

Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

May 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

-----May 2024-----

- 5/1 Hike Jacobsburg Env Center 5:30 pm
- 5/2 Hike Walnutport Canal Slatington 9:30 am
- 5/3 Happy Hour – Copperhead Grill 5:00 pm
- 5/9 Biking Saucon Rail Trail 9:30 am
- 5/10 Happy Hour – Miller Ale House 5:00 pm
- 5/15 Book Club at Ronnie's 4 pm
- 5/16 Thursty Thursday – Retriever Brewing Co. 6:00 pm
- 5/17 Happy Hour – Keystone Pub & Grill 5:00 pm
- 5/18 Hike Lehigh Parkway 9:30 am
- 5/18 Music Castaway Band – Foundations Tavern 6:00 pm
- 5/19 Music Allentown Fairgrounds – Large Flowerheads 4:00 pm
- 5/24 Grove Street Pub & Grill 5:00 pm
- 5/25 Music Mauch Chunk Oprea - Tom Petty Tribute \$\$ 8:00 pm
- 5/26 Band of Brothers – Levit Town Square Stage 5:30 pm
- 5/28 Biking D&L Trail Slatington 9:30 am
- 5/30 Thursty Thursday – Easton Wine Project – 6:00 pm
- 5/31 Foundations Tavern 5:00 pm – Live Music

-----Jun 2024-----

- 6/1 Hike Walnutport Canal Slatington 9:30 am
- 6/5 Iron Pigs vs Buffalo Bisons 6:45 pm
- 6/6 Thursty Thursday - Stone Farm Cellars – 6:00 pm
- 6/7 Copperhead Grill 5:30 pm
- 6/7 Common Bond – Catasauqua Park 7:00 pm
- 6/9 Wine Tasting & Music Blue Mt. Vineyards 2:00 pm
- 6/12 Bike Ride Plainfield Twp. Rail Trail 9:30 am
- 6/14 Jack's Slice 5:00 pm
- 6/15 Hike Lehigh Parkway 9:00 am
- 6/15 Main Street Cruisers Catasauqua Park 6:00 pm
- 6/20 Thursty Thursday – Wanderlust Bier Garden – 6:00 pm
- 6/22 Spring Fling at Bill Ortner's 2:00 pm
- 6/22 B illy Bauer Band – Dimmick Park 6:00 pm
- 6/25 Bike Ride D&L Trail Cementon to Slatington 9:30 am
- 6/28 Time Whys – Hopewell Park Center Valley 6:00 pm
- 6/29 Bike Ride Saucon Rail Trail Hellertown 9:00 am

Note: We're now doing two Thursty Thursdays each month.

Save The Date

8/17 Pool Party – Eric's House – Details TBD

Lots of Spring & Summer Events Going On

Hiking, Biking, Music, Thursty Thursdays, Friday Happy Hours, Iron Pics, Winery Tasting.

Pick the ones you like, pick them all. Come Out.

Join Fellow Ptarmigans and Enjoy.

Notice:

Due to increasing publishing and postage costs, The Board has Voted that members wishing to receive Hardcopy must pay \$20 in addition to their annual dues.

It had been \$5. Please remit the \$20 with your Membership Renewal if you want a Hardcopy mailed to you.

BETWEEN THE COVERS Book Club

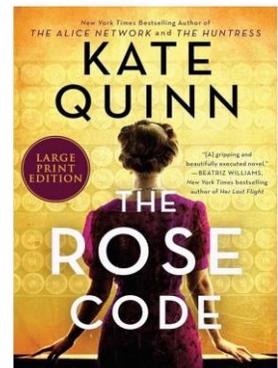
It's a BYOB and BYOF (if you wish) gathering for our next book group discussion. Join us!

DATE: Wednesday, May 15, 2024

TIME: Discussion begins promptly at 4 PM

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

**The Rose Code
By Kate Quinn**



Spring Fling Party

Sat Jun 22nd 2 pm (Rain or Shine)

Where: Ortner's Acres.

Donation to Club: \$14 per/person

Includes: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chicken, Bratwurst, Veggie Burgers, Bottled Water
Beer - assorted Bottled and Mini Draft Kegs
Wine – an Upscale Selection

Bring a Covered Dish to Share.

Send a check payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club, by Jun 15th to:
Bill Ortner, 2509 Peachtree Road, Allentown, Pa 18104.
For more info Contact Bill: Ph: 610-799-2549 or email
wortner@ptd.net.

See the Flyer below for Details.

Ski Trips 2024 - 2025:

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

No Trips announced yet.

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

5/3 Happy Hour – Copperhead Grill
5/10 Happy Hour – Miller Ale House
5/17 Happy Hour – Keystone Pub & Grill
5/24 Happy Hour – Grove Street Pub & Grill
5/31 Happy Hour – Foundation Tavern – Live Music
6/7 Happy Hour – Copperhead Grill
6/14 Happy Hour – Jack's Slice



Retriever Brewing Company Thursday, May 16 at 6:00 pm

All furry friends are welcome in both indoor and outdoor areas. There will be a food truck, however, RBC allows snacks to be brought in...anything but alcohol is welcomed. If you wish, bring along an appetizer to share. Retriever Brewing Company is cashless...cards only! Retriever Brewing Company 2844 Township Line Road, Orefield, PA 18069
www.retrieverbrewco.com



Iron Pigs Host the Buffalo Bisons

When: Wednesday June 5, 2024

Game Time: 6:45 P.M.

