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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

Happy Hour: Bill Ortner: 5:30pm Every Friday

First Thursday at Callaghan's: Joe McDermott 6pm

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

----- February -----		
Ski Party Blue Mt: Noreen & Dennis	Feb 2	Thurs Night
NEPSC Race Blue Mt: Mary Mihalow	Feb 4	Sat Morning
Ski Trip Lake Tahoe: Mark Beachle	Feb 4-11	Sat-Sat
Ptarmigan General Meeting: Bear Creek	Feb 14	Tue 7:30p
Ski Party Blue Mt: Noreen & Dennis	Feb 16	Thurs Night
Aspen, Co: Curt Johnston	Feb 25 - Mar 3	
----- March -----		
Ski Trip Crested Butte: John Meyer	Mar 5 -12	Sun - Sun
John Lennon Musical: Donna Westgate	Mar 11	Sat 8:00a
Ptarmigan General Meeting: Fullerton	Mar 14	Tue 7:30p
Ski Whiteface Lake Placid: Brian Nuss	Mar 16-19	Thur - Sun
----- April -----		
Spring Banquet: Linda Weaver	Apr 29	Sat

### Ski Parties at Blue Mountain

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> ... Two More Parties

The parties are on a Thursday Night. Come regardless of weather - ski & party or just party!

Parties are in the upper Blue Mt. Lodge in the large club room on the first floor. If you didn't pay yet: \$8 each party if you call in advance or \$10 at the door. Parties feature hearty foods, beer, wine, & soda. Parties are in the evening with serving about 7:30 or 8:00 PM and last until we go home or they turn the lights out (whichever comes first). Send your check payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club to:

Noreen Reid, 4702 Oakwood lane, Nazareth Pa. 18064

Phone: 610-837-1780 or email: [nerdlr@enter.net](mailto:nerdlr@enter.net)

### Volunteers Needed: Social Committee

Volunteers are needed for the Social Committee to help plan summer parties, picnics, and activities... as well as to work with the Holiday Banquet and the '07 events.

Anyone interested should contact Brian Nuss at (610) 807-3580 or [president@ptarmiganskiclub.org](mailto:president@ptarmiganskiclub.org).

### Fresh Tracks:

Hey gang,

Well, spring has finally sprung... wait, what!? It's FEBRUARY! I got confused there for a minute; Mother Nature seems to be a bit off so far this ski season. Hopefully that hasn't deterred any of you from enjoying the sport we love so much.

It's been a slow start for me; however, a very exciting one. Not only did I have an opportunity to ski Whiteface the day after they got 14" of fresh snow... I was able to spend two great weekends at Montage with the folks from ASIA. What a great group of people - both on and off the slopes! I encourage all of you to learn more about the ASIA organization and the programs they have. You do not need to become an instructor to be part of the group... they offer many different programs and clinics, many different outings, and a lot of fun. Please see Ray Cope, Art Orach or myself should you have any questions about the program or group.

Just a reminder for everyone - the February meeting will be at Bear Creek. There's more information in the Newsletter... make sure you check it out, and get to the mountain early to take a few runs before we start.

We've got a few more ski parties, a few more trips, and lots of great times to come. Get out there and enjoy it!

Happy trails...

Brian Nuss, *President* - Ptarmigan Ski Club

### General Meeting Tuesday Feb 14<sup>th</sup> at Bear Creek

Attention, Ptarmigans: Remember that our Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> club meeting will be held at Bear Creek Ski Area.

Club members arriving anytime after 3 p.m. get \$12 lift tickets available at the Group Sales window in the lobby, and have use of the Club Room in the upper lodge after 6 p.m.

Those of us who have been to Bear Creek since the new lodge opened last year know what a beautiful place it is, and what great hosts the area's management has been to Ptarmigan. For those of you who haven't made it out to see the lodge, this is a great opportunity.

Remember, Bear Creek also offers \$12 all-day lift tickets to all ski club members every Wednesday.

**From Allentown (12 miles)** Take Route 222 South to Route 100 South into Macungie. Turn right onto Church Street (becomes Mountain Road) and continue 5 miles to "T". Turn left onto State Street and continue ½ mile to Bear Creek.

