

February 2012

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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

----- February -----		
General Meeting: KoC – Wildland Cons	Tue 7 pm	Feb 14
Elk Mt Bus Trip: Mack Ski Club	Fri 6:45 am	Feb 17
Ski Trip Beaver Creek: Curt Johnston	Sun Feb 26	Sun Mar 4
----- March -----		
General Meeting: KoC - Elections	Tue 7 pm	Mar 13
Ski Trip Ogden UT: Brian Nuss	Sat Mar 17	Sat Mar 24
----- April -----		
Spring Banquet West Coplay Man'chor	Sat	Apr 21

General Meeting Tues Feb 14th 7 pm

Join us Tuesday, Feb 14th, to learn more about what the Wildlife Conservancy does in the Lehigh Valley.
Christopher's KoC Allentown.

No President Prospect Yet !!!

That's right. We don't have anyone running for President for next season.

In March we elect new Officers and Board Members. But to date there are no candidates or prospects for President. True, several have inquired or been approached, but alas, all have declined to run.

All other positions have candidates. Rest assured that the Board is determined to keep the Club running should we not have a President ... But what a way to run a club!

If you have any interest, or know someone who may have interest but is reluctant to step forward - please contact any Officer or Board Member.

- Bill Ortner, Newsletter Editor, Past President, Board Member and Still Begging for Help!

Fresh Tracks



Howdy flock,

It's hard to believe its February. Not because "I'm having so much fun I lost all track of time"... but because it's been raining, unseasonably warm, and – until recently – snowless. Quite frankly, this sucks. Thankfully, I've had the opportunity to get out and take some turns as I know many of you have. And, by the time this is published, a few trips will be out and back with (hopefully) a few good stories to boot. We'll see. The industry is hurting at this point – it's not just the Northeast that's been hit hard by this slow start. Many Western resorts are just now getting snow and some are still struggling to get fully open. But, like us here in good 'ol PA, everyone is managing as best they can and making the most of a less-than-desirable situation. The good news is this: although the conditions are not ideal, the skiing experience is still a good one! Make the most of it... however and wherever you can.

The Wildlands Conservancy joins us on February 14th to talk about who they are, what they do, the programs they offer, and the good work they do within the Lehigh Valley. We'll have an opportunity to learn more about a wonderful resource in our back yard, and hear about some of the fun and exciting things we can do once the skis go away for the season (which hopefully isn't anytime soon – sorry, just had to get that out there). Our resident recycler and conversationalist, Jeanne Weiser, volunteers time with the Wildlands in the off season and has nothing but terrific things to say about the programs... come out and hear about right from the source!

March is right around the corner, and that can only mean one thing – Elections! Everyone's favorite time of year. I want to put out the word now that the Board is looking for a few good men and women to be a part of the Board, and help out with various offices. All positions are available and open as usual, and your help certainly is encouraged and appreciated. We, the Board, are happy to answer any questions you have about duties and what's expected... just reach out if you're interested.

As for me... it's time to wax the skis, and pack the boot bag; the mountain is calling. Hope you all get a few turns in soon, and enjoy some much-needed white stuff under foot!

Think (more) snow,

Brian J. Nuss, President, Ptarmigan Ski Club

Think Snow

2011/2012 Ski Season – Trips Summary

----- January -----

Steamboat, Co

Trip in Progress

- Sat Jan 21st – Sat Jan 28th 2012
- \$1575 Click [EPSC Winter Carnival](#) for more details
- Eastern Pa Ski Council Winter Carnival
- Contact Dave Schoneker 215-822-2129
DSchoneker@aol.com

Crested Butte, Co

- Sat Jan 21st – Sat Jan 28th 2012
- \$1280 pp 2br Condo or \$1295 pp Grand Lodge
- 7 Nights Lodging **Trip in Progress**
- 5 day Ski Pass
- Contact: Donna Westgate 610-774-4914
dwestgate@pplweb.com

St. Anton, Austria

- Fri Jan 27th – Mon Feb 6th 2012 **Trip in Progress**
- \$2035 pp dbl/occ
- 7 Nights Hotel Alpina (3 star) includes daily Bkfst & Dinner (unlimited wine during dinner)
- 2 Nights in Munich, Kings Hotel (4 star) inc Bkfst
- Contact: Curt Johnston 610-868- 4750
hugdabear@ptd.net

Beaver Creek, Co

- Sat Jan 28th – Sat Feb 4th 2012 **Trip in Progress**
- \$1299
- 7 Night Ski-In Condos
- 5 of 8 day Lift at Beaver, Vail, Breck, Keystone & Arap
- Contact: Mark Baechle 610-820-9699 markt@ptd.net

----- February -----

Beaver Creek, Co

**No More
Openings**

- Sun Feb 26th – Sun Mar 4th 2012
- \$1445 pp dbl/occ Pines Lodge Luxury Resort
- \$1195 pp dbl/occ per bed room Townhouse Condo
- 5 of 7 Vail Resorts Lift Pass - \$325 or 6 of 8 \$360
- Contact: Curt Johnston 610-868-4750
hugdabear@ptd.net

