

Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

March 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.

----- Mar -----	-----	-----
Elections/General Meeting	Tue 7 pm	Mar 8
----- Apr -----	-----	-----
Spring Banquet: Iron Lakes	Sat TBD	Apr 23
----- Sep -----	-----	-----
Charity Golf Tournament	Fri 8 am	Sep 9

General Meeting and Elections

March 8th 7 pm at KoC Allentown

Come to the meeting socialize and then vote for this year's Officers and Board Members

CANIDATES

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
 Jeanne Weiser
 Rob Metter
 Monika Drury

See below for the candidates profiles.

Spring Banquet Saturday, April 23, 2022

The Club at Twin Lakes (Formerly Iron Lakes)
 Cash Bar – 6:00 to 10:00 PM
 Social – 6:00 to 7:00 PM and Appetizers
 Hot Dinner Buffet 7:00 –8:00 PM
 See flyer below for details.

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



President's Message

Phil Hublitz
President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

Emerging from Covid...

Ok, we can learn to live with it. We certainly had Ptarmigans show up for January & February Ski Parties at Blue MT, 30 the first, 40 the second. Last night's HH at the Foundation Tavern drew a crowd too, but only three of us got on to the dance floor to spin to the music of Jeni Hackett, what a sweet voice she has, Amen.

Tuesday March 8th is the election meeting, no speaker just a few words from the candidates running for officer and board positions (wine, chips, and beer too). I think the slate remains unchanged from 2021 unless you want to change it with a write-in or accept the challenge yourself. The bios of the board appear in this issue, so look them over closely. I think you are stuck with me for another year unless someone else steps forward.

Four of the major ski trips have been completed: Steamboat, Aspen/Snowmass, Sunday River and Mammoth. It is too early for an article on Mammoth this month, look for one in April.

On the local scene in addition to the Blue MT ski parties, Joyce has had her well attended weekly group ski days, luncheons, and music events, the STEM group continues to hammer all things scientific and beyond, BTC has bone crushing books to read, and some of us go to Blue MT just to hang out.

Other Ptarmigans are traveling the world: a whole flock to Spain and two birds to Antarctica, for a month; Banff for a week (some cool temps overnight at -44 degrees C), Germany and surely, I have missed a few. Oh yes, Machu-Picchu in May...

Rumors about me crashing on Razor's Edge are unfounded but one poor fellow broke both legs and had a major concussion. Be safe, skiing on a 1000-year-old petrified powdered jelly donut can be dangerous. Best ski day of the year (so far) was last Tuesday in complete fog and wondrous soft snow.

It is a rough life, but somebody must do it.



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

Group Ski Days at Blue Mt. by Joyce Gilmore

Ptarmigans enjoyed group ski days on Feb. 8, 14, and 24 at Blue Mt. The Feb. 8 ski day, organized by Jeanne Weiser, was a club party day with food (soup, chili, veggies) provided by Blue Mt (see pics below). All the ski days were well attended. We were blessed with sunshine and great ski conditions. Sometimes we had lunch outside by the fire pits, inside when super cold, and at the Blue Mt. Family Restaurants in Danielsville. There are still several weeks of good skiing left so join us for some runs or just for lunch. It's always fun to be together!

Music and Dancing Events by Joyce Gilmore

Ptarmigans rocked at three music events in February. On Feb. 6, we were at Folino's Wine Estate in Kutztown sipping wine and dancing to the music of Two Dollar Bill Band. The venue made us feel as if we were at a piazza in Tuscany. On Feb. 20, seven of us had lunch and danced to the music of Jeni Hackett in Bear Creek's lovely Trails End Cafe. We were right beside the sliding glass doors overlooking their heated pool. Friday, Feb. 25, found us at Happy Hour at Foundations Tavern at Shepherd Hills Golf Course. Jeni Hackett was there playing her country/oldies music. Some of us did not miss the chance to dance. At each of these events our dancing encouraged other people to get out on the floor or even to do chair dancing. Many more music events will be coming.

