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Ski Club Of Reading, Pennsylvania, Inc.

# Ski Trails

The Flying Dutchmen Ski Club

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## April 2006 Calendar of Events

April 1 - Fool's Festival

April 6 - General Meeting  
Elections for Board of Directors  
Photos due for contest

April 29 - New York City Trip

May 4 - General Meeting  
Photo Contest Results

May 18 - EPSC Dinner,  
Meeting and Awards

May 19-21 - Chesapeake Bay  
Raft-Up

Membership Meetings  
begin at 8PM  
at the LIEDERKRANZ  
Hill Road and Spook Lane  
Reading, PA

THE Deadline for the  
May issue of *Ski Trails*  
is April 6.



President

Karen  
Youngwirth

Hey Dutchmen!!  
April tends to be our 'tween month for activities - some members have trips planned to Colorado and Utah taking advantage of their longer season. Some members are putting the winter gear away and will be looking forward to other outdoor activities. We would like to have a program highlighting all the "other" things we like to do. Many members golf, skate, bike, mountain bike and play tennis. Maybe you would like to join the fun. Or maybe you would like to get something started! Please contact a board member and let us know if you can share or arrange activities. Let's keep the fun times going!!

My husband, Russell, and I really miss our Tuesday night skates. We would like to get that started again in April. Check the bulletin board for dates and places! Please join us - we have always had a lot of fun.

Coming up in May, we are the sponsor for the Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council's spring meeting and dinner. I hope some members will consider attending. More details will be in the May Trails.

If you get this newsletter in time, you still might be able to get tickets to our Fool's Festival! Please contact Patti Spitler cause you really don't want to miss it!!

Always having fun!!

Karen



## Fools Festival Saturday, April 1, 2006

Kenhorst Fire Company

7pm - 1am

Music by Loose Cannons &  
Marty Moyer

Hot & Cold Buffet

Beer, Wine, Soda, Cash Bar

Price \$20

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## New York City Trip

Saturday, April 29

New York! New York!

The annual bus trip to New York City is scheduled for Saturday, April 29. We will leave at 7AM from the back of K-Mart parking lot on the 5th Street Highway and arrive in New York Times Square at approximately 9:30AM. There will be a second drop off at Central Park. We will leave New York at 8PM to return home. You are on your own to see a show, shop, eat, drink, or play in the park. The trip, breakfast cakes and juice are all for the low price of \$27. Contact Dave or Carol Slider, 610-367-5413, or email [slidca@aol.com](mailto:slidca@aol.com) for reservations.

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**Skimeister**  
*Jen Speakman*

Hello fellow snow riders,

As I write this article, our ski season is coming to a close. I hope that you all squeeze in one last hurrah before you shelve your gear!

It seems hard to believe that the lesson program is over for the year. I had a fantastic time running the lesson program. Many members may not know that it takes a small army to pull together a program like ours. I would like to personally acknowledge those who contributed so much of their time and efforts. Starting with the Steering committee, who does a tremendous job organizing the program. George Foxhall, you were absolutely a tremendous support to this program and myself. I thank you so much for your guidance! Bill Creadon, my Ski School Director, did an outstanding job organizing the instructors for the Clinics and Lessons and keeping the entire student and instructor's records. I could never thank you enough for your support!!! Dave McFarland, Bruce Noga, Bob Smith, Henry Drasher and Rich Reber were an awesome team. Dave, Bruce and Bill really put together a fun Bump Clinic! I couldn't believe the difference it made with my skiing!!! Thanks to all of you for helping with Instructor Clinics and with the Standard and Advanced Testing. Allard Van der Velde and Bruce Noga, my Snowboard Technical Directors, really ran a top-notch snowboard program!!! I would like to thank the following people who gave their time and came early each week to help with signing in students, selling vouchers and assisting new members - Sheila Bunch, Karen Youngwirth, Erick Confer, Holly Trout, Kelly Kondisko and Marjorie Prutzman. A special Thanks to Lori Henne for running the Instructional trip and to Dale Kilpatrick and Jimmy Kondisko for their kind donation towards our Junior Race program! Lastly, I would like to thank the