----- March -----

Ogden, Ut (Powder Mt & Snowbasin)

- Sat Mar 17th – Sat Mar 24th 2012
 - \$1286 pp/DbIOcc
 - Ogden Marriott – Daily Breakfast
 - Lift Tickets NOT Included
 - Contact: Brian Nuss 610-730-2777
powder-hound@verizon.net
- Brian still has
openings for
Utah**

Ptarmigan 2011/2012 Season

Our Fiscal Year is from May 1, 2011 to Apr 30, 2012

Discount Period Ended

Renewal May 1st to Oct 31st \$16/Single, \$26 Family

Renewal Nov 1st to Apr 30th \$20/Single, \$30/Family
(Please Renew Early – And Get the Discount)

New Members \$20/Single, \$30/Family

Special Offer: New Memberships received anytime during this season are valid until Apr 30, 2013. Past Members not Eligible for this Offer.

Encourage others to join and let them know about this special offer.

See Membership Application (next to last page) for details.

General Meeting Programs 2011/2012

Feb 14 Wildlands Conservancy

Mar 13 Elections, Season Recap and Social Night

To All Ptarmigan On Major Trips This Winter

I want to wish you good snow and a safe trip.

To plan for next year the Bear (Curt) will be going to Telluride, Co in late Feb/Early March.

I have not nailed down a destination for Europe yet.

Any and all suggestions for lodging in Telluride and a ski destination for Europe are greatly appreciated.

If you have personnel experience with your European suggestion please send as much info as possible.

Curt Johnston (Bear). Send to hugdebear@ptd.net

EPSC Council Day & Race Mar 5th Bear Creek

From Sunday, March 4th to Monday, March 5th 2012

EPSC Council Day and Race will be held on March 4, 2012 at Bear Creek Mountain Resort.

Look for details on the day as well as new rules and registration for the Council Race coming soon on EPSC website: <http://www.easternpaskicouncil.org> .

EPSC Discount Vouchers

Conditions are improving at PA and New England ski areas! So head to your favorite ski shop for some new equipment or a tune up. Then go to <http://www.easternpaskicouncil.org> to order your lift ticket vouchers. Rates vary according to dates and age of skier but some examples are Killington \$56, Okemo \$63, Stowe \$63, Gore \$51 and Whiteface \$54.

Flying from Philadelphia for a winter ski trip or a summer vacation? Check this deal for long term parking. Just \$6.00 per day. Visit: <http://www.phillytrips.com/PHLParkingDiscount.pdf>

**FORMER NORTHEAST SKI COUNCIL'S BLUE MOUNTAIN APPRECIATION DAY
 FEB 15, 2012 – PARTY 8 PM
 WITH MEMBERSHIP CARD 1/2 PRICE ON LIFT TICKETS
 FOR THE DAY AND /OR NIGHT FOR PTARMIGAN MEMBERS**

Blue Mountain *EZ-SLOPE* TICKETS

Blue Mountain <i>EZ-SLOPE</i>	Brochure Price	<i>EZ Slope Pass Cost</i>
Weekday All Day/Night Lift (8:30 AM - 10 PM)	\$ 51.00	\$ 37.00
Weekend All Day/Night Lift (7:30 AM - 10 PM) (Holiday)	\$ 59.00	\$ 50.00
ANY Night Lift (4 PM – 10 PM) (NonHoliday)	\$ 34.00(M-S) \$29(SUN)	\$ 28.00
Tubing Weekdays (Non-Holiday 4-10pm)	\$ 24.00	\$ 20.00
Tubing Weekend (Holiday)	\$ 29.00	\$ 24.00

**ALLOW 7 DAYS FOR MAIL TURN AROUND
 SEND CHECK Payable to – “DALE GOGEL” - 610-657-9112 - MAIL TO
 Dale Gogel - 4721 Three Mile Lane - Walnutport, Pa 18088 - dalego@aol.com**

DETACH - SEND S.A.S.E. - DETACH SEND S.A.S.E. – DETACH – EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Voucher Description	Cost/Vchr	X	Qty	= Total

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

ELK MOUNTAIN - DAYTRIP

Friday, February 17, 2012 - \$66 per person

PRICE INCLUDES: All Day, All Mountain Lift Ticket, Round Trip Bus Transportation, Refreshments and Gratuities

\$66 will confirm your reservation Approximately 2-1/2 hour ride from Allentown

First Come/First Serve Basis – Mack Ski Club Members have priority

Departure: 6:45 a.m. – UAW Local 677 Parking Lot, 2101 Mack Boulevard, Allentown (Directly across the street from the former Mack WHQ, now the Lehigh Valley Health Network)

Return: Dinner will be at the Mountain at the Elk Winter Garden Restaurant, not included in the price. Depart Elk approximately 6:30 p.m.

