

# **Ptarmigan Ski Club** NEWSLETTER

## **October 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

#### **Oct 2025**

10/03 - Happy Hour Willow St. Pub

10/04 - Octoberfest Party at Bill Ortner's Place 2:00 pm

10/05 - Music Time Whys Becky's Drive In 12:00 - 3:00 P.M.

10/09 - Thursty Thursday Wanderlust Beer Garden 5:00 pm

10/10 - Happy Hour Copperhead Grill

10/11 - Hike Lehigh Parkway 9:30 am

10/12 - Music Flirtin' With The Mob North Catty Park 1:00 5:00 pm

10/14 - General Meeting - Sub & Movie Night

10/16 - Biking D & L Trail 9:30 A.M. Cementon to Slatington

10/17 - Happy Hour Thrifty Turtle Grape St. Whitehall

10/23 - Thursty Thursday Shanty on 19th 5:00 pm

10/24 - Happy Hour Miller Ale House

10/28 - General Meeting

10/31 - Happy Hour Foundations Tavern w/Music

#### **Nov 2025**

11/02 - Hike Pinnacle / Pulpit Rock Trail -- 10:00 A.M.

11/07 - Happy Hour Grove St. Pub & Grill

11/11 - General /meeting

11/16 - Winery Event Blue Mtn. Vineyards & Cellars 1:00 - 5:00 pm

11/20 - Thrusty Thursday Braveheart Highland Pub

11/23 - Hike-N-Soup 1:00 pm. Hike 3:00 Soup at Kathy Seufert's

Save The Date:

Dec 5, 2025 - Xmas Holiday Banquet at the Barn House Village

See Flyer below for details.

### **General Meeting Tuesday Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm**

**Christopher's Columbian Home (KoC)**

**1519 W. Greenleaf Street, Allentown, Pa**

### **Sub & Movie Night**

See Flyer below for the Hogie Order Form

**Oktoberfest Party**  
**Saturday Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm**  
**Hosted by Bill Ortner**



**Featuring Pulled Pork, Sauerkraut and Bratwurst**

Beginning at 2 pm we'll be serving Bratwurst with Sauerkraut and Homemade Split-Pea w/Ham Hock Soup.

Around 5 pm we'll begin serving Pulled Pork along with some traditional sides.

The signup deadline is past. No more signups. For those of you have signed up we'll see you there.

Bill Ortner, 2509 Peachtree Road, Allentown, Pa.

### **Ptarmigan's 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, October 15, 2025

TIME: Discussion begins promptly at 4 PM

LOCATION: Mary and Ralph's

556 Parkside Court, Allentown

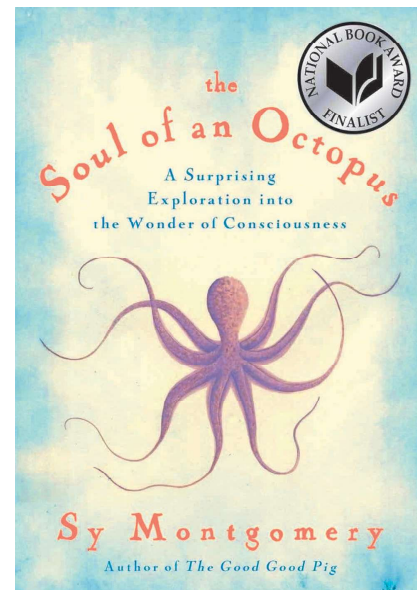
Book Selection for Oct 15, 2025:

The Soul of an Octopus

By Sy Montgomery

In pursuit of the wild, solitary, predatory octopus, popular naturalist Sy Montgomery has practiced true immersion journalism. From New England aquarium tanks to the reefs of French Polynesia and the Gulf of Mexico, she has befriended octopuses with strikingly different personalities—gentle Athena, assertive Octavia, curious Kali, and joyful Karma. Each creature shows her cleverness in myriad ways: escaping enclosures like an orangutan; jetting water to bounce balls; and endlessly tricking companions with multiple “sleights of hand” to get food.

Scientists have only recently accepted the intelligence of dogs, birds, and chimpanzees but now are watching octopuses solve problems and are trying to decipher the meaning of the animal's color-changing techniques. With her “joyful passion for these intelligent and fascinating creatures” (Library Journal Editors' Spring Pick), Montgomery chronicles the growing appreciation of this mollusk as she tells a unique love story. By turns funny, entertaining, touching, and profound, *The Soul of an Octopus* reveals what octopuses can teach us about the meeting of two very different minds.