Instructors for their time and talents; without you, we wouldn't have such a successful program! Rick Auchenbach, Scott Cooper, Terry Cooper, Bill Creadon, Doug Domeshek, Henry Drasher, Carl Engleman, Brian Gallagher, George Graham, Jacob Gilbert, Dan Haas, Lori Henne, James Kondisko, Norm Krug, Michelle LeGrande, Nat LeGrande, Dale Martin, Sheila Martin, Dave McFarland, Stan Miller, Bruce Noga, Rich Reber, Paul Schwartz, Chester Springel, Marsha Springel, Doug Schwab, Jeff Seisler, Bob Smith, Marcia Smith, Marianne Van der Velde, Allard Van der Velde and Karen Youngwirth. Unfortunately, we had a few injured instructors this season - Jim Biancone, Kelly Kondisko, Sue McMullen and John Sadlowski. I wish you all a speedy recovery and hope you will be with us next year!

I would like to congratulate the following people who passed their Basic test and are now eligible to vote! Kirk Campfield, Melissa May, Brad Shollenberger, Cynthia Shollenberger and Brynell Spencer. This brings our grand total of new voting members to 79, WOW!!!

Lastly, please join me in congratulating the following people on passing their advanced test: David Chernuta, Lori Henne, Bip Smedley and David Stottlemeyer. It truly is a great achievement to pass the advanced test. In order to pass you must be perfect in each of the following skills -Traversing, Long-Radius and Short Radius turns, Safety Stops and Skating all done on black diamond terrain. If that is not enough, you are also judged by three level two or better Instructors and may not fail any one item by more than any one instructor.

I hope that I didn't miss anyone! If you are interested in volunteering with the Lesson Program next year, I would love to hear from you!

*Jen*



**FDSC Iron "Dutchmen"  
Triathlon Relay will be  
this Fall.**

**HOTLINE:**

**(610) 370-2760**

**WEB: [www.fdsc.org](http://www.fdsc.org)**



## Competition *Bernie Resch*

What an exciting and successful year this has been!

Once again we have an excellent NASTAR Ranking: 10th out of 1431 ski clubs at the beginning of March. A report about our members who competed at the NASTAR Nationals will follow.

### FDSC Club Race Feb 12th:

This year a lack of snow was not an issue. Ten inches of fresh stuff kept us busy all day, from shoveling the car out in the morning, to slipping the course.

I want to thank everyone who helped out with race this year: Todd Loeper, Brian Muller and Dale Kilpatrick for pre-registering. Also, thanks to the Bear Creek Nastar crew, all racers who helped to slip the course in order to keep it safe, and all 73 racers for being patient and waiting to get their runs in. I was excited to see such a large crowd of participants. Unfortunately we were delayed by a power outage crashing the timing computer. As a result, we lost the times of the 1st run, which changed the event into a one run race.

This year's Club Trophy winners are:

- Bernie Resch - Fastest Male
- Alice Dolan - Fastest Female
- Jim Kondisko - Fastest Male Snowboarder
- Kelly Reid Kondisko - Fastest Female Snowboarder
- Randy Harper and Alice Dolan - Valentine's Couple Co-Ed Trophy

All results of the individual classes will be posted on the race team section of our website.

There were a few things we learned again this year, which should help us make things go even smoother next year.

### Council Cup Feb 26th:

We did it!! And what a sweep it was!! Council Cup A-Trophy, B-Cup, Masters Trophy and fastest Snowboarding team.

Fastest Female Racer (Kristin Buchholz); Fastest Male (Dave Demko) and Female Masters (Sarah

Leach), Fastest Male and Female Snowboarder (Jim and Kelly Kondisko).