Fellow skiers....ROAD TRIP! ❄️🚗❄️🚗

Looking to put together a group for a ski day/carpool to Montage. \$40 per person lift tickets (rentals included). Join up or meet us on the mountain. Hoping to leave early, skis on snow by ???, have lunch at the mountain, tailgate?, maybe stop near Allentown for dinner on the way home. One NICE sunny forecasted day in the first two weeks of March. Hope to see you there 🐘 **Spring*skiing** is a short season, let's embrace it! If interested, call/text/email Carolyn at 302-864-4120, we3ski@epix.net so we can figure out which day to go!

Ptarmigans on the Blue Mt. Leader Board

Top Three Ptarmigan Skiers at Blue Mt.

Joel Derk tops the list at 49 days.

Link: [Blue Mt. Leader Board](#)

First Name	Last Initial	# of Visits	# of Runs
Joel	Derk	49	570
Alex	Pavel	48	556
Jean	Black	41	573

Note: If you have a Season Pass for Blue Mt and have more visits/runs than these, Login to Blue and allow your data to be shared if you want to get on the Leader Board.

2022 Ptarmigan 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament

The Annual Charity Golf Tournament will be held at The Allentown Municipal golf course on Friday, September 9, 2022. It will begin with an 8 am Shotgun start format. Presently, we are in need for member volunteers to help setup and run the Tournament.

If interested in volunteering to help, please send you name and contact information to:

Bonnie Bortz at sportsbortz@rcn.com or call/text her at 610-360-7637 and/or Roslyn Hosak at roslyn100@msn.com



EPSC EASTERN PA SKI COUNCIL

Everyday Savings

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, show ID at customer service.

EPSC Appreciation Days

Ski Club Appreciation Days are special discounts provided by the mountains each year for EPSC club members. Need to show your membership

card. See easternpaskicouncil.org. Killington \$89-3/7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 4/5, 4/6, 4/7, 4/8; Pico-\$42 3/10, 11; Magic-\$59 3/10, 11, 24, 25, 26; Stratton-\$90 3/7 and \$75 3/27, 4/1 are offered.

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

Ski Party/Meeting Blue Mt. Feb 8th

As luck would have it, the weather, conditions, and fellow Ptarmigans contributed to the success of our skiing and party days at Blue. We had close to 30 people in January and 40 plus in February.

Thanks to all for the turnout and Mother Nature!



Folino's Winery Feb 6th



Sunday River, Maine Trip Review – by Vicki Morris

Our trip to Sunday River took place Sunday, January 23 to Friday, January 28, 2022. This was Senior Week at Sunday River with lots of activities scheduled during the week.

We had 6 new people join us for our 26th Annual Trip this year. We had a fantastic week of cold but great weather, Tuesday had 2 inches of fresh snow and lots of good times with fellow skiers! Thursday was the coldest day we had this year. Monday night was a Welcome Pasta Dinner for the group with enough door prizes that everyone got something. Phil Hublitz won the prize for the contest of the closest time arriving at Sunday River without going over. Tuesday night we had a group dinner with 31 people at The Bethel Inn with 10 of us feasting on Maine Lobster! Wednesday night there was a pizza party at Frank's Bar and Grill for the group. Everyone enjoyed a great week of skiing and seeing friends we haven't seen since before COVID-19.

A Very Special Thank You goes out to everyone who donated all the great door prizes. Thanks to everyone for another great trip.



Officer Candidates

(Vote for one candidate for each position)

President, Phil Hublitz – Has been the President since 2018 and previously was a board member. Phil is an avid skier and fly fisherman – you can always find him on the slopes and in the water. He is also active in other community organizations such as Trout Unlimited and Military Veteran Help Groups. Phil was instrumental in getting our Charity Golf Tournament going to raise money for School Ski Scholarships to deserving students. He's been a good task master keeping the board meetings focused and running and on time.

Vice President, Carolyn Greenland - a relative newbie to the board and her present office, Carolyn represents the future of our Club. A younger energetic lover of skiing, Carolyn is also our official EPSC Rep. and manages promotional items. She will keep us posted on EPSC discounts and ski trips. The discounts are out, check the EPSC website for more formation.

Recording Secretary, Lisa Rufo - Lisa takes our board meeting minutes and co-manages the hospitality table at general meetings, selling raffle tickets with Rob Metter when not traveling or taking dance classes. This year she also oversaw "Sub & a Movie" night.

