</sup>):**     **\$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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