

**April 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:*

#### ----- April -----

Spring Banquet 60<sup>th</sup> Anv: Curt Johnston Sat 5:30pm Apr 21

#### ----- May -----

Volleyball Rose Garden: Mary Mihalow Tues 6 pm May 1

Ricketts Glen Hike: Bob Clark Sun 9 am May 6

Special Olympics Parkland: Dale Gogel Tues May 8

#### ----- June -----

Phillies vs Giants Bus Trip: Tom Weiser Sat 4:15 p Jun 2

Spring Fling Party: Bill Ortner Sat 2 pm Jun TBD

### 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spring Banquet

**Date: Saturday April 21, 2007**

Where: Best Western, 512 & 22 (The Old Holiday Inn)

Time: 5:30 pm to 11:00 pm

Cost Includes Open Bar: 5:30 to 6:30 pm plus H'orderves

Dinner at 6:30 to 8 pm Cash Bar during Dinner

Open Bar from 8 to 9 pm DJ and Dancing 8 to 11 pm

Diner choices: Chicken (\$55), Prime Rib or Salmon (\$60)

Plus choice of Rice or Baked Potato

Add \$5 for non-members.

Ptarmigan's 60th Anniversary: all past members invited.

There is only room for 80 Ptarmigan. Reserve a spot early.

Send check by Apr 13<sup>th</sup> payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club along with Names & Dinner selections to:

Curt Johnston, 1807 Mark Twain Cir, Bethlehem, Pa 18017

Ph: 610-868-4750 or email [hugdebear@verizon.net](mailto:hugdebear@verizon.net)

Still would like more suggestions for music the DJ plays.

Come help us celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and share your ski recent experiences – or tall tales of the past!

### Go Barbie!

Our own Barbara Stephens, Recording Secretary for Ptarmigan recently won the regional Rock, Paper, Scissors contest in Philadelphia. She will be competing for the National Championship next month in Las Vegas.

### Fresh Tracks Howdy y'all,

It's getting warmer outside, the snow (what little we've had) is melting, areas are closing, and everyone's looking forward to the Spring/Summer activities we all love. In fact, I just had my first bike ride of the season today and tried to plan some weekends for kayaking and camping. For me, it's all about staying active and doing the things I enjoy. That's really the whole point of it I guess. That's one of the things I love about this club – we Ptarmigans are active in so many different ways, yet share in many different activities with each other; the excitement doesn't stop just because the ski season does.

I want to thank all of you for a great season, your attendance at the meetings, and for being a part of so many of the awesome events we've hosted this past season. We took on some new members, got our name out in the community, and have made some great connections that should benefit our members well in the 2007/08 season. But, we're not done yet. The 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party is coming up on April 21<sup>st</sup>, Volleyball is right around the corner, and we're currently planning the Summer Picnic. If you have an event you'd like to organize, don't hesitate to let us know; we're happy to help promote it!

Speaking of promoting it – I'd like to thank Tim Loftus from LL Bean's Discovery School for coming to our March meeting to promote the Walk-On Adventure programs that run from the end May to the beginning of October. We're going to help Tim promote his programs and post information as we can. In the meantime, stop by the Saucon Valley store to say hi and get the most updated information. Tim is currently taking applications for Kayak instructors as well as Fly Casting instructors; if you're interested, contact Tim or visit [www.llbean.com](http://www.llbean.com) to fill-out an application.

As President, I've got to do a little business here. There are currently (3) vacant Board Positions that are vacant, and up to me to fill. I would like to select people that enjoy the club, would like to help promote it to our community, ensure the future of the club continues to grow, and would like to develop new programs and events for our general membership. These are volunteer positions; however, have been and can be quite enjoyable. If you've ever had an opinion as to how the club should function and what we should do to make it a better club, now's the time to act. If you are interested in being a part of the Board, please contact me.

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

### **Big Sky, MT – The best ski trip I've ever had – Brian Nuss**

I've been skiing for 30 years (thanks Ron & Weeg!) and have enjoyed so many great times: like when my best friend rolled into a snow fence then yelled at a guy on the lift that made fun of him, seeing Sweet Lady Jane tackle Bush in the bar at Park City, my now famous roll down Daly Bowl, and the first time I ever skied with the A-team. All of those great times, all of those memories, all of those years... all of that can't hold a candle to this trip! My return to Big Sky was anxiously anticipated; I had been there many years ago and longed to get back to the thousands and thousands of acres of skiing that seemed to be endless. This time, however, I would be surrounded by dozen's of Ptarmigans.

We had very cooperative weather which helped make the great skiing even better – fresh snow each day and over night. One highlight was coming back from Moonlight Basin on Tuesday and cruising on virgin power that felt like skiing over silk. Bumps were soft and allowed you to really feel like an all-star. The trees provided cover to get out of the falling snow, and – for me – the powder slowed me down to a comfortable speed to navigate thru the fun. Groomed runs were Heavenly and the glades were so much fun; each trail just seemed to be better than the last, and the best of the day.

The rest day took me to Yellowstone for 90+ miles of snowmobiling, sight seeing, animal watching, and the ability to be surrounded in the beauty of nature. Bald Eagles, Buffalo, Elk, and best of all... 45 minutes of hearing a wolf howl to gather his pack made for an exciting day. The highlight was seeing a Buffalo walk 8' in front of my sled on the way out of the park!

