

## October 2020



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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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EPSC Golf Fund Raiser Tournament	Mon 11 am	Sun Oct 5
General Meeting (KoC)	Tue 3 pm	Oct 13
General Meeting (KoC)	Tue 7 pm	Oct 27
-----Nov-----	-----	-----
General Meeting (KoC)	Tue 7 pm	Nov 10
Soup and Hike: Kathy Seufert	Sun 1 pm	Nov 15
-----Dec-----	-----	-----
General Meeting (KoC)	Tue 7 pm	Dec 8
-----Jan 2021-----	-----	-----
Ski Party/General Meeting	Tue TBD	Jan 12
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### President's Message

**Phil Hublitz**

**President, Ptarmigan Ski Club**

Temps are down and Covid-19 is rising...

The fact that President Trump has contracted the virus reinforces the science that masks and social distancing are major factors in preventing the spread of the disease. We have investigated alternative locations other than Jack's Slice for the October 13<sup>th</sup> general meeting. The pavilion at Shepherd Hill is \$250 to rent, indoor venues still too risky. The 15-day weather forecast is for a high of 69 and a low of 48. I am thinking that we can meet at Jack's, earlier in the day, say at 3:00 PM instead of 5:30 as we did last month as the evenings get cooler and darkness descends earlier in the day. That would put our Board meeting at 1:30 that same day. Look for an email from Bill once the board agrees on this matter.

BTC continues to meet on the Rose Gardens' volleyball court weather permitting. October 21st will most likely be that last time we can meet outside. The book this month is "Song of Achilles". The STEM group continues to meet by ZOOM with some heady discussions. Hopefully, a member of the group will let us know what is going on in a future newsletter. Joyce has continued the weekly bike rides but dancing, due to the COVID, has slowed to crawl especially since Joyce is currently carless. Mary & I stepped out a bit at Jack's last Friday night as a about 10 Ptarmigan came for the HH.

The golfers are still out in force, this week at Southmoore, although the course outplayed most of us, it was a fabulously beautiful fall day. On Monday October 5<sup>th</sup>, twenty Ptarmigans will descend on the Great Bear Golf Course to play in the EPSC Charity Golf Tournament. Carolyn made the arrangements and Kathy Seufert really put pressure on our golfers to join the fun when played at Whitetail a couple of weeks ago. That same day, Nadiya made a great splash as she introduced players of the Air Products Golfer Tournament on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole to everyone's delight, as fellows Ptarmigans cheered them on as they teed off (this occurred after we finished play and were eating and drinking just off hole 17).

Hey gang (flock), keep the faith, wear a mask, practice social distancing, and wash your hands. Stay safe...your club marches on. THINK SNOW!

## Ptarmigan Ski Club General Meeting

### Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup> 2020

### Jack's Slice Pavilion

### At Allentown Muni Golf Course

### 3:00 PM

**Note that this is the tentative plan for the meeting. See the President's Message for more details – Also look for a future email to confirm the meeting as we get closer to it.**

## Attention Members

### Your Dues need to be paid by Oct 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Send your dues to: Mary Laronge, 556 Parkside Court, Allentown, Pa 18104**

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:vlm2378@rcn.com)

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

- **CANCELED** Forest Suite Resort \$1377 pp 1 per condo
- Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel \$1045 pp dbl/occ
- Lift Tickets are extra – many options available
- Brian Nuss 610-730-2777 [brianjnuss@gmail.com](mailto:brianjnuss@gmail.com)

### **Val Thorens Club Med, 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](mailto: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](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.

## Membership DUES: 2020/2021 Season

Renew your membership for the 2020/2021 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.**

## Trips Update

**Mark Baechle:** Some Early-Bird special slots open for the trips, saving \$200pp on each Trip. If you act soon, you can get in on the Telluride Trip for only \$2299, and for the Italian Alps Trip for only \$2999. If you want to join, let Mark know at [SkiPro99@gmail.com](mailto:SkiPro99@gmail.com).

**Vicki Morris:** The Sunday River Maine still has Openings available.

### **Brian Nuss: Heavenly Lake Tahoe Trip - CANCELED**

While the pandemic remains a concern for group travel, and various restrictions remain fluid due to constantly changing conditions, I have decided to cancel the Heavenly Lake Tahoe trip due to the Operational Plans announced by Vail Resorts in September. Vail Resorts will not honor group lift tickets and mandates all trip participants purchase an EPIC pass to guarantee access to Snowsports activities during the length of the stay. This mandate forces all trip participants to incur additional costs, while also mandating pass holders reserve ski days in advance. This not only presents a logistical challenge - it adds costs to the trip which is not negotiable, nor is it acceptable.

I pride myself in running the best trip possible at the best price possible to provide value to those that travel with me. While I have remained confident the trip would be enjoyable for those attending even in the midst of the confusion and concern of the pandemic, I find it challenging to offer value based on Vail's corporate decisions and directions which caters only to "their members" and seemingly deters group travel. I look forward to identifying a 2022 destination early next year and look forward to those wishing to travel with me in the future.

Stay healthy and safe, and as always... think snow!

Brian Nuss

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## **Hike & Soup Sunday Nov 15<sup>th</sup>**

Date: Hike Sunday November 15

Time: 1PM

Place: Saylor Park  
245 N 2nd Street, Coplay

Soup is Questionable (TBD)  
But we Tailgate from the cars after the Hike.

## **Lost & Found**

**Found: The back casing of a wrist watch at a Ptarmigan gathering.**

Contact Carolyn 302-864-4120 to claim.

