

Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

April 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

----- **Apr 2025** -----

4/04 - Happy Hour: Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant 5:00 pm

4/11 - Happy Hour: Grove Street Pub & Grill 5:00 pm

4/16 - Hike for Health at Jacobsburg, 5:30 pm

4/17 - Thursty Thursday - Braveheart Highland Pub 5:30 pm

4/18 - Happy Hour: Miller Ale House 5:00 pm

4/23 - Hike - Ironton Rail Trail, 10 am

4/25 - Happy Hour: Foundations Tavern w/Music 5:00 pm

4/26 - Spring Banquet - The Loft at Sawmill 6 pm

----- **May 2025** -----

5/02 - Happy Hour: Copperhead Grill 5:00 pm

5/08 - Biking D&L Trail Slatington to Bowmanstown 9:30 am

5/14 - Hike for Health at Jacobsburg, 5:30 pm

5/31 - Hike Lehigh Parkway 9:00 am

----- **Jun 2025** -----

6/11 - Iron Pigs Game 6:45 pm

Officer & Board Elections Results From Tuesday Mar 11th Meeting

Officers Elected:

Pres: John Heurich

VP: Joe McAndrew

Treasures: Kathy Seufert

Memb Sec: Mary Laronge

Rec Sec: Mary Ann Bedics

Board Members Elected:

Bill Ortner

Diane Peters

Cindy Simoson

Up to three additional Board Members may be appointed by the President.

Editor's Note:

The newly Elected Officers and Board begin their Term on May 1st.

Spring Banquet Sat., April 26, 2025

The Loft at Sawmill

5630 Sullivan Trail

Easton, PA 18040

Cash Bar - 6:00 to 10:00 pm

Social - 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Hot Dinner Buffet 7:00 - 8:00 pm

RESERVATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 11

See attached flier for details.



Stay Tuned.....It's Coming.....

End-of-Season Tailgate Party

At BLUE MOUNTAIN

Valley Parking lot near rear

- bring something to share -

**BYOB stay tuned for a future Email
Announcement...**

Ski Trips 2025 - 2026:

The Following Trip is sponsored and run by Ptarmigan Ski Club:

No Trips Announced yet.

Editor's Notes:

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

Trips By Members 2025 - 2026

These trips will have non-members on them.

No Trips Announced yet.

Blue Mt. Leader Board

Ptarmigan Member Jean Black makes the Blue Mt. Leader Board at #10 Vertical & #9 Runs.
Congrats Jean - Top Ptarmigan.

RANK	GUEST	VERTICAL METRES
1	CRAIG H	1,587,358
2	JAMES W	1,391,282
3	HAROLD F	1,367,391
4	JEFF B	1,230,606
5	ROBERT H	1,191,826
6	RODNEY R	1,134,653
7	CHRIS B	1,115,915
8	KURT K	1,099,121
9	JOHN P	1,075,252
10	JEAN B	1,057,409
11	TOM L	1,045,984
12	MARTY K	999,451

RANK	GUEST	RUNS
1	CRAIG H	1,507
2	JAMES W	1,357
3	HAROLD F	1,316
4	JEFF B	1,186
5	ROBERT H	1,171
6	RODNEY R	1,100
7	CHRIS B	1,069
8	KURT K	1,061
9	JEAN B	1,031
10	TOM L	1,013
11	JOHN P	1,004
12	MARTY K	1,001



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

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 Mar 31st

Checking Account \$5,608.84

Savings Account \$6,001.23

Friday Happy Hours

Every Friday at 5:00 pm

4/04 – Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant

4/11 – Grove Street Pub & Grill

4/18 – Miller Ale House

4/25 – Foundations Tavern – Live Music

5/02 – Copperhead Grill



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.

Special Olympics

Steve Lisicky, Ptarmigan's rep to our participation in the Special Olympics ski instruction a Blue Mt, reports that one of his Special Olympians – Alysa won 3rd place in Giant Slalom in Sestriere, Italy.

Congratulations to Alysa, who came home with 2 medals.

[Click to read more about Alysa:](#)

Thanks Steve!

Eastern Pa Ski Council

JAPAN March 2025: It was the Trip of a Lifetime!

Click to read about the trip: [Eastern Pa Ski Trip](#)



Thursday, April 17, 5:30 pm, **Braveheart Highland Pub**, 430 Main Street, Hellertown. Home of the finest Scottish food and drink. Come out and grab a pint.



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

April 16, 2025, Wednesday -- 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Hike for Health, Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center, a brisk 2-3 Mile Hike on Uneven Terrain. Meet at 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth Visitor Center Flagpole. Call/TEXT Cindy Simoson (484)515-0181 if you plan to go.

April 23, Wednesday -- Ironton Rail Trail -- 10:00 A.M. Walk on a paved trail for a few miles. Option to do more. Meet at Saylor Park, 245 N. Second St., Coplay. Meet at Samuel Owens for lunch afterwards or bring your own lunch/snack. Call/ TEXT Cindy Simoson if you are going -- (484) 515-0181

May 14, Wednesday - 5:30 - 7:00 P.M. -- Hike for Health, Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center A brisk 2 - 3 Mile Hike on Uneven Terrain. Meet at 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth at the Visitor Center Flagpole. Bring Water & wear sturdy shoes. Call/ TEXT Cindy Simoson if you are going -- (484) 515-0181

May 31 -- Saturday -- 9:00 A.M. -- Lehigh Parkway

Meet at Bogert's Bridge 1490 Fish Hatchery Road, Allentown. Easy Hike, about 4 Miles on flat gravel. Hike Leader -- Olga Chubarova. Bring lunch or snack, & water. Call/TEXT Cindy Simoson if you are going -- (484)515-0181.



