

Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

February 2021



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/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		
-----May-----	-----	-----
Grounds for Sculpture Visit: Monika	Sat	May 15
-----Jun-----	-----	-----
-----Jul-----	-----	-----
Spring Banquet Iron Lakes	Sat TBD	Jul 31

Ski Day – Tailgate Party – Feb 9th

**Tuesday Feb 9th at Blue Mountain
Ski and Tailgate Party**

Rain Date is Feb 10th, Wednesday

Meet at the Six Pack at 9:45 AM

Tailgate Party in the Valley Parking Lot at 1 PM

More details on Page 2..

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

... President's Message Cont'd

Interest in the Monika's "Ground for Sculpture" is picking up, do not miss this one, it is a winner. 6 Ptarmigans have signed up.

Only one ski trip is up and running, Mark's Telluride Trip March 20-27; Mark still has openings.

The Spring Banquet has been re-scheduled for Saturday July 31st at Iron Lakes CC, inside the Club with Scotty-G as DJ. Woodstone is reserved for December 5, 2021 also with DJ Scotty G.

Lastly, Bill's 2nd Bonfire on the Estate is tentatively scheduled for February 27th, weather dependent, details to follow.

Looking ahead - the March election will be done by email. Gwen (Recording Secretary) and Jeanne (VP) are stepping down. Who among you will step up?

We are looking for a chairperson for the Charity Golf Tournament to be held at Allentown Muni on September 23, 2022.

Stay Safe and I hope to see you on the slopes, a storm is brewing.



President's Message

Phil Hublitz

President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

COVID-19 in remission?

More infections, more deaths but the rate of infection is dropping, if I interpret the data correctly. The good thing is that quite a few of us have either had or have scheduled our first vaccine shot (the older folks). In the meantime, do not forget to WMWHSS (Wear a Mask, Wash Hands and Social Distance) PTARMIGANS.

A couple guys were injured this week, Rob Metter took a tumble down the Falls (Blue) and Jim Policelli took a flyer (the Hump - Camelback) with his new curved skis. Not too serious but we hope that they are back to the slopes ASAP, a winter northeaster is on its way.

Some excellent group ski days have been scheduled by Joyce; the snow was GLORIOUS for the last one, the next is Wednesday. Look for pictures of the Adirondack chair luncheon circle from 2 weeks ago in this issue.

The Friday night ZOOM happy hour was dynamic and enthusiastic. During the discussion Jim Policelli & Mark Baechle both said they are never without a whistle on the slopes. We concluded that it would be a great promotional item to raise money for the club, every member should have one for safety; all skiers should carry one. Hopefully, Carolyn can find something appropriate.

The BTC book this month is the "Nickel Boys", another winner by Colson Whitehead; the last STEM group discussion presented by Jim Policelli, traced wind power from ancient times to modern day wind farms, both pro and con.

The January 12th tailgate party was a great success, with 41 Ptarmigans in attendance including the Spanish contingent from Madrid (Bridget & Michel). The February 9th Ski Party will be a tailgate in the lower lodge parking lot in the southwest corner; Look for the Ptarmigan Banner...Reminder, WMWHSS please. The theme is Mardi Gras, a prize will be awarded for the best costume. It is BYOB & BYOF, some of us shared in January, not a good idea. Do not forget a chair and we could use a few more tables and grills.

Carolyn is still hoping to gather some Ptarmigans for discounted ski trips to MONTAGE (\$40) and Bear Creek (\$25). Contact her if you need a change of venue. Discount tickets are available for Killington, Bromley, and Pico too.

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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

Aspen/Snowmass, Co Sun Jan 24 – Sun Jan 31, 2021

- \$2095. Over 65 \$1995.
- 7 Nights Snowmass Mountain Condos or Stonebridge Inn
- 5 or 7 Day 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

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

- Forest Suits Resort \$1387 pp 4 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

Steamboat, Co, Sat Feb 27 – Sat Mar 6

- \$1999
- 7 nights Storm Meadows Club Condos
- 5 of 7 Lift Ticket
- Mark Baechle 610-657-5825 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

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

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

The Telluride Trip March 20th is a GO and has some openings. [Click Here for Trip Flyer](#)

Contact: Mark Baechle 610-657-5825 SkiPro99@gmail.com

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.

