

Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

November 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.

----- Nov -----		
Harness Racing: Monika Drury	Sat 1:30 p	Nov 5
General Meeting: Kevin Morgan Montage	Tue 7 pm	Nov 8
Hike & Soup: Kathy Seufert	Sun 1 pm	Nov 20
----- Dec -----		
Holiday Happy Hour: Woodstone	Fri 5:30 p	Dec 9
Gen'l Meeting: Mark Holliday Buckman's	Tue 7 pm	Dec 13
Hike & Picnic: Jim Policelli	Sat TBD	Dec 17
----- Jan -----		
Blue Mt Ski Party: Jeanne Weiser	Tue 1 pm	Jan 10
----- Feb -----		
Blue Mt Ski Party: Jeanne Weiser	Tue 1 pm	Feb 14
----- Mar -----		
General Meeting: Elections	Tue 7 pm	Mar 14
----- Apr -----		
Spring Banquet	Sat TBD	Apr 29

General Meeting at KoC Allentown

Tuesday Nov 8th 7:00 pm

Program: Kevin Morgan from Montage Mountain - what's new and happening at Montage

Also: The Annual Food Drive (see writeup below)

Nov 5th Harness Racing at Pocono Downs

Let's drive through the Pocono Mts, potentially enjoy the lovely foliage, and watch the harness races beginning at 1:30 PM. You may place a bet \$2.00 a race- or just watch for your own enjoyment. There are a few restaurants on site for everyone's taste. Call Monika Drury 570-875-1470 if you are interested. Carpooling is possible.

HIKE and SOUP

WHEN: Sunday Nov 20th

HIKE: Rain cancels Hike (Soup is still on at 3 pm)

WHERE: Saylor Park

245 N. 2nd Street, Coplay, PA

TIME: 1 PM Hike, SOUP: 3 PM

Outside Event:

SEUFERT'S tailgating 5210 Suncrest Circle, Whitehall, PA

This is a BYOB, water provided.

Bring a chair and something to share.

Small bonfire.



President's Message

Phil Hublitz

President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

Lots in the pipeline...

We are closing the PSC Scholarship Awards with eight being processed as we speak. We can save the rest for next season. Kathy will also write checks to the Special Olympic Program. Not sure at this point how we might fund the programs in the future. Golf tournaments are a proven way to raise money but require a great deal of hard work. If you have not heard before Bonnie & Roz have been selected as our MVP (Most Valuable Ptarmigans) for 2022. They will be our guests at the Holiday Happy Hour and will receive a cash award for their hard work.

Ptarmigans were out in mass for the Appetizer Cook-Off and there were plenty of delightful tidbits to eat. Each participant received a \$10 gift card to Wegman's for the ingredients and the winner a \$25 cash reward. Look for pictures and a write up in this issue.

Carolyn found a dynamic agent to do a presentation on Montage Ski Area for November 8th and one from Buchman's for December 13th, you will not want to miss either one. Details may be found in this issue. As our EPSC rep and our Blue MT contact (replacing Dale Gogel, sure he will throw in his two cents now & then) look for an expanded section for both departments in each issue. Not to take away from what she has to say, I will say no more.

Yesterday, the STEM group hit the trail to Hawk Mountain to learn about raptors as well as climb to the mountaintop to see them firsthand. Joyce continues to select music events, bike rides, hikes, and dancing (sometimes with conflicting results, two events the same day). The book club meets at Mary's this month to discuss "Deacon King Kong". Golfing is winding down but is not out yet.

Monika is headed to Pocono Downs for harness racing on November 5th, let her know if interested. November 20th is Kathy's Hike & Soup event at Saylor Park and her home.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving everyone (we had to fit that in too).

Looking ahead to December, on the 9th is the Holiday Happy Hour at the Woodstone Country Club with music by Scotty-G, on December 17th is Policelli's Hike & Party at the Pinewoods Estate.

You can see the new lift towers supporting the new eight-pack lift (with heated seats and a colored plastic dome) being assembled on the Blue's Facebook site.

When will BlueMT open?

Ski Trip Advertising 2022 - 2023:

Trip Summaries – See Flyers Below for Details.

