Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

November 2026

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 5:00 pm
Thursty Thursday: Contact Carolyn Greenland
BTC Book Club: Third Wed Contact Ronnie Rother, Mary Laronge

---------- Nov 2026 ----------
11/01 – Daylight Savings Time Ends
11/01 – Winery – Domaine Pterion – 1:00 pm**
11/06 – Happy Hour Copperhead Grill
11/08 – Winery – Franklin Hills – 1:00 pm **
11/10 – General Meeting 7:00 pm
11/13 – Happy Hour Capo & Co
11/14 – Blue Mt. ULLR Feat 5:00 pm
11/19 – Thursty Thursday – Braveheart Highland Pub 5:30 pm**
11/20 – Happy Hour Miller Ale House
11/22 – Hike & Soup 1:00 pm at Kathy Seufert's
11/27 – Happy Hour Grove St Pub & Gril
---------- Dec 2026 ----------
12/04 – Holiday Banquet - Barn House Village 6:00 pm
12/08 – General Meeting 7:00 pm
12/17 – Thursty Thursday – Fairgrounds Hotel 5:00 pm **
Reservation required for this venue

November 10th General Meeting

Christopher's Columbian Home, 1519 W. Greenleaf St, Allentown at 7:00 pm

LEARN ABOUT 3-D PRINTING

At the November 10th meeting we will learn all about 3-D printing from the maker of many things. Diane Lemberg will share the 3-D printing process and how it it encourages a different way of thinking about the design process. She is a designer at heart and especially likes designing jewelry and baked goods using this process.

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE
Did you know that Ptarmigans contributed 230 pounds of food to a local food pantry last November? With food insecurity growing as our food prices continue to rise, our donations are greatly appreciated. Let's see if we can top this number. Please bring your donation to the November meeting. Boxes will be right inside the meeting room. Don't know what to contribute? Here are some suggestions of things the food pantry needs, but they will be thankful for whatever you bring.

Diapers, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Toothpaste, Soap, Coffee, Tea, Canned vegetables, fruit, soup.
They usually have peanut butter, spaghetti, mac and cheese but, again, any shelf stable items would be welcomed.

December 8th General Meeting

Name That Holiday Tune Contest with our own Nick Franco playing the accordion and trying to stump you!

Ptarmigan's Between the Covers Book Club

It's a BYOB and BYOF (if you wish) gathering for our next book group discussion.
DATE: Wednesday, November 18, 2026
TIME: Discussion begins promptly at 4 PM
LOCATION: Mary and Ralph's
556 Parkside Court, Allentown

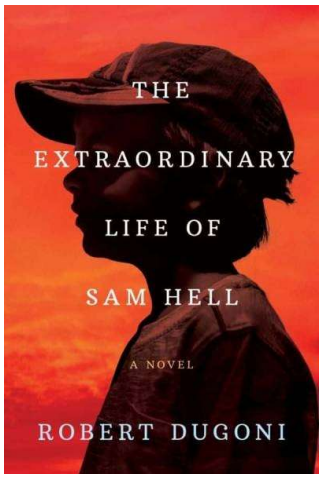
The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell
by Robert Dugoni

Wall Street Journal and New York Times bestselling author Robert Dugoni's coming-of-age story is, according to Booklist, "a novel that, if it doesn't cross entirely over into John Irving territory, certainly nestles in close to the border."

Sam Hill always saw the world through different eyes. Born with red pupils, he was called "Devil Boy" or Sam "Hell" by his classmates; "God's will" is what his mother called his ocular albinism. Her words were of little comfort, but Sam persevered, buoyed by his mother's devout faith, his father's practical wisdom, and his two other misfit friends.

Sam believed it was God who sent Ernie Cantwell, the only African American kid in his class, to be the friend he so desperately needed. And that it was God's idea for Mickie Kennedy to storm into Our Lady of Mercy like a tornado, uprooting every rule Sam had been taught about boys and girls.

