

Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

February 2023



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.

----- Feb -----		
Blue Mt Ski Party: Jeanne Weiser	Tue 1 pm	Feb 14
Blue Mt Ski Club Appreciation Day	Wed 7 pm	Feb 15
----- Mar -----		
General Meeting: Elections	Tue 7 pm	Mar 14
----- Apr -----		
Spring Banquet	Sat TBD	Apr 29

Blue Mt. Ski Party and Meeting – Feb 14th

**Blue Mt. Ski Party/Meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 14th at 1 PM**

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

**Includes Chili, Soup (vegetable), Veggies & Dip,
Bread & butter.**

Price is \$13, Cash bar is available.

Only if you wish to, bring a dessert.

Where: Valley Lodge at the bottom of the mountain.

**Please send y our check, payable to Ptarmigan Ski
Club to:**

**Mary Ann Bedics, 1664 Best Place, Bethlehem,
PA 18017**

**email: maryannbedics@rcn.com or call Mary Ann at
610-704-0582**

Deadline for party is Fri., Feb. 10th

**Please reply to Mary Ann by that date so that we
may have an accurate head-count.**

Blue Mt. Ski Club Appreciation Night

Wednesday 7:00 PM on February 15th

**Dinner in the Vista Ballroom, located in the Summit
Lodge.**

**Mack, Ptarmigan, Ingersoll Rand, POCO and Blue Ridge
Ski Clubs.**

Come out for the Blue Mt. Appreciation to our Ski Clubs.

**FOOD TO BE SERVED @ 7:00 PM on Feb 15th in the
Vista Ballroom.**



President's Message

Phil Hublitz

President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

It has been a great run fellow Ptarmigans; I will step down in March. I think the flock is flying higher than ever and hope that some of it was due to my contributions. Last Friday night at least thirty-five Ptarmigans showed up at the Grove Street Pub for Happy Hour to imbibe and fill their bellies. We occupied half the tables in the place, awesome, that means we are doing something right.

Gotta say something about the Sunday River Experience, it was the trip of a lifetime. Although it was a Mack Ski Club trip it did include a bevy of Ptarmigans (15 or so). It began with a heavy snow fall before we arrived giving us 10" of western pixy dust the first day of skiing and a total of 36" for the week. It included a great lobster dinner, one night at the Definitive, one night at the Shipyard Brew Haus courtesy of our 7 passenger Edge carrying 8 at a time and a lunch at the famous Matterhorn Ski Pub. What a killer week.

Those skiers at Breckenridge also got a nice dump of snow, have not had a report on the Whistler-Blackcomb trip yet they return today. Mark's Trip to Jackson Hole in late March will finish the season for us but there may be several other trips to the northeast hiding out somewhere (Carolyn).

Blue Mountain has been a mixed bag and a really tough season for the new owners. The new six pack chair whisks skiers up the mountain at top speed and allows you to ski all the way down the mountain. Friday February 3rd it was packed by 11 AM, and with six and the quad running it dumped a lot of skiers on the mountain but somehow it handled them well, lift lines were short, runs were long. Way to go Blue MT...The biggest complaint I have heard is that Free Fall is icy at the bottom, if mother nature would cooperate it would be a lot easier.

It goes without saying the usual suspects are still around with something for everyone, no pickleball for until spring.

Just don't stand there get out there and ski...

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 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.

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.

Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Kathy Seufert, Treasurer.

Click below for the latest Treasurer's Report:

[Treasurer's Report](#)

January Ski Party at Blue Mountain: 54 paid Ptarmigans
Cost \$988.66, **Club subsidized \$285.66.**

Blue Mountain Chair sold on e-bay. Club profit \$774.32.

The club has received a Thank you letter from the Special Olympics (Team Bethlehem) see below.