Each day got better as the week went on... mostly due to the company I kept for the week. Not only did we have so many great runs, we had so many great quotes – most of them from Tim White. The classics: "It's like trying to heard cats...", "I've worn a helmet every day I was on vacation; it must have been a great week!", "Meow!", and "I think you need to take Silver Noodle back to the condo." Tim decided to rename some of the trails, too – "Silver Noodle" and "Dead Dog" were at the top of the list. With that came an idea for naming our own mountain one day... imagine skiing on expert runs like "Buttercup" and "Runny Nose", while the beginners are navigating things like "Body Bag" and "Compound Fracture". What fun... it made the chair rides go so much more quickly.

The après highlight was drinking shots of Absolute Citron out of an icicle custom made by Chris and Sonny. Having everyone in the condo take a shot was a blast... and seeing Sonny imitate Spanky – absolutely priceless!

Friday was the day that made the trip for me though. On the snow at 9am, and off at 4:30pm! We skied Liberty Bowl as a warm-up, and decided to make that the theme for the day. We were in the trees, in the bowls, and all over the mountain. After lunch, we decided to give the Challenger Chair a try... and WOW, we're glad we did... what a great run. As the day was winding down, and we were finishing on cruisers, we decided to burn one out without stopping – what a rush! After thinking about it on the chair, we decided to time the next one... it took us 3 minutes flat to make it from top to bottom! Eat your heart out, Bill Ortner! We couldn't have ended with a better time.

I want to thank Curt for, again, organizing a great trip and making all the arrangements. And thanks to the White's, the Fries', Victoria, Ray and Jane for being my ski-mates for the week; you certainly helped make the memories something I'll carry with me forever. What a week! I think we should do it again next year!! Meow..., Brian

**Special Olympics Parkland HS Teusday May 8<sup>th</sup>** Contact Dale Gogel 610 767 1546 [dalego@aol.com](mailto:dalego@aol.com) If you can help out.

### **Ricketts Glen Hike Sunday, May 6, 2007**

Meet: Dunkin Donuts parking lot on Tilghman St. just before the Pa Turnpike entrance

Time: 0900 departure

Recommend good hiking shoes, snacks (or food for lunch), beverage(s).....good idea to have water for "the trail"

The hike is up the Glen past approximately 22 waterfalls.

Of course, the return is all 'down hill'

Get in shape for the summer non-skiing season. Hope to see all you 'hikers' there.

Weather Permitting....no hike if it's raining.

Travel time is approximately an hour and 45 minutes up the PA Turnpike, to Dallas, Pa and west for about 20 miles.

Contact: Bob Clark 610 282 4387 or [bgclark@epix.net](mailto:bgclark@epix.net).

### **Phillies Game Bus Tour**

**Saturday Evening June 2<sup>nd</sup> vs San Francisco Giants**

1st baseline infield seating.

Will this be the game Bonds breaks the record?

Bus departs Tilghman Square Shopping Center 4:15 PM.

COST:\$70.00 for bus and game bring own food and drink.

Payment by Apr 28<sup>th</sup>

Send Tom Weiser  
payment 125 Pine Street Emmaus, PA18049  
to: cell 610-462-5847 [weiser@ptd.net](mailto:weiser@ptd.net)

### **Ptarmigan Closes Blue Mt With A Tail Gate Party**

On Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> 20+ Ptarmigans helped close Blue Mt. by skiing the morning and partying away the afternoon. It was an excellent day of good skiing, good food & drink and of course good company.

Editor: Thanks to Tom Weiser for organizing things and bringing his grill.

### **Spring Fling Party Sat 2 pm Jun TBD**

More details in the May Newsletter. Bill Ortner

## Non-Ski Activities

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

### Hawaii Fri Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> to Mon Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 2007

**Three sun drenched tropical islands of Maui and Waikoloa (Kona), Hawaii! \$2100 pp double occupancy**  
**Deposit of \$350 due to reserve space Final payment due by 8/16/07 Make Checks Payable to: PPL GOEAC**

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- o United Air from Phila – Maui
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  - o Six nights accommodations at Royal Lahaina Resort, Maui
  - o Iao Valley/Lahaina/Haleakala Crater Tour & Transfers – Maui (approx 9 hour tour) \*
  - o Three nights accommodations at “World Famous” Hilton Waikoloa Village Resort on the “Big Island”
  - o Circle Island Tour & Transfers - Kona (approx 11 hour tour) \*\*
  - o Hotel/Air taxes included - Air taxes subject to change (could be an added cost if they go up)

Contact: Donna Westgate, PPL Corp. PL7, 2 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Allentown, PA 18101 [dwestgate@pplweb.com](mailto:dwestgate@pplweb.com) Ph: (610) 774-4914

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

**Discount Movie Tickets \$6.00** AMC TILGHMAN 8 MOVIE THEATERS, CARMIKE 16 CINEMAS, RAVE.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **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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**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](mailto:wortner@att.net) or (610) 799-2549

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Send your eMail address to:  
 Jackie Lulewitz at [rolexfj@ptd.net](mailto:rolexfj@ptd.net)

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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.