

# Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

## August 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

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

#### ----- Aug 2024 -----

8/01 Thursty Thursday: Fairgrounds Hotel 6:00 pm

8/02 Happy Hour: Willow Street Pub 5:00 pm

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8/07 Bike Ride: D&L Slatington 9:30 am

8/09 Happy Hour: Miller Ale House 5:00 pm

8/10 Music: Steel Creek Band at Whitehall Parkway

8/10 Kayak: at Leaser Lake 10:am

8/14 Hike for Health: Jacobsburg Env Center 5:30 pm

8/16 Happy Hour: Copperhead Grill 5:00 pm

8/16 Music: The Ardvarks at Foundations Tavern 7:00

8/17 Pool Party: Eric's House TBD

8/23 Happy Hour: Keystone Pub & Grill 5:00 pm

8/25 Bike Ride: Saucon Rail Trail Hellertown 91:00 am

8/28 Hike: Nor-Bath Trail 9:30 am

8/29 Thursty Thursday: Casa Toro Mexican Grill 6:pm

8/30 Happy Hour: Jack's Slice 5:00 pm

8/30 Music Hunk A Junk at Catty Park 6:00 pm

#### ----- Sep 2024 -----

9/04 Hike: Hike for Health - Jacobsburg 5:30 pm

9/06 Happy Hour: Grove Street Pub 5:00 pm

9/07 Music: Anthem - A Tribute to Rush - at Levitt Pavilion

9/08 Bike Ride: Ironton Rail Trail - 9:00 am

9/10 General Mtg 7:30 pm - Welcome Back - Columbian Home

9/13 Happy Hour TBD

9/19 Martin Guitar Tour 9:30 am

9/20 Happy Hour TBD

9/22 Bike Ride: D&R Trail - Frenchtown, N.J Trailhead 9:30 am

9/24 General Meeting 7:30 pm

9/27 Happy Hour TBD

9/29 Hike: Lehigh Gap Nature Center 9:30 am

#### Save The Date

10/05 Oktoberfest

10/08 General Mtg - Blue Mtn Snowmaking

11/24 Fall Hike-N-Soup

12/14 Holiday Banquet - The Loft at Sawmill

## GRINDELWALD

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Join fellow Ptarmigans on a trip to Switzerland. February 7-15, 2025. AT COST trip \$2,550 pp dbl includes all ground transport, air, 7 nights hotel, breakfast and dinner. Have an opening for a single male and a single female. Second payment due by Sept. 15. Go to [ptarmiganskiclub.org](http://ptarmiganskiclub.org) for flyer with more details. Contact Carolyn Greenland, 302-864-4120 or [we3ski@epix.net](mailto:we3ski@epix.net)

### BETWEEN THE COVERS Book Club

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

**DATE:** Wednesday, August 21st

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

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

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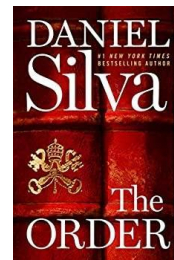
-Come earlier to swim. Pool is open for you.

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

**CONTACT: Ronnie Rother**

phone 610-657-6267 [veronica.rother@gmail.com](mailto:veronica.rother@gmail.com)

The Order  
by Daniel Silva



### PTARMIGAN POOL PARTY Sat, Aug 17t

Saturday, August 17th at 1:00 pm, Eric Schoeppner's house, 40 Sutton Place, Easton, PA.

\$5.00 per person by CHECK only for our headcount. BYOB and please bring something to share.

**August 14th is the Deadline to sign up!**

**See attached flyer for more details.**



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AUGUST 2, 3 & 4, 2024  
MACUNGIE MEMORIAL PARK  
MACUNGIE, PA

Join fellow Ptarmigans at the show on **Sunday, August 4** and enjoy The Castaway Band from 2-3:30 pm. **ANTIQUÉ & CLASSIC CAR SHOW** Starring over 800 antique, classic and sports cars sparkling with fun-filled memories, Arts and Crafts, Beer Garden, Flea Market, and Lots of Food! Cost \$10 at the gate, kids under 15 free. The Featured Car this year is the Mustang, celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary (1964 - 2024)

## Ski Trips 2024 - 2025:

The Following Trip is sponsored and run by Ptarmigan Ski Club:

### Grindelwald, Switzerland

- February 7 - 15, 2025
- \$2,550 p.p. (dbl occ.)
- Contact: Carolyn Greenland at (302)864-4120 or [we3ski@epix.net](mailto:we3ski@epix.net)

See Flyer Below for details.

