

# January 2009

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A non-profit organization founded in 1947 and dedicated to the promotion of all facets of skiing and other winter sports and activities for the education and enjoyment of its members.

## Calendar of Events - Post In a Visible Location:

Happy Hour: Bill Ortner, 5:30pm Every Friday

----- January -----		
General Meeting & Party – Blue Mt.	Tues 7:00p	Jan 6
Ski Elk Mt – Day Trip: Dave Schnitzler	Fri 7:00a	Jan 9
Ski Trip Park City, Ut: Donna Westgate	Sat Jan 24 – Sat Jan 31	
EPSC Ski Weekend – Killington	Thu Jan 29 – Sun Feb 1	
Ski Trip Kitzbuhel, Aus: Curt Johnston	Fri Jan 30 – Mon Feb 9	
Ski Trip Copper Mt, Co: Mark Baechle	Sat Jan 31 – Sat Feb 7	
----- February -----		
Ski Elk Mt – Day Trip: Dave Schnitzler	Fri 7:00a	Feb 6
General Meeting – Bear Creek	Tues 7:30p	Feb 10
Ski Party – Blue Mt.: Dennis & Noreen	Tues 7:30p	Feb 17
Ski Trip Steamboat, Co: Curt Johnston	Sat Feb 21 – Sat Feb 28	
Bus Trip Sugarbush: Debbie Kodder	Fri Feb 27 – Mon Mar 1	
----- March -----		
General Meeting – Fullerton Fire Co	Tues 7:30p	Mar 10
Ski Hunter Mt - Mid Week: Tom Weiser	Wed Mar 11 – Fri Mar 13	
----- April -----		
Spring Banquet: Curt Johnston	Sat Eve	Apr 25

## Fresh Tracks

Happy 2009 Ptarmigans!

Welcome to the New Year my fine-feathered friends! I hope each and every one of you had a very festive holiday season, enjoyed time with family & friends, and are readjusting to your post-holiday lives. I've been spending my time searching for pants with larger waistbands, and getting comfortable with my new "snug fitting" shirts. Ah, the price we pay for too many cookies...

"Well, what do we do now? The holidays are over and I'm bore!" you ask? How 'bout you join us on Tuesday January 6<sup>th</sup> at Blue Mountain for our January meeting and Ski Party. We've moved the January meeting to the 6<sup>th</sup> so we can combine the meeting and a ski party all in one. Come out, take some turns, and enjoy time with the flock. We all know the ski parties are a great time and that Dennis and Noreen Reid put out a great spread for us. So mark it down on your calendar and get to Blue Mountain. Please contact Dennis and Noreen to sign-up for the party so they can plan accordingly. We'll have a brief meeting at 8pm on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

That's not enough? How about a Mental Health day at Elk Mountain with Sonny Schnitzler on Friday January 9<sup>th</sup>? These days are a great time, and – for those of you who haven't been there – Elk Mountain is a great area. To add to the fun, Elk hosts its Winter Fest on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Live entertainment, on-hill demos, and other attractions will greet you. Check it out.

As always, your Board of Directors is working to provide fun and entertainment in every way we can. And trust me... that won't stop!

Ski ya soon,  
Brian J. Nuss, *President*, Ptarmigan Ski Club

## General Meeting & Ski Party – Blue Mt.: Jan 6<sup>th</sup>

Our January General Meeting will be a combined Meeting and Ski Party at Blue Mt. Tuesday Jan 6<sup>th</sup>.

We will meet in the club room in the upper lodge (across from the ticket window area).

Food and Drink will be available beginning at 7pm.

Price will be \$6 if you call ahead or \$8 at the door.

Contact: Noreen & Dennis Reid 610-837-1780

[nerdlr@verizon.net](mailto:nerdlr@verizon.net)

## Hookey Ski Day Elk Mt. Jan 9<sup>th</sup>

See details on page 3 below.

