

Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

August 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

Aug 2025

8/01 – Happy Hour Copperhead Grill

8/03 – Das Awkscht Fescht - 2:00 pm

8/07 – Thrusty Thursday Hawk Mountain Brewery 5:00 pm

8/08 – Happy Hour Miller Ale House

8/09 – Music: Steel Creek Band Whitehall Parkway 6:00 pm

8/10 – Biking Ironton Rail Trail 9:00 am

8/15 – Happy Hour Iron Hille Brewery & Restaurant 5:00 pm

8/16 – Eric's Pool Party - 1:00 pm

8/21 – Hike Plainfield Twp. Rail Trail 9:00 am

8/21 – Thrusty Thursday Ringer's Roost 5:00 pm

8/22 – Happy Hour Foundations Tavern w/Music 5:00 pm

8/22 – Music: The Large Flowerheads Catty Park 7:00 pm

8/25 – Kayaking Leaser Lake 10:00 am

8/29 – Happy Hour Thrusty Turtle Grape St. Whitehall 5:00 pm

Sep 2025

9/05 – Happy Hour Delizioso Italian Grill 5:00 pm

9/05 – Music Levitt Pavilion Steel Stacks 7:30 pm

9/09 – First General Meeting KoC 7:00 pm

9/10 – Music Slatington Trail Head 6:00 pm

9/13 – Music Levitt Pavilion Steel Stacks 7:30

9/28 – Hike Lehigh Gap Nature Center 10:00 am

Save The Date:

Oct 4, 2025 – Octoberfest at Ortner's Place

Dec 5, 2025 – Xmas Holiday Banquet at the Barn House Village

Eric's Pool Party Aug 16 1:00 pm

Date: Saturday, August 16, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM Rain or Shine

Location: 40 Sutton Place, Easton, PA. 18045

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Please bring along an item to share.

Menu: Roasted Chicken, Pulled Pork BBQ

BYOB Water and Ice will be available.

RSVP by Wednesday, August 13, 2025

No Refunds after The Deadline.

Bring Along Your Own: Lawn Chair/Shade Umbrella,
Sunscreen/Insect Repellent, Swimsuit/Beach Towel.

Send your check payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club to:
Mary Ann Bedics, 1664 Best Place, Bethlehem, PA, 18017
Any questions contact Mary Ann at 610-704-0582 or
maryannbedics@rcn.com

See Flyer below for details.

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: August 20, 2025 TIME Promptly at 4 pm

LOCATION: Ronnie's, 254 Kristin Lane, Allentown

The Lion Women of Tehran
by Marjan Kamali

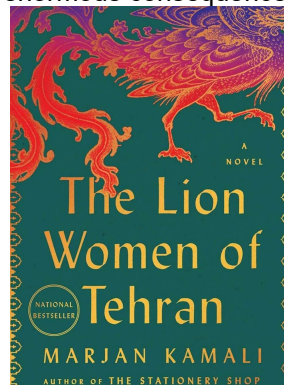
In 1950s Tehran, seven-year-old Ellie lives in grand comfort until the untimely death of her father, forcing Ellie and her mother to move to a tiny home downtown. Lonely and bearing the brunt of her mother's endless grievances, Ellie dreams for a friend to alleviate her isolation.

Luckily, on the first day of school, she meets Homa, a kind girl with a brave and irrepressible spirit. Together, the two girls play games, learn to cook in the stone kitchen of Homa's warm home, wander through the colorful stalls of the Grand Bazaar, and share their ambitions of becoming "lion women."

But their happiness is disrupted when Ellie and her mother are afforded the opportunity to return to their previous bourgeois life. Now a popular student at the best girls' high school in Iran, Ellie's memories of Homa begin to fade.

Years later, however, her sudden reappearance in Ellie's privileged world alters the course of both of their lives.

Together, the two young women come of age and pursue their own goals for meaningful futures. But as the political turmoil in Iran builds to a breaking point, one earth-shattering betrayal will have enormous consequences.



DAS AWKSCHT FESCHT Sunday August 3, 2025

2025 Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, Pa.

Sunday August 3, 2025

Join fellow Ptarmigans at the 62nd Annual Car Show on Sunday August 3, and also enjoy the CASTAWAY BAND from 2:00 -3:30 P.M.

