

Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

March 2011

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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

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

<u>March</u>		
Ski Snowmass: Curt Johnston	Sun Mar 6 -	Sun Mar 13
General Meeting: Christopher's KoC	Tue 7 pm	Mar 15
Game Board Night: Jim & Lorie Farina	Sat 6-11 p	Mar 26
<u>April</u>		
Spring Banquet: West Copley Mchor.	Sat 6 pm	Apr 9
Ski Snowbird: Mark Baechle	Canceled	
<u>May</u>		
Special Olympics Event - Dale Gogel	Tue 8-2:15	May 10
<u>August</u>		
Ski Bariloche, Argentina: Curt Johnston	Fri Aug 12 -	Tue Aug 23

General Meeting & Elections - Tue Mar 15th

Please join us at the Knights of Columbus - Christopher's Restaurant on Tuesday Mar 15th at 7pm for a Social Hour and 7:30pm for the General Meeting and Elections

Spring Banquet - Sat Apr 9th 6 pm

West Copley Maennerchor

33N Ruch St., Whitehall, Pa

6:00 - 7:00 pm Social

7:00 - 8:30 pm Dinner

8:30 - 10:30 pm Live Band

Cash Bar from 6:00 - 10:30 pm

Bob Metter (remember Big Sky) and his Band

Country Chicken & Ham Served Family Style
(all you can eat)

\$30 Members \$32 Non-Members

Send Check by Mar 31st Payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club to
Mary Ann Bedics, 1664 Best Place, Bethlehem, Pa 18017

See Flyer below for more details

Fresh Tracks



Hello my fine feathered friends,

Today was day #40 for me. Now admittedly, my 40 days have mostly been spent on a "small" mountain... and parts of those days have been spent in clinics to work on both my skiing and ski teaching. But, as far as I'm concerned, each has been better than the last, and the next has a lot of potential.

The focus of a recent clinic was how to make our "small" mountain a much "bigger" mountain by skiing different ways, different parts of the trails you're comfortable with, and to work on different techniques. For example, one run we tried, yes purposely *tried*, to ski on EVERY piece of ice we could find. The next run consisted of side slipping after the belly of the turn while trying to maintain direction down the mountain. Pretty cool stuff... and pretty cool ideas to help you play AND prepare for your time on a bigger mountain. One primary focus: don't get comfortable, keep learning. Give it a try at your mountain... and feel free to give me a shout if you want some ideas!

Here we are in March, and here I am reminding you about Club Elections! Please join us at the Knights of Columbus / Christopher's Restaurant on Tuesday 3/15/11; 7pm for social hour, 7:30 for the General Meeting. Come one, come all!

All positions of the Board are open to those interested in running for office, or for the Board itself. Members will elect a President, VP, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Recording Secretary and (3) Board Members. We're looking for those folks that want to be a part of planning the future of the Club, helping the Club grow, and shaping the life of the Club itself. Any questions? Just ask!

Enjoy the month of March... it's a great time to get out on the trails! See ya all soon!

Think snow,

Brian J. Nuss, President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

2010/2011 Season Ski Trips

Heavenly, Lake Tahoe Trip Returned

- Jan 22 - 29, 2011
- Contact: Donna Westgate 610-774-4914

Waterville Valley & Loon Mt. Trip Returned

- Jan 27 - 30, 2010 (Thu - Sun)
- Contact: Dave Schoneker 215-822-2129

Zermatt & Luzern, Switzerland Trip Returned

- Feb 4 - 13, 2011
- Contact: Curt Johnston 610-868-4750

Jackson Hole, Wy Trip Returned

- Feb 5 - 12, 2011
- Contact: Mark Baechle 610-820-9699

Killington, Vt. Trip in Progress

- Long Weekend: Thu Feb 24 - Sun 27, 2011
- \$450 pp quad/occ, \$475 pp tri/occ, \$525 pp dbl/occ
- Inc: Bus, 3 nights Lodging + Breakfast, 3 days lift tix
- Contact: Donna Westgate 610-774-4914