Contact: Dave Schnitzler (610-965-2070,  
[schnitdj@airproducts.com](mailto:schnitdj@airproducts.com))

### **Ski Trips – 2008/2009 Season:**

Elk Mountain – Day Trip: Fri Jan 9<sup>th</sup>

- Leave 7:00am Tilghman St. K-Mart
- \$30 Group Rate if we get 20 People
- Contact Dave Schnitzler 610-956-2070  
[schnitdj@airproducts.com](mailto:schnitdj@airproducts.com)

Park City Ut. – Week Trip: Sat Jan 24 – Sat Jan 31

- \$1295 p/p Condo 2 bd/2ba Quad Occ
- 5 of 6 Day Ski Pass – 3 days PC, 2 days Cany / Deer Val
- Tuesday Night Party w/food, drink, games & prizes
- Contact Donna Westgate 610-774-4914  
[dwestgate@pplweb.com](mailto:dwestgate@pplweb.com)

EPSC Killington Weekend Thurs Jan 29 – Sun Feb 1

- \$590 p/p dbl occ
- Food/Drink on Bus
- 3 nights lodging NorthStar Lodge
- 3 day lift ticket
- Sat Dinner, Welcome Party and a Cocktail Party
- Dave Schoneker 215-822-2129 [DSchoneker@aol.com](mailto:DSchoneker@aol.com)

Kirchberg, Austria – 11 Days: Fri Jan 30 – Mon Feb 9

- Ski the Famous Kitzbuhel Ski Area
- \$1675 p/p dbl occ
- 7 Nights in Kirchberg – Hotel Tyrolerhof (backside of Kitzbuhel mountain) with Gourmet meal each night
- 2 Nights in Munich before returning home
- Contact Curt Johnston 610-868-4750  
[hugdebear@verizon.net](mailto:hugdebear@verizon.net)

Copper Mt. Co. – Week Trip: Sat Jan 31 – Sat Feb 7

- \$999 Early Bird Special or \$1299 Regular p/p
- 6 Nights at The Condos at Copper Mt. – 4 per 2br/2ba
- 1 Night near Denver Airport
- 4 Day Lift Ticket
- Day Trip to Winter Park
- Contact Mark Baechle 610-820-9699 [markt@ptd.net](mailto:markt@ptd.net)

Elk Mountain – Day Trip: Fri Feb 6<sup>th</sup>

- Leave 7:00am Tilghman St. K-Mart
- \$30 Group Rate if we get 20 People
- Contact Dave Schnitzler 610-956-2070  
[schnitdj@airproducts.com](mailto:schnitdj@airproducts.com)

Steamboat, Co. – Week Trip: Sat Feb 21 – Sat Feb 28

- 7 Nights Accommodation – Options:
  - The Inn at Steamboat if \$1465.00 dbl occ
  - The Lodge at Steamboat Condos - \$1295 dbl occ 3bd/3ba, \$1355 dbl occ 2bd/2ba
- 5/7 Day Ski Pass add \$325
- Contact Curt Johnston 610-868-4750  
[hugdebear@verizon.net](mailto:hugdebear@verizon.net)

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### **Meeting & Ski Night: Bear Ck.: Feb 10<sup>th</sup>**

February's General Meeting will be at the Bear Creek Ski Area Tuesday Feb 10<sup>th</sup>.

More details in the Feb Newsletter

### **Ski Party – Blue Mt.: Feb 17th**

Our second Blue Mt. Ski Party will be in the club room at Blue Mt. on Tuesday Feb.17<sup>th</sup>.

Food and Drink will be available at 7 pm.

Price will be \$6 if you call ahead or \$8 at the door.

Contact: Noreen & Dennis Reid 610-837-1780

[nerdlr@verizon.net](mailto:nerdlr@verizon.net)

### **December's Game Night – Thanks Victoria**



### **cont'd: Ski Trips – 2008/2009 Season:**

Sugarbush, Vt. – Bus Trip: Fri Feb 27 – Mar 1

- \$360 p/p quad occ, \$390 triple occ, \$450 dbl occ
- 2 Nights at White horse Inn
- 2 Breakfasts and 1 dinner
- 2 Day Lift Ticket at Sugarbush
- Pricing based on minimum 25 people
- Contact Debbie Koder 610-967-1975  
[debkoder@yahoo.com](mailto:debkoder@yahoo.com)

Hunter Mt, NY Mid-Wk: Wed Mar 11 – Fri Mar 13

- \$229 p/p dbl occ
- 2 Nights at Kaatskill Mountain Club
- Includes Lift Tickets for Wed Afternoon and All Day Thursday & Friday
- We'll Car Pool to get there
- Contact Tom Weiser 610-462-5847 [weiser@ptd.net](mailto:weiser@ptd.net)

