

Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

April 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 Ortner, Every Friday

Thursty Thursday: Contact Carolyn Greenland, Ronnie Rother

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

-----Apr 2024-----

4/5 Happy Hour – Miller Ale House :5:00 pm

4/10 Hike for Health at Jacobsburg, 5:30 pm

4/12 Happy Hour – Keystone Pub & Grill 5:00 pm

4/17 Biking – Ironton Rail Trail 10:00 am

4/18 Thursty Thursday – Leather Corner Post Hotel 5:30 pm

4/19 Happy Hour – Grove Street Pub & Grill 5:00 pm

4/20 Spring Banquet – The Loft at Sawmill 6 pm

4/26 Happy Hour - Foundations Tavern – Live Music 5:00 pm

4/26 Music Mauch Chunk Oprea - Classic Stones \$\$ 7:00 pm

4/27 Biking D&L Trail Cove Road Trailhead 9:30 am

-----May 2024-----

5/2 Hike Walnutport Canal Slatington 9:30 am

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

5/9 Biking Saucon Rail Trail 9:30 am

5/10 Happy Hour – TBD

5/16 Thursty Thursday – Retriever Brewing Co. 6:00 pm

5/17 Happy Hour – TBD

5/18 Hike Lehigh Parkway 9:30 am

5/19 Music Allentown Fairgrounds – Large Flowerheads 4:00 pm

5/25 Music Mauch Chunk Oprea - Tom Petty Tribute \$\$ 7:00 pm

5/28 Biking D&L Trail Slatington 9:30 am

Spring Fling Party - Save The Date

Saturday June 22nd – 2 pm

Hosted by Bill Ortner – Details to follow.

Election Results

From Tuesday, March 12, 2024, Meeting

OFFICERS: Elected

Pres.: Carolyn Greenland

VP: Rob Metter

Treas: Monika Drury

Membership Sec'y: Mary Ann Bedics

Recording Sec'y: Diane Peters

BOARD: Elected

Bill Ortner

Mary Laronge

Cindy Simoson

BOARD: Appointed

Dawn Dickerson

John Heurich

Lenny Steigerwalt



President's Message

Carolyn Greenland

President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

Hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter.

Spring Banquet Sat., April 20, 2024

The Loft at Sawmill
5630 Sullivan Trail
Easton, PA 18040

Cash Bar – 6:00 to 10:00 pm

Social Hour – 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Hot Buffet – 7:00 to 8:00 pm



RESERVATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 5th.

See attached flier for details.

BETWEEN THE COVERS Book Club

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

DATE: Wednesday, April 17, 2024

TIME: Discussion will begin promptly at 4 PM

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

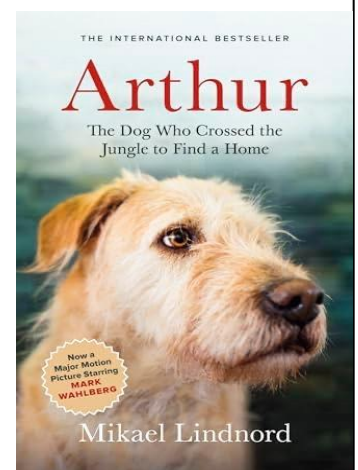
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Arthur - The Dog
Who Crossed the
Jungle to Find a
Home

By Mikael Lindnord



Ski Trips 2024 - 2025:

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

No Trips announced yet.

Editor's Notes:

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

Friday Happy Hours

Every Friday at 5:00 pm

- 4/5 Happy Hour – Miller Ale House
- 4/12 Happy Hour – Keystone Pub & Grill
- 4/19 Happy Hour – Grove Street Pub & Grill
- 4/26 Happy Hour – Foundations Tavern – Live Music
- 5/3 Happy Hour – Copperhead Grill
- 5/10 Happy Hour – TBD
- 5/17 Happy Hour – TBD



Thursday, April 18 at 5:30 pm
Leather Corner Post Hotel –
6855 Horseshoe Road, Orefield, PA
18069. The Leather Corner Post
Hotel, built in 1861, is one of the
oldest standing hotels in the Valley.
Join us for some casual food,
German music, and Boombas!



