

Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

March 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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Close the Mt. Tailgate	TBD	TBD
----- Apr -----	-----	-----
Big Sky Trip: Mark Baechle	Mon Apr 5 – Mon Apr 12	
No Spring Banquet due to COVID		
----- May -----	-----	-----
Grounds for Sculpture Visit: Monika	Sat	May 15
----- Jun -----	-----	-----
Spring Fling: Bill Ortner	Sat 2:00 p	Jun 19
----- Jul -----	-----	-----
Spring Banquet Iron Lakes	Sat TBD	Jul 31

Close The Mt. Tailgate Party

We'll Let You Know When!

Election For Officers and Board

The Annual Election for Officers and Board will very different this year due to COVID restrictions on gatherings. We're doing it by email. Ballots will be emailed to all members on March 23rd and must be returned by March 28th, they will be counted on March 29th. You will vote by Replying to the email ballot you receive. The ballot will contain all instructions and list of candidates.

Nominations for all positions will be accepted until Mar 22nd
Send you nominations to Bill Ortner wortner@att.net.

So far, here is the lineup:

OFFICERS

Pres.: Phil Hublitz

VP: Carolyn Greenland

Treas: Kathy Seufert

Memb. Sec.: Mary Laronge

Recording Sec: Lisa Rufo

BOARD (Vote for Three)

Bill Ortner

Joyce Gilmore

Monika Drury

Jeanne Weiser

Rob Metter

Volunteer, Nominate Someone, Vote – Let's make this a competitive election!



President's Message

Phil Hublitz

President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

Flash, and winter is gone...March Email Election coming up.

No need to rehash COVID-19, if you do not know what is important by now, you must have been living under a rock, and maybe it feels that way.

Lots of stuff in the pipeline, all detailed in the newsletter, again no need to rehash.

We are seriously looking for a Chairperson for the PSC Charity Golf Tournament for September 23rd of 2022. Come on you serious golfers...

We need to thank Jeanne Weiser for 10 years of service as Vice President, that must be a record and diligent she has been. Pretty hard to put a value on that Jeanne, thanks a million. She will remain on the board continuing to pursue many projects, as she has in the past.

Leaving the board is Gwen White who has done an excellent job of recording our meanderings during board meetings and tracking down school ski club advisors for our scholarship program. Candidate for that position is Lisa Ruffo, already a valuable member of the board.

All the current board directors continue to work hard to make your Ptarmigan experience better. We want to be inclusive. If you are interested in seeking a place on the board, please contact Bill Ortner ASAP. We want fresh ideas, especially centering around attracting new and younger members. The election ballots will be headed to an email address near you before the end of the month.

Closing date for the Final Day Tailgate Party is still to be determined.

New Ski Trip Announced

Big Sky, Mt. April 5 – 12, 2021

- \$1999 if you act fast - may go up to \$2499 pp
- 7 Nights at the Huntley Lodge
- 5 of 6 Day Lift Ticket
- Mark Baechle 610-657-5825 SkiPro99@gmail.com

See Flyer Below for Details.

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

CANCELED

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

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

Postponed to 2022

- Donna Westgate: 610-392-9200
travelswithdonna@yahoo.com

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

CANCELED

- Vicki Morris 610-791-3421 vlm2378@rcn.com

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

CANCELED

- Brian Nuss 610-730-2777 brianjnuss@gmail.com

Steamboat, Co, Sat Feb 27 – Sat Mar 6

CANCELED

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

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

Postponed to 2022

- 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

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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.

In Memoriam

Remembering our ski club members who recently passed away:

John Malia, 76, September 17, 2020, companion of Diane Peters.

Herbert Morris, 86, December 13, 2020, husband of Vicki Morris.

Dr. Richard Bold, 78, December 23, 2020.

Robert Ashmore, 67, February 12, 2021, husband of Nancy Ashmore.

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

Aspen/Snowmass – Donna Westgate

The majority of the trip participants for the ski trip to Snowmass/Aspen this past January was voted to postpone until 2022 due to Covid concerns and shutdowns.

Therefore the 2022 trip is scheduled for the same destination, Snowmass, Saturday to Saturday, January 22 - 29, 2022.

New Trip: Big Sky Apr 5-12, 2021 – Mark Baechle

See at left and Flyer below for details.