## **Road Trip – Ski Vermont**

Travel with friends on a Covid-safe sojourn to ski in Southern Vermont in the beginning of March 2021. Possible ski at Stratton, Magic Mtn, Bromley, Killington. Stay in a luxury home overlooking Stratton or in an old rustic lodge at the base of Magic. Decisions need to be made shortly to get a good price on lift tickets and to determine where to stay - all at cost.

Contact Carolyn ASAP if you are interested:  
[we3ski@epix.net](mailto:we3ski@epix.net) or 302-864-4120

## **Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council**

Ptarmigan Ski Club members formed 5 foursomes to compete in the charitable EPSC Inaugural Golf Tournament at Great Bear Golf Club in Stroudsburg PA on October 5. Go Ptarmigans!

## **Novelties**

Shot glasses are available for sale at the meetings - \$3.50 each or 3 for \$10. Help support your club and purchase several!



## **Music News** by Joyce Gilmore

The Slatington Train Station turned out to be a great venue for music featuring Erin Kelly on Sept. 9 and Adam Sorber on Sept. 23. What a pleasant place to sit on the grass, social distance, and listen to music on a warm summer night! Blue Mt. Vineyards had a wine stand set up and of course the Hot Diggety food truck is always there. Several Ptarmigans showed up and danced along with others. Jack's Slice has live music and DJs in their outdoor pavilion Wed. - Sunday. One of our favorite groups is John Cannovo and Flat Earth. They play Beach Boys, Beatles, the Eagles, and a lot of oldies -- perfect for dancing! The Large Flowerheads were at Ontelaunee Park in New Tripoli on Sept. 27.

Certain area vineyards are featuring live music -- Folino's Wine Estate (Kutztown) on Sunday afternoons and Setter Ridge (Kutztown) has live music and food trucks on weekends. I will continue posting music events as I find them. Let me know if you find any that you think the club would like. Joyce - [mindycat36@yahoo.com](mailto:mindycat36@yahoo.com)

## **Bike News** by Joyce Gilmore

September featured rides on the Saucon Rail Trail and the D & L. Dick McCreight led a new ride, the Union Canal Trail near Reading, where we explored a varied terrain and viewed beautiful scenery of woods, fields, stone houses, old mills, and barns. Thanks to Cindy Simoson for leading a ride on the D & L from Cementon to Lehigh Nature Gap on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>.

I am sorry I will not be able to post any more rides this year. My car is being repaired and will not be finished for some weeks so I am grounded. Thanks to everyone who came out and biked with us. It was fun riding with all of you and trying new trails. Hope to continue the ride next year!





**WINTER TENT SALE – VALLEY LODGE OCT 24–NOV 1 – CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT - NEW/USED RENTAL/DEMOS**

PSAA – 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE SNOW PASS PROGRAM - SIGN UP SCENIC LIFT RIDES EVERY SAT & SUN 10 AM-4:30 PM

OCTOBER 3 BLUE MOUNTAIN MADNESS OBSTACLE RACE DOWN HILL BIKE PARK - SAT & SUN 10 AM – 5 PM

BLUE MOUNTAIN TICKETS	LIST	FLEX PRICING (purchased 48+ hr prior) BY DATE/TIME
4 HR lift ticket start 8AM -NOON	\$49 WD \$79 WEH	WD \$28 –\$41 WEH \$36-\$41
4 HR LIFT start NOON – 3 PM	\$49 WD \$79 WEH	WD \$22 –\$24 WEH \$30-\$32
4 HR LIFT start 3 PM- CLOSE	\$49 WD \$79 WEH	WD \$18 –\$26 WEH \$25-\$26
8 HR lift anytime	\$69 WD \$109 WEH	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.skiblument.com/winter-sports/skiing-snowboarding/tickets/purchase-lift-tickets/](http://www.skiblument.com/winter-sports/skiing-snowboarding/tickets/purchase-lift-tickets/)

**A \$40 fee will be added to any ticket that are requesting a date/time 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!

<b>2020-2021 Blue Mountain Season Pass</b>	<b>Sale Pricing</b>	<b>www.skiblument.com</b>
<b>ALL AGES ALL ACCESS SEASON PASS</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	
<b>Pre-season Discount</b>	<b>\$529</b>	(Available in 5 payment installments)
<b>Full Price</b>	<b>\$629</b>	<b>(Starting November 1)</b>

**Refund Policy**

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

<b>ALL AGES</b>	<b>PRICE</b>
Leave at the Mountain or Take Home	\$169

*Skis or Snowboard*

**2020-2021 Seasonal Lockers**

<b>ALL AGES</b>	<b>PRICE</b>
Seasonal Locker Rentals	\$179

*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**

**October Check-in 5:30 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.

**CHECK OUT GLAMPING – TENTS ON 25 PLATFORMS**

Each Glamping site includes:

A UTV ride at check-in and check-out to and from your site for SUMMIT sites	Queen sized bunk bed that <b>sleeps 4</b>
A UTV escort to nearby parking by your site for VALLEY sites	A Loo toilet
A Deck	A Picnic table
End tables	A Solar shower
A Solar shower	Modern bathrooms are also available at our lodge
Modern shower houses are also available at our lodge	Modern bathrooms are also available at our lodge
Adirondack chairs	Ice water for drinking and clean water for hand washing
A Fire ring	Glamping tents are canvas and have zip-up netting and well as a zip-up door.
An empty cooler for your use	

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