

Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

February 2022



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, Every Friday

General Meetings at Christopher's – Knights of Columbus (KoC)

Book Club: Third Wednesday of every month 6:30 pm.

Month	Event	Date	Time
Feb	Ski Party/General Meeting: Blue Mt	Tue TBD	Feb 8
Mar	Elections/General Meeting	Tue 7 pm	Mar 8
Apr	Spring Banquet: Iron Lakes	Sat TBD	Apr 23

Blue Mt. Ski Party/Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 8th at 1 PM

Rain Date is Wed., Feb. 9th

If you want to ski in the morning, meet at the 6-pack at 9:30 AM.

Includes Chili, Soup (Vegetable), Veggies and Dip, Bread and butter.

Price is \$13, cash bar available.

If you wish to, bring a Dessert.

Where: Valley Lodge at the bottom of the mountain.

Please send your check, payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club, to: **Jeanne Weiser, 125 Pine Street, Emmaus, PA 18049.**

e-mail weiser@ptd.net or call 610-844-2590.

Deadline for party is Thursday, Feb 3rd. Please reply to **Jeanne** by that date so that we may have an accurate head-count.

(Don't send check to Kathy, she'll be away - Send to Jeanne)



President's Message

Phil Hublitz

President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

Weather good, Covid Omicron still killing people

This morning's NYTimes, deaths per million: China 3.3 (this is not a misprint), USA 2600. You can still get vax'ed, it is not too late. We will still be doing the HHs by ZOOM until further notice.

Just returned from a great trip to Sunday River, a mix of Ptarmigans & Mack Ski Clubbers as well as 50 some from the Rochester Ski Club (at the Grand Summit Hotel). Temps ranged from 15 below zero to a high of 28. The feel like temps were frigid but the sun on those cold days was strong. SRSR is larger and more challenging than I expected and the bus travel less abusive. If you are looking for a diversity of trails SRSR has it, I am sure Vicki be doing it again next year.

Blue MT is fully open, so get out there, it is packed as I write this message. It is also prime time for the western ski trips: Steamboat & Aspen/Snowmass have returned, look for a feature on each in this issue. Still waiting on the launch pads are Mammoth, Val Thorens, and Big Sky in that order. The first group ski day of February will have been completed before the newsletter reaches you but look for another this week.

The February Ski Party at BlueMT is on Tuesday the 8th, less than a week away. The weather is looking very favorable, so let **Jeanne Weiser (yes, she is collecting the money)** know by phone or email, it is probably too late to mail a check. Jeanne skied at Blue 4 times this past week, and it was great, it should be even better by the 8th.

BTC has no meeting this month because of all the trips and the ski party. The book for March is "Behold the Dreamer" by Imbolo Mbue. The STEM group will meet as usual by ZOOM.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at Blue this week and don't miss that perfect day for our ski party, 1 PM on the 8th.

Novelties

Shopping Bags with Four Seasons logo \$4.00 each

Bottle/Can Koozies \$2.00 each.

See Carolyn at any of the meetings or contact we3ski@epix.net if interested



Ski Trip Advertising:

Trip Summaries – See Flyers Below for Details.

Steamboat, Co – Jan 8 – 15, 2022

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

Aspen/Snowmass, Co – Jan 22 – 29, 2022

- Contact: Melissa Link 610-751-0332 or donnas.trips.continue@gmail.com

Sunday River, Me – Sun Jan 23 – Fri Jan 28, 2022

- Contact: Vicki Morris 610-791-3421 or VLM2378@rcn.com

Mammoth Mt., Ca – Feb 26 – Mar 5, 2022

- \$1,897 Juniper Condos pp, \$1,813 pp Mammoth Inn
- 7 Nights Accommodations at above lodging
- Lift Pass not included in price – Many Lift Options available
- Contact: Brian 610-730-2777 or brianjnuss@gmail.com

Val Thorens, France – Mar 5 -13, 2022

- \$3240 pp dbl occ
- Seven Nights at Club Med – Full bkfst, lunch and dinner
- 6-day ski pass and 5 days instruction
- Contact: Catherine Chrapacz -610-428-3547 or katyataz@yahoo.com

Mayrhofen, Auetria, Garmish, Ger - Mar 12 – 23, 2022

- \$3185 pp dbl/occ
- Mar 13-18 Hotel Neuhaus, May'en b'kfst, d'ner, lifts/guides
- Mar 18-23 4* Resort in Garmish b'kfst, d'ner, lifts/guides
- Contact Mike Feeney 484-256-5215 skisokool@aol.com

Big Sky, Mt – Week of Mar 26th, 2022

- \$2499 pp
- Seven Nights huge deluxe condos
- 5 of 6 day Lift pass
- Contact: Mark Baechle (610) 657-5825 or SkiPro99@gmail.com

Editor's Notes:

The trips advertised here are independently run by members and are not sanctioned by Ptarmigan nor does Ptarmigan profit from these trips. All trips advertised must have a clearly stated cancellation policy, please read it carefully.

