

Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

September 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

General Meetings at Christopher's – Knights of Columbus (KoC)

Happy Hour: Contact Bill Ortner, Most Friday's

Thursty Thursday: Contact Carolyn Greenland, Ronnie Rother

BTC Book Club: Third Wed Contact Ronnie Rother, Mary Laronge

----- Sep -----

9/1 SteelStacks Concert – Doors Tribute, 7:30 pm

9/1 Happy Hour – Jack's Slice 5:00 pm

9/5 Biking D&L Trail Weissport to Jim Thorpe 9:30 am

9/6 Hike for Health at Jacobsburg 5:30 pm

9/8 Happy Hour - Hops at Paddock, Allentown 5:00 pm

9/9 Kayak/Hike – Leaser Lake 10:00 am

9/9 SteelStacks Concert – Aardvarks, 7:30 pm

9/11 EPSC Golf Tourney – Mainland Golf Course

9/12 General Mtg, K of C, Welcome Back! 7 pm

9/14 Hike - Slate Heritage Trail 9:30 am at D&L

9/15 Happy Hour - Miller's Ale House, Allentown 5:00 pm

9/20 Biking Plainfield Twp. Rail Trail 9:30 am

9/21 Thursty Thursday – Wanderlust, Easton 6 pm

9/23 Biking at Frenchtown NJ 9:30 am

9/24 Train Open House – Phil Klopp 2 pm

9/25 General Mtg, K of C - TBD 7 pm

9/28 Hike at Walnutport Canal/Slatington 9:30 am

9/29 Happy Hour - Grove Street Pub, Catasauqua 5:00 pm

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10/3 Biking – Irion Rail Trail 9:30 am

10/4 Hike For Health – Jacobsburg 9:30 am

10/6 Happy Hour - Leather Corner Post, Orefield 5:00 pm

10/7 Oktoberfest – Ortner's Acres 2 pm

10/12 Hike – Nor-Bath Trail 9:30 am

10/13 Happy Hour

10/14 Biking - Plainfield Twp. Rail Trail 9:30 am

10/19 Thursty Thursday – The View At Morgan Hill 6:00 pm

10/18 Biking - D&L Cementon to Slatington 9:30 am

10/21 Biking – Slatington to Bowmanstown 9:30

10/26 Hike – Walnut Canal (North) 9:30 am

10/27 Happy Hour

----- Save the Dates – details to follow -----

11/19 Fall Hike-N-Soup – K. Seufert's House

12/9 Holiday Banquet – The Meadows at Saucon Valley

12/22 Holiday Tour & Happy Hour

First General Meeting For This Season

at Christopher's – Knights of Columbus (KoC) Allentown

Tuesday Sep 12th 7:00 pm

Welcome Back!



President's Message

Carolyn Greenland

President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

Welcome Back! ... is the theme for our first general meeting Sept 12th. There's a crispness to the air and sunny evenings are waning. Time to take a look at you're your ski equipment and gear. Pre-season sales and discounts on tuning and waxing are going on now. Tent sales to trade in your old garb for something fresh and new will be happening soon in October. Get ready!

The first annual Ptarmigan Ski Trip is fully booked with a waiting list. Plans are in the works for a New England trip as well as several area mountain day trips. Stayed tuned, lots more fun events are in the pipeline.

See you at the meeting!

Ptarmigan Giving

Ptarmigans have always been generous every year around Thanksgiving time by donating food to a local food pantry for distribution to those in need. Our board of directors would like to extend this giving to include other organizations that need help supplying items to those less fortunate. This could include homeless shelters, shelters for abused women, victims of sex trafficking, maybe a school that needs supplies, just to give a few ideas. You may have a favorite as well. If you do, feel free to let anyone on the board know and we will try to add it to our list of organizations needing donations. We will pick a different organization each month.

In the meantime, we are asking you to bring donations of soap to the two meetings in September. This is what the food pantry at the Jewish Family Services is requesting for the month. Their clients, who live in zip code 18104, not only need food, but also cosmetic items. There will be a box in the front of the meeting room for your items.