### Editor's Notes:

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

## Trips By Members

In addition to the Ptarmigan Sponsored Trip to Grindelwald, several Ptarmigan members are running trips. These trips will have non-members on them. Contact them for more information and the Trip Flyer.

**Catherine Chrapacz: Kitzbühel, Austria;** Jan 25 - Feb 2, 2025. \$2875 p.p. dbl/occ. Contact Catherine (610) 428-3547 or [katyataz@yahoo.com](mailto:katyataz@yahoo.com).

**Brian Nuss: Big Sky, Montana;** Mar 1 – 8, 2025. \$2327 to \$2657 depending on Condo choice. Contact Brian at [brianjnuss@gmail.com](mailto:brianjnuss@gmail.com) or 610-730-2777.

**Mark Baechle: Fernie, BC Canada;** Mid-March 2025. More details coming soon. Contact Mark at [skipro99@gmail.com](mailto:skipro99@gmail.com) or 610-657-5825.

**Vicki Morris: Sunday River, Maine,** Jan. 26-31, 2025. Includes round-trip motor coach, 5 nights lodging at Grand Summit Hotel, breakfast buffet, taxes, gratuities, refreshments on bus. Lift tickets extra. For more information contact: Vicki Morris, 610-597-8666, [vlm2378@rcn.com](mailto:vlm2378@rcn.com) or Joelle Akowskey, 484-883-2049, [JoelleA1@outlook.com](mailto:JoelleA1@outlook.com)

## Friday Happy Hours



Every Friday at 5:00 pm

- 8/02 Happy Hour - Willow Street Pub
- 8/09 Happy Hour - Miller Ale House
- 8/16 Happy Hour - Copperhead Grill
- 8/23 Happy Hour – Keystone Pub & Grill
- 8/30 Happy Hour - Jack's Slice
- 9/06 Happy Hour – Grove Street Pub

Note: The scheduled Happy Hour location may change occasionally due to circumstances beyond our control or a new or more interesting location becoming available. So, watch your email for changes as Friday approaches.

## Treasurer's Report

As of July 29, 2024

Checking	\$ 6,581.11
Savings	\$ 6,000.54
CD	\$ 5,217.12
Total	\$17,798.77

## 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. **Please Pay by Check. We will not accept cash.**

**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, 2026

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

**UPDATE: Due to increasing publishing and postage costs, members wishing to receive Hardcopy must pay \$20 in addition to their annual dues by Oct 31st.**

## Notice

**Ptarmigan will no longer accept Cash for Membership or any other Club activity. Pay by check only.**

Ptarmigan Ski Club is now posting most of their events and activities on the Meetup App. It is free to download and free to use. You can use the Meetup app to find upcoming Ski Club events, and you can also find other groups that are doing things that interest you. Meet other people who have the same interests as you do and stay in touch after the event. **Check it out!**

<https://www.meetup.com/>



**Thursday, August 1 at 6:00 pm - Fairgrounds Hotel,** 448 N. 17th Street, Allentown, PA. Happy hour seafood specialty restaurant in historic Victorian-era hotel on Allentown Fairgrounds. \$5.00/dozen clams!



**Thursday, August 29 at 6:00 pm - Casa Toro Mexican Grill,** 7001 PA Route 309, Coopersburg, PA. Thursty Thursday Happy Hour prices 4:30 - 9:00 pm.



