

February 2010

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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 Ortner, 5:30pm Every Friday

General Meetings are now at Christopher's – Knights of Columbus

----- February -----		
Ski Windham Mid-Week: Tom Weiser	Wed Feb 3 – Fri Feb 5	
General Meeting: Women vs Men Skiers	Tue 7 pm	Feb 9
Ski Mayrhofen, Aust: Curt Johnston	Fri Feb 5 – Mon Feb 15	
Party at Blue Mt.	Tue 7 pm	Feb 16
Ski Stratton Mt, Vt: Donna Westgate	Thu Feb 18 – Sun Feb 21	
Ski Big Sky, Mont: Curt Johnston	Sat Feb 27 – Sat Mar 6	
Ski Innsbruck, Austria: Don Wilsey	Sat Feb 27 – Sun Mar 7	
----- March -----		
General Meeting: Elections, Bike Safety	Tue 7pm	Mar 9
----- April -----		
Spring Banquet:	Sat	Apr 24
----- May -----		
Special Olympics - Track: Dale Gogel	Tue 8a-2p	May 11

General Meeting Programs

Feb 9 Mary Pavitt, PSIA Level 2 instructor, will be presenting her program: **"Women Are Not Small Men"**. It's an informative program showing the difference between Women and Men and how/why Women ski differently. It's a good time for both Men AND Women!

Mar 9 Elections & Bike Safety

Party at Blue Mt: Feb 16th 7 pm

Ski Party Tuesday Feb 16th 7pm, at Blue Mt in the Club Room.
Food and Beverages: \$6 p/p ahead of time or \$8 at the door.
Please let Noreen & Dennis Reid 610-837-1780 or e-mail nerdlr@verizon.net know ahead of time if you coming.

We Need You!!!

It's only January, but it's time to start thinking about Ptarmigan's 2010 Election of Officers and Board.
Every position is available, especially Membership Secretary.
Please Nominate Interested Parties, or Nominate Yourself.
Any questions: ask any Board Member or Officer!

Wednesday Warriors at Blue Mt.

Join the Wednesday Warriors (aka WEWA's) at Blue Mt for day time skiing. The day but my change based on weather. If interested in an email notification, please drop a note to Tom Weiser weiser@ptd.net.

Fresh Tracks



Hey there my fine feathered friends...

I'm proud to announce the following: *28 days*. Say it with me now, "twenty eight days." One more time... deep breath... "t-w-e-n-t-y e-i-g-h-t d-a-y-s." I've been on skis, on the snow, sliding around the hills for 28 days. Some of these days I've spent in clinics, some have been spent free skiing with family and friends, and the majority has been spent in the Bear Creek Discovery School as an instructor. All of them, though, have been spent doing something I love... and I cannot begin to tell you how awesome that is, and how alive that makes me feel!

Welcome to February – a pretty exciting time of year for us ski clubbers. Some of our members/friends have just returned from Aspen/Snowmass, others are in Crested Butte, and a few more are packing their bags for Mayrhofen and Windham, and a few still are waiting for Stratton and Big Sky. It's an exciting time! Regardless of your destination, I hope it's a blast, your legs tire from tons of turn, and your heads are packed with fresh new memories. And please feel free to share it with the club... we want to know how it was! (Personally, the instructors I spend my days with are sick of me talking about skiing... I need new friends!)

Don't forget... our March meeting will host our yearly elections. Several of you have asked how to become more involved, and how you can help out the club – what better way than to be part of the Board. If you're interested in nominating someone or nominating yourself... please reach out to a current board member so we know. All positions are available, especially Membership Secretary, and we welcome new faces.

Enjoy the month, enjoy this newsletter edition, and enjoy the snow. And if you're looking for me, I'll be the guy with the cool goggle tan and the big grin on his face hanging out at the bar!

