

# Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

## April 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.

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Spring Banquet: Iron Lakes	Sat 6 pm	Apr 23
----- <b>May</b> -----	-----	-----
----- <b>Jun</b> -----	-----	-----
Spring Fling: Bill Ortner	Sat 2 pm	Jun 18
----- <b>Jul</b> -----	-----	-----
Summer Picnic: Jim Policelli	Sat TBD	Jul 16
----- <b>Aug</b> -----	-----	-----
----- <b>Sep</b> -----	-----	-----
Charity Golf Tournament	Fri 8 am	Sep 9

### Elections Results

Election of Officers and Board for the 2022/2023 season was held March 8<sup>th</sup> 7 pm at KoC Allentown.

#### OFFICERS

Elected Pres.: Phil Hublitz

Elected VP: Carolyn Greenland

Elected Treas: Kathy Seufert

Elected Memb. Sec.: Mary Laronge

Elected Recording Sec: Lisa Rufo

#### BOARD

Elected Bill Ortner

Elected Joyce Gilmore

Elected Jeanne Weiser

Appointed\* Rob Metter

Appointed\* Monika Drury

\* Appointed by new President (Phil)

### 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.

### Vermont 4 Pass 2022 for Sale

Phil Hublitz has a **Vermont 4 Pass** for sale, paid \$194 for it. It does not look like he will get to use it. It is good at 15 different ski areas in Vermont including: Killington, Stowe, Bolton, Bromley, Burke, Mad River, Magic, Snow Bowl, Mt Snow, Okemo, Pico, Smuggler's Notch, Stratton, Sugarbush and Suicide Six. You get one day at any 4 areas, basically \$50 at each. It is transferable, call Phil ASAP. Phil 484-809-4102.



### President's Message

**Phil Hublitz**

**President, Ptarmigan Ski Club**

Into Spring...

KSL ski areas are closed for season, a week too early in my opinion if you look at the temps this week, but so be it. The last ski trip, to Big Sky, will over on April 2. There is still time to head north or west if you are motivated to do so.

The Tailgate Party at Blue last week was a smash (35 or so). We had about 6 guys from leader board, non-members, or old members we have not seen in ages crash the party and promise to join the club.

Shifting gears, Ptarmigans are moving on as the snow melts. About 15 or 20 showed up the Setter Ridge Vineyard to listen and dance to the music of Jeni Hackett, not to mention a couple of hundred others. The snow was flying as we arrived, yeah well. Kathy showed up with a bevy of snacks and many bottles of Setter Ridge wine were consumed, everyone made it home safely.

Meanwhile the A-team skiers and diehards were up skiing, riding or pond skimming at Blue, it was hard to do both (Blue & Setter Ridge), but some of us have a split personality. I missed not seeing the pond skimming but the dancing was even better than usual. The newsletter might not reach you in time, but Joyce has scheduled a music event at the Folino's Estate Winery for Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Rest assured biking and hiking are sure to follow.

The Spring Banquet at Twin Lakes (now a Jandl property) is April 23<sup>rd</sup> with music by DJ Scotty-G. The reservation deadline is APRIL 8<sup>th</sup>. Get your checks to Kathy Seufert ASAP, call her, text her, but do it now. Let's jam the place guys, could we do better than we did at the Woodstone CC for the holiday HH with 93 in attendance?

The usual suspects are still around: Between the Covers, "The Divorce Party" this month, the STEM guys, "Sapiens", the golfers are warming up, although not officially started yet. And, of course, the Happy Hours never stop. We have had requests to list them for entire month instead of weekly and that all events be open to the entire membership and all events be published in the newsletter, we are inclusive and not cliquy. Because many events are weather dependent or on the location of golfing, this is almost impossible to do. Looking forward to seeing you wherever Ptarmigans go...

## 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](mailto:SkiPro99@gmail.com)

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

- Contact: Melissa Link 610-751-0332 or [donnas.trips.continue@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:VLM2378@rcn.com)

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

- Contact: Brian 610-730-2777 or [brianjnuss@gmail.com](mailto:brianjnuss@gmail.com)

### **Val Thorens, France – Mar 5 -13, 2022**

- Contact: Catherine Chrapacz -610-428-3547 or [katyataz@yahoo.com](mailto:katyataz@yahoo.com)

### **Mayrhofen, Auatria, Garmish, Ger - Mar 12 – 23, 2022**

- Contact Mike Feeney 484-256-5215 [skisokool@aol.com](mailto:skisokool@aol.com)

### **Big Sky, Mt – Week of Mar 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

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

## 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](mailto:we3ski@epix.net) if interested.



## Membership DUES: 2021/2022 Season

Renew your membership for the 2021/2022 Season.

Send your dues beginning September 1<sup>st</sup> until Oct 31<sup>st</sup> to: Mary Laronge, 556 Parkside Court, Allentown, Pa 18104.

Early Renewal: \$16 Single or \$26 Family.

