



Ski Trails

The Flying Dutchmen ski club

Having Fun For Over 46 Years!

May 2007 Calendar of Events

May 3 - General Meeting

June 7 - General Meeting
Installation of Officers
Awards Presentation

July 5 - General Meeting

August 2 - General Meeting
Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

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

**THE Deadline for the
June issue of *Ski Trails*
is May 1.**



President

*Karen
Youngwirth*

It's time for us to get ready for the new board to take over running the club. Although we hate to lose valuable people, it is good for the club to have new views and ideas. Jen Lesher, Jen Speakman, Ed Soja, Dave Coffey and Bob Bechtel have been outstanding in their positions and as members of the board. We will miss your commitment to the club but most of all the laughs we shared.

We welcome Paul Schwartz as Treasurer, Marianne Van der Velde as Skimeister, Kevin Claypoole as Trips Director and back for round 2 as Competition Director, is Jim Dolan! All our new board members have been quite active in the club and we are fortunate that they are willing to serve on the board. Neil Kline, Jeff Rapp, Patti Spitler and Kim Wittich will continue with the Lodge, Programs, Social and Publicity. Sue Gottschall has always wanted to be Membership. She will be taking Holly's place as 1st Vice President. And I am most excited to step aside and let Holly Trout shine through as the next President. The club is in good hands!

Looking back over the last two years, I am so proud and grateful for what the Board members have done for the club. Many thanks to ALL the members who had a hand in making this club what it is. Without the help of each member who touched this club in some way, the end result could not have been the same. A special thank you to

Diane Ferro for doing the web site and Marsha Springle for taking care of the discount lift tickets.

It's hard to believe that this is my last front-page article! I thank you for reading them because I must tell you how I agonized over writing each month. I always wanted YOU to feel as excited about the club as I am.

I'll see you this summer if you come to the meetings!!!

The future Past President!

Karen

Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

Please provide lists of volunteers to Patti Spitler or respective board members before May 10.

Tentative Happy Hour Schedule for May

- 5/4 Bowl-O-Rama
- 5/11 Red Lobster
- 5/18 The Works
- 5/25 Riveredge
- 6/1 Chili's

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

Visit fdsc.org weekly in case of change.



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Trippin
Dave Coffey

Hi Ski or Golf Fans,
When you read this, ski season will really be over. I don't have much to say except I had a good year skiing and I hope you did too. We are working hard on next years trips and hope we make the right selections.

We still have room for more trips, so let me know if you want to run a trip and where you would like to go. I, once again, would like to thank everyone who ran a trip this year. If you didn't go on a trip this year it was your loss. Don't miss out next year!

See You On The Links

Dave



Lodge
Neal Kline

Hello from the lodge. I'd like to welcome those who are coming onto the board. And also thank those who are leaving the board for all their hard work & time they put into the club. Don't forget that the workers weekend at the lodge is July 6-8. If you've never been up to the lodge, this is a great way to find out what it's all about. Let me know if you're interested in helping out. Don't forget that the lodge is for rent. We'll even let the light on for you.

Be safe

Neal

Relay For Life

Relay For Life is a community gathering where everyone can participate in the fight against cancer. Teams of local people (like the Dutchmen), camp out at a local high school track (this one is at Central Catholic Stadium), and take turns walking around the track. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event... because cancer never sleeps. Relays are an overnight event, up to 24 hours in length. Relay for Life brings together millions of people to raise money to help prevent cancer, save lives, and diminish suffering from the disease.

When the sun goes down, hundreds of luminaria light the way under the stars to remember those lost to cancer, those fighting cancer, and those who have fought cancer and won. This ceremony of light symbolizes the hope and perseverance with which we all continue to fight.

Survivors are invited to join us as our honorary guests in the Survivor Lap, which begins the Relay For Life. Your strength and courage help the community see that cancer survivorship is real...that we are making progress in the battle against cancer.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated. No matter who you are, there's a place for you at the Relay. Won't you join us ??

Sign ups \$10.00 each member.

