

Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

September 2022



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:

Happy Hour: Contact Bill Ortner, Every Friday

General Meetings at Christopher's – Knights of Columbus (KoC)

Book Club: Third Wednesday of every month 6:30 pm.

----- Sep -----		
Charity Golf Tournament	Fri 8 am	Sep 9
First General Meeting of the Season	Tue 7 pm	Sep 13
Pickleball: Rob Metter	Thu 4 pm	Sep 15
General Meeting	Tue 7 pm	Sep 27
----- Oct -----		
Oktoberfest: Bill Ortner	Sat 2 pm	Oct 1
Delightful Dahlia Outing: Monika Drury	Wed 10 am	Oct 5
General Meeting: Ray & Linny Slides	Tue 7 pm	Oct 11
Spooktacular Hot Air Balloon: Lisa Rufo	Sat & Sun	Oct 15, 16
General Meeting: Appetizer Cook-off	Tue 7 pm	Oct 25
----- Nov -----		
General Meeting	Tue 7 pm	Nov 8
Hike & Soup: Kathy Seufert	Sun TBD	Nov 20
----- Dec -----		
Holiday Happy Hour: Woodstone	Fri TBD	Dec 9
General Meeting	Tue 7 pm	Dec 13
Hike & Picnic: Jim Policelli	Sat TBD	Dec 17

General Meeting ay KoC Allentown

Tuesday Sep 13th 7 pm

This is the 75th Year Anniversary of Ptarmigan Ski Club. Phil Hublitz has put together a Slide Show of our history. Be there – you don't want to miss this.

Ptarmigan Charity Golf Tournament

Friday September 9th 8 am Start.

Volunteer Helpers Still Needed.

Contact: Bonnie sportsbortz@rcn.com or Roz roslyn100@msn.com

Oktoberfest at Bill Ortner's

Sat Oct 1st 2 pm. Diner served about 5 pm.

**Bratwurst All Day. Beer, Wine, and Water.
Dinner: Pulled Pork, Sauerkraut, Baked Beans and Potato Salad.**

New Pricing Options:

\$20 Per Person - Full Menu, Beer & Wine, Bottled Water

\$14 Per Person - Full Menu, Water, No Beer, No Wine

**\$5 Per Person - No Food, No Beer, No Wine,
Shared Food and Water Only, You Must Bring
Something to Share**

See Flyer Below for Details.



President's Message

Phil Hublitz

President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

PSC Charity Golf Tournament September 9th at Allentown Muni, be there.

The Clambake at Eric Shoepner's, Saturday August 20th was perfect in every way. 48 seafood lovers downed (or at least tried to down) three dozen clams, ten shrimp, sausage, mini-potatoes, and corn: beautifully steamed by John & Ray. The alternative to the clambake was the chicken option for those who get seasick (another 20 Ptarmigans), both at bargain prices due to master caterer, and wheeler dealer Ronnie Rother. That is not to mention the dozens of items that people brought to share.

The most important event on the horizon is the 2nd Annual PSC Charity Golf Tournament, Friday September 9th, 2022, at Allentown Municipal Golf Course. Registration has closed but it is not too late to volunteer for at the event, donate to the scholarship program or the Special Olympics Racing Team. Bonnie, Roz, and their committee have done an outstanding job with tournament sales and preparing for the tournament itself. The player count stands at 70, all I can say WOW.

The usual suspects are still around too: happy hours; music, biking, hiking, and dancing (four events last week); BTC; Pickleball (September 15th, 4 PM, Grange); golf, and STEM. Monika has thrown into the mix the Dahlia Lady, October 5th with lunch, 10 AM-2 PM, \$12, donated to charity.

The agenda is loaded for the fall: the Welcome Back Meeting on September 13th at the Knights of Columbus, don't miss this all social event; On the 27th, Monika Drury will do a slide presentation on her wild trip to Mongolia (who goes to Mongolia by themselves to see the nomads in a horse racing competition?); October 1st is Oktoberfest at Bill's, \$20; On October 11th Ray & Linny Cope will do a slide and video presentation on their trip to Antarctica, that is sure to cool off your heels; Mary & Ronnie are scheduled for another annual Cook-off on October 25th, the food item TBD. The lineup is solid and bound to be fun.

