

February 2007

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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 Read	Feb 1	Thurs
NEPSC Race – Mary Mihalow	Feb 3	Sat
Ski Breckenridge – Donna Westgate	Feb 3-10	Sat-Sat
Blue Mt. Ski Club Appreciation Day	Feb 7	Wed
General Meeting – Bear Creek Ski Area	Feb 13	Tues
Ski Party Blue Mt – Noreen Read	Feb 15	Thurs
Big Sky Montana – Curt Johnson	Feb 24–Mar 3	Sat-Sat
----- March -----		
General Meeting – Fullerton Fire Co.	Mar 13	Tues
Ski Killington Bus Trip – Brian Nuss	Mar 15-18	St Patty's
----- April -----		
Spring Banquet: Best Western – Curt Johnston		Apr 21

NEPSC SKI RACE AND TAIL GATE PARTY Sat Feb 3rd

Come join us for the Council Race on:

Saturday February 3, 2007 at Blue Mountain Ski Area.

Sign up is from 7:30am – 8:30am in the club room.

Race begins 10:00 am at the top of Raceway.

No experience necessary, only a desire to have some fun.

After the race is over (approx noon), the Council will sponsor a **TAIL GATE PARTY** in the parking lot for all racers and club members.

Look for a large group of people laughing and having fun.

Awards will be given out in the club room after the **PARTY**.

February General Meeting at Bear Creek

The Feb. 13 meeting will be hosted by Bear Creek Ski Area. \$12 all day lift tickets, business meeting at 8 p.m. in the club room in the main lodge.

"Carving Out Cancer" NASTAR Racing Event

Sponsored by Flying Dutchmen Ski Club. Proceeds go to "Carving Out Cancer." Place: Bear Creek Mt. Resort
Date: Wed, Feb 7, 7–9pm. Registration at 6:30pm at top of Timberline. Cost: \$5 for 2 runs or \$10 for unlimited runs
www.skibearcreek.com www.fdesc.org or Call Brian Nuss

Fresh Tracks

Howdy Ptarmigans,

Welcome to February, snow, open ski areas, and winter weather! As the lead cold-weather bird of the club, I couldn't be happier. Sure, it's a pain to warm-up the car in the morning, and wear 7 layers to work, but it's finally winter. Enjoy it for the short time it's here!

Speaking of enjoying it... let's talk about Jay Peak. WOW - what a trip! The EPSC sure knows how to run a Winter Carnival; and the seven Ptarmigans that went along sure knew how to take advantage of it. The high for the weekend was somewhere around 10° F, but it was a warm 10°. My ski buddies had fun on and off the mountain at the bar and the parties. Our race team finished 5th of 13, our legs were sore for all the right reasons, and we all have a new love of Under Armour. Our trip was further complimented by the Cincinnati Ski Club; they were there for a long weekend and joined us (crashed our party) on Friday night to add to the good time. We had a blast. High Five!

I'd like to take a moment to congratulate those nominated as the 2007-2008 Officers and Board of Directors. The field of nominees was far and wide this year, and all races for office were tight, but at the end, the following were elected:

President:	Brian Nuss
VP, Ski:	Mark Baechle
VP, Non-Ski:	Mary Laronge
Treasurer:	Lenny Esterly
Recording Secretary:	Barb Stephens
Membership Secretary:	Jackie Luluwitz
Board Members:	Curt Johnston Joe McDermott Jeanne Weiser

As President, I will appoint three additional Board Members to be part of the group. Congratulations to all!

One last thing - don't forget our meeting at Bear Creek on Tuesday February 13th! We'll again take over part of the lodge, and be able to spend some time on the slopes at Club Member prices. Make sure you could out and enjoy the fun... even if it's just to hang out for a while.

Ski ya later, Brian J. Nuss, *President* – Ptarmigan Ski Club

Bormio, Italy - Jan 20-29, 2007 - \$1285

- Trip Ran

Contact Curt Johnston

EPSC – Jay Peak – Long Weekend – Jan 25 – 28

- Trip Ran

Contact Dave Schoneker (EPSC) (215) 822-2129.

Breckenridge, Co – Jan 27 – Feb 3, 2007

- Trip Ran

Contact Mark Baechle

Breckenridge, Co – Feb 3 – 10, 2007

- Trip Leaving

Contact Donna Westgate

Big Ski Montana – Feb 24 – Mar 3, 2007

- Trip Ready To Leave

Contact Curt Johnston

Ski Killington Vermont – Mar 15 to 18, 2007

- Trip Canceled

Contact Brian Nuss

Bromio Trip Report

On Jan 30th 23 Ptarmigans embarked on a 10 day trip to explore the Italian Alps. Upon arrival at the Milan-Malepensa Airport we made our way to the Bus for a very scenic ride to Bormio.

The Hotel Larice Bianco, owned and operated by a wonderful family, was our final destination. The family and staff made our stay a memorable experience. The rooms were quite adequate. The breakfast and evening meals at the hotel were delicious.

