

Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

November 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 Columbian Home (KoC)

Happy Hour: Contact Bill Ortner, Every Friday

Thursty Thursday: Contact Carolyn Greenland, Ronnie Rother

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

Nov

11/3 Happy Hour – Copperhead Grill 5:00 pm

11/5 Hike – Lehigh Parkway, 10:00 am

11/10 Happy Hour – Miller Ale House – 5:00 pm

11/12 Hike – Merrill Creek, 9:30 am

11/14 General Mtg – Christopher's Columbian Home 7 pm

11/16 Thursty Thursday – Triple Sun Spirits, 5 pm

11/17 Happy Hour – Grove Street Pub – 5:00 pm

11/19 Fall Hike-N-Soup – 1:00 Hike, 3:00 Soup Kathy Seufert's

11/23 Happy Thanksgiving

11/24 Happy Hour - Foundations Tavern – Live Music – 5 pm

11/24 Opening Day at Blue Mountain

Dec

12/1 Happy Hour – Keystone Pub and Grill – 5:00 pm

12/9 Holiday Banquet – The Meadows at Saucon Valley 6 pm

12/12 General Meeting – Holiday Party – Christopher's CH 7 pm

12/13 LV Phantoms Hockey – 7 pm

12/22 Holiday Happy Hour & Tour – Becky's house, 5 pm

Save the Date – details to follow

January – Ski Party/Mtg – TBD

Ski Day at Elk - TBD

Ski Day at Montage - TBD

February – Ski Party/Mtg – Blue Mtn – TBD

Ski Day at Bear Creek – TBD

Ski Day at Camelback - TBD

November General Meeting

Tuesday, November 14th 7:00 pm

Join us at Christopher's Columbian Home CCH (formerly known as Knights of Columbus) on Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00 pm. "Time for a Tune Up!" You will have the opportunity to join a 20-minute exercise program to enhance your cardiovascular fitness, boost balance, coordination, agility, and strength. Representatives from Bear Creek Mountain Resort will also be here to give a presentation about what the mountain has to offer skiers and about ski tune ups. Let's be ready!

Ptarmigan Holiday Banquet

Saturday, December 9, 2023, 6 – 10 pm
The Meadows of Saucon Valley, Hellertown, PA
Buffet dinner, DJ & Dancing. Cost \$50 per person by November 20.

See attached flier for details.



President's Message

Carolyn Greenland

President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

Winter is coming.... Autumn's leaves are falling, we're moving the clocks forward this weekend, and colder air has arrived. Time to break out the warm sweaters, build a crackling fire in the fireplace, and sip some yummy hot cocoa with family and friends. Football season is in full swing and shopping season has already begun. Thanksgiving is just around the corner. We're some of the select few who will be anxiously awaiting the first snowfall of the season. Fingers crossed that the flurries will fly soon! The new snow guns at Blue Mountain are poised and ready to blow in anticipation of an early opening on November 24. Think snow everyone! – And be sure to sign up for the annual holiday banquet. Flyer is in this newsletter. Cut-off is by November 20. Hope to see you there.

Ptarmigan Giving

In November and December, we will be collecting for Toys for Tots. Through the gift of a new toy or book, this program brings the joy of the holidays to millions of disadvantaged children. Please bring your gift of a new unwrapped toy/book to the Nov. 14 and/or Dec. 12 meetings.

On Another Note: Jewish Family Services of Lehigh Valley sent us a very gracious Thank You letter for our record-breaking donation of 122 bars of soap. Thank you for participating!



FALL Hike-N-Soup

Sunday, November 19 at 1 pm

Join us on Sunday, November 19 at 1 pm for our annual Hike-N-Soup, hosted by Kathy Seufert. The hike is from Troxel-Steckel Park, 4229 Reliance St in Whitehall. Rain cancels the hike. The soup is at Kathy Seufert's tailgate, 5210 Suncrest Circle in Whitehall. Weather permitting, this is an outside event with a small bonfire. Bring a chair and a food item to share. It's BYOB, water will be provided. If inclement weather, we will use the inside garage area.



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.

