



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 Ortnor, 5:00 pm Every Friday

General Meetings at Christopher's – Knights of Columbus (KoC)

Book Club: Third Wednesday of every month 6:30 pm.

-----Nov-----		
General Meeting at KoC	Tue 7 pm	Nov 12
Soup & Hike: Kathy Seufert	Sun 1 pm	Nov 24
-----Dec-----		
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
Xmax Eve Party: Ray & Linny Cope	Mon 5 pm	Dec 23
-----Jan-----		
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	
-----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

General Meeting Tues Nov 12th 7 :00 pm

Christopher's – Knights of Columbus
1519 West Greenleaf Street, Allentown

Program: Carl Schulze, Chiropractor and owner of Accucare Chiropractic will speak about back issues related to skiing.

Soup & Hike (Walk) Sun Nov 24th

Rain or Shine:

If it's Shine - meet at Troxell/Streckel Park , Reliance St, Whitehall (Ironton Rail Trail) at 1 pm and we'll hike. After the hike we'll go to Kathy Seufert's for Soup.

If it's Rain - meet at Kathy's at 3 pm for Soup.

BYOB and Please bring an Appetizer or Dessert to Share.

Kathy Seufert, 5210 Suncrest Circle, Whitehall.

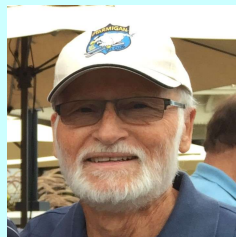
kathyhm@rcn.com

Ptarmigan Holiday Happy Hour Fri Dec 6th

Woodstone Country Club, Danielsville, Pa

Cost: \$45 - Limited to 80 people – and it's filling up fast!!

See flyer below for details.



President's Message

Phil Hublitz

President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

November Already, we will be skiing before you know it...

We have had a wonderful start to fall with some great weather, good days for golf, happy hours and dancing. We played golf one Friday when 27 people came out. Ortnor's Oktoberfest drew the largest crowd ever – 84 people. There was shocking news in the presentation by Maureen O'Meara "Truth for Women" about local sex slaves. Eleven Ptarmigans had the pleasure of attending the Large Flowerheads Halloween Bash at the Fearless Saturday night in full costume (nuns, dragon flies, Dracula, a 3-foot-tall Chucky, a 7-foot-tall Big Foot, to name a few), a wild time. Bridget was striking...

The November 12th speaker will be Walt Howell's chiropractor, Carl Schulze, owner of Accucare Chiropractic. How's your back? He will speak specifically to back issues related to skiing and conditioning exercises for skiing. Don't forget Kathy Seufert's Hike & Soup on Sunday the 24th. You want to get those legs in shape for skiing (hey, dancing or biking is good too, Joyce will continue to lead you into those areas). The BTC book this month is "The Hidden Lives of Trees" absolutely fascinating...meeting at Ortnor's November 20th.

Send your checks to Kathy ASAP for December 6th the Holiday Happy Hour at the Woodstone Country Club with DJ Scotty G playing all your favorite music. Because of space constraints attendance is limited to the first 80 Ptarmigans who sign up. If there is any way we can get the CC to squeeze in more, we will.

Something different at the December 10th KOC Meeting will be Mary Laronge's Chili Cook-off with a competition between PSC members for a \$50 prize. Be sure to show up for this event with your taste buds tuned, up to 8 members will compete to please your palate. All the samples, of course, will be free...As an added feature Muscovite Olga Chubarova (and fellow Ptarmigan) will speak on "Living in Russia".

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 **Sold Out**
- 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 xrta 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 **Sold Out**
- \$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.

Trip Updates

Tignes Val Claret: Trip is Sold Out. If you want to join this fun trip, I can probably get you on, but won't know the price until I try to get you on.

Panorama & Kicking Horse: Trip still has several Ski-In/Ski-Out openings at the Early Bird Special pricings of \$1797 (Hotel) & \$1997 (luxury Condo). Come join fun folks on a great trip.

Sunday River, Maine: Ski trip has five openings left. This is the 25th year for running this trip, so come along to join in on the fun. Cost is \$824 for double occupancy. Contact Vicki Morris, 610-597-8666.

Chili Tasting Contest at the Dec 10th Meeting

We're having a chili cook-off at our regular Tuesday night meeting December 10th. So get ready for some delectable tasting of chili made by Ptarmigan's best chefs. We have room for one or two more people who would like to make their chili for tasting by our members. You can work alone or as a team. A \$15 stipend will be given to each contestant to cover the cost of the ingredients and a \$50 prize will be given to the winner. Interested? Contact Mary Laronge, 610-737-2349 or larongem@gmail.com. We also will need a few people to help the night of the contest so let Mary know if you can help.

2019/2020 Season Trips Cont'd

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

- \$2999 for first 30 signups, \$3199 after that **Sold Out**
- 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.



Website Members Area

The [Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council](#) website now has a Members Area. This area will include special discounts, programs and the new bulk Ticket e-store. EPSC is looking at future uses for the members area, but for now it will be mostly for discounts and information not available to the general public.

This is open to all clubs & club members and there is *no cost* for this information. To gain access, members will need to complete a simple registration for an account which will be verified by comparing to a list of names & emails provided by each club.

Required steps to gain access.

1. Current year Ptarmigan Ski Club dues must be paid.
2. Please send an email to Mary Laronge at larongem@gmail.com stating your approval to give your information, including email address to EPSC.
3. Your information with forwarded to the EPSC.
4. Upon EPSC's receipt of your information, completing the registration process will be allowed.
5. With many entities involved, this will not be an overnight process.

