

# Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

## February 2025



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

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

----- **Feb 2024** -----

2/01 Opera & Dinner, 12:55 pm

2/04 Blue Mtn – Group Ski Day 9:00 am

2/07 Happy Hour: Miller Ale House 5:00 pm

2/07 Grindelwald Switzerland Trip!

2/13 Blue Mtn – Group Ski Day 9:15 am

2/14 Happy Hour: Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant 5:00 pm

2/18 Blue Mtn Ski Party/Covered Bridge Inn 9 am ski, 1 pm lunch

2/19 BTC: George Washington Dealmaker-in-Chief

2/20 STEM: Planetary Alignment via ZOOM call 4:30 – 6:00 pm

2/21 Happy Hour – Copperhead Grill 5:00 pm

2/25 Elk Mtn – Group Ski Day 7:00 am

2/27 Thursty Thursday – Fogelsville Hotel 5:30 pm

2/28 Happy Hour: Foundations Tavern 5:00 – Music Castaway

----- **Mar 2024** -----

3/07 – Happy Hour: Grone Street Pub & Grill

3/11 – Elections/Year in Review 7:00 pm

3/14 – Happy Hour - TBD

3/20 – Thursty Thursday – Leather Corner Post Bar 5:30 pm

End of Season Tailgate – Blue Mtn – Date TBD

\*\*\***Weekdays**\*\*\* – PSC Ski Days at Blue Mtn –Weather/snow permitting with lunch.

**Stay tuned to eblasts** for details!

### Save The Date – Details to Follow

April 26 - Spring Banquet – The Loft at Sawmill

### Ski Day at Blue Mountain

**Tuesday February 4, 2025 9:00 am**

1660 Blue Mountain Drive, Palmerton.

Join us for a Group Ski Day. Meet up at the bottom of the Valley Lodge at 9:00 am at the 6-pack lift. Look for Rob Metter in a Red Jacket. Join us after for lunch at the Covered Bridge Inn, 12:30 pm, 4300 Little Gap Road, Palmerton. Call/text Rob at 484-788-2403 if you are going. He will need a head count.



**GRINDELWALD**   
EIGER

February 7-15, 2025. Ski you in the Swiss Alps!

**February 14, 2025**  
**Happy Valentine's Day!**



### Election Central - We Need Your Help!

**All Officer and Board positions are open and we need your help – Please consider being a part of the Club Leadership.**

We vote for our club officers at the March meeting. That means we need to get a slate together for those who would like to help lead the club. Most of you have been members forever and have enjoyed the wonderful programs. Now is your chance to give back by joining the board. We know everyone is busy but this does not have to be time consuming. We have a meeting once a month to come up with ideas for meetings and programs. You can run for any position including President, Vice President, Membership, Secretary, Treasurer, Board member. Bill Ortner, Mary Ann Bedics and Mary Laronge are on the Nominating Committee. Let any one of them know if you are interested.

**REMEMBER: PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB WILL CONTINUE TO BE GREAT IF YOU ARE WILLING TO STEP UP AND HELP!**

## Ski Trips 2024 - 2025:

The Following Trip is sponsored and run by Ptarmigan Ski Club:

### Grindelwald, Switzerland

- February 7 - 15, 2025
- \$2,550 p.p. (dbl occ.)
- Contact: Carolyn Greenland at (302)864-4120 or [we3ski@epix.net](mailto:we3ski@epix.net)

See Flyer Below for details.

### Editor's Notes:

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

## Trips By Members

In addition to the Ptarmigan Sponsored Trip to Grindelwald, several Ptarmigan members are running trips. These trips will have non-members on them. Contact them for more information and the Trip Flyer.

**Catherine Chrapacz: Kitzbühel, Austria;** Jan 25 - Feb 2, 2025. \$2875 p.p. dbl/occ. Contact Catherine (610) 428-3547 or [katyataz@yahoo.com](mailto:katyataz@yahoo.com). **Trip Completed**

**Melissa Link: Park City, Utah;** Feb. 9 - 16, 2025, 7 nights at Snow Flower Condos Ski-in/Ski-out, various pricing, Southwest Air RT, Epic/IKON Lift tickets extra, \$500 due by Sept. 15. Contact Melissa Link for more information, 610-751-0332 or [donnas.trips.continue@gmail.com](mailto:donnas.trips.continue@gmail.com).

