



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.

-----Sep-----		
PSC Charity Golf: See Pres' Message	Fri All Day	Sep 6
General Meeting at KoC	Tue 7 pm	Sep 10
Lykens Valley Golf Outing	Sep 18 & 19	
General Meeting at KoC	Tue 7 pm	Sep 24
-----Oct-----		
Oktoberfest: Bill Ortner	Sat 2 pm	Oct 5
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
Mayrhofen, Austria: Mike Feeney	Thu Jan 16 - Sun Jan 26	
Grindelwald, Sw Catherine Chrapacz	Fri Jan 24 - Sun Feb 2	
Mammoth, Ca: Donna Westgate	Sat Jan 25 - Sat Feb 1	
Sunday River: Vicki Morris	Sun Jan 26 - Fri Jan 31	
-----Feb-----		
Ski Party Rain Date or Pop Up Ski Day	Tue TBD	Feb 11
Val Thorens: Karen Lewis	Sat Feb 1 - Sun Feb 9	
Panorama, BC: Mark Baechle	Sat Feb 8 - Sun Feb 16	
Winter Park, Co: Brian Nuss	Sat Feb 22 - Sat Feb 29	
Tignes Val Claret: Mark Baechle	Sat Feb 29 - Sun Mar 8	
-----Mar-----		
General Meeting / Elections at KoC	Tue 7 pm	Mar 10

First General Meeting Tues Sep 10th 7 :00 pm

At Knights of Columbus 1519 Greenleaf St, Allentown.

Speaker - Jessica Kutza – Light the Night Walk. See page 3 for more details.

Also, a short video of golf and skiing.

Ptarmigan's Annual Oktoberfest Sat Oct 5th

When: Saturday Oct 5th 2pm until?

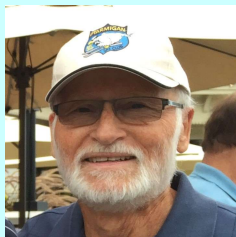
Where: Ortner's Hofbrauhaus

Donation: \$20 Per Person

See Flyer below for details.

Pres's Message Con'd

Don't forget to check out all the ski trips being offered this year including the latest offered by Mike Feeney going to Mayrhofen & Garmisch. The cut off dates are staring us in the face and most trips are sure to close soon.



President's Message

Phil Hublitz

President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

PSC Charity Golf Tournament - September 6th

Allentown Municipal Golf Course

- We have 64 players on tap for PSC GT on Friday
- There will be a new Subaru Impreza on hole #9 waiting for you to sink that hole-in-one
- There are thousands of dollars in prizes to be won:
 - A complete set of Thomas golf clubs & bag
 - A TaylorMade M3 Driver
 - A top-Flite NVS 3W golf club
- Beer, pizza and a hot dog at the turn
- Full luncheon in the pavilion at the finish
- Cash prizes to the lowest scoring teams
- Numerous contests to compete in: Longest drive, closest to the hole, Pot of Gold, Putting
- Net proceeds go to the Special Olympics And School Ski Club students

The clambake at Ronnie's was a rousing success with nearly 50 Ptarmigans on hand. See Karen's writeup and photos on page 3 to relive the event.

Are you ready for the fall? Your board of directors has been hard at work to provide you with an exciting list of programs for the general meetings at the Knights of Columbus.

- Sept 10th speaker - Jessica Kutza – Light the Night Walk And a short video on both golf & skiing at each meeting
- Lykens Valley Golf Outing scheduled for Sept 18 & 19
- Sept 24th speaker Pat Devlin from Folino Winery Or possibly Sean Doyle – Savory Grill
- Oct 8th speaker Maureen O'Meara – Truth for Women
- Nov or Dec - Game Night, Movie & a Sub
- HHH will be at the Woodstone Country Club Dec 6th
- Spring Banquet at Iron Lakes Country Club Apr 18th

We are looking to actively engage more Ptarmigans, who are not on the board, in general meeting activities, special events and whatever comes down the pike. So, we hope for greater member involvement in all that we do. We need your help to make the Ptarmigan experience even more enjoyable.

