

# Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

## March 2024



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, Ronnie Rother

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

#### -----Mar 2024-----

3/1 Happy Hour – Grove Street Pub 5:00 pm

3/1-3/11 – Val Gardena Dolomites Trip

3/8 Happy Hour – Keystone Pub & Grill 5 pm

3/12 General Meeting - Elections 7 pm

3/15 Happy Hour - Copperhead Grill 5:00 pm

3/20 BTC – Ronnie's House, 4 pm

3/21 Thursty Thursday –Fogelsville Hotel 6 pm

3/22 Happy Hour – Jack's Slice

3/?? Blue Mtn – End of Season Tailgate Party TBD

3/28 STEM – ZOOM call 4:30 – 6 pm

3/29 Happy Hour – Shepherd Hills – Live Music 6:00 – 9:00

#### -----Apr 2024-----

4/5 Happy Hour – Miller Ale House

4/10 Hike for Health at Jacobsburg, 5:30 pm

4/12 Happy Hour – Grove Street Pub 5:00 pm

4/17 Biking – Ironton Rail Trail 10 am

4/18 Thursty Thursday – Leather Corner Post Hotel 5:30 pm

4/19 Happy Hour – TBD

4/20 Spring Banquet – The Loft at Sawmill 6 pm

4/26 Happy Hour - TBD

4/27 Biking D&L Trail 9:30 am

\*\*\*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!

### General Meeting and Elections

**Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 pm**

The 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.

#### **Candidates:**

**OFFICERS:** (Vote for One for each position)

Pres.: Carolyn Greenland

VP: Rob Metter

Treas: Monika Drury

Membership Sec'y: Mary Ann Bedics

Recording Sec'y – Diane Peters

**BOARD** (Vote for Three)

Dawn Dickerson

John Heurich

Bill Ortner

Eric Schoeppner

Cindy Simoson

Lenny Steigerwalt



### President's Message

**Carolyn Greenland**

**President, Ptarmigan Ski Club**

Two Valentine's week snowstorms enabled us to ski some awesome packed powder at the local ski areas in February. Our ski parties at Bear Creek and Blue Mountain were well attended, and our ski days at Montage and Elk were also very successful. We will still have plenty of Ptarmigan ski meetups, club ski days, and our End-Of-Season tailgate party at Blue Mtn. yet to come. There are always weekly Friday Happy Hours and Thursty Thursdays to grab a pint and meet some new friends, too.

The election slate is set for our March 12, 2024 General Meeting at the Columbian Home (formerly K of C). Vote for your favorite candidates. There are many new faces on the ballot. Since this is a regular year (no pandemic!), elections are taking place in person at the meeting...business as usual. We will also have a video presentation of our "Year in Review" - not to be missed.

Our Spring Banquet is scheduled for April 20 – dinner and dancing at its finest. Golf season is just around the corner, as well as hiking and biking, and all of your other favorite activities. Let's all enjoy the last best part of the winter season while it's still here. THINK SNOW!!

**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 ...**



### Spring Banquet Sat., April 20, 2024

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 5!!**

See attached flier for details.



## 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.](#)

**Sold Out**

#### 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 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.**

\*\*\* **Off Piste** \*\*\*



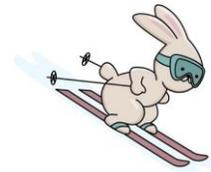
## SKIING!!!!

Val Gardena and Venice, Italy,  
March 1-11 – In Italy skiing the Tyrolean wonders.

## Treasurer's Report

As of February 29, 2024

Checking	\$ 6,786
Savings	\$ 6,000
CD	\$ 5,118
Total	\$17,904

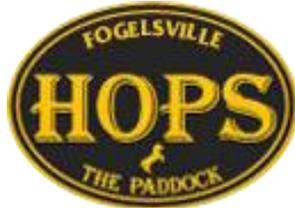


## Friday Happy Hours

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**THIRSTY THURSDAY**



Thursday, March 21 at 6:00 pm  
Hops at Fogelsville Hotel –  
7921 Main Street, Fogelsville



## Blue Mountain Ski Party - Recap

About 40 people attended the Ptarmigan Ski Party held on Wednesday, February 14 – postponed one day due to a 10" snowstorm. Packed powder and blue skies greeted the skiers that morning. The Chili, Vegetable Soup, other goodies were a wonderful way to warm up. The camaraderie was even better. A Valentine's treat for those who attended.





March 28, fourth Thursday of the month via ZOOM from 4:30-6:00 pm. Meeting Topic –Risk Assessment, Presenter and Moderator of the discussion: Carl Terry. Contact Bill Ortner at [wortner@ptd.net](mailto:wortner@ptd.net) if you would like the link to participate in this ZOOM session.



