

Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

April 2026



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.easternpaskouncil.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 5:00 pm
 Thursty Thursday: Contact Carolyn Greenland
 BTC Book Club: Third Wed Contact Ronnie Rother, Mary Laronge

----- Apr 2026 -----

- 4/01 – Passover
- 4/03 – Happy Hour Grove St. Pub & Grill 5:00 pm
- 4/05 – Easter
- 4/10 – Happy Hour Copperhead Grill 5:00 pm
- 4/17 – Happy Hour Miller Ale House 5:00 pm
- 4/18 - Spring Banquet – Madeline's 6:00 pm
- 4/22 - Hike: Ironton Rail Trail 10:00 am
- 4/23 - Thursty Thursday Braveheart Highland Pub 5:30 pm
- 4/24 – Happy Hour TBD 5:00 pm

----- May 2026 -----

- 5/01 – Happy Hour Grove St. Pub & Grill 5:00 pm
- 5/07 – Thursty Thursday Retriever Brewing 5:30 pm
- 5/13 – Bike: D&L Slatington 9:30 am
- 5/21 – Thursty Thursday Easton Wine Project 5:30 pm

Save the Date:

- 6/03 – Iron Pigs Game
- 6/20 – Spring Fling Party at Bill Ortner's

Spring Banquet Apr 18th at Madeline's 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

RSVP by April 8, 2026, to
 Linda Cope, 2685 Houghton Lean
 Macungie, PA 18062
lesterly@ptd.net 610-504-0305

\$58.00 per person

No reservations/checks will be accepted after April 8, 2026

See Flyer below for details.

Election Results

An Election of Officers and Board was held at the March 10th General Meeting. Results below. Their term of office is for one year beginning May 1st.

Officer Positions

- President: Joe McAndrews
- Vice Pres: Vacant - No Candidate
- Recording Sec: Mary Ann Bedics
- Treasurer: Kathy Seufert
- Membership Sec: Mary Laronge

Board – Three Elected:

- Bill Ortner
- Cindy Simoson
- Carol Greenland

Ptarmigan's Between the Covers Book Club

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

DATE: Wednesday, April 15, 2026

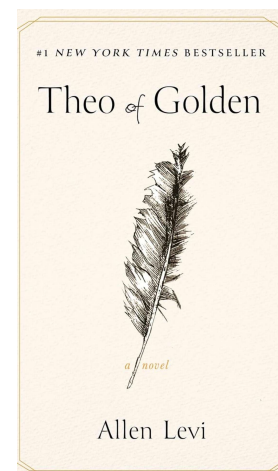
TIME: Discussion begins promptly at 4 PM

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

THEO OF GOLDEN
 by Allen Levi

One spring morning, a stranger named Theo arrives in the small Southern city of Golden. He doesn't explain much about where he came from or why he's there—but when he visits the local coffeehouse, where pencil portraits of the people of Golden hang on the walls, he begins purchasing them, one at a time, and giving each portrait to the person depicted. In exchange, he asks only for the person's story. And so portrait by portrait, person by person, secrets are revealed, regrets are shared, and ordinary lives are profoundly altered.

A story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen, Theo of Golden is an unforgettable novel about the power of generosity, the importance of connection, and the quiet miracles that happen when we choose kindness and wonder.



Happy Passover

Happy Easter



Ski Trips – Member Lead 2025 - 2026

These trips are lead and organized by Ptarmigan Members and will have non-members on them. Ptarmigan does not sponsor or sanction them. We only Advertise them as a service to our members.

Bormio & Milan, Italy

- Jan. 23 – Feb. 01, 2026
- Contact: Catherine Chrapaczat (610) 428-3547 or katyataz@yahoo.com

Sunday River, Maine

- Jan. 25 – Jan 30, 2026
- Contact Vicki Morris 610-597-8666 vlmorris@astound.net

St. Anton, Austria

- Jan. 23 – Feb. 01, 2026
- Contact: John Yerman at (484)241-5213 jfyiii.mail@gmail.com.

Ski Utah – Park City, The Canyons, Deer Valley

- Feb 28 – Mar 7, 2026
- \$2494
- Contact: Mark Baechle (610)657-5825 SkiPro99@gmail.com.

