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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

Aspen, Co: Curt Johnston	Feb 25 – Mar 3
EPSC Ski Race Blue Mt: Brian Nuss	Feb 26 Sun 8am

March

Ski Trip Crested Butte: John Meyer	Mar 5 -12 Sun – Sun
Ptarmigan General Meeting: Fullerton	Mar 14 Tue 7:30p
Ski Whiteface Lake Placid: Brian Nuss	Mar 16-19 Thur - Sun

April

Oldies Dance - Fearless: Mary Mihalow	Apr 7 Fri 8-11:30
Spring Banquet: Linda Weaver	Apr 29 Sat 6:30pm

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

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.

Programs For This Year's General Meetings

March 14th : Video Night canceled. We're working on a replacement and an e-mail update will be sent to members before the meeting

Fresh Tracks

Howdy Ptarmigans,

I think you all know by now how much I love the winter season, and that I am a huge fan of the snow that usually comes along with it. But *WOW*... what an odd season it's been! We've had one big snow storm, a couple of thunderstorms, cold spells, 60° days, and a blizzard. Not the "harsh winter" I was hoping for. I don't think Mother Nature is dealing with menopause very well! But, I've managed to make the most of it, and from what I hear, many of you have as well.

I'd like to ask for your help yet again (yea, I know... I'm a pain); we need Volunteers. The Board is looking for a few Ptarmigans to assist with the Social Activates throughout the summer months and into the 2006/07 Season. Duties will vary, and can be spelled out in more detail. If you're interested, please contact me as you can, or see me at the 3/14 meeting.

Speaking of the March meeting, it's our last one of the season. Please come out for the night, share any stories/memories you'd like, and enjoy some time with fellow Ptarmigans. I'll have information about what the Board will be up to over the summer.

Enjoy the last runs of the season!

Brian, *President* – Ptarmigan Ski Club

Thanks Noreen & Dennis for the Great Ski Parties

The last party of another great season of ski parties at Blue Mt. was enjoyed by a Club Room full of Ptarmigans Thursday Feb 16th. As always, Noreen & Denis did a fabulous job of feeding a hungry bunch after an evening of what turned out to be excellent skiing.

Thank You Noreen & Dennis! (Editor, On behalf of the entire Club Membership)

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.

Ski Trips for the '05/'06 Season

Member Sponsored

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 will be announced by July 2006.

The Bear, Curt Johnston

The February Bear Creek Meeting – Joe McDermott

The February Club meeting at Bear Creek Ski Area featured a great turn-out by about 50 Ptarmigans who enjoyed great snow conditions and sandwiches courtesy of our wonderful hosts -- all for a \$12 lift ticket. Bear Creek managers say they are going to try to stay open until April, offering some of the latest skiing in the area. Remember, every Wednesday is Club Day at Bear Creek with \$12 all-day lift tickets. Just show your membership card at the ticket window. Now that the ski parties are done for the year, is anyone up for some weekly gatherings in Macungie? Meanwhile, the March meeting program is still pending. Stay tuned to your e-mail updates, but be assured it will be something interesting to end up the season.

Killington Chalet - Trailside Rental

For Rent: Killington Chalet Trailside, ski to and from. Very comfortable rustic home with full kitchen, wood stove and playroom, sleeps eight. 50 yards from Homestretch trail with long run to Gondola base. 5 day \$1750, 2 Day (weekend) \$875. Call George 610-838-6632 for more information and available dates.

BJ's Offers Special Discount to Ptarmigan Members

1. Get \$15 Off Our \$45* Annual Membership Fee Just \$30 for the year
2. FREE Additional 3 Months of Membership
3. FREE Second Membership Card (no extra cost)!

Request applications From: Donna Westgate
(dwestgate@pplweb.com)

Applications & payments must be returned to by: 03/15/06

Spring Banquet Sat Apr 3rd: 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.

EPSC Council Cup Race

This year's Council Cup event will once again be held at Blue Mountain Ski Resort; the Race is scheduled for Sunday February 26th, 2006. The same basic format will be followed as in past years.

This year riders (snowboarders) from Council Clubs are invited to compete as teams. Until we have enough riders teams, individual riders may compete for Fastest Male and Fastest Female rider.

Start getting your teams together now; race day will be here before you know it. The race will start at 11am; breakfast and a lunch will be served at 8am and 12pm. Purchase your lift tickets at the EPSC table the day of the race. Ticket price includes a racing lift ticket, the race fee, breakfast, lunch and the Awards Party. Please make sure you purchase your ticket thru the EPSC as it helps pay for the day's events.

This year Council will present plaques to the fastest male and female riders. Trophies will be presented to fastest teams representing the various clubs. This is definitely a race for "clubs" but individual riders are welcome to participate and be recognized as cited above.

Please check the Council website (www.easternskicouncil.org) for more information and/or cancellations. Also, please feel free to contact Steve Andrusiw, the Senior Alpine Chairperson, at 610-831-5035 with any questions/concerns.

Lake Tahoe Trip Report – Mark Baechle

40 members and friends of Ptarmigan Ski Club had a very memorable week at Lake Tahoe the first full week of February.

Every day was blue sky and sunshine! People marveled at the view from Heavenly -- A desert to the right, and to the left, blue water, green trees, and purple mountains covered with white snow. Squaw reminded some of skiing in Austria -- huge wide open bowls, and daring chutes. The party back on the Paddle Wheel boat was wild, and reinforced the saying for the week: "What happens in Tahoe stays in Tahoe."

In addition to that party, we enjoyed a Welcome Party (or two), a Beach Bash, a party on the buses back from Kirkwood, and the end-of-the-week party in the 3 hot tubs. The trip was full of adventures, including a blackout in the hotel, that resulted in many members getting upgrades to bigger, better rooms at Caesars, and some rerouting in our return flights, thanks to Mother Natures 27" blizzard.

Everyone, however, returned home safely with great memories, and tons of photos.

Ptarmigan Spring Banquet

Saturday, April 29th

at

BarnHouse Village

7401 Airport Road

Bath, PA 18104

Social Hour at 6:30

Buffet Dinner at 7:30

Fruit Salad – Soup Du Jour – Tossed Salad

Beef Burgundy

Cranberry Orange Glazed Breast of Chicken

Pasta Alfredo

Red Skinned Mashed Potatoes

Green Bean and Carrot Blend

Buttered Corn

Rolls & Butter

Coffee & Tea

Assorted Dessert Buffet

Entertainment by Holiday Sounds DJ

Send check to Linda Weaver at 115 E. Johnston St., Allentown, PA 18103 by April 10th. Call for info (610) 797-5788

Name(s) of Member(s) _____ @ \$35

Name of Non-Member _____ @ \$40

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. 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 29th or June 3rd

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 3rd) 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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Dated Material - Please Expedite

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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 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 for an invitation.

Got eMail? Get Newsletter. Get Ptarmigan Updates. Send your eMail address to: Nena Hayden at nenakochis1@rcn.com.