

Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

September 2020



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>

You can also find us on Facebook. [Click here for Facebook](#)

<http://www.ptarmiganskiclub.org/>

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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First General Meeting of the Season	Tue 7 pm	Sep 8
General Meeting (KoC)	Thu 7 pm	Sep 22
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General Meeting (KoC)	Tue 7 pm	Oct 13
General Meeting (KoC)	Thu 7 pm	Oct 27
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General Meeting (KoC)	Tue 7 pm	Nov 10
Soup and Hike: Kathy Seufert		
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General Meeting (KoC)	Tue 7 pm	Dec 8



President's Message

Phil Hublitz

President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

Summer is almost gone but COVID-19 is not...

First the good stuff, the golfers are out in force week after week. Joyce has the bikers out weekly and there are even some music events on the horizon. BTC Book Club continues to meet at the Rose Gardens and Jean Black has started a STEM group that is ZOOMING on the last Thursday of the month. Ptarmigans are showing up for the weekly Happy Hours, most of which have been held at Jack's Slice pavilion that has a reasonably safe outdoor venue. So, even during the pandemic, your club remains quite active and your board of directors is interacting regularly to ensure that the events we hold ensure your safety.

The September 8th general meeting has been moved to the Jack's Slice Pavilion, possibly with music, all weather permitting.

Susan Filchner, Director of Guest Services at Blue MT, ZOOMED all the School Ski Club Advisors last week with a Power Point Presentation that included information and promotion of our Ptarmigan School Ski Club Scholarship Program and Application. Bill will be adding the application to our website so that advisors will be able to go directly there to apply for scholarships too. You can also check out the Application below.

The pandemic continues to infect thousands more Americans. So, with that fact in mind, we always need to wear a mask, wash our hands, use hand sanitizer, and social distance to avoid joining the millions of infected or the 170,000-plus dead.

**Ptarmigan Ski Club
COVID-19 Relief Meeting
(Fall Welcome Back)
Tuesday September 8th 2020
Jack's Slice Pavilion
At Allentown Muni Golf Course
7:00 PM**

See Flyer below for details.

We almost have the 50 people needed to get exclusive use of the Pavilion – If you have not responded so far let Phil know if you will be there.

Contact Phil: 484-809-4102 philhublitz@rcn.com

Music News by Joyce Gilmore

The Wooden Match in Bethlehem provided a mini Musikfest on Sunday, August 8. Their parking lot was fenced off and filled with food and beer stands, table and chairs socially distanced, and Sunshine Symphony Band playing on their outdoor porch. Eleven Ptarmigans drifted in and out listening and dancing to the music and socializing with each other. Jeanne even played her air guitar! The set-up was reminiscent of when Musikfest first began.

Music events will be posted as they show up. Some places such as Emmaus Park, Jack's Slice, Meuser Park, and the Slatinton train station are featuring more live music.

Please let me know if you hear of additional shows in the area. Joyce mindycat36@yahoo.com 610-741-8943.

Book Club Notice

The next book club is Wednesday Sept 16th at 4 pm in the Rose Gardens near the pavilions. The book is 'American Dirt'.

Contact Ronnie VERONICA.ROTHER@GMAIL.COM or Mary larongem@gmail.com for more info.

2020/2021 Ski Season – Trips:

All Flyers available at

<http://ptarmiganskiclub.org/Trips.html>

Pragelato Club Med, Italy Sat Jan 23 – Tue Feb 2, 2021

- \$2999 pp
- 7 Nights Pragelato Club Med, 2 Nights in Milan
- 6 Day Lift Ticket
- Mark Baechle 610-657-5825 SkiPro99@gmail.com

Aspen/Snowmass, Co Sat Jan 23 – Sat Jan 30, 2021

- \$2095. Over 65 \$1995.
- 7 Nights Snowmass Mountain Condos or Stonebridge Inn
- 5 of 7 Days Lift Pass
- Donna Westgate: 610-392-9200
travelswithdonna@yahoo.com

