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A non-profit organization founded in 1947 and dedicated to the promotion of all facets of skiing and other winter sports and activities for the education and enjoyment of its members.

## PTARMIGAN EVENTS

### Fall/Winter Ski & Fun Calendar

*Special Activities:*

Happy Hour - Bill Ortner 5:30pm Every Friday  
 Entertainment Books - Donna Westgate

*Calendar of Events - Post In A Visible Location:*

----- December -----			
General Meeting - Fullerton Fire Co.	7:30pm Tues	Dec 14	
Christmas Banquet - Linda Weaver	6:00pm Sat	Dec 18	
----- January -----			2005
Ski Party Blue Mt. - Noreen Reed	7:30pm Thur	Jan 6	
General Meeting - Fullerton Fire Co.	7:30pm Tues	Jan 11	
Special Olympics at Jack Frost	9am-3pm	Jan 19 & 20	
Ski Party Blue Mt. - Noreen Reed	7:30pm Thur	Jan 20	
Ski Party Blue Mt. - Noreen Reed	7:30pm Thur	Jan 27	
Bus Trip Sunday River - Bob Campbell	Jan 27 to Jan 30		
Steamboat Ski Trip - Mark Baechle	Jan 29 to Feb 5		
Heavenly Ski Trip - Donna Westgate	Jan 29 to Feb 5		
----- February -----			
Ski Party Blue Mt. - Noreen Reed	7:30pm Tues	Feb 1	
Val Di Fassa, Italy Trip - John Meyer	Feb 4 to Feb 12		
NEPSC Ski Race at Blue Mt.	Saturday	Feb 5	
General Meeting at Bear Creek Ski Area	7:30pm Tues	Feb 8	
Blue Mt. Appreciation Day 1/2 \$ all day	Wed	Feb 9	
Ski Party Blue Mt. - Noreen Reed	7:30pm Thur	Feb 10	
Park City Ski Trip - Curt Johnston	Feb 25 to Mar 5		
Eastern Ski Council Race at Blue Mt.	Feb 27		
----- March -----			
Trip Innsbruck, Austria - John Meyer	Mar 5 to Mar 13		
General Meeting - Fullerton Fire Co.	7:30pm Tues	Mar 8	
NEPSC	Mar 13		
----- April -----			
Spring Banquet - Linda Weaver	Date: TBD	Apr	

### **Ptarmigan Christmas Banquet - December 18<sup>th</sup>**

Iron Lakes Country Club

\$35/member \$40 /non-member

Cash Bar at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm

Choice of Eye Round of Beef or Broiled Haddock

Dance to the Laser Disc DJ's

Get your check by mail to Linda Weaver, PO Box 701, Richlandtown, Pa 18955, (267)243-4493 by Dec 4th or miss out on possibly one of the best Ptarmigan parties yet!

See flier at <http://www.ptarmiganskiclub.org/>

### IN MY OPINION:

110 inches of snow in the Wasatch, Brighton opened in the beginning of November, with Solitude and the others close behind. Stowe has an opening scheduled for November 19. It has been cold enough lately, in the evenings to make snow here, but alas, too warm during the day to sustain it. The shops have been having sales upon sales, EPSC has had a wonderful silent auction, as Bob Campbell will attest to. We, at Ptarmigan have raffle tickets for a three-day stay at Sugarbush for two, including room and lift tickets. The cost is \$10 per ticket, or 3 tickets for \$20. The value of the trip is \$800, not bad for a \$10 ticket. The point on what I've written thus far is simply that it is damn well near the ski season here in PA.

I really look forward to the morning I awake to find the treasured white stuff on the ground. I look forward to that first run of the season, the first spill, the first day without a spill. I enjoy the cold, always have, and what better way to spend a day than on the slopes. We have a number of trips for interested members, see our Web page and newsletter. Brian and Joe McD have a few "Hooky" days planned at Elk, which they will advise on.

At our next general meeting on December 14, the drawing for the Sugarbush Trip will be held. Along with the awarding the monies to Special Olympics, that the golf outing brought in Joe McD has a great program planned for the evening. Come dressed for a little exercise, as Joe has invited another physical fitness expert to help with our after ski exercises.

I'm sure within the next few weeks, the local mountains will begin to start making snow, and we will all be on the mountain. Linda Weaver has the annual Christmas Banquet all set up-- PLEASE reserve now, as she needs to get the info to the people at the banquet hall. The banquet is scheduled for 6pm December 18 at the Iron Lake Country Club. You can fill out the form from the November newsletter or on our Web site and send it to Linda.

