

Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

December 2024



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 2024

12/06 Happy Hour: Copperhead Grill 5:00 pm

12/10 General Mtg – Christopher's Columbian Home

12/13 Happy Hour: Buffalo Wild Wings 5:00 pm

12/14 Holiday Banquet - The Loft at Sawmill

12/19 Thursty Thursday – Shanty on 19th - 5:30 pm

12/19 STEM – 4:30 pm Zoom

12/20 Happy Hour: Foundations Tavern & Music 5:00 pm

12/27 Happy Hour Grove St. Pub & Grill 5:00 pm

Jan 2024

1/03 Happy Hour: Miller Ale House 5:00 pm

1/07 Blue Mtn – Group Ski Day

1/10 Happy Hour TBD

1/15 Montage – Group Day Ski

1/16 Thrusty Thursday – Leather Corner Post 5:30 pm

1/17 Happy Hour TBD

1/21 Bear Creek Ski Party/Mtg

1/24 Happy Hour TBD

Save the Date – details to follow

January 21 - Ski Party/Mtg at Bear Creek

January 15 - Ski Day at Montage

February 18 - Ski Party/Mtg Blue Mtn/Covered Bridge Inn

February 25 - Ski Day at Elk

Dec 10th General Meeting at Columbian Home 7 pm



We are so lucky to host Nick and his accordion again this year to perform at our holiday social meeting. Come for a jovial time with singing and dancing to Christmas music. And bring your cake decorating skills -- more on this when you get there!

GRINDELWALD

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February 7-15, 2025. AT COST trip \$2,550 pp dbl includes all ground transport, air, 7 nights hotel, breakfast and dinner. Trip Filled. Final payment is due. Go to ptarmiganskiclub.org for flyer with more details. Contact Carolyn Greenland at we3ski@epix.net

Ptarmigan Holiday Banquet

Saturday, December 14, 2024, 6 – 10 pm.

The Loft at Sawmill, 5630 Sullivan Trail, Easton.

Buffet Dinner, DJ & Dancing. Cost \$56 per person.

Deadline has passed. See attached flier for details.



Ski Trips 2024 - 2025:

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

Grindelwald, Switzerland

- February 7 - 15, 2025
- \$2,550 p.p. (dbl occ.)
- Contact: Carolyn Greenland at (302)864-4120 or we3ski@epix.net

See Flyer Below for details.

Editor's Notes:

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

Trips By Members

In addition to the Ptarmigan Sponsored Trip to Grindelwald, several Ptarmigan members are running trips. These trips will have non-members on them. Contact them for more information and the Trip Flyer.

Catherine Chrapacz: Kitzbühel, Austria; Jan 25 - Feb 2, 2025. \$2875 p.p. dbl/occ. Contact Catherine (610) 428-3547 or katyataz@yahoo.com. **Sold Out**

Melissa Link: Park City, Utah; Feb. 9 - 16, 2025, 7 nights at Snow Flower Condos Ski-in/Ski-out, various pricing, Southwest Air RT, Epic/IKON Lift tickets extra, \$500 due by Sept. 15. Contact Melissa Link for more information, 610-751-0332 or donnas.trips.continue@gmail.com.

Brian Nuss: Big Sky, Montana; Mar 1 - 8, 2025. \$2327 to \$2657 depending on Condo choice. Contact Brian at brianjnuss@gmail.com or 610-730-2777.

Mark Baechle: Breckenridge, Co - March 1-8, 2025
We are flying direct **non-stop** from PHL to DIA, on Southwest, and bussing to the **Ski-In/Ski-Out** Beaver Run Resort at Breckenridge, in your choice of Hotel Rooms with microwave and mini-fridge, or 2br2ba Condos with full kitchen, full living room, fireplace, balcony.
We will ski most days at **Breckendridge**, with its 189 trails on 5 peaks, and explore the town's 300+ bars, restaurants, shops, spas, and boutiques.
The trip also should include a day of skiing at **Vail**, and another day (or more) at **Keystone**. Transportation and lifts included.

Trip is full, but Mark might be able to get more spaces, if folks act soon.

Contact Mark at skipro99@gmail.com or 610-657-5825.

Vicki Morris: Sunday River, Maine, Jan. 26-31, 2025.
Includes round-trip motor coach, 5 nights lodging at Grand Summit Hotel, breakfast buffet, taxes, gratuities, refreshments on bus. Lift tickets extra.

For more information contact: Vicki Morris, 610-597-8666, vlm2378@rcn.com or Joelle Akowskey, 484-883-2049, JoelleA1@outlook.com **Trip is Full**

Membership DUES: 2024/2025 Season

Renew your membership for the 2024/2025 Season. Send your dues to: Diane Peters, 846 Parkway Rd. Allentown, Pa 18104-3338. **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, 2026

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.

Treasurer's Report

As of November 30, 2024

Checking	\$ 31,575.50
Savings	\$ 6,000.85
CD	\$ 5,297.64
Total	\$ 42,873.99

FOOD DRIVE - PTARMIGANS ARE THE BEST!

Heartfelt thanks to those of you who donated to our food drive in November. Because of you, 196 pounds of food was delivered to the Food Pantry at the Jewish Family Services. The items are distributed to the people who live in zip code 18104 and are food insecure. Here is a photo of just a small portion of the food we gave them.



Friday Happy Hours

Every Friday at 5:00 pm

12/06 Happy Hour: Copperhead Grill

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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.





Thursday, December 19, 5:30 pm,
Shanty on 19th, 613 North 19th Street, Allentown



Thursday, January 16, 5:30 pm,
Leather Corner Post Hotel Bar & Grill, 6855 Horseshoe Road, Orefield.
Good Food and Great Music. Come on out to play a Boomba!