Forty years later, Sam, a small-town eye doctor, is no longer certain anything was by design—especially not the tragedy that caused him to turn his back on his friends, his hometown, and the life he'd always known. Running from the pain, eyes closed, served little purpose. Now, as he looks back on his life, Sam embarks on a journey that will take him halfway around the world. This time, his eyes are wide open—bringing into clear view what changed him, defined him, and made him so afraid, until he can finally see what truly matters.



Ski Trips – 2026 – 2027 Season

Ptarmigan Sponsored Trips

Holiday Valley, Holimont, New York
- Feb. 7-12, 2027
- $995 pp/dcc
- Carolyn Greenland 302-864-4120 we3ski@epix.net

Member Lead Trips

These trips are lead and organized by Ptarmigan Members and will have non-members on them. Ptarmigan does not sponsor or sanction them. We only Advertise them as a service to our members.

Val Thorens (Les Trois Vallées), France
- Jan. 29 – Feb. 7, 2027 (Fri – Sun)
- $3,275 pp (dbl occ.)
- Contact: Catherine Chrapacz at (610) 428-3547 or katyataz@yahoo.com

Ski Fernie, BC Canada
- Mar 6 – Mar 13, 2027 (Sat – Sat)
- $2696 pp (dbl occ.)
- Contact: Mark Baechle (610) 657-5825 SkiPro99@gmail.com

Mark needs 1 single male and has an opening for 2 more folks in their own private unit.

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

11/06 – Happy Hour Copperhead Grill
11/13 – Happy Hour Capo & Co
11/20 – Happy Hour Miller Ale House
11/27 – Happy Hour Grove St Pub & Gril
12/04 – No Happy Hour - Holiday Banquet Barn House Village

Note: Happy Hour location may change occasionally. So, watch your email for changes as Friday approaches.

Membership DUES: 2026/2027 Season

Renew your membership for the 2026/2027 Season. Send your dues to: Mary Laronge, 556 Parkside Court, Allentown, PA 18104. 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, 2028

Family Memberships Include Minor Children Living at Home.

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.

To receive your Membership Card by mail, enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope. The Card entitles you to various Ski related discounts and benefits.

Treasurer's Report - As of Oct 31, 2026

Checking	$17,978.01
Money Market	$6,003.38
7 mo CD	$5,649.49
Total:	$29,630.88

Holiday Banquet 2026

Friday, December 4, 2026, at 6:00 pm

The Barn House Village
7401 Airport Road, Bath PA
Buffet Dinner, Music, Dancing
$60 per person.
Deadline to sign up: November 19

See attached flyer.

It's PARTY Time!!



Holiday Valley

Ptarmigan Ski Club Trip

Holiday Valley, Holimont & Niagara Falls, New York, February 7-12, 2027 Cost **$995 pp** double occ. Includes all Roundtrip Luxury Motorcoach transportation, Five nights lodging at the Inn at Holiday Valley, continental breakfast daily, ski-in/ski-out, indoor/outdoor heated pool, Fitness center, bar on-site, plus many other amenities. Discover the excellent conditions that more than 180" of lake-effect snow brings annually on more than 60 slopes with 13 lifts. Group rate lift tickets will be available. Visit the nearby town of Ellicottville (also known as the Aspen of the East) for plenty of wining, dining, and shopping. Midweek free excursion to Niagara Falls. Seats are selling out fast!

Contact Carolyn Greenland at we3ski@epix.net or 302-864-4120 for more information. **Openings 1 male and 1 female available.** See attached flyer.

