

# Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

## August 2023



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<http://www.ptarmiganskiclub.org/>

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](#)

### Calendar of Events - Post In a Visible Location

General Meetings at Christopher's – Knights of Columbus (KoC)  
 Happy Hour: Contact Bill Ortner, Most Friday's  
 Thursty Thursday: Contact Carolyn Greenland, Ronnie Rother  
 BTC Book Club: Third Wed Contact Ronnie Rother, Mary Laronge

#### Aug

8/1 Biking – Plainfield Twp Rail Trail 9:30 am  
 8/4 HH Shepherd Hills, The Deck 5 pm  
 8/4 Music –Shepherd Hills, Foundations -The Castaways 6 pm  
 8/4 Musikfest – Ptarmigans at Tropical Platz  
 8/4, 5, 6 – Das Awkscht Fescht , 3:00 pm  
 8/9 Hike for Health at Jacobsburg 5:30 pm  
 8/11 HH  
 8/11 Music – Steel Pub – Weekenders 7 pm  
 8/13 Biking on D&L Trail 9:30 am  
 8/15 Beginner Line Dancing at Tatamy 7 PM  
 8/16 – BTC – 4 pm Ronnie's house  
 8/17 Hike – Saucon Rail Trail 3:00 pm  
 8/17 Thursty Thursday - Lost Tavern Brew Hellertown 6 pm  
 8/19 Clambake – Eric Schoepner's  
 8/24 STEM – Artificial Intelligence – Jean Black  
 8/25 HH  
 8/25 Concert - The Large Flowerheads 7:00 pm  
 8/26 Hike at Lehigh Pkwy 9:30 am  
 8/27 Concert – Lucky 7 Band 6 pm Hellertown  
 8/31 Biking on Ironton Rail Trail 9:30 am

#### Sep

9/1 SteelStacks Concert – Doors Tribute, 7:30 pm  
 9/1 HH  
 9/5 Biking D&L Trail Weissport to Jim Thorpe 9:30 am  
 9/6 Hike for Health at Jacobsburg 5:30 pm  
 9/8 HH  
 9/9 Kayak/Hike – Leaser Lake 9:30 am  
 9/9 SteelStacks Concert – Aardvarks, 7:30 pm  
 9/11 EPSC Golf Tourney – Mainland Golf Course  
 9/12 General Mtg, K of C, Welcome Back! 7 pm  
 9/15 HH  
 9/21 Thursty Thursday – Wanderlust, Easton 6 pm  
 9/23 Biking at Frenchtown NJ 9:30 am  
 9/25 General Mtg, K of C - TBD 7 pm  
 9/28 Hike at Walnutport Canal/Slatington 9:30 am  
 9/29 HH

#### Save the Dates – details to follow

10/7 Oktoberfest – Ortner's Acres  
 11/19 Fall Hike-N-Soup – K. Seufert's House  
 12/9 Holiday Banquet – The Meadows at Saucon Valley  
 12/22 Holiday Tour & Happy Hour

### PTARMIGAN POOL PARTY/CLAMBAKE

Saturday, August 19 at 12 noon, Eric Schoepner' house, 40 Sutton Place, Easton, PA. Roast Chicken, Clams, Shrimp, several pricing options. BYOB. **See attached flyer for more details.**



### President's Message

**Carolyn Greenland**  
 President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

The Dog Days of Summer are upon us. I hope you all have access to a happy place to keep cool on these sweltering afternoons. Hiking, biking, golf, music, and parties have all been well attended this month. Thursty Thursdays are a hit – great turnout, new venues, and lots of good feedback. We will continue – come out as it fits your schedule.

It's time to take a good look at our calendar of events. So many activities and events, something for everyone. Right? Committees are being formed for Fall activities, 2024 Winter activities and outings. Come join us and pitch in. Sign up to help out. You can lead a hike, a bike ride, or even a paddle outing, too. Our ski trip to Italy is sold out. We secured the best deal out there! Let's hope the Great Snow God will treat us well. Sign on to our Ski Committee to help us plan future ski trips this winter.