### Council Cup Winners:

Alice Dolan, Kristin Buchholz, Rolf Maier, Roman Matusinsky, Richard Wagner, Bernie Resch

### B-Cup:

Nancy Brandi, Mary Hollein, Todd Loeper, Askold Sandursky, Mark David, Chris Johnson

### Masters:

Sue McMullen, Sarah Leach, Dave Demko, Bob Juskus, Barry Sangrey, Paul Prutzman (thanks for showing up at such short notice Paul!).

Detailed results are listed on the EPSC and FDSC website.

Thanks to Todd and Patty Loeper for hosting the after party, and Barry Sangrey for bringing 2 bottles of bubbly to the race (predicting a victory?).

Also thanks to everyone for coming out that day and supporting the club in our quest for victory. It was cold and windy, but a lot fun! Since we mixed racers of different abilities, any of our 6 teams that day could have won a trophy. So join us again next year, as we defend our title:

### **BEST SKI AND SNOWBOARDING RACE TEAM IN THE EPSC!!**

Ski fast, Ski safe - Auf geht's!

*Bernie*



## Sherry celebrates the big **50** at Happy Hour



## Publicity Director *Diane Ferro*

Gearing up for your outdoor activity? Are you also a member

of another sports club? We'd love to know more about it. Contact any board member now so we can start collecting information for an outdoor activity program in June.

As we continue to publicize our club in other local newsletters and papers, we could use some help from anyone with some graphic design talent. We'd like to create a business card size ad and half page size ad, so contact me with any design or layout suggestions.

Share the news,

*Diane*



## Social Director *Patti Spittler*

Hi Gang,

It's April already and time is flying.

The Fool's Festival is April 1st with music by Loose Cannons and Marty Moyer filling in between sets and during dinner. Thanks to the committee for all your help.

Don't forget this month is the Annual New York trip. See Carol or Dave Slider for more details. April 29th is the date and the cost is \$27. It is a great day away!

Soon we will be looking to have Happy Hours outside. If you are interested in hosting a HH, please let me know and we can get this on the schedule.

The Millmont Pub Crawl is set to be June 17th. We will be starting at my house about 5:30pm. Please bring a 6 pack or a snack. RSVP to Ed Recker or myself.

Keeping it short.

Keep on Talking,

*Patti*



Lodge  
*Ed Soja*

So you put away your skis. Now what do you do? Why not do some golfing, biking, boating, swimming, hiking, geocaching, or the extremely challenging sport of snipe hunting. I know what you're asking. Where can I do all these things? All these things can be done in the Pocono Mountains. I know the next question you're asking? Where will I stay? Where else, the beautiful FDSC Lodge. That's right, take advantage of what so many other Dutchmen have already discovered. The FDSC Lodge isn't just for ski season. There are so many things to see and do. So pick a date, give me a call, and book your stay at the lodge today. And I promise, if you bag a big snipe, I'll have it mounted and hang it on a wall at the lodge.

Ski you at the lodge,

*Ed*

"We'll leave the light on for you".



Program  
Director  
*Jeff Rapp*

Hello Mountain Bike bodies,  
I'd like to welcome all the new members to our fun club. Now that spring is in the air, the weather is warmer and skiing is winding down. The club meetings are down to once a month, the first Thursday of the month. When the nights are warm and dry, the meetings are held outside in the rear of the Liederkrantz. If you have any suggestions for outdoor programs, please come and see me.

May - Photo contest winners presented  
June - Outdoor Sports Night - see me now with any information on your outdoor activity so we can share it with others at the June program.

The Gong Show to be announced.

