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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.

Calendar of Events - Post In a Visible Location:

Happy Hour: Bill Ortnier, 5:30pm Every Friday

----- **March** -----

General Meeting – Fullerton Fire Co Tues 7:30p Mar 10
Ski Hunter Mt - Mid Week: Tom Weiser Wed Mar 11 – Fri Mar 13

----- **April** -----

Spring Banquet: Curt Johnston Sat 5:30p Apr 25

General Meeting & Elections – Tues Mar 10th

Program - “Flats Derby” Bicycle Riders Info Night
How to Fix Flats and other useful Information
See Flyer below for more details.

Elections – Come, we need you to vote
Candidates to be announced at the Meeting
See ‘Election Information’ below for Positions/Duties

Thanks to Noreen & Dennis

A big thank you goes out to Noreen and Dennis Reid for the party nights at Blue Mountain.

Once again, a very good time was had by all who attended.

Blue Mt. End-of-Season Tail Gate

Join the tearful Ptarmigans for our annual end of season tail gate party at Blue Mountain. This is a BYO with a gas grill available to cook your specialty. The date will be the last Saturday or Sunday of Blue’s operation for the ski season. Further updates will be emailed

For those who plan ahead – 2010 Ski Trip

Trips on the radar for 2010 with Curt, aka the “Broken Bear”:

- Big Sky Montana looking at the first week in March, 2010 Sat to Sat
- Europe the first or second week of Feb to be decided

FRESH TRACKS

Ok, let’s be honest... the newsletter is coming out a little late this month; big deal. But, it’s not Bill’s fault this time. Sure, he’s retired and spends more time traveling than he does at home, but he still manages to get the club information out in a timely manner. This time, it’s all Curt’s fault. Yep, Curt; Curt Johnston - Curt “hug da bear” Johnston. Blame him - it’s his fault this time. “Why’s it Curt’s fault... what did he do?” you ask. Well, it’s simple – he ran another great western trip! Bill and I spent the trip enjoying everything Steamboat, CO had to offer, and, well, we didn’t really spend any time working on the newsletter. (And honestly, we wouldn’t have had it any other way.) So point that ski-gloved finger straight at Curt... then ask him about his plans for next year so you can join him.

I’ve always been a fan of the camaraderie our Club has to offer, and always promote that as one of the biggest benefits of the Club. But for some reason, the amount of camaraderie we share really hit me on the trip this year. Maybe it was because I had the chance to witness the new ski-trippers bond so well with the seasoned ski-trippers. Or because everyone always had a smile on their face when we crossed paths. Or maybe it was because I knew what was under Tim’s robe, I know better than to follow Hepler, or usually had an idea where Dolly was. Whatever it was, it was amazing experience. Hopefully you’ve experienced this feeling more than once, and look forward to feeling it again and again. If that’s not a selling point for the club, I don’t know what is!

Now, down to a little business. Our March meeting will be held in the small room of the Fullerton Fire Company on Tuesday March 10th; doors open at 7:30, meeting starts at 8pm. In addition to the “Flats Derby” program Victoria has for us, we’ll be holding *ELECTIONS*. Please be there to enjoy the evening’s program, and vote for the 2009/10 Board of Directors. Your vote counts, and helps to shape the future of our Club!

C’mon out, enjoy the program, and enjoy an evening with friends – both old and new. We’ll toast a good year... and look forward to all the summer has to offer!

See ya soon,

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

Ski Trips – 2008/2009 Season:

Season Recap:

EPSC Killington Weekend Thurs Jan 29 – Sun Feb 1

Kirchberg, Austria – 11 Days: Fri Jan 30 – Mon Feb 9

Copper Mt. Co. – Week Trip: Sat Jan 31 – Sat Feb 7

Elk Mountain – Day Trip: Fri Feb 6th

Steamboat, Co. – Week Trip: Sat Feb 21 – Sat Feb 28

Sugarbush, Vt. – Bus Trip: Fri Feb 27 – Mar 1

Upcoming Trips:

Hunter Mt, NY Mid-Wk: Wed Mar 11 – Fri Mar 13

- \$229 p/p dbl occ
- 2 Nights at Kaatskill Mountain Club
- Includes Lift Tickets for Wed Afternoon and All Day Thursday & Friday
- We'll Car Pool to get there
- Contact Tom Weiser 610-462-5847 weiser@ptd.net

Elk Mt. Trip Report – Friday Feb 6th

What the %#@& does that mean, you ask?

