

# Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

## December 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

#### Dec 2025

120/5 - Xmas Holiday Banquet at the Barn House Village 6:00 pm  
Must Reserve and Pay by Nov 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

12/12 - Happy Hour Grove St. Pub and Grill 5:00 pm

12/18 - Thursty Thursday Fairgrounds Hotel 5:00 pm

Must RSVP to Carolyn to reserve your seat. Details below.

12/19 - Happy Hour Copperhead Grill 5:00 pm

12/20 - Blue Mt.:Music & Ugly Sweater Party 6:00 pm

12/26 - Happy Hour Miller Ale House 5:00 pm

#### Jan 2026

01/02 - Happy Hour Foundations Tavern 5:00 pm

01/06 - Group Ski Day at Blue Mt. 9:00 am

01/14 - Group Ski Day Montage 7:30 am

01/20 - Ski Party Bear Creek 1:00 pm

#### SAVE THE DATE -- Details to follow

January 06 -- 1st Group Ski Day at Blue Mtn.

January 14 -- Group Ski Day at Montage Mtn.

February 10 -- Ski Party/Mtg. at Blue Mtn./ Covered Bridge Inn

February 17 -- Group Ski Day at Elk Mtn.

### General Meeting Tuesday Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm

Christopher's Columbian Home (KoC)

1519 W. Greenleaf Street, Allentown, Pa

**Holiday General Meeting Tues Dec 9th  
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus  
1519 Greenleaf Street Allentown  
A Holiday Party**

We will have: Music by Nick Franco

A half vanilla, half chocolate cake with buttercream icing decorated for the Holiday

An Ornament Exchange:

Bring a wrapped Christmas ornament to our December 9 Holiday meeting. It can be handmade or store-bought -- pretty, cutie, or funny. Anyone who brings an ornament will be able to participate in the exchange!

Plus: A Learn To Ski Promotion

Learn To Ski Promotion ([Click here to download Flyer](#))

### 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, December 17th

TIME: Discussion begins promptly at 4 PM

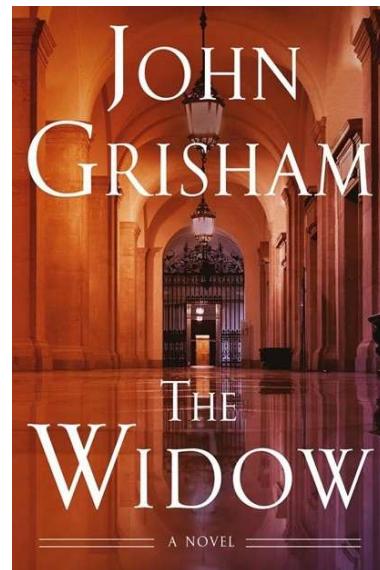
LOCATION: Mary and Ralph's  
556 Parkside Court  
Allentown, PA 18104

**The Widow**  
by John Grisham

Simon Latch is a lawyer in rural Virginia, making just enough to pay his bills while his marriage slowly falls apart. Then into his office walks Eleanor Barnett, an elderly widow in need of a new will. Apparently, her husband left her a small fortune, and no one knows about it.

Once he hooks the richest client of his career, Simon works quietly to keep her wealth under the radar. But soon her story begins to crack. When she is hospitalized after a car accident, Simon realizes that nothing is as it seems, and he finds himself on trial for a crime he swears he didn't commit: murder.

Simon knows he's innocent. But he also knows the circumstantial evidence is against him, and he could spend the rest of his life behind bars. To save himself, he must find the real killer....



## 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**

- 12/05 – No Happy Hour – Holiday Banquet
- 12/12 – Happy Hour Grove St. Pub and Grill
- 12/19 – Happy Hour Copperhead Grill
- 12/26 – Happy Hour Miller Ale House
- 01/02 – Happy Hour Foundations Tavern

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

## Group Ski Days

### **January 2026**

Tues. 1/06 -- Blue Mtn. -- 1st Group Ski Day-- with Lunch at Covered Bridge Inn -- 9 A.M. Ski -- 1 P.M. Lunch. Stay tuned for E-Blasts & Details to follow.

Wed. 1/14 -- Montage -- Group Ski Day - 7:30 A.M. Carpool or Caravan. Stay tuned for E-Blasts & Details to follow.

### **February 2026**

Tues. 2/10 -- Blue Mtn. -- Ski Party/Covered Bridge Inn-- 9 A.M. Ski -- 1 P.M. Lunch. Stay tuned for E-Blasts & Details to follow.

