



LEHIGH VALLEY · PA

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.

----- <b>Oct</b> -----		
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
----- <b>Nov</b> -----		
General Meeting at KoC	Tue 7 pm	Nov 12
----- <b>Dec</b> -----		
Holiday Happy Hour at Woodstone CC	Fri TBD	Dec 6
Wine Trail Seneca NY: Mary Fragnito	Fri Dec 6 – Sun Dec 8	
General Meeting at KoC	Tue 7 pm	Dec 10
----- <b>Jan</b> -----		
Blue Mt. Ski & Party: Jeanne Weiser	Tue TBD	Jan 14
Mayrhofen, Austria: Mike Feeny	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	
----- <b>Feb</b> -----		
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	
----- <b>Mar</b> -----		
General Meeting / Elections at KoC	Tue 7 pm	Mar 10

### Ptarmigan's Annual Oktoberfest Sat Oct 5<sup>th</sup>

Saturday Oct 5th 2pm until? at Ortner's Hofbrauhaus

If you signed-up we'll you there!

### General Meeting Tues Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 7 :00 pm

Sub & a Movie (Warren Miller) Night

Subs \$8: Choice of Tuna, Italian, Turkey or Veggie with all the trimmings and dessert

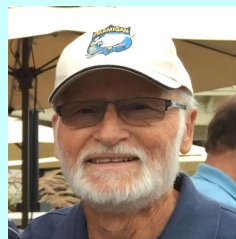
Contact Joyce Gilmore [mindycat36@yahoo.com](mailto:mindycat36@yahoo.com) or cell 610.741.8943 to Order Your Sub.

"Pay at the Door"

#### Pres's Message Con'd

The next big event is the Triple-H at the Woodstone Country Club on December 6th, you do not want to miss that one, put it on your calendar now.

Ronnie has created a form, to be emailed soon, that asks you to help support club events, there are many tasks to perform and we could use your help...



### President's Message

Phil Hublitz

President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

Kudos to all who participated in the Ptarmigan First Charity Golf Tournament. The final results are in and we have raised \$8518.23 for the Lehigh County and Bethlehem Special Olympics of the Lehigh Valley and local school ski club students that participate in Blue MT Ski Area's school ski club program.

Thanks, first to the 11 Ptarmigans on the PSC CGT Committee who spent endless hours putting the tournament together, basically from scratch (Pat Combs brought a lot of experience to the committee), second to those who hit the trail to seek sponsors, advertisers and donors, third to those who came out to play (all 68 of you) and fourthly to the 17 non-golfers who came out the day of the tournament to handle the multitude of tasks necessary to make the event successful, and finally to Ciocco Subaru (Art Berger) for bringing out two shiny new cars for opportunity to win one with a hole-in-one. Thanks also, to those of you who contributed great prizes to the event so that nearly everyone took home something of value and to the many other golf courses that provided greens and cart fees as prizes for the golfers. The Allentown Municipal Golf Course (golf pro Jeff Wambold) and Jack's Slice did a fine job as the tournament venue and supplied a good deal of support. And finally, thanks to Dale Gogel for bringing out his team of Special Olympic workers Amen...

If you attended the September 24 meeting, you were treated to 2 great presentations, one by Steve Lisicky on the Medicus golf club training device that will give you the perfect swing and the second by Mark Baechle on how curved ski technology has dramatically changed skiing technique, and the fact that we need to embrace that technology to become better skiers, great work guys... thanks. There is more to come on both golf and skiing, don't miss it. We have people with real talent in the club, who else is ready to speak out?

Get your money to Bill for his famous Oktoberfest at the Ortner Estate October 5th.

There is still time to email Joyce Gilmore to let her know that you will be doing the Sub & a Movie (Warren Miller) October 8th. We are still negotiating with the Folino Estate Winery to have a meeting in November at the winery and also to do a wine tasting in May when there is no general meeting.

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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 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.**

## **BUCKMAN'S WHITEHALL CONSIGNMENT & TENT SALE**

October 14-15 Consignment Drop Off Dates

October 16-19 Sale Dates

Sold items will receive 95% in store credit

**PSC  
Opening  
Meeting,  
Sep 10,  
2019**

**2019-2020  
Theme:  
A Club  
for All  
Seasons**



*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](mailto: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

Picture of the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society "Light the Night" Walk, Sunday, September 22, 2019.