## Elk Mountain Hookey Days are fast approaching - Jan 9<sup>th</sup> & Feb 6<sup>th</sup>

Here are the particulars:

- Day trips to Elk Mountain on Friday 1/9/09 and Friday 2/6/09!!
- We will meet at 7AM in the K-mart parking lot on Tilghman St. in Allentown and car pool to Elk.
- The group rate is \$30 a head for a weekday lift ticket. However, 1/9/09 is also a ski expo day at Elk and, as such, they will have all kinds of fun activities occurring that day including ski demos, entertainment, etc. We will not be running this trip at the group rate as you can go to Nestors on 7th street in Allentown and pick up a ticket for approximately \$20 (I don't know the exact cost so don't quote me on this). So, if you are interested in joining us on 1/9/09 you will need to procure your own ticket at Nestors.
- In order to qualify for the \$30 rate for 2/6/09 we need at least 20 people.
- I have to alert the folks at Elk at least 48 hours in advance of our reservations for 2/6/09 and they will have the tickets ready and waiting for us when we arrive.
- The purchase from Elk must be only one transaction; we can't just go to the ticket window on the day of our trip and pay individually. So I would ask those interested to send a check to me (3592 Lenape Lane, Emmaus, PA 18049) payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club to reserve your spot. If we get 20 people we will get the \$30 rate. If I don't have checks from 20 people by 2/3/09 I will destroy or return the checks I have received.

Please contact Dave Schnitzler with any questions (610-965-2070, [schnitdj@airproducts.com](mailto:schnitdj@airproducts.com))

## Santa Visits Ptarmigan's Holiday Party at Magnolia's



# 2009 PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB VOUCHER PROGRAMS

Blue Mountains Ski Area has a new *EZ-SLOPE* (direct to slope) ticket program. *EZ-Slope* tickets will take the place of our tradition vouchers. The new *EZ-Slope* tickets will allow the purchaser to attach the ticket to their jacket and go directly to the slopes without having to redeem a voucher for another type of lift ticket at the ticket office. **REFUNDS – THERE ARE NO REFUNDS OR RETURNS – USE IT OR LOOSE IT – CALL DALE 610-657-9112 WITH QUESTIONS**

**DUE TO CHANGE BY BLUE MOUNTAIN ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO “ DALE GOGEL ”**

Blue Mountain <i>EZ-SLOPE</i>	Brochure Price	EZ Slope Pass Cost	<u>SPECIALS</u>
Weekday All Day/Night Lift (8:30 AM - 10 PM)	\$ 52.00	\$ 33.00	
Weekday All Day Lift (8:30 AM - 5 PM)	\$ 43.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 33.00
Weekday HALF Day Lift (8:30 AM-12:30 PM)(12:30-5 PM)	\$ 37.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 27.00
Weekday Night Lift (4 PM – 10 PM)	\$ 32.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 22.00
Weekend All Day/Night Lift (7:30 AM - 10 PM) (Holiday)	\$ 59.00	\$ 41.00	
Weekend All Day Lift (7:30 AM - 5 PM) (Holiday)	\$ 52.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 42.00
Weekend Half Day Lift (7:30 AM-12:30 PM)(12:30-5 PM)	\$ 45.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 35.00
Weekend Night Lift (4 PM – 10 PM) (Holiday)	\$ 34.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 24.00
Tubing Weekdays (non-holiday 4-10pm)	\$ 21.00	\$ 15.00	
Tubing Weekend	\$ 28.00	\$ 22.00	
LIST - WEEK DAY DAY \$ 43 - Halfday \$37 - NIGHT \$ 32	YOUTH \$ 34 / \$ 32		
	-WEEKEND DAY \$52 - Halfday \$45 - NIGHT \$ 34 (Sat) \$ 22 (Sun) YOUTH \$ 36 / 34 / 22		

**SPECIALS AT TICKET WINDOW - SENIOR (65+) \$10 OFF DISCOUNT ALL LIFTS**

**CHECK \$10 OFF SPECIALS– Mon-Men / Tue-Business card / Wed-Ladies/ Thurs–SKI CLUB / Mon to Fri-College ID**

## PTARMIGAN CLUB SKI LESSONS

Ski lessons on Five consecutive Thursday Nites Jan 8, 15, 22, 29 & 2/5 - Starting at 7:00 PM ON SCHOOL HILL. Ski with the same group for FIVE weeks - Beginner, Intermediate to Expert. Lift & Ski or Board Lesson - \$ 130.00 Full Ski or Board Package - \$ 165.00