Sunday River, Maine Sun Jan 24 – Fri Jan 29, 2021

- Summit Hotel and Conference Center slopeside
- \$874 pp dbl/occ, \$814 pp tri/occ and Senior discount avail
- 5 Day Lift Ticket included
- Vicki Morris 610-791-3421 vlm2378@rcn.com

Heavenly Lake Tahoe Sat-Sat Feb 20 - 27, 2021

- Forest Suits Resort \$1387 pp 4 per condo
- Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel \$1645 pp dbl/occ
- Lift Tickets are extra – many options available
- Brian Nuss 610-730-2777 brianjnuss@gmail.com

Val Thorens Club Med, Fr Sat Mar 6 – Sun Mar 14, 2021

- \$2890 pp dbl/occ
- 7 Nights Club Med's Val Thorens Sensation
- 6 Day Lift Pass – 5 Days Ski Instruction
- Catherine Chrapacz 610-428-3547 katyataz@yahoo.com

Telluride, Co Sat-Sat Mar 20 - 27, 2021

- \$2499 pp
- 7 Nights Bear Creek Lodge
- 5 Day Lift Ticket
- 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.

Membership DUES: 2020/2021 Season

Renew your membership for the 2020/2021 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

Mark Baechle: The Telluride Trip and the Italian Alps Trip each have room for more people, and there are no changes.

Vicki Morris: The Sunday River Maine still has Openings available! No other changes.

Donna Westgate: Has announced her trip Aspen/Snowmass for Jan 23 – 30, 2021. See Trips at left and flyer below.

Bike News by Joyce Gilmore

Ptarmigans continue to enjoy weekly bike rides on many area rail trails -- the D & L, The D & R, Saucon Rail Trail, the Plainfield Township Rail trail, and more. Five to twelve people usually show up for the rides. We had a pleasant surprise two weeks ago when we arrived at the Slatington railroad station trail head. There was a man with a keyboard playing and singing. Of course we stopped for a break, and some of us danced. Rides will continue to be posted through the fall until the weather gets too cold. Any one is welcome to join us. Contact Joyce at 610-683-6593 or mindycat36@yahoo.com.



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Visit us online at <http://www.ptarmiganskiclub.org> and **FACEBOOK**

To Join or Renew Your Membership Please See the Membership Application.

[Membership Application - Click here.](#)

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Tuesday September 8th 2020
Jack's Slice Pavilion
7:00 PM

There will be Music.

We need a head count because there is another event scheduled at this location at the same time.

If 50 or more Ptarmigans commit to attending this event, Jack's Slice will reserve the entire pavilion for us.

If 25 Ptarmigans commit, they will reserve part of the pavilion for us.

RULES*:

COVID-19 restrictions apply: masks, social distancing, no standing and congregating in large groups, you must buy food with your drink(s) from their regular menu (appetizers, sandwiches, pizza, etc.), no-contact dancing is allowed, you must be seated at your table, you can move to another table if someone from that table moves to your table or another table.

*If you have traveled recently and need to self-quarantine do not attend this event. If you have been knowingly been exposed to the virus recently, do not attend this event. If you have tested positive for the virus, do not attend this event.

This is really our only opportunity to socialize in significant numbers, there is no limit to number of Ptarmigans who may attend. The only cost is your food & drink bill.

We need your immediate response by email.

September 8th meeting at Jack's Slice Pavilion:

I understand the COVID-19 rules and will attend this event YES** ____ NO ____

Name _____ cell _____

email address _____

Please respond immediately to Phil philhubolitz@gmail.com and include the above info.