← Pres's Message Cont'd at Bottom Left

2019/2020 Ski Season – Trips:

Mayrhofen, Austria: Thu Jan 16 – Sun Jan 26, 2020

- \$2595 pp dbl/occ
- 7 Nights 4* Hotel Neuhaus w/breakfast & dinner each day
- 2 Nights 4* Hotel Obermuehle, Garmisch, Germany w/brk
- 1 Night Hotel Schlicker Munich, Germany
- Morning Ski with Guides in Mayrhofen & Garmish
- Round Trip Air and Ground Transport
- Mike Feeney: 484-256-5215 sirfeeney@aol.com

Grindelwald, Switzerland: Fri Jan 24 – Sun Feb 2, 2020

- \$1975 pp dbl/occ
- 7 Nights Hotel Derby w/breakfast & dinner each day
- 1 Night Hotel Monopol in Luzern w/bkfst
- Round Trip Air JFK-Zurich and all ground from Allentown
- Lift Tickets not included but are much cheaper than in US
- Catherine Chrapacz: 610-428-3547 katyataz@yahoo.com

Mammoth, Ca: Sat Jan 25 – Sat Feb 1, 2020

- \$1750 2 BR 2 Bath condo 4 persons
- \$1850 1 BR 1 Bath condo 2 persons
- 7 Nights Juniper Springs Lodge
- 5 of 7 Day Lift Pass
- Round Trip Air Newark-Mammoth, Gnd Xport to Lodge
- Discount (but xrt cost) Round Trip Allentown-Newark
- Donna Westgate 610-392-9200
travelswithdonna@yahoo.com

Sunday River, Maine: Sun Jan 26 – Fri Jan 31, 2020

- \$824 dbl/occ (\$804 Sr 65+), \$764 tri/occ (\$744 Sr 65+)
- \$634 No Lift Tkt dbl/occ
- 5 Nights Summit Hotel w/bkfst
- 5 Day Lift Ticket
- Bus from Allentown to Sunday River
- Vicki Morris 610-791-3421 vlm2378@rcn.com

Val Thorens, France: Sat Feb 1 - Sun Feb 9, 2020

- \$3069 dbl/occ
- 7 Nights Club Med All Meals Included
- 6 Day Lift Ticket plus Guides/Instructors
- Round Trip Air Newark-Geneva and Transfer to Resort
- Ground Transport A'town-Newark Additional \$100 (aprox)
- Karen Lewis 800-451-1830 Karenl@ski93trips.com

Panorama BC: Sat Feb 8 – Sun Feb 16, 2020

- \$1797 Pine Inn Hotel
- \$1997 Panorama Springs Lodge (condo)
- 1 Night in Calgary
- Round Trip Air Newark-Calgary and ground from A'town
- 5 of 7 Day Lift Ticket Panorama + 1 Day Kicking Horse
- Mark Baechle, 610-657-5825 SkiPro99@gmail.com

Winter Park, Co.: Sat Feb 22 – Sat Feb 29, 2020

- \$1596 Vintage Hotel pp dbl/occ
- \$1781 Zepher Lodge condo 3 bd rm, 2 bath 6 persons
- \$1828 Zepher Lodge condo 2 bd rm, 2 bath 4 persons
- Round Trip Air PHL-DEN and all ground from Allentown
- Lift Tickets Options from No Tckt \$0 to 6 Day \$340pp
- Brian Nuss: 610-730-2777 brianjnuss@gmail.com

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Membership DUES: 2019/2020 Season

Renew your membership for the 2019/2020 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 for 2 years, until Apr 30, 2021

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

Mayrhofen, Austria + Garmish, Germany – Trip just announced.

Grindelwald, Switz – Fully Booked

Panorama, BC - Plenty of openings for ski-in/ski-out Panorama (and Kicking Horse) Feb.8--18, 2020, at \$1799 (hotel) & \$1999 (luxury condo). 9-day trip on the Powder Highway!

Tignes Val Claret, Fr - A few openings left for ski-in/ski-out Tignes Val Claret Club Med 2/29/20--3/8/20, at \$3199 including private bus to/from Lehigh Valley, and \$250,000 in Medical Insurance.

Sunday River, Maine - There are still plenty of openings on the Sunday River, Maine ski trip from Sunday, January 26 – Friday, January 31, 2020. Cost is \$824 for Double Occupancy and \$804 for Senior (65+) Double Occupancy.

Thank You Muskifest Volunteers

A big thanks to all of our 12 volunteers who worked at Plaza Tropical on Friday, August 2nd for the first night at Musikfest.

Also, a special thank you to Alex Pavel and Jim Policelli who were responsible for the recruiting.

