

Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

October 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

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10/01 Vermont 4-Pass Goes on sale

10/01 Martin Guitar Tour

10/02 Hike – Jacobsburg 5:30 pm

10/03 Thirsty Thursday – Wanderlust Beer Garden 5:30 pm

10/04 Happy Hour: Keystone Pub & Grill 5:00 pm

10/05 Oktoberfest at Bill Orner's **CANCELLED!**

10/08 General Mtg 7:00 pm - Blue Mtn Snowmaking

10/10 Biking – D&L Trail 9:30 am

10/11 Happy Hour: Grove Street Pub & Grill 5 pm

10/16 – 19 Buckman's Tent Sale 10am – 8 pm

10/17 Thursty Thursday – P.J. Whelihan's Bethlehem 5:30 pm

10/18 Happy Hour: Foundations Tavern – Music 5 pm

10/19 Hike – Lehigh Parkway 9:30 am

10/19 – 20 Blue Mt – Oktoberfest & Tent Sale 10 am

10/22 General Mtg - Sub & Movie 7:00 pm

10/25 Happy Hour: Miller Ale House 5 pm

----- Nov 2024 -----

11/01 Copperhead Grill 5:00 pm

11/01 – 2 Warren Miller Film Tour – NCCC

11/07 Walnutport Canal 10:00 am

11/12 General Meeting

11/24 Fall Hike-N-Soup

Save The Date

12/14 Holiday Banquet - The Loft at Sawmill

October 8th General Meeting & 7:00 pm

at Columbian Home Knights of Columbus

We have a very special program planned with our guest speaker, **Nick Belish, Director of Operations at Blue Mountain**, giving us a presentation about Blue Mountain's latest snowmaking upgrades. The National Ski Council Federation recently published POWDER magazine's article about Pennsylvania's Largest Ski Resort, Blue Mountain, announcing millions of snowmaking upgrades. Please plan to join us!



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. ONE OPENING FOR A SINGLE FEMALE. Go to ptarmiganskiclub.org for flyer with more details. Contact Carolyn Greenland, 302-864-4120 or we3ski@epix.net

BETWEEN THE COVERS Book Club

It's a BYOB and BYOF (if you wish) book group gathering.

Join us at our next discussion

DATE: Wednesday, October 16, 2024

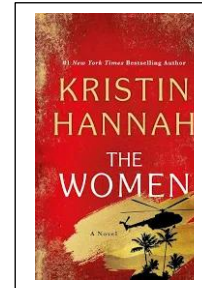
TIME: Discussion will begin promptly at 4 PM

LOCATION: Mary and Ralph's

556 Parkside Court, Allentown

phone 610-737-2349 larongem@gmail.com

The Women
By Kristin Hannah



Oktoberfest – Oct 5, 2024 – CANCELED

The party has been canceled due to injury. Checks will be destroyed on October 5 unless you contact Bill directly to make other arrangements. wortner@ptd.net.

Martin Guitar Tour and Museum

510 Sycamore St., Nazareth, PA



Date: Tuesday, October 1 Cost: \$5.00

Arrive at 11:00 am, Tour at 11:30 am.

8 people per tour

1 hour tours starting at

10 am

Also, tour the museum as long as you like! Photos allowed - no video

Closed-toed, rubber-soled shoes are recommended.

Contact Rob Metter to sign up. Phone: 484-788-2403

Email: robmetterrocks@gmail.com

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.

One Condo Left

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

Vermont 4 Pass tix go on sale online 101 Noon
4 days of skiing at nearly all Vermont ski resorts

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.

Ptarmigan will no longer accept Cash for Membership or any other Club activity. Pay by check only.

Membership Dues 2024/2025

Oct is the cutoff for discounted memberships

Check it Out! We are asking all Ptarmigans to sign up on the Meetup App. Ptarmigan Ski Club is now posting most of their events and activities. It is free to download and free to use. We need to show the public who we are so that they will want to meet up with us! We need new members and need you to represent us on the app. Hop on board so you can welcome our new members in!

<https://www.meetup.com/>



Treasurer's Report

As of September 24, 2024

Checking	\$ 25,393.35
Savings	\$ 6,000.64
CD	\$ 5,237.72
Total	\$ 36,631.71

Friday Happy Hours

Every Friday at 5:00 pm

10/04 Happy Hour: Keystone Pub & Grill 5:00 pm
10/11 Happy Hour: Grove St Pub & Grill
10/18 Happy Hour: Foundations Tavern - Music
10/25 Happy Hour: Miller Ale House
11/01 Happy Hour: 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.



