February 2017

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Calendar of Events - Post In a Visible Location:

Happy Hour: Contact Bill Ortner, 5:00pm Every Friday
General Meetings at Christopher’s – Knights of Columbus (KoC) Volleyball Rose Garden Pavilion Every Tuesday May - Sep
--------- Feb --------- Mar --------- Apr --------- Jun -------
General Meeting Ski Party at Blue Mt Snowmass, Co: Brian Nuss Sun Peaks, BC: Mark Baechle General Meeting Elections: Koc Special Banquet: Green Pond CC Special Fling: Bill Ortner
--------- Feb 14 --------- Sat Feb 25 - Sat Mar 4 Sat Mar 4 - Sun Mar 12 Tue 7:00p Mar 14 Sat 6:00p Apr 29 Sat 2:00 p Jun 10

Ski Party/Meeting on Tue, Feb 14th at Blue Mt

This is a Mid-Day party at 1 PM
Includes: Pizza, Veggies with Dip.
Price is $10, cash bar available.
If you wish to, bring a Dessert.
Where: Blue Mt. Valley Lodge at the bottom of the mountain.
Please send your check payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club to: Kathy Seufert, 5210 Suncrest Circle, Whitehall, PA 18052 e-mail: KATHYHM@rcn.com or call 610-393-7324
Deadline for party is Sunday, Feb. 12th – please reply to Kathy by that date so that we may have an accurate head-count.

Brian is working to coordinate a Pro for SWAP. If interested in skiing with a pro; contact Brian at powder-hound@verizon.net

Special lift tickets will be available for the club party on Feb 1st:

SPECIAL DAY TICKET $ 35 (buy with membership card at ticket window)
SPECIAL NIGHT TICKET $ 30 (buy with membership card at ticket window)

For any questions on lift tickets - Contact: Dale Gogel 610-767-1546

President’s Message

Mary Ann Bedics
President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

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For the former Northeast Pa Ski council clubs – of which Ptarmigan was a member of.

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SPECIAL NIGHT TICKET $ 30 (with membership card at ticket windows)

FREE BUFFET IN MAIN LOUNGE AT 7 PM (with membership card)

Need more info – Contact: Dale Gogel 610-767-1546
2016/2017 Ski Season – Trips:

Revelstoke, BC: Sat Jan 14 - Sat Jan 21, 2017
- Contact: Mark Baechle 610-657-5825
  SkiPro99@gmail.com

Chamonix, Fr: Sat Jan 21 – Mon Jan 30, 2017
- Contact: Catherine Chrapacz 610-428-3547
  katyataz@yahoo.com

Telluride, Co: Sat Jan 21 – Sat Jan 28, 2017
- Contact: Donna Westgate 610-392-9200
  travelswithdonna@yahoo.com

Snowmass, CO: Sat Feb 25 - Sat Mar 4 2017
- Stonebridge Inn $2082 $1997 New Price
- Tamarack Condos 2 br $1895, 3 br $1895 Sold Out
- 5 Day Lift Ticket
- Contact: Brian 610-730-2777 powder-hound@verizon.net

Sun Peaks, BC, Sat Mar 4 – Sun Mar 12, 2017
- $1898 for first 20 persons, then goes to $1999
- 8 Nights at Nancy Greene’s Cahility Lodge
- 6 Day Lift Ticket
- Contact: Mark Baechle 610-657-5825
  SkiPro99@gmail.com

Editor’s Note: Ptarmigan Ski Club requires all trips to have a written cancellation policy - Please read the trip flyers for details and cancellation policy. All Flyers are available on our Web Site: http://ptarmiganskiclub.org/Trips.html
Bill Ortner, Editor.

Membership DUES: 2016/2017 Season

Dues are for the Season: May 1, 2016 to Apr 30, 2017

Renewal (due May 1, 2016) $16 Single or $26 Family
(after Oct 31, 2016) $20 Single or $30 Family

New Members $20 Single or $30 Family
New Memberships are valid until Apr 30, 2018

All Members will receive the Ptarmigan Newsletter FREE by Email.
Members wishing to receive Hardcopy must pay $5 in addition to their annual dues.

Trips Update

Mark Baechle:
The Sun Peaks Trip March 4-12 – Contact Mark if you still want him to get you on the trip.

Blue Mountain Ski Party Jan 10th - Recap by Mary Ann Bedics

The weather forecast always plays an important part in our ski club winter activities. A prediction of inclement weather begs the question--shall I venture out or shall I skip this event? On January 10th the forecast looked pretty grim. Our party buffet was scheduled to start at 7:00pm. Miraculously the precipitation stopped, the roads cleared, and 33 club members made their way to Blue Mountain. Several skied and rode their snowboards. The majority hung around the Valley Lodge to socialize and enjoy the delicious buffet. The weather remained clear and calm and everyone safely drove home. Thanks to all who supported this event and to those who brought a dessert to share.

Join us at the next Blue Mountain party for lunch at 1:00 pm, February 14th. The menu includes pizza, salad, and a Valentine Cake.
The drive up to Blue Mountain on Saturday, January 21, brought to mind Carl Sandburg’s poem, "Fog". The visibility on the drive there and also on the mountain was nearly zero. Can anyone navigate in this kind of fog? You bet! Ptarmigans—all twenty-four of us!

Our fifth Blue Mountain Happy Hour at the Slopeside Bar & Grill was another well-attended ski club event. Many skied (with x-ray vision, I suppose) but most just came for the ambiance, camaraderie, the good food and the libations.

