



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.

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General Meeting & Elections at KoC	Tue 7 pm	Mar 10
Whiteface - Lake Placid: Ronnie Rother	Sun – Thu	Mar 29 Apr 2
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Habitat for Humanity: Ronnie Rother	Thu TBD	Apr 16
Spring Banquet: Iron Lakes CC	Sat 6–10 p	Apr 18
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Iron Pigs Game: Ronnie Rother	Wed 5:45 p	May 13

General Meeting & Elections

Tue, Mar 10th at 7:00 PM

Election of Officers and Board – Candidates:

Officers - Vote for one for each position:

President	Phil Hublitz
Vice President	Jeanne Weiser
Treasurer	Kathy Seufert
Membership Secretary	Mary Laronge
Recording Secretary	Gwen white

Board Members - Vote for three from the list below:

Bill Ortner, Joyce Gilmore, Joe Reilly, Tim White, Lisa Rufo

Program: Guest Speaker

PGA Pro John Suter from Golf Galaxy, a Golf Digest

My teaching philosophy is centered on the fundamentals of set up, rotation & extension, balance & tempo. Each golfer is unique, and identifying which of these factors needs to improve is the first step toward a better game. I then work with the golfer to develop a plan of practice and simple drills to enhance their ability and ultimately lower scores.

Spring Banquet – Saturday Apr 18th 6-10 pm

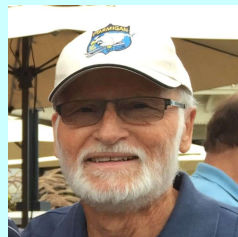
Iron Lakes Country Club

See Flyer on Page 5 for details.

President's Message Cont'd

Looking far ahead we have signed up "Sunshine Symphony" to kick off the first general meeting with a major dancing event, Tuesday September 8th.

Brian's Winter Park ski trip was a killer with lots of snow and real winter temps...



President's Message

Phil Hublitz

President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

Moving toward Spring,

Wow, did we actually have a winter this year. At this point there has been almost no snow in the Valley. Fellow Ptarmigans be not deterred. The Winter Park ski trip just returned and Tignes Val Claret Club Med (the French Alps again) just took off, 8 ski trips for the season and lots of discounts are available through the EPSC for March and into April. Look for write-ups on other trips already completed in this issue. March 10th is election night. The slate for the officers & board of directors is listed in this issue: 5 officers, Past president and 3 BOD members, the remaining board members will be appointed at a later date. If you want to run, let us know ASAP. The guest speaker is PGA Pro John Suter from Golf Galaxy, a Golf Digest "Top 100 Club Member".

There is a lot of stuff in the pipeline. We have committed to a workday with LV Habitat for Humanity on April 16th (9 AM - 2 PM at an Allentown construction site). On April 18th the Spring Banquet will be held at Iron Lakes Country Club. We have signed a contract with the Iron Pigs for a game on May 13th (seeking 50 Ptarmigan baseball fans). On May 18th we will host the EPSC Meeting at the Fiorentina Grill in Breinigsville, volunteers will be needed. We are still hoping to schedule a wine tasting at either the Folino Estate Winery or the Vynecrest Winery May 7th or 14th.

"Between the Covers" book club featured "I Hear You Paint Houses" in February as the movie version "The Irishman" played in local theaters. Frank Sheeran spills it all in this highly touted novel of the Mafia, famed boss from Wilkes-Barre Russell Bufalino and Teamsters President Jimmy Hoffa.

Joyce continues to host group ski days and numerous music events throughout the season and Happy Hours continue to surprise.

Ray Cope will head up the PSC Charity Golf Tournament Committee this year as committee members seek information about the local school ski club advisors, the distribution of the tournament proceeds to youthful skiers in the form of scholarships and to support the Special Olympic racing program. Golfers and sponsors should plan ahead now for the Friday September 25th event.

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2019/2020 Ski Season – Trips:

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

- Mike Feeney: 484-256-5215 sirfeeney@aol.com

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

- Catherine Chrapacz: 610-428-3547 katyataz@yahoo.com

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

- Donna Westgate 610-392-9200
travelswithdonna@yahoo.com

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

- Vicki Morris 610-791-3421 vlm2378@rcn.com

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

- Karen Lewis 800-451-1830 Karenl@ski93trips.com

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

- Mark Baechle, 610-657-5825 SkiPro99@gmail.com

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

- Brian Nuss: 610-730-2777 brianjnuss@gmail.com

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

- 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.

Bob Campbell, Past President of Ptarmigan

Bob Campbell was recently killed in a tragic bike accident near Philadelphia and his daughter is in possession of his ski equipment. The equipment is in very good condition and she is offering it for sale.