Well a group of very cold, yet wide grinning, Ptarmigans had one of the best ski condition days we have ever experienced in the Keystone State. Sandy, Scott & Scott, Joe, Tom, Ernie, Barb, Cully and I did not a few turns at Elk Mountain this past Friday on what turned out to be a bright, crisp, beautiful winter's day.

The folks in the know at Elk had laid down about 3" to 4" of man-made white gold on Tunkhannock and it was truly milky and creamy (like the candy bar we all know) – an absolute dream to ski. Not to mention Wyalusing, Slalom, Tobyhanna, Seneca, et. al. We also had, with Barb and Cully, our personal Elk Mountain hosts, to tour us around the mountain – what a life!

The only dubious news we had to process on the trip was Ernie complaining that he doesn't have enough time in retirement to plan trips with that RV he invested in last year. Hey Ernie, let us know when you want to stop whining and we will begin to take you more seriously....not!!

After completing our schussing we hit the lounge at Elk for a few cold brews prior to riding off into the sunset with many happy thoughts from the day. And we all lived happily ever after except Ernie, because he is just too darn busy figuring out how to spend his free time!

Cheers, Sonny (aka Dave Schnitzler, VP Skiing)

Tee Time Golf Pass: Only 49.95

To order a Golf Pass, send a check and a self addressed stamped envelope to, Donna Westgate, 2819 Crest Ave North, Allentown PA 18104. Passes may be used once or repeatedly at certain courses. The pass expires when the golf courses close at the end of 2009.

2009 PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB VOUCHER PROGRAMS

EZ-SLOPE AVAILABLE TILL END OF SEASON

| Blue Mountain <i>EZ-SLOPE</i> | Brochure Price | EZ Slope Pass Cost |
|--|----------------|--------------------|
| Weekday All Day/Night Lift (8:30 AM - 10 PM) | \$ 52.00 | \$ 33.00 |
| Weekday Night Lift (4 PM – 10 PM) | \$ 32.00 | \$ 25.00 |
| Weekend All Day/Night Lift (7:30 AM - 10 PM) (Holiday) | \$ 59.00 | \$ 41.00 |
| Weekend Night Lift (4 PM – 10 PM) (Holiday) | \$ 34.00 | \$ 25.00 |
| Tubing Weekdays (non-holiday 4-10pm) | \$ 21.00 | \$ 15.00 |
| Tubing Weekend | \$ 28.00 | \$ 22.00 |

LIST - WEEK DAY DAY \$ 43 - Halfday \$37 - NIGHT \$ 32 YOUTH \$ 34 / \$ 32
-WEEKEND DAY \$52 - Halfday \$45 - NIGHT \$ 34(Sat) \$ 22(Sun) YOUTH \$ 36/34/22
SENIOR (65+) \$10 OFF DISCOUNT ALL LIFTS AT TICKET WINDOW

CHECK \$10 OFF SPECIALS– Mon-Men / Tue-Business card / Wed-Ladies/ Thurs–SKI CLUB / Mon to Fri-College ID

ONCE ACTIVATED TICKET IS GOOD ALL DAY 7:30 AM–10 PM FOR THAT DAY ONLY!

6 PACKS ARE NOW GOOD ALL 7 DAYS A WEEK TILL END OF SEASON

Buy your Blue Mt. 2009-2010 season pass NOW and use it for the remainder of this season!
Until April 1, 2009 you can buy next year's season pass at this year's "Early Bird" special price.

2009 - 2010 Season Pass Prices (until 4-1-09)

Adult All Days - \$475 Adult Weekdays - \$345 Student All Days - \$369 (ID and under 22)

CALLING ALL RIDERS!!

You may be thinking: "It's too early to think about cycling!", but I say, it's never too early to ponder the climbs, descents, races and leisure rides that will consume your Spring, Summer and Fall, being the truly avid rider that you are, (or intend to be!!)

I propose that you think about the following when you are waiting in line for the next lift, or taking a ride up on the chair in between some fabulous ski runs this season:

-What shape is my bike in for the upcoming season?
-Do I know how to change a flat tire?
-If I'm in a race, (or trying to keep up with my ride group), how fast can I change that flat?
Hmmm???



If these questions keep you up at night, then come out to our next Ski Club meeting!

MARCH 10TH, 7:30PM AT FULLERTON FIRE CO.