Talk with any Board member if you can spare some time. It's YOUR ski club, take some time to share yourself with us to help foster the camaraderie and help to continue with the many events. No experience needed and all skills are welcome. This is how we spend the off-season, having a good time and making new memories together. Then let's make a plan to meet some new friends on the slopes.

Stay Cool Everyone... I hope to see you there!



**AUGUST 4, 5 & 6, 2023**  
 MACUNGIE MEMORIAL PARK  
 MACUNGIE, PA

Join fellow Ptarmigans at the show on **Saturday, August 5** and enjoy The Castaway Band from 5 – 6:30 pm. **ANTIQUE & CLASSIC CAR SHOW** Starring over 800 antique, classic and sports cars sparkling with fun-filled memories (Saturday), Arts and Crafts, Beer Garden, Flea Market, Toy Show, and Lots of Food! Cost \$9 at the gate, kids under 15 free. The Featured Car this year is the Corvette, celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary (1953 - 2023)

## Ski Trips 2023 - 2024:

The Following Trips are sponsored and run by Ptarmigan Ski Club:

### **Val Gardena (& Venice), Italy – Carolyn Greenland**

- Fri Mar 1 – Mar 11
- \$2,995 p/p dbl/occ
- Contact: Carolyn Greenland 302-864-4120 or [we3ski@epix.net](mailto:we3ski@epix.net) [Click Here to download Flyer.](#)

#### Editor's Notes:

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



## **SKIING!!!!**

### **Val Gardena and Venice, Italy,**

**Dates: March 1-11, 2024**

Cost **\$2995 pp** double occ. Includes all Roundtrip air (Lufthansa/Swiss -skis fly free) and ground transfers; 7 Nights in Val Gardena and 2 nights in Venice. Newly renovated hotel, ski-in/ski-out, indoor/outdoor heated pool, 7 breakfasts, 7 dinners, welcome Wine & Cheese. Venice – Breakfast daily and time on your own to explore. Ptarmigan Ski Club membership required. Trip is full but have openings for one single male and one single female. Contact Carolyn at 302-864-4120 for more details or [Click Here to download Flyer.](#)

## Pickleball

Tuesdays, 11:00 am at the Grange Park, 360 Grange Rd., Allentown, email Olga Chubarova at [Katerina1910@yahoo.com](mailto:Katerina1910@yahoo.com) for details.



## Friday Happy Hours

- Aug 4 Foundations at Shepherd Hills 5 pm
- Aug 11 Copperhead Grill 5 pm
- Aug 25 Keystone Pub and Grill 5:00 pm
- Sep 1 Jack's Slice (Allentown Muni) 5:pm



**Golf** – Bring your "A" Game, Grip it and Rip It every Friday at various courses around the Lehigh Valley. Limited tee times available. Contact Tom Weiser if you are interested at [Weiser@ptd.net](mailto:Weiser@ptd.net)

## Membership DUES: 2023/2024 Season

Renew your membership for the 2023/2024 Season.

Send your dues beginning September 1<sup>st</sup> until Oct 31<sup>st</sup> to: Pat Lower, 1805 Elmhurst, Dr, Whitehall Pa 18052.

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, 2025

**All Members will receive the Ptarmigan Newsletter FREE by Email.**

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

## Treasurer's Report

Click below for the latest Treasurer's Report:

[Treasurer's Report](#)

## Biking Recap by Cindy Simoson

July 6 – Nor- Bath Trail - It was a hot day, but several Ptarmigans hiked the 4 miles. Afterwards we all enjoyed relaxing and having lunch in the Pavilion. Thank you to Dick Manning for leading such a nice hike

July 12 - Hike for Health at Jacobsburg -- There was a good turnout for a brisk hike of 2.7 miles on a beautiful, but hot evening on different trails, climbing through the woods and along a creek through Henry's Woods.