**Brian Nuss: Big Sky, Montana;** Mar 1 - 8, 2025. \$2327 to \$2657 depending on Condo choice. Contact Brian at [brianjnuss@gmail.com](mailto:brianjnuss@gmail.com) or 610-730-2777.

**Mark Baechle: Breckenridge, Co** - March 1-8, 2025  
We are flying direct **non-stop** from PHL to DIA, on Southwest, and bussing to the **Ski-In/Ski-Out** Beaver Run Resort at Breckenridge, in your choice of Hotel Rooms with microwave and mini-fridge, or 2br2ba Condos with full kitchen, full living room, fireplace, balcony.  
We will ski most days at **Breckenridge**, with its 189 trails on 5 peaks, and explore the town's 300+ bars, restaurants, shops, spas, and boutiques.  
The trip also should include a day of skiing at **Vail**, and another day (or more) at **Keystone**. Transportation and lifts included.

**Trip is full, but Mark might be able to get more spaces, if folks act soon.**

Contact Mark at [skipro99@gmail.com](mailto:skipro99@gmail.com) or 610-657-5825.

**Vicki Morris: Sunday River, Maine,** Jan. 26-31, 2025. Includes round-trip motor coach, 5 nights lodging at Grand Summit Hotel, breakfast buffet, taxes, gratuities, refreshments on bus. Lift tickets extra.

For more information contact: Vicki Morris, 610-597-8666, [vlm2378@rcn.com](mailto:vlm2378@rcn.com) or Joelle Akowskey, 484-883-2049, [JoelleA1@outlook.com](mailto:JoelleA1@outlook.com) **Trip Completed**

## Membership DUES: 2024/2025 Season

Renew your membership for the 2024/2025 Season. Send your dues to: Diane Peters, 846 Parkway Rd. Allentown, Pa 18104-3338. **Please Pay by Check. We will not accept cash.**

**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, 2026

**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.**

## Treasurer's Report

As of January 31, 2024

Checking	\$ 22,550.17
Savings	\$ 6,001.09
CD	\$ 5,335.52
Total	\$ 33,886.78

## Friday Happy Hours

**Every Friday at 5:00 pm**

- 2/07 - Miller's Ale House
- 2/14 - Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant
- 2/21 - Copperhead Grill
- 2/28 - Foundations Tavern - Live Music: Castaway Trio
- 3/07 - Grove Street Pub & Grill



Note: The scheduled Happy Hour location may change occasionally due to circumstances beyond our control or a new or more interesting location becoming available. So, watch your email for changes as Friday approaches.

## BETWEEN THE COVERS Book Club

It's a BYOB and BYOF book group gathering. Join us at our next discussion.

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2025

TIME: Discussion will begin promptly at 4 PM

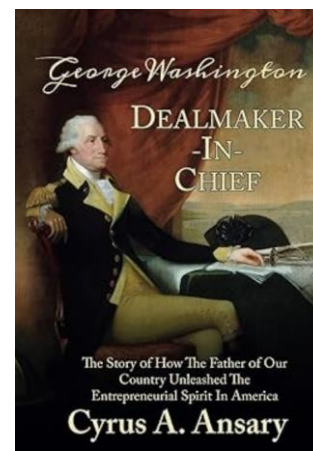
LOCATION: Ronnie Rother's House

254 Kristin Lane, Allentown

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George Washington  
Deal Maker in Chief  
By Cyrus A. Ansary





Thursday, February 27, 5:30 pm, Fogelsville Hotel, 7921 Main Street, Fogelsville. Great atmosphere and food.



Thursday, March 20, 5:30 pm, **Leather Corner Post Bar & Grill**, 6855 Horseshoe Road, Orefield. Good Food and Great Music. We're trying it again, come on out to play a Boomba!



**Ptarmigan STEM Discussion Thursday Feb 27th 4:30 – 6:00 pm via Zoom**

Topic: Planetary Alignment and Astronomical Observation.  
 Guest speaker: Earl Pursell.  
 Contact Bill Ortner [wortner@ptd.net](mailto:wortner@ptd.net) to be added to the Zoom.