## Ski Trips for the '05/'06 Season

### Member Sponsored

#### **Whistler/Blackcomb B.C. Jan 21 – 28, 2006**

Contact Donna Westgate 610-774-4914

#### **Lake Tahoe Feb 4 -11, 2006**

Price: \$1098

Includes: RD Xfer from AL to Newark, RD Airfare to Reno, NV, 7 nights at Horizon Casino Hotel in South Lake Tahoe, 3 day Lift Pass, Welcome Party and more.

Contact Mark Baechle 610-820-9699

#### **Snowmass (Aspen, Co) Feb 25 – Mar 4, 2006**

Price: \$1379 pp DBL Occ at Stonebridge Inn,  
or \$1499 pp 4/condo Terracehouse Condos

Includes: RD Xfer from AL to Newark, RD Airfare Newark to Eagle Co., 7 nights lodging, 5 day interchangeable Aspen Lift Tickets, Welcome reception.

Contact Curt Johnston 610-868-4750

#### **Crested Butte Co. (Club Med) Mar 5 – 12, 2006**

Price: \$1895 Resort View, \$1950 Summit View

Includes: Club Med all inclusive, RD Airfare Phil to Gunnison, Co. Xfer Gunn. to Crested Butte, 7 day Lift Ticket, 7 nights lodging, All Meals and Snacks, Evening entertainment and open bar.

Contact: John Meyer 610-395-8637

### Big Ski Montana - 2007

For those who like to look ahead. I will be running a trip To Big Ski Montana from Feb 24th to March 3rd 2007.

Details to be announced by July 2006.

The Bear, Curt Johnston

### Election Results 2006/2007 Officers and Board

#### **Officers**

President: Brian Nuss  
Vice President Ski: Mark Baechle  
Vice President Non-Ski: Donna Westgate  
Treasurer: Linny Esterly  
Recording Secretary: Barb Stephens  
Membership Secretary: Jackie Lulewitz

#### **Elected Board Members**

Curt Johnston  
Jeanne Weiser  
Ralph DeLaquila

#### **Appointed Board Members**

Three - To Be Appointed

Congratulations to all, and welcome to Barb and Jackie!

### NORTHEASTERN PA SKI COUNCIL RACE

Come on out Saturday, February 4, 2006 and participate in the Council Race at Blue Mountain. Registration is between 7:30 and 9:00 AM. in the Club Room . Just show up and register with Mary Mihalow.

Any member of Ptarmigan 21 yrs or older can race. No experience necessary, only a desire to have fun and ski with friends. The race will begin approximately 9:30 AM and last till about noon. Beer & Awards will follow in the Club room.

Prizes are awarded for many different categories.

Call Mary Mihalow ( 610-434-4776) for details .

### Club Sponsored Trip: Lake Placid & Whiteface

March 16-19, 2006 St. Patty's Long Weekend  
\$440/person members. \$456/person non-members

Contact: Brian Nuss 610-807-3580

[powder-hound@verizon.net](mailto:powder-hound@verizon.net)

**Whiteface Mountain:** host of the '32 & '80 Winter Olympics has the greatest vertical drop in the East: 3,430 feet. Whiteface features 73 trails, accessed by 10 lifts including 1 gondola. 44% expert, 36% intermediate, 20% beginner, 97% of the area covered with snowmaking. *Ride the Cloud-splitter Gondola, New High Speed Quad, Gladed Areas & Terrain Park!*

#### **Trip Package includes:**

Roundtrip Deluxe Motor-Coach Transportation from Allentown, Full Breakfast Daily, 2 of 3 Day Lift Pass for Whiteface Olympic Mountain, Services of the on-site staff, 3 Nights Lodging at the Best Western Golden Arrow, All Taxes, Indoor Heated Pool, Hot Tub, and Full Service Health Club.

Editor's note: I skied Whiteface over Thanksgiving & Christmas, there's only one word for it – AWESOME!