THE PLAN IS TO TEACH YOU A FEW THINGS ABOUT THE ART OF *FIXING A FLAT*, AND FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO CLAIM TO BE WELL VERSED; WE WILL CHALLENGE YOUR SKILLS IN THE FIRST EVER "FLATS DERBY", (BETTING IS OPTIONAL!)



LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!



ELECTIONS INFORMATION:

Below is an overview of the Ptarmigan Ski Club's Board of Director positions. This information is being made available for any member in good standing who wishes to run for, or be nominated for, a position at the time of Elections. This is a high-level overview of each position, and includes generally the responsibilities of that position. Please note, each position is available to run for each year, and will be decided by vote each year.

If you wish to obtain any additional information, please consult an existing Board Member. Additionally, should you wish to be nominated for a position, please advise the Board of Directors prior to the Elections. Nominations will be taken at any time prior to the membership voting.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

"Club Officers" include the positions of:

- President
- Vice President – Ski Activities
- Vice President – Non-Ski Activities
- Treasurer
- Membership Secretary
- Recording Secretary

"Board Members" include:

- The Past President
- Three (3) members in good standing elected by the General Membership
- Three (3) members in good standing appointed by the President

The "Board of Directors" include:

- The Club Officers (6)
- The Board Members (7)

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

PRESIDENT

The President shall be the CEO of the Club, and shall preside at all Club and Board of Directors (BOD) meetings. The President shall also be ex-officio member of all committees except the nomination committee. Except as otherwise provided in the By-laws, the President shall appoint the chairperson of all committees and shall be required to make an annual "State of the Club" report at the last regular meeting (or at another appropriate time such as the annual banquet).

Additional tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Schedule and preside over all BOD Meetings;
- Create, with the assistance of the Treasurer, an operating budget for the upcoming year
- Complete, with the assistance of the BOD, a full schedule-of-events for the upcoming year;
- Manage the overall operation of the Club, and ensure the Club is progressing in the planned direction;
- Promote and represent the Club to the best of your abilities at all times.

VICE PRESIDENT – SKI ACTIVITIES

The Vice President – Ski Activities (VP Ski) shall support the President at all Club and BOD meetings. Should the President be unavailable to preside over a Club or BOD meeting, the VP Ski shall lead the meeting, and debrief the President as to the outcome at the earliest possible occasion. The VP Ski shall organize all "ski" activities to ensure there are no conflicts on the Club's activities calendar.

Additional tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Support the President as required;
- Coordinate "ski" activities to ensure best use of time and resources;
- Plan ski activities for the benefit of Club members;
- Participate, as you are able, in Eastern PA Ski Council activities and meetings;
- Contribute to the overall operation of the Club;
- Promote and represent the Club to the best of your abilities at all times.

VICE PRESIDENT – NON-SKI ACTIVITIES

The Vice President – Non-Ski Activities (VP Non-Ski) shall support the President at all Club and BOD meetings. Should the President be unavailable to preside over a Club or BOD meeting, the VP Non-Ski shall lead the meeting, and debrief the President as to the outcome at the earliest possible occasion. The VP Non-Ski shall organize all “non-ski” activities to ensure there are no conflicts on the Club’s activities calendar.

Additional tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Support the President as required;
- Coordinate all “non-ski” activities to ensure best use of time and resources;
- Plan non-ski activities for the benefit of Club members;
- Contribute to the overall operation of the Club;
- Promote and represent the Club to the best of your abilities at all times.

TREASURER

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial monitoring and well being of the Club. The Treasurer is responsible for the maintenance of the Club’s checking and savings accounts, reconciliation of the Club’s bank account records with the monthly statements, and maintenance of individual financial records for each Club activity that involves income or expenses to the Club. The Treasurer shall prepare an annual profit/loss statement, and Federal Tax Return documentation, for the fiscal year during which he/she held the office. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the overall financial well being of the Club.

Additional tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Monitor all financial transactions of the Club;
- Promptly pay all approved Club expenses;
- Provide the President and BOD with updated financial records prior to each BOD meeting;
- Satisfy chairperson check requests as needed;
- Ensure the healthy financial wellbeing of the Club at all times.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

The Membership Secretary shall be responsible for tracking the membership (past and current) of the Club. The Membership Secretary keep track of member information, shall updates with necessary BOD personnel, and ensure accuracy – to the best of your ability – of membership information. Membership Secretary shall collect all membership dues in a timely manner and distribute membership cards, in a timely manner. Membership Secretary shall be the holder of the membership cards and stamp.

