

Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

April 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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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

Election Results For Officers and Board

OFFICERS

President: Phil Hublitz
 Vice President: Carolyn Greenland
 Treasurer: Kathy Seufert
 Membership Sec: Mary Laronge
 Recording Sec: Lisa Rufo

BOARD

Elected: Bill Ortner
 Elected: Joyce Gilmore
 Elected: Jeanne Weiser

Appointed: Monika Drury
 Appointed: Rob Metter

One more Board Member Appointed by President - TBD.

Treasurer's Report

CLUB OPERATIONS	Income	\$2,702.61
	Expenses	\$907.07
	Events	\$(765.98)
	Miscellaneous	\$(2,581.58)
	Total:	\$(1,552.02)
BANK ACCOUNTS	Checking	\$9,271.07
	Money Market	\$6,028.11
	Fixed CD 1	\$2,257.68
	Fixed CD 2	\$2,391.48
	Total:	\$19,948.34

The Treasurer's Report is posted here since we have had no meetings to post it.



President's Message

Phil Hublitz
 President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

Blue MT closed on Sunday with the PSC having one of the best Tailgates ever and the best weather ever. Fifty Five Ptarmigans arrived at various times throughout the afternoon, grills were sizzling, all kinds of goodies were being gobbled up (we are snowbirds not turkeys) from Hydro's meats balls and hot dogs to Ray's tasty wraps, not to mention the sweets and side dishes. The conversation was dynamic, with some interesting garb, such as Rich Klein's tee-shirt, "You don't stop skiing when you get old, you get old when you stop skiing" and Brian's electric orange ski pants. Saw some new faces there too, younger ones. Some boarders passed and rated our tailgate "10 out of 10". Look for pictures in this issue, on our website and on Facebook. A good time was had by all.

On other fronts, as more and more of us are vaccinated, things should open-up, but the standard safeguards remain in place, please. We should be able to meet outside soon, Bill is looking at April 16th for a Bonfire at his place, the Spring Fling is scheduled for June 19th.

It is not too late to contact Monika for the Grounds for Sculpture Trip on May 16th. She is also looking into the Lehigh River Sojourn June 26 & 27, details to follow. Lots of irons in the fire for you, but do not get burned by not participating in some of them, we have been holed up for too long.

Other groups continue to move on, BTC's book this month is "Days Without End", a killer book, in more ways than one. The STEM group moves from one exciting subject to the next, pickleball starts April 15th. Joyce switches hats from skiing to hiking, biking, and dancing, stay tuned for notices. "Bud" Weiser will pick up the sticks before you know it.

Rumor has it the Bruce Ebert may sell his share (49%) of Blue MT to KSL (they own Camelback), presumably so that Barb Green can build the long-awaited hotel at the top of the mountain. It will be interesting to see how that will affect skiing at Blue.

The election results are in and the lineup of officers and directors elected is as posted on the ballots sent to all members. One director remains to be appointed. Enough, lots more details presented by others in this issue. Your officers and directors continue to work hard to provide you the best year-round experiences to be had.

2020/2021 Ski Season – Trips:

All Flyers available at

<https://ptarmiganskiclub.org/trips>

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

Postponed to 2022

- 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

Trip Returned – See Recap Below

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

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

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 <https://ptarmiganskiclub.org/trips>.

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.



Novelties

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

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

Sunday River, Maine – Vicki Morris

Sunday, January 23 – Friday, January 28, 2022 – 26th Year

The Sunday River Maine ski trip has been rescheduled for Sunday, January 23 – Friday, January 28, 2022. As soon as we get the bus price, we will work out the cost of the trip and let everyone know.

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.

Ptarmigan Friday golf officially begins May 7th. Past players will be receiving a notice in the near future. New players may be included by sending an email to Tom Weiser weiser@ptd.net

Store the skis and bring out the golf clubs

Group Ski & Snow Shoe Wrap up

Recap by: Joyce Gilmore

Ptarmigans closed out the ski season strong with 9 group ski days in March including closing day. We skied first thing in the morning to get the best snow conditions and then by noon, as the snow softened, we were ready to relax in the Adirondack chairs at the top or bottom with lunch and drinks. A few times we went to lunch at the Blue Mt. Family Restaurant in Danielsville. They are very kind to us and give us a big table in their back room, all to ourselves.

With all the snow we had this season, we managed to get in a few days of Snow Shoeing on parts of the D&L Trail.

St. Patrick's Day was especially festive. Joyce made a large green shamrock in the snow at the top of the mountain. After skiing, we sipped Irish coffee and ate Irish soda bread while sitting in the Adirondack chairs outside at the Valley Lodge. Lunch at the Blue Mt. Family Restaurant offered a variety of Irish dishes. There was a large turnout and much fun!

Thanks to everyone for skiing with us. It was a tremendous season filled with so much fun and camaraderie!

Now it is time to get out the bikes and hiking boots. Ptarmigans have sports for every season and just keep chugging along! Stay tuned for postings for hikes and bike rides and hopefully some music events as things start opening up.



Stratton Carpool Trip – Recap by Carolyn Greenland

A group of Ptarmigans carpoled to Stratton, VT for four sunny, warm days of skiing. Nice digs and good food topped off an awesome covid-safe five days. Hoping to gather there again next year.



2021 Telluride Trip – Recap by Mark Baechle

Mark Baechle's trip to Telluride in Colorado, March 20 - 27, 2021, was chock full of fun – 6 days of great skiing, and lots of parties in the evenings. We enjoyed the 147 trails, 2000 acres, and 4425' vertical at Telluride. We had times of sunshine and blue sky, and times of fresh snow in the air, on the slopes, and in the glades.

We were subject to the same COVID restrictions we have been used to for the past many months -- mask-up, social distancing, etc. COVID restrictions at the condos was actually a blessing, because Mark was able to get us better accommodations, with more room to spread out!

The Bear Creek Lodge was awesome – Indoor hot tub and gym, outdoor heated pool and multiple hot tubs, on-call shuttles, and a large lobby to host our parties. Parties included a Mask Party, a Pizza Party, a Son-of-a-Beach Party, and a Finale Party. Shout out to Rich H. for throwing a rib-eating contest the last evening.

Photos of these events, the mountains, and the people, can be found on the Facebook page "Ski Trips With Mark".

Everyone had a great time and is looking forward to skiing and partying together soon. Please let Mark know where you want to go next year.



Final Day of Skiing and Tailgate Party at Blue Mt. – Recap by Jeanne Weiser

End of Season Tailgate at Blue March 27th.

Some of us skied and some just partied, but we sure know how to have a good time. 55 people (plus or minus at times) enjoyed the last day at Blue. The weather was great, and the skiing was good. What a great season it was!



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