Snowmass, Co Trip Departs Soon

- Mar 6 - 13, 2011
- \$1552 pp - 2 br 2 ba or 3 br 3 ba Tamarak Condos
- \$1759 pp dbl Stonebridge Inn
- 5 of 10 day lift pass for Aspen, Highlands, Buttermilk and Snowmass
- Contact: Curt Johnston 610-868-4750

Snowbird, Ut Trip Canceled

- Apr 16 - 23, 2011
- Contact: Mark Baechle 610-820-9699

Bariloche, Argentina (+ Buenos Aires)

- August 12 - 23, 2011
- Starting at \$2,765 p/p dbl/occ
- 6 Nights at Hotel Edelweiss (4****) w/Breakfast Buffet
- Dinner on the evening of arrival at the Edelweiss
- 3 Nights in Buenos Aires at Melia Hotel (4****) w/Bk
- Half Day City Tour with Guide in BA
- English speaking reps on all transfers and tours
- This is the winter high season in South America and will offer both good skiing and also sight seeing for the non-skier. **Interest is building - Get in on it now!**
- Contact: Curt Johnston 610-868-4750
hugdebear@ptd.net

Donna Westgate reports about 18" of snow fell during their long weekend trip to Killington, Feb 24th - 27th.

General Meetings Schedule/Programs

March General Meeting & Elections 7 pm Tuesday Mar 15th Christopher's - Knights of Columbus

All Unused Blue Mt. Tickets Must Be Returned to Dale Gogel 610-657-9112 By the End-of-The Season to Receive a Refund.

Help Needed for Special Olympics - May 10th

Lehigh County Special Olympics track and field event is at the Whitehall high school football stadium on Tuesday May 10th.

Anyone interested in assisting get 900 students off the busses, into the athletic fields, through the lunch lines and back onto the busses should contact Dale Gogel at 610-657-9112. Students arrive at 8 AM and leave by 2:15 PM. A Special Olympics form must be filled out for security.

Jackson Hole Trip Report - Mark Baechle

Mark brought 61 skiers and snowboarders recently to Jackson Hole, Grand Targhee, and Yellowstone National Park. Every day we had either fresh powder, or blue sky and sunshine, or both. Tuesday we had blue sky and sunshine and 22 inches of fresh powder. Yee-hah!

Mark gave 4 powder lessons, and threw 3 parties for everyone that week, including his famous Son-of-a-Beach party with prizes for the best 6 beach costumes.

Another highlight was Snowmobiling and Snow coaching to Old Faithful, Cliff Geyser, Yellowstone Lake, 3 waterfalls, and seeing Bison, Moose, Bald Eagles, hot springs, mud pots, fumaroles, and more.

Many people said it was one of their best ski trips ever! Photos can be seen at the Facebook pages of Mark Baechle or Beverly Crouse.

Game Board Night - Sat Mar 26th

Date: Saturday, March 26th, 2011

Starts: 6:00pm till 11:00 pm

Where: Jim and Lorie Farina, 453 Hemlock Lane, Nazareth

There will be several places set up to play board games, card games, video games or just hang out and socialize. You may bring your favorite game(s) to play.

Please bring a small snack to share.

BYOB. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided

RSVP by: March 23rd, 2011 to 610-837-7743.

Ptarmigan Spring Banquet

Saturday April 9, 2011

West Coplay Maennerchor

33N. Ruch St., Whitehall, Pa

6:00 – 7:00 pm Social

7:00 – 8:30 pm Dinner

8:30 – 10:30 pm Live Band & Dancing

Cash Bar from 6:00 to 10:30 pm

Rob Metter (aka The Crazy Austrian Drummer from last year's Big Sky Trip) and His Band

Appetizers – Veggie and Cheese & Cracker Trays

Fruit Cup

Salad & Rolls

Country Chicken & Ham Served Family Style (all you can eat)

with Green Beans, Corn, Sweet Potatoes & Filling

Coffee/Tea

Ice Cream

Price: \$30 per Member \$32 per Non-Member

Directions: From Rt. 22 go North on Rt. 145 (McArthur Rd.) to Columbia Street (about 3 miles). Turn right onto Columbia, go to the stop sign. Continue on to Ruch St. West Coplay Maennerchor (WCM) will be on your right. There are parking lots across Ruch St.

