

Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

January 2026



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

----- **Jan 2026** -----

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

01/06 – Group Ski Day at Blue Mt. 9:15 am 1:00 pm lunch

01/09 – Happy Hour Grove St. Pub & Grill 5:00 pm

01/14 – Group Ski Day Mantage 7:30 am

01/15 – Thursty Thursday Delizioso, 5:30 pm *need reservation*

01/16 – Happy Hour Copperhead Grill 5:00 pm

01/20 – Bear Creek Ski Party, 9:30 am ski, 1 pm lunch

01/23 – Happy Hour Miller Ale House 5:00 pm

01/30 – Happy Hour Grove St. Pub & Grill 5:00 pm

----- **Feb 2026** -----

02/06 – Happy Hour Foundations Tavern 5:00 pm

02/10 – Ski Party/Mtg. Blue Mtn 9:00 am Covered Bridge 1:00 pm

02/17 – Group Ski Day at Elk Mtn. 7:00 am

02/19 – Thursty Thursday Fogelsville Hotel 5:30 pm

need reservation

Tuesdays/Wednesdays – PSC Ski Days at Blue Mtn –
Weather/snow permitting with lunch at Blue Mtn Diner, Covered
Bridge Inn, and Slopeside at Blue. **Stay tuned to eblasts** for
details!

Save The Date – Details to Follow

March 10 – Elections/Year in Review

April 18 - Spring Banquet – Madeline's

Ptarmigan's Between the Covers Book Club

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

*Please RSVP for this particular book discussion. The author will join us! The book is available for purchase on Amazon.

RSVP to: larongem@gmail.com

DATE: Wednesday, January 21, 2026

TIME: Discussion begins promptly at 4 PM

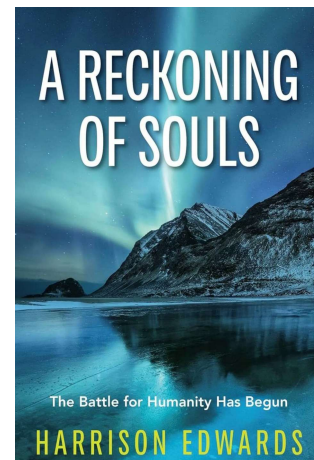
LOCATION: Mary and Ralph's, 556 Parkside Court
Allentown

A Reckoning of Souls

By Harrison Edwards

A massive explosion rips through the outdoor seating area of a popular restaurant in downtown Trondheim. Two days later, fourteen people are found dead in a church along a remote section of coastline. The souls of the victims have been ripped from their bodies. Moments later, a spirit from the Otherworlds steps through the Black Void to find the ancient relic that killed them.

On a secluded island in the Arctic Circle, a troubled man sees a world that has lost its way and feels compelled to change that. He contemplates the unthinkable, wielding the formidable power of a mysterious artifact to reshape the moral fabric of eight billion unsuspecting souls—knowing that his actions will wipe out the inhabitants of an entire city. David Skye and Jade “Epiphany” Hendrix set out to stop him and save the lives that would be lost if he were to succeed. Their efforts to do that are complicated by Kari Salverson, a dedicated police detective with the Norwegian Police Service. She believes David and Epiphany are involved in a recent string of deadly attacks and is determined to apprehend them.



**Wishing the Very Best of the Season
To All Ptarmigans, Their Families, and
Friends!**

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

Sunday River, Maine

- Jan. 25 – Jan 30, 2026
- \$949 Lodging & Bus Transportation (Lift Tickets Extra \$)
- Contact Vicki Morris 610-597-8666
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.

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 policy, please read it carefully.

Friday Happy Hours

Every Friday at 5:00 pm

- 01/02 – Happy Hour Foundations Tavern
- 01/09 – Happy Hour Grove St. Pub & Grill
- 01/16 – Happy Hour Copperhead Grill
- 01/23 – Happy Hour Miller Ale House
- 01/30 – Happy Hour Grove St. Pub & Grill
- 02/06 – Happy Hour Foundations Tavern

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



Ski Party – Bear Creek January 20, 2026, 1:00 pm

Skiing – Plan to meet at the “B” lift in front of the lodge at Bear Creek, 101 Doe Mountain Lane, Macungie at 9:30 am. Discounted \$43 lift ticket at Guest Services (w/membership card). Seniors 70+ and kids under 5 ski free (w/membership card). Lunch includes Subway Hoagies, Chips, and Salads. Price is \$5.00 per person. Cash bar is available, BYOB. Please bring something to share. Where: The Bear Den, second floor in the Bear Creek Lodge. Please mail your check payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club to: Carolyn Greenland, 681 Locust St, Coopersburg, PA 18036. Contact Carolyn at 302-864-4120 or we3ski@epix.net Deadline to reply is Friday, January 16 so we may have an accurate head-count. See you there!