Seating -- 3rd Base, Iron Pigs Side -- Field Level

Cost \$12.00 Reservation --
(For 25 Seats, First Come, First Served)
Deadline: May 22nd

Theme Nite -- Pickleball Paddle Give Away

Make Checks Payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club

Send to: Cindy Simoson
192 Old Carriage Road
Northampton, Pa. 18067

Call /TEXT Cindy Simoson for Reservations: (484) 515-0181

Membership DUES: 2024/2025 Season

Renew your membership for the 2024/2025 Season.
Send your dues to: Diane Peters, 846 Parkway Rd.
Allentown, Pa 18104-3338.

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, 2026

All Members will receive the Ptarmigan Newsletter FREE by Email.

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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 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.

Mediterranean Island Mosaic

October 16-27, 2025, Windstar Cruise on a 4-masted sailing yacht, 7 nights. Rome, Italy to Barcelona, Spain (plus 1 night in Rome and 2 nights in Barcelona). More details and trip flier can be found at easternpaskicouncil.org.



Thursday May 23rd Ptarmigan STEM event.

Meet for a group lunch at The Social Still (South side Bethlehem across the street from the museum - park near the museum - no need to move your car after lunch).

Please email your RSVP to Jean at jblackies@hotmail.com (I will make the group reservation for about 11:45 am, then send the reservation time to everyone who RSVPs)

Museum Tour: National Museum of Industrial History Bethlehem PA

[Restoration of the Bethlehem Steel Narrow Gauge Locomotive](#)

[Locomotive Engineer Experience](#)

[Explore Modern Steel Industry](#)

[Virtual Tour](#)



Hiking

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

May 1 Wednesday -- 5:30 - 7:00 P.M. Hike for Health, Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center

A brisk 2 - 3 Mile Hike on Uneven Terrain. Meet at 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth at the Visitor Center Flagpole. Bring Water and wear sturdy shoes. Call/TEXT Cindy Simoson if you are going -- (484) 515-0181.

May 2, Thursday - 9:30 am -- Hike -- Walnutport Canal / Slatington (South)

Meet at Slatington Trailhead, 101 Main Street, Slatington, Pa. for a 4 Mile Hike. Easy Hike, Pavilion, Food truck, Rest Rooms at Slatington Trailhead. Bring Lunch, Snack, Water. Call/TEXT Cindy Simoson, if you are going. (484) 515-0181.

May 18, Saturday -- 9:30 am -- Hike -- 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. Bring lunch or snack & water. Call/TEXT Cindy Simoson (484) 515-0181 if you are going.

June 1, Saturday -- 9:30 A.M. -- Hike -- Walnutport Canal / Slatington (North)

Meet at Slatington Trailhead, 101 Main Street, Slatington Pa. for a 4 Mile Hike. Easy Hike. Pavilion, Rest Rooms, Food Truck at Slatington Trailhead. Bring lunch / snack, & water. Call / TEXT Cindy Simoson, if you are going. (484) 515-0181

June 15 -- Saturday -- 9:00 A.M. Hike -- 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. Bring lunch or snack, & water. Call / TEXT Cindy Simoson , if you are going -- (484) 515-0181



Biking

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

May 9, Thursday 9:30 am -- Biking -- Saucon Rail Trail.

Meet in the parking lot at Water Street Park, 90 West Water St. Hellertown Pa.

We will ride 14 miles total to Upper Saucon Park and back with a brief stop for snack or lunch

at the park. Option to do another 5 miles to Quakertown. Easy Ride - gravel and paved. Bring lunch or snack & water.

Call/TEXT Cindy Simoson if you are going -- (484) 515-0181

May 28, Tuesday – 9:30 am -- Biking -- D & L Trail -- Slatington to Bowmanstown & North

Meet at the Slatington Trailhead, 101 Main St. Ride from Slatington past the Lehigh Gap Nature Center to Bowmanstown and north. Easy Ride on gravel, 15 miles with option to do more. Pavilions and restrooms at Slatington, Lehigh Gap Nature Center, and Bowmanstown. Bring Lunch/snack/water.

Call/TEXT Cindy Simoson if you are going -- (484) 515-0181.

June 12 -- Wednesday -- Plainfield Twp. Rail Trail -- 9:30 A.M. -- Meet in the parking lot on Rte. 191 --

Stockertown Trailhead. Easy Ride. Ride on paved to crushed stone for 14 miles on shaded trail along Bushkill Creek. Option to do more miles. Directions from Rte. 33 North, take Stockertown Rte 191 Exit, follow Rte. 191 N. about 1/4 Mile. Parking lot is on right after passing an electrical substation.

Bring lunch or snack & Water. Call /TEXT Cindy Simoson if you are going -- (484) 515-0181.

