

May/June 2009

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Visit our web site at <http://www.ptarmiganskiclub.org>

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 Ortner, 5:30pm Every Friday
Volleyball, Allentown Rose Garden, every Tuesday beginning May 5th.

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Hike Rickett's Glen: Bob Clark	Sat 8:30a	May 16
----- June -----	-----	-----
Spring Fling Picnic: Bill Ortner	Sat 2 p	Jun 13
----- July -----	-----	-----
Ptarmigan Picnic: Curt Johnston	Sat 1 p	Jul 11

Fresh Tracks



Howdy gang,

Well, I guess it's official... my season's over. I played in my first beach volleyball tournament of the season, have mowed the grass a few times, and attended a "put-away party" hosted by some friends I made thru the ASIA program. The roof box is in the shed, and there's no more ski equipment strewn about the infamous room-of-sports. Hell... I'm sitting here writing this article with the window open! I guess it's time to let it go, and bask in the warmth of the springtime sunshine. I guess reading thru the dozens of ski area marketing magazines I picked up at a recent ski travel show will help me pass the time. Toss in a comfy chair in the back yard, a cold beer, and a pair of sunglasses... maybe I can get by. We'll see.

The Club has put away the winter clothing, too. Our warm knit hat has been traded for a more-sporty ball cap with a nice brim to keep the sun out of our eyes while we bike, hike, volleyball and picnic. Make sure to check-out the calendar of events section for upcoming dates for the Spring Fling, Summer Picnic, and the Pig Roast... and whatever other events the Board can come up with.

BIG THANKS to Mary Ann Bedics for organizing a TERRIFIC Spring Banquet! For those of you that missed it, you missed a great night of dancing, great food, and - of course - Jeanne Weiser's air guitar performance. As tradition has it, we also announced the Club Award recipients. Congratulations to:

Denny Graver -	Harold C. Barette Memorial Award for Continuous Service
Victoria Perity -	Fred Cobi Outstanding Contribution Award
Tom Weiser -	Larry Nuesslein Award for Leadership
Brian Nuss -	"Buz" Griffith Loyalty Award

Congrats to Denny, Victoria and Tom! The awards are well deserved for you continued service & loyalty to the club - keep up the great work!

Enjoy the warm weather gang! And, if you need a place to ponder the white stuff, c'mon over... and bring some beer!

Ski ya, Brian J. Nuss, *President* - Ptarmigan Ski Club

Hike Rickett's Glen - Sat May 16th

Destination: Rickett's Glen State Park

Date: Sat. May 17th, with a rain date the next day.

Plan to meet at 0830 at the K-Mart parking lot on Tilghman St. Departure at 0900 Travel time (one way) about 1.75 hrs.

Plan to picnic, grill, etc. after the hike at the picnic grove by the lake. Much like we did 2 years ago; when we had 26 Ptarmigans present.

More details later.

Contact: Bob Clark, 610-282-4387 bgclark@epix.net

Ptarmigan Spring Fling - Frühlingsfest Picnic

Sat Jun 13th 2 pm (rain or shine)

Campfire at Dusk (if no rain)

Where: Ortner's Acres.

\$9 Donation per Person

Includes: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chicken, Bratwurst Cooked in Beer w/Sauerkraut, Veggie Burgers, Wine, Soda, Bottled Water and Beer (assorted draft mini kegs)

Bring a Covered Dish to Share: Last Name Beginning with A-H Bring a Salad, I-P a Desert and Q-Z an Appetizer/Hors d'oeuvres

Also Bring a Folding Chair if want to Sit

Contact Bill Ortner: Ph. 610 799 2549 wortner@att.net

Send Check by Jun 9th made to Ptarmigan Ski Club to Mary Ann Bedics, 1664 Best Place, Bethlehem, Pa 18017

SUMMER BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Host
May 14 th	Mary Ann Bedic
June 11 th	David Schnitzler
July 9 th	Kris & Gordon Yerry
August 13 th	Jeanne & Tom Weiser

All meetings are held from 7pm to 9pm and used to discuss various club issues. Should you have any thoughts/suggestions as to potential topics the Board should discuss, please contact Brian Nuss at powderhound@verizon.net or 610-807-3580

Vermont Lakefront Cabin Rental

Rustic cabin on Chipman Lake VT for rent. Use of dock & rowboat included. Large great room, kitchen, 3BR, 1BA. Call for details; Jim Juckett 610-837-7532

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. Passes expire at the end of the 2009 season.

Costa Rica - 10 day Trip

Dates: Thurs, Nov 5th to Sat, Nov 14th, 2009

Only: \$1,862 pp (double occ.)

Includes:

- o Round trip Air from Newark to San Jose & Back
- o Round Trip *Transfer Airport/Hotels – San Jose
- o Nine nights accommodations at:
 - Royal Corin Resort (2 nights)
 - Bahia Azul Condominiums (5 nights)
 - Hotel Bougainvillea (2 nights)
- o Guided Morning Rainforest Hike at Arenal Observatory
- o Eco Termales Hot Springs (thermal waters)
- o Guided Morning Rainforest Hike at Carara National Park
- o Jungle River Cruise on the Tarcoles River
- o Guided Rainforest Tram/Canopy Tour with Zip-lining back down.
- o Poas Volcano, La Paz Waterfall Garden, and Doka Coffee Plantation Tour
- o 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 1 dinner per person.
- o English speaking tour guide coordinator with us the whole trip
- o Hotel/Air taxes included - (Costa Rica departure tax not included, approx \$27)

* All transportation will take place on a 50 passenger modern bus with a driver that stays with us the whole time.

