

Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

November 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

----- Nov 2025 -----

11/02 - Hike Pinnacle / Pulpit Rock Trail -- 10:00 am

11/07 - Happy Hour Grove St. Pub & Grill 5:00 pm

11/11 - Genera Meeting Buckman's plus Food Bank 7:00 pm

11/14 - Happy Hour Copperhead Grill 5:00 pm

11/15 - Music at Blue Mt Valley Lodge 4:00 pm

11/16 - Winery Event Blue Mtn. Vineyards & Cellars 1:00 - 5:00 pm

11/20 - Thrusty Thursday Braveheart Highland Pub 5:30 pm

11/21 - Happy Hour Thirsty Turtle Tavern Whitehall 5:00 pm

11/23 - Hike-N-Soup 1:00 pm Hike 3:00 pm Soup at Kathy Seufert's

11/28 - Happy Hour Miller Ale House 5:00 pm

----- Dec 2025 -----

12/05 - Xmas Holiday Banquet at the Barn House Village 6:00 pm
Must Reserve and Pay by Nov 19th. See Flyer below.

12/09 - Genera Meeting Holiday Social 7:00 pm

12/18 - Thrusty Thursday Fairgrounds Hotel 5:00 pm
Must RSVP to Carolyn to reserve your seat. Details below.

General Meeting Tuesday Nov 11th 7:00 pm

Christopher's Columbian Home (KoC)
1519 W. Greenleaf Street, Allentown, PA

Many of you know our guest speaker, Pete Sheets (Mugsy), the Assistant Manager at Buckman's. He will update us on the latest equipment available as well as a new skiing/boarding technology at their shop.

Food Bank - Donations Welcome!

Every year Ptarmigan's have been very generous in donating food and other items to one of our local food pantries. This year, more than ever, we need to help stock these pantries. As you've heard in the news, many of their clients may lose their benefits and won't have enough money to buy food. We will have boxes at the door for your donations when you come to the general meeting on Tuesday, November 11. Although this food drive is optional, thank you in advance to those who participate.

Here are some suggestions for frequently needed items:

Canned Goods (vegetables and fruit)

Pasta and Pasta Sauce

Peanut Butter and Jelly, Cereal

Personal care items (deodorant, shampoo, soap)

Diapers, Paper towels and toilet paper.



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: Wednesday, November 19

TIME: Discussion begins promptly at 4 PM

LOCATION: Mary and Ralph's

556 Parkside Court, Allentown, PA 18104

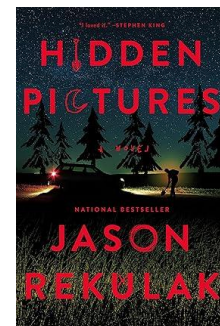
Hidden Pictures

by Jason Rekulak

Mallory Quinn is fresh out of rehab when she takes a job as a babysitter for Ted and Caroline Maxwell. She is to look after their five-year-old son, Teddy.

Mallory immediately loves it. She has her own living space, goes out for nightly runs, and has the stability she craves. And she sincerely bonds with Teddy, a sweet, shy boy who is never without his sketchbook and pencil. His drawings are the usual fare: trees, rabbits, balloons. But one day, he draws something different: a man in a forest, dragging a woman's lifeless body.

Then, Teddy's artwork becomes increasingly sinister, and his stick figures quickly evolve into lifelike sketches well beyond the ability of any five-year-old. Mallory begins to wonder if these are glimpses of a long-unsolved murder, perhaps relayed by a supernatural force.



SOUP and HIKE Nov 23, 2025 at Kathy's

Hike: 1 PM at Troxell Steckel Park on Reliance Street
Rain cancels the hike.

Soup: 3 PM at 5210 Suncrest Circle, Whitehall, PA

BYOB, Bring something to share, Bring a chair.
This is an outside event.

PS: If possible, please park in the field next to Kathy's house!

Questions Contact Kathy: 610 393 7324
See everyone there.

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

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

St. Anton, Austria

- Jan. 23 – Feb. 01, 2026
- \$3,350 per person/double occupancy (pp/do)
- Contact: John Yerman at (484)241-5213
ifyiii.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.

Editor's Notes:

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

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 31st): \$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 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

Checking	\$4,702.37
Money Market	\$6,002.28
7 mo CD	\$5,452.15
Total:	\$16,156.80

As of 10/20/2025

Friday Happy Hours

Every Friday at 5:00 pm

- 11/07 - Happy Hour Grove St. Pub & Grill
- 11/14 - Happy Hour Copperhead Grill
- 11/21 - Happy Hour Thirsty Turtle Tavern Whitehall
- 11/28 - Happy Hour Miller Ale House
- 12/05 - No Happy Hour – Holiday Banquet

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



Winter Gear Sales

Buckman's -- In Store Sale Only
Monday Nov. 10 -- To Saturday Nov. 15, 2025

Buckman's November Tent Sale --
Wednesday -- Nov. 12 -- to Saturday Nov. 15

Skiing - Ptarmigan Group Ski Days

Blue Mountain -- Anticipated Opening Day - Friday
November 28, 2025

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

Group Ski Day/ Party with Lunch -- February Skiing at Blue
Mt. Stay tuned for Date & Details TBA

Montage Mt. -- January -- Group Ski Day Trip
Midweek to Montage. Can Carpool or Caravan
Stay tuned for Date & Details TBA

Elk Mt. -- February -- Group Ski Day Trip
Midweek to Elk Mt. Can Carpool or Caravan
Stay tuned for Date & Details TBA

Montage Mountain 3-Pack Deal For Lift Tickets & Rentals

Temps. are dropping. Now is your chance to lock in days on the snow for LESS.