Mary Laronge 610-737-2349

Oktoberfest Party Sat Oct 7th 2:00 pm – Hosted by Bill Ortner

Featuring Pulled Pork, Bratwurst, Home Made Split Pea Soup and much more. There will be Beer, Wine and Bottled Water. \$20 Full Menu, \$14 Food Only and \$5 for Shared Food Only. Bring something to share. See Flyer below for Details.



Ski Trips 2023 - 2024:

The Following Trips are sponsored and run by Ptarmigan Ski Club:

Val Gardena (& Venice), Italy – Carolyn Greenland

- Fri Mar 1 – Mar 11
- \$2,995 p/p dbl/occ
- Contact: Carolyn Greenland 302-864-4120 or we3ski@epix.net [Click Here to download Flyer.](#)

Editor's Notes:

All trips advertised must have a clearly stated cancellation policy, please read it carefully.



SKIING!!!!

Val Gardena and Venice, Italy,

Dates: March 1-11, 2024

Cost **\$2995 pp** double occ. Includes all Roundtrip air (Lufthansa/Swiss -skis fly free) and ground transfers; 7 Nights in Val Gardena and 2 nights in Venice. Newly renovated hotel, ski-in/ski-out, indoor/outdoor heated pool, 7 breakfasts, 7 dinners, welcome Wine & Cheese. Venice – Breakfast daily and time on your own to explore. Ptarmigan Ski Club membership required. Trip is full but have openings for one single male and one single female. Contact Carolyn at 302-864-4120 for more details or [Click Here to download Flyer.](#)

Pickleball

Tuesdays, 11:00 am at the Grange Park, 360 Grange Rd., Allentown, email Olga Chubarova at Katerina1910@yahoo.com for details.



Friday Happy Hours

- Sep 1 Jack's Slice (Allentown Muni) 5:pm
- Sep 8 Hops at Paddock, Allentown 5:00 pr
- Sep 15 Miller's Ale House, Allentown 5:00 pm
- Sep 29 Grove Street Pub, Catasauqua 5:00 pm



Golf – Bring your "A" Game, Grip it and Rip It every Friday at various courses around the Lehigh Valley. Limited tee times available. Contact Tom Weiser if you are interested at Weiser@ptd.net

Membership DUES: 2023/2024 Season

Renew your membership for the 2023/2024 Season.

Send your dues beginning September 1st until Oct 31st to: Pat Lower, 1805 Elmhurst, Dr, Whitehall Pa 18052.

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, 2025

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

Click below for the latest Treasurer's Report:

[Treasurer's Report](#)

Val Gardina – Trip Update

We have one opening for a male sharing a room with another male. Otherwise, trip filled. Waitlist forming.

PHIL AND LINDA KLOPP INVITE PTARMIGAN MEMBERS TO A TOY TRAIN LAYOUT OPEN HOUSE

DATE Sunday, September 24, 2-6 PM,
260 SKYLINE DR, Easton, Pa 18042

Visit one of Americas great toy train layouts. This layout covers the entire basement and has been featured in numerous books and videos including Great Toy Train Layouts of America and Charles Osgood's CBS Sunday morning show. Some of you enjoyed this when we did it several years ago. It is now better than ever with many new scenes!

Price of admission is an appetizer or dessert to share. Since we do not know how many will attend, please limit attendees to your household for this event. If you have friends neighbors or groups of children, we are always willing to give them a separate private tour on a different date. There are lots of buttons for kids to press, train whistles to blow and bells to ring!! We enjoy sharing the fun of operating toy trains.

Call us and we can arrange a special visit 484-591-8006

Adopt-a-Highway

If you are interested in participating in PennDOT's Adopt-a-Highway, then please contact Ronnie at Veronica.rother@gmail.com by the end of September. The group will decide where, when, and frequency.





Thirsty Thursday - September 21

Wanderlust Beer Garden, 6:00 pm, 1600 Sullivan Trail, Forks Township, PA 18040, 610-438-1093

Thirsty Thursday - October 19

The View at Morgan Hill, 6:00 pm, 100 Club House Drive, Easton, PA 18042 phone 610-923-8480



Hiking

Please notify the activity leader that you are attending so you may be contacted in case of inclement weather.