See u in the mud,

*Jeff*

## Steamboat Trip Jan 28-Feb 4, 2006

Steamboat Trip was DEEEEEEP in enthusiasm, 40 inches to be exact at mid-mountain. We had about 3 to 8 inches of snow everyday. There was lots of great skiing in the trees and everywhere. Knee-deep powder baby! A large group went on the sleigh ride to Ragnar's on Sunday night. The Hot Springs were wonderful. Some of us even swam in the river and did snow angels. Brrrrrrrrrrrr ! We had a Dutchmen Cook-Off with about 30 people, and we have some great recipes to share with everyone (see the website). Lots of shopping was done downtown! Dale Kilpatrick and Holly Trout were the fastest man and woman on the mountain. We had a lot of fun on the Nastar course bringing home 15 medals. About 40 people came to the Pajama Party for prizes and drinking (of course). We ended the week with more snow and a great dinner at The Outlaws Restaurant. I want to thank everyone for being such a great group!

*Kevin and Suzanne Claypoole*

## Chesapeake Bay Sailing and Raft-up Weekend

May 19 - 21, 2006

Ahoy Mates! ARRRR

It's been a few years but the Flying Dutchmen are once again pirating the high seas of the Chesapeake Bay. On this expedition, we will be departing from the hidden cove of Rock Hall. From there we will be sneaking up on the unsuspecting town of St. Michaels. Saturday evening we will be retreating to our hideaway on the Wye River to exchange tales of great adventure and share in the spoils of our conquering. On Sunday, we will be quietly sneaking back into Rock Hall and returning to our home country of Berks County with many tales of our dangerous seafaring journey.

At this point we have many willing crew, but are in need of brave captains to lead our treacherous way. Contact Captain Stan and First Mate Erick at 610-944-3617 for more on this top secret mission.

**The secretary hereby presents the slate of officers nominated to serve on the FDSC Board of Directors for the 2006-2007 term:**

**President** - Karen Youngwirth  
**Secretary** - Sue Gottschall  
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**Programs** - Jeff Rapp  
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**Publicity** - Kim Wittich  
**Social** - Patti Spittler  
**Lodge** - Neal Kline  
**Competition** - Ed Soja

**The election of officers will be held at the April 6th meeting. Please come and support our candidates!**



## Estrimont, Canada

Can I get a Whoo Whoo?! That's how the trip started on Thursday, February 23rd. We left the Stadium parking lot a few minutes ahead of schedule for a 10-hour bus ride with our Canadian driver Mario. The ride up was FULL of fun, conversations, Bop It, snacks, sandwiches (made by Sherry, my parents and me) and cold beverages. Other than a few back seat drivers, who thought Mario took the scenic route through NY, Mario stopped once for us to stretch and we arrived in Canada on time at 10:05pm.

All of our mornings started the same with an awesome breakfast buffet. We had eggs, pancakes, French toast, breakfast meats, cereal, fruit, yogurt and pastries, along with juice and coffee. Friday we traveled 30 minutes to Orford for some great skiing and snow showers. They entertained us in the lounge with a great 3-piece band that sang most songs in English. We hot tubbed it later, back at the hotel, and even had a Happy Hour before dinner with 3 free beverages. Ask the Corbett's about their kisses?! The evening dinner was outstanding.

Saturday, we traveled 1 hour to Sutton. There were a lot of people there and our first lift took us through cattle chutes. Boy they were fun? We had great skiing again and Helmut (Hermit) and Russ got to demo new skis. Ask Helmut about shape skis, while Russ' skis went to New Hampshire with the other ski club that was at our hotel. Mario got us back to the hotel in time for a quick change and a dinner buffet with 100 snowboarders from RI University. The buffet was full of choices again and the FDSC was first to hit the desserts (Erick). They had entertainment for us by Ronnie, who started the night singing AMORE? With a LOT of help from Jim, Brian and Jeff, we got him to change to some pre-recorded music and we had a blast!! We even had "free" beer on tap thanks to Jim??? The Fun didn't stop there. If you stayed up long enough, we had some luge races in the hall vs. the RI boarders and ourselves. There were a few crashes but no major injuries. We then had our own bowling match in the hall with arrow markers, foul line and our "apple" bowling ball held together with Swix Race tape. Our pins were Guinness Tall boys. We have some of the action on video, so ask Brian or Dale to show you the fun. Nelson was runner up with a spare and I won with a strike.

