

Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

September 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

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- 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: Miller Ale House
- 9/14 Music – Aardvarks @ Levitt 7:30pm
- 9/18 Bike Ride: D & L Trail – 9:30 am
- 9/19 Thursty Thursday – The View at Morgan Hill 6 pm
- 9/19 Martin Guitar Tour 9:30 am
- 9/20 Happy Hour: Copperhead Grill 5:00 pm
- 9/24 General Meeting 7:30 pm
- 9/27 Happy Hour: Jack's Slice 5:00 pm
- 9/29 Hike: Lehigh Gap Nature Center 9:30 am

----- Oct 2024 -----

- 10/03 Thirsty Thursday – Wanderlust Beer Garden 5:30 pm
- 10/04 Happy Hour: Keystone Pub & Grill 5:00 pm
- 10/05 Oktoberfest at Bill Orner's 2 pm
- 10/08 General Mtg 7:30 pm - Blue Mtn Snowmaking
- 10/11 Happy Hour: TBD 5 pm
- 10/16 Buckman's Tent Sale
- 10/18 Happy Hour: TBD 5 pm
- 10/22 General Mtg 7:30 pm
- 10/25 Happy Hour: TBD 5 pm

Save The Date

- 11/24 Fall Hike-N-Soup
- 12/14 Holiday Banquet - The Loft at Sawmill

Welcome Back!

Summer is almost over. It's time to get ready for the cooler weather and to gear up for skiing again. Plan to join us as we kick off the fall season on Tuesday, September 10, 7:00 pm at the Columbian Home on Greenleaf Street, Allentown. We will replay the Year in Review video and have a social meeting, cake, and beverages. Hope to see you next Tuesday!



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February 7-15, 2025. AT COST trip \$2,550 pp dbl includes all ground transport, air, 7 nights hotel, breakfast and dinner. Second payment due by Sept. 15. Go to ptarmiganskiclub.org for flyer with more details. Contact Carolyn Greenland, 302-864-4120 or 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, September 18

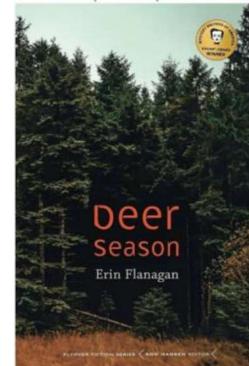
TIME: Discussion will begin promptly at 4 PM

LOCATION: Mary and Ralph's

556 Parkside Court, Allentown

phone 610-737-2349 larongem@gmail.com

Deer Season
By Erin Flanagan



Ptarmigan Ski Club Oktoberfest 2024

When: Saturday Oct 5th 2 pm until?

Where: Ortner's Hofbrauhaus

\$18 Per Person - Full Menu, Beer & Wine, Bottled Water

\$12 Per Person - Full Menu, Water, No Beer, No Wine

\$5 Per Person - No Food, No Beer, No Wine,

Shared Food and Water Only, You Must Bring Something to Share

Send check by Sep 28th payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club to:
Bill Ortner, 2509 Peachtree Road, Allentown, Pa 18104
610-799-2549 or wortner@att.net

See Flyer below for details.

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

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. **Sold Out**

Melissa Link: Park City, Utah; Feb. 9 - 16, 2025, 7 nights at Snow Flower Condos Ski-in/Ski-out, various pricing, Southwest Air RT, Epic/IKON Lift tickets extra, \$500 due by Sept. 15. Contact Melissa Link for more information, 610-751-0332 or donnas.trips.continue@gmail.com.

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

Mark Baechle: Breckenridge, Co - March 1-8, 2025
We are flying direct **non-stop** from PHL to DIA, on Southwest, and bussing to the **Ski-In/Ski-Out** Beaver Run Resort at Breckenridge, in your choice of Hotel Rooms with microwave and mini-fridge, or 2br2ba Condos with full kitchen, full living room, fireplace, balcony.

We will ski most days at **Breckendridge**, with its 189 trails on 5 peaks, and explore the town's 300+ bars, restaurants, shops, spas, and boutiques.

The trip also should include a day of skiing at **Vail**, and another day (or more) at **Keystone**. Transportation and lifts included. Contact Mark at skipro99@gmail.com or 610-657-5825.

Mark Baechle: Fernie, BC Canada; Mid-March 2025. More details coming soon. Contact Mark at 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 or Joelle Akowskey, 484-883-2049, JoelleA1@outlook.com

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 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.

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.

Check it Out! We are asking all Ptarmigans to sign up on the Meetup App. Ptarmigan Ski Club is now posting most of their events and activities. It is free to download and free to use. We need to show the public who we are so that they will want to meet up with us! We need new members and need you to represent us on the app. Hop on board so you can welcome our new members in!

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



Treasurer's Report

As of August 29, 2024

Checking	\$ 7,853.77
Savings	\$ 6,000.59
CD	\$ 5,237.72
Total	\$19,092.08

Friday Happy Hours

Every Friday at 5:00 pm

- 9/06 Happy Hour: Grove Street Pub
- 9/13 Happy Hour: Miller Ale House
- 9/20 Happy Hour: Copperhead Grill 5:00 pm
- 9/27 Happy Hour: Jack's Slice 5:00 pm
- 10/04 Happy Hour: Keystone Pub & Grill 5:00 pm

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.





