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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

Spring/Summer Ski(?) & Fun Calendar

Happy Hour: Bill Ortner, 5:30pm Every Friday
First Thursday at Callaghan's: Joe McDermott 6pm
Volleyball Every Tuesday beginning May 2: Mary Mihalow

Calendar of Events - Post In a Visible Location:

April

First Thurs @ Callaghan's: Joe McD' Apr 6 Thurs 6pm
Oldies Dance - Fearless: Mary Mihalow Apr 7 Fri 8-11:30
Spring Banquet: Linda Weaver Apr 29 Sat 6:30pm

May

Volleyball Begins: Mary Mihalow May 2 Tues 6pm
First Thurs @ Callaghan's: Joe McD' May 4 Thurs 6pm

June

First Thurs @ Callaghan's: Joe McD' Jun 1 Thurs 6pm
Spring Fling Party - Ortner's Acres Jun 24 Sat 2pm

July

First Thurs @ Callaghan's: Joe McD' Jul 6 Thurs 6pm
Ptarmigan Picnic - Rose Garden, AL Jul 29 Saturday

Spring Banquet Sat Apr 29th

Barn House Village

7401 Airport Road, Bath, Pa

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(s) of Non-Member @ \$40

Fresh Tracks

Hi gang,

As the 2005/06 season winds down, I would like to take a moment to say THANK YOU to all the Ptarmigans, and our friends, that have helped celebrate the Winter Season and create new memories so share for years to come.

For those of you that are thinking, "See you in September," well... you're not getting off that easily! We don't quit when the weather gets warmer... we just get different equipment out of the closet, and do something else.

Speaking of stepping-up - your Club needs volunteers for the Social Committee, as well as volunteers to organize activities. Donna and Linda have done a FANTASTIC job with planning activities in the past; however, would like a little help.

Keep checking your email, the Newsletter and the website to see what's happening over the summer. Be sure not to miss out in the fun!

Thanks,
Brian, President - Ptarmigan Ski Club

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.

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

Rumor has it that Curt may also run a trip to Italy!

Stay tuned to your Ptarmigan Newsletter for details ... if the rumor is true, that is!

Volleyball Begins Tuesday May 2, 6 pm Rose Garden Allentown Enjoy the Games Enjoy Hamburgers with Carl Apres' Volley!

Experts from some of the Worlds Best Resorts are coming to North Central New Jersey area

Sunday May 7, 2006

Plan your day now! Eastern/NJ Ski Travel Shows for groups and clubs is coming to our area.

Whether your club is searching for that new destination, or just wanting an update on that favorite resort, come and meet the ski EXPERTS, who will be hosting next winter trips.

Western, Canadian, Local and European Resorts along with Tour Operators will be at the show.

Eastern Ski Travel Show: Marriott Hanover

Route 10 East of I- 287 in Whippany, NJ
A Few miles South of I-80 Exit # 39 West of I-287

Trip Leader Session 10:30 AM- 11:45 AM

Show Hours 12 Noon – 3:30 PM

Reception & Door Prizes 3:30 PM – 5PM

Registration Required: Contact Brian Nuss, President

Spring Fling Party – Saturday June 24th

Where: Ortner's Acres

There will be Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Chicken on the Grill

Bring your favorite dish or snack to share with fellow Ptarmigans – But Sign Up Now!

Donation \$6 per person

See May/June Newsletter for more details

Send check made payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club to:
Bill Ortner, 2509 Peach Tree Road, Allentown, Pa, 18104
Phone 610 799 2549

Lake Placid Trip - By: Brian Nuss

On March 16th, twelve Ptarmigans and twelve Ptarmigan friends boarded a bus for Lake Placid, NY for a weekend of skiing, fun, and one kick-ass game of Marco Polo. You see, this was the first true Ptarmigan Bus Trip in a while, and well, it had a reputation to live up to even before it started.

Now, I'll be honest, the conditions weren't that great; the weather was cold and Whiteface lived up to its alter ego of "Ice Face." The warm weather and rain of the previous weekend hindered snow-making activities, and then the cold weather caused many of the slopes to turn into sheets of ice. The mountain was making snow as we arrived, and did its best to maintain the 80% of trails that were open. Regardless of the conditions, we – at least the folks I skied with – had a blast on the slopes and enjoyed taking turns until our legs burned.

Off the mountain, there were all kinds of things to do. Our hotel, centrally located on Main Street, proved to be a great home base for the weekend: dog sled rides on the lake behind the hotel, Tiffany's bar down the hallway (which resembled a rat maze), concerts down the street, Olympic Venues within a short walk, and bars/restaurants galore just outside the door. Many of the folks shared restaurant reviews and pointed out what activities could be found around time as we met at the bar.

For me, there were a few memorable moments:

- "Marco,"
- The elevator ride that turned into a night-club after a random cell phone ring,
- Shelley saying "box,"
- Morgan Fox – the birth of a Downhiller,
- My first Magic Carpet ride,
- Snow Angels with Kathy,
- "Polo,"
- And throwing popcorn at everyone at Tiffany's.

That's just the short list (I'd hate to further incriminate the "innocent".)

All in all, I think everyone had a good time, and made the most out of the weekend. I, personally, was disappointed that we didn't sell the trip; however, felt it went very well and was *extremely* happy with the end result. I hope this trip marks the rebirth of Ptarmigan bus trips!

If anyone has any thoughts, stories or memories to share... please feel free.

Thanks, again, to all those that attended! Oh, and Happy Birthday Mom, Dad and Frank!

Brian, President

Editor - Should I say your somewhat biased Editor: Lake Placid is Home for me. I went Home and I skied Whiteface on Saturday, the 18th, and I saw several Ptarmigans skiing. However I found conditions to be very good; but then I learned to ski there and I know where to find snow when most of the mountain is Ice. Wish I had run into all of you and had the opportunity to show you the true way down – Summit to bottom Lodge, 3200 feet of vertical, no Ice!!

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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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.