Who needs a country club when you have us...

Ski Trip Advertising 2022 - 2023:

Trip Summaries – See Flyers Below for Details.

Sunday River, Maine - Vicki Morris

- Sun Jan 22 – Fri Jan 27, 2023
- \$1,159 dbl/occ \$1,019 tri/occ Senior & Non-skier Discounts Available
- Contact Vicki 610-791-3421 (H) or 610-597-8666 (C)
Email: VLM2378@rcn.com

Breckenridge, Co - Catherine Chrapacz

- Sat Jan 28 – Sat Feb 4, 2023
- \$2,090 dbl/occ
- Contact Catherine at 610-428-3547 or katyataz@yahoo.com

Jackson Hole, Wy - Mark Beachle

- Mon Mar 13 – Mon Mar 20, 2023
- \$2,499 dbl/occ
- Contact Mark at 610-657-5825 or SkiPro99@gmail.com

Editor's Notes:

The trips advertised here are independently run by members and are not sanctioned by Ptarmigan nor does Ptarmigan profit from these trips. All trips advertised must have a clearly stated cancellation policy, please read it carefully.

Pickleball with Rob Metter!

- **Thursday September 15th**
- 4 pm Grange Park
- 360 Grange Road, Allentown, PA

RSVP to robmetterrocks@gmail.com

RSVP If you DO HAVE or DON'T HAVE your own paddle!

DRINKS 🍹 AND OR DINNER AFTERWARDS at Sunset Grill 1/4 mile north of Grange Park at stoplight.

Email Rob if you have any questions.

Spooktacular Hot Air Balloon Festival, Slatington Airport

Something different to do October 15 and 16 at Slatington Airport taking Halloween fun to new heights! There will be tethered rides with balloons lit up with laser lights to create a Spooktacular night glow. Also food, music, games, craft vendors, helicopter and monster truck rides, fireworks. 2:00-10:00 Saturday and Sunday weather permitting. Entrance tickets are \$20.00 online or CASH/CREDIT at the gate and tethered balloon rides are \$20.00. Full balloon rides can be arranged in advance for \$300.00.

Ptarmigans can venture into a different type of Halloween! We could meet there around 4:00 or carpool on Saturday the 15th.

Contact Lisa Rufo lufoski@yahoo.com 610-435-9873

More info <https://balloonfestpa.com/>

Membership DUES: 2022/2023 Season

Renew your membership for the 2022/2023 Season.

Send your dues beginning September 1st until Oct 31st to: **Mary Laronge, 556 Parkside Court, Allentown, Pa 18104.**

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, 2023

All Members will receive the Ptarmigan Newsletter FREE by Email.

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

Trip Updates

Sunday River Maine - Vicki Morris

The bus for the Sunday River Maine Ski Trip is Full, but we are looking for a single male to fill a standard room (saving a seat on the bus for this individual).

Was able to secure four more studio deluxe rooms if anyone wants to drive up on their own. Contact Vicki Morris for price without the bus.

Breckenridge, Co – Catherine Chrapacz

Still more spots open for Breckenridge, Ski Lifts to increase in September, if still interested in joining the group. 25 to date signed up.

Jackson Hole, Wy – Mark Baechle

I have a couple dozen fun-loving folks going to Jackson Hole March 13--20, 2023, and maybe also going to Grand Targhee and Yellowstone National Park. Come join us!

Hiking, Biking, Music by Joyce Gilmore

In August, Ptarmigans enjoyed two four-mile hikes along the Walnutport Canal and in the Lehigh Parkway. We had a good turnout for both hikes, great weather, and fun picnics afterwards. Bike rides included 18 miles along the D & R rail trail in Frenchtown, N.J. and 20 miles along the Saucon Rail Trail in Center Valley and Hellertown. A special thank you to Dick Manning for his expertise in pumping air in our tires and fixing our many mechanical problems. I always feel more confident when Dick is along on the ride!

