



June 2007 Calendar of Events

June 7 - General Meeting
Installation of Officers
Awards Presentation

July 5 - General Meeting
Beer Hunt

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
July issue of *Ski Trails*
is June 1.**



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President
Holly Trout

Hello Fellow Flying Dutchmen!!

I think the first change I'll make as President is that the President's article goes on the back of *Ski Trails*. I don't like this front page thing! How did I get to be President anyways? Oh yeah, I guess I agreed to it... with a little encouragement from a lot of people who think I'll do a good job. I AM excited about it!

A little about me... my first time ever on skis was New Year's Day 2003. I took a beginner lesson at Jack Frost and fell in love with skiing. A week or two later, I ran into Suzanne Claypoole at work and she told me about the Flying Dutchmen Ski Club. She said it's a great club, good way to meet new people and learn to ski inexpensively! How could I go wrong? I immediately joined and signed up for lessons. That was a little over 4 years ago, and I feel like I've had a lifetime of great experiences since then. My skiing has drastically improved. I've skied at some neat places, gone on trips, and had lots of fun! Best of all, I've met wonderful people and made some great friendships.

I'm sorry to see a few board members leaving the board. Glad to have those who stayed on. And I'd like to welcome the new board members! -- Paul Schwartz as Treasurer, Marianne van der Velde as Skimeister, Kevin Claypoole as Trip Director and Jim Dolan as Competition Director. I think we have a great group of people and I am confident that as a team we will

do a great job for the club. I also want to thank Karen for being so supportive of me becoming President. She has done a wonderful job as President and has been all about enthusiasm and having fun. I want to continue that!

I want to meet more of you members! Come out to meetings, to happy hours, to other social events. Just come out! Don't be shy... come up and introduce yourselves to me! Meetings will be moving outside for the summer... they are a lot of fun. It's the perfect time to come out to socialize and meet new people!

Life is good... have fun!

Holly

NEW MEMBER

Frank Barbon, III

Tentative Happy Hour Schedule for June

6/1 Chili's

6/8 Marcia & Bob Fehl
Bring a 6pk and/or munchie

6/15 Applebee's
Exeter

6/22 Beverly Hills Tavern

6/29 TC's
Kutztown

7/6 Worker's weekend at
the Lodge or
Trooper Thorns

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

*Visit fdsc.org weekly
in case of change.*



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**Publicity
Director**
Kim Wittich

Hi Everyone! This is the first edition with the new board members and I have to say, they are starting off on the right foot. All articles were in on time!! Great Job! Check out the pictures of your new members! This is a rocking crew. While I will miss the retiring members, I think the club is in good hands.

Check out the pictures from the Spring Fling. Looks like a good time was had by all. There is lots of room in the newsletter during the summer months so if you come across any events that you would like to share with the club, send the information to my email address and I'll spread the word.

Have a great month!

Kim



Competition
Jim Dolan

Hello racers,
I would like to thank Ed for stepping up to the "gate" as Competition Director this past year. He did a great job keeping our racers organized and informed.

I want to say thanks to everyone that welcomed me back to the board. A lot has changed over the last few years, but much stays the same with the Club. Volunteering is what keeps our Club together. I know I can depend on all of the race team members to help me out. All the other board members also require volunteers. Step up and ask them if they need help. It is a good way for new members to get involved.

Speed Racer is back,

Jim



Trippin'
Kevin Claypoole

Hey Flying Dutchmen, I'm looking forward to a season of great ski trips. I want to thank Dave Coffey for his last 2 years as Trip Director. He did a wonderful job as mentor for trips. He also has gotten next season's trips off to a good start! We have some great western trips planned (Colorado, Idaho, Montana & Alaska). I know the instructional & other Eastern weekend trips will be great too! We need some more people to run some weekend trips & those interested in running trips in the future should get in touch with me. If you don't want to run a trip, but would like to learn for the future, you can volunteer to help on trips - trust me the trip leaders will be very appreciative. We all need your help to make next season a success!

Thank you,

Kevin



**Program
Director**
Jeff Rapp

Hi all,

Well, they may be lazy hazy days of summer but as you can read in this newsletter, the ski club remains as active as ever. Events that will be occurring at up coming General Meetings are the Beer Hunt and the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic. Before you know it we will be getting ready for Trip Night then beaching it at Wildwood. But, let's not rush the season. Get out there and soak up the sun! See you at the Leiderkranz.