Retriever Brewing Company Thursday, May 16 at 6:00 pm

All furry friends are welcome in both
indoor and outdoor areas. There will
be a food truck, however, RBC
allows snacks to be brought
in...anything but alcohol is
welcomed. If you wish, bring along
an appetizer to share. Retriever
Brewing Company is
cashless...cards only! Retriever
Brewing Company 2844 Township
Line Road, Orefield, PA 18069
www.retrieverbrewco.com



Some Upcoming Music Events

Mauch Chunk Opera House Concert in Jim Thorpe
Fri. Apr 26 Classic Stones Live \$36 7:00 pm
Sat. May 25 Tom Petty Tribute \$29 7:00 pm

Sun, May 19, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
The Large Flowerheads at BBQ Car Cruise The
Ritz Allentown Fairgrounds. Enjoy some great 60's Music
and the Classic Cars.

Membership DUES: 2023/2024 Season

Renew your membership for the 2024/2025 Season.
Send your dues to: Diane Peters, 846 Parkway Rd.
Allentown, Pa 18104-3338.

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

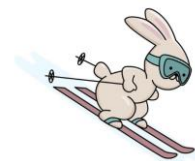
All Members will receive the Ptarmigan Newsletter FREE
by Email.

Members wishing to receive Hardcopy must pay \$5 in
addition to their annual dues.

Treasurer's Report

As of February 29, 2024

Checking	\$ 5,994
Savings	\$ 6,000
CD	\$ 5,136
Total	\$17,130



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 still
has openings. Package Price approx. \$5050 (estimated
airfare price may change). 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](http://easternpaskicouncil.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/EPSC-Japan-Trip-2025-flyer-2-page-10-9-2023.pdf) in your browser.

Mediterranean Island Mosaic

October 16-27, 2025, Windstar Cruise on a 4-masted sailing
yacht, 7 nights. Rome, Italy to Barcelona, Spain (plus 1
night in Rome and 2 nights in Barcelona). More details and
trip flier can be found at easternpaskicouncil.org.



April 25, fourth Thursday of the month via ZOOM from 4:30-6:00 pm. Meeting Topic – Engineering in Bolivia – My Peace Corps Experience, Presenter and Moderator of the discussion: Bill Ortner. Contact Bill Ortner at wortner@ptd.net if you would like the link to participate in this ZOOM session.



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

April 10, Wednesday – 5:30 – 7:00 pm Hike for Health, Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center, a brisk 2-3 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.

May 2, Thursday - 9:30 am -- Hike -- Walnutport Canal / Slatington (South)
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.

May 18, Saturday – 9:30 am -- Hike -- Lehigh Parkway
Meet at Bogert's Bridge, 1490 Fish Hatchery Road, Allentown. Easy Hike, about 4 miles on flat gravel.
Olga Chubarova will lead the hike. Bring lunch or snack & water.
Call/TEXT Cindy Simoson (484) 515-0181, if you are going.

Biking



April 17, Wednesday – 10:00 am Ironton Rail Trail– Ride on paved trail for 12 miles. Option to do more. Meet at Chestnut St., Coplay trailhead (near Red Caboose Train) 3853 Chestnut St., Coplay, PA, bring lunch/snack. Call/Text Cindy Simoson if you are going – (484) 515-0181.

April 27, Saturday - D&L Trail– Ride about 12-15 miles. Trail is on gravel/crushed stone. Meet at Cove Road Trailhead, 5974 Cove Rd, Laurys Station PA, (off Rte. 145 before Treichler's Bridge) Bring lunch/snack. Call/Text Cindy Simoson if you are going – (484) 515-0181.

April 27, Saturday 9:30 am -- D&L R Trail -- Ride about 12 - 15 miles. Trail is on gravel/crushed stone. Meet at Cove Road Trailhead, 5974 Cove Rd. Laurys Station, Pa. (off Rte. 145 before Treichler's Bridge). Bring lunch/snack & water.
Call/TEXT Cindy Simoson if you are going -- (48) 515-0181.

May 9, Thursday 9:30 am -- Biking -- Saucon Rail Trail.
Meet in the parking lot at Water Street Park, 90 West Water St. Hellertown Pa.
We will ride 14 miles total to Upper Saucon Park and back with a brief stop for snack or lunch at the park. Option to do another 5 miles to Quakertown. Easy Ride - gravel and paved. Bring lunch or snack & water.
Call/TEXT Cindy Simoson if you are going -- (484) 515-0181

May 28, Tuesday – 9:30 am -- Biking -- D & L Trail -- Slatington to Bowmanstown & North
Meet at the Slatington Trailhead, 101 Main St. Ride from Slatington past the Lehigh Gap Nature Center to Bowmanstown and north. Easy Ride on gravel, 15 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.