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

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	\$5,056.49
Money Market	\$6,002.58
7 mo CD	\$5,488.02
Total:	\$16,547.09

As of 12/17/2025

Learn To Ski Promotion

Three students were recipients of our first Learn-To-Ski awards announced at our December 9 Holiday meeting. The award consists of a 2-hour lesson, full rental equipment including helmet, and an all-day lift ticket at Bear Creek Mountain Resort valued at \$117. We are continuing with the Learn to Ski Promotion for another month with the next awards to be announced at our Bear Creek Ski Party on January 20. Last day to enter the drawing is by January 19, 2026. See flier attached to this newsletter for an application.



NEW POLICY

Since we are meeting for **dinners** regularly on Thursty Thursdays, I'm asking everyone planning to attend to send me an email or give me a call a few days ahead of time if you plan to attend. There aren't always enough seats to accommodate our group without advance notice and reservations. Thank you! Carolyn – we3ski@epix.net



Thursday, January 15, 5:30 pm, Delizioso Italian Restaurant & Grill, 1985 Brookside Road, Macungie. Good Food at Great Prices. Contact Carolyn for a reservation with our group. 302-864-4120 or we3ski@epix.net



Thursday, February 19, 5:30 pm, Fogelsville Hotel, 7921 Main Street, Fogelsville. Great atmosphere and food. Contact Carolyn for a reservation with our group. 302-864-4120 or we3ski@epix.net



STEM meetings via ZOOM. Next Discussion Jan 22, 2026, 4:30 – 6:00

Thursday Jan 22nd Topic: Ski School Instruction Material. Presented By Gordon and Kris Yerry

Contact Bill Ortner wortner@ptd.net to be added to the Zoom Meeting.



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 DISCOUNTS! EPSC PSC Club Contact – Carolyn Greenland, we3ski@epix.net to obtain password.

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

CALENDAR OF EPSC TRIPS

2026 Winter Carnival – Sun Valley, Idaho – Jan. 31- Feb 7

2026 International Trip – Grindelwald, Switzerland – Feb. 27 – Mar 7

2026 Spring Trip – Sedona & Grand Canyon by Train – Apr 26 – May 1

2026 Summer Ski Trip - Valle Nevado, Chile - Aug 7 - 21, 2026**

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

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

2027 International Trip - Les Arc, French Alps - TBD 2027**

2027 Summer Ski Trip - New Zealand & Australia - July 29 - Aug 16, 2027**

openings – see www.easternpaskicouncil.org for fliers with details

Skiing Happenings and Discounts



The mountain is open and so are most of the trails. Mother nature cooperated with some frigid temps that enabled Blue and their new guns to really put down some awesome white stuff. Hoping to see you on our first Group Ski Day which is planned for Tues. January 6. Stay tuned for email blasts notifying all of Ptarmigan Ski Club for other ski days coming soon on snowy Tuesdays and Wednesdays.



Ski Club Discount - Club Discount \$43 for all club members, Mon-Thurs non-holiday. Friday \$50 extended day. 70+ Ski Free (buy pass for \$25 and skips line for each visit). Must show membership card at Guest Services. Many other discounts available. See spreadsheet for details at easternpaskicouncil.org.



Ski for All, Mon/Tues/Weds/Thurs 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+) - \$50,
College Wednesdays (Show College ID) \$50
Military Discount – show ID -\$10 off anytime



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.

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

Ptarmigan Ski Events

January Ski Events

Ski Day at Blue Mountain -- Tuesday January 6, 2026

Tuesday, January 6, 2026 -- 1660 Blue Mountain Drive, Palmerton. -- 9:15 A.M.

