

# **Ptarmigan Ski Club** NEWSLETTER

## **February 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  
Thursty Thursday: Contact Carolyn Greenland  
BTC Book Club: Third Wed Contact Ronnie Rother, Mary Laronge

#### **----- Feb 2026 -----**

02/06 -- Happy Hour Foundations Tavern 5:00 pm  
02/10 -- Ski Party/Mtg. Blue Mtn 9:00 am Covered Bridge 1:00 pm  
02/13 -- Happy Hour Copperhead Grill 5:00 pm  
02/17 -- Group Ski Day at Elk Mtn. 7:00 am  
02/19 -- Thursty Thursday Fogelsville Hotel 5:30 pm  
          \*\*need reservation\*\*  
02/20 -- Happy Hour Miller Ale House 5:00 pm  
02/27 -- Happy Hour Foundations Tavern 5:00 pm  
03/06 -- Happy Hour Grove St. Pub & Grill 5:00 pm

#### **----- Mar 2026 -----**

March 10 -- Elections/Year in Review

**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**

April 18 - Spring Banquet -- Madeline's

### **Ski Party at Blue Mtn. -- Tuesday, February 10, 2026**

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 -- 1660 Blue Mountain Drive,  
Palmerton. Meet for skiing in the morning at 9:00 AM. at  
the 6 Pack Lift at the Valley Lodge. Look for Cindy Simoson  
in a Red Jacket w/ Silver Blue Helmet.  
Ski Party Mtg./Lunch at 1:00 P.M. at Covered Bridge Inn--  
4300 Little Gap Road, Palmerton.  
Can order off of the Menu. Cash Bar. Deadline for lunch is  
Monday Feb. 9. ( Need Head-Count)  
to save your seat.

Call/ TEXT Cindy Simoson (484) 515-0181 if you are skiing,  
and / or going to lunch at CBI.

### **Ski day at Elk Mountain -- Tuesday Feb. 17, 2026**

Tuesday Feb. 17, 2026 -- 344 Elk Mtn. Road, Union Dale,  
Pa. Car Pool or Caravan -- Meet at 7:00 A.M.  
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 with I.D. Senior  
Tuesdays -- 65 + \$50

Adults 18- 64 8 Hrs. M-Thurs. \$81  
                  4 Hrs. M-Thurs. \$71

Discounts -- Military Discount - show ID -- \$10 off anytime

Can Purchase Online at <http://www.elkskier.com> or at Ticket  
Window

Contact: Cindy Simoson (484) 515-0181, if you are going.

### **Ptarmigan's Between the Covers Book Club**

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

DATE: February 18, 2026

TIME: Discussion begins promptly at 4 pm

LOCATION: Ronnie's

254 Kristin Lane, [Allentown](#)

Three Men in a Boat

By Jerome K. Jerome

A hilarious river adventure!

Embark on a side-splitting journey along the River Thames  
with Three Men In A Boat by Jerome K. Jerome. Join three  
bumbling friends as they navigate mishaps, comedic  
situations, and eccentric characters in this timeless and  
uproarious classic. Join our young heroes J., George, and  
Harris (not forgetting Montmorency, the mischievous,  
irascible fox terrier) as they take a boating holiday along the  
Thames. Their aim is to escape the weary workaday world  
and improve their health, but they are ill prepared for the  
various escapades, difficulties and vicissitudes that they  
encounter along the watery way. The adventures of these  
incompetent innocents abroad are magnified to epic  
proportions by the storyteller, J. His narration gives the book  
not only a wonderful endearing freshness but also a series of  
hilarious moments of timeless comedy. ~Amazon

## **Three Men in a Boat**

JEROME K. JEROME



## Ski Trips – Member Lead 2025 - 2026

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.

### **Bormio & Milan, Italy**

**Sold Out**

- Jan. 23 – Feb. 01, 2026
- \$2,400 per person/double occupancy (pp/do)
- Contact: Catherine Chrapaczat (610) 428-3547 or [katyataz@yahoo.com](mailto:katyataz@yahoo.com)

### **Sunday River, Maine**

- Jan. 25 – Jan 30, 2026
- \$949 Lodging & Bus Transportation (Lift Tickets Extra \$)
- Contact Vicki Morris 610-597-8666 [vlmorris@astound.net](mailto:vlmorris@astound.net)

### **St. Anton, Austria**

- Jan. 23 – Feb. 01, 2026
- \$3,350 per person/double occupancy (pp/do)
- Contact: John Yerman at (484)241-5213 [jfyiii.mail@gmail.com](mailto:jfyiii.mail@gmail.com).

### **Ski Utah – Park City, The Canyons, Deer Valley**

- Feb 28 – Mar 7, 2026
- \$2494
- Contact: Mark Baechle (610)657-5825 [SkiPro99@gmail.com](mailto:SkiPro99@gmail.com).

#### 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

- 02/06 – Happy Hour Foundations Tavern
- 02/13 – Happy Hour Copperhead Grill
- 02/20 – Happy Hour Miller Ale House
- 02/27 – Happy Hour Foundations Tavern
- 03/06 – Happy Hour Grove St. Pub & Grill

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



## Trips Update

### **Ski Utah – Park City, The Canyons, Deer Valley**

Mark has a cancellation for the Utah Trip, Feb. 28--March 7, 2026.

He has a couple dozen fun-loving skiers that will be enjoying Park City, The Canyons, and/or Deer Valley. Please let him know if you are interested or if you know someone who might be.

Contact: Mark Baechle (610)657-5825 [SkiPro99@gmail.com](mailto:SkiPro99@gmail.com).