Sunday, we continued the great skiing at Owls Head. It was also an hour ride and a beautiful day of skiing, well groomed and sunny. The group seemed to enjoy the lounge, also. At one point towards our time to meet Mario, we had 30+ in the bar, all sitting close and sharing pitchers of beverages. We ended the evening with a dinner and entertainment at the Sugar House. We had a dog sled ride and a sleigh ride drawn by horses. It was the perfect cool evening under the stars and through the snow. Thanks to Colleen and Renee for the blankets. The owner even joined in on the entertainment with his harmonica skills and Tupperware playing. It was an evening to remember. Ask Jeff or Jim about the Chap Stick, and Corey about the Parrot Bay with Erick.

Our last and final day had Mario taking us to Jay Peak. BRRRR!!! It was sooo cold, the guys unloading the skis and came back inside the bus. We did unload and go out to ski for the day. Some went out right away, others waited until the sun came out, and others never did go out. The temp with the wind chill was -23. The worst part was the lifts. We did have one injury. Dave "Sarge" took a fall and cracked his helmet and broke his goggles. He is OK but had a few questions for his fellow snow riders. Our bus ride home was much more quiet than on the way up. We ate, had some Bop It, beverages and a lot of movies. Thanks to all of you who brought movies - Brian, Linda and Sherry. Sherry and I had the BEST GROUP of Dutchmen on this trip. We want to THANK all of YOU for making our 1st trip a huge success. We couldn't have done it without the help from Dave and all of you!!!

You were the BEST!!

*Patti and Sherry*





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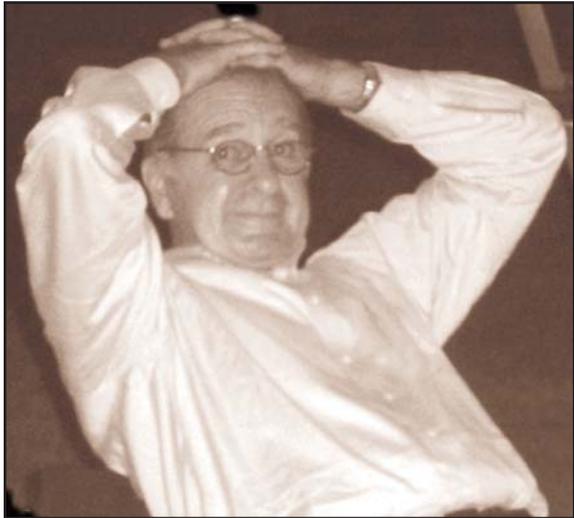
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# IN MEMORY



Recently we lost a dear friend. Bob Sterner died after returning home from an illness that had recently resulted in a lengthy hospital stay. He was a long time Dutchman, avid skier, and close friend to many of us.

Bob said he was disappointed that he only got to 29 years as a Ski School Director. Seems to be a pretty long tenure to me, but just short of 3 decades he decided he couldn't deal with it any more. He started at Sharp MT and was at Heidelberg and

Blue Marsh where most of us came to know him. He was even a patroller at one time if I recall correctly.

We were lucky to get Bob to work for us at Pinnacle for a couple of years. We looked forward to the days he would be there. It was just a few years ago that Bob no longer felt able to travel to Stratton to test skis with the gang from Pinnacle. I had hoped his blood disorder would improve and along with that his energy would return and he would join us again. He had insight into skis and skiing and there was no one you'd rather take a ski trip with.

He was that rare person whose arrival at any gathering raised the spirits of everyone present. His wit and even his creative needling were enjoyable. He could lurk better than anyone I know and appear with perfect timing. Whether you had last seen Bob last night, last month or last year, he greeted you with the same warmth and made you feel he was genuinely glad to see you. You wound up feeling the same way, too.