Friday Aug 23rd 12:30 pm Ptarmigan STEM



On Friday, August 23 Join Ptarmigans on a field trip to **America on Wheels** and the **RB Restoration Museum**, 5 North Front St., Allentown (free parking). Group assembles 12:30 pm at the museum entrance. \$15 Adults, \$12 Seniors. Guided tour of RB Museum begins promptly at 1:00 pm. Self-guided tour of America on Wheels follows, closes at 4:00 pm. Plan to join Ptarmigan Happy Hour afterwards. Contact Jean Black at [jcblackies@hotmail.com](mailto:jcblackies@hotmail.com) for a reservation.



## Hiking

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

### **August 14, 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 & wear sturdy shoes. Call/TEXT Cindy Simoson if you are going (484) 515 -0181.

### **August 28, Wednesday -- 9:30 A.M. -- Nor - Bath Trail**

Meet at Bi-Centennial Park West -- 5351 Park East Lane, East Allen Township -- 2nd Pavilion on the Left.

Hike approx. 4 Miles on level trail, fine gravel.

Bring snack/lunch. Dick Manning is the Hike Leader.

Contact Dick if you are going [rmann1050@gmail.com](mailto:rmann1050@gmail.com) or (610) 737-1860 or TEXT

**September 4, Wednesday, 5:30-7:00 pm - Hike for Health, Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center.** A brisk 2.5-3 mile hike on uneven terrain. Meet at the Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth. Bring water wear sturdy shoes. Call/text Cindy Simoson if you are going (484) 515-0181.

**September 29, Sunday, 9:30 am - Lehigh Gap Nature Center.** Meet at Lehigh Gap Nature Center Osprey House (parking lot), 8844 Paint Mill Road, Slatington, PA. The Osprey House is located near the intersection of Appalachian and D&L trails. Hike Leaders - Judy & Doug Thorne. Hike on D&L Trail & other trails doing a loop. Moderate hike about 4 to 5 miles with short steep incline at beginning. See Bald Eagles, Hawks, and great views! Bring snack and water. Call/Text Cindy Simoson, for info., directions, and if you are going (484) 515-0181.

## Kayaking

### **August 10 Kayak at Leaser Lake -- Saturday 10: 00 A.M.**

Meet at Leaser Lake -- North Boat Launch Area, 7826 - 7836 Ontelaunee Road, Kempton, Pa.  
Kayak Event Leader -- Linda Plunkett



Bring Kayak, Paddle Board, or Canoe for some water fun.

Can Rent Kayak -- One Hour \$25. Contact Leaser Lake Boat Rental on Website or 484-221-152z

Bring Life Jackets, -- Water, Snacks or Lunch. Picnic Tables are nearby.

Contact Linda if you are going (610) 248 - 5902 or E-Mail [ljp7658@yahoo.com](mailto:ljp7658@yahoo.com)

## **Martin Guitar Tour and Museum - 510 Sycamore St., Nazareth, PA**

**Date: Thursday September 19th Cost: \$5.00**

Arrive at 9:30 am, check in 15 minutes prior to tour.

8 people per tour -1-hour tours starting at 10 am

Also, tour the museum for as long as you like! Photos allowed - no video

Closed-toed, rubber-soled shoes are recommended.

Must send us your email address to book the tour.

Contact Rob Metter to sign up. Phone: 484-788-2403 Email: [robmetterrocks@gmail.com](mailto:robmetterrocks@gmail.com)



## Biking

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

**August 7, Wednesday -- Biking -- D & L Trail -- Slatington to Bowmanstown & North -- 9:30 A.M.**

Ride 15 to 20 Miles. 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. Pavilions & Rest Rooms at Slatington, Lehigh Gap Nature Center, & Bowmanstown. Bring snack/lunch.  
Call /TEXT Cindy Simoson if you are going (484) 515-0181.

**August 25, Sunday -- Saucon Rail Trail -- Hellertown, 9:00 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. Bring snack, lunch. Phil Klopp is the Bike Ride Leader.  
Call / TEXT Cindy Simoson if you are going. -- (484) 515-0181.