K2 AMP Rictor 82XTi 127-82-112 170 cm Skies, Poles and Ski Bag – asking \$225.

Boots - Dalbello F500, PWS 400, 317mm (size 13?) – asking \$100.

Contact Deb Matyas, 610-597-0155 or matyasde@gmail.com

Photos below.

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.

2020 Powder Highway Trip Report

Mark Baechle's trip to the Powder Highway in British Columbia, February 8th to 16th, was chock full of fun – 6 days of great skiing, lots of parties in the evenings, and a day to explore Calgary. We enjoyed the 129 trails, 3000 acres, and 4265' vertical at Panorama, and the additional 3486 acres at Kicking Horse.

The 1000 Peaks Condos were awesome – plenty of room inside, huge balconies, and extremely close to slopes, lifts, rentals, food, drinks,.... Since everyone had condos with full kitchens, each condo provided a dinner for everyone on a different night, making our meals friendly and delicious, with minimal work and expense. We explored the town of Invermere, especially it's bars, restaurants, and dispensary. The annual Pizza Party and Son-of-a-Beach Party made it a full week of partying.

After a week of skiing and partying, we went to Calgary and explored its many sights and activities. Some went to museums, the new library, rode the trolley, shopped or went to the annual Bonspiels curling tournament.

Everyone enjoyed the Glow Winter Festival, with its live bands, dancers, ice sculptures, ice bars,... We all arrived home safely the next day, ready to do it all over again.

Photos of these events, the mountains, and the people, can be found on the Facebook page "Ski Trips With Mark".

Everyone had a great time, and is looking forward to skiing and partying together soon. Please let Mark know where you want to go next year.



Don't Put Your Skis Away Just Yet!

Interested in extending the 19-20 ski season a bit more?
How about a trek to Whiteface Mountain?

An idea:

Mar 29...carpool to Lake Placid

Mar 30-31...ski Whiteface Mountain's Ski Club Appreciation Day (\$44 each day with PSC membership card) Apr 1...tour Olympic Village Apr 2 ... drive home

If interested, please contact Ronnie to help arrange this ski trek. veronica.rother@gmail.com

WHITEFACE MT. LAKE PLACID, NY SKI CLUB APPRECIATION DAYS

We want to show our appreciation to all of the ski councils and ski clubs, and what better way to do that than by offering a great deal on a day (or more) on the slopes! Simply come to Whiteface on any of our Ski Club Appreciation Days, show your Ski Council or Club ID as well as a photo ID*, and get a lift ticket for a sweet deal. Feel free to share our Ski Club Appreciation Days flyer with your club or council members.

2019/20 Dates: March 30-31, 2020

1-Day Lift Ticket Rate: \$44 per person

🎵 TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME 🏟️

Wednesday, May 13th !

Join PSC members and friends at the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs and the Scranton Wilkes-Barre Rail Riders game in the Capital BlueCross Oasis area (our own private area with protection from the sun, various seating options, and-maybe most importantly-adjacent to the Tiki Bar). Tickets are \$37 each and include a 2 ½ hour all-you-can-eat buffet: hot dogs, hamburgers, fried chicken, pulled pork, grilled vegetable medley, potato salad, potato chips, cookies, fresh seasonal fruit, and unlimited soft beverages through the middle of the eighth inning. (Adult beverages will be available at the Tiki Bar at cost.) Ptarmigan Ski Club will be recognized on the video board, and someone from the club will throw out a ceremonial first pitch. Limited tickets! To reserve your ticket(s), you must send your payment to be received by April 8th to:

Ronnie Rother
254 Kristin Lane
Allentown PA 18104

(Sorry! No refunds. Reservations will not be accepted after this date for any reason. Mail early!)

This is a Rain or Shine event! Gates open 5:45. Buffet is 6:00 - 8:30 pm. Game starts 7:05 pm.

BE COOL IN SUMMER 😎 GO SNOW SKIING!

Bruce Springsteen gave New Jersey his "Tunnel of Love" and American Dream gave the state a tunnel of SNOW!

If you're interested in skiing North America's first indoor real-snow and snowboard center this summer, email Ronnie at veronica.rother@gmail.com to discuss a trip to the Meadowlands mega mall and entertainment complex.

<https://www.bigsnowamericandream.com/>

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY VOLUNTEERING 🧑🏫

Thursday, APRIL 16

Be a volunteer for a day on a worksite for Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley.