Membership DUES: 2023/2024 Season

Renew your membership for the 2023/2024 Season.

Send your dues 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.

*** Off Piste ***

Dolomites

Val Gardena

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.](#)

Val Gardina – Trip Update

One additional room has opened up for 2 people.

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

November 23, 2023
Happy Thanksgiving
Ptarmigans!



Friday Happy Hours

- Nov 3 Copperhead Grill - 5 pm
- Nov 10 Miller Ale House – 5 pm
- Nov 17 Grove Street Pub – 5 pm
- Nov 24 Foundations Tavern – Live Music – 5 pm
- Dec 1 Keystone Pub and Grill



Golf – The official season has ended with a flock of Ptarmigans migrating to North Carolina for a round to top off the year. Many thanks to Tom Weiser for coordinating for our group this season. Time to put away the golf sticks and bring out the ski sticks!

Lehigh Valley Phantoms Hockey Game

Phantoms vs. Charlotte Checkers

Date: December 13th

Time: 7:05 pm

Cost: \$25.00/seat

Section 103, seats Row 9 – 10 seats, Row 10 – 10 seats

1st: email Rob Metter a robmetterrocks@gmail.com , include your full name and cell number.

2nd: Mail check payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club to Rob Metter, 1028 Debbie Lane, Allentown, PA 18103.

Bonus – Rob will have a drawing for 4 people to ride the PHANBONI ON ICE at the end of the 1st period. 10 minutes before end of 1st period, meet at main ticket sales behind section 112.





Triple Sun Spirits Co.

518A Bank Street, Emmaus, PA

Join us for another Thursty Thursday on November 16 at 6 pm.

Enjoy craft cocktails, local, beer, and wine. Food Truck on site. Trivia begins at 7 pm.

Optional Tour and Tasting at 5 pm. Cost \$10 pp.

Enjoy a behind the scenes tour of the production process and the distillery. Afterward partake in a sample flight of spirits and a complimentary shot glass.

RSVP required by Nov 7 to Ronnie Rother to participate in tour. Money will be collected that day. Veronica.rother@gmail.com



Hiking

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

November 5 Hike – Lehigh Parkway, Sunday 10:00 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.

November 12 - Merrill Creek Reservoir, 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 around the lake perimeter and back out for approximately 5 miles. Call/text Cindy Simoson (484) 515-0181 if you have any questions or are not carpooling.

November 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. Meet up at Troxell Stoeckel Park on Reliance St, Egypt, PA. Easy hike 2-4 miles on paved trail. Rain cancels Hike (Soup is still on at 3 pm). This is an outdoor event. BYOB, water provided, bring a chair and something to share. Small bonfire. Contact Kathy at 610-393-7324 or email at kathyhm@rcn.com.



ALL: Due to Thanksgiving, our November STEM meeting - via ZOOM - will be on Thursday the 30th from 4:30-6:00pm.

Each participant will prepare two topics of input to share:

- First, discuss your most significant gained knowledge from one past STEM meeting;
- Second, discuss one upcoming STEM topic (of interest to you,) for an upcoming meeting (including your plan for who will be available and willing to present).

For example:

Topic - Understanding electrons with an attosecond 'stopwatch'.

Background reference from the National Clock and Watch Museum, showed us A Cesium-133 atomic clock which oscillates at 9,192,631,770 per second, 9 billionth of a second.

Using an attosecond stopwatch, pulsing light at "a millionth of a trillionth of a second" (10^{-18}), a substantially small slice of time,) 2023 Nobel Prize winning physicists contribute to the further understanding of electrons.

Thanks in advance for your input!



Eight Ptarmigan STEM Group Members visited the National Watch and Clock Museum in Columbia, Pa on Thursday Oct 26th and enjoyed an excellent dinner by the river afterward.