To sponsor a luminaria, the cost is \$5.00 each (in memory, in honor of, or special recognition of someone who has won the battle against cancer)

Donations: make checks payable to American Cancer Society (memo FDSC)

If you are unable to be a team member, you can still join us for a walk around the track. All teams must have a fund raiser the day of the event. This is an extra way of raising money and it is said to be a great day for families to share. Come out and support the Dutchmen at their fund raiser, we hope to see you there!!!

Team Representatives
Sherry Vazquez and Patti Spitler

Remember: We need walkers...the more the merrier.

The Dates of this Relay are June 9th beginning at 10am and ending June 10th at 10am.



Competition

Ed Soja

Hello Dutchmen! Or should I say, goodbye. After 3 years on the board, this is my final newsletter article. I've had a great time and loved working with my fellow board members. I don't know how they put up with me. This was a great opportunity for me to get more involved with the club and to get to know so many wonderful people. I'd like to thank everyone who has helped me throughout the years. I couldn't have done it without your assistance. It was great to see so many members step up and get involved. Thank you.

I take great comfort in knowing that I leave the position in very capable hands. I wish Jim Dolan many, many, many years of success as the new Competition Director. Thanks again to everyone and goodbye, for now.

Ski fast, ski safe,

Ed



Publicity Director

Kim Wittich

Well, as has been said in the other articles, it's time for the new board to take over. I have to say I have had a great time as Publicity Director and will miss the exciting Board Meetings. What? I'm still on the board?? Well, I guess that's a good thing. I think I've finally got a handle on this newsletter and I can use one more year to really get it right.

Thanks again to Jen, Jen, Ed, Dave and Bob for all their help. Unless you've ever volunteered for a position like one of those, you really can't imagine the work that is involved during the high times of the year. Just think what these guys organized for the club this past year; Tuesday Night Lessons, the Race Team, the Trips, the money!! And just plain old moral support. Thanks guys!

Please pass on any ideas for Ski trails. I'm open to all suggestions.

Have a great month!

Kim



Program Director

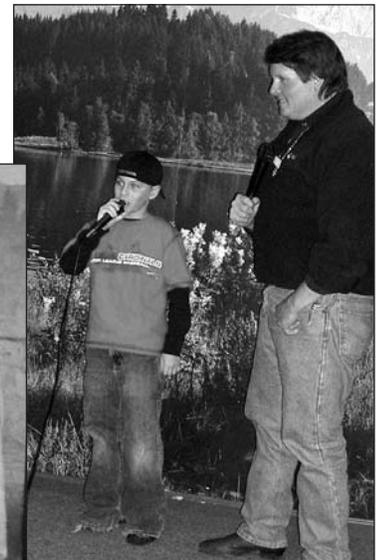
Jeff Rapp

Hello snow riders, The Karaoke night at the April Meeting was a blast. Thanks to those who stepped up to the mike. Check out the pictures of the crooners below.

I'm looking forward to warm weather and getting outside at the Leiderkrantz. Look for a summer program where we will be serenaded by Bag Pipers!

Ski u later,

J





**Social
Director**
Patti Spitler

Ahh spring... a time to just... breathe... not with a social calendar like the Dutchmens'!! We have biking, hiking, Pub crawls and Happy Hours. We have Beer Hunts, the Members Appreciation Picnic and WILDWOOD!!! There are sooo many things to do in a Dutchmen season. Before you know it... membership renewals, the Wine Tour, M/M Dutchmen contest, and Winter Carnival... boy am I tired. Just think about all the ways you can be involved with the club. We always need helpers at social functions; ticket sales, set up crews, clean up workers and those who can do whatever. Please let me know if you are available for any of the upcoming social events. You will make my job a whole lot easier.

Our first Happy Hour in May is at Bowl-O-Rama. There will be a "touch" of competition, but the evening is set up to have FUN. Please let me know if you are bowling so I can reserve enough lanes.

June brings us to a special event on the calendar. This is a first-time event. We are forming a team for the Relay for Life. This is an American Cancer Society sponsored event. It will be held Saturday, June 9th at 10am and continuing till Sunday morning June 10th at 10am. Please look for the Relay for Life article in this Ski Trails for more information. We need your HELP !!!

Starting with the June Happy Hours, we will be looking for outdoor locations. If you have any places for happy hour get togethers in mind, email me or call. I'd love to hear from you.

