

# **Ptarmigan Ski Club** NEWSLETTER

## **March 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.easternpaskiscouncil.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

#### **----- Mar 2025 -----**

3/04 – Elk Mtn – Group Ski Day 7:30 am

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

3/09 – Cardboard Box Derby – Blue Mtn 2 pm

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

3/14 – Miller Ale House

3/19 – BTC – Mary's House 4 pm

3/17 – St. Patrick's Day

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

3/21 – Copperhead Grill

3/?? – Blue Mtn. – End of season Tailgate TBD

3/28 – Foundations Tavern – Live Music

#### **----- Apr 2025 -----**

4/02 – Hike for Health at Jacobsburg, 5:30 pm

4/04 – Happy Hour Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant

4/11 – Happy Hour TBD

4/17 – Thursty Thursday – Braveheart Highland Pub 5:30 pm

4/18 – Happy Hour TBD

4/23 – Hike – Ironton Rail Trail, 10 am

4/25 – Happy Hour TBD

4/26 – Spring Banquet – The Loft at Sawmill 6 pm

**\*\*\*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!



**Sunday, March 9, 2025**  
**Set your clocks ahead**  
**one hour.**

### **General Meeting and Elections**

Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00 pm

Christopher's Columbian Home (formerly KofC)

Come to the meeting for our Year-In-Review presentation, and then to vote for this year's Officers and Board Members.

Note: The Nominations for Officers and Board is not finalized yet. When it is finalized, we will email it out to all members.

Please consider running for an Officer or Board Member Position. Contact one of the Nominations Committee Members: Mary Laronge, Mary Ann Bedics or Boll Ortner

Officer Positions:

President  
Vice President  
Treasurer  
Membership Secretary  
Recording Secretary

Board Positions:

Three Elected Members  
Up to Three Members Appointed by the President

### **Ski Day at Elk Mountain**

**Rescheduled to: Tuesday, March 4, 2025**

344 Elk Mtn. Road, Union Dale, 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 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 Carolyn (302) 864-4120, [we3ski@epix.net](mailto:we3ski@epix.net).



**March 17, 2025**  
**Happy St. Patrick's Day!**

## Ski Trips 2024 - 2025:

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



February 7-15, 2025 was a trip of a lifetime enjoyed by 41 Ptarmigans. Great conditions, wonderful Swiss hospitality, and plenty of train rides! See a recap of the trip in our Year-In-Review presentation at our meeting on March 11.

Also, see pictures on Page 5.

### 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 Contact Melissa Link for more information, 610-751-0332 or [donnas.trips.continue@gmail.com](mailto:donnas.trips.continue@gmail.com). **Trip Completed**

**Brian Nuss: Big Sky, Montana;** Mar 1 – 8, 2025. Contact Brian at [brianjnuss@gmail.com](mailto:brianjnuss@gmail.com) or 610-730-2777. **Trip Out.**

**Mark Baechle: Breckenridge, Co -** March 1-8, 2025 Contact Mark at [skipro99@gmail.com](mailto:skipro99@gmail.com) or 610-657-5825 **Trip Out.**

**Vicki Morris: Sunday River, Maine,** Jan. 26-31, 2025. 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**



**Stay Tuned.....It's  
Coming.....  
End-of-Season Tailgate  
Party  
At BLUE MOUNTAIN  
Valley Parking lot near rear  
– bring something to share –  
BYOB stay tuned for a  
future Email  
Announcement...**

## 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 February 28, 2025

Checking	\$ 8,251.67
Savings	\$ 6,001.09
CD	\$ 5,354.87
Total	\$ 19,607.63

## Friday Happy Hours

**Every Friday at 5:00 pm**

3/07 – Grove Street Pub & Grill  
3/14 – Miller Ale House  
3/21 – Copperhead Grill  
3/28 – Foundations Tavern – Live Music  
4/04 – Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant



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.

