

# Ptarmigan Ski Club NEWSLETTER

# April 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: Contact Bill Ortner, 5:30pm Every Friday  
General Meetings are now at Christopher's – Knights of Columbus  
Volleyball – Every Tue 6 pm – Opposite Rose Gardens, Allentown

----- April -----		
Spring Banquet: West Copley Mchor.	Sat 6 pm	Apr 9
----- May -----		
Volleyball Begins:	Tue 6 pm	May 3
Special Olympics Event: Dale Gogel	Tue 8-2:15	May 10
----- June -----		
Spring Fling: Bill Ortner	Sat 2 pm	Jun 18
----- July -----		
Summer Picnic:	Sat	Jul 9
----- August -----		
Ski Bariloche, Argentina: Curt Johnston	Fri Aug 12 - Tue Aug 23	

## Spring Banquet – Sat Apr 9<sup>th</sup> 6 pm

West Copley Maennerchor

3326 N 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 31<sup>st</sup> Payable to Ptarmigan Ski Club to  
Mary Ann Bedics, 1664 Best Place, Bethlehem, Pa 18017

## Help Needed for Special Olympics – May 10<sup>th</sup>

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

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.

## Fresh Tracks



Happy April my loyal subjects!

This is usually the time where I wax melancholy about the impending end of ski season. The birds usually begin singing more loudly, the windows start to lower when driving around, and the smell of Spring begins to fill the nasal passages more often than not. But at this moment, I find myself distracted as I'm looking at ski reports to plan yet another ski get away to continue the celebration of winter. WOW!

I'm fresh off a tour of Vermont and New York, and most of those places are still unsure about their closing dates. Most of the employees say, "well, we plan to close on 'X', but we've got so much snow management may extend it." That's great news to my ears. And, the fresh snow I experienced for 5 days straight (from 3/21 thru 3/25!) is proof that Mother Nature love freshies. Mount Snow, Okemo, Killington and Belleayre area all in great shape and could stay open into May if the powers to be allow it. If you're like me, and you're not ready to put the gear away just quite yet, take a look at New England and keep the dream alive... I know I am. (And for those of you keeping count, I'm up to 59!)

Thank you to everyone that attended the March General Meeting and casting your vote for the 2011/2012 Board of Directors. It was a surprisingly tight race this year and could not have been sorted out without your help! That said, your new Board is:

President:	Brian Nuss
Vice President:	Jeanne Weiser
Treasurer:	Mary Ann Bedics
Membership Secretary:	Kris Yerry
Recording Secretary:	Barb Stephens
Elected Board Member:	Victoria Perity
Elected Board Member:	Bob Clark
Elected Board Member:	Gail Clark
Appointed Board Member:	Gordon Yerry
Plus Two More Appointed:	TBD

As President, I have the privilege of appointing two additional Board Members to round out the list. Once we have confirmation, I'll update everyone.

See everyone at the Spring Banquet at the West Copley Maennerchor on Saturday 4/9/11, and stay tuned for a list of spring/summer events!

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

## 2010/2011 Season Ski Trips

### **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](mailto:hugdebear@ptd.net)

## BJ Discount Membership

I am running a BJ discount membership drive at PPL and it's open to Ptarmigan Members. It's a 14 month membership (that gets added on to whatever time you have left - so you don't lose any months on your membership if you already have one), and it's \$10 less than the general public plus you also get a second membership free.