There was an abundance of local music in August. Musikfest in Bethlehem boasted ten days of a buffet of varied bands, strolling along, and meeting up with fellow Ptarmigans. Unwine'd Wednesdays continued the second and fourth Wednesdays at the Slatington Trailhead with Erin Kelly and Payne Shelton. We enjoyed the Large Flowerheads and the Steel Creek in other locations all over the valley.

Delightful Dahlias - Hellertown

Let's do a day trip on October 5th to nationally recognized Delightful Dahlias in Hellertown. There are three acres of dahlias to admire and pick, from 10 am to 2 pm. We can wander the fields, have a lunch break, learn all about dahlias and finally create our own arrangement to take home. All supplies will be provided. Bring a sandwich, desert and drink will be provided. The \$12 cost will be donated to the Hellertown Food Bank.

Let Monika Drury, 570-876-1470, know if you are coming before September 28th.



2022 Pool Party & Clambake (Aug 21st) by Mary Ann Bedics

If you could imagine a perfect day, a perfect setting and the company of your good friends, you would be describing the PSC 2022 Pool Party & Clambake. Hosted by Eric Schoeppner, sixty-six Ptarmigans enjoyed the good food, the camaraderie of good friends and a dip in the pristine waters of the swimming pool. Based on the level of conversation everyone seemed to be having an enjoyable time catching up on the past year, the golf season and the upcoming ski season.

Ronnie Rother and her troop of volunteers worked very hard before, during and after the event. Ptarmigans outdid themselves with their buffet contributions. So many delicious choices.

Like all of our ski club events the member support was tantamount to making this day a huge success.



Aloha! (Jul 30th) by Ronnie Rother

Did you know there are only 13 letters in the Hawaiian alphabet? Did you know that more than 70 Ptarmigans surfed their way to the Hawaiian luau at Ronnie's hale? A beautiful day provided the perfect Polynesian setting for a dose of chill spent with ohana donning grass skirts and leis...and a few coconut bikini tops!

Shave Ice and Piña Colada Ice-cream Shots were enjoyed, as well as many ono grinds and pupus which added to the deliciousness found on the huge Hawaiian buffet. Sweet sounds were spun by Scotty G and the art of the hula was attempted by many as the sun slowly faded away this night in paradise. A hui hou!

A big MAHALO to all those who helped make the luau memorable.



It's an  Hawaiian Thing!



Ptarmigan Ski Club Oktoberfest 2022



Featuring Pulled Pork and Bratwurst

When: Saturday Oct 1st 2 pm until?
Where: Ortner's Hofbrauhaus
Cost: \$20 Per Person - Full Menu, Beer & Wine, Bottled Water
\$14 Per Person - Full Menu, Water, No Beer, No Wine
\$5 Per Person - No Food, No Beer, No Wine,
Shared Food and Water Only, You Must
Bring Something to Share

Beginning at 2 pm we'll be serving Bratwurst (par-boiled in Beer then Grilled) with Sauerkraut and Homemade Split-Pea w/Ham Hock Soup.

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

Enjoy a Selection of Seasonal Draft Beers.

An Excellent Selection of Wine.

Bottled Water will also be available.

If you like bring an Appetizer or Dessert to Share.

Bring a Picnic Chair if you want to sit.

There will be a Campfire after Dinner.



Directions: 2509 Peach Tree Road, Allentown Ph: (610)799-2549. Take the 15th street exit from Route 22, go north three miles on Mauch Chunk Road past Scherersville toward Ballietsville. Just past Mechanicsville Road, turn right at Grumpy's onto Peach Tree Road. Go in about 6 or 7 homes then turn left and go up the driveway.

----- Tear off and send along with your check -----

Enter Names and Price Selections Below

Send check by Sep 24th payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club to: Bill Ortner, 2509 Peachtree Road, Allentown, Pa 18104 610-799-2549 or wortner@att.net



It's Cook-Off Time

Here we go again! This year's Ptarmigan Cook-Off will be all appetizers. Looking for volunteers to bring their culinary talents to the October 25 meeting at Knights of Columbus. Competition will take place after the business portion of the meeting. So mark your calendars. This is one meeting you won't want to miss.

Want to compete? To sign up or for contest details, please contact Mary Laronge, larongem@gmail.com or 610-737-2349.

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