### Programs For This Year's General Meetings

**Feb 14<sup>th</sup>** : Bear Creek – Ski Night

**March 14<sup>th</sup>** : Video Night. A montage of pictures and video from Ptarmigan trips, activities and ski days.

### Ptarmigan Ski Club Night at Jack Callaghan's Ale House Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>

Remember, Feb. 2 from 6 to 11 p.m. is the First Thursday Ptarmigan Ski Club Night at Jack Callaghan's Ale House on Tilghman Street in West Allentown. Buy your first drink and the second is free, and Jack offers dinner discounts to all Ptarmigans presenting a membership card.

### Spring Banquet Sat Apr 3<sup>rd</sup>: Barn House Village

The Spring Banquet is Saturday, April 29th at the Barn House Village on Airport Road in Bath (3 miles north of LV airport). Complete information will follow in the March newsletter.

## Ptarmigan Ski Club - 2006 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** 10/31/05 \$16 Single, \$26 Family.

**Renewal After** 10/31/05

**New Members** \$20 Single, \$30 Family

**Newsletter: If you provide an E-Mail address you will receive the Club Newsletter via E-Mail. If you also prefer to receive a Hardcopy (US Postal) check the Box below:**

I prefer a Hardcopy Newsletter

### 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.

## Give us Your Birthday - Help Advertise the Club - Maybe Win a Prize

Notify Al & Carol Koszi, phone 610-691-0967 or eMail [koszi@aol.com](mailto:koszi@aol.com). Give them your birth date, no year needed, just the month/day. You will be added to the list announced every morning at 6:50am and 8:20am on WAEB Radio. Your name will be mentioned as well as Ptarmigan Ski Club. Each name will be entered into WAEB's prize drawing. The winner gets a cake from the Hamilton Family Restaurant.

### Non-Ski Activities

For Details Contact: Donna Westgate, VP Non-Ski Activities 610-774-4914

#### **Discount Movie Tickets \$5.50**

**AMC TILGHMAN 8 MOVIE THEATERS, CARMIKE 16 CINEMAS.**

Send a self-addressed **stamped** envelope, your check made payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club, the number of tickets you want and to which theatre. Send to Donna Westgate, 2819 Crest Ave. North, Allentown PA 18104. Tickets will be returned to you via US mail. Plan ahead and purchase a bunch. Please include your e-mail or phone number.

#### **Broadway Debut – “Three Days of Rain” with Mega-star Julia Roberts, April 29<sup>th</sup> or June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Set in New York, *Three Days of Rain* centers on a brother, his sister (Roberts) and their childhood friend who meet to settle their parents' estate. The two fathers were long-time friends and partners in architecture; their legacy is the brilliantly daring creation, the 1960's Janeway House. A limited number of tickets have been reserved at the price of \$145, includes bus transportation and Orch or Front Mezz seats for the matinee show. To reserve your tickets, full payment is required. Please make your check payable to Ptarmigan, **specify the date** you wish to see the show (April 29 or June 3<sup>rd</sup>) and send to Donna Westgate, 2819 Crest Ave. North, Allentown, PA 18104. If you prefer to spend the day on their own, a few bus only seats are available for the cost of just \$25 per seat.

#### **Golf Passes - \$45**

With savings of \$10-\$30 every time you tee it up, using Tee Time Golf Pass two or three times will pay for itself. Tee Time members receive discounts at courses throughout Delaware, DC, Maryland, NJ, PA, NC, SC, Virginia, and WV.

Tee Time Golf Pass sells for \$50 retail. This special rate of just \$45 is only available when purchased from PTARMIGAN. To order a Golf Pass, send a check (payable to PTARMIGAN) to Donna Westgate (2819 Crest Ave North, Allentown PA 18104).

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Membership Secretary	Nena Hayden	610-838-2505	nenakochis1@rcn.com

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**Happy Hour Every Friday 5:30 pm**

Come after work & join the fun!  
 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 Email Message Board**

Stay in touch, find out about last-minute activities, ski-trips, etc.  
 Joe McDermott at [skiwriter03@yahoo.com](mailto:skiwriter03@yahoo.com) for an invitation.

**Got eMail? Get Newsletter. Get Ptarmigan Updates.** Send your eMail address to: Nena Hayden at [nenakochis1@rcn.com](mailto:nenakochis1@rcn.com).