WE NEED YOUR COMMITMENT BY AUGUST 30TH AT THE LATEST

**please honor your commitment

BLUE MOUNTAIN TICKETS**LIST****FLEX PRICING (purchased 48+ hr prior) BY DATE**

4 HR lift ticket start 8AM -NOON \$49 WD \$79 WEH
 4 HR LIFT start NOON – 3 PM \$49 WD \$79 WEH
 4 HR LIFT start 3 PM- CLOSE \$49 WD \$79 WEH
 8 HR lift anytime \$69 WD \$109 WEH

WD \$28 –\$41 WEH \$36-\$41
 WD \$22 –\$24 WEH \$30-\$32
 WD \$18 –\$26 WEH \$25-\$26
 WD \$39 –\$43 WEH \$50-\$56

WITH THE FLEX PRICING PURCHASED AHEAD OF TIME must check daily availability & pricing and purchase on line WITH A VERY LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR EACH DAY AT THE REDUCED PRICES CHECK WEBSITE FOR PURCHASING TICKETS on line www.skibluemt.com/winter-sports/skiing-snowboarding/tickets/purchase-lift-tickets/

A \$40 fee will be added to any ticket that are requesting a date change

2020-2021 Season Pass Sale! Snag Early Bird Pass Pricing Before October 31st!

Blue Mountain Resort Season Passes come with NO blackout dates and NO restrictions, just more time on the mountain! Our \$529 discounted pass will be available through **October 31st**. Season Pass Holders enjoy special pass holder perks, discounts, and direct-to-slopes convenience! With 40 trails, 5 terrain parks, up to 34 tubing lanes and plenty of apres ski fun- Blue Mountain Resort is your winter fun destination!

2020-2021 Blue Mountain Season Pass**Sale Pricing****www.skibluemt.com****ALL AGES ALL ACCESS SEASON PASS****PRICE****Pre-season Discount****\$529**

(Available in 5 payment installments)

Full Price**\$629**

(Starting November 1)

Pass Payment Plan

Blue Mountain wants to ease your financial commitment to purchasing a 2020/2021 season pass. A payment plan option will be available at shopskibluemt.com when purchasing or renewing your season pass.

Here's how it works Place \$229 down on your season pass Your next payment will not be due until August 31st

Your additional payments will be \$100 a month for 3 months (September 30th and October 31st)

You can log into your shopskibluemt.com account at any time to make payments, or Blue Mountain will charge your card on file each month.

Once your payments are complete, you will receive a confirmation email to redeem your pass at a ticket window during the 2020/2021 season

Refund Policy**Payment Plan**

We know these times are filled with uncertainty for many of our guests. If you purchase a 2020/2021 season pass with a payment plan, Blue Mountain will honor refunds through October 1st should you no longer be able to make payments. If you have already purchased a 2020/2021 early bird season pass and would like to be able to make payments on it, we will refund your purchase and set you up with a payment plan. Our hope is that this payment plan helps you enjoy the great outdoors next Winter more affordably.

COVID-19

Should Blue Mountain Resort be unable to open for operations Winter 2020/2021, your season pass will be covered. Pass holder will be given the option to refund your season pass, or roll your pass over to 2021/2022 Winter season.

PASS HOLDER PERKS

Skip the Ticket Lines! Season Pass Holders Go Direct-to-Slope.

1 FREE Buddy Day Pass

Excluding Free Season Passes (Under 6 & over 70)

Access the VIP Line at High-Speed Chair Lifts

FREE Snowtubing

Excluding Free Season Passes (Under 6 & over 70)

10% Discount on food including Slopeside Pub & Grill

Access to Season Pass holder summer party

10% Discount at True Blue Sports Stores: Hard & Soft Goods and Equipment

10% Discount on Lift Tickets & Rentals

10% Discount on Summer Activities

*Discounts cannot be combined with any other offer and cannot be applied to alcohol. Summer activities does not include ballroom space. Free snowtubing is only valid for the pass holder themselves.

Seniors ages 70 & older receive a free Season Pass!**Children ages 5 & younger receive a free Child Season Pass!****Pick-up your Season Pass at the Summit Lodge Ticket Office!**

Must present valid proof of age. * You can ask for a day lift ticket if you do not want a season pass. *

2020-2021 Seasonal Rentals**2020-2021 Seasonal Lockers****ALL AGES****PRICE****ALL AGES****PRICE**

Leave at the Mountain or Take Home \$169

Seasonal Locker Rentals \$179

Skis or Snowboard

Summit or Valley Locations Available

Night Time Zip & Climb every Friday to October 30th. Climb, zip & swing through the trees with laser lights, glow sticks and more!