Their 3- PACK DEAL is back for a limited time only through Nov. 3rd !

Pick ANY 3 Days to hit the slopes this winter with NO BLACKOUTS, and save big:

3 PACK LIFT TICKETS -- \$ 179

3 PACK LIFT TICKETS W RENTALS -- \$ 249

Don't wait, this deal ends November 3rd, 2025 !!

Contact: <http://www.montagemtresorts.com> Look for the 3 PACK SALE



Thursday November 20 at 5:30 pm Braveheart Highland Pub

Located at 430 Main Street, Hellertown. Fine Scottish Fare and Pub.

www.bravehearthighlandpub.com/



Thursday, December 18 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 RSVP to Carolyn to reserve your seat** – text 302-864-4120.

www.fairgroundshotel.com



STEM meetings via ZOOM. Special dates because of holidays.

Thursday November 20th 4:30-6:00 pm. Topic - skiing apps and ski tech gadgets
Presenter Gordon Yerry

Thursday December 18th 4:30-6:00 pm. Topic - Black-Scholes formula
Presenter Jean Black



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

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

2026 Summer Ski Trip - Valle Nevado, Chile – August 7-21, 2026 **

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

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

***** All still have openings.** More details and trip fliers for all of the above can be found at.

www.easternpaskicouncil.org

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!** Email Blast will be sent to ALL members in the next few weeks. Stay Tuned!

EPSC PSC Club Contact – Carolyn Greenland, we3ski@epix.net



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

November 2, 2025 -- Sunday -- Pinnacle / Pulpit Rock Trail -- 10:00 A.M.

Hamburg Reservoir Trailhead 400 Reservoir Road, Hamburg, Pa. 19526

This 9.3 mile hike offers spectacular views to the southeast and the northeast.

We will meet at the Hamburg Reservoir Trailhead at 400 Reservoir Road, Hamburg at 10 AM.

We start up a gravel access road for about 2.5 miles to Pulpit Rock on the Appalachian Trail.

Amazing views to the southeast. This is a bit of a cardio-vascular workout, but we can take our time.

From there it is about 1.5 miles along the ridge line to The Pinnacle. Spectacular views to the northeast.

From there we complete the rest of the loop back to the parking lot.

Bring water and lunch. Sturdy hiking shoes recommended.

Hike leader - John Heurich 484-241-5176 jheurich_biz@yahoo.com

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Contact: Cindy Simoson, if any questions (484) 515-0181

MUSIC / ULLR FEST at Blue Mountain

Blue Mtn. -- Saturday Nov. 15, 2025 -- 4 P.M. -- 9 P.M. Valley Lodge

Pre- Season Celebration -- ULLR FEST

Enjoy Live Music by Castaway Band -- 5:00 P.M. -- 9:00 P.M.

Bonfire, Food & Drink Specials, Costume Contest -- Raffles

2025/2026 Season Passholders are invited to join Passholders Only Area at ULLR FEST for free food & drink. Must show Pass & RSVP is required.

Winery Event

November 16, 2025 -- Sunday -- Blue Mtn. Vineyards & Cellars -- 1:00 - P.m. -- 5:00 P.m.
7627 Grape Vine Drive. New Tripoli, Pa. 18066

Join us on Sunday Nov. 16 at 1:00 P.M. At Blue Mtn. Vineyards & Cellars.

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon of Music by Cass Noelle and Wine Tasting.

They also have 4 Diff. Craft Beers. Slushies by flight of 4 or by the Glass. Seasonal Cocktails by Glass only.

Also, Charcuterie, Cheese and S'Mores boards.

Also, we can bring our own food.

Tables are reserved for 20 People. MUST MAKE a RESERVATION. DEADLINE is November 13, by NOON.

Contact: Cindy Simoson for Reservations. (484) 515- 0181.



PTARMIGAN HOLIDAY PARTY

Friday, December 5, 2025

6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

**Barn House Village
7401 Airport Road
Bath, PA 18014**

Menu*

Bruschetta with Crostini & Assorted Cheeses

Soup de jour & Tossed Salad

Herb Chicken

Beef Tips Burgundy

Oven Roasted Potatoes

Green Beans Almondine

Glazed Baby Carrots

Chef's Trio of Puddings/Mousses

***Vegan or Vegetarian available on request**

\$58.00 per person

Costs are partially subsidized by Ptarmigan Ski Club

Dancing to the tunes of Scotty G

**RSVP: Linda Cope
2685 Houghton Lean
Macungie, PA 18062
lesterly@ptd.net
610-504-0305**

**No reservations or
monies can be
accepted after
November 19**



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](#)