Sunday River, Maine - Vicki Morris

- Sun Jan 22 – Fri Jan 27, 2023
- \$1,159 dbl/occ \$1,019 tri/occ Senior & Non-skier Discounts Available
- Contact Vicki 610-791-3421 (H) or 610-597-8666 (C)
Email: VLM2378@rcn.com

Breckenridge, Co - Catherine Chrapacz

- Sat Jan 28 – Sat Feb 4, 2023
- \$2,090 dbl/occ
- Contact Catherine at 610-428-3547 or katyataz@yahoo.com

Whistler Blackcomb – Melissa Link

- Sat Jan 28 – Sat Feb 4, 2023
- \$1990 pp/4ppl 2bdrm, \$2140 pp/1bdrm
- Contact Melissa at 610-751-0332
donnas.trips.continue@gmail.com

Jackson Hole, Wy - Mark Beachle

- Mon Mar 13 – Mon Mar 20, 2023
- \$2,499 dbl/occ
- Contact Mark at 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.

Annual Food Drive - November 8 Meeting

By Mary Laronge

Ptarmigans have been donating food and other items to the local food pantry at 20th and Allen Streets, Allentown for the last few years. This pantry serves Zip Code 18104 and they have been very grateful for all your donations. Because the cost of living has gone up so much, the number of clients coming to the pantry has greatly increased. Last year we donated about 200 pounds of food--a big carload! Let's see if we can do even more this year. Boxes will be at the front of the meeting room for your donations.

Second Harvest provides the pantry with peanut butter, tuna fish, spaghetti, and canned vegetables (plus many other items),. Here are some suggestions for things that are sometimes in short supply in case you need some ideas.

Jelly
Pancake Mix and Syrup
Soup
Coffee
Diapers
Shampoo and soap
Laundry Detergent
Toothpaste
Cereal
Popcorn



**Food Collected
Last Year**



Membership DUES: 2022/2023 Season

Renew your membership for the 2022/2023 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 addition to their annual dues.

Trip Updates

Jackson Hole, Wy - Mark Beachle

Mark needs 1 single guy, and 1 single gal, for the Jackson Hole trip.

Whistler Blackcomb – Melissa Link

Melissa has one 2-bedroom suite (4ppl) still remaining. Government of Canada removed ALL COVID-19 border restrictions, including proof of vaccination and testing.

Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Kathy Seufert, Treasurer.

Click below for the latest Treasurer's Report:

[Treasurer's Report](#)

Hiking, Biking and Music News

by Joyce Gilmore

Ptarmigans enjoyed a brisk hike at Merrill Creek Reservoir in Washington, N.J., on a beautiful sunny, autumn day. It was picturesque to be in the deep woods and walking beside a lake. Thank you to Doug and Judy Thorne for leading this hike and offering us a new venue.

On October 16, we biked 22 miles from Cementon to Slatington on the D & L trail, stopping in Walnutport for a stroll through the Canal Festival and also a quick ride past the balloon festival in Slatington. Again, we were blessed with pleasant weather.

Music events included Folio's Wine Festival on Oct. 2 with the Uptown Band and Jeni Hackett at the Slatington Trailhead for Gathering 92. Lots of dancing!

Our Promised Land hiking trip had to be rescheduled to Sunday Oct 30th because of rain (see pics below). Hopefully, there will be a few more hikes and bike rides before the weather turns too cold. Stay tuned!

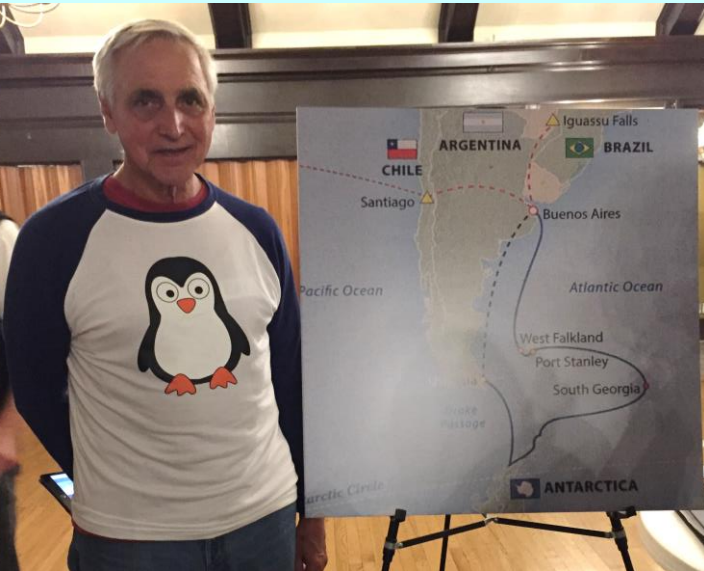
Ptarmigans Hit The Links by Mary Laronge

Golfers convened at Lykens Valley Golf Resort October 11-12 for Ptarmigan's sixth annual golf outing. Arranged by Mary Laronge, it included two days of golf and an overnight at their motel. Unfortunately, this year our luck ran out with the weather with rain the second day. But that didn't stop the group from having a good time! There's always next year!