THIRSTY THURSDAY

Braveheart HIGHLAND PUB

Thursday, November 19, 5:30 pm, Braveheart Highland Pub, 430 Main Street, Hellertown ****Must RSVP by 11/16** if you plan to attend** contact Carolyn at we3ski@epix.net or 302-864-4120

Since 1904 FAIRGROUNDS HOTEL

Thursday, December 17 at 5:00 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 and Under $20 Early Sailaway meals before 6 pm! *****Must by 12/14 to reserve your seat** – contact Carolyn at we3ski@epix.net or 302-864-4120 www.fairgroundshotel.com

EPSC EASTERN PA SKI COUNCIL

EPSC has launched a new Club Express Website. Log in as EPSC Member.
Contact we3ski@epix.net with any questions.

Skiing Perks and Benefits - -Go to EPSC Website, see MEMBERS ONLY, then DISCOUNTS/SPREADSHEET/DEALS for a spreadsheet of Everyday Savings, Specials, Deals, Mountain Statistics, and Weblinks at over 18 local ski areas. **MUST BE A PSC MEMBER TO OBTAIN PASSWORD TO ACCESS TO DISCOUNTS** - Stay Tuned! EPSC PSC Club Contact – Carolyn Greenland, we3ski@epix.net

CALENDAR OF EPSC TRIPS

2026 Fall Trip - Netherlands, Belgium, and France - Sept 19-29, 2026
2027 Eastern Ski Trip – Indian Head Resort – Jan 10-15, 2027
2027 Winter Carnival - Mt. Bachelor, Oregon – Jan. 30-Feb. 6, 2027
2027 Eastern Ski Trip - Sugarbush – Feb 21-26, 2027
2027 Summer Trip – Black Hills & Badlands = June 9-16, 2027
2027 Summer Ski Trip - New Zealand & Australia - July 29 - Aug 16, 2027
2027 Fall Trip – Scotland Golf Getaway – Sept 1-18, 2027
2027 Fall Trip – Sicily & Malta Trip – Oct 6-17, 2027
2028 Winter Carnival – Banff, BC – Jan. 29 – Feb 5, 2028
2028 International Ski Trip – Andorra Spain – March 2-12, 2028 – Ptarmigan is going!!!
2029 Winter Carnival – Mammoth, CA TBD
2029 Eastern Ski Trip – Lake Placid, NY TBD

See http://www.easternpaskicouncil.org for fliers with details

Winery Event

Sunday -- November 8, 2026 -- Franklin Hills Vineyard & Winery -- 1:00 P.M. -- 4:00 P.M.
7833 Franklin Hill Road, Bangor, Pa. 18013

Join us on Sunday Nov. 8, at 1:00 P.M. at Franklin Hills Vineyard & Winery.
Franklin Hills is L. Valley's Oldest Winery of 42 Years and one of the largest in Pa. producing a variety of Award-Winning Wines of Reds, Whites, Riesling & Rose from their own grapes. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon of Wine Tasting, cozy atmosphere, and Scenic Views.

Flights of Wine of 4 are available, or by the Glass. There are 3 Different Local Craft Beers.
Food is available & can be ordered off the Menu. Great Charcuterie Board!

Seating is Reserved for 15 People. Must make a RESERVATION. Reservation DEADLINE is November 6.

Contact: CALL/ TEXT Cindy Simoson for Reservations at 484-515-0181

Winter Gear Sales

Buckman's -- Consignment Drop Off Dates -- November 1 - Nov. 7, 2026 10:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Buckman's Tent Sale --
Wednesday - Nov. 11 - to Saturday Nov. 14, 2026 -- 10:00 - 8:00 P.M. (Sat. 5:00 P.M.)

Buckman's -- In Store Sale Discount Only (Up to 40% off Apparel, Outerwear & Accessories)

Monday Nov. 9 -- to Saturday Nov. 14, 2026 10:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Montage Mountain 3- Pack Deal -- Deadline November 2, 2026 (For 2026 - 2027 SEASON)

Montage Mountain 3- Pack Deal for Lift Tickets & Rentals

Temps. will be dropping soon. Their 3-PACK DEAL DEADLINE is MONDAY NOV. 2, 2026 !!