## Spring Banquet Sat., April 26, 2025

**The Loft at Sawmill  
5630 Sullivan Trail  
Easton, PA 18040**

**Cash Bar – 6:00 to 10:00 pm**

**Social – 6:00 to 7:00 pm**

**Hot Dinner Buffet 7:00 – 8:00 pm**

**RESERVATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 11**

**See attached flier for details.**





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!



Thursday, April 17, 5:30 pm, **Braveheart Highland Pub**, 430 Main Street, Hellertown. Home of the finest Scottish food and drink. Come out and grab a pint.



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

.Topic: TBD

Contact Bill Ortner [wortner@ptd.net](mailto:wortner@ptd.net) to be added to the Zoom.



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

**April 2, 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 Flagpole. Phone/Text Cindy Simoson (484) 515-0181 if you plan to go.

**April 23, Wednesday, – Ironton Rail Trail – 10:00 am** – Walk on a on paved trail for a few miles. Option to do more. Meet at Saylor Park, 245 N. Second St., Coplay. Meet at Samuel Owens for lunch afterwards or bring your own lunch/snack. Call/Text Cindy Simoson if you are going – (484) 515-0181.

### **BETWEEN THE COVERS (BTC)**

It's a BYOB and BYOF book group gathering.

Join us at our next discussion

DATE: Wednesday, March 19, 2025

TIME: Discussion will begin promptly at 4 PM

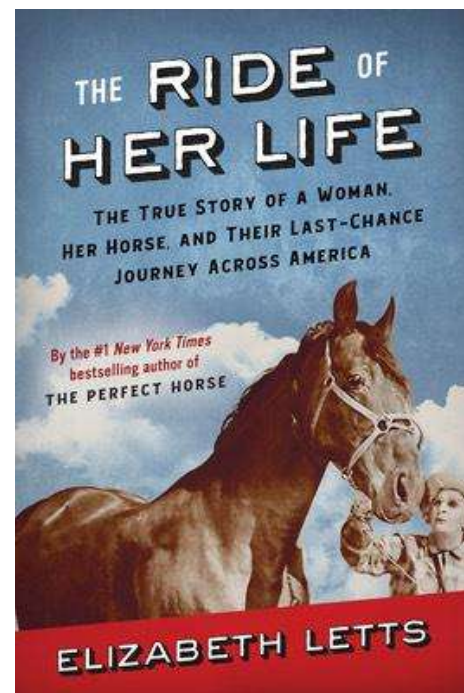
LOCATION: Mary & Ralph's House

556 Parkside Court, Allentown

phone 610-737-2349

[larongem@gmail.com](mailto:larongem@gmail.com)

**The Ride of Her Life**  
**By Elizabeth Letts**







**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!!!**

**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

**Summer Skiing in the Andes Mountains – CHILE** – August 7-21, 2026, \$4,625 pp, see details on the website.

## **Skiing Happenings and Discounts**



Early Bird Season Pass sale going on now ends March 12.  
Cardboard Box Derby, March 9 – Build it, race it, Hope It Holds! See more details at [Skibluemt.com](http://Skibluemt.com). 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) along with Blue's Pond Skim.



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".

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SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025

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5630 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA 18040

Cash Bar – 6:00 to 10:00 pm    Assorted Cheese Board  
Social – 6:00 to 7:00 pm        with Crackers and Dip

Hot Deluxe Buffet                Fruit Salad  
7:00 –8:00 pm                    Tossed Spring Salad with Dressing

Main Courses:	Roast Top Round	Chicken Champagne
	Baked Ziti	Filling
	Sausages w/Peppers & Onions	Red Bliss Potatoes
	Vegetable Lasagna	Corn in Butter Sauce

Lemonade. Iced Tea, Coffee, Tea  
Assorted Desserts

Following Dinner, dance to the music of “Scotty G”

Price: \$56.00 Per Person

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: April 11, 2025**

**No Signups/Checks accepted after the deadline.**

Make checks payable to **Ptarmigan Ski Club**

Send checks to Carolyn Greenland, 681 Locust St., Coopersburg, PA 18036



## 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.

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

[Click here to download Membership Application](#)