



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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General Meeting (KoC) - Cancelled		Dec 8
XMass Hike & Outdoor Event	Tue 10:30a	Dec 8
Holiday Banquet - - Cancelled		
-----Jan 2021-----	-----	-----
Ski Party/General Meeting	Tue TBD	Jan 12
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General Meeting for Dec 8th - Cancelled

Celebrate the Holidays

Outdoor Christmas event on Tuesday, Dec. 8

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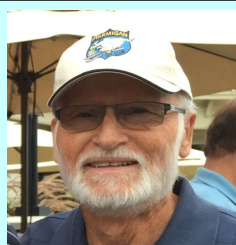
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See the Flyer Below for Details and Directions.

... President's Message Cont'd

Monika is hoping there is interest in a day trip to Longwood Gardens on either December 16 or 17th at \$25 per person, discounts if more than 15 people sign on. Another wonderful idea she proposed for the spring is a trip to the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton NJ, 300 acres of sculpture pieces by world famous artists plus a reproduction of Monet's home (in France), complete with a waterlily pond, sculpture pieces and artificial mists (not to mention Rat's world class restaurant).

Who says that the Ptarmigan Ski Club is not going to hit the street running in 2021...?



President's Message

Phil Hublitz

President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

There must be snow ahead...

I hope that everyone made it through Thanksgiving without gaining too much weight or more importantly, contracting the virus. If you gathered with family and friends that are not part of your household, there is the chance that someone present may have had COVID-19. We have scheduled an event December 8th at Jacobsburg Park and Jim Policelli's Estate that is open to all members. If you have any symptoms of the virus or feel that your Thanksgiving exposure may put others in jeopardy, please do not attend this event. There is considerable concern of a major surge in the spread of the virus because of Thanksgiving gatherings. Let's hope that does not happen.

Joyce continues to run music and biking events weekly and will start group ski days with luncheon meetings as soon as Blue can put enough snow on the ground. She has her wheels back and when the most recent event she had scheduled at the Folino Estate Winery went south, she opened her home & yard to those who turned out.

We still have no meeting place as the Knights of Columbus continues to be closed Monday and Tuesday and have food & liquor requirements that are hard to meet. Jeanne is waiting for a response from Blue MT RE our January and February ski parties. She has confirmed a date for the Spring Banquet, April 24th, 2021 at Iron Lakes with Scotty-G providing the music.

Between the Covers hopes to be able to meet in January, it may be by ZOOM. BTW we have had a few ZOOMED happy hours and a board meeting that all went well. Turn on your computer and tune in. The STEM group continues to ZOOM. Carolyn is trying to find discount coupons for us through the EPSC and has 59 of the PSC shot glasses, she purchased as promotional items, left. She is looking into other items such as can openers, headbands, and golf or kitchen hand towels for the future. The club logo is still popular with the membership, it's cool. I want a golf towel with the bird on it.

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Novelties – Stocking Stuffers

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



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

CANCELED

Aspen/Snowmass, Co Sun Jan 24 – Sun Jan 31, 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 db/occ, \$614 pp tri/occ and Senior discount avail
- 5 Day Lift Ticket included
- Vicki Morris 610-791-3421 vlm2378@rcn.com

CANCELED

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

- Forest Suits Resort \$1387 pp 4 per condo
- Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel \$1045 pp db/occ
- Lift Tickets are extra – many options available
- Brian Nuss 610-730-2777 brianjnuss@gmail.com

CANCELED

Steamboat, Co, Sat Feb 27 – Sat Mar 6

- \$1999
- 7 nights Storm Meadows Club Luxury Condos
- 5 of 7 Lift Ticket
- Mark Baechle 610-657-5825 SkiPro99@gmail.com

CANCELED

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

- \$2890 pp db/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

CANCELED

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

Val Thorens Club Med Trip – Catherine Chrapacz

Cancelled and is being rescheduled for about the same week of March 2022.

Steamboat Trip – Mark Baechle

Cancelled.

Telluride Trip – Mark Baechle

Mark has openings on the Telluride Trip, still at the early-bird price of \$2299 (act soon!).

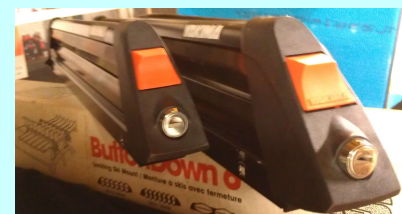
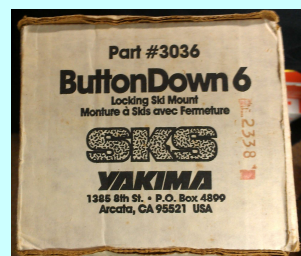
Aspen/Snowmass – Donna Westgate

We are all set to go (fingers crossed) that covid doesn't affect us..

