

# Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

## May/June 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
May	Spring Fling: Bill Ortner	Sat 2 pm
Jun		Jun 18
Jul	Summer Picnic: Jim Policelli	Sat TBD
Aug		Jul 16
Sep	Clam Bake at Eric's	Sun TBD
		Aug 21
	Charity Golf Tournament	Fri 8 am
	First General Meeting of the Season	Tue 7 pm
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		Sep 9
		Sep 13
		Sep 27

### Spring Fling - Sat June 18<sup>th</sup> 2 pm

Where: Ortner's Acres.

Donation to Club: \$15 per/person

Includes: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chicken, Bratwurst Cooked in Beer w/Sauerkraut, Veggie Burgers, Bottled Water, Beer and Wine.

Bring a Covered Dish to Share:

Last Names Beginning with:

A-H an Appetizer/Hors d'oeuvres,

I-P a Desert,

Q-Z a Salad,

Or ... Just Bring Your Favorite Dish

Send Donation, make check payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club, by Jun 11<sup>th</sup> to **Bill Ortner, 2509 Peachtree Road, Allentown, Pa 18104.**

For more info: Ph: 610-799-2549 or [wortner@ptd.net](mailto:wortner@ptd.net)

See Flyer Below for Details.

### Ptarmigan Charity Golf Tournament

We will be doing the Charity Golf Tournament again this Year. Save the date.

Friday September 9<sup>th</sup> 8 am Start.

We will need Players and of course Volunteers to help. More info will be coming soon.

For now, contact Phil Hublitz

[philhubolitz@gmail.com](mailto:philhubolitz@gmail.com) to Volunteer to help or Play.



### President's Message

Phil Hublitz

President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

One Million deaths and still counting: Covid-19, Omicron, Ba.2

Most of you already know that 11 of us traveled to the Stony Run Winery on April 9<sup>th</sup> in a snow squall to listen and dance to some sweet music. At that event 9 us contracted Omicron Ba.2, only Joyce who already had it (December general meeting) and Dick Manning escape it. Both Joyce and I were deadly sick for the four days, narrowly escaping a hospital stay, Eva Bishop was in hospital on an IV briefly. I have lost most of my sense of taste and believe me that is not good, permanently? We now hear that even those with four shots are getting infected but not dying from it...

I don't care what your beliefs are: politically, religiously or some fantasy, you need to be vaxed now. No excuses enough said.

70 Ptarmigans attended the Spring Banquet at the all-new Ball Room at Twin Lakes (formerly Iron Lakes, now a Jaiindl property). The food, music by Scotty-G, and dancing was fabulous. We thought that the club would need to subsidize this event because of increased costs but we actually came out with a small profit. We're booking it again for 2023, so if you missed it this year, be sure to sign up next year.

Golf directed by Tom Weiser has come up to speed, the STEM marches into the "Supply Chain", the BTC book for June is "Wish You Were Here" By Jodi Picoult and the July book is "Moon & Mars" by Kia Corthron (long book that will take more than a month to read), Joyce's music, biking ,hiking, and music events will be posted separately (if you want to be included in those emails, contact her). She is coordinating several events with other Ptarmigan members. Most, if not all events, will be outdoors because of the Stony Run incident. We will be posting the ski trips for 2023 as soon the leaders send us the info, Carolyn informs us that the EPSC will run two trips in 2023 at COST, stay tuned for updates.

Next major event around the corner is the Spring Fling at Ortner's Acres June 18<sup>th</sup>, be sure to sign up ASAP. Happy Hours continue to be well attended, this Friday the HH will be at the Willow Street Pub; their steamed clams are fantastic, I evaluated them last week: two dozen (with a black raspberry slushy), no sand, just the right size, sweet butter, and perfect taste. I think I actually got an extra dozen clams out of the shell.

See you at the HH Friday, gotta have those clams again.

## Ski Trip Advertising 2022 - 2023:

Trip Summaries – See Flyers Below for Details.

Sunday River - Maine Vicki Morris

January 22-27, 2023

Working on pricing and will let everyone know as soon as we finalize everything.

### 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.

## Musikfest – Aug 5 – 14 2022

Alex Pavel is looking for four more volunteers for Musikfest.

Contact Alex at 610-533-3400 [alexpavel213@aol.com](mailto:alexpavel213@aol.com)

## Adventure in Philadelphia

May-June: Adventure in Philadelphia on June 14: Afternoon at the FDR Park for the Philadelphia Flower Show and an evening spent with the Philadelphia Phillies starting at 7pm. Please let Monika Drury know by June 2 if you are interested by calling 570-876-1470.