Thursday, September 19, 6:00 pm – The View at Morgan Hill, 100 Clubhouse Dr, Easton 7:00 pm TimeWhys Band



**WANDERLUST
BEER GARDEN**

Thursday, October 3, 5:30 pm, Wanderlust Beer Garden, 1600 Sullivan Trail, Forks Township.



Ptarmigan STEM Discussion Thursday September 26th 4:30 – 6:00 pm

September STEM topic will be Hydrogen Electric vehicles.

Jean Black will share an article with the participants later this month - which will be the basis of our open discussion via ZOOM.

Contact Bill Ortner wortner@ptd.net if you would like to participate.



Hiking

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

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 Rd., Slatington. Osprey House is located near intersection of Appalachian and D&L Trails. Medium difficulty – 5 mile round trip, uneven surfaces, flat w/gravel, grassy w/stone. 400 ft vertical gain. See Bald Eagles, Hawks, and great views! Bring snack and water. Hike leaders: Doug & Judy Thorne. Call/Text Cindy Simoson, for info., directions, and if you are going (484) 515-0181.

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





Biking

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

Sept 8, Sunday - Ironton Rail Trail - 9:30 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 18, Wednesday - D & L Trail – 9:30 am - Slatington to Bowmanstown/Slate Heritage Trail. Ride from Slatington to Bowmanstown and return. 13 miles w/option to do another 7 miles. Easy ride, gravel & paved. Bring lunch, snack. Restrooms, pavilion, L. Gap Nature Center. Call/text Cindy Simoson if you are going (484) 515-0181.



Music

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

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

Saturday, September 14 – The Aardvarks – 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

STEM Recap

On Friday, August 23, 2024, Seven Ptarmigans enjoyed a truly motor'vating visit to RB Restoration Museum and America on Wheels.



PTARMIGAN POOL PARTY - Recap

On Saturday, August 17, more than 40 Ptarmigans descended on Eric Schoeppner's house. The food was superb and the pool was refreshing. A little bit of rain but it didn't affect our day. Thank you to Eric for hosting yet another wonderful party!





It's Not Too Late! To sign up for the **Eastern PA Ski Council 5th Annual Charity Golf Outing**, 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 to sign up or email: 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 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.

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.



Motors on the Mountain – Wednesdays, 5:30 – 9:00 pm – a car meet for all makes and models for car lovers – some impressive vehicles. Slopeside Wing Weds. ½ price special, \$12 PBR buckets.

Nighttime Zip & Climb – Sept. 6 and every other Friday. 2 hour sessions from 6:30 pm

Comedy Night – Sept. 19- Dinner at 6 pm, show at 7 pm. \$65 per person Third Thursday each month.

Oktoberfest – Sept. 28 & 29 – 11 am to 5 pm Free at the Valley Lodge. Live German music, Biergarten, Hayrides, Bavarian-style food and more.

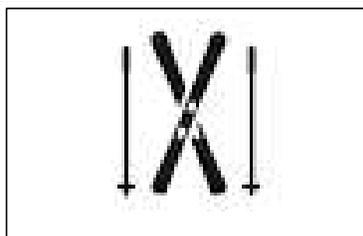


Sept. 27, Friday, 6:00 pm buffet dinner, 7:45 show – Murder Mystery – Dead Men Don't Speakeasy. See bcmountainresort.com for more details.

Ski Equipment Tent Sales

Buckman's Outdoor Tent Sale – October 16-19, 2024
Consignment Drop-off Oct 1-15. Sale Dates Oct 16-19

Blue Mountain – stay tuned for dates.



Ptarmigan Ski Club Oktoberfest 2024



Featuring Pulled Pork and Bratwurst

When: Saturday Oct 5th 2 pm until?
Where: Ortner's Hofbrauhaus
Cost: \$18 Per Person - Full Menu, Beer & Wine, Bottled Water
\$12 Per Person - Full Menu, Water, No Beer, No Wine
\$5 Per Person - No Food, No Beer, No Wine,
Shared Food and Water Only, You Must
Bring Something to Share

Beginning at 2 pm we'll be serving Bratwurst (par-boiled in Beer then Grilled) with Sauerkraut and Homemade Split-Pea w/Ham Hock Soup.

Around 5 pm we'll begin serving Pulled Pork along with some traditional sides.

Enjoy a Selection of Seasonal Draft Beers.

An Excellent Selection of Wine.

Bottled Water will also be available.

If you like, bring an Appetizer or Dessert to Share.

Bring a Picnic Chair if you want to sit.

There will be a Campfire after Dinner.



Directions: 2509 Peach Tree Road, Allentown Ph: (610)799-2549. Take the 15th street exit from Route 22, go north three miles on Mauch Chunk Road past Scherersville toward Ballietsville. Just past Mechanicsville Road, turn right at Grumpy's onto Peach Tree Road. Go in about 6 or 7 homes then turn left and go up the driveway.

----- Tear off and send along with your check -----

Enter Names and Price Selections Below

Send check by Sep 28th payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club to: Bill Ortner, 2509 Peachtree Road, Allentown, Pa 18104 610-799-2549 or wortner@att.net

Did You know.....??



Photo courtesy of E. S.

New Feature – we will be posting an item of trivia or a photo each month from the PSC archives. See if you can identify the participants and destinations. Prizes for the closest/best/most accurate details/dates/faces will be awarded at the next General Meeting. Email we3ski@epix.net with your answers. Any photos, trivia, or other items of interest will be accepted via we3ski@epix.net as well.

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.

[Click here to download Membership Application](#)