2019/2020 Season Trips Cont'd

Tignes Val Claret: Sat Feb 29 – Sun Mar 8, 2020

- \$2999 for first 30 signups, \$3199 after that
- 7 Nights Club Med All Meals Included
- 6 Day Lift Ticket, 5 days Lessons & Guides
- Round Trip Air JFK-Geneva and all ground from Allentown
- Mark Baechle, 610-657-5825 SkiPro99@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. All Flyers are available at <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.

Light the Night - Save The Date: Sep 22, 2019

By Mary Ann Bedics

We're forming a Light the Night fundraising team and hope that you will join us.

Light the Night is an evening walk and fundraising event supporting The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's mission to find cures for blood cancers. Our community walk (Lehigh Valley) will be held at the Promenade Shops at Saucon Valley, September 22, 2019.

Details will be given at our first ski club meeting at the Knights of Columbus, September 10, 2019. Our speaker will be Jessica Kutza, Light the Night Campaign Assistant, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

By joining our team you will be making a real impact on the fight against cancer.

To learn more about the lifesaving research and programs of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, visit their website at <https://www.lls.org/>.

LARGE Flowerheads Halloween Dance Party

Sat, Oct 26 @ 8:00PM — 11:00PM

Fearless Fire Co, 1221 S Front St, Allentown

Doors open 7 pm, Show 8 - 11pm.

Food for sale & cash bar. (NO OUTSIDE FOOD or DRINKS, PLEASE). Prizes Best Overall Costume, Best Go-Go Girl & Best '60s Costume.

This is further down the road, but since they are already selling tickets, I thought we might think about organizing a group. I'd be willing to buy 20 tickets and split them up, \$10 each. What do you think?

Trick or treat?

Contact: Bridget Bigatel BBIGATEL@GMAIL.COM

<https://largeflowerheads.com/home>

Annual Clambake Sets New Standards Recap by Karen Montgomery

Ronnie Rother hosted the 3rd annual Ptarmigan Clambake on Tuesday Aug 27th as well as acted as chief procurer of all things seafood. A hoard of Ptarmigans swarmed her beautiful back yard and pool, bringing abundant appetizers and appetites. Prior to the Main Event, Ronnie got many on their feet for whacky balloon games and a 'snowball' fight to work up an even bigger appetite because...

All were treated to a bowl of either New England (Mary Ann Bedics) or Manhattan clam chowder (Ronnie again!), 2 dozen little neck clams, 1/2 lb of jumbo shrimp, 1/4 lb king crab section, corn on the cob, roasted potato, and a huge shell shaped puff pastry with lemon cream filling from Carlos' Bakery. More than one person agreed that they had never before wondered if they could finish their allotment of shrimp!

Everyone agreed this was the best clambake ever, even those of us who were there for the first time! Thanks and kudos to Ronnie for being a Party Planner Extraordinaire, and for all the effort in preparation. Thanks also to everyone who set up, tore down, cleaned up, steamed, grilled or cooked. Drooling in anticipation for next year.....



Ptarmigan Ski Club Oktoberfest 2019



Featuring Pulled Pork and a
Selection of German Sausages

When: Saturday Oct 5th 2pm until?
Where: Ortner's Hofbrauhaus
Donation: \$20 Per Person

Sign up early:
We can only
accommodate 60
people.

Beginning at 2 pm we'll be serving a Selection of Grilled German Sausages including Bratwurst (par-boiled in Beer) with Sauerkraut and Homemade Split-Pea w/Ham Hock Soup.

Around 5 pm we'll begin serving Pulled Pork along with some traditional Oktoberfest sides.

Enjoy a Fantastic Selection of Seasonal Draft & Bottled Beer.

An Excellent Selection of Wine.

Bottled Water will also be available.

If you like bring an Appetizer or Dessert to Share.

Bring a Picnic Chair if you want to sit.

There will be a Campfire after Dinner.



Directions: 2509 Peach Tree Road, Allentown Ph: (610)799-2549. Take the 15th street exit from Route 22, go north three miles on Mauch Chunk Road past Scherersville toward Balliettsville. Just past Mechanicsville Road, turn right at Grumpy's onto Peach Tree Road. Go in about 6 or 7 homes then turn left and go up the driveway.