July 20 - Leaser Lake – It was another beautiful sunny day for the 9 Ptarmigans who did the 4.2 mile hike through fields and woods around scenic Leaser Lake. Jean Black, our leader, pointed out many interesting sights, and we also watched Hawk Mtn. personnel banding Purple Martin birds while we were there. After lunch, some of us went to Wanamaker's Gen'l Store; an interesting place – and a step back in time. Thanks to Jean for leading a wonderful hike!

## Biking Recap by Cindy Simoson

July 11 -- Saucon Rail Trail - There were 12 Ptarmigans who biked from Hellertown to Coopersburg and back with some traveling even farther to Quakertown. It was a nice shaded trail and a wonderful ride. Afterward, we had lunch and hung out in the park for a while. Thank you to Phil Klopp for leading a great bike ride.





## Lost Tavern Brewing

**782 Main St, Hellertown, PA 18055**

Join us for another fun-filled Thursty Thursday on August 17 at Lost Tavern Brewing in Hellertown (782 Main Street) at 6 PM.



Band: Billy Bauer Band      Food-truck: Ridge Runner BBQ

<https://www.losttavernbrewing.com/hellertown-lost-tavern>

Suggestion! There's a hike scheduled prior to this gathering. The trailhead to the brewery is within walking distance. You can keep your car parked at Water Street Park instead of searching for parking on Main Street.



## Hiking

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

August 9 - Hike for Health, Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center, Weds. 5:30 – 7:00 pm, a brisk 2-2.5 miles hike on uneven terrain. Meet at 400 Belfast Rd, Nazareth at Visitor Center Flag Pole. Phone/Text Cindy Simoson (484) 515-0181 if you are going.

August 17 – Saucon Rail Trail, Hellertown, Thurs. 3:00-5:00 pm. Meet in the parking lot at Water Street Park, 90 West Water St., Hellertown, PA. Easy hike for about 4 miles on gravel/paved, then on to Lost Tavern Brewing for Thursty Thursday happy hour – short walk from the park. Call/Text Cindy Simoson if you are going – (484) 515-0181.

August 26 – Saturday 9:30 am - Lehigh Parkway– Meet at Bogert's Bridge, 1490 Fish Hatchery Road, Allentown, easy hike about 4 miles on flat gravel. Olga Chubarova will lead the hike. Phone/Text Cindy Simoson (484) 515-0181 if you are going.



## Biking

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

August 1 - Plainfield Twp Rail Trail. Tues., 9:30 am – Meet in the parking lot on Rte. 191 – Stockertown Trailhead. Ride is easy paved to crushed stone for 14 miles on shaded trail along Bushkill Creek. Directions from Rte. 33 North, take Stockertown Rte. 191 exit, follow Rte. 191 N about ¼ mile. Parking lot is on right after passing an electrical substation. Bring lunch or snack. Call/Text Cindy Simoson if you are going – (484) 515-0181.

August 13 - D&L Trail– Sun., 9:30 - Meet at Cove Road Trailhead, 5974 Cove Rd, Laurys Station PA, (off Rte. 145 before Treichler's Bridge) in the parking lot. Ride from Cove Rd to Smith Falls, 18 miles/Option to do more. Easy ride on gravel. Pavilion/restrooms at Slatington & L. Gap Nature Center. Bring lunch/snack. Call/Text Cindy Simoson if you are going – (484) 515-0181.

August 31 – Ironton Rail Trail – Thurs. 9:30 am – Ride on Ironton Rail Trail 12 miles/option to do more, easy paved trail. Meet at Chestnut St., Coplay trailhead (near Red Caboose Train) 3853 Chestnut St., Coplay, PA, bring lunch/snack. Call/Text Cindy Simoson if you are going – (484) 515-0181.