Join us for our 1st Blue Mountain Group Ski Day of the Season.! Meet up at the bottom of the Valley Lodge at 9:15 A.M. at the 6-pack lift. Look for Cindy Simoson in a Red Jacket w/ Silver Blue Helmet.

Join us for lunch later at the Covered Bridge Inn, at 1:00 P.M. 4300 Little Gap Road, Palmerton, Pa.

Call / Text Cindy (484) 515- 0181 if you are skiing, and/ or going to lunch at the Covered Bridge Inn.
(Need a Head - Count) for lunch.

Ski Day at Montage -- Wednesday January 14, 2026

Wednesday -- January 14, 2026 -- 1000 Montage Mountain Road, Scranton, Pa. Car Pool or Caravan

Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the former Allentown Towne Center Shopping Center (vacant K-Mart Store)

Parking Lot near the bank. 4701 Tilghman Street, Allentown, Pa.

Lift Ticket Prices -- Ski for All - Mon. thru Thurs. \$32 Lift & Rental w/EPSC Code.

Seniors 70 + Cost \$15 or \$ 12 w/EPSC Code & Membership Card. Must purchase in person .

See easternpaskicouncil.org for Code to Purchase Online or Can purchase at Ticket window.

Contact : Cindy Simoson at (484) 515-0181 if you are going.

February Ski events

Ski Party at Blue Mtn. -- Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 -- 1660 Blue Mountain Drive, Palmerton. Meet for skiing in the morning at 9:00 AM. at the 6 Pack Lift at the Valley Lodge. Look for Cindy Simoson in a Red Jacket w/ Silver Blue Helmet.

Ski Party Mtg./Lunch at 1:00 P.M. at Covered Bridge Inn-- 4300 Little Gap Road, Palmerton.

Can order off of the Menu. Cash Bar. Deadline for lunch is Monday Feb. 9. (Need Head-Count)
to save your seat..

Call/ TEXT Cindy Simoson (484) 515-0181 if you are skiing , and / or going to lunch at CBI.

Ski day at Elk Mountain -- Tuesday Feb. 17, 2026

Tuesday Feb. 17, 2026 -- 344 Elk Mtn. Road, Union dale, Pa. Car Pool or Caravan -- Meet at 7:00 A.M.
at the former Allentown Towne Center Shopping Center -- (vacant K-Mart Store) parking lot near the bank.
4701 Tilghman Street, Allentown.

Lift Ticket Prices-- only at Ticket Window with I.D. Senior Tuesdays -- 65 + \$50

Adults 18- 64 8 Hrs. M-Thurs. \$81

4 Hrs. M-Thurs. \$71

Discounts -- Military Discount - show ID -- \$10 off anytime

Can Purchase Online at <http://www.elkskier.com> or at Ticket Window

Contact: Cindy Simoson (484) 515-0181, if you are going.

Holiday Banquet at The Barn House Village December 5th



Thursty Thursday at the Fairgrounds Hotel December 18th



Eve B4 Eve Party at Ronnie's





TUESDAY, JAN 20, '26

BEAR CREEK SKIING AND PARTY!

Come on out and experience the re-vamped Doe Mtn!

If you want to ski in the morning, meet at the base of the "B" lift in front of the lodge at 9:30am. Discounted \$43 lift ticket available at Guest Services (bring your membership card). Seniors 70+ and kids under 5 ski free. Must show ID at Guest Services. Assorted Subway Hoagies, chips, and salads will be served in the Bear Den upstairs beginning at 1:00 pm. Cash Bar available or BYOB.

Please bring something to share. Reply deadline is by January 16 so we may have an accurate head count. Hope to see you there!

Address: 101 Doe Mountain Lane, Macungie, PA

Bear Creek Skiing and Party!

Discounted Ski Tickets

Cost \$5 includes Subway hoagies, chips, salads. Bring something to share! Cash Bar

**Meet up for Skiing at 9:30 am
Food Starts at 1:00 pm**



CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Ptarmigan Ski Club

Mail to: Carolyn Greenland
681 Locust St.,
Coopersburg, PA 18036

Questions?

Call 302-864-4120 Or
email: we3ski@epix.net

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 January 20, 2026 Ski Party at Bear Creek 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. Deadline to enter drawing is by 9 pm on Monday, January 19, 2026.



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](#)