## 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. See Flyers below for details.

### **Bormio & Milan, Italy**

- Jan. 23 – Feb. 01, 2026
- \$2,400 per person/double occupancy (pp/do)
- Contact: Catherine Chrapaczat (610) 428-3547 or [katyataz@yahoo.com](mailto:katyataz@yahoo.com)

### **Sunday River, Maine**

- Jan. 25 – Jan 30, 2026
- \$949 Lodging & Bus Transportation (Lift Tickets Extra \$)
- Contact Vicki Morris 610-597-8666  
[vlmorris@astound.net](mailto:vlmorris@astound.net)

### **St. Anton, Austria**

- Jan. 23 – Feb. 01, 2026
- \$3,350 per person/double occupancy (pp/do)
- Contact: John Yerman at (484)241-5213  
[ifyiii.mail@gmail.com](mailto:ifyiii.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](mailto: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**

- 10/03 - Happy Hour Willow St. Pub
- 10/10 - Happy Hour Copperhead Grill
- 10/17 - Happy Hour Thrifty Turtle Grape St. Whitehall
- 10/24 - Happy Hour Miller Ale House
- 10/31 - Happy Hour Foundations Tavern w/Music
- 11/07 - Happy Hour Grove St. Pub & Grill



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

## 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 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, 2027

**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 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**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

Checking	\$4,672.83
Money Market	\$6,001.68
7 mo CD	<u>\$5,416.55</u>
Total:	\$16,091.06

As of 9/22/25

## Ptarmigan Flag/Banner

We trying to locate the second Ptarmigan Flag/Banner. If you have it or know where it is, please contact Bill Ortnier at [wortner@ptd.net](mailto:wortner@ptd.net).



**VERMONT 4 PASS - HA!** We skiers crashed their website! The sale is being postponed until further notice. We'll be sending out an e-blast as soon as we hear of the new date.

## Winter Gear Sales



**Blue Mtn. Tent Sale / Winter Gear Blowout -- Sat. Oct. 18 - Sun. Oct. 19, 2025  
10:00 - 4:00 P.M.**

Held Inside Valley Lodge at Bottom of the Mountain . Cashless Event (CC only!)



**Buckman's October Tent Sale -- Wed. Oct. 15 -- 18 -- 2025 -- 10:00 A.M. – 9 P.M.  
All Locations**

Consignment Ticket Pick-up: **Oct 1 - Oct 14**

Consignment drop-off at tent locations: **Oct 1 - Oct 14**

Tent Sale Dates: **Oct 15-18, 10 am to 9 pm**

**THIRSTY  
THURSDAY**



**WANDERLUST  
BEER GARDEN**

**Thursday, October 9 at 5:00 pm –  
Wanderlust Beer Garden, 1600 Sullivan  
Trail, Easton, PA. Eclectic Outdoor Beer  
Garden, food and drinks.  
[www.wanderlustbeergarden.com](http://www.wanderlustbeergarden.com)**



**Thursday, October 23 at 5:00 pm – Shanty on 19<sup>th</sup>,**  
613 North 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Allentown. Half Off Happy Hour:  
1/2 off Appetizers, Draft Beers, House Wines, House Liquors, 4:00 to 6:00 pm.  
[www.theshantyon19th.com](http://www.theshantyon19th.com)



**Thursday November 20 at 5:30 pm Braveheart Highland Pub**  
Located at 430 Main Street, Hellertown. Fine Scottish Fare and Pub.  
[www.bravehearthighlandpub.com/](http://www.bravehearthighlandpub.com/)



**Golf** – Ptarmigans are on the links every Friday at various courses around the Lehigh Valley. The season is winding down - limited tee times available. Contact Tom Weiser at [weiser@ptd.net](mailto:weiser@ptd.net) if you are interested. Only 4 more dates left for this season.



**Ptarmigan STEM Discussion for October 23<sup>rd</sup> 4:30 – 6:00 pm via Zoom**

Topic: Hydroelectric Power Lead by Bill Ortnier.



**EPSC Fall Meeting** – Bear Creek Ski Resort – Save the Date: October 5, 2025

**Sept. 19-29, 2026 - Netherlands, Belgium, and France:**

Canals, Champagne, and Culture - Sept. 19-29, 2026, \$6,067 dble occ.discounted thru Collete tours See [www.easternpaskicouncil.org](http://www.easternpaskicouncil.org) for more details.