For more information contact: Donna Westgate PPL Corp. PL7 2 North 9th St Allentown, PA 18101
dwestgate@pplweb.com office phone (610) 774-4914

Costa Rica

Deposit of \$350 now (to reserve space)
Second deposit of \$350 due 6/01/09
Final payment (balance) due 9/01/09
Make Checks Payable to: PPL GOEAC



The Annual Banquet Dave's Girls

A Bike and Boat Day

Jeanne Weiser is planning a Saturday Bike & Boat outing trip in August or September, exact date TDB.

Begin at Canal Park in Allentown with a program intro and canoe safety briefing, then move to the river where we paddle 4.5 miles to Sand Island in Bethlehem. At Sand Island, we switch from canoes to bikes, and then enjoy a leisurely bike ride back to Allentown along the canal's tow path.

Canoes, Personal flotation devices (PFD's), paddles, bikes, and helmets are provided. We also have certified safety Instructors and Wildlife Conservancy Naturalists that accompany every group. Trip time frame is approximately 4 hours; cost is \$30/participant.

Let her know if you're interested.

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Directions: From the 15th Street exit off Route 22 proceed North on Mauch Chunk Road (Rothrock Car Dealership will be on your right). Go Three (3) miles North on Mauch Chunk, at Grumpy's Tavern turn Right onto Peach Tree Road. Go in about 6 homes to 2509 Peach Tree. Look for Grey Ranch house up a steep driveway. If lost call 610 799 2549.

Contact Bill Ortner for more details: Ph. 610 799 2549 or wortner@att.net.

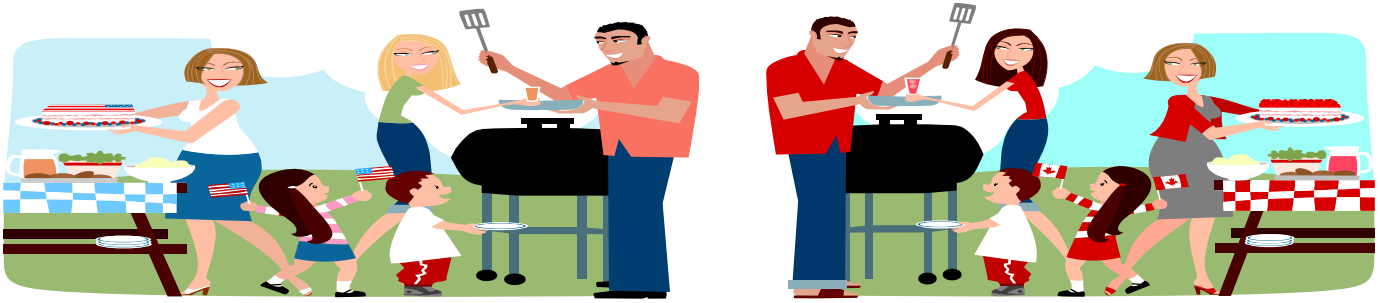
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----- Tear off and Send along with check to Mary Ann -----

Spring Fling Party – Jun 13th

Name: _____ Name: _____
Name: _____ Name: _____

List each person separately - \$9 Donation per person – Total Included \$ _____



PTARMIGAN SUMMER PICNIC

When: Saturday July 11, 2009 | 1:00pm until dark

Where: Rose Garden in Allentown | Large Pavilion
(next to volleyball court)

Cost: \$10.00 per member | \$12.00 non-member

*** After 7/7/08: \$12.00 for all ***

Children Welcome

We'll provide: burgers, hot dogs, beer, wine, soda and water...

You provide

If your last names start "A" thru "M"... **hors d'oeuvres or snacks**

If your last name starts "N" thru "Z"... **salad or dessert**

*** 20% of the proceeds from the Picnic will be donated to the Special Olympics ***

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Return this part of the form by **July 7th**

Make your check payable to
Ptarmigan Ski Club

Send both to:
Curt Johnston
1807 Mark Twain Circle
Bethlehem, PA 18017
Phone: 610-868-4750

Name: _____

Guest: _____

of members @ \$10.00: _____

of guests @ \$12.00: _____



PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB – 2009/2010 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: **Denise Kern, 15 Jordan Lane, Apartment 9, Whitehall, PA 18052**. 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 10/31/09: \$20/Single, \$30/Family **Renewal Before 10/31/09:** \$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:

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

Activities I will help with:

<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity/Advertising	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Picnics	<input type="checkbox"/> Website
<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Olympics	<input type="checkbox"/> Banquet/Parties	<input type="checkbox"/> Other...
<input type="checkbox"/> Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Organizing Trips	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality	

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	Appointed	TBD		
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