I will close now, with a wish for you all, for a most Joyous Christmas, and a Happy, Healthy, Holiday Season.

God Bless---Merry Christmas.

**Art Orach, President, Ptarmigan ski club**

### Special Olympics, Ski Races, Ski Parties

Check the dates above left and mark your Calendar.

**Got e-mail? Get Your Newsletter and Get All Other Ptarmigan Updates.**

Send your eMail address to: Membership Secretary, *Nena Hayden*, at [nenakochis1@rcn.com](mailto:nenakochis1@rcn.com).

### Club Member's Sponsored Ski Trips

#### **Winter Carnival - Sunday River, ME**

January 27 - 30, 2005

\$399 (pp Double Occupancy)

**Call:** Bob Campbell (610) 258-6242

#### **Steamboat Ski/Snowboard**

January 29 - February 5, 2005

\$1060 (pp Double Occupancy)

**Call:** Mark Baechle (610) 820-9699

#### **Val Di Fassa, Italy**

February 4 - 12, 2005

\$1395 (pp Double Occupancy)

**Call:** John Meyer (610) 395-8637

#### **Park City**

February 25 - March 5, 2005

\$1215 (pp Double Occupancy)

**Call:** Curt Johnston (610) 868-4750

#### **Innsbruck, Austria**

March 5-13, 2005

\$1095 (pp Double Occupancy)

**Call:** John Meyer (610) 395-8637

#### **Heavenly (Lake Tahoe)**

January 29 - February 5, 2005

\$1160 (pp Double Occupancy)

**Call:** Donna Westgate (610) 774-4914

### Fresh Tracks

I don't know about you, but Pete Nestor's presentation of his extreme trip to Greenland certain got my blood pumping, and makes me look even more forward to the first turns of the season. Thanks to Hooky for setting that up, and putting it together with Pete.

As I'm sure you've read, we will nominate officers for the club at our December meeting; I plan to run for President, and continue to devote my time an attention to bettering this great club of ours. There are a few things that are very important to me, and that I like to focus on if elected: Membership, Fund Raising, providing more options (cross country skiing, racing, etc), retooling the newsletter, and being a bigger voice for skiing and ski clubs in the Lehigh Valley. If you have any interest in running for a position, or being involved, I implore you to come forward and make your voice heard. As Art has stated, Ray and Joe are the committee that's looking into possible candidates; please speak to them.

One last thing... the Raffle Tickets! There are still some left, and I'm happy to sell them as you need. The details are included in this newsletter... but the short story is \$10 gets you (1) ticket, \$20 gets you (3) tickets. The drawing will be held at the December 14<sup>th</sup> general meeting. Please contact me should you wish to purchase any; they make great stocking stuffers!

Happy Holidays!  
Brian Nuss, VP Ski Activities

### Ski Parties:

The ski parties will again be held at Blue Mountain. The dates are: 1/6/05, 1/20/05, 1/27/05, 2/1/05, and 2/10/05 The costs for this years parties are: \$30 for all five nights, \$10 walk-ins, and \$8 Call-aheads. The parties include soup, sandwiches and munchies.

### Ptarmigan Message board

Ptarmigans, now that the message board on the Ptarmigan Ski Club website has been closed due to hackers, please think about joining the Yahoo group before the season starts. This is a great way to stay in touch, find out about last-minute activities or ski-trips, or just exchange relevant information about club business and upcoming ski outings. If you want to join, e-mail Joe McDermott at [skiwriter03@yahoo.com](mailto:skiwriter03@yahoo.com) for an invitation. These newsgroups have worked well for other local clubs and I believe this one will help improve communication and participation for Ptarmigan events.

Thanks, Joe McDermott

### Raffle Tickets:

We're trying something a little different this year: we're raffling off a 3 night ski vacation package for two at Sugarbush! The winner is entitled to lodging for two within the Sugarbush Resort or Mad River valley area for three nights plus two 3-day lift tickets within the 2004-2005 winter season subject to availability during non-holiday times; tax and service fees are included. This package is an \$800 value!

Tickets can be purchased at the general meetings and from Brian Nuss. Ticket costs are:

(1) *ticket* = \$10

(3) *tickets* = \$20

All proceeds from this raffle go directly to your club. Please support the cause!

### PTARMIGAN CLUB SKI LESSONS

Ski lessons on Five consecutive Thursday Nights Jan 6, 13, 20, 27 & 2/4 - Starting at 7:00 PM ON SCHOOL HILL.  
Ski with the same group for FIVE weeks - Beginner, Intermediate to Expert.