Late Renewal (after Oct 31<sup>st</sup>): \$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**

## Ski Days by Joyce Gilmore

Ptarmigans gathered for spring ski days on March 3, 8, 10, 14, and 20. For the most part, conditions were good, and many people attended. There were 11 group ski days for the season. Lunches were always fun whether we gathered by the fire pits/Adirondack chairs at the Valley patio or at the restaurant in Danielsville. We were hoping to ski on St. Patrick's Day and make green snow, but Blue Mt. was closed due to rain. However, that did not dampen our spirits. Sporting our green attire, about twenty of us met for lunch at the Blue Mt. Drive-In Family Restaurant in Danielsville where we ordered Irish food specials from the menu. Ray Cope added zest by sharing a case of Guinness beer.

Our official tailgate party was on Sunday, March 20, in the Blue Mt. Valley parking lot. As usual it was well attended with an array of food. Our ski season went by in a blink of an eye! Thanks to everyone who came out for the ski days and to the people who brought tables, grills, and food for the tailgate. Everyone's presence adds much to the camaraderie. Stay tuned for hiking and biking events to be posted as the weather warms.

## Music Events by Joyce Gilmore

Ptarmigans enjoyed music events at two local wineries in Kutztown. On March 6, we were rocking to Two Dollar Bill Band at Folino's Wine Estate. Twenty-three of us filled the indoor courtyard area eating, dancing, and just enjoying a relaxing Sunday afternoon. On March 27, we were at Setter Ridge Vineyards dancing to Jeni Hackett. Setter Ridge features a large enclosed, heated pavilion offering many wines, pairings, flavored mimosas, and food trucks. They allow you to bring your own appetizers and even your dog. Their house dogs stroll around the tables requesting pets. Ptarmigans dominated the dance floor and by the last song, EVERYONE in the place was up and dancing including a woman holding her dog.

There will be many more music events to come in the months ahead as well as some new wineries to visit. Join us for the fun!

# Tailgate Party Mar 20<sup>th</sup> at Blue Mt.



## Val Thorens Club Ski Med Trip – 3/5/22-3/13/2022 by Catherine Chrapacz

Traveling to Europe has been a challenge for the last two years. This original trip was rescheduled from 3/16/21 because of the surge of COVID cases. A total of 21 traveled on 3/5/22, from the original of 47 originally scheduled to travel in 2021. Since I was unable to travel with the group, Tim White had agreed to coordinate the group to Val Thorens and back home safely. I want to thank Tim for his leadership. It was a group consensus; he did a great job. This summary is compiled from Val Thorens facts and Tim's summary of the groups' weeks' experiences.

Travel requirements changed daily for many months prior to departure. A PCR test was not required to get into France on 3/5/22, but a vaccine pass was required once entering France at a cost of 50E/person. Club Med arranged for the PCR test that was required upon returning to the U.S. The Test was conducted at the bar of the hotel the day before departure, i.e. swabbing the nose and then a beer.

Club Med ski trips are inclusive with ski lift tickets, ski lessons, meals, alcohol and entertainment. Val Thorens is known as the world's biggest ski area. Les 3 Vallees is known as the 3 Valleys connected by 3 mountains and eight ski resorts: Courcheval, La Tania Meribel, Brides-Les Bains, Les Menuires, Saint-Martin-de-Belleville . The 3 Valleys are between 4265 and 10,499 feet high, 373 miles of ski slopes and has a 5-6 months of snow season. Per Tim, the ski area was HUGE. It took five of the members to ski all day from one side of the trail map, Orelle to Courchevel-Morond and return.

Snow conditions improved all week, starting out firm, but softening up as the weather warmed, No snow accumulation during the trip. Val Thorens Club Med Sensations Resort location was great, i.e., Ski in/Ski out, walking out the hotel, click in and go.

The Val Thorens Club Med experience was great for all. Everyone loved the Ski lessons that were included, some continued and some decided to go on their own after a few days. Who does not like French Food in France? The Club Med food experience and service was fabulous, with all you can eat and drink. The Oysters and the French Beer were a great hit.

The other non-skiing activities were also included. Gwen enjoyed the nordic/cross country skiing in Les Menuires for 2 days. Trails and snow were good. Craig, Ross, Eric & Tim had their butt kicked on the CosmoJet at Meribel. Per the website, this is a toboggan ride, which you lay on your back and go. It is a 3km racing run which apparently gives you an "adrenaline and thrill ride with twists and turns. Per Tim, "you did not have much control, it looked easy, but they will stick to skiing". For Tim to say that he must have experienced more than a "thrill".

Tim gathered everyone for group party on Thursday at one of the Club Med bars, to recap the week's experience. Everyone enjoyed themselves. Of course, inclusive means you have the opportunity to try many "libations". Some tried and enjoyed the local French Genepi (zenapi), which is a herbal liqueur or aperitif which is from the French Savory region.

Traveling to Europe has become less restrictive as the World works with the changing environment. I hope that the travel industry works out the "requirements" for a smoother 2023 Europe travel experience.

**Club Med  
Val Thorens,  
France**



# 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**

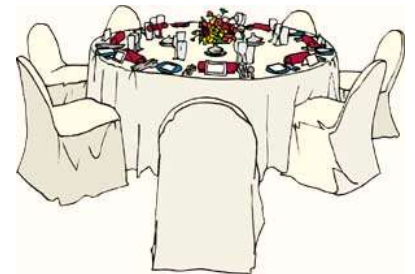
**Hot Dinner Buffet 7:00 –8:00 PM**

**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  
Send checks to Kathy Seufert, 5210 Suncrest Circle, Whitehall, PA 18052**

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