Wildwood is a few months away, BUT sign ups are already in progress. See the Wildwood article in this Ski Trails for details and let Stan or Erick know you are ready to sign up. You can see them at any meeting or give them a call. Checks must be mailed to them to hold your space. Don't be left out this year... Sign up early !!!!

Keep on talking,

Patti



Membership
Holly Trout

I cannot believe how time flies! Wow... I have been in the membership position for 2 years! And all of it has been good!! We welcomed 198 new members in the '05-'06 season and 182 so far in '06-'07. The club has really grown, and we are currently at 849 members! This is my last article as Membership... next month I write as President! Sue Gottschall will be taking my place, and I know she is excited and will do a great job!

We have a great group of people on the board and I'm very proud to serve with them. We are more than a board... we are a team... a family and definitely all good friends! I am sorry to see Jen Leshner, Ed Soja, Jen Speakman, Bob Bechtel and Dave Coffey leaving the board this year. I enjoyed working with them and thank them for their time served! Hope that doesn't sound too much like they were in prison serving time!? They are getting out... and the rest of us are stuck? Seriously... thank you and we'll miss you!!

I have enjoyed the membership position and look forward to being President!

Til next month... have fun!!

Holly

**Awesome time had
at the Spring Fling!**

Thanks to all who came and enjoyed the Spring Fling on Saturday April 7th at the Kenhorst Fire Company. We had an awesome time with music by "Usual Suspects" and our Mardi Gras theme.

Special thanks goes out to the committee members:

- Rick Auchenbach
- Sheila Bunch
- Jim Dolan
- Sue Gottschall
- Neal Kline
- Debbie Pasquale
- Jeff Rapp
- Joe Spica
- Holly Trout
- Carol Weller
- Sherry Vazquez

and a few additional helpers,
Julie Buchter and Mike Gable

A special thank you to Barry Sangray for being the go between with Kenhorst Fire Co. and a Big Yahoo to Barry Mckinney and Mary for making the Jambalaya.

I couldn't have done it with out you!

Patti



SUGARLOAF

On Friday March 16th, 47 members of the FDSC left for Sugarloaf, Maine, with expectations of being there about 8pm. As you might have heard... we had a bit of a ride... 20 hours worth. You might think that this was the ride from "hell" (Lori Henne), but we had enough beverages and food to sustain us, (even with Neal Kline in the back of the bus). And our driver, John from Elite Bus Co., was the BEST!

We watched movie... after movie... after movie... all the way there and all was well. Megan, our liaison at Sugarloaf, even stayed up to meet us at 6 am. She then shuttled us to our condos. Some people braved the weather and lack of sleep (Bruce Noga) and made some first tracks before the ice and rain set in. Others took a walk to the grocery store and wanted to bring back a sign (Russ Youngworth), and still others took a well deserved nap before hitting the slopes. By this time we were gearing up for St. Patty's Day... find out who wore green hair for the evening. We had our beads all a glowing (Betsy, Linda and Sue), and a few never made it out that night due to too many "car bombs" (Jeff Rapp and Tom Murdough).

Sunday and Monday the slopes were great!!! They were well-groomed and the day was sunny. We couldn't have asked for better. The Dutchmen were out skiing the day away (of course we had to stop for SOME beverages), and we had only one slight injury (Joanne Mikulsky). We did have a reason to celebrate... Denise Wright skied for 2 hours, the first time skiing in a number of years... way to go Denise!

We had a pizza party in our condo on Sunday evening, and 44 of the Dutchmen made it. It was a bit "comfy ", but what a way to meet all the new members. Monday evening, was our "Welcome" Party, sponsored by Sugarloaf. We had a fantastic time there. People up dancing... some on the dance floor (Erma and friends), some on chairs (you know who you are), and others having libations at the bar. This lead to some late nighters for some of the group. Wonder who set the fire alarms off (twice), by burning the toast, (Janet Levan).