Sept. 6 -- Hike for Health, Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center -- Wed. 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.

Come join us for a brisk 2 - 2.5 Miles Hike on Uneven Terrain.
Meet at 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth at Visitor Center Flag Pole.
Call / TEXT Cindy Simoson (484) 515-0181, if you are going.

Sept. 14 -- Slate Heritage Trail -- Thurs. 9:30 A.M. at D & L -

Meet at Slatington Trailhead, 101 Main Street, Slatington, Pa. for a 4 Mile Hike.
Easy Hike. Pavilion, Food Truck, Rest Rooms at Slatington Trailhead.
Bring Lunch, Snack, Water.
Call / TEXT Cindy Simoson, if you are going (484) 515-0181

Sept. 28 -- Walnutport Canal / Slatington (South) Slatington Trailhead -- Thurs. 9:30 A.M.

Meet at the Slatington Trailhead 101 Main St., Slatington, Pa.
Cross the Bridge to Walnutport & Hike South on the Towpath.
Easy Hike 4 Miles on Shaded Trail; Flat with fine gravel & packed dirt.
Bring Lunch, snack, water. Restrooms, Pavilion, & Food Truck at Slatington Trailhead.
Joyce Gilmore is Hike Leader: E-Mail Joyce mindycat36@yahoo.com or Call (610) 741-8943

Kayak / Hike Event

Sept. 9 Kayak at Leaser Lake / Hike. Saturday 10:00 A.M.

Meet at Leaser Lake -- North Boat Launch Area, 7836 Ontelaunee Road, Kempton, Pa.
Bring your kayak, paddle Board, or Canoe for some water fun.
Also, please bring your Life Jacket and a launch permit.
Boats can be rented by calling 484- 221-1522.

Hiking Trails are also available nearby.
Bring Water, snacks or lunch.
Contact Linda with questions. (610) 248-5902



STEM Discussion – Thursday Sep 28th 4:30 pm via Zoom

Topic: Video Editing and Timecode. Contact Bill Ortnor wortner@ptd.net to receive Zoom Invite.

A brief history of video editing and the use of Timecode. The presentation will show the development of timecode from it beginning to its use today in video editing. The presentation will use actual video footage and film conversions to demonstrate the changes over time.

This includes underwater video from dive expeditions the presenter was on. The changes in Underwater Photography equipment will also be shown as it applies to the subject.

Presenter: Gordon Yerry



Biking

Please notify the activity leader that you are attending so you may be contacted in case of inclement weather.

Sept. 5 -- D & L Trail -- Tues. 9:30 A.M. - Weissport/Lehigh Canal Park Trailhead - Bridge Street. Weissport , Pa.

Meet in the Parking Lot at Lehigh Canal Park Trailhead / Weissport.
Ride from Weissport , thru Jim Thorpe and on to Glen Onoko & the Lehigh Gorge State Park.
Moderate Ride on Crushed Stone, Paved & Gravel for 18 Miles/ option to do more.
Restrooms at Jim Thorpe, Glen Onoko. Bring Lunch, Snack & Water. Stunning Scenery along the Way.
Directions -- From Rt. 145 North, At Slatington & Traffic Light Make a Left onto Rt. 248 West.
Near Lehighon at Traffic Light where Rt. 248 Ends, Cross Over Rt. 209; Continue Straight to Next Stop Sign.
Make a Left onto Bridge St. & Immediate Right into Lehigh Canal Parking Lot.

Call/ TEXT Cindy Simoson, if you are going, or any questions (484) 515-0181.

Sept. 20 -- Plainfield Twp. Rail Trail -- Wed. 9:30 A.M.

Meet in the Parking Lot on Rt. 191 -- Stockertown Trailhead. Ride is Easy; Paved to Crush Stone for 14 miles on shaded Trail along Bushkill Park.
Directions -- From Rt. 33 North, Take Stockertown Rt. 191 Exit, & follow Rt. 191 North about one quarter Mile.
Parking Lot is on Right after passing an Electrical Substation.
Bring Lunch, snack, water.