Ptarmigan STEM Discussion Thursday Dec 19 4:30 – 6:00 pm via Zoom

Drone technology for military application, plus low orbit satellites. Guest speaker: Ralph Del Aguila.
Contact Bill Ortnor wortner@ptd.net to be added to the Zoom



Music

Contact Cindy Simoson for any questions about Music events -- (484) 515-0181.

Friday Dec. 6 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. -- Jazzy Little XMAS in Bethlehem --
Location -- Christ Church UCC -- 75 E. Market Street, Bethlehem Pa.

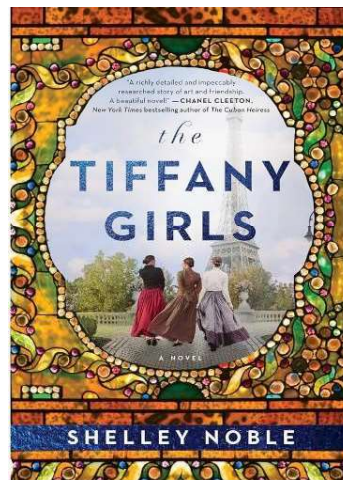
Experience XMAS Music with Jazz Pop Songstress Corinne, with Tom Kozi (Guitar) and Brian Bortz (Brass)
Free Will Offering.

Friday Dec. 20 -- 6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. -- Steel Creek Trio -- Foundation Tavern
Shepherd Hills -- 1160 S. Krocks Road, Wescosville, Pa.
Come early for Happy Hour at 5:00 pm.

BETWEEN THE COVERS Book Club

It's a BYOB and BYOF book group gathering.
Join us at our next discussion
DATE: Wednesday, December 18, 2024
TIME: Discussion will begin promptly at 4 PM
LOCATION: Mary and Ralph's
556 Parkside Court, Allentown
phone 610-737-2349 larongem@gmail.com

The Tiffany Girls
By Shelly Noble





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Skiing Perks and Benefits — DISCOUNTS tab on EPSC website for a spreadsheet of Everyday Savings, statistics, and web links at over 18 local ski areas. [Updated rates are posted.](#) Great Deals!!

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

Steamboat, CO 2024, EPSC Winter Carnival - January 25-February 1, 2025

Contact laura.m.miller1@gmail.com for more details.

Nagano & Hakuba, Japan 2025 — Feb. 21 — Mar 7 — need 1 single male

Mediterranean Island Mosaic — October 16-27, 2025, Windstar Cruise on a 4-masted sailing yacht, 7 nights. Rome, Italy to Barcelona, Spain (plus 1 night in Rome and 2 nights in Barcelona). More details and trip flier can be found at www.easternpaskicouncil.org. Still have openings.

2025 Eastern Winter Trip — Weekend at Greek Peak — Still in the works. Stay tuned for details.

2026 Winter Carnival — Sun Valley, Idaho — we need a trip leader from our club!

2026 International Trip — Grindelwald, Switzerland — Feb. 27 — Mar 7 details to be announced soon.

Skiing Happenings and Discounts



It's Here! Opening day is slated for Friday, December 6. The new guns are roaring, and the snow is beginning to pile up. Our first **Group Ski Day** is planned for Tues. **January 7**. Stay tuned for email blasts notifying all of Ptarmigan Ski Club days coming soon on snowy Tuesdays and Wednesdays.



Ski Club Discount - Club Discount \$35 for all club members, Mon-Thurs non-holiday. Must show membership card at Guest Services, 70+ Free (buy pass for \$25 and skips line for each visit). Many other discounts available. See spreadsheet for details at easternpaskicouncil.org.



Ski for All, Mon/Tues/Weds 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 for code to purchase online. College Day Discounts - \$35 Ticket + Rentals on Thursdays and Sun. Nights.



Discounts — Senior Tuesdays (65+) - \$46, College Wednesdays (Show College ID) \$46 Military Discount — show ID -\$10 off anytime Beginner discounts. See EPSC spreadsheet.

MANY other Ski Area Resort Discounts are available: Whitetail, Seven Springs, Spring Mtn., Shawnee, Liberty, Camelback, etc. See easternpaskicouncil.org "All in One Spreadsheet".

Blue Mountain Vineyards Event

More than 20 Ptarmigans attended our **Winery Event** at Blue Mountain Vineyards on Sunday, Nov. 10. The weather held up and everyone relaxed while wining and dining to music by The Reconnect. We all had a wonderful day not soon to be forgotten.



FALL Hike-N-Soup - recap

On Sunday, November 24, a large group of Ptarmigans enjoyed our annual pre-Thanksgiving event with a 4+ mile hike from Saylor Park on the Ironton Rail and ended with lots of soups and goodies at Kathy's garage party afterwards. Thank you to all of the soup makers and to Kathy for hosting yet again, a great event!





Ptarmigan Ski Club

Annual Holiday Party

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024

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 Soup Du Jour with Saltine Crackers
7:00 –8:00 pm Tossed Spring Salad with Dressing
 Rolls and Butter

Main Courses:	Roast Pork Loin	Rice Pilaf
	Chicken Marsala	Red Bliss Potatoes
	Tilapia Bella	Candied Carrots
	Vegetable Lasagna	Chef's Vegetable Medley

Special Requests Available – (let Carolyn know when sending your check)
Assorted Desserts,
Soft Drinks, Coffee, Tea, Decaf

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

Price: \$56.00 Per Person

RESERVATION DEADLINE: November 28, 2024

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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To Join or Renew Your Membership Please See the Membership Application.

[Click here to download Membership Application](#)