Ski Day – Tailgate – February 9th

Tuesday, February 9th, Ski & Tailgate at Blue Mountain
Rain Date is Wednesday, February 10th

Since once again we can't meet inside so 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 located outside of the lodge, but may not be open during the week. If you can bring a small grill or table, we could use one or two.

Please Remember to Social Distance and Wear Your Mask.

No need to RSVP, but if you have any questions, call Jeanne at 610-844-2590.

Officer and Board Elections in March

The Annual Elections for Officers and Board will be conducted by email in March.

Jeanne Weiser is stepping down as Vice President but would like to stay on the Board of Directors.

Gwen White is stepping down as Recording Secretary.

All other Officers and Elected Board Members will run for re-election to their current positions.

Ballots and details to follow in March.

Spring Banquet - Sat July 31st

The April 24th Spring Banquet has been changed to Saturday July 31st at Iron Lakes.

More details and the flyer to follow,

We will keep the same menu and Scotty G will be the DJ.

Mack Ski Club invites you to a day at Elk Mt.

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For more details, contact Tammy at 610-551-5672 or tammywolfram@yahoo.com.

Meet in Lodge at 9am or 12. Going to Chets at 4pm for Dinner.

--Mark Bahchle SkiPro99@gmail.com 610-657-5825

Ptarmigan Group Ski Days

Recap by: Joyce Gilmore

Ptarmigans have enjoyed several group ski days at Blue Mt. Conditions are improving as the season progresses. January crowds are lighter than December but still higher in volume than last year. People are craving outdoor activities! We are enjoying more trails to ski. Almost everything is open. Lunch at the Summit on the Slopeside patio by the fire pits is always fun and a comfortable way to talk with friends. I try to run group ski days once or twice a week depending on the weather. Keep checking your posts for dates and times as they may change with the weather conditions.

If anyone else would like to run a group ski day either to Blue or to another area, please feel free to do so. Send the information to Bill Ortner at wortner@att.net. He will post it to the entire club.

Hope to see more of you on the slopes!

Look for Joyce on the Slopes:



Tailgate Party on Jan 12th at Blue

We made the best of it at our Outdoor Tailgate since we could not meet inside. Around 41 Ptarmigans showed up for a bright and sunny day with great conditions.

Some of us skied and others just came out to enjoy the day. Will do it again Feb 9th.





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SKI COUNCIL



SKI-FOR-ALL SPECIAL - \$40.00 Age 70+ \$15.00 * Looking to plan a Ptarmigan Ski Day
***** Contact Carolyn if interested in meeting up.*****

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! Must be purchased or redeemed before 3pm on day of intended use. SKI FOR ALL SPECIAL NOT OFFERED FEB 15, 16, 17 Phone 570-969-7669



Bear Creek Mountain Resort offers 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 2/15/21). Seniors 70+ season ticket \$25. *** **Looking to plan a Ptarmigan Ski Day ***** Contact Carolyn if interested in meeting up.*****



EPSC reports that Gore Mountain is offering a discounted group rate (15+ skiers) for "Safe Drive" ski trips. \$55 adult rate and \$44 for seniors 65+. Contact Carolyn for more details if interested.



A **Ptarmigan ski day** is being planned for **Thursday, February 11**. Ski conditions have been great, so let's not miss out! \$58 all day adult ticket (65+ cost is \$50) Ticket Window opens at 8 am. Slopes open from 8:30 to 4:30 pm. Plans to join up with Mack Ski Club and dine at Chet's Place after skiing. Call/text Carolyn (302-864-4120) for more information or if you are interested in meeting up.

Novelties

Shot Glasses are for sale. \$3.50 each or 3 for \$10 Please support your club and purchase several. Contact Carolyn.Greenland@gmail.com

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

[Membership Application - Click here.](#)