## Reduced RATES SKI BOARD

**GROUP LESSONS-** No separate lesson  
**LESSONS & LIFTS** 130.00 130.00  
**LESSONS, LIFTS & RENT** 165.00 165.00

**BLUE MOUNTAIN APPRECIATION DAY – WED FEB 11, 2009 – WITH MEMBERSHIP CARD**  
**ALL DAY LONG- 1/2 PRICE ON LIFTS - LESSONS - RENTALS FOR PTARMIGAN MEMBERS - FREE EVENING PARTY BY BLUE MOUNTAIN SKI AREA IN APPRECIATION FOR THE CLUBS SUPPORT!**

5 PACK – MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8:30 AM TO 10 PM (NO WEEKEND/HOLIDAY)  
 LIFT TICKET \$128, LIFT & SKI RENTAL \$168, LIFT & Board RENTAL \$205  
 NON TRANSFERRABLE SEASON TICKET TYPE PASS ISSUED – NO WEEKEND UPGRADES

**PTARMIGAN MEETING JAN 6 @ BLUE MOUNTAIN & PARTY NITE FEB 17 CONTACT NOREEN REID 610-837-1780**

**PREPAID \$ 6.00 IF CALL AHEAD AND \$ 8.00 AT THE DOOR**

## EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SKI COUNCIL RACE FEBRUARY 22, 2009

-DETACH - Payable – “ DALE GOGEL ”- MAIL TO Dale L Gogel - 4721 Three Mile Lane - Walnutport, Pa 18088 - 610-657-9112 - CUT HERE-

Voucher Description	Cost/Vchr	X	Qty	= Total	Name _____
					Address _____
					City/St/Zip _____
					Phone _____
(Allow MIN of 10 days to mail vouchers SASE)					



## Bear Creek Mountain Resort & Conference Center

### Discount Ski Tickets

Bear Creek Ski Area is located off Rt. 100, south of Macungie. Visit them at: [www.bcmountainresort.com](http://www.bcmountainresort.com) or phone(610)682-7100

<b>Midweek</b> (Mon. – Fri. non-holiday all day ticket)	<b>\$26.00</b> ppl price	<b>\$44.00</b> reg.price
<b>Evening</b> (4 p.m. – 10 p.m. any evening)	<b>\$19.00</b> ppl price	<b>\$32.00</b> reg.price
<b>Weekend / Holiday</b> (all day ticket anytime)	<b>\$47.00</b> ppl price	<b>\$57.00</b> reg.price

The above discount vouchers can be request from Donna Westgate. You must include payment, the type of ticket(s) you wish to purchase, and a self addressed stamped envelope. Send your request to Donna Westgate, 2819 Crest Ave. North, Allentown PA 18104.

Also available are:

<u>Season Pass</u> Adult \$350 Unlimited <u>Season Pass</u> *Youth/Senior Unlimited \$305 <u>Season Pass</u> Off-Peak \$190	<b>These must be pre-ordered, allow sufficient time to order</b>  <i>*Available only for ages 6-21 &amp; 62-69</i>	6 Lift Tickets Only \$100  6 Lift Tickets & Ski Rental \$150  6 Lift Tickets & Board Rental \$190  6 Lift Tickets & Lessons \$145  6 Lift tickets, Lesson & Ski Rental \$195  6 Lift tickets, Lesson & Board Rental \$235  Add on One Lesson \$ 11
<b><u>ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS ON ANY SEASON PASS OR SIX-SESSION PASS FOR ANY REASON.</u></b> <b>\$25 REPLACEMENT FEE IF PASS IS LOST OR STOLEN.</b> <b>SEASON PASSES ARE NOT VALID FOR SNOWTUBING. SEASON PASSES ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE.</b>		

Here are the regulations for the season & six session passes (in the box above).

