

# Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

## October 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

#### Oct

10/3 Biking - Irion Rail Trail 9:30 am  
 10/4 Hike For Health - Jacobsburg 5:30 pm  
 10/6 Happy Hour - Leather Corner Post, Orefield 5:00 pm  
 10/7 Oktoberfest - Ortner's Acres 2 pm  
 10/10 General Meeting – Christopher's Columbian Home 7 pm  
 10/13 Happy Hour - Hops at The Paddock 5:00 pm  
 10/14 Biking - D&L Frenchtown, NJ 9:30 am  
 10/18 Hiking - Plainfield Twp Rail Trail 9:30 am  
 10/19 Thursty Thursday - The View at Morgan Hill 6:00 pm  
 10/20 Happy Hour - Shepherd Hill - Foundations 5:00 pm  
 10/21 Biking - Slatington to Bowmanstown 9:30  
 10/24 General Meeting - Christopher's Columbian Home 7 pm  
 10/26 Hike - Walnut Canal (North) 9:30 am  
 10/27 Happy Hour - Keystone Pub and Grill 5:00 pm

#### Nov

11/3 Happy Hour – Copperhead Grill 5:00 pm  
 11/4 Hike – Lehigh Parkway, 10:00 am  
 11/10 Happy Hour – TBD  
 11/12 Hike – Merrill Creek, 10:00 am  
 11/14 General Mtg – Christopher's Columbian Home 7 pm  
 11/16 Thursty Thursday – Yergey's Brewing, 5 pm  
 11/10 Happy Hour – TBD  
 11/19 Fall Hike-N-Soup – 1:00 Hike, 3:00 Soup Kathy Seufert's  
 11/23 Thanksgiving  
 11/24 Happy Hour - TBD  
 11/24 Opening Day at Blue Mountain

#### Save the Dates – details to follow

12/9 Holiday Banquet – The Meadows at Saucon Valley  
 12/12 General Meeting – Holiday Party – Christopher's CH 7 pm  
 12/22 Holiday Tour & Happy Hour

### October General Meetings

#### Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00 pm:

Join us at Christopher's Columbian Home CCH (formerly known as Knights of Columbus) on Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00 pm. We will have a presentation from our guest speaker, Ms. Erin Trautman, a young woman who cycled solo from Maine to Key West. We will also serve up the usual refreshments and socializing.

#### Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00 pm:

Our second meeting of the month is on October 24 at 7:00 pm. It will be our **Movie and a Sub Meeting**.

Subway hoagies are on the menu. Choices include: Turkey, Italian, Tuna, Veggie. See Cindy at the next meeting or contact her at 484-515-0181 ahead of time to place your order.



### President's Message

**Carolyn Greenland**  
 President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

Autumn is here, and the clock change is just around the corner. We have several great activities lined up for some optimal leaf peeping. An Oktoberfest at Ortner's Acres, hikes and bikes in the Poconos and the New Jersey hills, and a chance to raise a stein or a mug at the Leather Corner Post or at Yergey's Brewing! The Fall Hike-N-Soup at Kathy's is always a much-anticipated event and a nice kick-off to the holiday season. Tent sales are going on this month at your favorite ski shops. Now is your chance to get some new gear at discounted prices, and even get your boards tuned before the ski season starts. The new Warren Miller movie is in at NCC's Lipkin Theater with a preview of some ALLTIME spectacular skiing. And all of our regular club activities are going strong: Golf, Book Club, and STEM (with an outing at the National Watch & Clock Museum). Skiing activities and trips are in the planning stages. Ptarmigans are hard to keep up with! Hope to see you at the next meeting.

### Ptarmigan Giving:

This month we will be collecting items for the **Chemo Bag Project**. Their mission is to uplift and encourage adults undergoing cancer treatments. Items needed include:

Chapsticks	Water Bottles	Leggings	Gum
Pens	Colored Pencils	Markers	Hand
Sanitizer	Notepads	Comfy Socks	Hats
Greeting Cards	Coloring Books	Wrapped Candies	
Giftcards \$5, \$10	Crossword Books		

There will be a box in the front of the meeting room for your items.