**WANDERLUST
BEER GARDEN**

Thursday, October 3, 5:30 pm, Wanderlust Beer Garden, 1600 Sullivan Trail, Forks Township.



Thursday, October 17, 5:30 pm, P. J. Whelihan's Pub,
3395 High Point Blvd., Bethlehem



Ptarmigan STEM Discussion Thursday October 24th 4:30 – 6:00 pm

October STEM topic will be Hydrogen Electric vehicles.

Next month we will have a guest speaker:

Prof. John J. Rusek, P.E. Ph.D., West Point, Indiana

www.swiftenterprises.com

He will share his Fuel Cell knowledge and advocacy

We will openly discuss Hydrogen Fuel Cell powered Electric Vehicles

Contact Bill Ortner wortner@ptd.net if you would like to participate.



Hiking

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

October 2, Wednesday, 5:30-7:00 pm - Hike for Health, Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center. A brisk 2.5-3 mile hike on uneven terrain. Meet at the Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth. Bring water, wear sturdy shoes. Call/text Cindy Simoson if you are going (484) 515-0181.

October 19, Saturday, 9:30 am -Lehigh Parkway. Meet at Bogert's Bridge, 1490 Fish Hatchery Road, Allentown. Easy hike about 4 miles on flat gravel. Olga Chubarova will lead the hike. Bring lunch or snack & water. Call/text Cindy Simoson if you are going (484) 515-0181

November 7, Thursday, 10:00 am - Walnutport Canal/Slatington North, Meet at Slatington Trailhead, 101 Main St, Slatington PA for a 4 mile easy hike, pavilion, rest rooms, food truck at Slatington Trailhead. Bring lunch/snack, water. Joyce Gilmore will lead the hike. 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.

October 10, Thursday – D & L Trail - 9:30 am. Cementon to Slatington. Meet at Front Street, Whitehall, PA. Bike 18 miles on gravel/crushed stone on shaded trail along the Lehigh River. Pavilion/restrooms, food truck in Slatington. Bring lunch/snack & water. Call/text Cindy Simoson if going, (484) 515-0181.

October 26, Saturday - D & L Trail – 9:30 am - Slatington to Bowmanstown & North, Fall Foliage Ride! Meet at Slatington Trailhead, 101 Main St. Ride from Slatington past the Lehigh Gap nature Center to Bowmanstown and north. Easy ride on gravel, 15 miles with option to do more. Pavilions and restrooms at Slatington, Lehigh Gap Nature Center and Bowmanstown. Bring lunch, snack, water. Call/text Cindy Simoson if you are going (484) 515-0181.



Music

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

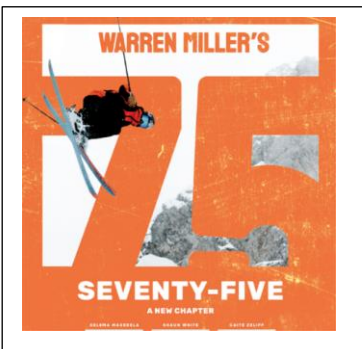
Sunday, October 13 –Flirtin’ with the Mob, North Catty Park, 1-4 pm

Saturday, November 2 – Band of Brothers – Steel Pub Bethlehem, 7-11 pm



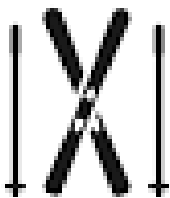
Golf

Bring your “A” Game, Grip it and Rip It every Friday at various courses around the Lehigh Valley. Limited tee times available. Contact Tom Weiser if you are interested at Weiser@ptd.net



Warren Miller's Seventy-Five

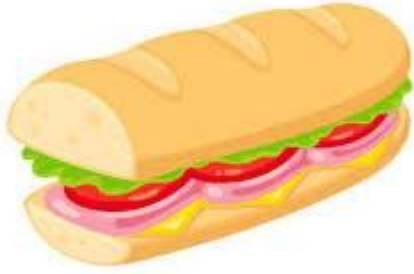
Film Tour – Northampton County Community College, Lipkin Theater, Nov. 1, 7:00 pm, Nov. 2, 3:00 pm or 7:00 pm. \$18.00 Purchase tickets online at <https://whennow.com/event/75---warren-millers-75th-film>. Ptarmigan Ski Club will have a table in the lobby. Stop by to show your support!