## Membership DUES: 2025/2026 Season

**Renew your membership for the 2025/2026 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 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, 2027

**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 31<sup>st</sup>.**

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

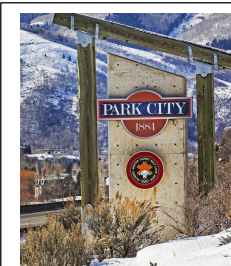
## Treasurer's Report

Checking	\$4,843.25
Money Market	\$6,002.58
7 mo CD	\$5,488.02
Total:	\$16,333.85

As of 1/29/2026

## Learn To Ski Promotion - Recap

Three more students were recipients of our first **Learn-To-Ski** awards announced at our January 20 Bear Creek Ski Party meeting. The award consists of a 2-hour lesson, full rental equipment including helmet, and an all-day lift ticket at Bear Creek Mountain Resort valued at \$117. Six students in total and their families are members of Ptarmigan and will hopefully begin a new generation of skiers on the mountains. We are concluding the program for this year. Stay tuned for more awards to be offered during next year's ski season.





\*\*\*NEW POLICY\*\*\*

Since we are meeting for **dinners** regularly on Thirsty Thursdays, I'm asking everyone planning to attend to send me an email or give me a call a few days ahead of time if you plan to attend. There aren't always enough seats to accommodate our group without advance notice and reservations. Thank you! Carolyn – [we3ski@epix.net](mailto:we3ski@epix.net)



Thursday, February 19, 5:30 pm, Fogelsville Hotel,  
7921 Main Street, Fogelsville. Great atmosphere and food. Contact  
Carolyn for a reservation with our group.  
302-864-4120 or [we3ski@epix.net](mailto:we3ski@epix.net)



**STEM meetings via ZOOM. Next Discussion Feb 26, 2026, 4:30 – 6:00**

Topic: TBD

Contact Bill Ortner [wortner@ptd.net](mailto:wortner@ptd.net) to be added to the Zoom Meeting.



**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 DISCOUNTS! EPSC PSC Club Contact – Carolyn Greenland, [we3ski@epix.net](mailto:we3ski@epix.net) to obtain password.

**DISCOUNTED LIFT TICKETS ... CHECK THIS OUT!!!**

## CALENDAR OF EPSC TRIPS

**2026 Winter Carnival** – Sun Valley, Idaho – Jan. 31- Feb 7

**2026 International Trip** – Grindelwald, Switzerland – Feb. 27 – Mar 7

**2026 Spring Trip** – Sedona & Grand Canyon by Train – Apr 26 – May 1

**2026 Summer Ski Trip** - Valle Nevado, Chile - Aug 7 - 21, 2026\*\*

**2026 Fall Trip** - Netherlands, Belgium, and France - Sept 19-29, 2026\*\*

**2027 Winter Carnival** - Mt. Bachelor, Oregon - Jan-Feb, 2027\*\*

**2027 International Trip** - Les Arc, French Alps - TBD 2027\*\*

**2027 Summer Ski Trip** - New Zealand & Australia - July 29 - Aug 16, 2027\*\*

\*\*\*openings – see [www.easternpaskicouncil.org](http://www.easternpaskicouncil.org) for fliers with details\*\*\*

## Skiing Happenings and Discounts



The mountain is open with very cold weather and lots of packed powder. 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 \$40 for all club members, Mon-Thurs non-holiday. Friday \$50 extended day. 70+ Ski Free (buy pass for \$25 and skips line for each visit). Must show membership card at Guest Services. Many other discounts available. See spreadsheet for details at [easternpaskicouncil.org](http://easternpaskicouncil.org).



**Ski for All**, Mon/Tues/Weds/Thurs 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](http://easternpaskicouncil.org) for code to purchase online. College Day Discounts - \$35 Ticket + Rentals on Thursdays and Sun. Nights.



**Discounts** – Senior Tuesdays (65+) - \$50,  
College Wednesdays (Show College ID) \$50  
Military Discount – show ID -\$10 off anytime



**Discounts** - 30% off full price midweek, non-holiday w/PSC mbrshp card at Guest Services. Kids under 46" tall ski FREE w/paid adult. Seniors 65-69, Military, College students: all \$55 midweek, \$75 weekends. Super Seniors 70+ Ski FREE. NASTAR 2 runs/\$10, 5 runs/\$25. All credit card only.

**MANY** other Ski Area Resort Discounts are available: Whitetail, Seven Springs, Spring Mtn., Liberty, Camelback, etc. See [easternpaskicouncil.org](http://easternpaskicouncil.org) "All in One Spreadsheet".



## **Ski Party – Bear Creek - Recap**

January 20, 2026, 1:00 pm

Frigid temperatures and clear blue skies were the setting for our Annual Bear Creek Ski Party. Twenty two Ptarmigans enjoyed Subway hoagies, goodies, beverages and camaraderie in the Bear Den Lodge. The ski conditions were exceptional and everyone who ventured out in the cold had a very fine day on skis. Thank you to Bear Creek for the very welcoming hospitality.



## **Ptarmigan's Between the Covers Book Club Recap**

Harrison Edward, author of 'A Reckoning of Souls', was a guest speaker at Ptarmigan's Between the Covers book club's January 21st meeting.





# PTARMIGAN SPRING BANQUET

Saturday, April 18

6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Madeleine's

1250 Turnstone Drive

Fogelsville, PA 18051

## Menu\*

Assorted Appetizers

Salad

Chicken Piccata

Sesame Salmon

Chef's Choice of Starch and Vegetables

Pie A La Mode

\*Vegan or Vegetarian available on request

\$58.00 per person

Dancing to the tunes of Scotty G

RSVP: Linda Cope  
2685 Houghton Lean  
Macungie, PA 18062  
[lesterly@ptd.net](mailto:lesterly@ptd.net)  
610-504-0305

RSPV by April 8, 2026  
No reservations or checks  
will be accepted after April 8

## 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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