Yakima Ski Rack for Sale

Al Koszi has a Yakima Ski Rack for sale: Button Down 4 & 6 (Part #: 3036) with Lifts (to angle the rack), a pair of locks (with keys and 2 set of Mighty Mounts (3509 & 350). No, I don't know what they fit. Excellent condition \$150.

Contact: A J Koszi 610-504-4735



Golf Recap

Once the restrictions brought on by covid were eased, Ptarmigan Friday golf kicked into high gear. During the June through October Fridays, twenty golf days were enjoyed with three rain outs. Another covid effect was the significant increase in golfer traffic that courses experienced. Without a doubt, there was no less than a 33% increase in PSC participation with one Friday having 32 players.

In addition, twenty enjoyed a Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council fund raising outing at Great Bear near East Stroudsburg. Kudos to Carolyn Greenland for organizing the PSC teams. Three of the twelve on course prizes were won by Ptarmigans.

Harvey Greenland, men closest to the hole (24"); Alan Lavoie, men longest drive; and Len Steigerwalt, men straightest drive, (6" off line).

On a sad note, golfers are mourning the loss of Locust Valley Golf Course to development.

Typically, this course would be played three times each season.

See all next spring -Tom Weiser

Biking and Hiking Recap by Joyce Gilmore

Ptarmigans are keeping their attention focused on outdoor activities. They enjoyed three eighteen-mile bike rides on the D & L trail from Cementon to Slatington on Nov., 5, 21, and 29. Weather was favorable each day, and we felt especially lucky to be riding so late in November. On the Nov. 21 ride, we were treated to seeing two bald eagles and even watched one take off in flight showing off its gigantic wingspan. When we arrived at the Slatington trailhead on Nov. 29, we ate our lunch amidst a gigantic sale of Christmas trees -- like dining in a huge pine forest!

On Nov. 12, the Wildlands Conservancy did an interesting raptor presentation at the Slatington Trailhead where they showed two owls and a red-tailed hawk. Beforehand, six Ptarmigans hiked along the Walnutport canal and later in the evening went to Sal's Pizza for some of the gooiest, cheesiest pizza I've ever seen!

Kathy Seufert's annual fall hike on Nov.15 on the Ironton Trail was well attended. Weather was fairly mild in spite of being cloudy with rain threatening. It stayed completely dry for the hike! How great to talk with people we had not seen in a while! The parking lot tailgate afterwards was delicious and fun. Just as we finished packing up, drizzle started. Perfect timing!

I will post more biking and hiking throughout the winter as weather permits. Hopefully, skiing will start soon!

See Photos on the next page.

Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council

www.killington.com/

The Beast is OPEN! New - "Parking Lot 101" - Parking reservations are required due to COVID-19 this season. Go to Killington.com for details and for on-line only purchase of lift tickets. Be sure to check out Vermont's Cross State Travel Guidelines.

Music News Recap by Joyce Gilmore

Music events have been difficult to schedule because they are almost nonexistent in the pandemic. Folino's Wine Estate in Kutztown had advertised live music every Sunday afternoon from 1-4. We scheduled a gathering there on Nov. 8 only to find out when we arrived that the music had been canceled and there was a two hour wait for outdoor tables. We then went to Joyce Gilmore's house, a ten-minute drive away in Kutztown, and hung out in her backyard. People brought wine and snacks. Joyce gave tours through her new house and camper. It turned out to be a fun improvisation!

Joyce's Backyard Party



Kathy Seufert's Annual Fall Hike on Nov.15



Nov. 21 Bike Ride





Celebrate the Holidays and join Ptarmigans for an Outdoor Christmas event on Tuesday, Dec. 8

We will begin with a hike by meeting at 10:30 am at Jacobsburg Environmental Center (400 Belfast Rd., Nazareth, Pa. 18064) in the parking lot where the buildings are. There are restrooms inside. Then we will do an easy, flat, three-mile hike on part of the Jacobsburg Trail. We will have to start and stay together as the trail is not well marked and there are several confusing intersections.

