



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.

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Holiday Happy Hour at Woodstone CC Fri 5:30pm 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 Eve Party: Ray & Linny Cope Mon 5 pm Dec 23

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Blue Mt. Ski & Party: Jeanne Weiser Tue 1 pm 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

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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

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General Meeting / Elections at KoC Tue 7 pm Mar 10

Ptarmigan Holiday Happy Hour Fri Dec 6th

Woodstone Country Club, Danielsville, Pa

We'll see many of you there ... it Sold Out, all 80 Ptarmigans will enjoy a great evening of food, drinks and music.

General Meeting Tues Dec 10th 7 :00 pm

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

Chili-Cookoff - Come out -Taste and Vote

Eight Ptarmigan Chefs (or Chef Teams) will compete for a \$50 prize

Christmas Eve Eve Party Mon, Dec 23rd 5 pm

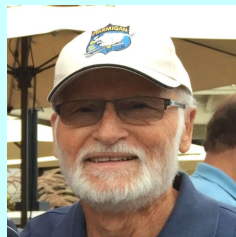
The Christmas Eve Eve Party will again be hosted by Ray and Linda Cope. Come and enjoy the Christmas Spirit. Bring something to share and wear your most festive outfit.

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 23rd 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.



President's Message

Phil Hublitz

President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

As we approach the beginning of ski season and the end of the calendar year it is good to reflect on the past. It was a great year in terms of membership participation in club activities from happy hours, parties, special events, music and dancing, ski trips all over the place, to the PSC First Charity Golf Tournament. More Ptarmigans showed up for more events than at any time in recent memory (10 years 15?). We added new HH venues to list of regular locales, and dramatically increased the number of music events thanks to Joyce Gilmore (not to mention biking treks).

We are still determining the net proceeds from the golf tournament, but it appears to be about \$8000. That is charitable giving big time, thanks to all who participated. We will be sending as many as 15 teens into Blue MT's school ski club program who otherwise would not be able to afford it. Many of these kids will be hooked because as we all know, once you whip that learning curve, you are headed into a wonderful healthful outdoor winter activity that will last a lifetime (56 years and counting for a few of us). They will thank us. We will also provide considerable funding for the Lehigh County & Bethlehem Special Olympics Ski Racing Program at Blue MT.

Mary Fragnito is running a "Wine Trail" trip December 6-8. The Holiday Happy Hour is a couple of days away. Another innovative event still to come December 10th is the Chili Cook-Off Member Competition (First Annual, a variety of food dishes?). Don't miss a delectable sampling of 8 different chili dishes from vegan to chunky beef made from scratch by fellow Ptarmigans and carefully planned by Mary Laronge & Ronnie Rother. Ray & Linny will host the Eve of Eve Party and as many as 30 Ptarmigans will travel to Nice France over New Years. There is a whole season of skiing at Blue MT ahead, the Ski Party & SWAP January 14th and 8 major ski trips starting January 16. Think snow...how lucky we are.

Think Snow !!!

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

Panorama & Kicking Horse: A few openings left; so act soon.

Sunday River, Maine: There are 5 openings on the bus for the Sunday River Maine Trip. Looking for a single male. Cost is \$824 for double occupancy. Contact Vicki Morris, 610-597-8666.



Thanks to Dr. Carl Schultze, Walt Howell's Chiropractor for his presentation at the Nov 12th Meeting

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.

Blue Mt Ski Party/Meeting Tuesday Jan 14th at 1 PM

Includes Chili, Soup (vegetable), Veggies and Dip, Bread and butter.

NOTE: Time has changed to 1 PM

Price is \$10.00, cash bar available

If you wish to, bring a Dessert.

Where: Valley Lodge at the bottom of the mountain.

Please send your check, payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club, to
Kathy Seufert, 5210 Suncrest Circle, Whitehall, PA 18052

e-mail: KATHYHM@rcn.com or call 610-393-7324

Deadline for party is Sunday, Jan. 12th – Please reply to Kathy
by that date so that we may have an accurate head-count.



Soup and Hike Sunday Nov 24th Photos



Ten Ptarmigans hiked a portion of the Iron Rail Trail on Sun Nov 24th and then joined about 20 others at Kathy Seufert's house for Soup and a good time.



BLACK FRIDAY SPECIALS Great Deals on Lift Tickets & Gift Cards!

Starting at **12:01 am** on **November 29th** you can snag some great deals for the 2019-2020 winter season. - *When purchasing-AT CHECKOUT: CHOOSE TODAY'S DATE*

Tickets purchased during Black Friday Weekend are Valid for any Off-Peak / Peak Dates

8HR PEAK (Sat, Sun & Holiday) \$ 49.00 8HR OFF PEAK \$ 39.00

(THAT IS \$ 11.00 LESS THAN EZ SLOPE PRICE – TRIPLE PLAY PRICE - (\$ 55) PEAK – (\$ 46.33) OFF PEAK

**BLACK FRIDAY SPECIAL - <https://www.skibluemt.com/winter-sports/skiing-snowboarding/blue-deals/>
WITH PURCHASE OF EACH \$ 100 GIFT CERTIFICATE – BONUS OF \$ 10 SECOND GIFT CARD**

BLUE MOUNTAIN SEASON PASS currently selling for \$ 529 on the web - WILL INCREASE to \$ 629

<https://www.skibluemt.com/winter-sports/tickets/season-passes/> -

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

8HR PEAK (Sat, Sun & Holiday) \$ 70.00 8HR OFF PEAK \$ 60.00 NIGHT \$ 45.00 list
EZ SLOPE TICKETS \$ 60.00 \$ 50.00 \$ 30.00 EZ slope

With your membership card you can get *EZ SLOPE* prices at ticket window - (Sticker on back of membership card)
or thru Dale Gogel throughout the season - 610 767 1546 - dalego@aol.com

TICKETING AVAILABLE ON WEB SITE - www.skibluemt.com

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.

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

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

The club Ski Date on January 14 will have reduced ticket prices with Membership Card.

February 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.

LEHIGH COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS – Skiers needed - Lehigh County Special Olympics Trains at Blue Mountain Valley Lodge on Wednesdays from 9 Am – 2 Pm. SO training begins the DEC 4 and continues till the first week in March. Anyone interested in skiing with athletes 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 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.

**GOING OUT WEST OR NEW ENGLAND CHECK OUT EPIC AND IKON SEASON PASSES – MULTIPLE AREAS
DEC 14 – 7 – 10 PM – UGLY SWEATER CONTEST**

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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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