Contact: Donna Westgate, 610.774.4914



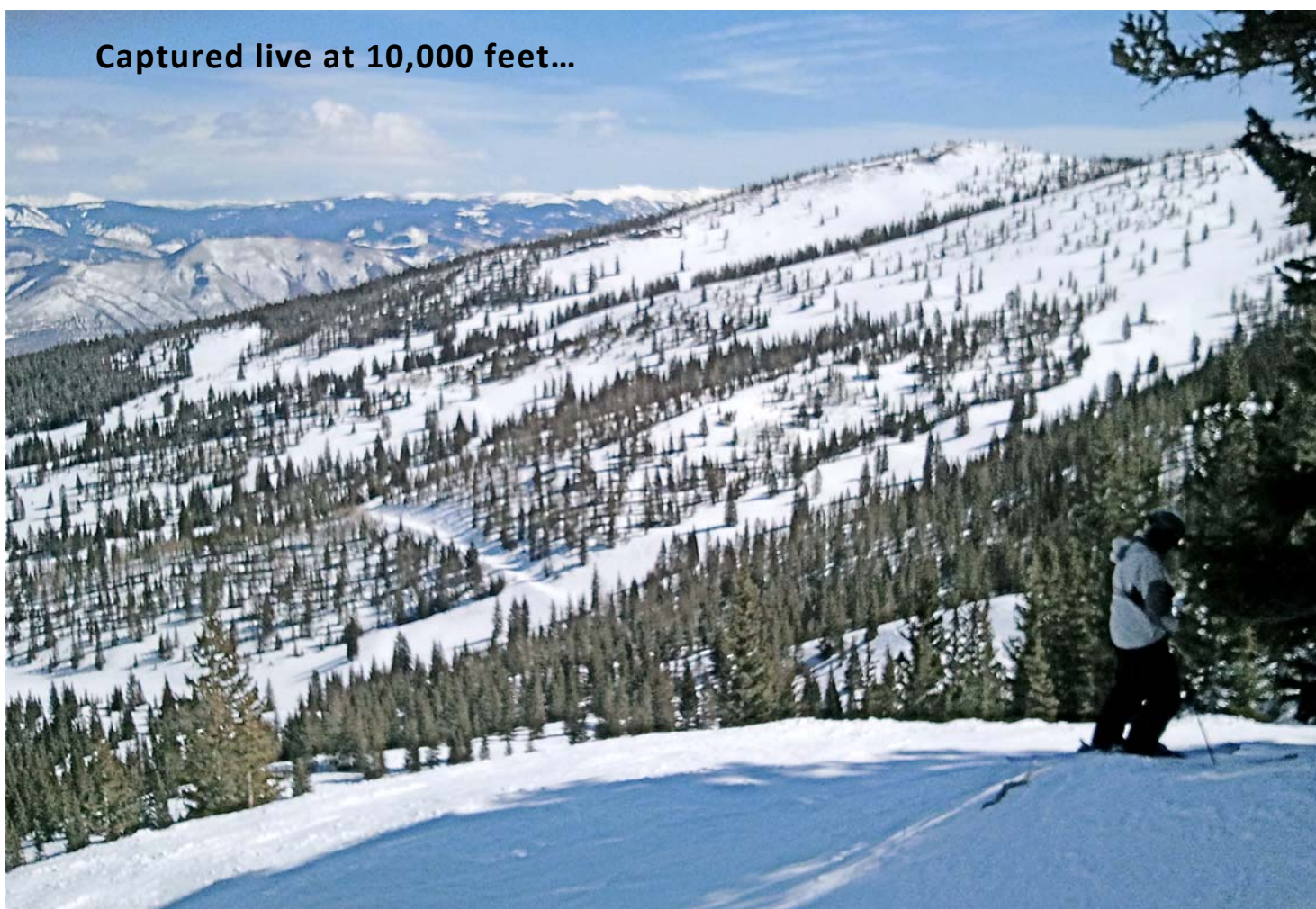
***70+ Ptarmigans  
Enjoying The  
Closing Day Tailgate  
Party at Blue Mt  
Sunday Mar 20<sup>th</sup>***



Scenes from a random glad trail in Snowmass...

A group of skiers witnessed this rare mountain sight while taking in the beauty of nature as they enjoyed a gladed run off the Cirque in Snowmass, CO. Quietly, trying not to spook the elusive “Wizzer”, this photo was snapped thus providing proof that the creature – often referred to as “Dalai” - is out there. Beware those of you that take in the sights of Snowmass... tread carefully.

**Captured live at 10,000 feet...**



**“The Wizzer of Oz says, ‘Follow the Yellow Brick line.’” - Karen Walsh**

Caption Contest Runners Up:

“Here we find the Wizzer in its natural habitat, marking his territory.”

“If you got to go, there’s always the snow!”

“The Wizz Kid strikes again”

“Wizzer’s a pisser.”

But ... Who is the Wizzer ??? He will be revealed at the Banquet!



Join the trip to NYC  
Saturday, MAY 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011

## "Catch Me if you Can"



"CATCH ME IF YOU CAN" is the high-flying new musical comedy based on the hit DreamWorks film and the incredible true story that inspired it!

Aaron Tveit (*Next to Normal*) stars as Frank W. Abagnale, Jr., an American teenager who runs away from home in search of a glamorous new life. With nothing more than a big imagination, a boyish charm and millions of dollars in forged checks, Frank successfully poses as a pilot, a doctor, and a lawyer - living the high life and winning the girl of his dreams! Tony® winner Norbert Leo Butz (*Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*) returns to Broadway as Carl Hanratty, the determined FBI agent who chases Frank to the end and catches more than he ever imagined.

**CATCH ME** features a Tony Award®-winning "dream team," with a book by Terrence McNally (*The Full Monty*), a swinging score by Marc Shaiman & Scott Wittman (*Hairspray*), choreography by Jerry Mitchell (*Hairspray*, *Legally Blonde*) and direction by Jack O'Brien (*Hairspray*, *The Full Monty*). Don't miss this big-hearted, fun musical based on an astonishing real-life story of being young, in love... and in deep, deep trouble!

GOEAC has a limited amount of advance theatre tickets to see "Catch Me If You Can", and "Sister Act". The cost of either show is just \$105 which includes reserved show tickets (Orchestra Seats) and deluxe bus transportation. To reserve your tickets, full payment is required (seating/tickets are on a first come basis.) Please make your check payable to GOEAC, and send to Donna Westgate, PPL.

For those that refer to spend the day on their own, a few bus only seats are available for the cost of just \$25 per person. The bus will leave the Lehigh Service Center at 8:00AM and depart NYC at 7:00PM.

Contact: Donna Westgate, 610.774.4914, [dwestgate@pplweb.com](mailto:dwestgate@pplweb.com).



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

*THE NEW 2011 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS AVAILABLE NOW*

### New Reduced Price – Only \$10

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

# PTARMIGN SKI CLUB - 2011/2012 Season - Membership Application

Please complete this entire form including the date and your signature. Checks should be made payable to **PTARMIGN 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 10/31/11: \$20/Single, \$30/Family    Renewal Before 10/31/11: \$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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