Walkers representing the Ptarmigan Ski Club: Mary Ann Bedics, Kathy Seufert, Pat Chiavetta, Linny Cope, Cindy Simoson, part of "Team Better Together".



Saturday,  
Nov. 9, 2019

Embassy Suites  
Chesterbrook, PA  
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm  
Free Admission



**PHILADELPHIA  
SKI &  
SNOWBOARD  
EXPO**

Plus, Live & Silent Auctions

This event features many of your favorite mountains as well as many more that'd be great to get to know. You'll have a chance to talk to reps from these mountains and maybe find about a deal.

EPSC will host their annual Winterfest Auction fundraiser. Come out for a great deal and support the council. Don't miss it! For more information visit

[www.easternpaskicouncil.org](http://www.easternpaskicouncil.org)

## Remembering Joe Spevak

Joseph Spevak, 78, passed away on June 10, 2019. Joe loved to ski and was a member of the ski patrol on Jack Frost and Doe Mountain. Joe also served as the president of the Ptarmigan Ski Club from 1972-1974. Joe was the owner and operator of GK Outlet in Reading, where many Ptarmigans bought their ski apparel. Joe will be dearly missed by his wife, Lynda, and by his Ptarmigan friends.

## 4th Annual Golf Outing



For the fourth year in a row, 20 Ptarmigan golfers headed out to Lykens Valley Golf Resort in Millersburg on September 18 and 19. Organized by Mary Laronge, the outing included two rounds of golf and an overnight at the resort's motel. The group not only played golf but also played games in the evening. Kathy Seufert was the real winner scoring an Eagle on hole 8 AND she won the jackpot in a game called Left, Right, Center! The event was a success and the weather even cooperated. Everyone is looking forward to going again next year.





# Ptarmigan Charity Golf Tournament Friday Sep 6<sup>th</sup> at Allentown Municipal





**BLUE MOUNTAIN SEASON PASS** currently selling for \$ 529 on the web **WILL INCREASE \$ 629**  
<https://www.skibluemt.com/winter-sports/tickets/season-passes/> . Individual day/night lift EZ SLOPE at ticket window with membership card or thru Dale Gogel throughout the season. Triple passes and the Black Friday specials will be posted on the website. The club Ski Date on January 14 will have reduced ticket prices with Membership Card. February 12 or 19 - Ski Club Appreciation Day at Blue Mountain with the former NorthEast PA ski council clubs - Blue Ridge, Ingersoll Rand, Mack, Poco, Ptarmigan special lift tickets with membership card at ticket window and a great buffet in Main Lodge at 7 PM.

**TICKETING AVAILABLE ON WEB SITE: (LIMITED QUANTITIES SUBJECT TO INCREASE)**

**ALL ACCESS SEASON PASS \$ 529.00 WILL INCREASE to \$ 629 shortly (was \$ 429)**

Valid every day during the winter season (tentatively planned from late November through March)

No restrictions

No blackout dates

Limited quantities available

**Season Pass Holder Benefits**

10% Discount at Slopeside Pub & Grill (excludes alcohol & can't be combined with other offers)

10% Discount at Food Cafe's (excludes alcohol & can't be combined with other offers)

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 promos)

Access the VIP Line at High-Speed Chair Lifts

Invitation to Exclusive Season Pass Parties

**TRIPLE PLAY PACK - OFF PEAK \$ 99.00 (LIMITED QUANTITIES SUBJECT TO INCREASE)– \$ 139**

You'll get 3 lift tickets for 3 times the fun! There is no limit to how many packages can be purchased and there are no blackout dates. These tickets are not transferable and can not be split up. Off-Peak Tickets can only be used during off-peak times. Triple play packages must be used during the 2019-2020 winter season.

**TRIPLE PLAY PACK – PEAK \$ 129.00 (LIMITED QUANTITIES SUBJECT TO INCREASE) – \$ 165**

You'll get 3 lift tickets for 3 times the fun! There is no limit to how many packages can be purchased and there are no blackout dates. These tickets are not transferable and can not be split up. Peak Tickets can be used anytime. Triple play packages must be used during the 2019-2020 winter season.