Group Ski Days and Music Events

by Joyce Gilmore

Ptarmigans enjoyed two group ski days at Blue Mt. on Jan. 26 and Feb. 4 in addition to the Feb. 10 ski party day. Conditions have been somewhat challenging but we managed to get some runs in and have a good time. After ski lunches at the Blue Mt. Family Restaurant in Danielsville always attract a great turnout. The restaurant lets us use their backroom. The food is good and reasonable. We have our own waitress and prompt service. We keep going back there because they are so accommodating.

There were three group musical events in January. The Jeni Hackett Duo played at the Weis Pub in Macungie which turned out to be a very nice venue with food bars available in the grocery area, resembling Wegmann's. About 15 Ptarmigans attended. Feb. 13 found us at Foundations Tavern at Shepherd Hills Golf course dancing to Honey and Nutz. They are a lively trio who are part of Hunkajunk Band. We later adjourned to Linx Pub where Rob Metter did a spectacular karaoke to "Pretty Woman." On Feb. 21, we attended the Fire and Ice Festival at Folino's Wine Estate in Kutztown.

The Chair Donated by Blue Mountain Sold

The ski scholarship program nets \$774.32 from the sale of the Blue Mountain Main Street chair. After two months of no eBay activity, Tom Weiser receives a notification the chair was sold, and money was deposited into his account.

The buyer arranged for a Philadelphia pack and ship company to pick up chair in a large box truck and forward it to Orem, Utah. Transportation expenses exceeded the chair price.





January 3, 2022

Kathryn Seufert
Ptarmigan Ski Club
5210 Suncrest Cir
Whitehall, PA 18052

Dear Kathryn,

Thank you for your gift to Special Olympics Pennsylvania of \$1,352.25 on 12/7/2022. Your gift will support our athletes in The Greater Lehigh Valley Pocono Region (Team Bethlehem).

Special Olympics uses the universal appeal of sport to bring people together and provide opportunities to be connected, get and stay physically active and fit, address health challenges and have fun.

But at its core, Special Olympics is an organization that uses that power of sport as a catalyst for social change - working to end discrimination and empower people with intellectual disabilities to reach their fullest potential on and off the playing field.

Please know that your support is critical to make this possible. On behalf of all of our athletes, thank you for your life-changing support.

Sincerely,

Matthew B. Aaron
President & CEO

**Jan 10th Ski Party
at Blue Mt.**

**Don't miss this
month's party on
Feb 14th 1 pm.**



TRIP IN REVIEW

Sunday River, Maine

Sunday, January 22 – Friday, January 27, 2023

Our trip to Sunday River took place Sunday, January 22 to Friday, January 27. This was Senior Week at Sunday River with lots of activities scheduled during the week.

We had 21 new people join us for our 27th Annual Trip this year. We had two snow storms this week, with 8-10" of fresh powder the first day and 6-8" Wednesday night!

Tuesday night we had a group dinner with 49 people at The Bethel Inn with 17 of us feasting on Maine Lobster! Thursday 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 last year.

A **Very Special Thank You** goes out to everyone who donated all the great door prizes.

Thanks to everyone for another great trip.

Vicki Morris and Terry & Bruce Blackman

Ptarmigans at Sunday River, Maine!



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



EPSC EASTERN PA SKI COUNCIL

Discounted lift tickets are available on EPSC Appreciation Days listed for Stratton, Killington, Magic Mtn., and Pico in Vermont. Log into easternpaskicouncil.org to see the latest updated information on over 34 trips as well as specials for Children and Seniors, too! Some of our local ski area discounts follow:

MONTAGE MOUNTAIN RESORT



Ski For All** - Discounted Lift tickets including rentals available most Mon- Weds - \$40 **NOW \$32 with code from EPSC****

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

BLUE MOUNTAIN RESORT



Main Street Express is now open, and Blue has great conditions. Stay tuned for their Winter Carnival coming in March. <https://www.skiblument.com/>

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. Many other discounts/rates/dates available from Bear Creek. Log in to EPSC Website <https://www.bcmountainresort.com/> for all the details.

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