**Sept 8, Sunday - Ironton Rail Trail - 9:00 am.** Meet at Chestnut St. Coplay Trailhead (near Red Caboose Train) 3853 Chestnut St. Coplay. Easy ride on paved trail - 14 Miles, option to do more. Bring lunch/snack. Call/text Cindy Simoson if going, (484) 515-0181.

**Sept 22, Sunday - D & R Trail - Frenchtown, N.J Trailhead -- 9:30 am.** Meet in parking lot at Bridge Cafe, 8 Bridge St., Frenchtown, NJ. Come earlier for breakfast, cafe opens at 8:00 am. Easy ride/crushed stone - ride from Frenchtown to Bulls Island 18 Miles (roundtrip). Option to go to Stockton (25 miles) restrooms/lunch at Bulls Island. Deli in Stockton next to the trail. Call/text Cindy Simoson for more information (484) 515-0181. If not biking, join us for lunch.



## Music

**Contact Cindy Simoson for any questions about Music events -- (484) 515-0181.**

**Saturday, August 10 - Steel Creek Band,** Whitehall Pkwy, 4689 South Church St., 6-9 pm. Food, beer & wine.

**Friday, August 16 -- The Aardvarks --** at Foundations Tavern, Shepherd Hills, Allentown 6:00 to 9:00 P.M.

**Saturday, August 30 -- Hunk A Junk --** at Catty Park 6:00 to 9:00 P.M.  
501 American St., Catasauqua, Pa. 18032

**Saturday, September 7 - Anthem - A Tribute to Rush -** at Levitt Pavilion Steel Stacks. 7:30 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)







# EPSC EASTERN PA SKI COUNCIL

**Eastern PA Ski Council 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Outing** to be held on Monday, September 9, 2025, Mainland Golf Course, Harleysville, PA. Proceeds benefit Special Olympics, Wounded Warrior Patrol, and PA Center for Adapted Sports. They will feature a **Hole-In-One contest for a \$10,000 prize!** Tickets are also available for a **putting contest**, mulligans, raffles (please bring cash!). The day will conclude with dinner and awards. Please go to [easternpaskicouncil.org](http://easternpaskicouncil.org) to sign up or email: [EPSCgolf@gmail.com](mailto:EPSCgolf@gmail.com) for more information.



**EPSC Winter Carnival - Steamboat Springs, CO - January 25-February 1, 2025**, cost approx. \$2550. Contact [laura.m.miller1@gmail.com](mailto:laura.m.miller1@gmail.com) for more details.

**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](http://easternpaskicouncil.org).

**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!! **COUNCIL CLUB TRIPS ADVERTISED AT COST ... CHECK THIS OUT!!!** This is one of your member benefits.

## Pinewoods Picnic Recap - July 20, 2024

48 members attended and enjoyed a wonderful day by the pond. We feasted on chicken, pork, and corn plus all of the goodies the members brought to share. Thank you to Jim for hosting!



**PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB  
SUMMER POOL PARTY  
at  
ERIC SCHOEPPNER'S**

Date: Saturday, August 17, 2024  
(Rain Date: Sunday, August 18, 2024)

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: 40 Sutton Place, Easton, PA. 18045

Cost: \$5.00 per person  
Please bring along an item to share for the "Ptarmigan Table of Shared Treats".



Menu: Roasted Chicken, Pulled Pork BBQ, Corn on the Cob

**BYOB**

Water and Ice will be available.

RSVP by Wednesday, August 14, 2024. Thank you in advance for being respectful of this RSVP date. An exact count is needed to make the food/water purchases on Thursday.

Bring Along Your Own: Lawn Chair/Shade Umbrella, Sunscreen/Insect Repellent, Swimsuit/Beach Towel.

Wear your favorite **HAWAIIAN SHIRT.**

Send your check payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club to:  
Mary Ann Bedics, 1664 Best Place, Bethlehem, PA, 18017

Any questions contact Mary Ann at 610-704-0582 or  
[maryannbedics@rcn.com](mailto:maryannbedics@rcn.com)



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Reservation form:

Name/Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Pool Party \$5.00 per person

# Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

## 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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