Tuesday morning came quite early... we loaded the bus with shuttle help from Megan (and our trusty helpers, Neal, Jeff, Larry Adams, Fred Joop, Rick Auchenbach, Helmut Beuttner, Nelson Good and Dave Coffey). We were on our way to Sunday River. What a place... we need to go there for an extended weekend. Lots of trails and so little time to ski. We did take a bit of time to take our group picture in front of the bus. Some girls didn't ski that day, some didn't stay out long (had to do their shopping... Sherry and Stacy Spayd), and others pushed it right up until the time to get back on the bus. We never had to wait for anyone, so Sherry & I are well pleased with our group, and we believe they all had a great time.

Our bus ride home wasn't as long... we left Sunday River at 2:30pm and returned to the parking lot at just before 1am. As Sherry & I were checking the inside of the bus for any items left behind, Brian Mitchell, Dave Stottlemeyer and Neal carried out the tubs to pack them into Jeff's truck, and when we came out... everyone was gone. That had to be the fastest unpacking of a bus trip... EVER!!!! And only one piece of luggage was left without an owner (Pat Blanchard).

We had another GREAT group of Dutchmen on this trip, and we want to thank all of you for pitching in whenever you could to help. It was much appreciated !!!

Sherry & I would like to give you guys a WHOO WHOO !!!!!

Sherry & Patti

PS. A special thanks to Julie Buchter for the "treats" on the bus, and to Tracy Faller and Neil Kline for their pictures submitted to Ski Trails.





Skimeister *Jen Speakman*

Hello Fellow Snow Riders,

This is my last article as Skimeister and I'm having a hard time finding the right words to express how this feels. I have truly enjoyed my experience serving on the Board and making a difference in the Club. My position as Skimeister has really fulfilled many of my personal goals such as bringing back the Junior Program which is something I feel is so important to the sport and to the longevity of the Dutchmen. I also tried something that was out of my comfort zone. I am not an Instructor, or had any working knowledge of how the program really ran, but I was very fortunate to have been embraced by the Instructional team and mentored into my position.

It's been another exceptional year despite the crazy weather. I have so many people to thank for their efforts in making the Lesson Program so successful!!! I would like to start by thanking my right hand woman Diane Ferro who worked so hard behind the scenes this year organizing the Junior Program and Sign-ups for me. You are such an amazing person, and your contributions to the club cannot be measured!!! Then there is my Steering Committee, what can I say- they are so talented and creative. They are constantly striving to better the program. Bill Creadon, my Ski School Director, has done a fantastic job. Bill created the "Step It Up" format and organized the Instructors. Thank you for your continued support, and for your contributions to the program!!!! On the Ski side Technical and Assistant Directors: Dave McFarland, Marianne van der Velde, Rich Reber, Henry Drasher and Bob Smith. On the Snowboard Side, Technical Directors: Allard van der Velde, Bruce Noga, Dale and Sheila Martin. Thank you for your time and expertise, you all did a top-notch job!!! Dave McFarland and Bruce Noga pulled together a fantastic Bump Clinic! We had so much fun,

and I know it helped everyone gain more confidence in the Bumps! 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, Kelly Kondisko, Dave Coffee, Bob Fehl, Marsha & Chester Springel. I would like to thank Holly Trout and Jen Leshar for running such an organized and fun Instructional trip, outstanding job! As for the Instructors, you rock... without your talents and efforts this program would not exist! Rick Auchenbach, Scott Cooper, Terry Cooper, Bill Creadon, Doug Domeshek, Henry Drasher, Carl Engleman, Jr., Brian Gallagher, Paul Galanti, Jacob Gilbert, George Graham, Dan Hass, Lori Henne, James Kondisko, Norm Krug, Michelle LeGrande, Nat LeGrande, Keith Li, Dale Martin, Sheila Martin, Dave McFarland, Sue McMullen, Stan Miller, Bruce Noga, Rich Reber, John Sadlowski, Doug Schwab, Paul Schwartz, Jeff Seisler, Bob Smith, Marcia Smith, Chester Springle, Marsha Springle, Allard van der Velde, Marianne van der Velde and Dennis Whitman. Our amazing Apprentices: Bip Smedley, Dave Stottlemeyer and Danielle Kienle. Lastly, I cannot say enough about the support the Juniors have received from Marianne van der Velde/

Coldwell Banker. Paul Prutzman, Jessica Prutzman and the crew at Pinnacle Sports, and to John Lott and the team at Buchman's for discounting your rentals for our Juniors! Thanks to Bear Creek Mountain Resort for all that they do to support the Dutchmen! Mark Schroetel and Debi Scarino in group Sales you have been fantastic! Franco Brady, Thanks for your awesome yummys and efforts with our kick-off party at the grill. Jim Parrish, I cannot Thank you enough for your support with our Junior Program! You have made my dream a reality! Lastly, to Cullen and Eric - you are my world! Thanks for everything, now let's make a boat!