Pick ANY 3 DAYS to hit the slopes with NO BLACKOUT DAYS !

3 PACK LIFT TICKETS -- $ 179. 3 PACK LIFT TICKETS W RENTALS -- $249.

Order Online: Go To Montage Mountain Online Store http://www.montagemountainresorts.com - Look for 3 Pack Sale



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

NOVEMBER HIKE

Sunday, November 22, 2026 -- Annual Hike and Soup

Date: Sunday November 22,2026
Where: Saylor Park, Ironton Rail Trail, 245 N. Second Street Coplay, Pa 18037
Time: 1 pm Hike, 3 pm Soup

Rain cancels hike; however, the soup will still take place at Kathy Seufert's
5210 Suncrest Circle, Whitehall PA
610 393 7324
Bring your chair, and something to share.
BYOB



Music – Please notify the activity leader that you are attending so you may be contacted in case of inclement weather.
Call / TEXT Cindy, if you are going, or any questions at (484) 515 - 0181

Saturday Nov. 14, 2026 -- 5: 00 P.M. -9:00 P.M. Blue Mt. at Valley Lodge at Bottom
Pre - Season Celebration -- ULLR FEST
Enjoy Live Music by Band Mystery City - 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Bonfire, Food & Drink Specials, Costume Contest, Raffles

2026 / 2027 Season Passholders have Access to Area where a Complimentary Buffet is being served. Must Show Pass & RSVP is Required by 11/6 to Blue Mtn.
This was a Great Turnout last Year, and a Lot of Fun!

SKIING -- Ptarmigan Group Ski Days

Blue Mountain -- Anticipated Opening Day -- Friday November 27, 2026
based on consistent cold weather temps. Stay tuned for Date TBA with E-Blast

Group Ski Days at Blue Mt. -- Starting January 2027 -- thru the Ski Season
With Lunch at Blue Mt. Diner or Covered Bridge Inn or Slopeside Pub & Grill.
Stay tuned for Dates & Details TBA with E- Blasts.

Group Ski Day/ Party with Lunch -- Tuesday February 9, 2027 Skiing at Blue Mt.
Stay tuned for Details BA

Montage Mt. -- Thursday January 4, 2027 -- Group Ski Day Trip
Midweek to Montage. Can Carpool or Caravan. Ski For All -- Midweek Lift Ticket $45
Stay tuned for Details TBA

Elk Mt. -- Tuesday February 23, 2027-- Group Ski Day Trip
Midweek to Elk Mtn. -- Can Carpool or Caravan
Stay tuned for Details TBA

Sunday November 1st - Ptarmigans enjoy an afternoon at Domaine Pterion Winery



October 7th Ptarmigan Group Hike on Upper Saucon Rail Trail



<u>October 22nd Group Fall Foliage Bike Ride on D & L Trail from Slatington to Bomanstown</u>
A very scenic ride, amid blazing fall colors





Nov 21st 5:00 pm - Blue Mountain Racing – Junior Racing Team - Movie Night Fund Raiser

Youth Ski Race Training fuels a Brighter Tomorrow for Skiing and Ski Areas



Bruce Ebert

Bruce S. Ebert, 85, passed away on Friday, October 9, 2026. An avid skier, his passion for skiing led him around the world. He eventually became a co-owner of Blue Mountain Ski Area and was a member of Ptarmigan Ski Club for over 40 years. Bruce loved his annual ski trips.