Treasurer, Kathy Seufert - Kathy collects money for almost every event that requires it, balances the books perfectly and is one of the driving forces for selling everything, from promotional items to golf outings, you name it. A perfect ambassador for our club.

Membership Secretary, Mary Laronge - Mary tracks the membership like a dog hound, is a stickler for detail, making sure we are doing things by the book and picks up on tasks that may not be on the agenda, she Co-Chairs the Book Club, BTC with "Wonder Woman", Ronnie Rother (not on the board anymore but coordinates many events for us)

Board Candidates

(Vote for three. The President can then appoint up to three additional board members per our Bylaws)

Board Member, Bill Ortner - Newsletter editor, webmaster, board member for more than 20 years and past president. Bill throws fantastic parties, major events (the Spring Fling, Oktoberfest) and bonfires, at the Ortner Estate, manages happy hour locations, coordinates STEM group meetings with JC Black. He is just a major link in the backbone of this club.

Board Member, Jeanne Weiser - Jeanne is an avid ski instructor for 12 years and was VP for 10 years. She has stepped down as VP but stays on the board, handling banquets, mountain ski parties, and is always one step ahead of the rest of us.

Board Member, Joyce Gilmore - Vegan Joyce is a fireball of activity on a weekly basis year-round. She leads Group ski days at Blue, hiking, biking, music, and dancing events the rest of the year. All you can say is, impressive. She is also coordinating the second annual hike & outing with Jim Policelli at his Pinewood Estates December 11th, and pitches in on everything we do.

Board Member, Rob Metter - Rob loves skiing, directs pickleball events and shares the hospitality table with Lisa. Rob's lends enthusiasm to everything his touches. Yeah, maybe he talks bit a too much, but his excitement about everything the club does is contagious, the raffles being only one example.

Board Member, Monika Drury - Also, a newbie like Carolyn & Rob, Monika is a human dynamo. If you are familiar the travel term, "if its Tuesday it must be Belgium", that's Monika. She traveled to 5 different countries this year and somehow came up with great ideas while doing it: like the Grounds for Sculpture and the Mayan Temple Escape Room. Chair of the Ptarmigan audit committee, she came to us from the IRS as an auditor of Fortune 500 Companies.

Past President

(Note: Past President is automatically a board member per our Bylaws.)

Past President, Mary Ann Bedics - keeps track of calendar of events, a major task, contact with the KoC, bought cakes, and supplied all kinds of support. President for 6 years and Past President for 3 more. Mary Ann volunteers for everything, take a bow...

Spring Banquet

PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB

SPRING BANQUET

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022



The Club at Twin Lakes
(Formerly Iron Lakes)
3625 Shankweiler Road
Allentown, PA

Cash Bar – 6:00 to 10:00 PM

Social – 6:00 to 7:00 PM

**Appetizers – Imported and Domestic Cheeses,
Premium Sliced Italian Cured Meats, Assorted Marinated Vegetables,
and Assorted Breads and Crackers**

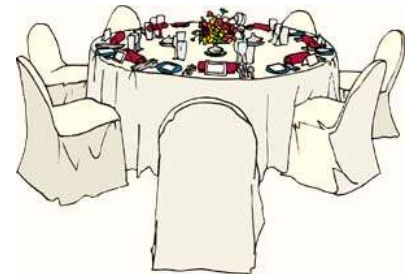
Hot Dinner Buffet 7:00 –8:00 PM

House Salad

Rolls and Butter, Chef’s Selection of Seasonal Vegetables & Starch



**Main Courses:
Chicken Marsala,
Salmon w/lemon dill,
Penne Pasta w/Marinara Sauce**



**Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten-Free Entrees Available-
(let Kathy know when sending your check)**

Dessert:

**Assorted Cookies, Brownies, Dessert Bars, and Cheesecakes
Assorted Soft Drinks, Coffee, Tea, Decaf, Lemonade**

Following Dinner, dance to the music of “Scotty G”

Price: \$52.00 Per Person

**Reservation Deadline: April 8, 2022
No Signups/Checks accepted after the deadline.**



**Make checks payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club
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