

# Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

## January 2021



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>

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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Ski Day: Meet Joyce at Bottom 6-Pac	Wed 9:45	Jan 6
Ski Party/Tailgate at Blue Mt	Tue 1 pm	Jan 12
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Ski/Ski Party/Tailgate at Blue Mt	Tue TBD	Feb 9
-----Mar-----	-----	-----
General Meeting if Possible	Tue TBD	Mar 9
-----Apr-----	-----	-----
No Spring Banquet due to COVID		
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Grounds for Sculpture Visit: Monika	Sat	May 15

### Ski Day - Tailgate Party - Jan 12<sup>th</sup>

**Tuesday Jan 12<sup>th</sup> at Blue Mountain**

**Ski and Tailgate Party**

**Rain Date is January 13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday**

Since we can't meet inside, we'll be meeting outside.

Meet at the Six Pack at 9:45 AM.

If you are not there on time, just look for the group between the six pack and the quad.

Catch you on the next run.

Tailgate Party in the Valley Parking Lot (where we meet at the end of the season) at 1 PM. BYOB, Bring Your Own Food, and a Chair if you want to sit.

Food Trucks are situated outside the lodge, but may not be open during the week.

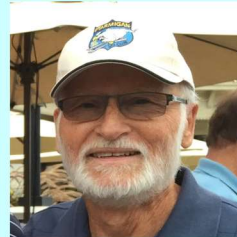
If you can bring a small grill, we could use one or two.

No need to RSVP, any questions, call Jeanne at 610-844-2590.

### ... President's Message Cont'd

Monika has selected Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup> for a "Grounds for Sculpture" trip. If you are interested sculptural art, as mentioned here last month, be sure to sign up.

The Spring Banquet is scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, that is just around the corner...



### President's Message

**Phil Hublitz**

**President, Ptarmigan Ski Club**

Wow, is it that time again?

The virus is still surging, Blue Mountain is packed, and the temperatures go up and down like a rollercoaster. I managed to fit in 6 days at Blue, I think Joel & Alex said they had 16, unbelievable but, (most likely) true. We are solidly into the ski season, even if it is weirdest of all time. If you like ice, there is plenty to go around. We have members who can handle it and some good days for those who cannot.

So, what is happening? Well, the December Hike & Outing at Jacobsburg Park and Policelli's Pinewoods came off without a hitch: sun, great food, bonfires, and some dancing outside with masks, social distancing as much as possible. Unfortunately, Bill's January 2nd Bonfire Outing had to be canceled because of the weather.

We have been Zooming happy hours every week with more Ptarmigans joining in as the months go by. I do not see how that is going change anytime soon although I understand restaurants in Pennsylvania will reopen as of January 4<sup>th</sup>. We will continue to keep tabs on the Knight of Columbus for our general meetings.

We have postponed the PSC Charity Golf Tournament for another year, until 2022. We are looking for a chairperson to lead the way. The January & February Ski Parties at Blue are up in the air too. I suspect that the crowds at Blue right now are as much as management can handle. If that changes, we will let you know immediately.

Joyce has scheduled several group ski days at Blue but with the crowds, it been hard to find anyone. Possible tailgate(s) coming up in the lower parking lot on the other side of Blue Mountain Drive.

The BTC members have read "The Splendid and The Vile" over the last two month and do hope to meet, possibly by Zoom if there is no other alternative. The STEM group continues to Zoom, this month about the electrical grid system interconnecting the electrical power systems between Pennsylvania and neighboring states.

We are wrapping distribution of the PSC School Ski Club Scholarships because of the problems caused by the COVID-19. We will seek additional candidates in August. A total of 3 scholarships were awarded this season.

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## 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 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](mailto:travelswithdonna@yahoo.com)

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

- Summit Hotel and Conference Center slopeside
- \$874 pp dbl occ, \$614 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**

- Forest Suites Resort \$1387 pp 4 per condo
- Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel \$1445 pp dbl/occ
- Lift Tickets are extra – many options available
- Brian Nuss 610-730-2777 [brianjnuss@gmail.com](mailto:brianjnuss@gmail.com)

### **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](mailto:SkiPro99@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.**

## Grounds for Sculpture Visit May 15<sup>th</sup>

Saturday May 15, 2021 the Grounds for Sculpture, a 42 acre Artspace in New Jersey, about 20 minutes outside Lawrenceville.