Ski Equipment Tent Sales

Buckman's Outdoor Tent Sale – October 16-19, 2024
Consignment Drop-off Oct 1-15. Sale Dates Oct 16-19

Blue Mountain – October 19-20, 2024, 10 am to 4 pm
True Blue Sports in the Valley Lodge.



October 22 General Meeting at Columbian Home Sub and a Movie

Contact Cindy Simoson to sign up for your hoagie selection: Tuna, Turkey, Italian, Veggie. Order forms will be available at the next meeting. Checks only – payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club. Contact Cindy to place your order 484-515-0181.



EPSC EASTERN PA SKI COUNCIL

EPSC Winter Carnival - Steamboat Springs, CO - January 25-February 1, 2025, cost approx. \$2550. Contact laura.m.miller1@gmail.com for more details.

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 easternpaskicouncil.org.

2025 Eastern Winter Trip – in the works – stay tuned for details!

2026 Winter Carnival – Sun Valley, Idaho – stayed tuned for details!

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!! COUNCIL CLUB TRIPS ADVERTISED AT COST ... CHECK THIS OUT!!! This is one of your member benefits.

Killington K-Tickets – Ski the Beast of the East at pre-season discount rates. Only available on-line through **October 17, 2024**. Go to: <https://purchase.killington.com/s/k-tickets/p/k-days-pass>



BLUE MOUNTAIN

RESORT • POCONOS

Motors on the Mountain – Wednesdays, 5:30 – 9:00 pm – a car meet for all makes and models for car lovers – some impressive vehicles. Slopeside Wing Weds. ½ price special, \$12 PBR buckets.

Oktoberfest – October 19-20 – 11 am to 5 pm Free at the Valley Lodge. Live German music, Biergarten, Hayrides, Bavarian-style food and more.

Tent Sale – October 19-20 – 10 am to 4 pm, Valley Lodge – 30-50% off past season equipment, 40% off demo equip., 30-50% off outerwear and accessories. CASHLESS!

From John Heurich:

I have been in touch with Doug from Northampton County Community College and he said we could set up a table at the Lipkin Theater lobby for the 3 showings of this year's Warren Miller movie (No Charge). I'll show up before each showing to greet anyone who might be interested in our club.

For the newsletter - Anyone wishing to join me and keep me company would be appreciated.

November 1st - 6PM

November 2nd - 2PM

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Contact me at jheurich_biz@yahoo.com

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A Blast
From
The
Past.....



PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB

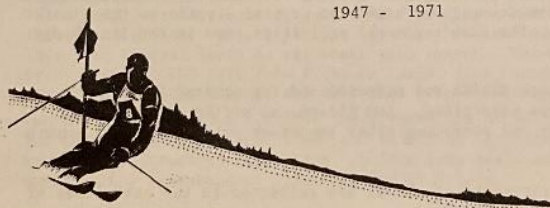
Almost two and one-half decades have passed since a small association of eleven charter members founded in Allentown the first ski club which is named after a bird in the grouse family - the Ptarmigan. Enthusiasm was great and the financial means were scarce in those days of a post-war era when army surplus clothing preceded the modern ski apparel, when the laminated hickories with ice irons like "bear traps" served instead of fiberglass composites with the latest engineering marvels of safety bindings, and when a bus excursion to the neighboring Pocono Mountains created the same deep satisfaction in skiing as a far flung trip by Jet to the remote Rocky Mountains or European Mountains today. And plenty of enthusiasm was displayed by those founders to have the "acorn grow into an oak within a year", when the new club had already attracted over one hundred members and had built a few miles out of town its own little ski resort, complete with a well-groomed slope, a motor-driven rope tow, a trained patrol and flood lights installed for night skiing which then was a feature way ahead of its time.

However, after such a promising start, the following years with their chronic absence of snow and perhaps the pressures of an economic recession took a heavy toll on enthusiasm and membership when frequently square dancing and barn parties had to be substituted for skiing. In those days of crisis the membership dwindled to a token force before a new generation of members - armed with vigor and devotion and backed by better economic and climatic conditions - put the Ptarmigans back on their skis and on the road. Schussing to a new life, the activities have become so varied and diversified in recent years that the multitude of skiing and social events offered in today's program have boosted membership, accomplishments and reputation to the present all-time high, of close to 700 members.

BEST WISHES TO THE PENNSYLVANIA SKI FEDERATION
ON THEIR SILVER ANNIVERSARY

PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB

1947 - 1971



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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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