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

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

**2026 Summer Ski Trip** - Valle Nevado, Chile – August 7-21, 2026 \*\*

**2027 Winter Carnival** – Mt. Bachelor, Oregon – dates TBD

**2027 Summer Ski Trip** – New Zealand & Australia - TBD

\*\*\* All still have openings. More details and trip fliers for all of the above can be found at.

[www.easternpaskicouncil.org](http://www.easternpaskicouncil.org)



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

**October 11, 2025 -- Saturday -- 9:30 A.M. Hike -- Lehigh Parkway**

Meet at Museum of Indian Culture -- Parking Lot 2825 Fish Hatchery Road -- Allentown, Pa. 18103  
Easy Hike, about 4 Miles on Flat Gravel.

Hike Leader -- Olga Chubarova . Bring Lunch, snack, & water.  
Call/TEXT Cindy Simoson, if you are going. ( 484) 515-0181

**November 2, 2025 -- Sunday -- Pinnacle / Pulpit Rock Trail -- 10:00 A.M.**

Hamburg Reservoir Trailhead 400 Reservoir Road, Hamburg, Pa. 19526

This is a 9.3 Mile Hike -- 1259 Elevation -- Moderate to Difficult Hike . Some Steep sections, rocky.

We will Hike up a Gravel Road to Pulpit Rock, then proceed along the Ridge Line to the Pinnacle.

Stunning Views !

Bring Lunch, snack, & Water. Wear Sturdy Hiking Boots

We can arrange Carpooling.

Hike Leader -- John Heurich

Contact: John, if you are going, or for any questions at [jheurich\\_biz@yahoo.com](mailto:jheurich_biz@yahoo.com) or  
Call / TEXT at 484 - 241- 5176

**November 23, 2025 -- Fall Hike - N - Soup 1:00 pm Hike 3:00 pm Soup at Kathy Seufert's**

Stay tuned for Further Details TBA



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

**October 16, 2025 -- Thursday -- D & L Trail -- 9:30 A.M. Cementon to Slatington**

Bike Cementon to Slatington -- Meet at Riverwalk Park -- 5200 Front St., Whitehall, Pa. 18052 - (Cementon Trailhead)

Bike 18 Miles (Roundtrip) . Bike on Gravel/crushed stone on shaded trail along the Lehigh River.

Pavillion / Restrooms. Lunch Stop at Slatington Trailhead. Food Truck is there. Also, can bring lunch, snack & water.

Bike Ride Leader -- Joyce Gilmore

Contact: Joyce if you are going . at [mindycat36@yahoo.com](mailto:mindycat36@yahoo.com) or CALL ( 610) 683-6593



**Music**

Contact: Cindy Simoson, if any questions (484) 515-0181

**October 5, 2025 -- Sunday-- Time Whys - at Becky's Drive In 12:00 P.M. -- 3:00 P.M.**

4548 Lehigh Drive, Walnutport, Pa. 18088

Join fellow Ptarmigans at this Event. Enjoy the Live Music, Dancing, Food, Vendors, & the wonderful Classic Cars.

Contact: Cindy Simoson, if any questions ( 484) 515-0181

**October 12, 2025 -- Sunday Flirtin With The Mob -- at North Catty Park 1:00 - 5:00 P.M.**

701 Grove Street, Catasauqua, Pa. 18032

Join fellow Ptarmigans at this Event. Enjoy the Live Music , Dancing, Food, Vendors, & the wonderful Classic Cars.

