

# **Ptarmigan Ski Club** NEWSLETTER

## **May 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

#### **May 2025**

5/02 - Happy Hour: Copperhead Grill 5:00 pm  
5/08 - Biking D&L Trail Slatington to Bowmanstown 9:30 am  
5/09 - Happy Hour: Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant 5:00 pm  
5/14 - Hike for Health at Jacobsburg, 5:30 pm  
5/15 - Thursty Thursday Retriever Brewing 5:30 pm  
5/16 - Happy Hour: Grove Street Pub & Grill 5:00 pm  
5/22 - STEM Discussion via Zoom 4:30 pm - Early Aviation  
5/23 - Foundations Tavern Live Music 5:00 pm  
5/29 - Thursty Thursday Easton Wine Project 5:30 pm  
5/30 - Happy Hour: Miller Ale House 5:00 pm  
5/31 - Hike Lehigh Parkway 9:00 am

#### **Jun 2025**

6/05 - Thursty Thursday - Stone Farm Cellars - 5:30 pm  
6/06 - Happy Hour: Jack's Slice 5:00 pm  
6/07 - Hike Plainfield Twp. Rail Trail  
6/11 - Iron Pigs Game 6:45 pm  
6/14 - Spring Fling Ortner's Acres 2:00 pm  
6/19 - Biking D&L Cove Street Trailhead 10:00 am  
6/19 - Thursty Thursday - Wanderlust Bier Garden - 5:30 pm  
6/28 - Hike Slatington South Trailhead 9:00 am

Save The Date:

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

### **Iron Pigs Game**

**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 -- Cost \$ 13  
Reservations for 20. First come, first served.

**RESERVATIONS DEADLINE: Saturday May 10, 2025**

No Signups/ Checks accepted after the Deadline.

Make checks Payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club

Send Checks to : Cindy Simoson  
192 Old Carriage Road  
Northampton, Pa. 18067

Contact Cindy for reservations, or any questions at:  
(484) 515-0181

### **Spring Fling Party**

Saturday Jun 14, 2025, 2:00 pm

Hosted by Bill Ortner

See Flyer below for details.

### **Spring Banquet Recap**

Ptarmigan's Spring Banquet was held at The Loft at Sawmill on Saturday, April 26 at 6 pm. A crowd of more than 40 enjoyed the scrumptious food and camaraderie. Scotty G had us dancing the night away. The club's MVP (Most Valuable Ptarmigan) Award was presented to Cindy Simoson for her efforts in organizing and planning so many events for the club (Ski Meet Ups, Hiking, Biking, Wineries, Baseball). Thank you, Cindy, for all of your tireless work!



MVP Award Committee: Mary Ann Bedics and Bill Ortner



**May 11, 2025**

## Ski Trips 2025 - 2026:

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

No Trips Announced yet.

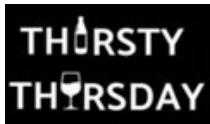
### Editor's Notes:

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.



### **Thursday, May 15 at 5:30 pm Retriever Brewing**

All furry friends are welcome in both indoor and outdoor areas. There will be a food truck. RBC allows snacks to be brought in. If you wish, bring along an appetizer to share. Retriever Brewing Company is cashless...cards only! Retriever Brewing Company, 2844 Township Line Road, Orefield, PA 18069 [www.retrieverbrewco.com](http://www.retrieverbrewco.com)



### **Thursday, May 29 at 5:30 pm, Easton Wine Project and nearby, The Blendery – Seven Sirens Brewing.**

The Lehigh Valley's first urban winery. 1247 Simon Blvd, Suite N103, Easton, PA [www.eastonwineproject.com](http://www.eastonwineproject.com) And the Sister Brewery with a second location in Easton. [www.sevensirensbeer.com](http://www.sevensirensbeer.com)

## 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

**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 31<sup>st</sup>.**

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 4/28/2025

Checking	\$3,332.61
Savings	\$6,001.38
CD	\$5,391.89
Total	\$14,725.88

## Friday Happy Hours

### **Every Friday at 5:00 pm**

5/02 – Copperhead Grill  
5/09 – Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant  
5/16 – Grove Street Pub & Grill  
5/23 – Foundations Tavern Live Music  
5/30 – Miller Ale House  
6/06 – Jack's Slice



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.



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## 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](http://easternpaskicouncil.org). Still openings available.



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

**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.

**June 7, 2025 -- Saturday -- 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 go to lunch at Widow's Tavern close by; or bring lunch, snack, & water.

Hike Leader -- Cindy Simoson. Call/TEXT Cindy, if you are going -- (484) 515-0181

**June 28, 2025 -- Saturday - 9:00 A.M. -- Walnutport Canal/ Slatington (South) Slatington Trailhead**

Meet at the Slatington Trailhead 101 Main St., Slatington, Pa  
Cross the Bridge to Walnutport & Hike South on the Towpath. Easy Hike 4 Miles on Shaded Trail;  
Flat with fine gravel & packed dirt.