Skiing Happenings and Discounts



Spring Brewfest, April 26 & 27. Live music, food vendors and more. Tickets: \$39 and up. 1000 Montage Mountain Road, Scranton PA 18507

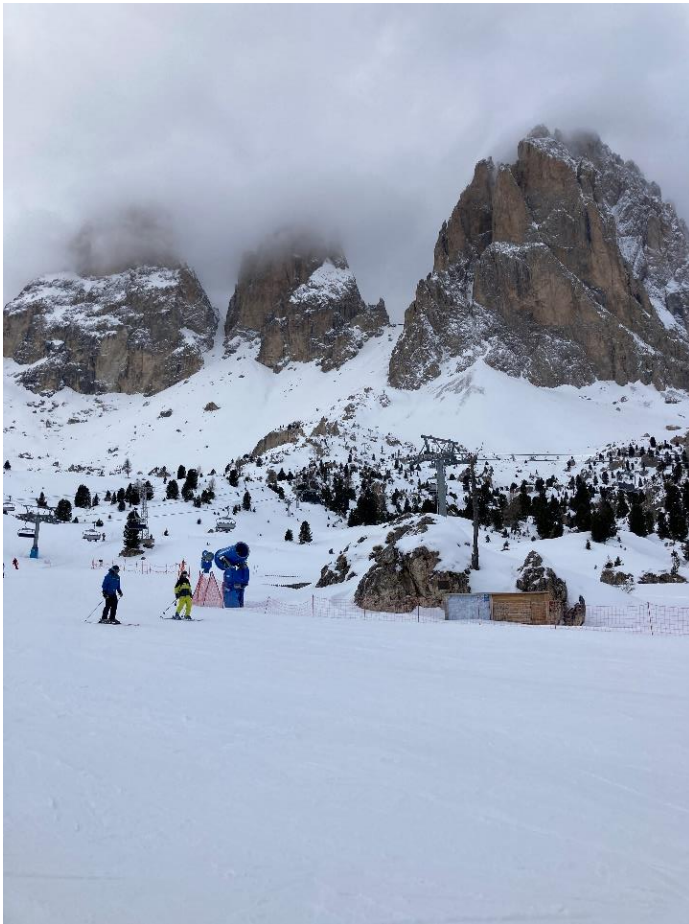
OFF PISTE

Dolomites

Val Gardena

Val Gardena and Venice, Italy, March 1-11. 45 Ptarmigans enjoyed one of the best trips ever, skiing the Dolomites in Italy. Our fabulous, posh newly-renovated hotel located right on one of the trails enabled us to ski in/ski out. They served us gourmet 5-course meals daily, and even hired a band for our farewell party. Most all of us had the chance to ski the Sellaronda (both directions!) and explored other areas in nearby valleys. It snowed several days which helped us survive the spring conditions. We experienced some of the most beautiful scenery in the world with miles of trails and hundreds of lifts...more than anyone could explore in only a week. Several of us explored charming local ski villages, and we all topped our trip off with a day and a half in Venice. Aperol Spritz...Ciao!





BLUE MOUNTAIN - End-of-Season Tailgate Party Mar 24th Recap

Forty-Five+ Ptarmigans enjoyed a nice sunny day Tailgate Party with plenty of food and libation. Although few trails were open, many enjoyed some late season skiing and reported good snow conditions.



Some Events Currently Being Planned for Spring and Summer

Iron Pigs Baseball Game -- Date TBD Led by Cindy Simoson

Soaked Winery Event -- Date TBD Blue Mt. Drive, Walnutport -- Led by Cindy Simoson

Martin Guitar Trip in Nazareth -- Led by Rob Metter

Levitt Pavilion/Steel Stacks Free Concerts (Summer Series to be announced soon on Sunday April 28)

Other Summer Concerts in the Park to be announced soon:

South Whitehall Twp., Allentown, Catausauqua Park Amphitheatre, North Catty Park, Dimmick Park in Hellertown and Forks Township.

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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