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



- 4/03 – Happy Hour Grove St. Pub & Grill
- 4/10 – Happy Hour Copperhead Grill
- 4/17 – Happy Hour Miller Ale House
- 4/24 – Happy Hour TBD
- 5/01 – Happy Hour Grove St. Pub & Grill

Note: Happy Hour location may change occasionally. So, watch your email for changes as Friday approaches.

Blue Mt. Leaderboard

Ptarmigan's Jean Black placed 9th on Blue Mt. Leaderboard with 54 Days, 1,035,573 Vertical Feet and 1,002 Runs. **GO Jean!**

2026 Utah Ski Trip

Mark Baechle escorted 26 skiers to Utah from Feb. 28 -- March 7, 2026. We stayed at newly renovated Hotel Thaynes in Park City. The hotel had a pool, indoor/outdoor hot tubs, a bar, a restaurant,... They had shuttles to take the EPIC Pass skiers to Park City and The Canyons, and shuttles to take the IKON skiers to Deer Valley. Some trip members also went to Snowbird, Alta, Solitude, and Brighton.

We had some snowy days, and some blue sky and sunshine days. Our last ski day we were blessed with 11" of fresh powder. Our runs had lots of untracked snow that morning.

Mark hosted many parties that week. Included were a Welcome Party with Pizza, a Finale Party, his famous Son-of-a-Beach Party, and a Pizza-Tasting Party with 10 different gourmet Pizzas at the #1 rated pizza restaurant in Park City. The parties provided a way for folks to meet new friends, and plan to ski with others. Mark will deny that there may or may not have been a "beach ball battle" at a party that week.

Photos of these events, the mountains, and the people, can be found on the Facebook page "Ski Trips With Mark".

Everyone had a great time, and are looking forward to skiing and partying together soon. Please let Mark know where you want to go next year (Fernie, BC?).

Membership DUES: 2025/2026 Season

Renew your membership for the 2025/2026 Season. Send your dues to: Mary Laronge, 556 Parkside Court, Allentown, PA 18104. Please Pay by Check. We will not accept cash.

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, 2027

Family Memberships Include Minor Children Living at Home.

All Members will receive the Ptarmigan Newsletter FREE by Email.

UPDATE: Due to increasing publishing and postage costs, members wishing to receive Hardcopy must pay \$20 in addition to their annual dues by Oct 31st.

To receive your Membership Card by mail, enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope. The Card entitles you to various Ski related discounts and benefits.

Treasurer's Report - As of 3/31/2026

Checking:	\$3,971.63
Savings:	\$6,002.94
CD	\$5,543.16
Total	\$15,517.73

New Newsletter Publishing Schedule

Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr – 1st of the Month

May, Jul – 15th of the Month

Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec – 1st of the Month

Reminders, Updates and New Events Email will continue as usual as needed.

The only change is there will be no June or August Newsletter. So plan ahead.



*****NEW POLICY*****

Since we are meeting for **dinners** regularly on Thursty Thursdays, I'm asking everyone planning to attend to send me an email or give me a call a few days ahead of time if you plan to attend. There aren't always enough seats to accommodate our group without advance notice and reservations. Thank you! Carolyn – we3ski@epix.net



Thursday, April 23, 5:30 pm, Braveheart Highland Pub*, 430 Main Street, Hellertown. *Contact we3ski@epix.net for a reservation.



Thursday, May 7 at 5:30 pm, Retriever Brewing

All furry friends are welcome in both indoor and outdoor areas. There will be a food truck. RBC allows snacks to be brought in so 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



Thursday, May 21 at 5:30 pm, Easton Wine Project

The Lehigh Valley's first urban winery. 1247 Simon Blvd, Suite N103, Easton, PA www.eastonwineproject.com



STEM meetings via ZOOM. Next Discussion, Thursday Apr 23, 2026, 4:30 – 6:00

Topic: Microbiome (based on the book 10% Human)

Contact Bill Ortnr wortner@ptd.net to be added to the Zoom Meeting.



Skiing Perks and Benefits — Go to EPSC Website, see MEMBERS ONLY, then DISCOUNTS/SPREADSHEET/DEALS FOR A SPREADSHEET OF Everyday Savings, Specials, Deals, Mountain Statistics, and Weblinks at over 18 local ski areas. MUST BE A PSC MEMBER TO OBTAIN PASSWORD TO ACCESS DISCOUNTS! EPSC PSC Club Contact – Carolyn Greenland, we3ski@epix.net to obtain password.

DISCOUNTED LIFT TICKETS ... CHECK THIS OUT!!!