The band, Greystone, entertained us and there was even some dancing going on. So put April 22 on your calendar for our next Blue Mountain happy hour.
BLUE MOUNTAIN SKI AREA 2017

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The 16-17 Ski Season Pricing is Monday - Friday 8 hour ticket Adult $ 55.00 Youth 6-12 years $ 45.00
Saturday-Sunday & Holiday 8 hour ticket Adult $ 70.00 Youth 6-12 years $ 55.00
Night Tickets 4pm to 10 pm - Monday - Saturday & Holidays Adult $ 40.00 Youth 6-12 years $ 40.00
Night Tickets 4pm to 10 pm - Sunday Night Special $ 30.00 Youth 6-12 years $ 30.00

2016 - 2017 Holidays:
Christmas - December 26 to January 1
Martin Luther King Day - January 16
President's Day - February 20

Holiday Closings:
Thanksgiving Day - Closed
Christmas Eve - Closing at 5pm
Christmas Day - Closed

Senior Season Pass: 70 years & older will receive a free Adult Unlimited Season Pass!
You can receive your free Senior Season Pass at the Summit Lodge ticket counter.

Children's Lift Ticket: Children, ages 5 years old & younger, ski & ride for free! You can receive a Children's Lift Ticket at any ticket counter in the Summit Lodge or Valley Lodge. Must present valid proof of age.

PSAA 4th & 5th Grade Snowpass Program - reduced lift & lessons for 4th & 5th graders - see skiblumtn.com website

PTARMIGAN SKI PARTY AT BLUE MOUNTAIN – JAN 10 & FEB 14

SPECIAL LIFT TICKETS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR CLUB PARTY DAYS
SPECIAL DAY TICKET $ 35 (buy with membership card at ticket window)
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FEBRUARY 15 - SKI CLUB APPRECIATION DAY AT BLUE MOUNTAIN
WITH THE FORMER NORTHEAST PA SKI COUNCIL CLUBS
SPECIAL LIFT TICKETS WITH MEMBERSHIP CARD AT TICKET WINDOWS
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LEHIGH COUNTY SKIING SPECIAL OLYMPICS TRAINS AT BLUE MOUNTAIN WEDNESDAYS FROM 9 AM – 2 PM
DEC 28, JAN 4, 11, 18, 25 FEB 8, 15, 22, MARCH 1 - QUESTIONS CONTACT DALE GOGEL 610 767 1546 dalego@ aol.com


You can purchase a ski card that is good for one full day lift ticket at each of the following local ski resorts:
Smuggler's Notch – Vermont
Gore Mountain – New York
Ski Big Bear – Pennsylvania
Mountain Creek – New Jersey
Shawnee Mountain – Pennsylvania
Swain Mountain – New York

(WNEP Ski Cards must be ordered by 12/10/16 in order to receive them in time for Holiday Gifts)
You may redeem this for either weekday or weekend lift tickets. That's right - you can ski on the weekend with the WNEP Ski Card! Please note that this is not valid for holidays (Please see holiday dates in restrictions below.)
The best part about this deal is that you can ski each of these great resorts for only $129 total! That's a 70% savings from purchasing a lift ticket to each mountain, individually! If you want to take advantage of this great deal, then you'd better act fast as quantities are limited!
Restrictions: Valid for one lift ticket at each participating mountain - Not valid with other offers - No cash value
Ski Card will expire on 06/01/2017
Tax and gratuity are not included

BLUE MOUNTAIN EZ SLOPE TICKETS GOOD FOR 8 HOURS FROM FIRST LIFT

SEND CHECK Payable to – “DALE GOGEL” - 610-767-1546 - MAIL TO
Dale Gogel - 4721 Three Mile Lane - Walnutport, Pa 18088 - dalego@ aol.com

Voucher Description Cost/Vch Qty Total
Weekend Day ($70) $ 60
Weekday Day ($55) $ 47
Weekday Night($40) $ 30

NO LONGER HAVE CLUB 6 PACK – MUST BUY ON LINE PRIOR TO 10/31/2016

Names ________________________________
Address ________________________________
City/St/Zip ________________________________
Phone ________________________________
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(Allow MIN of 10 days to mail vouchers SASE)
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**PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB - 2016/2017 Season Membership Renewal and New Member Application**

Please complete this entire form including the date and your signature. Make checks payable to PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB. Send form, payment and a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Mary Laronge, 556 Parkside Court, Allentown, PA 18104. Otherwise, you may feel free to pick-up your card(s) at our monthly meetings.

Last Name: ___________________________________ First Name: _____________________________________

Spouse: ___________________________________ Children: _____________________________________

Address: ___________________________________ City: _____________________________________ State: _____________________________________ Zip: _________________

Phone: ___________________________________ Email: _____________________________________ Sponsored By (if applicable): _____________________

Print email in UPPERCASE to avoid confusion)

The Ptarmigan Newsletter is sent by Email (be sure to include your Email Address); however you may request a Hardcopy by including an additional $5 with your Annual Dues – Check the box below.

**2016/2017 Season - Membership Dues: Please Check the Appropriate Boxes Below**

- Current Member Renewal (due May 1st):  □ $16 Single  □ $26 Family
- Late Renewal (after Oct 31st): □ $20 Single  □ $30 Family  Renew before Oct 31st and Save

- New Member Application: □ $20 Single  □ $30 Family  New Memberships valid until Apr 30, 2018
- □ $5 Additional for Hardcopy Newsletter via US Postal (everyone will get it FREE by Email)

**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.

**Demographic Information:** Age: □ 21 -39 □ 40 - 59 □ 60 & over □ Male □ Female

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