Cancellation Policy: Refunds will only be made after the trip and only if there is a replacement

Mail your payment along with your reservation form to:
 John Tomari
 1376 Country Club Rd.
 Wescosville, PA 18106

For additional information, call John at 610-395-1260

<p>Make Check Payable to “MACK SKI CLUB” Required Deposit \$66.00 Amount Enclosed _____ Name _____ Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Email _____ Phone # _____(H) _____(W)</p>

Learn to be an instructor... or to ski & ride like one!

Improve your own skills, and learn how to teach others your favorite sport!
(ski, snowboard, and x-country)

The fact is, you can be a better skier or boarder just by learning and applying certain basic skills!

Learn these skills by joining the Amateur Ski Instructors Association and taking one of ASIA's ski/snowboard instruction programs. ASIA membership is open to anyone interested in promoting or participating in snow-sports, individually or through clubs and organizations. ASIA offers contributing memberships to the public, enabling you to enjoy several ski improvement programs throughout the northeast, as well as our popular rally events.

To join ASIA, download from their website and fill out a membership application, and mail it to the office with your \$25 dues. To take a program, check the schedule for an event near you. Download and fill out the program application, mail it to the coordinator listed on the schedule with your check for the program fee, and start looking forward to the snow season when you learn to ski/ride like the pros!

ASIA is a professional, non-profit organization and a member school of PSIA, the Professional Ski Instructors of America, and AASI, the American Association of Snowboard Instructors. Participate in ASIA programs to learn how to teach others in a club or school program, or to support friends or family members learning to ski, cross-country ski, or snowboard. Also join just for the fun, camaraderie, and exciting learning opportunities these programs provide!

Improve your skills this winter!



Spend a weekend improving your technique and socializing with fun people! Sign up for an ASIA event! These programs are not learn-to-experiences, but rather upper level improvement courses geared to the intermediate to expert skier. Rally events also provide you with a meal/entertainment package. As you can see in the list below, ASIA has a variety of course choices for you! Want to teach beginners your sport? Then try our alpine/snowboard teaching certification programs too.

Level I Certification this program is for intermediate to advanced skiers or boarders who want to improve their personal skiing or learn to teach beginning skiing to others. Students receive four days of training in three areas: personal skiing skills development, learning basic teaching skills, and learning to demonstrate skiing to others. We teach you "how to" teach others to ski, and how to explain and demonstrate required maneuvers as a ski teacher. An on-snow evaluation is given on the fourth day to determine if you have learned what was pre-sented and are qualified to help others learn to ski safely.

Intermediate Skiing Improvement helps blue square skiers develop parallel turns, taking their skills and confidence to new levels. You must be comfortable skiing blue square slopes and be skiing somewhat parallel. If you've hesitated taking an ASIA program because you were not comfortable skiing black diamond terrain, this is the program for you. **Advanced Skiing Improvement** takes black diamond skiers as far as they can go: whatever the mountain has to offer! Clinics focus on applying and refining the basic skills in all types of terrain and conditions. All groups are divided by skill development level.

Belleayre Earlybird:

Highmount, NY | December 3-4, 2011
Advanced Skiing Improvement & Refresher
Contact: Bill Hornbeck
845-679-4609, asiadesk@asiaski.com

Sno Mountain Improvement:

Scranton, PA | February 11-12, 2012
Intermediate Skiing Improvement
Advanced Skiing Improvement
Contact: Peter Ryan
215-657-8792, peteski3@juno.com

Okemo Earlybird:

Okemo, VT | December 3-4, 2011
Advanced Skiing Improvement & Refresher
Contact: Nancy Nolan
203-272-4681, nancynolan@snet.net

Okemo Spring Rally *:

Okemo, VT | March 9-11, 2012
Intermediate Skiing Improvement
Advanced Skiing Improvement
Steeps, Deeps and Trees
Contact: Nancy Nolan
203-272-4681, nancynolan@snet.net

Belleayre Fall Rally *:

Highmount, NY | December 10-11, 2011
Intermediate Skiing Improvement
Advanced Skiing Improvement
Contact: Bill Hornbeck
845-679-4609, asiadesk@asiaski.com

Courses open to any ASIA member. Level 1 is for learning how to teach beginners to ski or ride. Program applications and payment must be received at least two weeks prior to any event.

Belleayre Bump Fest *:

Highmount, NY | February 4-5, 2012
Intermediate Skiing Improvement
Mogul Introduction
Mogul Improvement
Contact: Ray Owens
845-369-3961, rayowens89@hotmail.com

* = Rally Events:

Fall Rally, Bump Festival, Spring Rally
Program costs include 2 full days of instruction, lift tickets, two breakfasts and Saturday night banquet dinner & dancing

For more information, and full program schedule, visit the Amateur Ski Instructors Association online at <http://www.asiaski.org>

PTARMIGAN SKI CLUB - 2011/2012 Season - 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 (for our fiscal year May 1, 2011 to Apr 30, 2012):

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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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