Shamrock & Roll – Friday Mar 5th

MARCH FIRST FRIDAY | SHAMROCK & ROLL
Presented By: SouthSide Arts District

Dates: March 5, 2021

Location: SouthSide Arts District

Address: 324 S. New St., Bethlehem, PA 18015

Phone: (610) 360-5778

Time: 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM

[Shamrock & Roll Link](#)

Contact Monika Drury if interested: 570-876-1470
mdrury23@gmail.com

Grounds for Sculpture on May 15

We are still planning a carpool trip to Grounds for Sculpture on May 15. So far 7 Ptarmigans have signed up. I am also planning to visit Longwood Gardens on April 10 to see the Spring Blooms, which I have never experienced before. I would love some company.

For some real fun times, I am looking for some brave souls to „break out of the escape room“ some time in the near future. We may have to solve a murder, escape the clutches of an evil scientist or reset the calendar in a Mayan Temple. Puzzle aficionados will love this. All is COVID secure at \$27.50 a person. This may take about 60 minutes and up to 10 players can participate. For any and all adventures call Monika Drury at 570-876-1470 mdrury23@gmail.com.

Group Ski & Snow Shoe Wrap up

Recap by: Joyce Gilmore

Ptarmigans continue to enjoy outstanding group ski days. Conditions have been beyond excellent! We've had many sunny days to bask outside around the fire pits on the Summit Slopeside patio for lunch and apre ski. So good to ski and be together with friends! Hopefully we have another month of skiing left.

Some Ptarmigans enjoyed a snow shoe and cross country ski day February 20 on the D & L trail starting from Slatington. Brilliant sun and picturesque snowy conditions provided the perfect backdrop. Afterwards we had lunch at Sal's Pizza across from the Slatington railroad station.

On February 25 a few Ptarmigans met at Jacobsburg Park hoping to snow shoe. Unfortunately, the nature center there was not renting snow shoes that day. BUT - Ptarmigans always make the best of things! We hiked the trails instead and had a great sunny, tail gate lunch in the parking lot. The woods and fields sparkled in the snow! It turned out to be another super day!



**Aprés
Ski
At
Blue Mt.**



**Aprés
At
Jacobs-
burg**

2021-2022 Blue Mountain Resort Season Pass

Season Pass Sale Begins March 1!

Blue Mountain Resort will continue to limit the amount of skiers and snowboarders on the mountain in the 2021/2022 season. **Early bird season passes will be on sale until March 31 or until remaining quantities are gone.**

If you are a current season passholder for the 2020/2021 season your pass will be reserved for renewal until 3/31. You will be receiving an email with instructions to renew your season pass for \$549 by applying a voucher in your [e-store](#) account.

Link to Blue Mt. for latest details and pricing:

<https://www.skibluemt.com/winter-sports/skiing-snowboarding/tickets-season-pass/season-pass/>



EPSC EASTERN PA SKI COUNCIL



Killington

Skier Appreciation days:

March 8 - 12, - **\$75**

April 5 - 9 - **\$70**

Pico - \$40 March 8, 11, 12



SKI-FOR-ALL SPECIAL

Mon-Weds - **\$40.00**

Age 70+ - **\$15.00**

BEAR CREEK - \$25 w/membership card

Mondays through Thursday.

Seniors 70+ season ticket **\$25**

Novelties

Shot Glasses are for sale. \$3.50 each or 3 for \$10. Contact we3ski@epix.net



BIG SKY, MT

APRIL 5—12, 2021

Only \$2499 \$1999 which INCLUDES:

- **7 nights Ski-In/Ski-Out at The Huntley** full-service Hotel. Bedding is guaranteed.
- **5/6-Day Lift Tickets at Big Sky** with 5800 acres, 300 trails, & 4350 vertical!
- **Roundtrip AIR** between PHL and Bozeman;
- **Transfer** to/from resort.
- The Huntley's famous Hot Breakfast is included every day!
- **Many Parties:** BEACH Party, Pizza Party, Bus Party, Welcome Party, if allowed.
- **Lessons** to improve your techniques in Powder, Moguls, Steeps, Trees, or Groomed.
- **Trip Insurance** up to \$250,000 (see Trip Release for details).
- **Taxes, Fees, Airline Surcharges, & Bus Tips.**

Stats: 4350' vert; 286" snow/yr; 5800 acres; 29 Lifts; 300 trails, 110 miles, 15/24/43/18 (Beg%/Int%/Black%/DbIBlk)

Options: Parking & Transp. LV <-> PHL (+\$99pp); Private Room (+\$699); No Air (-\$400); No Lifts (-\$250); 6th day Lifts (+\$125)

Optional Activities: Snowmobiling; Snowshoeing; Dog Sledding; Horse-drawn Sleighs; Sno-Biking; Zip-Line; ...