Ptarmigan

Holiday Party

Friday Dec 4, 2026

6:00 pm – 10:00 pm Barn House Village
7401 Airport Road, Bath PA

MENU

Bruschetta w/Crostini & Assorted Cheeses
Soup de Jour & Tossed Salad
Herbed Chicken
Beef Tips Burgundy
Oven Roasted Potatoes
Green Beans Almondine
Glazed Baby Carrots
Chef's Trio of Puddings/Mousses
**Vegetarian available on request

Music by Charles Eckhart

$60.00 Per Person
RSVP Prior to November 19, 2026

Send Check Payable To: Ptarmigan Ski Club

Mail To: Carolyn Greenland
681 Locust Street
Coopersburg, PA 18036
Phone 302-864-4120 we3ski@epix.net



Ptarmigan Ski Club

Presents:

Holiday Valley, Holimont, & Niagara Falls, New York Feb. 7-12, 2027

Holiday Valley in Ellicottville, New York is ranked #4 Best Ski Resorts in the East by *SKI Magazine* for 2026. Located within the Enchanted Mountains of Western New York, it lies in the land of true lake-effect snowstorms averaging 180+ inches per year. This alpine haven boasts 13 lifts, 60 slopes and trails, 36% Easy, 30% Blue, 34% Black, 3 base Ski Lodges, world-class snowmaking, and impeccable grooming. It offers slopeside ski-in ski-out lodging, x-country skiing and snowshoeing.



Nearby **Holimont** is North America's largest **Private** ski area with 8 lifts and 56 trails. We're including a one-day trip to this premier destination with fabulous skiing and no lift lines!



Also enjoy a free optional day trip to the majestic **Niagara Falls**. The magnificent, world-renowned set of three massive waterfalls – Horseshoe Falls, American Falls, and Bridal Veil Falls - are the dramatic apex of the free-flowing waters of four of the Great Lakes into the Niagara River Gorge. Free admission. Optional activities include a boat tour on **Maid of the Mist** or enter the **Cave of the Winds** behind the falls.



Visit the charming ski town of **Ellicottville**, also known as the Aspen of the East, only a mile from each resort with its village shops, breweries, distilleries, wineries, and dineries---plenty of apres-ski magic!



The **Inn at Holiday Valley** is located at the heart of the resort featuring 102 ski-in/ski-out and slopeside rooms. Amenities include flat-screen tv's, wi-fi, refrigerator, coffee makers, continental breakfast, café, bar/lounge, lobby fireplace, heated indoor/outdoor pool, hot tub, spa on site, fitness center, ski lockers, free shuttle service to base lodges, ski rentals and lessons.

Trip Price of $995 pp/do includes::

- **Group Transportation -** Luxury motorcoach to/from including **refreshments** on bus
- **Deluxe Motor Coach Daily**—Holiday Valley/Ellicottville each afternoon/evening.
- **Included** luxury motorcoach midweek free excursion to/from **Niagara Falls, NY**
- **Five** nights lodging at the **Inn at Holiday Valley*** (dble occ.) includes continental breakfast daily.
- All hotel and resort taxes (not including gratuities)

** Additional Room/Condo Rates available on request. Pricing may be subject to change.*
***Lift tickets not included - Group Rate approx. $55/day at Holiday Valley & $70/day at Holimont,*
****Must be a Ptarmigan Ski Club member in good standing or must join PSC.****

Payments: $300 now or by 6/1, $300 by 9/1, $395 (or balance) by 11/1

Cancellation Policy: No Refunds will be made until after the trip and only if a replacement is made. Partial refunds are dependent upon lodging, transportation, and agency cancellation. We strongly recommend the purchase of trip insurance.

*For More Information Contact Carolyn Greenland at 302-864-4120 or we3ski@epix.net All Checks should be made payable to **Ptarmigan Ski Club** and mailed to 681 Locust St, Coopersburg, PA 18036*

Enclosed is my (our) $300 per person deposit for the Ptarmigan February 7-12, 2027 Holiday Valley trip.

Name(s) _____ Rooming with:_____
Address: _____
Email Address _____ Phone # _____
Emergency Contact Name_____
Emergency Contact Phone _____ Email _____

My signature below confirms that I have read and fully understand the Cancellation Refund Policy for this trip.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Bringing Skis (Yes/No) _____

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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Click here to download Membership Application