Ray Cope speaking at the Oct 11th meeting about the trip to Antarctica that he and Linny took last winter.

Great Presentation. Great Trip. Thanks, Ray.



Spooktacular Hot Air Balloon Festival **Slatington Airport – Oct 15, 16**

by Lisa Rufo

The 3rd annual Spooktacular Balloon Fest at Slatington Airport for weekend of October 14-16 was a nice event to experience with the stunning fall foliage this year. Some of the weekend was too windy to launch the balloons for regular rides or the tethered rides. Sunday evening all came together for the finale, it was good to be on the tethered ride while the laser show played on the 7 balloons set up and fireworks took place. People who run the balloon event at different sites and also vendors said this was one of the best laser and fireworks shows they have seen, and new vendors said they are interested to come back to this event. A very good band played when I was there. Families brought lawn chairs or blankets and enjoyed the activities. Some rides and inflatable exercise bouncers were set up for the kids. There were crafts, typical fair food along with ethnic foods which are what I like the most. Keep in mind for next year.



Think Snow !!!

We Had Appetizers!

By Mary Laronge

Congratulations to Phil Hublitz who won the Appetizer Cook-Off for his crab stuffed mushroom appetizer! Nine Ptarmigan's brought their culinary skills to the October 25th meeting to compete in our Appetizer Cook Off, organized by Mary Laronge.

In addition to Phil, our chefs included Pat Lower, Jay Geiger, Joyce Gilmore, Monica Drury, Mary Ann Bedics, Cindy Simpson, Augusta Metter and Bill Ortnier. It was difficult to pick whose was best because they all were delicious.

First prize was \$25, and all contestants received a \$10 gift card to Wegman's. This is the third cook-off for our club members. In the past we had a chili cook-off and Dip Cook-Off. What' next? Come back next year to find out.



Bruce Lake Hike Sunday Oct 30th.





EPSC EASTERN PA SKI COUNCIL

Log into easternpaskicouncil.org to see the latest updated information on over 34 trips. Lift Ticket Discounts are now listed, and an Appreciation Day Calendar is currently showing Killington, Pico, Stratton dates posted. See the attached flyer below for the EPSC drive-up trip to **Saddleback, Maine** - a bargain! Stay tuned for more discounts available to you as a member of Ptarmigan.

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



MONTAGE MOUNTAIN RESORT



Ski For All - Discounted Lift tickets available most Mon- Fri - \$40**

Seniors 70+ - \$15 at the ticket window. Check out their website for more details.

BLUE MOUNTAIN RESORT

Main Street Express

Check out Blue Mountain Resort on Facebook to see photos of the lift towers being erected for the new Main Street Express chairlift.

New Website and New Logo

Go to <https://www.skibluemt.com/> to see the new trail map and all the latest happenings.

2022/2023 Ski & Snowboard Season Passes On Sale Now

All Access, \$799, ages 6 to 69, Valid Anytime, No Restrictions

Off Peak, \$549, ages 6 to 69, Valid Mon-Fri and after 4pm Sat, Sun. Holidays

Student, \$229, ages 6 to 22, Valid Mon-Fri and after 4pm Sat, Sun. Holidays

Child, \$50, 5 and under, Valid Anytime, No Restrictions

Senior, \$179, 70 and over, Valid Anytime, No Restrictions

*Seniors – discounted day tickets available for \$10 each with proof of age at Guest Services



Ptarmigan Holiday Party

Woodstone Country Club
3777 Dogwood Road, Danielsville, PA

Friday, December 9, 2022, 5:30 - 9:30 pm

Cost \$54 per person Payable by Nov 20th

5:30 - 9:30 Full Cash Bar Available
5:30 - 6:25 Cocktail Hour with Hor's D'oeuvres
6:25 Invocation
6:30 Dinner
6:30 - 9:30 Dancing to the Music of Scotty G

Hor's D'oeuvres Menu:

Mushroom Caps and Sausage
Fresh Veggies /Dip

Entrees - Buffet Menu:

Parmesan Crusted Cod
Chicken Pomodoro
Garlic Smashed Redskins
Honey Glazed Carrots
Garden Salad w/Raspberry Vinaigrette, Ranch
Served w/Fresh Rolls and Butter
Apple Pie w/Carmel Drizzle
Coffee, Tea, Lemonade

We can accommodate special dietary requests

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Send check by Nov 20th payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club to:
Kathy Seufert, 5210 Suncrest Circle, Whitehall, Pa 18052
Phone: 610-393-7324 Email: kathyhm@rcn.com

No checks accepted after Nov 20th

Enter Names: _____



**Jim Policelli's 3rd Annual Winter Hike and Picnic at
Pinewoods**

Saturday, December 17, 2022, 11:00 am

5796 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth, Pa.