<i>Reduced RATES</i>	<u>SKI</u>	<u>BOARD</u>
GROUP LESSONS	\$30	\$30
LESSONS & LIFTS	\$105	\$105
LESSONS, LIFTS & RENT	\$140	\$175

Contact Dale Gogal @ 610-767-1546 Checks payable to "Blue Mountain"

## Ptarmigan Ski Club - 2005 Membership Application

Please complete the entire form, **date, and sign** it. We look forward to participating with you in the many Club activities. Make check payable to: **Ptarmigan Ski Club** and send your check and this form to: **Nena Hayden, 1236 Main Street #1, Hellertown, Pa. 18055. I'll send your card(s) to you if you include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.** Otherwise, you can pick up your card at the monthly meetings. (If you supply an eMail address, please use UPPER CASE to avoid errors).

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Children: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsored by: \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Dues:

**Renewal Before** 10/31/04 \$16 Single, \$26 Family.

**Renewal After** 10/31/04 and **New Members** \$20 Single, \$30 Family

### Acknowledgement of Responsibility / Release of Liability:

The Ptarmigan Ski Club is a year-round sports and social club providing a variety of activities for its members. Participation in these activities can involve risk or personal injury. I fully accept and understand these risks and voluntarily assume all risks either known or not readily foreseeable. I agree to not hold the Ptarmigan Ski Club, its officers, board members, or any volunteers, liable for any accident or injury resulting from my participation in any club activity.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Adult member is responsible for each named minor and each adult must sign.

## PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB - JOIN E.P.S.C. WINTER CARNIVAL

At Sunday River, ME JAN 27-30,2005

ONLY \$399 Per Person DBL

**Eastern PA Ski Council (EPSC)** has negotiated a great package price for a super Ski excursion to Sunday River, Me. Lots of costs reductions and savings. The council represents over 40 Ski Clubs and many are participating at the WINTER CARNIVAL. Over 300 are expected to attend, Ski, Board & Party.

**JOIN US AND REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR LUAU SHIRT, BEADS AND LEIS AND, AND OH YEAH, SKIS OR BOARD. RENTALS AVAIL. AT GREAT RATES IF YOU WISH.**

### WHAT'S INCLUDED YOU ASK???

- HAGEY COACH w/video & Rest Rooms
- 3 Nites at Snow Cap Inn (w/2 Fireside Lounges & Hot Tub
- 3 Day Lift Ticket (Fri – Sun) First Tracks (7:30A) on Sunday
- 3 Day Continental Breakfast (Cereal, buns, coffee, tea)
- Fri Night Welcome Party w/Appetizers & 2 drink tickets
- Get in Free –Tango Mary's – Live Music
- Saturday Night Luau Banquet w/DJ & Dancing & Door Prizes
- Race Training on Fri. & Race On Sat.
- Non-Skier Benefits

**RESERVE NOW BY SENDING \$50.00 PER PERSON BY CHECK MADE OUT TO  
PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB**

**SEND TO: BOB CAMPBELL, 1110 BUSHKILL STREET, EASTON, PA 18042-3260;  
PHONES: 610-258-6242 AND CELL: 484-241-1159 E-MAIL: [bcampbell@enter.net](mailto:bcampbell@enter.net)**

**OTHER OPTIONS FOR 1,3,4 PER ROOM AND JRS AND SRS AVAILABLE**

**Include your Name(s), Ages, Phone number, Cell number, and e-mail.**

### **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

**ONLY \$20 (was \$30 last year)**

**Now Available**

**Can be used now!**

**Support Ptarmigan Ski Club** with this fundraiser. Save 50% on almost everything. Great savings at your favorite local merchants as well as for informal dining, carryout, local services, national values, etc. **PRICE REDUCED** from last year, **only \$20!** Same size as last year with many new additions as well as the old favorites.

Books available at ski club meetings, events, or arrangements can be made for delivery. For more info. or to order: contact **Donna Westgate** at 610-392-9200.

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 FRIDAY**  
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 Get on the Happy Hour eMail list  
 or submit suggestions. Contact  
**Bill Ortner** at [wortner@att.net](mailto:wortner@att.net) or  
 (610) 799-2549

Ptarmigan Scrap Book Photos  
 Aspen 2004



**PEOPLE TO CALL**

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Visit us at: <http://www.ptarmiganskiclub.org>  
 Better Yet: Come to Meetings at Fullerton Fire Co. Sep - Mar