- Six-session/season passes are non-transferable
- Passes expire at the end of the 2008-2009 season and may not be rolled over to another year
- No refunds will be issued for unused portions of the six-session pass
- No refunds will be issued for any reason on a season pass
- Participants of the six-session program who are getting lessons must be at least 6 years old
- Minors renting equipment require the signature of a parent or guardian. Parental release forms are available on their website.
- **If you lose your pass there is a \$25 replacement fee**
- Off peak passes and 6 session passes are valid Monday through Friday all day and after 4:00pm on weekends and resort holidays
- Resort holidays for the 2008-2009 season are **December 25, 2008 through January 1, 2009, January 19, 2009 and February 16, 2009.**

When purchasing your pass or passes, you will need to have handy; credit card for purchase, full name, address, phone number and birth date of each of the pass holders (you can do this on their Webpage – just contact me for the password).



**ONLY \$49.95**  
Savings of \$5.05

**GREAT GIFT TO GIVE OR TO  
KEEP FOR YOURSELF!**

**Save \$10 - \$30 or more every time  
you tee it up at over 426 courses in  
the Mid Atlantic.**

With savings of \$10-\$30 every time you tee it up, using Tee Time Golf Pass two or three times will pay for itself. Tee Time members receive discounts at courses throughout Delaware, DC, Maryland, NJ, PA, NC, SC, Virginia, and WV.

Tee Time Golf Pass sells for \$55 retail. This special rate of just \$49.95 is available when purchased from the Ski Club

To order a Golf Pass, send a check and a self addressed stamped envelope to, Donna Westgate, 2819 Crest Ave North, Allentown PA 18104. Passes may be used once or repeatedly at certain courses. The pass expires when the golf courses close at the end of 2009.

**Available for the following States:**

Delaware  
District of Columbia  
Maryland  
New Jersey  
North Carolina  
Pennsylvania  
South Carolina  
Virginia  
West Virginia

**(For example) in Pennsylvania, courses are listed  
for the following counties:**

Adams, Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Cumberland,  
Dauphin, Delaware County, Franklin, Fulton,  
Huntingdon, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lebanon,  
Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton,  
Philadelphia, Pike, Schuylkill, and York

**Some courses listed in Berks, Lehigh, & Northampton:**

Arrowhead, Chapel Hill, Exeter, Flying Hills, Galen Hall,  
Golden Oaks, Green Hills, Manor Golf Club, Perry Golf  
Club, Willow Hollow, CENTER VALLEY Club, Indian  
Creek, Shepherd Hills, Wedgewood, Bethlehem, Green  
Pond, Morgan Hill, Riverview, Southmoore, Two T's, etc.

**FREE GOLF!**

# PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB – 2008/2009 Membership Application

Please complete this entire form including the date and your signature. Checks should be made payable to **Ptarmigan Ski Club**. Once completed, send form with payment and a self addressed stamped envelope to: Jackie Lulewitz, 855 Yorkshire Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017. Otherwise, you can pick-up your card(s) at our monthly meetings. (If you supply an email address, please use UPPERCASE to avoid errors.)

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsored By: \_\_\_\_\_

## Membership Dues:

**New Members & Renewal After 10/31/08:** \$20/Single, \$30/Family    **Renewal Before 10/31/08:** \$16/Single, \$26 Family

## Acknowledgement of Responsibility / Release of Liability:

The Ptarmigan Ski Club is a year-round sports and social club providing a variety of activities for its members. Participation in these activities can involve risk and personal injury. I fully accept and understand these risks and voluntarily assume all risks either known or not readily foreseeable. I agree not to hold the Ptarmigan Ski Club, its officers, board members, or any volunteers, liable for any accident or injury resulting from my participation in any club activity.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Adult member is responsible for each named minor. Each adult must sign.

**Preferred Newsletter Format:**     Email (PDF File)     Hard Copy (via US Mail)

## Demographic Information:

Sex:     Male     Female    Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status:     Single     Married     Divorced     Other

Social Capital: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (i.e.: what you bring with you and who you are – florist, plumber, kennel, etc)



## How often do you ski each year?

< 10 times     10-20 times     20-30 times     > 30 times

## Where do you like to ski?

Locally     New England     Western US     Canada     Europe     Other

## Additional activities you're interested in:

Downhill Skiing     Week-long Trips     Boating     Golf  
 Cross Country Skiing     Midweek Trips     Hiking     Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Snowboarding     Weekend Trips     Biking  
 Racing (competitive/fun)     Bus Trips     Volleyball  
 Rollerblading     Picnics     Happy Hour

## Activities I will help with:

Membership     Publicity/Advertising     Summer Picnics     Website  
 Newsletter     Special Olympics     Banquet/Parties     Other...  
 Programs     Organizing Trips     Hospitality

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