Contact: Ronnie Rother, [veronica.rother@gmail.com](mailto:veronica.rother@gmail.com)

### Oktoberfest Party Sat Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm

Hosted by Bill Ortner. Sixty-Two Ptarmigans will be there.



### Reminder: Renew your Membership by Oct 31<sup>st</sup>

See the next Page 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](mailto: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.

**\*\*\*OFF PISTE\*\*\***



## 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. Contact Carolyn at 302-864-4120 for more details or [Click Here to download Flyer.](#)

### Friday Happy Hours

- Oct 6 Leather Corner Post 5:00 pm
- Oct 13 Hops at The Paddock 5:00 pm
- Oct 20 Shepherd Hill – Foundations 5:00 pm  
Music – SteelCreek Trio 6-9 pm
- Oct 27 Keystone Pub and Grill 5:00 pm



Note: We're back to every Friday now.



**Golf** – The season is drawing to a close, but there are still many beautiful Fall Fridays to bring in your "A" Game. Contact Tom Weiser if you are interested at [Weiser@ptd.net](mailto:Weiser@ptd.net)



- ★ Fall adventures await every Saturday and Sunday thru October 29. From ziplining and camping to hiking and mountain biking, there's something for the entire family.
- ☀ Start planning a winter escape for everyone to enjoy. Get ready for thrilling times on the slopes. Our projected opening date is **November 24**

## Membership DUES: 2023/2024 Season

Renew your membership for the 2023/2024 Season.

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

Early Renewal: \$16 Single or \$26 Family.

Late Renewal (after Oct 31<sup>st</sup>): \$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.**

### Val Gardina – Trip Update

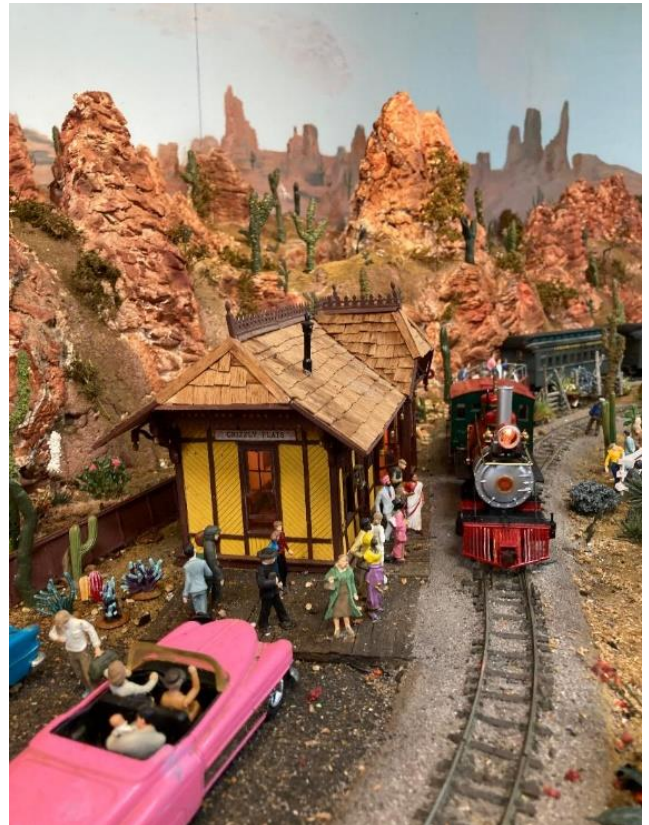
One additional room has opened up for 2 people.

Call Carolyn at 302-864-4120 ASAP if you are interested!

### Toy Train Open House

Special Thanks to Phil and Linda Klopp for hosting their Toy Train Open House this past weekend. For those who attended, it was truly magical and spectacular. From Skiing panoramas to desert vistas; Hershey Park to Winter Park, whistles, clanging bells, and smoke...almost anything you can imagine is included. What a wonderful way to kick off the Autumn season.

Call Phil to arrange a special visit 484-591-8006.





