

Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

January 2025



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

----- Jan 2024 -----

1/03 Happy Hour: Miller Ale House 5:00 pm

1/07 Blue Mtn - Group Ski Day 9:30 am

1/10 Happy Hour: Copperhead Grill 5:00 pm

1/15 Montage - Group Day Ski 7:30 am

1/16 Thrusty Thursday - Leather Corner Post 5:30 pm

1/17 Happy Hour: Buffalo Wild Wings 5:00 pm

1/21 Bear Creek Ski Party/Mtg 9 am Ski, 1 pm lunch

1/23 STEM - ZOOM Diccussion 4:30 - 6:00 pm

1/24 Happy Hour: Foundations Tavern w/Music 5:00 pm

1/31 Happy Hour: Grove Sr Pub & Grill 5:00 pm

----- Feb 2024 -----

2/01 Opera & Dinner, 12:55 pm

2/07 Happy Hour: Miller Ale House 5:00 pm

2/07 Grindelwald Switzerland Trip!

2/18 Blue Mtn Ski Party/Covered Bridge Inn 9 am ski, 1 pm lunch

2/19 BTC - Book Club

2/20 STEM - ZOOM Diccussion 4:30 - 6:00 pm

2/25 Elk Mtn - Group Ski Day 7:00 am

2/27 Thursty Thursday - Fogelsville Hotel 5:30 pm

*****Tuesdays/Wednesdays** - 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!

Save The Date - Details to Follow

March 11 - Elections/Year in Review

April 26 - Spring Banquet - The Loft at Sawmill

GRINDELWALD 
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February 7-15, 2025. AT COST trip \$2,550 pp includes all ground transport, air, 7 nights hotel, breakfast and dinner. Trip Filled. Look for an email regarding time/location to meet for airport motorcoach. Contact Carolyn Greenland at we3ski@epix.net.



**Wishing the Very Best of the Season
To All Ptarmigans. Their Families. and Friends!**

Ski Day at Blue Mountain

Tuesday, January 7, 2025, 1660 Blue Mountain Drive, Palmerton. Join us for our 1st Blue Mountain Group Ski Day of the season. Meet up at the bottom of the Valley Lodge at 9:30 am at the 6-pack lift. Look for Cindy Simoson in a Red Jacket w/Silver Helmet or Rob Metter in a Red Jacket. Join us after for lunch at the Covered Bridge Inn, 1:00 pm, 4300 Little Gap Road, Palmerton. Call/text Cindy 484-515-0181 if you are going.

Ski Day at Montage

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 - 1000 Montage Mountain Road, Scranton, PA. Car Pool or Caravan - **meet at 7:30 am** at the former Allentown Towne Center Shopping Center (vacant K-Mart Store) parking lot near the bank, 4701 Tilghman Street, Allentown. Lift Ticket Prices -- \$40 lift and rental, **\$32 w/EPSC Code** and your membership card. Seniors 70+ cost \$15 or **\$12 w/ EPSC Code and membership card**. See easternpaskicouncil.org for code to purchase online or can purchase at Ticket Window. Contact Cindy Simoson (484) 515-0181 if you are going.

ELECTION CENTRAL --- WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We vote for our club officers at the March meeting. That means we need to get a slate together for those who would like to help lead the club. Most of you have been members forever and have enjoyed the wonderful programs. Now is your chance to give back by joining the board. We know everyone is busy but this does not have to be time consuming. We have a meeting once a month to come up with ideas for meetings and programs. You can run for any position including President, Vice President, Membership, Secretary, Treasurer, Board member. Bill Ortner, Mary Ann Bedics and Mary Laronge are on the Nominating Committee. Let any one of them know if you are interested. **REMEMBER: PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB WILL CONTINUE TO BE GREAT IF YOU ARE WILLING TO STEP UP AND HELP!**



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.

Trip is full, but Mark might be able to get more spaces, if folks act 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 **Trip is Full**

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.

Treasurer's Report

As of December 29, 2024

Checking	\$ 11,312.09
Savings	\$ 6,000.85
CD	\$ 5,316.24
Total	\$ 22,629.18

Friday Happy Hours

Every Friday at 5:00 pm

01/03 Happy Hour: Miller Ale House
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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.

BETWEEN THE COVERS Book Club

It's a BYOB and BYOF book group gathering.

Join us at our next discussion

DATE: Wednesday, January 15, 2025

TIME: Discussion will begin promptly at 4 PM

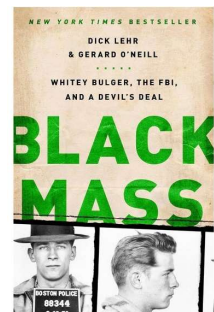
LOCATION: Mary and Ralph's

556 Parkside Court, Allentown

phone 610-737-2349 larongem@gmail.com

Black Mass

By Dick Lehr & Gerard O'Neill





Thursday, January 16, 5:30 pm, Leather Corner Post Bar & Grill, 6855 Horseshoe Road, Orefield. Good Food and Great Music. Come on out to play a Boombal!



Thursday, February 27, 5:30 pm, Fogelsville Hotel, 7921 Main Street, Fogelsville. Great atmosphere and food.



Ptarmigan STEM Discussion Thursday Jan 23rd 4:30 – 6:00 pm via Zoom

. Topic TBD. Contact Bill Ortnier to be added to the Zoom.