Call/TEXT Cindy Simoson if you are going (484) 515-0181

Sept. 23 -- Sat. D & R Trail -- Frenchtown, N.J. Trailhead -- 9:30 A.M.

Meet in Parking Lot by Bridge St. Cafe -- Frenchtown, N.J. 8 Bridge St., Frenchtown, N.J. 08825
Can come Earlier for Breakfast; Cafe opens at 8:00 A.M.

Ride from Frenchtown to Stockton 24 Miles. Easy Ride on crushed stone. Restrooms in Frenchtown, Bulls Island, Stockton. Bring Lunch, Snack, Water. Deli in Stockton next to Trail.
Ride Leader is Joyce Gilmore. E-Mail Joyce at mindycat36@yahoo.com or Call (610) 741-8943, if you are going.

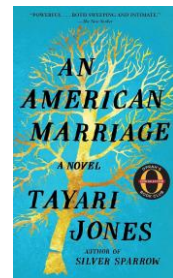
Between the Covers - Book Club

It's a BYOB and BYOF (if you wish) book group gathering at our next discussion. Join us!

DATE: Wednesday, September 20 - TIME: Discussion will begin promptly at 4 PM

LOCATION: Ronnie's 254 Kristin Lane, Allentown

PLEASE NOTE... Pool is open. Come earlier to swim.
If the weather allows. we will have our discussion outside on the deck.



On A Somber Note

Bob Cope, a longtime member of Ptarmigan, died August 4, 2023.

A Celebration of Life was held Friday, August 25, 2023,
at North Penn Gun Club, 2555 Tollgate Road, Quakertown.



Ptarmigan Summer Pictorial Wrap Up

Ptarmigan Girls Doing Friday Golf



Dancing With The Stars Party Jul 29th



Ptarmigan
All-Star
Dance
Lineup

Ptarmigan Ski Club Oktoberfest 2023



Featuring Pulled Pork and Bratwurst

When: Saturday Oct 7th 2 pm until?
Where: Ortner's Hofbrauhaus
Cost: \$20 Per Person - Full Menu, Beer & Wine, Bottled Water
\$14 Per Person - Full Menu, Water, No Beer, No Wine
\$5 Per Person - No Food, No Beer, No Wine,
Shared Food and Water Only, You Must
Bring Something to Share

Beginning at 2 pm we'll be serving Bratwurst (par-boiled in Beer then Grilled) with Sauerkraut and Homemade Split-Pea w/Ham Hock Soup.

Around 5 pm we'll begin serving Pulled Pork along with some traditional sides.

Enjoy a Selection of Seasonal Draft Beers.

An Excellent Selection of Wine.

Bottled Water will also be available.

If you like bring an Appetizer or Dessert to Share.

Bring a Picnic Chair if you want to sit.

There will be a Campfire after Dinner.



Directions: 2509 Peach Tree Road, Allentown Ph: (610)799-2549. Take the 15th street exit from Route 22, go north three miles on Mauch Chunk Road past Scherersville toward Ballietsville. Just past Mechanicsville Road, turn right at Grumpy's onto Peach Tree Road. Go in about 6 or 7 homes then turn left and go up the driveway.

----- Tear off and send along with your check -----

Enter Names and Price Selections Below

Send check by Sep 30th payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club to: Bill Ortner, 2509 Peachtree Road, Allentown, Pa 18104 610-799-2549 or wortner@att.net

Sunshine



Please forward any information you may have of a member who has recently experienced the loss of a spouse, partner, parent, close family member or friend, etc. or someone in need of a bit of cheer. Contact Mary Ann Bedics by cell (610-704-0582) or email (maryannbedics@rcn.com).

Year In Review



Please forward any pictures you've taken at Ptarmigan Ski Club events to Eric at Eric.Schoeppner@icloud.com. Eric will collect pictures throughout this membership year to create a "Year in Review" for presentation during our March election meeting.

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