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, November 15

TIME: Discussion will begin promptly at 4 PM

LOCATION: Ronnie Rother's,
254 Kristin Lane, Allentown

CONTACTS: Ronnie Rother
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Mary Laronge
610-737-2349 larongem@gmail.com

Winter Garden By Kristin Hannah



Holiday Happy Hour

Friday, December 22 Time: 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Don and Becky will open their home for a special in-home holiday gathering at their Christmas City residence, 55 West Market Street, Bethlehem. Doors open at 5:00 pm, ending at 7:00 pm. Please bring something to share and your beverage of choice (BYOB)

You might also wish to...

Option I

Join us for an outdoor one hour guided walking tour around the Christmas City, Bethlehem.

Start time: 4 PM, December 22

Cost: \$10 pp

RSVP: November 7

We need a minimum of four participants to conduct this tour.

Email your non refundable participation agreement to Veronica.rother@gmail.com. Money will be collected that day.

Option II

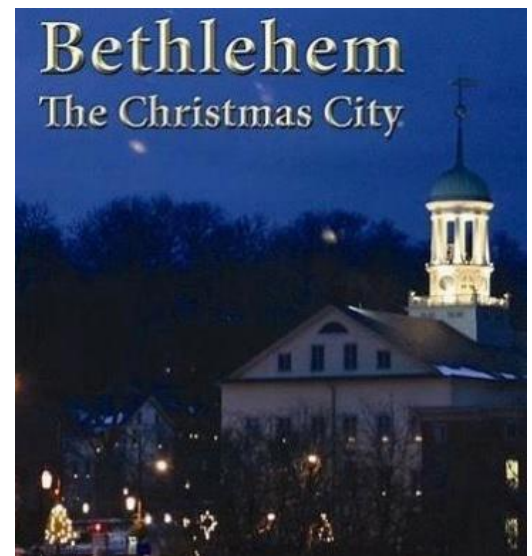
Use the link(s) below to consider scheduling one of the many various Christmas City tours available on this date for yourself.

<https://www.historicbethlehem.org>

<https://www.historicbethlehem.org/visit-us/series-category/christmas/>

Options for Parking

<https://www.historicbethlehem.org/visit-us/directions-parking/>



Parking

A parking lot close to their house is the lot behind the Kemmerer Museum. From there, it's a short walk through the cemetery.



EPSC EASTERN PA SKI COUNCIL

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 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!!!

Japan 2025

EPSC is going to Japan. February 21 – March 7, 2025. Trip includes 3 days in Tokyo, 7 days in Hakuba, and 3 days in Kyoto. Includes round-trip economy flights, 13 nights lodging, 13 breakfasts, tour of Tokyo, 5 day lift pass, Snow Monkey tour, plus many more extras. This two-week trip is now open for sign-ups. Package Price approx.. \$5050 (estimated airfare price may change). All club members are invited. See easternpaskicouncil.org for trip flyer and trip application. Contact Dave Schoeneker with any questions 267-251-3123 or dschoneker@aol.com.

THANK YOU for all your donations to The Chemo Bag Project. We had two suitcases full of terrific stuff!





Ptarmigan Holiday Party

The Meadows of Saucon Valley
1770 Meadows Road, Hellertown, PA

Saturday, December 9, 2023
6:00 - 10:00 pm

Cost \$50 per person by Nov 20th

6:00 - 10:00 Full Cash Bar Available
6:00 – 7:00 Cocktail Hour with Hors D'oeuvres
7:00 Invocation and Dinner
6:00 – 10:00 Dancing to the Music of Scotty G

Hors D'oeuvres - Stationary

Raspberry Peppercorn Swedish Meatballs
Boneless Chicken Wings
Fresh Fruit Tray
Assorted Cheeses – Olives – Salami

Entrees - Buffet Menu

Winter Greens Salad
Chicken ala Marsala
Salmon with Lemon Sauce
Penne Pasta Marinara
Vegetable Medley
Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes

Fresh Rolls and Butter
Assorted Desserts Table
Coffee, Tea, Soda

We can accommodate special dietary requests

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Send check by Nov 20th payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club to:
Mary Laronge, 556 Parkside Court, Allentown, PA 18104
Phone: 610-737-2349 Email: larongem@gmail.com

No checks accepted after Nov 20th

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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To Join or Renew Your Membership Please See the Membership Application.

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