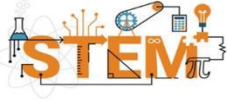
## Line Dancing



**'ALL NEED TO KICK IT UP!**

8/15, Tuesday, 7 pm, Beginner Line Dancing at Tatamy Fire Hall, 14 Bushkill St, Tatamy, PA. Contact Ronnie at [veronica.rother@gmail.com](mailto:veronica.rother@gmail.com).





August 24 - Meeting Topic – Artificial Intelligence – A special event with two choices for attending the discussion. (attendees' choice of date and respective location) special in-person lecture on Artificial Intelligence with Q&A (full details to follow - nominal \$1 reservation fee per attendee registration) Contact Jean Black at [jcblackies@hotmail.com](mailto:jcblackies@hotmail.com) with any questions



8/4 - Friday, Look for Ptarmigans working at **Tropical Platz**, 6 pm



8/25 - Concerts in the Park – Covered Bridge Park, 4050 River Road, Allentown. Food Trucks are ready to serve by 6:30 pm. Last free concert in the Park is on 8/25, Friday, 7:00 pm –

**The Large Flowerheads** – groovy '60's. Look for the Ptarmigan Banner.



8/11 The Steel Pub – 320 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St., Bethlehem, PA August 11, Friday, 7 pm **Weekenders Band**



9/1 SteelStacks, **Magical Mystery Doors Tribute**, Friday, 7:30 pm

9/9 SteelStacks, **The Aardvarks**, Saturday, 7:30 pm



8/27 Dimmick Park, 570 Durham St., Hellertown August 27, Sunday, 6 pm **Lucky 7 Band**

## Music Recap by Cindy Simoson

A good turnout of Ptarmigans listened and danced to the music of reservoir Hill Band on July 21 at the Covered Bridge Park, and then again on July 23 to the groovy music of the Large Flower Heads at Emmaus Community Park.

## BETWEEN THE COVERS (BTC)

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

**DATE:** Wednesday, August 16th

**TIME:** Discussion will begin promptly at 4 PM

**LOCATION:** Ronnie Rother's,  
254 Kristin Lane, Allentown

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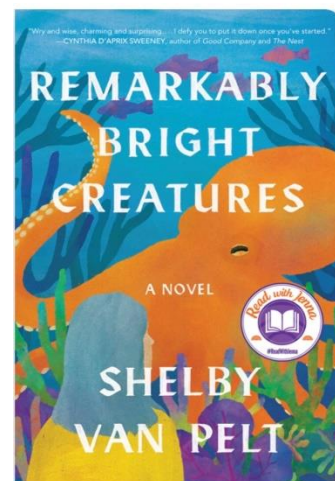
~Come earlier to swim. Pool is open for you.

~If the weather allows, we will have our discussion on the deck.

### CONTACTS:

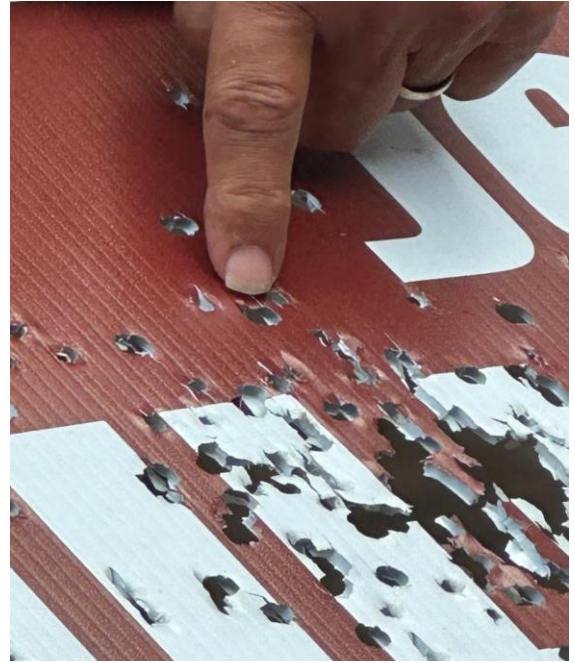
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## BTC recap

During our discussion, Walt helped our group understand the power of the weapons used by the suspects in *Norco '80*.



