

Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

December 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.

----- 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 11 am	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 Dec 13th 7:00 pm

Program: Guest Speaker Mark Holliday from Buckman's - latest technology in equipment and apparel.

Holiday Happy Hour at Woodstone – Dec 9th

Holiday Happy Hour Party
 Friday Dec 9, 2022 5:30 - 9:30 pm
 Woodstone Country Club

- 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

80+ Ptarmigans are set to enjoy an evening of Camaraderie, Cocktails, Food and Dancing.

Annual Winter Hike and Picnic – Dec 17th

At Jim Policelli's Pinewoods
 Saturday Dec 17th 11:00 am

See Flyer below for details.

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



President's Message

Phil Hublitz
 President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

Blue MT Opens

Blue opened November 25th. The reports are in, the Farina's and Mark said it was best opening ever with Freefall-Paradise and Vista-Burma Road open top to bottom. Spring skiing, the 8-pack will not open until the end of December, if all goes well. If you were not watching football this weekend you might have seen the tv broadcast of the FIS women's alpine skiing taking place at Killington, looked like there was plenty of snow, all good news.

Friday night the Miller Ale House was packed with Ptarmigans, the day after Thanksgiving.

December 9th, we party at Woodstone Country Club to the sounds of DJ Scotty-G, wear your dancing shoes as he will play for 3 hours, 6:30 to 9:30, the cash bar opens at 5:30. There nothing like the grand ballroom at Woodstone...

December 17th, at 11:00 AM, Ptarmigans will bundle up at Policelli's Pinewoods Estate, hike the estate, eat hardy (glühwein and Chili) and dance (got to keep warm) on the "island in the lake". Leave your bathing suit at home.

The usual suspects will still be around: BTC will discuss "The Tender Land", tales of an Indian School that is unforgettable. The STEM group will discuss "How computers work" December 29th and Endurance (survival in Antarctica) January 19th.

Don't forget to check out the EPSC Eastern Council Trip to Saddleback Ski Trip to Ranglely ME for under a \$1000 (if there are spaces still available), detailed flyer in the November newsletter. Also check the ski trips for open spots: Sunday River, Breckenridge, Whistler-Blackcomb, and Jackson Hole.

Think Snow!!

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 2bdm, \$2140 pp/1bdm
- 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.

SAVE the DATE – Jan 10th

Blue Mountain's Ski/Party at the Valley Lodge
January 10, 2023 at 1 PM

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

More details to follow shortly.

Nov 5th Harness Racing at Pocono Downs

Ptarmigans at the Track



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 need one Female, and one Male, and can accommodate a few others, if they you act soon.

Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Kathy Seufert, Treasurer.

Click below for the latest Treasurer's Report:
[Treasurer's Report](#)

Checks that were sent this month:

Special Olympics Bethlehem \$1352.25
Special Olympics of Lehigh County \$1352.25
Woodstone- Holiday Party \$4841.65
6 Ski Scholarships awarded for a total of \$3176.00

Hiking, Biking and Music Review

by Joyce Gilmore

On Nov. 4, a small group of Ptarmigans danced to the sounds of the Castaways Band at the Retriever's Brewing Co. in Orefield. The new venue was spacious and dog friendly. Several dogs listened to the music, and two of them even danced.

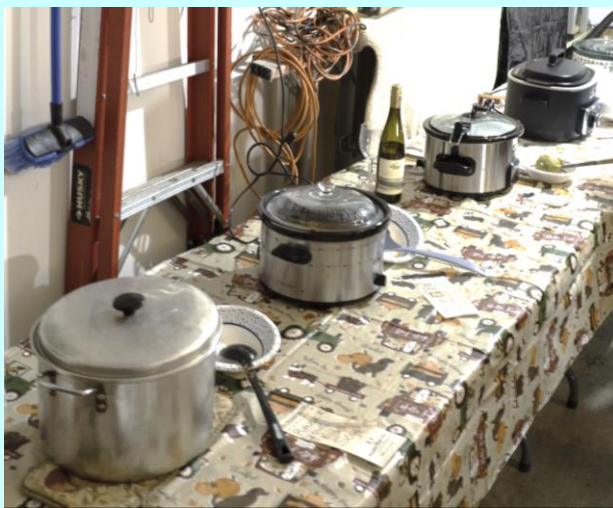
On Nov. 8, Ptarmigans hiked 4 miles on the Slatedale Trail. The weather was warm for November. We had lunch at the Slatington Trailhead and later sunbathed on the grass in the warm sun.

Nov. 10 was our last bike ride of the year (I think). We started at Cove Rd. and rode 23 miles roundtrip to Bowmanstown and back. Once again, we had perfect fall weather!

Thanks to everyone who participated in a great hiking and biking season. I will be starting to run group ski days weekly as soon as Blue gets more snow on the ground. Stay tuned.

Soup and Hike - November 20, 2022 Recap by Kathy Seufert

23 Brave Ptarmigans walked 2.5 miles on the Ironton Rail trail in freezing temperatures not including windy conditions. 45 Ptarmigans enjoyed 6 different soups and a variety of baked goods and other eats, in a cozy warm garage. The bonfire was nixed due to windy conditions.





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 EPSC drive-up trip to **Saddleback, Maine** - a bargain! Stay tuned for more discounts available to you as a member of Pttarmigan.

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



Opened for the season... Black Friday and Saturday with 12 trails. Reopening on 12/2 at 9 am

Main Street Express

Still under construction. Check out Blue Mountain Resort on Facebook to see photos of the lift towers being erected for the new chairlift. Go to <https://www.skiblue.com/> to see the new trail map and all of latest happenings.

Bear Creek Resort



\$30 lift tickets available to club members M-Th, non-holiday

Seniors 70+ and kids under 5 ski free. Go to Guest Services, show your ID and club member card for the discount. Don't want the hassle of Guest Services? Pay \$25 for your free pass and go straight to the slopes.

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





**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.

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