## Spring Banquet

Thanks to all who attended our banquet at Twin Lakes.

It sure was a great time with good food, friends, and dancing until the DJ stopped!

The question was asked if we dance? You Betcha!

Jeanne, your air guitarist

See more photos and write-up below.



## 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: 2022/2023 Season

Renew your membership for the 2022/2023 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**

## Summary of Club Operation and Bank Accounts

Submitted by Kathy Seufert, Treasurer.

### Club Operations:

Income	\$ 3,370.00
Expenses	\$ 2245.63
Events	\$ (1,028.22)
Miscellaneous	\$ (2,249.33)
Total:	\$ (2,153.18)

### Bank Accounts:

Checking	\$ 9,381.64
Money Market	\$ 6,028.82
Fixed CD 1	\$ 2,257.68
Fixed CD 2	\$ 2,391.28



## **Winter Carnival 2023**

### **Aspen/Snowmass**

Stay tuned for dates and more details.

## **European/International Ski Trip 2023**

### **Interlaken/Jungfrau Region in Switzerland**

Stay tuned for dates and more details.

## **Third Annual Golf Outing – Save the Date!**

September 26, 2022, 12 pm Tee Off,

Turtle Creek Golf Course, 303 W. Ridge Pike

Limerick, PA 19468 Contact Carolyn if interested,

[we3ski@epix.net](mailto:we3ski@epix.net).

## **Hiking and Music** by Joyce Gilmore

Due to a lot of rainy, cold weather in April, our hiking season started on May 5. Fifteen Ptarmigans did a four-mile hike in Northampton Canal Street Park with the Lehigh River on one side and the Lehigh Canal on the other. We were blessed with beautiful weather and saw many turtles sunning themselves on logs in the canal and a mother goose with her baby goslings. At the end, we enjoyed a leisurely lunch in one of the park gazebos. There will be more hikes with some new places we haven't tried before. You are always welcome to join us for lunch even if you do not do the hike. Feel free to bring your dogs or grandchildren along.

Music events continued through April. We were at Folinis Wine Estate on April 3 listening and dancing to Two Dollar Bill Band. Always a fun time there! On April 10, we tried a new place, the Stoney Run Winery in Breinigsville. Just So band provided a Sunday afternoon of great music.

Our Friday, May 13, Happy Hour at Shepherd Hills was outdoors under a tent and featured the Stevie Vicks band with an outstanding female singer. Some of our group danced most of the evening until the band folded. At the end we got several younger folks to join us on the floor. They told us we were their inspiration!

## **\*\*\*Future Ski Trip Participants\*\*\*** by Carolyn Greenland

The world as we know it has been changing for skiers hoping to ski at various resorts for a reasonable price. Almost all of the Eastern, Western, Canadian, and European ski areas have signed on with either the **IKON** pass or the **EPIC** pass. With many single day lift ticket prices going for \$200+ at the window, it makes sense to look into one of these options--especially if you plan to ski somewhere other than your home mountain, or plan to take a few ski vacations. Many of the ski areas are no longer offering group rates.

**EPIC Pass - \$841 until May 30** - Unlimited access with no blackout dates to following resorts: BC: Blackcomb/Whistler CA: Heavenly, Kirkwood, Northstar. CO: Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Crested Butte, Keystone, Vail. IN: Paoli Peaks. MI: Mt. Brighton. MN: Afton Alps. MO: Hidden Valley, Snow Creek. NH: Attitash, Crotched Mtn, Mount Sunapee, Wildcat. NY: Hunter. OH: Alpine Valley, Boston Mills, Brandywine, Mad River Mtn. UT: Park City, PA: Big Boulder, Hidden Valley, Jack Frost, Laurel Mtn, Liberty, RoundTop, Seven Springs, Whitetail. VT: Mt. Snow, Okemo, Stowe. WA: Stevens. WI - Wilmot AUSTRALIA - Falls Creek, Hotham, Perisher. SWITZ - Andermatt-Sedrun. Other EPIC pass options are available. See [epicpass.com](http://epicpass.com)

**IKON Pass - \$1179** with no blackout dates. Unlimited access at 14 destinations: CA: Big Bear, June Mtn., Mammoth, Palisades. CO: Copper Mtn., Eldora Mtn., Steamboat, Winter Park. UT: Solitude. VT: Stratton, Sugarbush. WV: Snowshoe. ON: Blue Mtn. QC: Tremblant