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**Ski Day at Blue Mountain Thursday February 13, 2025**

Thursday February 13, 2025 – 1660 Blue Mountain Drive, Palmerton. Join us for a Group Ski Day. Meet up at the bottom of the Valley Lodge at 9:15 am at the 6-pack lift. Look for Joyce Gilmore in a Magenta Helmet. Join us after for lunch at the Blue Mountain Diner at 12:30 pm, 1439 Blue Mountain Drive, Danielsville. Call Joyce at 610-0741-8943 if you are going. She will need a head count.

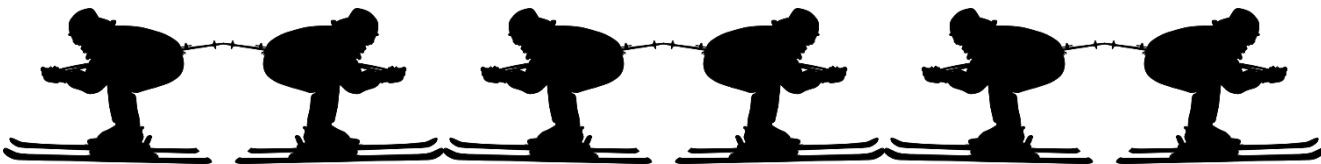
**Ski Day at Blue Mountain Tuesday, February 18, 2025**

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 – 1660 Blue Mountain Drive, Palmerton. Meet for skiing in the morning at 9:30 am at the 6-pack lift at the Valley Lodge. Ski Party/Lunch at 1:00 pm at the Covered Bridge Inn, 4300 Little Gap Road, Palmerton. Can order off of the menu, Cash Bar. Deadline for lunch is Monday, Feb. 17 (need headcount). Call/text Cindy 484-515-0181 to save your seat!

**Ski Day at Elk Mountain Tuesday, February 25, 2025**

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 - 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+, \$46**

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. Contact Cindy Simoson (484) 515-0181.



**OPERA SHOW & DINNER – RECAP**

About a dozen Ptarmigans experienced the afternoon at the Opera showing of **Verdi's Aida**, by the New York Metropolitan Opera. Dinner at **Ringer's Roost** followed with everyone having a wonderful time. Thank you to Richard Manning for putting this together. Stay tuned for another opportunity for a show and dinner in the future.



**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!!!**

**Nagano & Hakuba, Japan 2025** – Feb. 21 – Mar 7 – need 1 single male

**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 [www.easternpaskicouncil.org](http://www.easternpaskicouncil.org). Still have openings.

**2026 Winter Carnival** – Sun Valley, Idaho!

**2026 International Trip** – Grindelwald, Switzerland – Feb. 27 – Mar 7

### **Skiing Happenings and Discounts**



Look for our email blasts notifying all of Ptarmigan Ski Club for ski days coming soon on snowy weekdays. Stay tuned for notification of our annual End of Season Tailgate at Blue Mountain (usually near the end of March).



Ski Club Discount - Club Discount \$36 for all club members, Mon-Thurs non-holiday. Must show membership card at Guest Services, 70+ Ski Free (buy pass for \$25 and skips line for each visit). Many other discounts available. See spreadsheet for details at [easternpaskicouncil.org](http://easternpaskicouncil.org).



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 at ticket window. 20% off any other time. See [easternpaskicouncil.org](http://easternpaskicouncil.org) for code to purchase online. College Day Discounts - \$35 Ticket + Rentals on Thursdays and Sun. Nights.



Discounts – Senior Tuesdays (65+) - \$46, College Wednesdays (Show College ID) \$46 Military Discount – show ID -\$10 off anytime Beginner discounts. See EPSC spreadsheet.



Children under 46" tall ski free. Seniors 70+ ski free. NASTAR - 2 runs for \$10, 5 runs for \$25. Credit cards only.

**MANY** other Ski Area Resort Discounts are available: Whitetail, Seven Springs, Spring Mtn., Shawnee, Liberty, Camelback, etc. See [easternpaskicouncil.org](http://easternpaskicouncil.org) "All in One Spreadsheet".

## 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.

### **PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB CONTACTS**

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