Membership DUES: 2021/2022 Season

Renew your membership for the 2021/2022 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, 2023

All Members will receive the Ptarmigan Newsletter FREE by Email.

Members wishing to receive Hardcopy must pay \$5 in

2022 Steamboat Trip

Mark Baechle's trip to Steamboat in Colorado, January 8 15, 2022, was chock full of fun, and perfect weather! Steamboat received 2 feet of new snow the week before we arrived, and had blue sky and sunshine every day we were there, except the last day, where Ullr graced us with a fresh powder day!

We enjoyed the 169 trails, 2965 acres, and 3668' vertical at Steamboat. We had lunch each day on the deck, or at tables on the snow, at several on-mountain restaurants, enjoying the buffalo chili and beautiful views.

Our condos at Trappeurs' Lodge were awesome – huge living rooms with fireplace and balcony, full kitchens with granite countertops and islands,... The condo complex had several hot tubs, heated pools, private shuttles to/from the slopes, on-call shuttles to take us to dozens of restaurants, and more.

Mark hosted parties that included a Mask Party with beer & wine; a Son-of-a-Beach Party with pizza, bellinis, and pina colodas; and a Finale Party with food and drinks. The days between the parties we took the on-call shuttles to some great bars and restaurants.

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.

Ptarmigan Group Ski Days

by Joyce Gilmore

Ptarmigans enjoyed several group ski days at Blue Mt. in January. We meet at the Valley Lodge and usually start skiing when the lifts open at 9:00. Conditions have been great, and all trails are now open. Sunshine shone on us as we enjoyed Après Ski times in the Adirondack chairs by the fire pits at the top and bottom areas. On Jan. 27, twelve of us had lunch at the Blue Mt. Family Restaurant in Danielsville. The restaurant is very kind to let us use their backroom. Food and service are both great. Anyone is welcome to join us for lunch even if you do not ski. Looking forward to many more fun times together.

**Ski Party/Meeting
Blue Mt.
Jan 11th**



Annual Food Drive

Ptarmigans do not disappoint! They rallied together again this year by bringing food donations to the December 14 meeting. Their generosity actually filled the cargo area and back seat of an SUV. Close to 400 pounds of food were donated to a neighborhood food pantry serving people in zip code 18194 that's run by Jewish Family Services in Allentown. Thank you so much to those who participated. Every little bit helps in fighting hunger.





EPSC EASTERN PA SKI COUNCIL

Everyday Savings

Butternut, Massachusetts \$25 Weekday Lift Tickets.

Montage, Ski-For-All-Special \$40 non-holiday Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays all day ticket.

Rentals are included if purchased before 3 pm.

Bear Creek, Ski Club Discount - \$27 extended day ticket. Monday - Thursday, non-holiday.

Must purchase in person and show membership card and ID. Ages 70+ ski for free.

EPSC Appreciation Days

Ski Club Appreciation Days are special discounts provided by the mountains each year

for EPSC club members. Appreciation dates can be found at easternpaskicouncil.org.

Killington \$89 \$80, Pico \$42, Magic \$59 \$55, Stratton \$90 \$75 are offered.

Children's Discounts - available at Bear Creek, Big Boulder, Shawnee, and Spring Mountain. Log in to easternpaskicouncil.org for details.

Support Special Olympics Athletes!
Take part in the Lehigh Valley Polar Plunge on
Saturday, February 19, 2022 at Scott Park in Easton, PA

THERE ARE TWO EASY WAYS to participate in our Polar Plunge:



**PARTICIPATE
IN-PERSON**

Join us on Saturday, February 19th at Scott Park in Easton, PA. Sign-up as an individual or create a team and raise funds to support our athletes. Then, prepare yourself for the dip into the frigid Delaware River on plunge day.



**TAKE THE
POLAR POP!**

Make a splash at-home by doing the Polar Pop! Sign-up as an individual or create a polar pop team to raise funds. Then, pop a balloon of cold water over your head to support our athletes. Film it, post it on social media, and challenge your friends and family to do the same!

HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE 2022 LEHIGH VALLEY POLAR PLUNGE:

- 1) **CLICK:** <https://give.specialolympicspa.org/event/2022-lehigh-polar-plunge/e352328>
- 2) **CHOOSE AN OPTION:** Register as an **Individual**, **Create a Team**, or **Join a Team**
- 3) **COMPLETE** the *secure* registration process
- 4) **SHARE YOUR FUNDRAISING PAGE** with family, friends and colleagues; ask them to donate to your page to support our athletes
- 5) **JOIN US** at Scott Park in Easton, PA on February 19th (or online through the Polar Pop!)

No matter how you join us, we look forward to taking the plunge with all of you this winter. We truly appreciate your support!



**REMEMBER, IF YOU'RE
TOO CHICKEN TO PLUNGE THAT'S
NO PROBLEM!**

You can still support our athletes by making a donation to the Lehigh Valley Polar Plunge! [Click here to donate now.](#)

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