----- Tear off and send along with your check -----

Cost \$20 Per Person – Enter Names Below

Send check by Sep 30th payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club to: Bill Ortner, 2509 Peachtree Road, Allentown, Pa 18104 610-799-2549 or wortner@att.net



FANTASTIC EUROPEAN SKI TRIP

2 Resorts, 10 Days – January 16-26, 2020
Mayrhofen, Austria • Garmisch, Germany

4-Star Resorts with Pools/Spas
Breakfast and 6 Dinners Included
Private Transport
Guided Ski Tours with Instructors
More Details on Back ->



\$2,595
per person double occupancy
\$2,985 single

\$400 deposit due by
August 30, 2019.
Balance due by
October 15, 2019.

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING AUGUST 30, 6PM
WYOMISSING FAMILY RESTAURANT**

RSVP Requested to 484-256-5215

\$100 discount for those who sign up and pay in full at or before the meeting.



About Mike Feeney, Group Leader

Michael Feeney is an accomplished skier with 52 years experience as a PSIA Ski Instructor and Austria Instruction Certification. Mike has taught skiing in Europe for the past 26 years, with 7 years in Mayrhofen and 8 years in Garmisch plus other famous European resorts. His familiarity with these areas will insure that this will be a trip of your lifetime with many cherished memories for skiers and sightseers.



Richard Eccles, Intermediate Instructor

Richard Eccles is a Scot living in the Highlands of Scotland. He speaks reasonable American in that he knows the difference between a *bum* and a *fanny*! He was a ski instructor for most of his 25 year Army career. Looking for a more sympathetic teaching system, he joined PSIA and has remained with them for the past 20 years. He became infamous for his singing at the Hintertux Glacier.



Dave Kline, Advanced Instructor

Dave Kline is a professional ski and mountain tour leader. Dave has guided more ski, kayak, hiking, biking, and citizen to citizen music and folkloric trips than can be readily counted. He has skied around the world including From the former Soviet Union to Andorra plus all eastern and most western states of the USA. Also a musician with a syndicated radio program "Mountain Folk," Dave's skiing and mountain knowledge will be a great asset to this trip.

**Questions: Call Mike at 484-256-5215
Reservations: Call AAA at 610-374-5600**



January 16: Depart Philadelphia via American Airlines

Private bus service to and from US airport.

January 17-23: Mayrhofen, Austria

- Private bus to Hotel Neuhaus in Mayrhofen, a 4-star wellness resort.
- Six days lodging with breakfast and dinner daily. Live music in lounge and a wonderful LARGE indoor pool and wellness areas, including spas.
- Mayrhofen is known as the Aprés Ski Capital on the mountain and off.
- Six days of morning ski with guides to familiarize yourself with the mountain. Three guides: one for advanced beginners, one for intermediates and one for advanced skiers.
- Beginner lessons available at additional cost. Brag about learning to ski in Europe with great English speaking instructors. There are so many lifts and runs here you could ski all week and never complete the same run twice. PLUS the Hintertux Glacier is just a free short bus ride away.
- Advanced skiers can challenge Harakiri, the steepest groomed vertical drop in Europe with a 78 degree pitch.

January 23-25: Garmisch, Germany

- Depart by private bus on January 23rd for the 2-hour drive to Garmisch, home of the 1936 winter Olympics and fantastic ski runs including the Zugspitz Glacier runs.
- We will stay at the 4-Star wellness resort Obermuehle in the heart of Garmisch with a short walk to practically everything.
- Breakfast daily at hotel with dinners on your own at many local places.
- Two days of morning skiing with guides to familiarize you with the ski runs.

January 25: Munich, Germany

Spend your last day in Munich at the Hotel Schlicker, only steps away from Marienplatz and the Hofbrau House.

January 26: Return to Philadelphia

Bus home from Airport.

Sightseeing Options

Side trips to Salzburg, Neuschwanstein Castle, Krystalworld, and Innsbruck possible with interest and at additional cost.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS: A **\$400 per person** deposit is due at time of reservation. **Final payment is due no later than October 15, 2019.** Payments are accepted in the form of cash, check, or most major credit cards. Checks should be made payable to AAA Travel.

IDENTIFICATION: A government issued passport is required for this trip and must be valid for at least **6 months** after your last date of travel.

CANCELLATION PENALTIES: Once deposit is received, a \$25 per person AAA cancellation fee applies in addition to any vendor penalties.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Travel insurance is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** for this departure. Please ask your travel agent for details and options.

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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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