Have an amazing summer!

Jen

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Wildwood 2007

Aah - the traditions of summer - sun, sand and of course, the Flying Dutchmen in Wildwood. September may seem a long ways off, however you need to plan now if you want to be a part of this great annual event. This year's event will be from September 28th to September 30th. (Arrangements can be made if you want to arrive earlier or stay later.) Once again we will be staying at the American Inn in North Wildwood. The hotel ideally located on the beach just off the north end of the boardwalk.

On Saturday, we will be continuing the tradition of the Third Annual Flying Dutchmen Volleyball Tournament. On Sunday, there will be a Sand Sculpture contest as well as our "soon to be world famous" brunch. The window decorating contest was also a huge success so we'll be doing that again. If this sounds like way to much energy for the beach, then just hang out on the boardwalk, beach or by the pool. Saturday night we have a great dinner on the beach and entertainment by the pool. We will also have a Key West shot party and contest. You've got the summer to perfect your shot creation. We'll supply the serving tables and shooter tubes. You bring the fixings for your favorite shot. (Remember - presentation is 1/2 the fun.) We'll vote and have some fun prizes for the winner.

The cost per person is \$155 per person for a double, \$140 per person for a triple, and \$130 per person for a quad. (The price may go up by \$5 once we finalize the dinner.) The incredibly cheap price includes:

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I understand the the Flying Dutchmen Ski Club, Inc. (the "Club") is a year round skiing, sports and social club which sponsors a variety of activities, including skiing, for the benefit of its members. I am aware that many of the club's activities, including skiing, are inherently dangerous activities which involve the risk of serious injury or even death. I agree that by participating in any Club related activity, that I alone am responsible for my safety and agree that I alone assume the risks involved in any such activity.

In addition, and to the fullest extent allowed by law, I agree that I will not institute any law suit or other legal action against the Club, its members, officers, directors, delegates, instructors, agents, employees, representatives, servants or assigns as the result of my participation or injury at any Club related activity. Nor will I voluntarily assist anyone else in the pursuit of any such law suit or other legal action.

I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Club, its members, officers, directors, delegates, instructors, agents, employees, representatives, servants or assigns from and against any and all claims, actions, suits, judgements, damages, and costs, including reasonable attorney fees, that may result by reason of any suit or other legal action that I either commence or assist with as described in the preceding paragraph. This Release and Indemnification Agreement shall bind me, my distributes, heirs, executors, representatives, successors and assigns.

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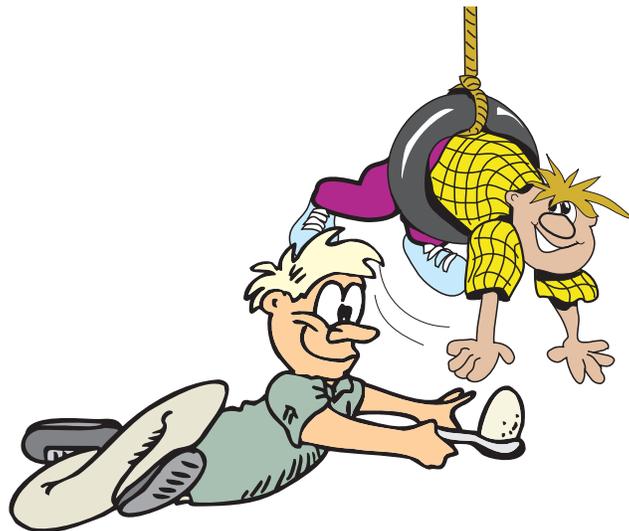
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