Tues. 2/17 -- Elk Mtn. -- Group Ski Day -- 7:00 A.M. Carpool or Caravan. Stay tuned for E-Blasts & Details to follow.

## 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 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	\$7,094.81
Money Market	\$6,002.43
7 mo CD	\$5,452.15
Total:	\$18,549.39

As of 11/26/2025

## PSC Ski Party - Bear Creek

Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 1:00 pm at Bear Creek Mountain Resort, Macungie, PA \$5 per person for a reservation. See flier in January's Newsletter to sign up.



## SKIING HAPPENINGS

### **BLUE Mountain**

It's Here. Opening Day is slated for Friday, December 5, 2025. The new guns are roaring, the Temps. are COLD, and the snow is beginning to pile up.!

Our first GROUP SKI DAY is planned for Tues. January 6, 2026. Stay tuned for E-Mail Blasts notifying all of Ptarmigan Ski Club Days coming soon on snowy Tuesdays and Wednesdays.





**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](http://www.fairgroundshotel.com)



**STEM meetings via ZOOM. Special dates because of holidays.**

**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 \*\*

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

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

**2027 International Trip** - Les Arc, French Alps - TBD 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](http://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](mailto:we3ski@epix.net)



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

Music -- At Blue Mountain -- Saturday Dec. 20, 2025 -- Ugly Sweater Party 6:00 P.m. - 9:00 P.m.

Live Band -- Toolshed Jack

At the Summit Lodge -- Last Run Lounge, Alpine Ballroom

Dust off your ugliest sweater & Join fellow Ptarmigans for a Nite of fun, live music by Toolshed Jack, and Dancing. Prizes will be awarded for the Ugliest Sweater. This is a FREE EVENT for 21+ Guests Only -- Food & Drink Specials are also available.

## Skiing Happenings and Discounts



The mountain is scheduled to open this Friday, December 5th with limited trails. Mother nature cooperated with some frigid temperatures at night for some optimum snow-making conditions. Hoping to see you on our first Group Ski Day, which is planned for Jan 6<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for email blasts notifying all Ptarmigans of other ski days coming soon on snowy Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Also, plan to attend the Ugly Sweater Contest slated for Saturday, December 20 from 6-9 pm when Tool Shed Jack will be rockin' the house.



Ski Club Discount - Club Members can ski the entire day for \$43, Monday through Thursday. Friday \$50 extended day. Seniors 70+ ski FREE or can purchase a season pass to skip the lines for \$25. Must show membership card at Guest Services.



Ski for All \$40. PSC members Mon/Tues/Weds non-holiday \$32 lift and rental w/EPSC code. Seniors \$15. PSC Sr. members Thurs-Sun/Holiday, MTW \$12 w/EPSC code at ticket window w/PSC membership card. 20% off for all any other time. See [easternpaskicoundil.org](http://easternpaskicoundil.org) for code to purchase online.



Discounts - Military Discount - show ID - \$10 off anytime.  
College Wednesdays (Show College ID) - \$50 at ticket window  
Senior Tuesdays (65+) - \$50.



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.

## Blue Mountain Vineyard & Cellars Winery Event - Sun. Nov. 16

20 Ptarmigans attended this Winery Event at Blue Mountain Vineyards & Cellars on Sunday Nov. 16. They all braved the cold and blustery weather outside, while enjoying the various wines, and food inside, and listening to the music by Cass Noelle. We all had a nice time and a wonderful day together.



## Soup and Hike Nov 23rd



Food Pantry Donations from the Nov 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting – A car full.

Thanks to all who donated.

## Learn To Ski Promotion

Ptarmigan Ski Club (PSC) has raised funds through the years for the purpose of encouraging and promoting interest in Skiing for the younger generation. Bearing this in mind, Ptarmigan Ski Club will hold a drawing at our December 9, 2025 General Meeting to award **Beginner Learn to Ski (Snowboard) Packages**.

This award includes a 2-hour lesson, full rental equipment including helmet, and an all day/night lift ticket at Bear Creek Mountain Resort, valued at \$117.00.

Eligibility: Must be under 18 years old

- Must be a member of PSC or join PSC to receive the award
- Only one award per family per ski season



### Entry form:

Child Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

(name of Ptarmigan Ski Club Member)

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

(son, daughter, grandchild, neighbor, friend)

Forward the Entry Form information via email to: [we3ski@epix.net](mailto:we3ski@epix.net).

Deadline to enter drawing is by 9 pm on Monday, December 8, 2025.

## 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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