Additional tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Provide monthly updates to the Membership List;
- Keep documentation on those wishing to receive hard copy newsletters, electronic copy newsletters, and which activities a member would participate in;
- Correspond with Newsletter Editor and Webmaster to ensure member contact information is current;
- Provide updates as to membership demographics and total headcount for Club reporting and marketing purposes.

RECORDING SECRETARY

The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for documenting all General and BOD meeting minutes for distribution to the President and BOD, as well as and any member that requests information. The Recording Secretary shall keep electronic copies of all meeting minutes and shall distribute all meeting minutes as soon as possible after meeting to the President and BOD.

Additional tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Attend and document all BOD meetings;
- Document “business” portion of all General Meetings;
- Provide, in a timely manner, electronic copies of meeting minutes to the President and BOD.
- Be prepared to review past meeting minutes to clarify issues and further document procedures and information.

BOARD MEMBER

Those classified as “Board Members” consist of seven people: the past President, three members elected by the Club members at the time of Elections, and three members appointed by the President post election. The Board Members shall be representatives of the Club and shall attend BOD and General Meetings.

Additional tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Chair various committees;
- Plan and/or participate in various Club functions;
- Cultivate membership interest in the BOD and work to identify potential successors in order to keep the Club’s “management” fresh.
- Represent and promote the Club to the best of your abilities.

PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2009

BEST WESTERN
300 GATEWAY DRIVE (ROUTES 22 & 512)
BETHLEHEM, PA
610-866-5800

5:30 to 11:00 Cash Bar
5:30 to 6:30 Hot Hors d'oeuvres
6:30 to 8:00 Dinner
8:00 to 11:00 DJ and Dancing

DINNER MENU

FIRST COURSE: Caesar Salad with Toasted Pine Nuts, Rolls and Butter

DINNER ENTRÉE CHOICES:

PRIME RIB OF BEEF (\$48.00)

(Queen Cut) Roasted with Crushed Herbs and served with Au Jus

GRILLED FILET OF SALMON (\$47.00)

Grilled and served over Spinach with a Citrus and Cilantro Sauce

CHICKEN CORDON BLEU (\$44.00)

Breast of Chicken stuffed with Smoked Ham and Baby Swiss, topped with Sherry Sauce

DINNER ACCOMPANIMENTS:

Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes, Broccoli Spears Polonaise

DESSERT: Triple Chocolate Cake, Coffee and Tea Service

Make your reservations on or before April 17, 2009 by sending this form to Mary Ann Bedics, 1664 Best Place, Bethlehem, PA, 18017, maryannbedics@rcn.com, 610-868-8008. Make checks payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club. (Add \$5.00 for non-members.)

Name: _____ Beef Salmon Chicken

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PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB – 2008/2009 Membership Application

Please complete this entire form including the date and your signature. Checks should be made payable to **Ptarmigan Ski Club**. Once completed, send form with payment and a self addressed stamped envelope to: Jackie Lulewitz, 855 Yorkshire Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017. Otherwise, you can pick-up your card(s) at our monthly meetings. (If you supply an email address, please use UPPERCASE to avoid errors.)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
 Spouse: _____ Children: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____
 Phone: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email: _____ Sponsored By: _____

Membership Dues:

New Members & Renewal After 10/31/08: \$20/Single, \$30/Family **Renewal Before 10/31/08:** \$16/Single, \$26 Family

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 and personal injury. I fully accept and understand these risks and voluntarily assume all risks either known or not readily foreseeable. I agree not to 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. Each adult must sign.

Preferred Newsletter Format: Email (PDF File) Hard Copy (via US Mail)

Demographic Information:

Sex: Male Female Age: _____

Marital Status: Single Married Divorced Other

Social Capital: _____
 (i.e.: what you bring with you and who you are – florist, plumber, kennel, etc)



How often do you ski each year?

< 10 times 10-20 times 20-30 times > 30 times

Where do you like to ski?

Locally New England Western US Canada Europe Other

Additional activities you're interested in:

Downhill Skiing Week-long Trips Boating Golf
 Cross Country Skiing Midweek Trips Hiking Other: _____
 Snowboarding Weekend Trips Biking
 Racing (competitive/fun) Bus Trips Volleyball
 Rollerblading Picnics Happy Hour

Activities I will help with:

Membership Publicity/Advertising Summer Picnics Website
 Newsletter Special Olympics Banquet/Parties Other...
 Programs Organizing Trips Hospitality

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