

Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

January 2024



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 Ortnor, Every Friday

Thursty Thursday: Contact Carolyn Greenland, Ronnie Rother

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

Jan 2024

1/5 Happy Hour – Miller Ale House 5:00 pm

1/12 Happy Hour – Hops at the Paddock 5:00 pm

1/16 Bear Creek Ski Party 1:00 pm

1/17 BTC – Mary's House, 4:00 pm

1/18 Thursty Thursday – The Shanty, 6 pm

1/19 Happy Hour – Grove Street Pub 5:00 pm

1/25 STEM – ZOOM call 4:30 – 6:00 pm

1/26 Happy Hour – Keystone Pub & Grill 5 pm

1/31 Ski Day at Montage 7:30 am

Feb 2024

2/2 Happy Hour - Copperhead Grill 5:00 pm

2/6 Ski Day at Elk Mtn 7:00 am

2/9 Happy Hour - Jack's Slice 5:00 pm

2/13 Blue Mtn Ski Party 1:00 pm

2/15 Thursty Thursday – Braveheart

2/16 Happy Hour - Foundations Tavern 5:00 pm Live Music 6:00 pm

2/21 Ski Club Appreciation Dinner - Blue Mtn 7:00 pm

2/22 STEM – ZOOM call 4:30 – 6:00 pm

2/23 Happy Hour - Miller Ale House 5:00 pm

Save the Date – details to follow

March 12 – Elections/Year in Review

April 20 - Spring Banquet – The Loft at Sawmill

*****Tuesdays/Wednesdays** – PSC Ski Days at Blue Mtn – Weather/snow permitting with lunch at Blue Mtn Diner, Covered Bridge Inn, and Slopeside at Blue. **Stay tuned to eblasts** for details!

Ski Party – Bear Creek

January 16, 2024, 1:00 pm

Skiing – Plan to meet at the “B” lift in front of the lodge at 9:30. Lunch includes Assorted Sandwiches, Chips, Salads, and Veggies & Dip. Price is \$5. Cash bar is available. Only if you wish to, bring a dessert or something to share. Where: The Bear Den, second floor in the Bear Creek Lodge.

Please mail your check payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club to: Cindy Simoson, 192 Old Carriage Road, Northampton, PA 18067. Contact Cindy at 484-515-0181 or jsimoson@aol.com Deadline for party is Fri., Jan. 12th. Please reply to Cindy by that date so that we may have an accurate head-count. **See attached flier.**



President's Message

Carolyn Greenland

President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

Party, party, party - I think we outdid ourselves this year...but it sure was fun! The banquet at the Meadows, our holiday meeting at Christopher's Home, and the Happy Hour at Becky and Don's, what a wonderful way to have some Ptarmigan Spirit. The holidays are behind us now, and winter is finally here. The local ski areas are blowing snow. Some of us managed to get a few good ski days in before all of the rain after Christmas. Hopefully the conditions will improve for our ski parties later this month at Bear Creek and next month at Blue Mtn. Ski Dates are on our calendar to meet up at Montage and Elk, as well as the weekly skiing meetups at Blue. Friday Happy Hours each week, Thursty Thursdays at some popular restaurants (back by popular demand), Book Club, and STEM: something for everyone. Ptarmigans are hard to keep up with. Come out to join us, and feel free to bring a friend. Happy New Year everyone!



Wishing the Very Best of the Season to All Ptarmigans, Their Families, and Friends!

Ski Day at Montage Wed, Jan 31, 2024

Ski Day at Elk Mountain Tue, Feb 6, 2024

See Details Below

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** ***



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.](#) **SOLD OUT!**

Ski Day at Montage

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

1000 Montage Mountain Road, Scranton, PA. Car Pool or Caravan - **meet at 7:30 am** at the former Allentown Towne Center Shopping Center (vacant K-Mart Store) parking lot near the bank, 4701 Tilghman Street, Allentown.

Lift Ticket Prices -- \$40 lift and rental, \$32 w/EPSC Code and your membership card.

Seniors 70+ cost \$15 or \$12 w/ EPSC Code and membership card. See easternpaskicouncil.org for code to purchase online or can purchase at Ticket Window. Contact Cindy Simoson (484) 515-0181 or Monika Drury (570) 876-1470 if you are going.

Friday Happy Hours

- 1/5 Happy Hour – Miller Ale House 5:00 pm
- 1/12 Happy Hour – Hops at the Paddock 5:00
- 1/19 Happy Hour – Grove Street Pub 5:00 pm
- 1/26 Happy Hour – Keystone Pub & Grill 5 pm
- 2/2 Happy Hour - Copperhead Grill 5:00 pm
- 2/9 Happy Hour - Jack's Slice 5:00 pm
- 2/16 Happy Hour - Foundations Tavern 5:00 pm Music 6:00 p
- 2/23 Happy Hour - Miller Ale House 5:00 pm



Blue Mountain Ski Party

February 13, 2024, 1:00 pm

If you want to ski in the morning, meet at the 6-pack at 9:30 am. Includes Chili, Vegetable Soup, Veggies & Dip, Bread & butter. Price is \$14, Cash bar is available. Only if you wish to, bring a dessert. Where: Valley Lodge at the bottom of the mountain. Please send your check, payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club to: Monika Drury, 1664 Best Place, Bethlehem, PA 18017 email: mdrrry23@gmail.com or call Monika at (570) 876-1470 Deadline for party is Friday, Feb. 9th. Please reply to Monika by that date so that we may have an accurate head-count.