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Send check by Mar 31st payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club to: Mary Ann Bedics, 1664 Best Place, Bethlehem, Pa 18017-3277. Ph: 610-868-8008 maryannbedics@rcn.com.

Name _____ Member Non-Member
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2011 PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB VOUCHER PROGRAMS

Blue Mountains Ski Area *EZ-SLOPE* (direct to slope) ticket program takes place of our tradition vouchers. The *EZ-Slope* tickets allow the purchaser to place ticket on their person and go directly to the slopes without redeeming a voucher at the ticket office. The *EZ-Slope* tickets are credit card size. **REFUNDS – EZ SLOPE TICKETS SHALL BE TURNED IN AT THE END OF THE SEASON (by Mar 31) FOR A REFUND. (Dalego@aol.com)**

Blue Mountain <i>EZ-SLOPE</i>	Brochure Price	EZ Slope Pass Cost
Weekday All Day/Night Lift (8:30 AM - 10 PM)	\$ 55.00	\$ 36.00
Weekend All Day/Night Lift (7:30 AM - 10 PM) (Holiday)	\$ 63.00	\$ 45.00
ANY Night Lift (4 PM – 10 PM) (NonHoliday)	\$ 35.00(M-F) \$37(SAT) \$27(SUN)	\$ 27.00
Tubing Weekdays (non-holiday 4-10pm)	\$ 21.00	\$ 17.00
Tubing Weekend	\$ 28.00	\$ 22.00

LIST PRICES - WEEK DAY DAY \$ 49 - Halfday \$ 42 - NIGHT \$ 35 YOUTH \$ 38 / \$ 32

WEEKEND DAY \$ 57 - Halfday \$ 49 - NIGHT \$ 37(Sat) \$ 27(Sun) YOUTH \$ 40/34/27

CASH DISCOUNTS ON TICKETS AT THE TICKET WINDOW

SENIOR (65+) \$ 10 OFF DISCOUNT ALL LIFTS AT TICKET WINDOW

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

SEND CHECK Payable to – “DALE GOGEL” - 610-657-9112 - MAIL TO Dale Gogel - 4721 Three Mile Lane - Walnutport, Pa 18088

DETACH - SEND S.A.S.E. - DETACH - SEND S.A.S.E. - E MAIL ADDRESS _____

Voucher Description	Cost/Vchr	X	Qty	=Total
		X		
		X		
		X		
		X		

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/St/Zip _____
 Phone _____
 (Allow MIN of 10 days to mail vouchers SASE)

Note: All Unused Tickets Must Be Returned By the End Of The Season to Receive a Refund.



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The 2011 Entertainment Books are now in stock AND can be used immediately!

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To order, contact: Donna Westgate, 610.774.4914 to arrange delivery or pick up.

Zermatt Trip Report – Curt Johnston

On Feb 4th skiers from Ptarmigan embarked on a trip to Zermatt Switzerland. Our band of 28 joined another 22 skiers from the River Hills Ski Club in the group lounge at the Newark Airport. This made the trip 50 strong with very diverse ski types -something for everyone.

We arrived in Zermatt Saturday after noon, checked into the hotel, and after a welcome party and a great dinner crashed for a good nights rest.

For the next six ski days we had picture perfect weather with great snow. All lifts running and all runs open.

The area is so large it would take too long to describe. One example is from the Kline Matterhorn to Cervinia, Italy, you ski about 12 miles and drop 6000 vertical feet in one run. You can ski to a lower town, Valtournenche, and drop 7000 feet.

The scenery is beyond description and I will definitely return in a few years – see photos below.



PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB – 2010/2011 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: Kris Yerry, 5702 Shows 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: _____
Spouse: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

First Name: _____
Children: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Sponsored By: _____

Membership Dues:

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

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|---|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <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:

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| <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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