Big Sky: "Big Sky is known for pushing the limits of skiing. Whether it's providing 4,350 vertical feet of terrain from the top of Lone Peak, or installing North America's most technologically advanced chairlift, we're always looking for new ways to create exceptional experiences for our guests. 300 degrees of skiing off of the towering Lone Peak, surrounded by three other mountains, spans 5,850 acres of terrain to explore. If you're just starting out on snow, 2,300 of those acres are beginner and intermediate terrain that's perfect for learning and improving your technique. For the experts, Big Sky provides lift-served access to some of the most aggressive in-bounds terrain in the world. Seamless accessibility is provided by the most advanced lift network in North America. With slopeside lodging like the Huntley Lodge and Summit Hotel, shopping, and dining, Mountain Village is the heart of it all."

The Huntley: "Located in the heart of Big Sky Resort's Mountain Village, this traditional slope-side ski lodge was an original landmark in the late NBC News broadcaster Chet Huntley's original vision for Big Sky Resort. Huntley Lodge guests enjoy easy access to ski storage, the Huntley Lodge pool and hot tubs, fitness center, the Explorer Lift (just steps out the back door), as well as dining, shopping, and the Yellowstone Conference Center. The Huntley Lodge is an excellent choice for luxury and convenience to all mountain activities."



Questions? Contact Mark at: (610) 657-5825 or SkiPro99@gmail.com

Mark has been running great ski trips for over 20 years!

Please fill out the bottom of the Trip Release, and send it with your deposit to the address shown.

2021 Big Sky Trip important details:

\$1999 is based on a huge discount to the first people acting extremely soon. It could go back to the \$2499 soon. Tip: Act immediately!

The trip includes Air, Accommodations at The Huntley in Big Sky Mountain Village; 5-out-of-6 day lift ticket at Big Sky, Lessons; Parties; Taxes; and roundtrip Transfers between the Bozeman airport and The Huntley.

Air is tentatively on American Airlines (AA) from PHL (Philadelphia Airport), or another nearby airport. Air details may change, including flight times, numbers, airports and airlines. Tip: Go with the flow!

Airline Baggage fees are NOT included. TIP: Sign up for that airline's credit card, and notify me of sign-up, I will try to help you out.

TSA now requires a "real ID" or passport to fly domestically. A non-updated driver's license is not enough. Tip: Be prepared!

If you opt to do your own Air, the Trip Leader will provide transportation to/from arrival airport on the same bus as the group, at the same time. Any alternative transportation is on your own.

All options must be reserved and paid in advance to guarantee their availability. Activities may require minimum numbers to be reached. COVID restrictions might cancel or change activities. Tip: Go with the flow!

Lessons are group lessons taught by a nationally-certified PSIA/AASI instructor, run through the trip leader, not the resorts. The number of lessons, and their types and durations, depends on weather, conditions, and number of attendees and their abilities. Tip: While on the slopes, ask the Trip Leader for tips to improve your skiing or snowboarding.

Multiple Parties will be attempted, depending on COVID restrictions, and number of attendees. Most Parties should include beverages or prizes, but not a meal. The Trip Leader will try to provide dinner at one of the parties, in the form of an assortment of Pizzas, if delivery is available. Tip: Relax and have fun!

Trip Insurance includes: Medical Coverage--\$50,000pp; Medical Evacuation--\$250,000pp; Trip Delay--\$150/day if >six hours (max \$750); Missed Connection- \$500 if >3 hours; Baggage delay--\$400--if >24 hours; Trip Interruption--\$500 towards airfare for return flight. Trip cancellation and full trip interruption are extra.

Price includes Tips (for multiple buses) and Property Taxes, Bus Taxes, and Airline Taxes, quoted as of Feb. 27, 2021. Other tipping is at your discretion. Additional charges could apply if airline charges fees after that date.

