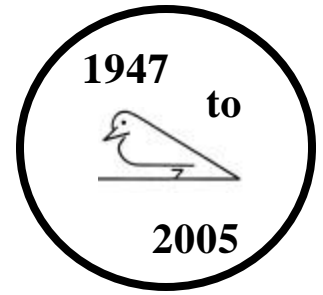


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A non-profit organization founded in 1947 and dedicated to the promotion of all facets of skiing and other winter sports and activities for the education and enjoyment of its members.

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:

----- 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
Mexican Riviera Cruise - John Meyer	8 Days: Apr 22 - 30
----- May -----	-----
Western Caribbean Cruise: Curt Johnston	May 21 - 28

Feb 8 General Meeting Will be at Bear Creek Ski Area

Ptarmigan will have the new Club Room just outside the cafeteria in the new lodge. We will get the Club Night Rate of \$10. Members must report to the Group Sales office to purchase their ticket upon arrival. Be prepared to show a membership card.

Directions from Allentown (12 miles):

Take Rt. 222 or Rt. 22 to Rt. 100 south to Macungie. Turn right onto Church Street and continue to "T". Turn left onto State Street. Continue 1/2 mile to Bear Creek.

Bear Creek Mountain boasts an elevation of 1100 feet with a 510-foot vertical rise. With 86 skiable acres, skiers have access to 17 lighted trails, 2 double chair lifts, one triple chair lift, one quad chair lift and 3 handle tows. The breakdown of trails is roughly 30% beginner, 40% intermediate and 30% expert. Enjoy great food, drinks and live music in our ski-in, ski-out full service restaurant or snuggle around our cozy outdoor fire pit.

For more info check out: <http://www.skibearcreek.com>

Fresh Tracks

It happened... it finally happened. It snowed, and it's still on the ground, and it's cold. WOW. I'm beside myself with giddy anticipation that winter – the season I just can't get enough of – is finally here. To celebrate, I took part in the first Hooky Day of the year. The "15 Below" club of nine took to Elk Mountain on January 18th and experienced a great day on the slopes. It was a rough start – we weren't sure if we'd make a full day, but eventually gave into the blue skies and beautifully maintained corduroy slopes. Sure there was a wind-chill of -15 and a Frostbite warning; it made the day that much more enjoyable. The lift lines were non-existent, and the company was great. And, to top it all off, I personally learned two things during the day: my car's external temperature gauge will register a negative temperature, and that women are like ski hats... they all feel different. Skiing: not just fun, it's also educational.

Enjoy this month's newsletter, and make sure to read it with your calendar near by. We've got another Hooky Day, more ski parties, a few races, and a General Meeting being held at the world renowned Bear Creek Lodge. Make sure you save the dates, and get out and about.

One last thing... thank you. Thanks for braving the inclement weather on January 11th to make the meeting. Mark did a great job filling in for the program portion of the night in addition to the election of new officers. Congratulations to Donna, Mark, Lisa, Nena, and Linny as your new Officers; and congratulations to Jeanne, KO and Linda as your new Board Members. I'd like to take a moment to also Thank Mary for her service as Treasurer over the past years; I've only worked with her for a short time, but have appreciated her efforts and assistance. Thanks Mary.

That's it... it's time to get out and play. See y'all at Bear Creek on the 8th!

Brian Nuss – VP Ski Activities

Ed: See page 3 for full Election results.

Club Member 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

Ski Parties: Blue Mountain - In The Sun Room

Upcoming Dates are: Tues Feb 1st and Thurs Feb 10th.

Costs for the parties: \$30 for all five nights, \$10 walk-ins, and \$8 Call-Ahead. The parties include soup, sandwiches, munchies and beverages.

Call Noreen & Dennis Reid, (610) 837-1780, nerdlr@enter.net.

Northeastern Ski Council Race: Sat Feb 5th

The Northeastern PA Ski Council will be hosting the 2005 Council Race at Blue Mountain on Saturday Feb 5, 2005. Anyone interested in competing, and sharing in the fun, please contact Brian Nuss at 610-807-3580. He has additional information and will provide answers as needed. We're looking for about 10 racers, but will take as many as we can get!