Plus up to 7 days at each of 35 destinations with no blackout dates: CO: Arapahoe Basin, Aspen. ID: Schweitzer, Sun Valley. ME: Sugarloaf, Sunday River. MI: Boyne, The Highlands. MT: Big Sky. NH: Loon. NM: Taos. NY: Windham. OR: Mt. Bachelor. UT: Alta-Snowbird, Brighton, Deer Valley, Snow Basin. VT: Killington-Pico. WA: Crystal Mtn, Snoqualmie. WY: Jackson Hole. AB: Big3 (Banff/Sunshine/LakeLouise). BC: Cypress Mtn., Red Mtn., Revelstoke. Austria: Kitzbuhel. Australia: Mt. Buller, Thredbo. Chile: Valle Nevado. Japan: Niseko United. New Zealand: Coronet Peak, The Remarkables, Mt Hutt. Other IKON Pass options are available. See [ikonpass.com](http://ikonpass.com)

## **Own a Piece of Blue Mountain History!**

Blue Mountain Resort is excited to announce a new high-speed six-person lift coming to the mountain for the 2022/2023 season! The new lift will improve connectivity between the Valley and Summit Lodge, transporting guests from bottom to top in 5 minutes. The lift will accommodate 3,000 guests per hour.

As we get to where we're going, YOU can own a piece of where we've been! **Chairs from the Main Street and Burma lift will go on sale at [shopskibluemt.com](http://shopskibluemt.com) Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.** Chairs will be \$1,200 each, and will be available on a first come, first served basis.



## PSC 2022 Spring Banquet "Perfection At Its Best" - Submitted by Mary Ann Bedics

Excitement was in the air as more than sixty Ptarmigans and friends gathered for the 2022 Spring Banquet on April 23 at The Club at Twin Lakes. An elegantly renovated ballroom greeted us with sparkling chandeliers and a huge dance floor. A very moving invocation was delivered by Jim Policelli which gave us pause to reflect on our own blessings.

There was plenty of quality food at the buffet.

The friendly wait staff and bartenders were able to accommodate our questions and requests. DJ Scotty G played many favorites and requests as was evidenced by the "Rockin' Dance Floor".

Kudos to Joyce Gilmore our 2022 MVP (Most Valuable Ptarmigan).

Kathy Seufert kicked off the upcoming Second Annual Charity Golf Tournament (September 9) by asking PSC members for a \$1.00 donation.

Jeanne Weiser and her team did a great job of coordinating this event with the Jaiindl's, the new owners of the golf club.



## **2022 Big Sky Trip**

Mark Baechle's trip to Big Sky, MT, March 26—April 2, 2022, was full of fun, and perfect weather! We had 2 days of fresh powder, and blue sky and sunshine for all of the other days! The snow days allowed for tons of untracked powder turns. The "bluebird" days gave us beautiful scenery, and miles of smiles.

Mark hosted parties 6 of the 7 days. Included was a Mask Party, a Pizza Party, a Son-of-a-Beach Party, 2 game nights, and a Finale Party. They included drinks such as craft beer, 3 wines, pina coladas, mango madness, passion punch,... The parties provided a way for folks to meet new friends, and plan to ski with others.

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.

## **Golf Adventures**

Favorable weather allowed for an early season start on April 15<sup>th</sup> to Ptarmigan Friday golf. Golfers were a bit rusty in our swing and golf cart driving skills, but speedy improvement should be seen.



That's Ray Cope (not paying attention) driving into to a water trap. Tom Weiser and a few Good Samaritans help out.

# **Ptarmigan Ski Club**

## **Spring Fling**

### **Picnic**

*Sat Jun 18<sup>th</sup> 2 pm (Rain or Shine)*  
*Campfire at Dusk (if no Rain)*

*Where: Ortner's Acres.*

*Donation to Club: \$15 per/person –  
Make check payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club*

*Includes: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chicken, Bratwurst Cooked in Beer  
w/Sauerkraut, Veggie Burgers, Bottled Water  
Beer - assorted Bottled and Mini Draft Kegs of Premium Beers  
Wine – an Upscale Selection*

*Bring a Covered Dish to Share: Last Names Beginning with:*  
*A-H an Appetizer/Hors d'oeuvres,*  
*I-P a Desert,*  
*Q-Z a Salad,*  
*Or ... Just Bring Your Favorite Dish*

*Also Bring a Folding Chair if you want to Sit*

Directions: From the 15<sup>th</sup> Street exit off Route 22 proceed North on Mauch Chunk Road (Rothrock Car Dealership will be on your right). Go three (3) miles North on Mauch Chunk, at Grumpy's Tavern turn Right onto Peach Tree Road. Go in about 6 homes to 2509 Peach Tree. Look for Grey Ranch house up a steep driveway. If lost call 610 -799-2549.

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Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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