IKON Pass ** Purchase an IKON pass using the group rate offered by Sports America

Savings vs. the Ikon website

- Ikon Pass – Save \$120 Current price is \$1,279 (Adult)
- Ikon Base Pass – Save \$40 Current price is \$909 (Adult)

For More Details – see EPSC Website as described above.

Xevo Optics (goggles, lenses, and sunglasses) offers discounts directly to EPSC.

For More Details – see EPSC Website as described above.

CALENDAR OF EPSC TRIPS

2026 Spring Trip – Sedona & Grand Canyon by Train – Apr 26 – May 1**

2026 Summer Ski Trip - Valle Nevado, Chile - Aug 7 - 21, 2026**

2026 Fall Trip - Netherlands, Belgium, and France - Sept 19-29, 2026**

2027 Winter Carnival - Mt. Bachelor, Oregon – Jan - Feb, 2027**

2027 International Trip - Les Arc, French Alps – Postponed due to War

2027 Summer Ski Trip - New Zealand & Australia - July 29 - Aug 16, 2027**

openings – see www.easternpaskicouncil.org for fliers with details

Skiing Happenings and Discounts



Sunday, March 29 was Blue Mountain's last day. More than 370 entrants participated in the annual **Pond Skim** under sunny blue skies on the Vista slope. Lots of goose bumps and soggy ski boots! Saturday, April 4 is the upcoming date for an **Easter Egg Hunt on Snow**, 11 – 4, Summit Lodge. Check the website: www.Skibluemtn.com for more details.



All Other Local Ski Areas are Closed for Skiing for the Season. Thank you to **Bear Creek, Elk Mountain, Montage, Camelback, and Shawnee** for another great ski season! Be sure to check each mountain's website for ongoing seasonal activities.



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

April 22, 2026, Wednesday -- Ironton Rail Trail -- Saylor Park Trailhead -- 10:00 A.M.

Meet at Saylor Park, 245 N. Second St., Coplay, in the Parking Lot.

Walk/ Hike on a paved Shaded Trail for 4 Miles. Option to do more. Bring Water.

Afterwards, can Meet at Samuel Owens nearby for Lunch. Or, you can bring your own lunch / snacks.

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



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

May 13, 2026, Wednesday-- D & L Trail Slatington to Bowmanstown -- 9:30 A.M.

Meet at the Slatington Trailhead 101 Main St. Slatington.

Ride 12 to 15 Miles. Easy Ride on Gravel. Ride from Slatington past the Lehigh Gap Nature

Center to Bowmanstown. Option to do more. Pavillions & R. Rooms at Slatington, L. Gap Nature Center &

Bowmanstown. Food Truck at Slatington.

Bring Water; lunch / snack.

Bike Ride Leader is Cindy Simoson. Call /TEXT Cindy Simoson if you are going (484) 515 - 0181

IRON PIGS GAME

Wednesday June 3, 2026

Iron Pigs vs. Rochester Red Wings -- 6:45 P.M. ; Gates Open -- 5:30 P.M.

Enjoy Discounted Tacos , & \$ 5 Tall Boys every Wednesday
Field Level Tickets 3rd Base Side -- Cost \$ 13
Reservations for 25 . First come, first served.

RESERVATIONS DEADLINE: Tuesday May 6, 2026

No Signups / Checks accepted after the Deadline.

Make Checks Payable to : Ptarmigan Ski Club

Send Checks to : Cindy Simoson
192 Old Carriage Road
Northampton, Pa. 18067- 9271

Contact Cindy, for Reservations, or any questions at: (484) 515 - 0181

Last Group Ski Day at Blue Mt. - March 25



End-of-Season Blue Mt. Tailgate Party Sunday Mar 29th





PTARMIGAN SPRING BANQUET

Saturday, April 18

6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Madeleine's

1250 Turnstone Drive

Fogelsville, PA 18051

Menu*

Assorted Appetizers

Salad

Chicken Piccata

Sesame Salmon

Chef's Choice of Starch and Vegetables

Pie A La Mode

*Vegan or Vegetarian available on request

\$58.00 per person

Dancing to the tunes of Scotty G

RSVP: Linda Cope
2685 Houghton Lean
Macungie, PA 18062
lesterly@ptd.net
610-504-0305

RSPV by April 8, 2026
No reservations or checks
will be accepted after April 8

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](#)