Ski Day at Elk Mountain

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

344 Elk Mtn. Road, Union Dale, PA. Car Pool or Caravan - **meet at 7:00 am** at the former Allentown Towne Center Shopping Center (vacant K-Mart Store) parking lot near the bank, 4701 Tilghman Street, Allentown

Lift Ticket Prices only at Ticket Window:

Senior Tuesdays 65+, \$40

Adult (18-64) 8 hours \$78, 4 hours \$65, Military Discount w/military ID - receive \$10 off any regular price All Area Ticket any time. Possible dinner stop at Chet's on return trip home. Contact Cindy Simoson (484) 515-0181 or Monika Drury (570) 876-1470 if you are going.





Thursday, January 19 at 6:00 pm
The Shanty on 19th

Address: 613N 19th Street, Allentown
Specials: \$5 clams and \$8 Lite Pitchers.
Karaoke begins at 8:30 pm.

Come and check it out with us! theshantyon19th



January 25, fourth Thursday of the month via ZOOM from 4:30-6:00 pm. Meeting Topic – Immunotherapy for Cancer Treatment, Presenter and Moderator of the discussion: Ralph Del Aguila. Contact Bill Ortner at wortner@ptd.net if you would like the link to participate in the ZOOM session.

BETWEEN THE COVERS (BTC) Book Club

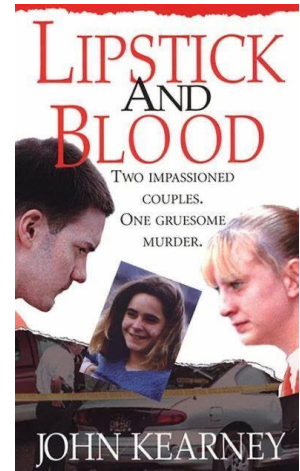
It's a BYOB and BYOF (if you wish) gathering for our next book group discussion. Join us!

DATE: Wednesday, January 17, 2024

TIME: Discussion will begin promptly at 4 PM

LOCATION: Mary and Ralph's, 556 Parkside Court
Allentown, PA

**Lipstick and Blood
By John Kearney**



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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 are posted.](#) 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 or paste : <http://easternpaskicouncil.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/EPSC-Japan-Trip-2025-flyer-2-page-10-9-2023.pdf> in your browser.

Ptarmigan Holiday Banquet -Recap

Sixty Ptarmigans ate and danced the night away at the Meadows of Saucon Valley in Hellertown on Saturday, December 9, 2023. A fun time was had by all.



Ptarmigan Holiday Meeting Dec 12th at Christopher's KoC

Music by Nick Franco, a visit from Santa, lots of shared food and dancing – a good time was had by all.



Lehigh Valley Phantoms Recap

On December 13th the Lehigh valley Phantoms trounced the Charlotte Checkers, 3-2 in overtime. A dozen Ptarmigans had a blast and even rode the Zamboni!



Holiday Happy Hour Recap

On Friday, December 22, about 50 Ptarmigans attended a wonderful holiday gathering at Don and Becky's house in downtown Bethlehem. It was a sparkling chilly evening with plenty of holiday cheer and merriment enjoyed by all. **Many thanks** to Don and Becky for hosting.



Skiing Happenings and Discounts



Stay tuned for email blasts notifying all of Ptarmigan Ski Club days coming soon on snowy Tuesdays and Wednesdays.....!



Ski Club Discount - Club Discount \$30 for all club members, Mon-Thurs non-holiday. Must show membership card at Guest Services, 70+ Free (buy pass for \$25 and skips purchase each visit).



Ski for All, Mon/Tues/Weds non-holiday \$32 lift and rental w/EPSC code. Seniors Thurs-Sun/Holiday \$15, MTW \$12 w/EPSC code. See easternpaskicouncil.org for code to purchase online.



Club Discounts - Senior Tuesdays (65+) - \$40,
College Wednesdays (Show College ID) \$40
Adult – (18 – 64) Mon-Thurs. \$78 - 8 Hours, \$65 - 4 Hours
Military Discount - receive \$10 off any regular price Ticket any time when you show your Military I.D.,



Club Discount - 30% off M - F daytime, Non-holiday*
Purchase at Group Sales in small parking lot
Must show membership card,
Regular Rates *Seniors (65-69) \$48 weekday/\$70 Weekend/Holiday
**Super Seniors and kids under 46" tall (Free)



TRIPLE TICKET ANY DAY - \$199.00

Enjoy 3 days of skiing and snowboarding, any day you like! Ideal for a flexible winter adventure. Go to Camelbackresort.com for details.



TUESDAY, JAN 16, '24

BEAR CREEK SKIING

AND PARTY!

Come on out and experience the re-vamped Doe Mtn!

If you want to ski in the morning, meet at the base of the "B" lift in front of the lodge at 9:30am. Discounted \$30 lift ticket available at Guest Services (bring your membership card). Seniors 70+ and kids under 5 ski free. Must show ID at Guest Services. Assorted sandwiches, veggies, chips, and salads will be served in the Bear Den upstairs beginning at 1:00 pm. Cash Bar available. Please bring something to share. Deadline to reply is by January 12 so we may have an accurate head count. Hope to see you there!
Address: 101 Doe Mountain Lane, Macungie, PA

Bear Creek Skiing and Party!

Discounted Ski Tickets

**\$5 includes
Sandwiches,
veggies, chips,
salads. Bring
something to share!**
Cash Bar

**Meet up for Skiing
at 9:30 am
Food Starts at
1:00 pm**



CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Ptarmigan Ski Club

Mail to: Cindy Simoson
192 Old Carriage Road,
Northampton, PA 18067

Questions?

Call 484-515-0181 Or
email: jsimoson@aol.com

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.

[Click here to download Membership Application](#)