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

Thursday -- May 8 -- D & L Trail Slatington to Bowmanstown -- 9:30 A.M.

Ride 10 to 15 Miles. Meet at the Slatington Trailhead 101 Main St. Ride from Slatington past the Lehigh Gap Nature Center to Bowmanstown. Easy Ride on Gravel. Pavillions & R.Rooms at Slatington, L.Gap Nature Center & Bowmanstown. Bring lunch / snack. Bike Ride Leader is Judy Thorne. Call/TEXT Cindy Simoson if you are going (484)515-0181

Save the Date - Iron Pigs Game Wednesday June 11, 2025

Wednesday June 11, 2025, Iron Pigs vs. Worcester Red Sox -- 6:45 P.M. Game Time
Enjoy Discounted Tacos & \$5 Tall Boys every Wednesday.
Field Level Tickets 3rd base side \$13.
Contact Cindy Simoson for reservations, or any questions (484) 515-0181.
Reservations for 20. First come, first served.

Check payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club:
Send to Cindy Simoson
192 Old Carriage Road
Northampton, Pa. 18067





Ptarmigan STEM Discussion Thursday Apr 24th 4:30 – 6:00 pm via Zoom

.Topic: "The State of Renewable Energy in Pennsylvania"
Contact Bill Ortner wortner@ptd.net to be added to the Zoom.

"The State of Renewable Energy in Pennsylvania" - presented by Chris Flynn
Thursday April 24th 1:00pm

An in-person meeting and tour of the Sustainable Energy Fund net-zero office building in Schnecksville which will be very informative for our Ptarmigan members plus students from Kutztown University who will come with Chris Flynn.

The SEF website : [Net-zero facility](#)

April 24th is also Earth Day: [Our Power, Our Planet](#)

The 90-minute program includes Chris Flynn's talk, active touring of the facility led by SEF staff plus Q+A. We could also include refreshments at SEF (which we can order-in and take a collection to cover the costs).

2025 Colorado Ski Trip

Mark Baechle escorted 20 skiers to 3 ski resorts in Colorado from March 1—8, 2025 – Breckenridge, Keystone, and Vail. We stayed at the Ski-In/Ski-Out Beaver Run Resort, at the Beaver Run Superchair. The resort had multiple bars and restaurants, indoor/outdoor pools, 7+ hot tubs, an arcade, miniature golf, and condos with full kitchens, living rooms, fireplaces, balconies, and large bedrooms.

We had blue sky and sunshine for our first two days. Those "bluebird" days gave us beautiful scenery, and miles of smiles. We woke up the third morning to 7" of fresh powder. Many of us had untracked snow, top to bottom that morning. The next morning, we woke up to another 7" (wow, 14")! We had even more snow the next day, and the next day. Just as we thought "that is what a ski trip should be", the sunshine the last day reminded us that bluebird days are great also.

Mark hosted parties almost every day. Included were a Mardi Gras Party, a Pizza Party, a Finale Party, [a pre-Party & a Post Party], and his famous Son-of-a-Beach Party. There was plenty of beer, wine, food, and fun. All parties provided a way for folks to meet new friends, and plan to ski with others. Mark will deny that there may or may not have been "luggage cart races" up and down the halls.

The folks that took the free bus to Keystone were impressed with how big it was, with tons of great skiing. Mark drove skiers to Vail on Thursday, in blue sky and sunshine. Once we got to Game Creek Bowl, the snow started moving in. At lunch we checked the weather radar and discovered a huge snow storm heading toward us. Even though we were enjoying great snow at Vail, we "high-tailed it" down to our vehicle, so we could get over Vail Pass before they closed it. By the time we reached our 4WD Tahoe, they had instituted chain requirement for all commercial vehicles, and 4WD & snow tire (which we had) requirements for non-commercial. The drive over the pass was slow, but we made it back to Beaver Run, and enjoyed beverages in the hot tub, while we told our tale of our 4 hours of skiing at Vail.

Photos of these events, the mountains, and the people, can be found on the Facebook page "Ski Trips With Mark".

Everyone had a great time and are looking forward to skiing and partying together soon. Please let Mark know where you want to go next year.

Ptarmigan Ski Club

Spring Banquet

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025

The Loft at Sawmill

5630 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA 18040

Cash Bar – 6:00 to 10:00 pm Assorted Cheese Board
Social – 6:00 to 7:00 pm with Crackers and Dip

Hot Deluxe Buffet Fruit Salad
7:00 –8:00 pm Tossed Spring Salad with Dressing

Main Courses:	Roast Top Round	Chicken Champagne
	Baked Ziti	Filling
	Sausages w/Peppers & Onions	Red Bliss Potatoes
	Vegetable Lasagna	Corn in Butter Sauce

Lemonade. Iced Tea, Coffee, Tea
Assorted Desserts

Following Dinner, dance to the music of “Scotty G”

Price: \$56.00 Per Person

RESERVATION DEADLINE: April 11, 2025

No Signups/Checks accepted after the deadline.

Make checks payable to **Ptarmigan Ski Club**

Send checks to Carolyn Greenland, 681 Locust St., Coopersburg, PA 18036



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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