

Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

December 2023



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 Ortnor, Every Friday

Thursty Thursday: Contact Carolyn Greenland, Ronnie Rother

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

Dec

12/1 Happy Hour – Keystone Pub & Grill 5 pm

12/8 Happy Hour – Jack's Slice 5:00 pm

12/9 Holiday Banquet – The Meadows at Saucon Valley 6 pm

12/12 General Meeting – Holiday Party – Christopher's CH 7 pm

12/13 LV Phantoms Hockey – 7 pm PPL Center

12/15 Happy Hour – Copperhead Grill 5:00 pm

12/22 Holiday Happy Hour & Tour – Becky's house, 5 pm

12/29 Happy Hour – Foundations Tavern 5:00 pm

Jan 2024

1/5 Happy Hour – Miller Ale House 5:00 pm

1/12 Happy Hour – Hops at the Paddock 5:00 pm

Mid-month – Bear Creek Ski Party/Mtg

1/18 Thursty Thursday – The Shanty, 6 pm

1/19 Happy Hour – Grove Street Pub 5:00 pm

1/26 Happy Hour – Keystone Pub & Grill 5 pm

Save the Date – details to follow

January – Ski Party/Mtg at Bear Creek – TBD

Ski Day at Elk - TBD

Ski Day at Montage – TBD

February 13 – Ski Party/Mtg at Blue Mtn

Ski Day at Camelback – TBD

February 21 - Blue Mtn - Ski Club Appreciation Dinner, 7 pm

***Tuesdays/Wednesdays – PSC Ski Days at Blue Mtn – TBD
weather/snow permitting, with lunches at Blue Mtn Diner, Covered
Bridge Inn, and Slopeside at Blue. Stay tuned to eblasts for details!

March 12 – Elections/Year in Review

April 20 - Spring Banquet – The Loft at Sawmill

December General Meeting

Tuesday, December 12th 7:00 pm

Join us at Christopher's Columbian Home CCH (formerly known as Knights of Columbus) on Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 pm. Holiday Party Everyone! Just a big holiday social - please bring a favorite appetizer or a dessert to share with others. We'll have a sing-a-long with Marilyn and Dave, and Nick: they'll all accompany us on their musical instruments. We have a game for everyone to play with winners receiving a gift.



President's Message

Carolyn Greenland

President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

Finally...The countdown is on! The temperatures are freezing, the guns are roaring, and the snow is accumulating on the mountain. Alpine skiing will brighten our days in the very near future. When will the mountain actually open?? When will the flurries fly in our own backyards? Santa and his elves are hoping for a smooth landing...will it be a White Christmas? We can only hope. Plans are in the works for many ski club outings at each of our local areas. Watch for eblasts as the season approaches to find out the latest destinations and lunch spots to join up with everyone apres-ski. Wishing you and your families the very best of the holiday season. Hope to see you all at one of our Ptarmigan holiday gatherings.

Ptarmigan Holiday Banquet

Saturday, December 9, 2023, 6 – 10 pm

The Meadows of Saucon Valley, Hellertown, PA
Buffet dinner, DJ & Dancing. Cost \$50 per Person.

The Deadline has passed.

Contact Carolyn at 302-864-4120 if you are interested.

See attached flier for details.



Wishing the
Very Best
of the
Season to All
Ptarmigans,
Their
Families,
and Friends!

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 [Click Here to download Flyer.](#)

Editor's Notes:

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

Membership DUES: 2023/2024 Season

Renew your membership for the 2023/2024 Season.

Send your dues to: Pat Lower, 1805 Elmhurst, Dr, Whitehall Pa 18052.

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, 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.

***** Off Piste *****

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. Contact Carolyn at 302-864-4120 for more details or [Click Here to Download Flyer.](#)

Final payment is due in full before December 15. Last call for one single male, ask your friends! Trip otherwise is FILLED! Call ASAP if you are interested!

Ptarmigan Giving

We are collecting for Toys for Tots in December. Through the gift of a new toy or book, this program brings the joy of the holidays to millions of disadvantaged children. Please bring your gift of a new unwrapped toy/book to the Dec. 12 meeting. Thank you for participating.



Lehigh Valley Phantoms Hockey Game

Phantoms vs. Charlotte Checkers

Date: December 13th

Time: 7:05 pm

Cost: \$25.00/seat

Section 103, seats Row 9 – 10 seats, Row 10 – 10 seats

There is still time to sign up. Contact Rob Metter ASAP at robmetterrocks@gmail.com, include your full name and cell number. Mail check payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club to Rob Metter, 1028 Debbie Lane, Allentown, PA 18103.



Friday Happy Hours

- Dec 1 Keystone Pub and Grill 5:00 pm
- Dec 8 Jack's Slice (AL Muni) 5:00 pm
- Dec 15 Copperhead Grill 5:00 pm
- Dec 22 Home of Don and Becky 5:00 pm See Below
- Dec 29 Foundations Tavern 5:00 pm – Live Music at 6:00 pm



Holiday Happy Hour

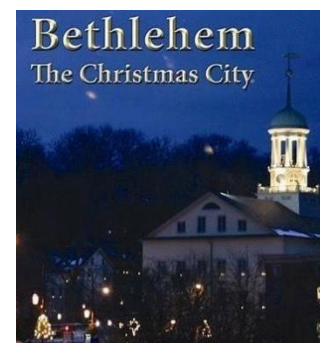
Friday, December 22 Time: 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Don and Becky will open their home for a special in-home holiday gathering at their Christmas City residence: 55 West Market Street, Bethlehem.