<b>8HR PEAK</b>	<b>\$ 70.00</b>	<b>8HR OFF PEAK</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>	<b>NIGHT</b>	<b>\$ 45.00</b>
<b>EZ SLOPE TICKETS</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>		<b>\$ 50.00</b>		<b>\$ 30.00</b>

With your membership card you can get EZ SLOPE prices at ticket window

(Sticker on back of membership card)

**DAILY PICK-UP - SKI PACKAGE \$ 169.00 TILL SEPT 30 – AFTER OCT 1 - \$ 199**

Pick up daily when you arrive at mountain to avoid carting equipment home. You will not receive the exact same ski/ board on each visit. You will need to go through the same process as all other daily rental guests.)

**TAKE HOME - SKI PACKAGE \$ 169.00 TILL SEPT 30 – AFTER OCT 1 - \$ 199**

RENT ONCE AND SKI OR SNOWBOARD ALL SEASON LONG! THE UNLIMITED EQUIPMENT RENTAL PACKAGE 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.

**SUMMIT SEASONAL LOCKER - VALLEY SEASONAL LOCKER**

**\$ 179 TILL SEPT 30 – AFTER OCT 1 - \$ 199**

**SPECIAL BLACK FRIDAY TICKET SALE (UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME)**

**LEHIGH COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS – REORGINIZATION MTG Oct 9 contact Linda Schuler 610-217-5503**  
Skiers needed - Lehigh County Special Olympics Trains at Blue Mountain Valley Lodge on Wednesdays from 9 Am – 2 Pm. SO training begins the Wednesday after Thanksgiving and continues till the first week in March. Anyone interested in skiing with athletes or providing transportation from Parkland and Whitehall High Schools should contact Dale Gogel with questions 610 767 1546 - [dalego@aol.com](mailto:dalego@aol.com). Special Olympics forms must be filled out and a one day training session is required. Most of our athletes will participate in the State Special Olympics at Seven Springs Mountain Resort - February 9-11 along with 350 other athletes.

**FRIDAY EVENING ZIP LINE - 2 HOUR SESSION - ONLY \$ 25**

**OCTOBERFEST – SEPT 28 & 29**

**TENT SALE - OCT 26 & 27**



## Seneca Lake Deck-the-Halls Wine Trail Weekend Trip

Friday, Dec. 6 thru Sunday, Dec. 8

I am pulling together a fun and festive  (is it ever too early to think about Christmas?) weekend at Seneca Lake during the Christmas Holiday season.

A house on the lake that sleeps 14 (see link below for pics) has been reserved. The event runs Friday, Dec. 6, leaving the Allentown area 9:00 AM, arriving at Seneca Lake by 1:00 PMish. We will get our passes and head to the Wine Trail (check in at the house is not until 4:00). We will do the full tour on Saturday, and for a portion on Sunday so we can get back to the Allentown area by 7/8:00 PM.

### **Deck-the-Halls Tour:**

Friday, 1:00-5:00 PM

Saturday, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### ***Looking for a group of 12. Per person cost is \$350 and includes the following:***

\*Pass to the event all three days for the tour (includes going to wineries for a weekend of festivities while sampling holiday wines and food pairings. The wineries are decorated for the holiday season. Over the 2-1/2 day weekend event, visit the participating wineries, receive a recipe book and collect ornaments to decorate your handmade grapevine wreath (couples share a wreath) – *this is a very popular event and is already sold out.*

\*Transportation from Allentown to Seneca Lake, and return trip

\*Transportation to the wineries on the trail so no one has to worry about drinking and driving

\*Transportation to Watkins Glen for hiking or walking around the town when we are done the wineries, and in the AM before we hit the tour

\*Lodging in the house on the lake (5 bedrooms / 4.5baths)

<http://www.fingerlakeswinecountry.com/events/deck-the-halls-weekend/8301/>

<https://www.homeaway.com/vacation-rental/p7250163>

Deposit of \$200 due Oct. 12 to reserve your spot, with the remainder due Nov. 15. Payment can be made via Venmo, Paypal, or check.

### **Cancellation and Refund Policy**

If you need to cancel, a full refund will be returned to you up to Nov. 15, 2019. After Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, no refund unless a suitable substitute is secured to take your spot. No refunds for no shows.

Let me know if you are interested or have any questions. Mary Fragnito – call or text: (215) 264-6824



## 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 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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