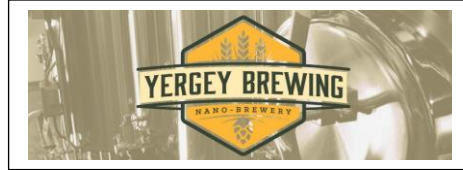
## The View at Morgan Hill Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup>

100 Clubhouse Drive, Easton, PA 18042

Join us for another fun filled Thursty Thursday on October 19<sup>th</sup> at The View at Morgan Hill in Easton at 5:00 pm. Jeff Crosson, Acoustic Guitar, begins at 6 pm. [www.theviewatmorganhill.com](http://www.theviewatmorganhill.com)

Save the date: **Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm**

Yergey Brewing  
235 Main Street, Emaus, PA, United States, 18049



### Hiking

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

October 4 - Hike for Health, Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center, Weds. 5:30 – 7:00 pm, a brisk 2-2.5 miles hike on uneven terrain. Meet at 400 Belfast Rd, Nazareth at Visitor Center Flag Pole. Phone/Text Cindy Simoson (484) 515-0181 if you are going. Bring water.

October 18 – Plainfield Twp Rail Trail, Weds. 9:30 am. Meet in parking lot on Rte. 191, Stockertown trailhead. Easy hike: paved to crushed stone for 4 -5 miles on shaded trail along Bushkill Creek. Directions: from Rte. 33 North, take Stockertown Rte. 191 exit and follow Rte. 191 north about ¼ 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.

10/26 Hike – Walnutport Canal/Slatington Trailhead (North), Thurs. 9:30 am. Meet at the Slatington trailhead at 101 Main street, Slatington, PA. Cross the bridge to Walnutport and hike north on the towpath. Easy hike 4 miles on shaded trail. Flat with fine gravel and packed dirt. View the Fall Foliage. Bring lunch, snack, water. Restrooms, pavilion & food truck at Slatington trailhead. Phone/Text Cindy Simoson (484) 515-0181 if you are going.

11/4 Hike – Lehigh Parkway, Saturday 10:30 am – Meet at Bogert's Bridge, 1490 Fish Hatchery Road, Allentown, easy hike about 4 miles on flat gravel. Olga Chubarova will lead the hike. Phone/Text Olga Chubarova (610) 366-0369 or email: katerina1910@yahoo.com if you are going.

11/12 - Merrill Creek, Sunday 9:30 am, 34 Merrill Creek Road, Washington, NJ 07882, Meet at Panera Bread at Rte. 22 & Rte. 512 (3301 Bath Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18017) if you want to carpool. Judy and Doug Thorne are leading the hike. Call/text Cindy Simoson (484) 515-0181 if you have any questions.

11/19 – Ironton Rail Trail, Sunday, 1:00 pm in conjunction with Hike-N-Soup, 3:00 pm, at Kathy Seufert's house, 5210 Suncrest Circle, Whitehall, PA 18052. BYOB, water provided, bring a chair. Starting location to be determined. Check next newsletter.



### **STEM Discussion – Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm via Zoom**

October 26, Thursday - Meeting Topic – National Watch Clock Museum field trip – Carpool/meetup at mutual location 12:30 pm, (to convene with other carpooling groups and continue to the museum together for group arrival at the same time 1:30 pm). View the displays: chronometers, the Mars Clock, Queen Bonaparte's pocket watch, etc. Continue on for early dinner at Shady Maple Smorgasbord (sr. discount 10% off). Contact Jean at [jbblackies@hotmail.com](mailto:jbblackies@hotmail.com) with any questions.



National Watch & Clock  
**MUSEUM**



## Biking

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

October 3 – Ironton Rail Trail, Tuesday, 9:30 am. Ride on paved trail for 14 miles with the option to do more. Meet at Chestnut Street, Coplay Trailhead (near Red Caboose Train). 3853 Chestnut St., Coplay, PA. Phone/Text Cindy Simoson if you are going – (484) 515-0181.

October 14 – D & R Trail – Frenchtown, NJ Trailhead, Saturday, 9:30 am – Meet in the parking lot by Bridge Street Café, 8 Bridge Street, Frenchtown, NJ 08825. Can come earlier for breakfast. Café opens at 8:00 am. 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. Call/Text Cindy Simoson if you are going – (484) 515-0181.