Blue Mt. Appreciation Day: Wed Feb 9th

All Day 1/2 price on Lifts, Lessons and Rentals. Free evening Party for Paramigan Members.

***Think
Snow!***

Help Promote Ptarmigan: Feb 18, 19 & 20th

Ptarmigan has been given a booth at the Home Expo in Allentown at the Fairgrounds the weekend of Feb 18th. The booth is free but we need volunteers to man (woman) the booth.

Schedule: Fri 18th 5pm to 10pm

Sat 19th 9am to 10pm

Sun 20th 11am to 5 pm

Brian Nuss and I will try to be there as much as possible but we need volunteers as well. This is a great opportunity for the Club to get publicity and public recognition, and hopefully recruit new members. Please contact either Brian, (610) 807-3580, or myself.

Art Orach (610) 419-0554

Elk Mt. Ski Days: Thurs Feb 17th, Wed Mar 2nd

When's the last time you played Hookey? ... Hookey Days for the 2005 season are as follows: Tues., Jan. 18; Thurs., Feb. 17 and Wed., March 2. Same drill as past years. Meet 7 a.m. by the Dunkin' Donuts at Kmart Shopping Center on Tilghman Street by the turnpike entrance. Carpool to Elk Mountain. We are typically on the mountain by 9:15 or 9:30 and we ski till about 3 p.m. or whenever people get tired. Please contact Joe McDermott at 610-433-3283 or skiwriter03@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Eastern Ski Pa Ski Council - Council Cup Ski Race 2005: Sun Feb 27th at Blue Mt.

Breakfast and a lunch will be served at 8am and 12 noon. The first race is at 11:00am. Tickets are \$40 and include a racing lift ticket, the race fee, breakfast & lunch and an Award Party. Those with a Seasons Pass or discount Lift Tickets will only need to pay \$10. Registration from 8:30 to 10:00 upstairs in the Vista Lodge.

For more info see: <http://www.easternpaskicouncil.org> or contact Steve Andrusiw, EPSC, at 610-831-5035

Editors Note: This is a challenging Race. Ptarmigan has not actively participated in this Race in the past; however as members of EPSC you may want to form a team (minimum team requirements are three men and one woman) and represent Ptarmigan.

If interested call Barb Hoffman (610) 264-8839

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.

Election Results: January 11th Meeting

The new Ptarmigan Leadership Team:

Officers

President: Brian Nuss
VP Skiing: Mark Baechle
VP Non-Ski: Donna Westgate
Treasurer: Linny Esterly
Membership Sec: Nena Hayden
Recording Sec: Lisa Ruffo

Board Members

Elected: Jeanne Weiser
Karen O'Brian,
Linda Weaver

Past President Board Member: Art Orach

Up to three additional Board Members may be appointed by the President.

Discount Lift Tickets Available From EPSC

Eastern Pa. Ski Council has large list of Ski Areas from which you, as a member of Ptarmigan Ski Club, can get discount voucher tickets for.

Among the areas: Big Two (JF & BB), Blue Mt., Elk Mt., Montage Mt., Bear Creek, Spring Mt., Camelback, Bromley, Gore Mt., Whiteface Mt, Killington, Pico, Okemo, Sugarbush and Jay Peak.

See the **Prepaid Voucher Order Form** in January's Newsletter or go to: www.easternpaskicouncil.org

Take advantage of their extensive voucher program. Note that for Blue Mt., please get vouchers thru Dale Gogel to get independent recognition for Ptarmigan.

Ptarmigan Email Message Board:

Stay in touch, find out about last-minute activities, ski-trips, etc. If you want to join, e-mail Joe McDermott at skiwriter03@yahoo.com for an invitation.

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.

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.

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HAPPY HOUR EVERY FRIDAY
 Come after work & join the fun!
 Get on the Happy Hour eMail list
 or submit suggestions. Contact
Bill Ortner at wortner@att.net or
 (610) 799-2549

Visit us at: <http://www.ptarmiganskiclub.org>
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