More details below.

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.
See Flyers below for details.

Bormio & Milan, Italy

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

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.

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

Friday Happy Hours

Every Friday at 5:00 pm

- 8/01 – Happy Hour Copperhead Grill
- 8/08 – Happy Hour Miller Ale House
- 8/15 – Happy Hour Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant
- 8/22 – Happy Hour Foundations Tavern w/Music
- 8/29 – Happy Hour Thrifty Turtle Grape St. Whitehall
- 9/05 – Happy Hour Delizioso Italian Grill

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



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 7/15/2025

Checking \$ 4,448.68

Savings \$ 6,001.68

CD Value \$ 5,415.60

TOTAL \$15,865.96

Think Snow

Spring Fling Party June 14th

Sixty plus people enjoyed a nice but cool day with plenty of food and drink.



**THIRSTY
THURSDAY**



Thursday, August 7 at 5:00 pm - Hawk Mountain Brewery, 3530 Lehigh Street, Whitehall, PA. A brewery with a taproom, kitchen, outside decks and lawn. Good-dog friendly. Happy hour is from 4-6 pm. www.hawkmountainbrewery.com



Thursday, August 21 at 5:00 pm – Ringer's Roost Tavern, 1801 W. Liberty St., Allentown, PA. Great food, excellent service, friendly faces. www.ringersroostpa.com



Golf – Ptarmigans are on the links every Friday at various courses around the Lehigh Valley. Limited tee times available. Contact Tom Weiser if you are interested in playing at weiser@ptd.net



Ptarmigan STEM Discussion - No Scheduled Discussion for August.

Instead of our usual fourth Thursday of each month meeting, Jean suggests: [Entrepreneurial Enthusiasm!!](#)
Feel free to participate at your convenience (no group organized meeting)

Summer Picnic at Jim Policelli's Pinewoods July 19th

Small group but nice. Rain later in day.
Good food.





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

August 21, 2025 -- Thursday -- 9:00 A.M. Plainfield Twp. Rail Trail

Meet in the Parking Lot on Rt. 191 -- Stockertown Trailhead. Easy Hike. Paved to Crushed Stone on Shaded Trail along Bushkill Creek. Can Hike / Walk 4 - 5 Miles
Directions -- From Rt. 33 North, Take Stockertown Rt. 191 Exit, & follow Rt. 191 North about one quarter Mile. Parking Lot is on Right after passing an Electrical Substation.
Can also go to lunch at Widow's Tavern close by afterwards; or bring your own lunch/snack & Water
Hike Leader -- Cindy Simoson. Call/TEXT Cindy, if you are going (484) 515-0181

Sunday -- September 28, 2025, Lehigh Gap Nature Center -- 10:00 A.M.

Meet at Lehigh Gap Nature Center -- Osprey House (Parking Lot) 8844 Paint Mill Rd. Slatington, Pa.
Osprey House is located near the Intersection of Appalachian & D & L Trails.
Medium Difficulty -- 5 + Miles Round Trip.. Uneven Surfaces, flat w gravel, grassy w/stone
400 ft. Vertical gain. See Bald Eagles, Hawks, & Great Views.
Bring Snack & Water. Pavillion & R. Rooms at Osprey House .
Hike Leaders : Judy & Doug Thorne
Contact: Judy, & Doug , if you are going. Call or TEXT Judy at (484) 347 - 9575



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

August 10, 2025 -- Ironton Rail Trail -- Sunday 9:00 A.M. -- Coplay Trailhead

Meet at Saylor Park -- 245 N. 2nd St., Coplay Pa.
Easy Ride on Paved Trail -- 14 Miles ; Option to do more .
Can also go to lunch at Samuel Owens close by afterwards; or bring your own lunch/ snack & water
Bike Ride Leader -- Cindy Simoson & Kathy Heller
Call/TEXT Cindy, if you are going (484) 515-0181



KAYAKING

Monday -- August 25, 2025 -- 10:00 A.M. Leaser Lake

Meet at Leaser Lake -- North Boat Launch Area, 7826 - 7836 Ontelaunee Road, Kempton, Pa.
Kayak Event Leaders -- Judy & Doug Thorne

Bring Kayak, Paddle Board or Canoe for some Water fun.