Price: \$32 online / \$37 at the window

September Check-in 6:30 pm

October Check-in 5:30 pm

Start Time 7 pm End Time 9 pm

Start Time 6 pm End Time 8 pm

Include access to all 4 levels of the ropes course & glow sticks!

Guests must wear closed toe shoes!

*NEW Included with your Night Time Zip & Climb ticket, you can now zip line under the stars from the top of our [Adventure Tower!](#)

Due to the popularity of this event We STRONGLY recommend buying ahead of time –Events do sell out.



Ptarmigan Ski Club School Ski Club Scholarship Program



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Dear School Ski Club Adviser,

In 2019 the Ptarmigan Ski Club ran a Charity Golf Tournament to raise money for School Ski Club Scholarships and Special Olympics skiing programs. The remaining proceeds of the tournament are to be distributed this fall to School Ski Clubs that ski at Blue Mountain Ski Area. \$3000 is available for student scholarships.

Attached to this flyer is an application form that must be submitted to apply for a scholarship. The cost of the School Ski Club programs vary from school to school depending on transportation costs and distances from Blue Mountain Ski Area. We are asking Ski Club Advisors to recommend a student for this scholarship and have them fill out the application with permission from their parent(s) or guardian.

We are seeking applicants who, without a scholarship, would be unable to participate in the School Ski Club Program at Blue Mountain. We have attached an income table to this email that will help guide you in selecting a student applicant. You are the final arbiter in the selection process. I am sure you agree that skiing is a lifetime activity that is healthful physically and mentally (the potential risks are detailed in the application).

Contact: Phil Hublitz
Ptarmigan Ski Club President
philhublitz@rcn.com
Call voice mail at: 610-924-5481

The Ptarmigan Ski Club is 501(c)7 non-profit organization under
Section 170 of the Internal Revenue code



Ptarmigan Ski Club School Ski Club Scholarship Application



www.ptarmiganskiclub.org

Student
First name _____ Last name _____
(Please print)

School _____ School phone # _____

School Ski Club Advisor _____

Advisor email address _____

Student applicant

Briefly state why you want to apply for a scholarship:

Participation in skiing and/or riding 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, and/or any volunteers liable for any accident or injury resulting from my participation in any School Ski Club Activity..

Number of dependents _____ Gross family income _____

(Financial - see the PSC Scholarship Income Limits Calculator
as a reference on eligibility for a scholarship)

School Ski Club Advisor _____
signature

Student Applicant _____
signature

Parent(s) _____
Signature(s) Print name _____

Print name _____

Guardian _____
Signature Print name _____

Date* _____

*applications will be processed in chronological order
and awards will be made based on the eligibility criteria and date received



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PSC Scholarship Applicant Income Limit Table*

Objective: To steer program to those most in "need" considering the geographical economy

*participation in the school free lunch program automatically qualifies a student applicant¹

Program's Median Household Income: \$ 67,565 Taken from one of the figures below, after looking at ranging; changes table below

Median Household Income: \$ 67,565

Persons per Household: 3

Poverty Threshold \$ 21,720

3X Poverty Threshold \$ 65,160

Median Metro (A-B-E-NJ) (ACS 5Yr) \$ 71,602

Median Household Source: <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/table/northamptoncountypennsylvania/lehighcountypennsylvania/PST045219>

Poverty Source: <https://raspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>

Median Metro Source: https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il/i12019/select_Geography.odn

Household Size	Median Household Income Factor	Maximum Gross Income for a Scholarship
1	-41.44%	\$ 39,563
2	-20.72%	\$ 53,564
3	0.00%	\$ 67,565
4	20.72%	\$ 81,566
5	41.44%	\$ 95,567
6	62.17%	\$ 109,567
7	82.89%	\$ 123,568
8	103.61%	\$ 137,569
9	124.33%	\$ 151,570
10	145.05%	\$ 165,571
11	165.78%	\$ 179,571
12	186.50%	\$ 193,572
13	207.22%	\$ 207,573

¹ This table was created by Rich Hudzinski VAC Chair & member of the BoD of LVMAC