Contact: Cindy Simoson, if any questions ( 484) 515-0181

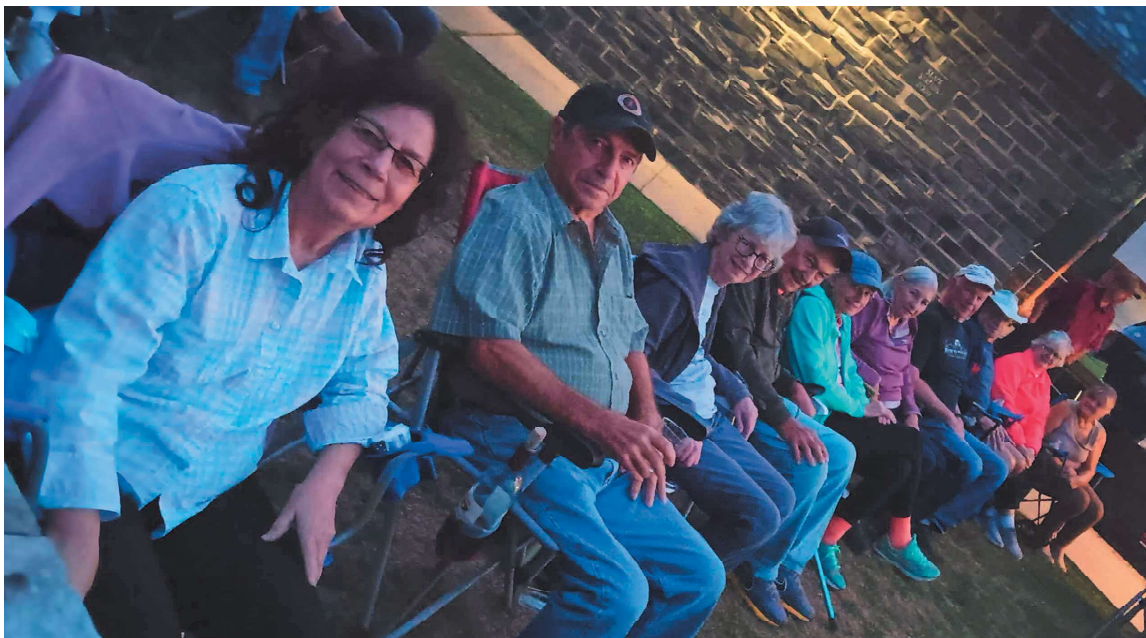


## **Winery Event**

November 16, 2025 -- Sunday -- Blue Mtn. Vineyards & Cellars -- 1:00 - P.m. -- 5:00 P.m.  
7627 Grape Vine Drive. New Tripoli, Pa. 18066

Join us on Sunday Nov. 17 at 1:00 P.M. at Blue Mountain Vineyards & Cellars.  
Enjoy a relaxing afternoon of Music by Cass Noelle and Wine Tasting. There are 4 Diff. Craft Beers,  
Slushies & Seasonal Cocktails are available. We can bring our own food.  
Tables are reserved for 20 People. MUST MAKE a RESERVATION by November 13 DEADLINE.  
Contact Cindy Simoson for Reservations. (484) 515- 0181

## **Ptarmigan Group at Music- Wed. Unwin'd at Slatington - Sep. 10**



## **Ptarmigan Group Hike with Joyce -Sep.18 on Walnutpirt Canal**



## **Ptarmigan Ski Club**

**General Meeting Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm  
At Christopher's Knights of Columbus, Allentown**

### **Sub & Movie Night**

**Hoagie Order Form  
12" includes lettuce & tomato**

**Indicate how many of each:**

**Italian \$8 -----**

**Tuna \$9 -----**

**Turkey \$9 -----**

**Veggie \$7-----**

**Choice of Cheese:**

**American -----**

**Provolone -----**

**Onion, Green Peppers, Olives Mayo, Oil & Vinegar on the side**

**Name/Phone:**

**Name -----**

**Phone # -----**

**Send Your Completed Order Form and Check before Oct 11<sup>th</sup> to: Carolyn Greenland,  
681 Locust St., Coopersburg, Pa, 18036**

**FYI: Carolyn will be at the Oktoberfest Party at Bill Ortner's Saturday Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, you could  
pay her then if you're at the party.**



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# **PTARMIGAN HOLIDAY PARTY**

**Friday, December 5, 2025**

**6:00 pm to 10:00 pm**

**Barn House Village  
7401 Airport Road  
Bath, PA 18014**

## **Menu\***

**Bruschetta with Crostini & Assorted Cheeses**

**Soup de jour & Tossed Salad**

**Herb Chicken**

**Beef Tips Burgundy**

**Oven Roasted Potatoes**

**Green Beans Almondine**

**Glazed Baby Carrots**

**Chef's Trio of Puddings/Mousses**

**\*Vegan or Vegetarian available on request**

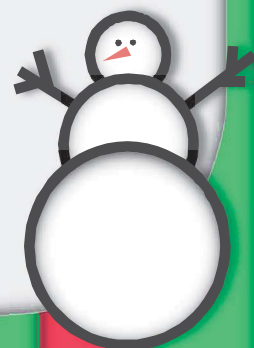
**\$58.00 per person**

**Costs are partially subsidized by Ptarmigan Ski Club**

**Dancing to the tunes of Scotty G**

**RSVP: Linda Cope  
2685 Houghton Lean  
Macungie, PA 18062  
[lesterly@ptd.net](mailto:lesterly@ptd.net)  
610-504-0305**

**No reservations or  
monies can be  
accepted after  
November 19**







## 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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