The view of the mountain from the hotel was very impressive. All 6000 vertical feet started 2 Blocks from the front door.

Our first day of skiing was with guided by Kikko, The hotel owner's son and an ex Italian racer with many trophies. We got one to two feet of new snow (depending on altitude) the following day.

After exploring several of the valley ski areas in Bormio, we bused to St Moritz, Switzerland on Friday and found superb conditions resulting from the previous two foot dump of snow.

As a side trip many of us visited the 2000 year old Hot springs visited by the Romans.

Collectively there were about 4000 pictures taken. One person has 300+ shots of trees on the mountain road to St Moritz alone.

A great time was had by all and even the demanding skiers were happy.

Many thanks to all the participants who made this trip a wonderful experience.

We are now known as Snow Bears.

- Curt Johnston

Programs Update – Joe McDermott

Our February meeting will again be hosted by Bear Creek Ski Area, with \$12 all-day lift tickets and munchies in their lodge.

Our March meeting will recap our season and look ahead with details on the big 60th Anniversary Banquet.

Ski Parties at Blue Mt Blue Mt Club Room

Last Two Dates: Feb 1, 15 (All on Thursdays)

Cost: \$8 per party, call before noon

\$10 at the door

Contact: Noreen Reid (610) 837-1780 or nerdlr@enter.net

There will be Munchies, Veggies, Cheese and Dip, Beer, Wine, Soda, Water, Hot Soup, Bread and Sandwiches.

Blue Mountain Appreciation Day

Wed Feb 7, 2007 All Day Long

1/2 Price On Lifts - Lessons - Rentals For Ptarmigan Members With Membership Card

Free Evening Party At 8 Pm By Blue Mountain Ski Area In Appreciation For The Clubs' Support!

Update for the Spring Banquet

Date: Saturday April 21, 2007

Where: Best Western (The Old Holiday Inn)
300 Gateway Drive, Bethlehem, Pa

Time: 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM

There will be a served diner with choices to be announced.

Special meal request will be addressed.

Please email requests for the DJ to hugdebear@verizon.net or in writing to Curt Johnston, 1807 Mark Twain Cir, Bethlehem, Pa 18017 1536

Since this Ptarmigan's 60th Anniversary all past members are invited.

There is room for 80 Ptarmigan. Keep the date open.

For Sale or Rent

Blue Mountain Vouchers for Sale

Good this season only. Weekend/Holiday - Day or Twilight – Adult Price: 35.00 each

Savings of 14.00 to anyone interested in skiing the entire day. Call: Joan Dankel @ 610-770-3531.

Ski Chalet for Rent

Killington Chalet Trailside, ski to/from. Comfortable rustic home with full kitchen, wood stove, playroom, sleeps eight+, 50 yards from Homestretch trail with long run to Gondola base. House is listed but owner rents direct at net cost which saves many \$\$\$. 5 day approx \$1750, 2 Day (weekend) \$875. Call George 610-838-6632 for more information and available dates.

Non-Ski Activities

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

New York City Bus Trip and Broadway Play

**Murder Mystery Musical Comedy of the Season "CURTAINS"
Saturday, May 5th, 2007**

The bus will leave the Lehigh Service Center at 8:00AM and depart NYC at 8:00PM.

A limited number of discounted tickets have been reserved in advance for this anticipated sellout show at the cost of \$105.00, which includes bus transportation and Orchestra seats for the matinee show. To reserve your tickets, full payment is required. Please make your check payable to GOEAC, and send to Donna Westgate, GEN PL7. Seating/tickets are on a first come basis.

For those that prefer to spend the day on their own, a few bus only seats are available for the cost of just \$25 per person. Contact: Donna Westgate

Entertainment Books Valuable coupons for area merchants and restaurants – Only \$20 (\$25 regular) Contact Donna Westgate.

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.

Golf Passes - \$45 Discounts at courses throughout Delaware, DC, Maryland, NJ, PA, NC, SC, Virginia, and WV. 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 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).

Ptarmigan Ski Club – 2006/2007 Season – 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: Jackie Lulewitz, 855 Yorkshire Rd, Bethlehem, Pa 18017-3011. **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: _____ First Name: _____
Spouse: _____ Children: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
Phone(s): _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
E-mail: _____ Sponsored by: _____

Membership Dues:

- Renewal Before 10/31/06** \$16 Single, \$26 Family.
- Renewal After 10/31/06**
- 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.

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Dated Material - Please Expedite

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Social	Curt Johnston	610-868-4750	hugdebear@verizon.net
Special Olympics	Dale Gogel	610-767-1546	dalego@aol.com

<p>Happy Hour Every Friday 5:30pm 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</p>	<p>Got eMail? Get Your Newsletter Get Ptarmigan Updates Send your eMail address to: Jackie Lulewitz at rolexfj@ptd.net</p>
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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.