(Village of Belfast)

Come join us for a day of outdoor winter cheer as we do a 1-mile hike through the trails on Jim's property and then gather at his lakeside pavilion for some warm drinks and food. The hike will begin at 11:00 from the pavilion. Follow the signs to the lake after turning into Jim's driveway. Park in the field by the lake like the summer picnic. If the ground is too wet and you prefer not to drive back, you can park in the field behind the barn and walk back to the lake. Wear waterproof footwear, bring walking poles or a stick for the hike which is mostly flat but has some minor uneven spots.

After the hike, we will gather about noon at the lakeside pavilion where there will be campfires, chili, hot glühwein, hot cider, and dessert treats from Monika's visit to Germany. Feel free to bring some food to share. There will be Christmas music and dancing. Jim's special Campsite Potty in the woods will be available. If you want to skip the hike and just come for the food and fellowship, that is fine too.

Directions to Jim's house: From 33 N. take a right off the Belfast exit. Go 1/10 mile to stop sign. Take a right onto Belfast Rd. and then in a few hundred feet take another right onto Sullivan Trail by the convenience store. Jim's tan house (5796) is on the left about 4/10 mile down the road. Look for the Ptarmigan sign.

RSVP to Joyce mindycat36@yahoo.com 610-683-6593



**EPSC Eastern Council Trip 2023
Saddleback, Maine
Feb 26 to March 3, 2023**

EPSC is happy to announce our Eastern Council Trip for 2023. We have chosen Saddleback, Maine as the destination since many people in our EPSC member clubs may not have skied Saddleback in the past and this will offer some new experiences for our club members. Saddleback was open for many years but closed in 2015. The resort remained closed until 2020, but, under new management and significant investment, Saddleback reopened for the 2020-21 season. Saddleback is the third largest ski area in Maine and offers a good variety of skiing for all levels.

Trip Information:

The Trip will be run as a Council drive-it-yourself trip that anyone from any EPSC club can participate in. Here is the key trip information that you need to plan your trip:

Trip Includes:

- 5 Nights Lodging: Rangeley Inn
- Pizza party buffet midweek
- Lift tickets (\$50/day) - see options below. Same price for all ages
- All taxes and gratuities

All of the accommodations have been renovated within the last 8 years, and they have private bathrooms, individual heat control, satellite TV, free WiFi, telephones, and coffee makers. Rooms are located on the first or second floors of the historic inn, and the Inn does not have an elevator. The following rate is per person, based on double occupancy, for rooms with one queen bed OR one king bed OR two queen beds. Tax is included. Meals are additional.

Trip Pricing for various packages:

- 5-day Lift/Lodging Option = \$756.00 per person
- 4-day Lift/Lodging Option = \$706.00 per person
- 3-day Lift/Lodging Option = \$656.00 per person
- 2-day Lift/Lodging Option = \$606.00 per person
- 1-day Lift/Lodging Option = \$556.00 per person
- No Lift/ Just Lodging Option = \$506.00 per person

If you are interested in participating in this trip or would like further information about the trip, please contact EPSC Trip Leader Dave Schoneker at: dschoneker@aol.com or give him a call at 267-251-3123.

Initial Trip Deposit required to hold your spot: \$100.00
Additional Deposits: \$300.00 due October 15th
Balance due November 15th

ANY LATE PAYMENT MAY BE ASSESSED A \$5.00 LATE FEE

The net price as stated reflects a cash discount. Sorry, credit cards will not be accepted



The Rangeley Inn is located in the center of Rangeley, walking distance to shops, galleries, and eateries. The rustic Tavern is open nightly for dinner, and the historic dining room offers breakfast every morning. It takes about 15 to 20 minutes to drive to Saddleback in the winter from the Rangeley Inn.

[Rangeley Inn Website](http://RangeleyInn.com)

More info at website

Easternpaskicouncil.org

Pre-Trip Ski Day at Killington (IKON Pass Resort) (Sat., Sun) and Post-Trip Ski Day (Fri., Sat., Sun)

- IKON Pass holders can ski FREE at Killington on these days.
- For non-IKON Pass holders, Killington will provide a specific link/code for EPSC, valid to purchase lift tickets on participant's own for the following dates (2/25-2/27 & 3/3-3/5)

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