October 21 – Slatington to Bowmanstown and north, D&L Trail - Saturday, 9:30 am, Fall Foliage Viewing. Meet at the Slatington trailhead, 101 Main St., Slatington, PA. Ride from Slatington past the Lehigh Gap Nature Center to Bowmanstown and north to view the Fall Foliage. Easy ride on gravel, 17 miles with option to do more. Pavilions and restrooms at Slatington, Lehigh Gap Nature Center, and Bowmanstown. Bring lunch/snack/water. Call/Text Cindy Simoson if you are going – (484) 515-0181.

### 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, October 18 - TIME: Discussion will begin promptly at 4 PM

LOCATION: Ronnie's 254 Kristin Lane, Allentown

The Second Life of Mirielle West  
By Amanda Skenandore

PLEASE NOTE...

- ~Pool is open. Yes, come earlier to swim.
- ~Hot dogs and chili will be served.
- ~If the weather allows, we will have our discussion outside on the deck.



## October Tent Sale Wednesday, Oct 11 - Saturday, Oct 14

Huge savings on consignment and clearance apparel, equipment and consignment items at all five locations:  
**King of Prussia, Montgomeryville, Reading, Whitehall and Exton, PA!**

All tent locations open to the public at 10am on Wednesday, Oct 11th.

**Important Dates:** Consignment Ticket Pick-up: Oct 2-10  
Consignment drop-off at tent locations: Oct 2-10  
Tent Sale Dates: Oct 11-14

**Time: Wed-Fri: 10am - 8pm:** King of Prussia, Montgomeryville, Whitehall + Exton  
**Wed-Fri: 10am - 7pm:** Reading, Doylestown\* + Ardmore  
**Sat: 10am - 5pm:** Doylestown, Ardmore, Reading + Whitehall

## OF INTEREST TO ALL SKIERS.....

In the NCC LIPKIN THEATER at  
Northampton Community College

### SHOW DATES and TIME:

Friday, November 3 @ 7:00

Saturday, November 4 @ 3:30 PM

Saturday, November 4 @ 7:00 PM



\*\*\*TICKETS ON SALE October 6 AT BUCKMANS-WHITEHALL STORE OR VIA MAIL-ORDER\*\*\*

Cut & paste this link in your browser: [http://www4.northampton.edu/kmanna/WM\\_Web/TOF-AT.pdf](http://www4.northampton.edu/kmanna/WM_Web/TOF-AT.pdf)

GENERAL ADMISSION ONLY (come early to get a good seat)

Ticket Price: \$18.00 in ADVANCE \$20.00 day of show

All attendees will receive a FREE LIFT TICKET voucher to [ELK MOUNTAIN SKI AREA](#)



# EPSC EASTERN PA SKI COUNCIL

**Eastern PA Ski Council Fall Membership Meeting** to be held on Sunday, October 22, 11:30 am at Blue Mountain. \$31 includes lunch. Your club will be sending a few reps., but the **public is also invited**. Breakout sessions on "Membership Growth," "Community Outreach", and "How to Incorporate Members with Families/Children".

Register: <https://easternpaskicouncil.org/wp/epsc/2023/09/registration-open-2023-fall-membership-general-meeting>

**Heavenly 2024 (Lake Tahoe), EPSC Winter Carnival** – Jan 27 – Feb 3, 2024, \$2,325 includes rt air Phila to Reno, Epic Pass, 7 Nights at Harvey's Lake Resort, Welcome party, \$329 discount with Epic pass, \$15 food voucher per day for Breakfast or dinner. Day trip to NorthStar as well as many Carnival activities. Over 200 skiers plan to attend. Come with friends or make new ones! **There are still openings available** - see [www.easternpaskicouncil.org](http://www.easternpaskicouncil.org) for more details.

**Skiing Perks and Benefits** -- DISCOUNTS tab on EPSC website for a spreadsheet of Everyday Savings, statistics, and web links at over 18 local ski areas. [Updated rates will be posted by December 1](#). Great Deals!! **DISCOUNTED LIFT TICKETS ... CHECK THIS OUT!!!**

**Killington K-tickets.** Were \$89 last year, \$109 this year (40% off by purchasing now in advance). You can purchase 7, get the 8th free. Need to do on-line.

<https://purchase.killington.com/s/k-tickets>. Six of us did it last year and skied 4 straight days at Killington. It was great.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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