Can Rent Kayak -- One Hour \$25. Contact Leaser Lake Boat Rental on Website or Call 484-221-1522
Bring Life Jackets; Water, Snacks or Lunch . Picnic Tables are nearby. R. Rooms Facilities

Contact: Judy & Doug Thorne, if you are going . Call or TEXT Judy at (484) 347 - 9575



Music

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

Saturday August 9, 2025 - Whitehall Parkway 6:00 - 9:00 P.M. Steel Creek Band

4689 S. Church Street, Whitehall Food Truck, Rest Rooms

Friday August 22, 2025 -- Catty Park Amphitheater - 7:00- 10:00 P.M. The Large Flowerheads

501 American Street, Catasauqua, Pa. Food Truck, Rest Rooms

Saturday August 9, 2025 -- Whitehall Parkway 6:00 -- 9:00 P.M. Steel Creek Band

4689 S. Church Street, Whitehall -- Food Truck, Rest Rooms

Friday September 5, 2025, Levitt Pavillion, Steel Stacks -- 7:30 P.M. The Side Cars Band -- A Tribute to the Cars

645 E. 1st St., Bethlehem, Pa. 18015

September 10, 2025 -- Wednesday Unwined -- Two of a Kind (From Band of Brothers) 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Slatington Trailhead -- 101 Main St. Slatington, Pa.

Stone Lake Winery will also be present. Food Truck

Saturday -- September 13, 2025 -- Levitt Pavillion Steel Stacks -- 7:30 P.M. The Aardvarks



**EPSC EASTERN PA
SKI COUNCIL**

Charity Golf Outing – Monday, September 29, 2025, 9:00 am shotgun start, 4-person scramble format. \$125 pp includes dinner. Mainland Golf Course, 2250 Rittenhouse Road, Harleysville, PA. Need donations, sponsors, volunteers. Benefits PA Adaptive Sports, Nat'l Ski Patrol, Special Olympics, and PA Snow Sports Museum. Contact Carolyn Greenland if you are interested in getting a foursome of Ptarmigans together or in helping out. (302) 864-4120 or see www.easternpaskicouncil.org

Mediterranean Island Mosaic – October 16-27, 2025, Windstar Cruise on a 4-masted sailing yacht, 7 nights. Rome, Italy to Barcelona, Spain, 20+ going. **

2026 Winter Carnival – Sun Valley, Idaho **

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 TBD

2027 Summer Ski Trip – New Zealand & Australia - TBD

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

DAS AWKSCHT FESCHT -- Aug. 1,2,3, 2025 Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, Pa.

Sunday August 3, 2025

Join fellow Ptarmigans at the 62nd Annual Car Show on Sunday August 3, and also enjoy the CASTAWAY BAND from 2:00 -3:30 P.M.

Antique & Classic Car Show starring over 800 Antique, Classic & Sports Cars sparkling with fun-filled memories. Arts & Crafts, Beer Garden, Flea Market & lots of Food.

Cost is \$10 for Adults at the Gate. Free for Age 15 & under.

Featured Car this Year 2025 is the Chevrolet Camaro.

**PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB
SUMMER POOL PARTY
at
ERIC SCHOEPPNER'S**

Date: Saturday, August 16, 2025
Rain or Shine

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: 40 Sutton Place, Easton, PA. 18045

Cost: \$5.00 per person
Please bring along an item to share for
the "Ptarmigan Table of Shared
Treats".

Menu: Roasted Chicken, Pulled Pork BBQ



BYOB

Water and Ice will be available.

RSVP by Wednesday, August 13, 2025. Thank you in advance for being respectful of this RSVP date. An exact count is needed to make the food/water purchases on Thursday.

No Refunds after The Deadline.

Bring Along Your Own: Lawn Chair/Shade Umbrella, Sunscreen/Insect Repellent, Swimsuit/Beach Towel.

Send your check payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club to:
Mary Ann Bedics, 1664 Best Place, Bethlehem, PA, 18017

Any questions contact Mary Ann at 610-704-0582 or
maryannbedics@rcn.com

Reservation form:

Name/Names: _____

Pool Party \$5.00 per person

Attending: _____ Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Check # _____

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](#)