June 25 -- Tuesday -- D & L Trail -- 9:30 A.M.

Bike Cementon to Slatington -- Meet at Front Street, Whitehall, Pa. 18052. Bike 18 Miles

(Roundtrip) Option to do more. Bike on gravel/crushed stone on shaded trail along Lehigh River.

Pavilion / restrooms, Food Truck at Slatington. Bring lunch/snack & Water.

Call / TEXT Cindy Simoson if you are going, have questions or need Directions. (484) 515-0181

June 29 -- Saturday -- Saucon Rail Trail, Hellertown, 9:00 Ride A.M.

Meet in the parking lot at Water Street Park, 90 West Water St., Hellertown, Pa. Ride 14 Miles total to Upper Saucon Park & back with brief stop for snack or lunch at park. Option to do another 5 miles to Quakertown. Easy ride -- gravel & paved.

Rest Rooms at Parks. Bring snack, lunch, & Water.

Call / TEXT Cindy Simoson if you are going -- (484) 515-0181

Winery Outing

Sunday June 9

Where: At Blue Mountain Vineyards

7627 Grapevine Drive , New Tripoli, Pa. 18066

Wine Tasting / Music

At 1:00 P.M.

Music from 2:00 -- 5:00 P.M. Scott Marshall

Tables for 20 People Reserved.

There is Wine Tasting, Mixed Drink Specials -- 4 Beers on Tap. Can bring own Food.

Reservation Deadline -- May 30

Call or TEXT Cindy Simoson for Reservations -- (484- 515-0181)

Some Other Events Currently Being Planned

Martin Guitar Trip in Nazareth -- Led by Rob Metter

Music



- Saturday May 18 --** Castaway Band -- Foundation Tavern, Shepherd Hills, . 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.
1160 S. Krocks Rd. , Wescosville, Pa. 18106
- Sunday May 19 --** The Large Flowerheads -- At Ritz BBQ -- Ritz Allentown Fairgrounds 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Enjoy some great 60's Music and the Classic Cars.
- Saturday May 25 ---** Tom Petty Tribute Band -- at Mauch Chunk Opera House -- Cost \$29 7:00 P.M.
14 W. Broadway, Jim Thorpe, Pa. 18229
- Sunday May 26 --** Band of Brothers -- Levitt -- Town Square Stage Concert From 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.
101 Founders Way Bethlehem, Pa. 18015
Followed by Stefanie Johnson -- at Levitt Pavilion From 7:30 to 9:30 P.M.
- Friday June 7 --** Common Bond -- at Catasauqua Park -- 7:00 to 10:00 P.M.
501 American St., Catasauqua , Pa.18032
- Friday June 15 --** Main Street Cruisers -- at Catty Park -- 6:00 to 9:00 P.M.
501 American St., Catasauqua, Pa. 18032
- Saturday June 22 --** Aardvarks -- at St. Joseph's Festival -- Orefield, Pa. 7:00 to 10:00 P.M.
1879 Applewood Drive, Orefield, Pa. 18069
- Sunday June 23 --** Billy Bauer Band -- at Dimmick Park ,Hellertown, Pa. 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.
570 Durham St., Hellertown, Pa. 18055
- Friday June 28 --** Time Whys -- at Hopewell Park, Center Valley, Pa. 6:30 to 8:30 P.M.
5695 West Hopewell Rd. Center Valley, Pa. 18034

Thrusty Thursday Apr 18 at The Leather Corner Post



Spring Banquet Recap

PSC Spring Banquet was held at The Loft at Sawmill on Saturday, April 20 at 6 pm. A crowd of 60 enjoyed the scrumptious food and camaraderie. Scotty G had us dancing the night away.



Ptarmigan Ski Club

Spring Fling

Picnic

Sat Jun 22nd 2 pm (Rain or Shine)
Campfire at Dusk (if no Rain)

Where: *Ortner's Acres.*

Donation to Club: \$14 per/person –
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*Includes: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chicken, Bratwurst Cooked in Beer
w/Sauerkraut, Veggie Burgers, Bottled Water
Beer - assorted Bottled and Mini Draft Kegs of Premium Beers
Wine – an Upscale Selection*

Bring a Covered Dish to Share: Last Names Beginning with:
A-H an Appetizer/Hors d'oeuvres,
I-P a Desert,
Q-Z a Salad,
Or ... Just Bring Your Favorite Dish

Also Bring a Folding Chair if you want to Sit.

Directions: From the 15th Street exit off Route 22 proceed North on Mauch Chunk Road (Rothrock Car Dealership will be on your right). Go three (3) miles North on Mauch Chunk, at Grumpy's Tavern turn Right onto Peach Tree Road. Go in about 6 homes to 2509 Peach Tree. Look for Grey Ranch house up a steep driveway. If lost call 610 -799-2549.

Send a check payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club, by Jun 15th to:
Bill Ortner, 2509 Peachtree Road, Allentown, Pa 18104.
For more info Contact Bill: Ph: 610-799-2549 or email wortner@ptd.net

-----✂----- Spring Fling Picnic: Tear Off and Send to Bill by Jun 15th -----

Names: _____

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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