Joe Polizzotto, a former ski club member, will guide us with tasks for the day. Possibilities include: painting, trim work, tiling, installing kitchen cabinets, windows, siding, or flooring and/or other miscellaneous jobs. No experience needed! We will work alongside a Core Volunteer beginning at nine in the morning until about two o'clock in the afternoon (usually an hour for lunch around noon) at an Allentown location. Habitat for Humanity's vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Let's help make a difference!

Contact Ronnie to sign up. (veronica.rother@gmail.com)

2020-2021 Blue Mt Season Pass Sale!

Ski, Ride & Tube for FREE the remainder of the 2020 Winter Season!

Being a Blue Mountain Season Pass Holder is the best way to Touch the Sky on PA's highest vertical! Take advantage of our best deal of the season. For a limited time YOU can purchase a 2020-2021 Season Pass for just **\$429!** Passes are good for the remainder of the 2020 Winter Season, including President's Day Weekend! Enjoy special pass holder perks, direct-to-slopes convenience, and NO blackout dates! With 40 trails, 5 terrain parks, up to 34 tubing lanes and plenty of après ski fun-Blue Mountain Resort is your winter fun destination.

See <https://www.skibluemt.com/winter-sports/tickets/season-pass/> for details.

Lehigh County Track and Field Event

Parkland High School Athletic Fields – May 1st. Contact Dale Gogel 610-767-1546 dalego@aol.com

Photos of the February 11, 2020 PSC Blue Mountain Party



Photos of the Blue Mountain "Ski Club Appreciation Dinner", February 19, 2020



Spring Banquet

PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB

SPRING BANQUET

Saturday, April 18, 2020



Iron Lakes Country Club
3625 Shankweiler Rd
Allentown, Pa
(610) 395-3369

Cash Bar - 6:00 to 10:00 PM

Social - 6:00 to 7:00 PM

Thai Peanut Chicken Satay
Vegetable Spring Roll
Spanakopita



Hot Dinner Buffet - 7:00 to 8:00 PM

House Salad
Rolls & Butter

Main Courses:

Vegetable Lasagna w/fresh Veggies, Parmesan Cream Sauce
Chicken Cordon Bleu, Smoked Ham, Aged Swiss & Alfredo cheese
Sautéed Fillet of Flounder, Shrimp Newburg Sauce, Fresh chives

Accompaniments:

Baked Potato
Green Beans Almondine

Dessert:

Ice Cream
Coffee, Hot Tea

Following dinner, dance to the music of "Scotty G"

Price: \$43.00 Per Person

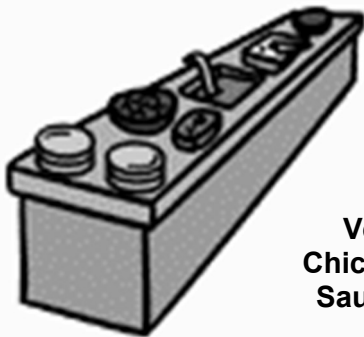


Reservation Deadline: April 4, 2020

No Signups/Checks accepted after the deadline.

Make checks payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club.

Send checks to Kathy Seufert, 5210 Suncrest Circle, Whitehall, PA 18052.





EPSC EASTERN PA SKI COUNCIL

Ptarmigan Ski Club membership entitles you to access discounted lift tickets through EPSC's **Voucher Program** and **Everyday Savings and Passes** programs. **LOOK at the savings!**

	Adult/Jr	Regular
Bromley	\$66/53	\$96/71
Stratton	\$69	\$130
Mt Snow	\$69	\$118
Gore	\$68	\$86
Whiteface	\$68	\$104
Killington	\$78/61	\$125
Pico	\$46/40	\$75/60
Windham	\$59 midwk	\$98

Bear Creek - \$25 Monday – Thursday, \$25 Sunday Night Special 4-9pm

Montage Mtn– Ski For All -\$30 Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday

Get there before 3pm and your rentals are included

Another way to save is **Appreciation Days**. See easternpaskicouncil.org for fliers with **HUGE** discounts: Show your Ptarmigan Club Card at the ticket window to obtain the discount. Examples:

Mar. 9

Jack Frost/Big Boulder \$28, regularly \$89

Killington \$55, regularly \$125

Pico \$40, regularly \$75

Stratton \$53, regularly \$130

Mar. 15

Magic Mtn \$49, regularly \$74

Waterville Valley \$45, regularly \$96

Mar. 30

Whiteface Mtn. \$44, regularly \$104

Go to easternpaskicouncil.org to sign up and get all of the details. Orders go in monthly so hurry to beat the deadlines.

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Officers	President	Phil Hublitz	484-809-4102	philhublitz@rcn.com
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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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