Dancing To The Music At Slopeside



Bike and Music Wrap-up by Joyce Gilmore

Ptarmigans enjoyed some awesome bike rides this past summer and fall on many rail trails -- the D & L, the D & R (in New Jersey), Ironton, and Saucony, Weather was sunny and perfect most of the days, and we were able to explore many sections of these rail trails. Great camaraderie and a special thank you to Dick Manning who seemed able to fix anything that broke on these rides!

Music had us rocking all over the Lehigh Valley -- Slopeside (Blue Mt.), Jack's Slice (Allentown Municipal Golf Course), Levitt Pavilion, Folinis Wine Estate, and many local parks on a Sunday afternoon. We enjoyed dancing to some great bands! Thanks to everyone who came out to make these events fun!

Let me know if you would like to be on my bike list or my music list (mindycat36@yahoo.com). If you are already on my list and are not receiving regular notifications, please let me know since there have been problems with my server. I'm hoping to schedule a few more bike rides before the cool weather sets in. Music events will be scheduled all year!

CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY – Mon, Dec 23rd

The Christmas Eve Party will again be hosted by Ray and Linda Cope. Come and enjoy the Christmas Spirit. Bring something to share and wear your most festive outfit.

Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the local food bank. Packages must be sealed and cannot be out of date.

We will also be accepting gently used clothing for Truth for Women.

Date: Monday, December 23

Time: 5 pm until ?

Where: Ray and Linda Cope Ray 484-560-3324
2685 Houghton Lean Linny 610-504-0305
Macungie, PA

Parking can be at a premium so carpooling may be helpful.

The Startling Truth by Mary Laronge

At our October 22th meeting, two women from an organization called Truth for Women talked to us about human trafficking (or modern-day slavery) in the Lehigh Valley. Maureen O'Meara and Mel Bartman. want to make people aware of the unbelievable amount that goes on, a lot of it at some of the motels along Airport Road. Their organization has a safe house for women rescued from this gruesome life. They gave us a lot of information about these victims, many as young as 13 years old. To help raise money, they have a store called My Sister's Closet located on Rt 512. If you have gently used clothing or other items and are looking for a worthy cause, please consider donating them there.



Ptarmigan Annual Oktoberfest Sat Oct 5th

Eight Four Ptarmigans attended the Oktoberfest at Bill Ortner's this year, breaking the all-time record for attendance. The Oktoberfest started in 1999 as a Pig Roast and very quickly morphed in a full-blown Oktoberfest. Bratwurst cooked in Beer and the Split Soup were served all day long and were a big hit. Later on, the full menu of Pulled Pork, Sauerkraut, German and Regular Potato Salad and Baked Beans keep all well fed. Beer and Wine slaked the thirst on a fine mostly sunny day. A campfire kept all warm late into the evening.



Several Ptarmigans Do The Pulmonary Fibrosis Walk Sat, Oct 26th for Barry West.

The Wescoe Walk for Pulmonary Fibrosis raises awareness and educates the community about Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF).

Walking: Kathy Seufert, Jeanne Weiser and Mary Ann Bedics.

And of Course our own Barry West.





Ptarmigan Holiday Happy Hour

**Woodstone Country Club
3777 Dogwood Road
Danielsville, PA**

Friday, December 6, 2019 5:30 - 9:30 pm

Cost \$45 per person Payable by Nov 18th

Limited to 80 people – So Signup Now

**5:30 - 9:30 Cash Bar
5:45 - 6:15 Butlered Hor's D'oeuvres
6:30 Hot Buffet**

**Hor's D'oeuvres:
Chicken Satay
Swedish Meatballs
Assorted Cheeses with Fruit Garnish**

**Buffet:
Fresh Rolls
Salad: Baby Greens with Fresh Vegetables/Dressings
Chicken Marsala
Broiled Salmon with Dill Sauce
Rosemary Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables**

**Dessert:
Vanilla Ice Cream**

**Beverages:
Coffee, DeCaf, Hot Tea, Iced Tea, Lemonade**

We can accommodate special dietary requests

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Send check by Nov 18th payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club to:
Kathy Seufert, 5210 Suncrest Circle, Whitehall, Pa 18052
Phone: 610-393-7324 Email: kathyhm@rcn.com

No checks accepted after Nov 18th

Enter Names: _____

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

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 – Over 70 apply for free season pass at Summit or Valley Ticket Office

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 - \$ 139 (8 HOUR LIFT)

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 (SAT, SUN & HOLIDAY) - \$ 165 (8 HOUR LIFT)

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.

8HR PEAK (Sat, Sun & Holiday) \$ 70.00 8HR OFF PEAK \$ 60.00 NIGHT \$ 45.00

EZ SLOPE TICKETS \$ 60.00 \$ 50.00 \$ 30.00

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

(Sticker on back of membership card)

SEASON RENTALS - DAILY PICK-UP - SKI PACKAGE - \$ 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.)

SEASON RENTALS - TAKE HOME - SKI PACKAGE - \$ 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 - \$ 199

SPECIAL BLACK FRIDAY TICKET SALE (UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME)

TUBING - FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY - 3 HOUR SESSION - ONLY \$ 35

TUBING – AFTER 5 PM DAILY - 3 HOUR SESSION - ONLY \$ 25

4th & 5th GRADES SNOW PASS - PSAA PROGRAM \$ 35 TILL DEC 1 - \$ 40 AFTER DEC 1

LEHIGH COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS – 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. 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.

PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB CONTACTS

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	Special Olympics	Dale Gogel	610-767-1546	dalego@aol.com

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

Visit us online at <http://www.ptarmiganskiclub.org> and [FACEBOOK](#)