I think he knew everyone and had a story or three about most. I always faked it when he said, "you know so and so" at the start of a yarn. Of all those he knew I can't think of a bad word ever said about him.

Bob was in the Navy but the "be all that you can be" slogan of the Army would have fit very well. Trooper, fire investigator, security chief, cyclist, sailor, skier, shooter, caring son, husband, father, grandfather, and friend all done with enviable élan.

I think Bob would approve if I tried to erase the memory of him as I last saw him in the hospital. I choose instead to think of the Sunday in November when we just happened to arrive in the Bear Creek parking lot at the same time on our bikes. Bob had just acquired a new very yellow Triumph with which he was quite pleased. He went on about how it had no bags and for the kind of riding he wanted to do it suited him just fine to leave the baggage behind. He looked good that day and we went in to the instructors meeting where as usual he knew lots of people. I thought this spring we'd get to ride together again and perhaps talk of next ski season, too.

In the end Bob couldn't bear what had become of him. He was too good in so many ways that he couldn't tolerate anything less.

Bob's headed away from us now and he isn't taking any baggage. It is a sad time for those of us who knew Bob and we will miss him greatly. Those of you whose path Bob did not cross don't know what you missed.

*Paul Prutzman*

## EPSC Meeting, Dinner and Awards

Thursday, May 18  
Holiday Inn, Morgantown

As a member of Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Club, FDSC will sponsor the May Meeting, which is the meeting where our Race Team is presented their awards. Come to celebrate with our team and meet members from other clubs. More details will follow.

## Tentative Happy Hour Schedule for March

3/31 Charlie Brown's  
(Old Chichi's)

4/7 Cousins  
(Route 61)

4/14 Panda Heaven  
(Park Road)

4/21 Applebee's  
(Route 61)

4/28 Bowl-O-Rama  
(Bowling and HH)

5/5 Trooper Thorns

Meet around 6:30ish for food, spirits and conversation.

Visit [fdsc.org](http://fdsc.org) weekly in case of change.



## CAN YOU COME OUT TO PLAY?

At our June meeting, we would like to setup tables with information about the various outdoor activities; biking, golfing, kayaking, skating, tennis, hiking, sailing, running, geocaching and more. Were looking for some people to sit at a table and bring any information, answer questions, or just meet other members looking for some fun and competition. Come to learn what's going on for the summer. Contact any member of the board if you have information to present. Also, if you are a member of another sports club, or know other others, we would like to invite them to join us with their information.



## Trippin' *Dave Coffey*

Hello Everyone,  
As you read this article, the club trips for this year are all completed. That does not mean ski season is over because Spring skiing is some of the best skiing you will find.

Since trips are over I want to have my own survey to get more feedback from the membership survey in August.

The subject for this survey is a golf trip:

- 1) Do you want to go South, New England or Jersey shore area?
- 2) Spring or Fall?
- 3) You drive it or bus?

Let me or another member of the board know your ideas.

Don't stop skiing; there is still plenty out there.

Ski safe,

*Dave*



## Membership *Holly Trout*

April... where does the time go? I can't believe winter is pretty much over!

My Mom tells me time flies faster and faster as you get older... I'm realizing it's very true. Let's see ... what are we going to do with ourselves now that winter is coming to an end? The Ski Club is pretty much as active in the summer as the winter. We bike, hike, skate, golf, sail, have happy hours, etc. Come out to socialize and have a great time with fellow ski club members!

We have a special that starts this time of year. A person can join the club for \$10. They will immediately become a member and start receiving Ski Trails. When renewal time comes around in the Fall, if they want to remain a member, they can renew their membership for \$25. Keep spreading the word about joining our club!

We are up to 769 members!!

*Holly*

## A BIG Thank You to all who sponsored gifts at our FDSC Winter Carnival!

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