It may take 2 to 3 hours to experience the art displays, with plenty of opportunities to sit and enjoy your surroundings. There are dining options for small plates, or you can bring a packed lunch.

The entry fee at the moment is \$12.00 but may be somewhat higher in the spring.

For anyone who is interested, please contact Monika Drury, so we can arrange carpooling etc. Her phone number is 570-876-1470 or [mdrury23@gmail.com](mailto:mdrury23@gmail.com).

<https://www.groundsforsculpture.org/about/>

## Ptarmigan Group Ski Days

Submitted by Joyce Gilmore

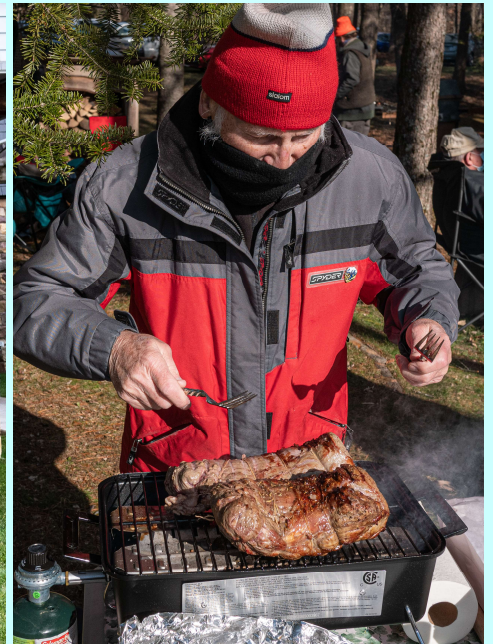
Ptarmigan had their first group ski day on Wednesday, Dec.23. The sunny weather was pleasant, but the slopes and lift lines were very crowded. Snow conditions were somewhat heavy and clumpy and later by noon were getting skied off. However, it was good to take a few runs and best of all to be together with our friends. A group of us had lunch on the Summit patio and enjoyed good conversation.

Joyce will continue to post group ski days weekly. Hopefully, crowds will diminish of weekday mornings for the rest of the season. We will probably do lunch at the Summit with some tail gates mixed in at the Valley parking lot. Hope you can come out and join us!

Next Ski Day – Wed Jan 6<sup>th</sup> – Meet Joyce at the bottom by the 6-pack at 9:45 am. Lunch at Summit at 12:30 pm

## Policelli Christmas Event Tuesday Dec 8<sup>th</sup> Recap by Joyce Gilmore

December 8 turned out to be a crisp but tolerable winter day. We had a good turnout for the three-mile hike at Jacobsburg State Park. When we got back to Jim's Pinewoods Estate, hot mulled cider and hot glühwein warmed our chilly bodies. A special thank you to Bill Ortnor for arriving early, starting the two campfires, and heating the wine and cider so that everything was all ready when the hikers arrived. Phil Hublitz brought filet mignon as a special treat. Monika Drury provided a tray of German stollens and cookies that are traditionally eaten in Germany with the glühwein. People ate, drank, visited with one another, and basked in the sunshine by the lake. There was Christmas music for dancing in the decorated pavilion. Jim even engineered a unique rustic bathroom! It was so good to be together in an open-air setting! Timing is always of the utmost importance. The very next day it snowed and would have compromised the event. Many thanks, Jim, for providing a perfect outdoor venue for us to gather.



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### SKI-FOR-ALL SPECIAL - **\$40.00**

Applies every non-holiday Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, get a \$40 Lift Ticket and Complimentary All Day Equipment Rental and take advantage of our Ski-For-All Special! Can't be combined with any other offers or promotions. Must be purchased or redeemed before 3pm on day of intended use.

SKI FOR ALL SPECIAL NOT OFFERED DEC 28, 29, 30, JAN 18, & FEB 15, 16, 17 Phone 570-969-7669



**Bear Creek Mountain Resort** will offer discounts to Ptarmigan Ski Club members this year. If you show your membership card at the ticket window, you may purchase a discounted extended day lift ticket for **\$25**. Valid only non-holiday Mondays through Thursday (excludes 1/18/21 and 2/15/21).

### Novelties

Shot Glasses are for sale at the meetings and events. \$3.50 each or 3 for \$10 Please support your club and purchase several. Contact [Carolyn.Greenland@gmail.com](mailto:Carolyn.Greenland@gmail.com)

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