Doors open at 5:00 pm, ending at 7:00 pm.

Please bring something to share and your beverage of choice (BYOB).

Contact veronica.rother@gmail.com if you have questions.



In Memorium

Long-time member, Ed Dickerson, passed away on November 10, 2023. Condolences go out to his wife, Dawn, and his family and friends. May the ski angels fly with you, Ed



FALL Hike-N-Soup - Recap

On Saturday, November 18, Ptarmigans enjoyed a 4+ mile hike on the Ironton Rail Trail along with Soup and other goodies served up at a tailgate at Kathy's house afterward. A big thank you to all of the Soup makers and to Kathy Seufert for hosting. T'was a day for the flock to remember!





December 28, fourth Thursday of the month via ZOOM from 4:30-6:00 pm.

Meeting Topic – to be determined by participants.

Focus “quality not quantity”.

Contact Bill Ortner at wortner@ptd.net if you would like the link to participate in the ZOOM session.

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, December 20

TIME: Discussion will begin promptly at 4 PM

LOCATION: Mary and Ralph's, 556 Parkside Court, Allentown, PA

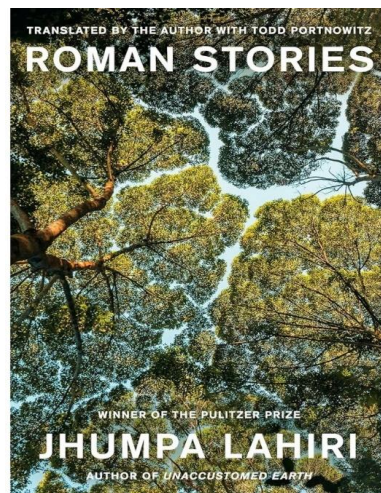
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**Roman Stories
By Jhumpa Lahiri**



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! **There are still openings available** - see www.easternpaskicouncil.org for more details.

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 will be posted by December 1.](#) Great Deals!!

DISCOUNTED LIFT TICKETS ... CHECK THIS OUT!!!

Japan 2025

EPSC is going to Japan. February 21 – March 7, 2025. Trip includes 3 days in Tokyo, 7 days in Hakuba, and 3 days in Kyoto. Includes round-trip economy flights, 13 nights lodging, 13 breakfasts, tour of Tokyo, 5 day lift pass, Snow Monkey tour, plus many more extras. This two-week trip is now open for sign-ups. Package Price approx.. \$5050 (estimated airfare price may change). All club members are invited. See easternpaskicouncil.org for trip flyer and trip application. Contact Dave Schoeneker with any questions 267-251-3123 or dschoneker@aol.com or paste <http://easternpaskicouncil.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/EPSC-Japan-Trip-2025-flyer-2-page-10-9-2023.pdf> in your browser.

Skiing Happenings and Discounts



Stay tuned for email blasts notifying all of Ptarmigan Ski Club days coming soon on snowy Tuesdays and Wednesdays....just as soon as Blue is open!



Ski Club Discount - Club Discount \$30 for all club members, Mon-Thurs non-holiday. Must show membership card at Guest Services, 70+ Free (buy pass for \$25 and skips purchase each visit).



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. See easternpaskicouncil.org for code to purchase online.



Club Discounts - Senior Tuesdays (65+) - \$40, College Wednesdays (Show College ID) \$40



Mountain Miser- 3 Pack Lift Tickets – Get three anytime lift tickets. Limited quantities for purchase and will be available online until December 15th OR until they sell out! Good open to close for the 23/24 season. (they expire the day we close for the 23/24 season). They will not be extended to the following season. Transferable among family members
Non-refundable,

Club Discount - 30% off M - F daytime, Non-holiday* | Purchase at Group Sales in small parking lot * must show membership card, 70 + FREE, 65-69 discount.



TRIPLE TICKET ANY DAY - \$199.00

Enjoy 3 days of skiing and snowboarding, any day you like! Ideal for a flexible winter adventure. Go to Camelbackresort.com for details.



Ptarmigan Holiday Party

The Meadows of Saucon Valley
1770 Meadows Road, Hellertown, PA

Saturday, December 9, 2023
6:00 - 10:00 pm

Cost \$50 per person by Nov 20th

6:00 - 10:00 Full Cash Bar Available
6:00 – 7:00 Cocktail Hour with Hors D'oeuvres
7:00 Invocation and Dinner
6:00 – 10:00 Dancing to the Music of Scotty G

Hors D'oeuvres - Stationary

Raspberry Peppercorn Swedish Meatballs
Boneless Chicken Wings
Fresh Fruit Tray
Assorted Cheeses – Olives – Salami

Entrees - Buffet Menu

Winter Greens Salad
Chicken ala Marsala
Salmon with Lemon Sauce
Penne Pasta Marinara
Vegetable Medley
Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes

Fresh Rolls and Butter
Assorted Desserts Table
Coffee, Tea, Soda

We can accommodate special dietary requests

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Send check by Nov 20th payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club to:
Mary Laronge, 556 Parkside Court, Allentown, PA 18104
Phone: 610-737-2349 Email: larongem@gmail.com

No checks accepted after Nov 20th

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).

Year In Review



Please forward any pictures you've taken at Ptarmigan Ski Club events to Eric at 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.

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