All details are projected but not guaranteed, and can be affected by weather, traffic, airline issues, air traffic control issues, number of attendees, timing of receiving monies, COVID restrictions, zombie apocalypse, and other unforeseen events..

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Total amount due immediately. All checks must be made payable to "Mark Baechle"

Mark Baechle's Trip Liability Release and Indemnity Agreement, and CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

Some restrictions and penalties apply to your vacation investment. If you cancel your reservations, YOUR RIGHT TO A REFUND IS LIMITED, as set forth in the following schedule. Traveler's requests for changes to itinerary will require additional fees. Fees cannot be determined until time of change. Financial implications will be incurred. All cancellations or changes to itinerary must be in writing and sent to the Trip Leader. Date of postmark will determine applicable policy. Guests that cancel more than 99 days from departure date will receive 100% refund, minus a \$99pp fee plus any fees charged (e.g. Airline fees for name changes), if a substitute is found. Cancellations received within 99 days of departure are non-refundable. No refunds for early departure or late arrival. No shows, no refund. No partial refunds will be made on unused portions of this package. Refunds will be made as soon as they are received from vendors (minimum four (4) weeks). Changes to itinerary requests by traveler will be considered and accommodated, if possible, and traveler will be subjected to a \$99 fee plus any fees charged by other organizations or companies. TRAVEL INSURANCE IS RECOMMENDED. INDIVIDUALS NEED TO SIGN UP FOR TRIP INSURANCE ON THEIR OWN. Travel insurance might not cover cost of parties, prizes, lessons, or bus transportation, so cancellation reimbursement may be less than the full package price shown on the flyer. All trip package rates are subject to possible change if the airfare, currency exchange rate, or other significant part of the trip package price charged to the Trip Leader changes. All attempts will be made to prevent changing the package rates from the ones quoted, however due to the uncertainty of exchange rates and pricing in the airline industry, the published pricing cannot be guaranteed. The guest must reimburse any additional charges by the airline, such as fuel surcharge, to the Trip Leader. The Trip Leader you to wear a helmet and (wrist guards for snowboarders), and ski or ride in control, and to respect others on and off the slopes. I acknowledge that skiing, snowboarding, après-ski parties, and related activities are HAZARDOUS activities and that I have made a voluntary choice to participate in those activities despite the risks that they present. In consideration of my being permitted to participate in the event named on this form, I agree to ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISKS OF INJURY OR DEATH to others, and myself, which might be associated with or result from my participation in this event. I further agree to RELEASE FROM LIABILITY and to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the organizers and sponsors of this event, for any damage, injury, or death to myself or to any person or property, whether caused by their NEGLIGENCE or for any other reason, in any way connected with my preparation or practice for or my participation in these skiing events. I also realize that everyone will be provided bedding, but bedding type is never guaranteed. I agree to all details and conditions in the versions of Trip Flyers and Trip Release distributed at time of sending my deposit check. I, the undersigned, have carefully read and understood this agreement and all of its terms. I understand that this is a RELEASE OF LIABILITY, which will legally PREVENT me or any other person from filing suit or making any other legal claim for damages against Mark Baechle, Ptarmigan Ski Club, Blue Ridge Ski Club, Mack Ski Club, the Eastern PA Ski Council, or any ski club or organization, in the event of my death or any injury to me. I enter into this agreement freely and voluntarily and agree that it is binding upon me, my heirs, assigns and legal representatives.

Please complete, copy, and mail entire original page to: Mark Baechle, 4170 Ascot Circle, Allentown PA 18103

Enclosed is my/our payment for the 2021 Big Sky Trip* (+/- any Options)

Name: _____ **Phone #s:** _____

Full name exactly as it appears on your photo ID

Please indicate Home, Work, or Cell above, and Couple or Singles below

Email(s) _____ **Circle: C or S; M or F**

Roommate Request: _____ **Special Needs:** _____ (Couple or Single; Male or Female)

Please circle: Parking & Transp. LV <-> PHL (+\$99pp); Private Room (+\$699); No Air (-\$400); No Lifts (-\$250); 6th day Lifts (+\$125)

Options: _____

Address: _____ **Birthdate:** _____

EMERGENCY phone numbers: _____ or _____

Passport # _____ KTN _____ FF# _____

Yes I have read and understand the Liability Release and Indemnity Agreement, and CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

All checks must be made payable to "Mark Baechle".

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