Bring Lunch, snack, water. Restrooms, Pavillion, & Food Truck at Slatington Trailhead.

Hike Leader -- Cindy Simoson. Call/TEXT Cindy, 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, 2025 -- 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

**June 19, 2025 -- Thursday -- 10:00 A.M.-- D & L Trail -- Cove Road Trailhead -- Laurys Station**

Meet at Cove Road Trailhead, 5974 Cove Rd. Laury's Station PA 18059 ( off Rte.145 before Treichler/s Bridge).

Meet & Bike from Cove Road to Bowmanstown. Easy / Moderate Ride. Trail is on Gravel/ Crushed Stone. Rest Rooms, Pavillions at Slatington. L.Gap Nature Center, Bowtown. Also, Food Truck at Slatington. Bring Lunch /Snack, & water.

Bike Ride Leader -- Jeanne Weiser. Contact Jeanne, if you are going at (610) 844-2590





Ptarmigan STEM Discussion Thursday May 22, 2025, 4:30 – 6:00 pm via Zoom

Topic: Aviation: Early Development of Flight  
Discussion Leader: James Policelli, P.E.

Contact Bill Ortner [wortner@ptd.net](mailto:wortner@ptd.net) to be added to the Zoom Session.

## 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: May 21, 2025

TIME: Discussion begins promptly at 4 pm

LOCATION: Mary and Ralph's

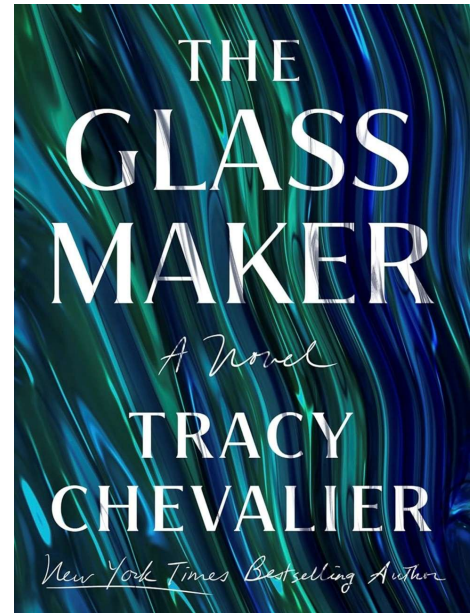
[556 Parkside Court, Allentown](#)

**The Glass Maker**  
by Tracy Chevalier

It is 1486 and Venice is a wealthy, opulent center for trade. Orsola Rosso is the eldest daughter in a family of glassblowers on Murano, the island revered for the craft. As a woman, she is not meant to work with glass—but she has the hands for it, the heart, and a vision. When her father dies, she teaches herself to make glass beads in secret, and her work supports the Rosso family fortunes.

Skipping like a stone through the centuries, in a Venice where time moves as slowly as molten glass, we follow Orsola and her family as they live through creative triumph and heartbreaking loss, from a plague devastating Venice to Continental soldiers stripping its palazzos bare, from the domination of Murano and its maestros to the transformation of the city of trade into a city of tourists. In every era, the Rosso women ensure that their work, and their bonds, endure.

Chevalier is a master of her own craft, and *The Glassmaker* is as inventive as it is spellbinding: a mesmerizing portrait of a woman, a family, and a city as everlasting as their glass. ~Amazon



# **Ptarmigan Ski Club**

## **Spring Fling**

### **Picnic 2025**

*Sat Jun 14th 2 pm (Rain or Shine)*  
*Campfire at Dusk (if no Rain)*

*Where: Ortner's Acres.*

*Donation to Club: \$15 per/person –*  
*Make check payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club*

*Includes: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chicken, Bratwurst Cooked in Beer*  
*w/Sauerkraut, Veggie Burgers, Bottled Water*  
*Beer - assorted Bottled and Mini Draft Kegs of Premium Beers*  
*Wine – an Upscale Selection*

*Bring a Covered Dish to Share: Last Names Beginning with:*  
*A-H an Appetizer/Hors d'oeuvres,*  
*I-P a Desert,*  
*Q-Z a Salad,*  
*Or ... Just Bring Your Favorite Dish*

*Also Bring a Folding Chair if you want to Sit.*

Directions: From the 15<sup>th</sup> Street exit off Route 22 proceed North on Mauch Chunk Road (Rothrock Car Dealership will be on your right). Go three (3) miles North on Mauch Chunk, at Grumpy's Tavern turn Right onto Peach Tree Road. Go in about 6 homes to 2509 Peach Tree. Look for Grey Ranch house up a steep driveway. If lost call 610 -799-2549.

Send a check payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club, by Jun 7<sup>th</sup> to:  
**Bill Ortner, 2509 Peachtree Road, Allentown, Pa 18104.**  
For more info Contact Bill: Ph: 610-799-2549 or email [wortner@ptd.net](mailto:wortner@ptd.net)

-----✂----- Spring Fling Picnic: Tear Off and Send to Bill by Jun 15<sup>th</sup> -----

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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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