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Ski Party at Blue Mountain Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 – 1660 Blue Mountain Drive, Palmerton. Meet for skiing in the morning at 9:30 am at the 6-pack lift at the Valley Lodge. Ski Party/Lunch at 1:00 pm at the Covered Bridge Inn, 4300 Little Gap Road, Palmerton. Can order off of the menu, Cash Bar. Deadline for lunch is Monday, Feb. 17 (need headcount). Call/text Cindy 484-515-0181 to save your seat!

Ski Day at Elk Mountain Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 - 344 Elk Mtn. Road, Union Dale, PA. Car Pool or Caravan - meet at 7:00 am at the former Allentown Towne Center Shopping Center -(vacant K-Mart Store) parking lot near the bank, 4701 Tilghman Street, Allentown Lift Ticket Prices only at Ticket Window - Senior Tuesdays 65+, \$46 Adult (18-64) 8 hours \$78, 4 hours \$65, Military Discount w/military ID - receive \$10 off any regular price All Area Ticket any time. Contact Cindy Simoson (484) 515-0181.

Ski Party – Bear Creek January 21, 2025, 1:00 pm



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Skiing – Plan to meet at the “B” lift in front of the lodge at Bear Creek, 101 Doe Mountain Lane, Macungie at 9:00 am. Discounted \$36 lift ticket at Guest Services (w/membership card). Seniors 70+ and kids under 5 ski free (w/membership card). Lunch includes Assorted Sandwiches, Chips, Salads, and Veggies & Dip. Price is \$5.00 per person. Cash bar is available, BYOB. Please bring something to share. Where: The Bear Den, second floor in the Bear Creek Lodge. Please mail your check payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club to: Carolyn Greenland, 681 Locust St, Coopersburg, PA 18036. Contact Carolyn at 302-864-4120 or we3ski@epix.net Deadline to reply is Friday, January 17 so we may have an accurate head-count See you there!



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!!!**

Steamboat, CO 2024, EPSC Winter Carnival - January 25-February 1, 2025 - SOLD OUT

Nagano & Hakuba, Japan 2025 — Feb. 21 — Mar 7 — need 1 single male

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 www.easternpaskicouncil.org. Still have openings.

2026 Winter Carnival — Sun Valley, Idaho — we need a trip leader from our club!

2026 International Trip — Grindelwald, Switzerland — Feb. 27 — Mar 7 details to be announced soon.

Skiing Happenings and Discounts



The mountain is open and so are most of the trails. Mother nature cooperated with some frigid temps that enabled Blue and their new guns to really put down some awesome white stuff. Hoping to see you on our first **Group Ski Day** which is planned for Tues. **January 7**. Stay tuned for email blasts notifying all of Ptarmigan Ski Club for other ski days coming soon on snowy Tuesdays and Wednesdays.



Ski Club Discount - Club Discount \$36 for all club members, Mon-Thurs non-holiday. Must show membership card at Guest Services, 70+ Ski Free (buy pass for \$25 and skips line for each visit). Many other discounts available. See spreadsheet for details at easternpaskicouncil.org.



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 at ticket window. 20% off any other time. See easternpaskicouncil.org for code to purchase online. College Day Discounts - \$35 Ticket + Rentals on Thursdays and Sun. Nights.



Discounts — Senior Tuesdays (65+) - \$46,
College Wednesdays (Show College ID) \$46
Military Discount – show ID -\$10 off anytime
Beginner discounts. See EPSC spreadsheet.



Children under 46" tall ski free. Seniors 70+ ski free.
NASTAR - 2 runs for \$10, 5 runs for \$25. Credit cards only.

MANY other Ski Area Resort Discounts are available: Whitetail, Seven Springs, Spring Mtn., Shawnee, Liberty, Camelback, etc. See easternpaskicouncil.org "All in One Spreadsheet".

OPERA SHOW & DINNER Saturday February 1, 12:55 PM

Come join us for an afternoon at the Opera and Dinner. **VERDI'S AIDA**, by the New York Metropolitan Opera, will be shown in Hi Definition at the Allentown's Miller Symphony Hall on **Saturday, February 1 at 12:55**. Then let's make our way to dinner at **Ringers Roost**.

This is one of the world's most performed operas. It is "Grand" opera in the sense of "Big". Big scenes, big crowds and big music including the finest triumphal march in all of opera. Brand new staging by the New York Met this year. Recorded by them and shown here in High Def. Lots of plot and drama, with English text on the screen. Or just enjoy the staging and music.

Purchase tickets directly from the theater online or at the door. Open seating is customary there, so we do not need reserved or group seating. Online prices are \$20 and \$15 for adults and seniors, plus a service fee. Slightly higher at the door. Convenient parking is half a block away in the parking deck at 6th and Linden.

Saturday February 1, 12:55 PM

Miller Symphony Hall

23 North 6th St.

Allentown PA 18101

Email: info@allentownsymphony.org

Ringer's Roost

1801 W Liberty St.

Allentown 18104



Contact Dick Manning, rmann1050@gmail.com or text (610) 737-1860 if you are coming, especially for dinner. Ringer's will appreciate knowing how many to expect.

December 10 General Meeting at Columbian Home - Recap

Our holiday meeting was a festive, fun event. Nick Franco played holiday tunes on his accordion providing lively music for dancing. Another highlight of the evening was holiday cupcake decorating. Mary Ann Bedics and Mary Laronge baked six dozen cupcakes which the members decorated with a variety of icings and toppings.



Ptarmigan Holiday Banquet -Recap

Sixty Ptarmigans ate and danced the night away at The Loft at Sawmill in Stockertown to the music of DJ Scotty G on Saturday, December 14, 2024. A fun time was had by all.



Eve Before Eve Party Dec 23rd at Ronnie's



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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