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

**April 10, 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 Flag Pole.  
Phone/Text Cindy Simoson (484) 515-0181 if you plan to go.



### **Biking**

April 17, Wednesday, – Ironton Rail Trail – 10:00 am – Ride on paved trail for 12 miles. Option to do more. 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.

April 27, Saturday - D&L Trail– Ride about 12-15 miles. Trail is on gravel/crushed stone. Meet at Cove Road Trailhead, 5974 Cove Rd, Laurys Station PA, (off Rte. 145 before Treichler's Bridge) Bring lunch/snack. Call/Text Cindy Simoson if you are going – (484) 515-0181.



# EPSC EASTERN PA SKI COUNCIL

**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!!!**

## **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 still has openings. Package Price approx. \$5050 (estimated airfare price may change). See [easternpaskicouncil.org](http://easternpaskicouncil.org) for trip flyer and trip application. Contact Dave Schoeneker with any questions 267-251-3123 or [dschoneker@aol.com](mailto: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.

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

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

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 20, 2024

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

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

**CONTACTS:** Ronnie Rother

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## **Lessons in Chemistry**

**By Bonnie Garmus**

## Skiing Happenings and Discounts



Stay tuned for ski club's End of Season Tailgate Party and Blue's Pond Skim. Still more Ptarmigan Ski Club days to come. Watch for future email blasts.



**Ski Club Discount** - \$30 for all club members, Mon-Thurs non-holiday Must show membership card at Guest Services, 70+ and under 5 Ski Free. Lots of good ski days left in the season!



**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](http://easternpaskicouncil.org) for code to purchase online or in person. Fabulous terrain for all ability levels!



**Club Discounts** - Senior Tuesdays (65+) - \$40,  
College Wednesdays (Show College ID) \$40  
Adult - (18 - 64) Mon-Thurs. \$78 - 8 Hours, \$65 - 4 Hours  
Military Discount - receive \$10 off any regular price Ticket any time when you show your Military I.D., Well worth the drive for a visit!



**Club Discount** - 30% off M - F daytime, Non-holiday\*  
Purchase at Group Sales in small parking lot  
Must show membership card,  
Regular Rates \*Seniors (65-69) \$48 weekday/\$70 Weekend/Holiday  
\*\*Super Seniors and kids under 46" tall (Free)

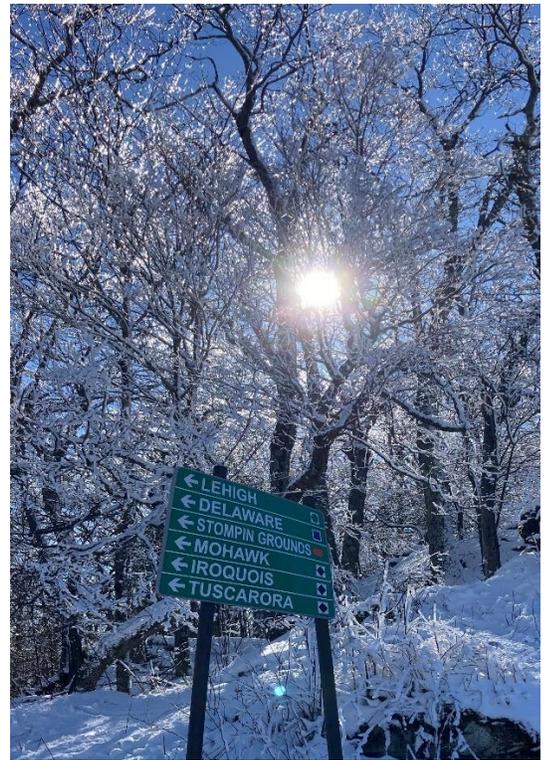


**TRIPLE TICKET ANY DAY - \$199.00**

Enjoy 3 days of skiing and snowboarding, any day you like! Ideal for a flexible winter adventure. Go to [Camelbackresort.com](http://Camelbackresort.com) for details.

## Ski Day at Elk Mountain – RECAP

Tuesday, February 6 was a beautiful, blue-sky day at Elk. More than a dozen Ptarmigans trekked the 100+ miles to ski super packed powder conditions with no lift lines. Free “doggies” lunch in the Hut was an unexpected bonus.



## Blue Mountain Ski Club Appreciation Party - Recap

Wednesday, February 21, 7:00 pm

Dinner in the Vista Ballroom located in the Summit Lodge. Blue Ridge, Ingersoll Rand, Mack, POCO, Ptarmigan, and Tannenbaum Ski Clubs. Come out for the Blue Mtn. Appreciation to our Ski Clubs.





## 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



Plan to join us at the March 12 General Meeting for the Year In Review video presentation compiled and created by Eric Schoeppner for the club from all of the parties, activities, and events we've attended this year.

## **PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB CONTACTS**

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

[Click here to download Membership Application](#)