Summit Adventure Park – 2 Hour Lite Experience at the Summit Adventure Park includes Ziplines, Rockwall, Free Fall, Belay, Bungee Trampoline, and Sunshine Course. Use of High Ropes Course and Adventure Cube not included with this experience. \$29.00. Contact Ronnie if you are interested at [Veronica.rother@gmail.com](mailto:Veronica.rother@gmail.com) so we can plan/save a date. Let's give it our best!



**Eastern PA Ski Council 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Outing** to be held on Monday, September 11, 2023, Mainland Golf Course, Harleysville, PA. Proceeds benefit Special Olympics, Wounded Warrior Patrol, and PA Center for Adapted Sports. We need a foursome to sign up! Please let Carolyn know if you are interested. It looks to be a great time on the links for everyone. Phone/text 302-864-4120 if you want to play



**Heavenly 2024 (Lake Tahoe), EPSC Winter Carnival** – Jan 27 – Feb 3, 2024, \$2,325 includes rt air Phila to Reno, Epic Pass, 7 Nights at Harvey's Lake Resort, Welcome party, \$329 discount with Epic pass, \$15 food voucher per day for Breakfast or dinner. Day trip to Northstar as well as many Carnival activities. Over 200 skiers plan to attend. Come with friends or make new ones! All Ptarmigan members are eligible and there are still openings available. It's a great price - see [easternpaskicouncil.org](http://easternpaskicouncil.org) for more details.

**You Need to CHECK THIS OUT!!! - 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. Great Deals!!



## Summer Picnic at Pinewoods Picnic Recap

A fun time was had by all who attended Picnic at Pinewoods on Saturday, July 15. Lots of water fun including the downpours! Thank you, Jim Policelli, for hosting.





# 2023 PTARMIGAN POOL PARTY

## Join us for a day of fun in the sun!

In addition to the food choice, there will be GAMES, swimming, a hot tub, backyard games and music. Bring a hungry belly, your swimsuit, beach towel, sunscreen, bug spray, a hat and a chair. Plan to spend a lazy afternoon relaxing with fabulous friends eating, drinking, and playing.

Select your preference!

Option A...Picnic Buffet \$5 pp

Option B: Picnic Buffet  
with Clam Bake \$25 pp

**\*CLAMBAKE** (preorders only!)

The bag will include:

~Clams

~Shrimp

~Andouille Smoked Sausage

~An Ear of Corn

~Red Potatoes

Served with Melted Butter and Cocktail Sauce



# Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>

## Beginning at Noon

**RAINDATE...Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**

@ Eric Schoeppner's residence  
40 Sutton Place, Easton

### 12 PM

### APPETIZERS

### 1 PM

### The Picnic Buffet

~Roasted chicken with sauces.

~Thank you for adding an item to  
the buffet (appetizers-sides-desserts).

### 1:15 PM

### The Clam Bake

### It's a BYOB.

+Water and ice will be available.

## RSVP to: Monika

[mdrry23@gmail.com](mailto:mdrry23@gmail.com)

## 570-876-1470

## By August 14<sup>th</sup>!

\*Please understand, for the CLAM BAKE, a seafood order will be placed on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, no late orders will be accepted. No refunds.

Make check payable to  
PTARMIGAN SKI Club  
and send to:

Monika Drury  
1422-B Catasauqua Rd  
Bethlehem PA 18017

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Option A...PICNIC BUFFET \$5 pp x \_\_\_\_\_ (how many) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Option B...PICNIC BUFFET with CLAM BAKE \$25 pp x \_\_\_\_\_ (how many) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## 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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