After the hike around noon, Jim Policelli is hosting the Christmas gathering at his Pinewoods estate in the pavilion by the lake where the summer picnic took place. Jim lives at 5796 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth, Pa., (village of Belfast) about a mile from the park. Drive back to the lake where there is plenty of parking. There will be two Bonfires, Hot Mulled Cider, and Hot Glühwein. Monika is providing a tray of Christmas Stollens that are eaten in Germany with the Glühwein. We will sing Christmas carols, and Jim will have his boombox going for dancing. A gas grill is available so bring what food and drink you like. You will be able to wear masks and social distance. Bring your lawn chair.

You are welcome to come to any part of the gathering.

Directions to Jim's house: From 33 N., take a right off the Belfast exit. Go about 1/10 mile to the stop sign and take a right onto Belfast Rd. and then in a few hundred feet take another right on Sullivan Trail where the convenience store is. Jim's brown house is on the left about 4/10 mile down the road. Look for the sign.

Directions to Jacobsburg Park: From 33 N., take a right off the Belfast exit. Go about 1/10 mile to the stop sign and then take a sharp hairpin left onto Belfast Rd. Go about one mile to the Jacobsburg Environmental Center parking lot (where the buildings are) on your left.

Please RSVP to Joyce Gilmore mindycat36@yahoo.com 610-741-8943

Let Joyce know which parts of the event you are doing.



BLUE MOUNTAIN TICKETS BY DATE/TIME	LIST	FLEX PRICING (purchased 48+ hr prior)
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 (NO TICKET WINDOWS OPEN)

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/time change

All tickets are date specific and MUST be purchased online at shopskibluemt.com. There will be no ticket windows available. We are offering dynamic pricing on tickets this season. Discounted tickets will be available up to 48 hours before your visit. All tickets will be picked up using our redemption boxes located OUTSIDE of the of our lodges. Simply scan the barcode provided in your confirmation email to print your RFID ticket. Redemption works best if your phone brightness is turned all the way up, and your barcode is made as large as possible. You may also print the email. If you have a ticket from last season, you can reload it online using your webcode and go directly to the slopes.

There will no longer be a drop off area in front of the Lodges. At this time, there will be no shuttle service. There will be no ski check this year. No outside food will be allowed in the lodges. We will be limiting the number of guests allowed within our eateries. The tables within our eateries will have time limits. Encouraging all guests to boot up in their cars.

Guests will be required to wear masks. You will only be required to ride the lift with those you feel comfortable with and arrived at the resort with. We will not require non-cohorts to fill spaces on each lift chair. **WATCH GENERAL MANAGER TALK - BELOW**

2020-2021 Season Pass

Blue Mountain Resort Season Passes come with NO blackout dates and NO restrictions, just more time on the mountain! Season Pass Holders enjoy special pass holder perks, discounts, and direct-to-slopes convenience!

SEE BELOW

2020-2021 Blue Mountain Season Pass

Sale Pricing

www.skibluemt.com

ALL AGES ALL ACCESS SEASON PASS

PRICE

\$629

(Starting November 1)

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.

Seniors ages 70 & older receive a free Season Pass!*

SENIOR PASS RENEWAL CALL 610 826 7700 – GROUP SALES – GET CODE /OR THEY WILL RENEW

WILL USE LAST YEARS CARD JUST UPDATED EXPIRATION

Children ages 5 & younger receive a free Child Season Pass!

** You can ask for a day lift ticket if you do not want a season pass. **

2020-2021 Seasonal Rentals

ALL AGES - Skis or Snowboard

PRICE

Leave at the Mountain or Take Home

\$169

2020-2021 Seasonal Lockers

Summit or Valley Locations Available

PRICE

Seasonal Locker Rentals

\$179

Blue Wants YOU! Work Where You Play - <https://www.skibluemt.com/employment/>

PSAA – 4th 5th GRADE SNOW PASS PROGRAM – NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO COVID

GENERAL MANAGERS TALK ON COVID PRECAUTIONS AT BLUE MOUNTAIN:

link to the whole SAFETY MESSAGE: <https://www.skibluemt.com/safety-precautions/>

NOTE THE TICKETING INFO ON THIS PAGE – MANY OTHER RESTRICTIONS

link to just the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yH7vT15XvMo>



We offer vouchers for special discounted season passes. Save time and money by getting your lift ticket for Blue Mountain ahead of time at any of our 7 retail locations.

Student Season Pass \$169.00

This is a 73% discount from the normal price. Pass holder must be 22 years old or younger.

Valid anytime M-F and Saturday and Sunday after 3pm.

Adult Season Pass \$429.00

This is a 31% discount from the normal price. Valid any day and time all season. Ask for an official voucher at the register. - Once you have your unique voucher code please call 610-826-7700 or visit shopskibluemt.com

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