Think snow,
Brian J. Nuss, President – Ptarmigan Ski Club

Ski Trips – 2010

Aspen/Snowmass, Colorado

- Sat Jan 23 – Sat Jan 30 2010 **Just Returned**
- The Tamarack Townhouses
- \$1349 p/p 2 BD/2 BA Condo (Quad occupancy)
- 5 of 10 day Ski Pass

Donna Westgate 610-774-4914 dwestgate@pplweb.com

Crested Butte, Colorado

- Sat Jan. 30 – Sat Feb. 6, 2010 **In Progress**
- 7 nights at The Chateaux condos
- ONLY \$999 Early Bird Special
- 5 of 7 day Ski Pass

Mark Baechle 610-820-9699 or markt@ptd.net

Windham, New York

- Wed Feb 3 – Fri Feb 5 (mid-week)
- 2 Nights Lodging at Winwood Inn
- Lift Tickets for Wed Afternoon, all day Thu & Fri

Tom Weiser 610-965-4087 weiser@ptd.net

Mayrhofen, Austria

- Fri Feb 5 – Mon Feb 15 2010
- 7 Nights Hotel Zillertalerhof, 4 star, w/Bk & Dinner
- 2 Nights Hotel Regent (Munich), w/Bkfst
- \$1829 p/p

Curt Johnston 610-868-4750 hugdebear@verizon.net

Stratton Mountain, Vermont

- Thu Feb 26 - Sun Feb 21, 2010
- Staying at The Inn at Stratton Mountain, w/Bkfst
- \$438 p/p dbl/occ, \$388 trip/occ, \$368 quad/occ
- 3 day ski pass
- Deluxe Video Motor Coach and 3 breakfasts

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Innsbruck, Austria

- Sat Feb 27 – Sun Mar 7
- \$1349 dbl/occ
- 7 nights' Hotel Maximilian in Innsbruck city-center
- Euro Brkfst daily plus Gourmet Evening Dinner

Don Wilsey 610 625-0189 wilseyextramile@gmail.com

Big Sky, Montana

- Sat Feb 27 – Sat Mar 6, 2008
- Big Sky Lodge, \$1385 p/p dbl/occ, w/Bkfst
- Big Horn Condos
 - \$1495 p/p 2/o 3br/ba, \$1595 2/oc 2br/ba
- Huntley Lodge, \$1715 dbl/occ, w/Bkfst Buffet
- 5 day Ski Pass

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EZ-SLOPE PRICING BULE MT VOUCHERS

Weekday \$33 Weekend \$ 42 Any Night \$ 25

Mail Check Payable To "Dale Gogel" To: Dale Gogel, 4721 Three Mile Lane, Walnutport, Pa 18088 Ph: 610-657-9112

Vouchers Available Thru End Of Season.

Reminder to Have Money Refunded EZ Slopes Must Be Returned to Dale by March 30, 2010 Or End Of Season.

EZ Slope Passes Are Refundable.

6 Pack Tickets are Use It Or Lose It - So Get Skiing!!!

Curt's Update: Zermatt & Snowmass in 2011

For those who like to plan ahead, the Bear's Snow Forecast for 2011 is a trip to Zermatt and Snowmass.

Look for Final Details to be announced in April or May.

The Big Sky Trip is now closed. Think Snow

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Ski & Sea – Argentina and Brazil – Aug 2010

Tour and Ski South America. August 2010.

Three Nights in Buenos Aires in a 5 Star Hotel w/breakfast buffet. City Tour, Dinner & Tango Show.

Then Fly on to Bariloche, Argentina to Ski or Tour for Six Nights. Breakfast Buffet Daily, Dinner the evening of arrival.

Then Fly on to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for Three more Nights.

Optional Side Tour to the Iguacu Falls.

Final Details Soon.

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS TRACK AND FIELD

Reminder to Put On Your Schedule.

Lehigh County Track And Field at Whitehall High School is on **May 11, 2010**. If You Are Available Between **8 AM** and **2 PM** we could use your help.

We Will Have 400 Special Olympic Athletes.

We Will Have 500 High School Helpers.

We Will Have 200-300 Adult Volunteers.

They All Have To Be Parked, Unloaded, and Filed into the Stands.

Opening Ceremonies, Participate In 10 Athletic Events, Eat Lunch and Then Returned To Their Busses.

We Can Always Use More People To Help.

The Lehigh County Special Olympics Ski Helpers Lead by Dale Gogel have been unloading the busses, ushering The 1300 people thru the lunch lines and then returning the 900+ back onto their busses for the return trip. Ben Mayes and Dale begin at 6 AM putting up The Signs and Marking Out the Parking Lot!

Call Dale Gogel 610-657-9112 for Information Or Sign Up.

Bethlehem Special Olympics Generally Has Their Event The Week Before!

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 Drive, 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:

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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