Ski u later,

Jeff



Skimeister

*Marianne
van der Velde*

EEK! I kinda forgot about this article writing stuff when I agreed to be the new Skimeister. Please be kind to me as journalism is not my forte!

Lack of writing skills aside, I really am very excited to take over this position for the club this year. Skiing has been a passion of mine since I first hit the slopes of my backyard at the age of 5 and the opportunity to help pass on my love of this sport to others through this club is something I'm very much looking forward to.

This organization has done a fantastic job of promoting skiing and snowboarding at a very reasonable cost and I will do my best to live up to this tradition of excellence. As some of you may know, I grew up in the Junior Program of this club and I can't even begin to express my thanks to Jen for the tremendous amount of work she has done to bring back something very near and dear to my heart. These kids participating in the program are the future of the sport and our club and through Jen's efforts we now have the ability to introduce it to them at a reasonable cost and get more people involved in our organization. This addition, as well as continued efforts in expanding the snowboarding program and maintaining our adult lessons should keep the Dutchmen Flying for many, many years to come!

So, while all of you are hitting the beach and bikes, myself and everyone else who is beginning planning for the next season will start our snow dances so that next season can get off to a whiter start than the last one.

Happy Summer!

Marianne



Social Director

Patti Spittler

Ahhh June... warm skies (more like HOT), gentle breezes (where?), and lots of good friends to hang with. The summer months have many fun activities for the Dutchmen. In June we have the Relay for Life, what a great way to get in shape; outside Happy Hours and bike riding every Tuesday night (see or talk to Jeff Rapp). July brings us the annual "Beer Hunt" before the General Meeting, the Millmont Pub Crawl, and more Tuesday night bike riding. August is just as busy, with the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic before the General Meeting (open to the entire Membership), more outdoor Happy Hours, and more biking. At this point, if you haven't seen a trend, are you REALLY paying attention?? The summer is made for fun and we have a lot of it... so come and join in. We'll even drink one with you....

I must say at this time, I am sooo SAD. We (the board) are losing some GREAT people... Jen Leshner (Da BOMB), Jen Speakmen (all time Skimeister), Bob Bechtel (Mr. Quiet), Dave Coffey (Grand Pooh Ba of travel and along with Sherry... got me to join the FDSC) and Ed Soja (Soja, Soja Soja... nicest guy & my Mr. FDSC counterpart). These FRIENDS are truly that... FRIENDS, and it's been my pleasure to have been a part of the board with them. The friendships made within the club are so important to me, they are an extension of my FAMILY, and who can ask for more than that!!! I wish all the outgoing board members, enjoyment on the second Thursday night of each month and look forward to seeing you at EVERY 1st meeting of the month. ha ha ha... As sad as I am to see these guys go... I look forward to getting to know the "new" board and those who have stayed and changed positions. It will be another AWESOME year on the board. Have fun... we will!!!!

Patti



Membership

Sue Gottschall

Hey fellow Dutchmen! What? I have to write an article already? Wait a minute, I just typed the minutes. Wow, I guess I'll have to get used to my new role in a hurry.

I've really enjoyed being Secretary for the last four years, but now it's time to try something different. As I prepare to take over Membership, I'd like to thank Holly for the GREAT job she's done. I have some very big shoes to fill!

A little about me. I learned to ski with the club way back when Tuesday night lessons were at Hahn Mtn. and you could ski at Heidelberg on Monday nights for \$1. How many of you remember those dollar ski nights? I became active with the club about six years ago, and I can't describe all the great times I've had since. So many friends, so much to do! Now I know what I was missing all those years.

As I write this, our current membership stands at 850. This is quite remarkable considering we were down to around 600 just a few years ago. While other clubs' numbers have been decreasing, ours have been increasing. That's a credit to our awesome lesson and racing programs, our hard working BOD, and to YOU - our members - who continue to support us by spreading the word about our club.

As we approach a new membership year, let's challenge ourselves to keep the momentum going. Tell all your friends about the club and all the fun we have. Even if they don't ski, they'll still have a great time attending our social activities and meeting new friends. Maybe we can reach 900 members this year!

Sue





Lodge
Neal Kline

Hello from the lodge. Don't forget that the workers weekend at the lodge is July 6-8. Contact me if you would like to help out. Some events going on in the Poconos are a Blues Festival on July 28th and a Garlic Festival on September 1st. For a full list of events going on in the Poconos visit www.800Poconos.com. And don't forget that the lodge is for rent.

Be Safe

Neal

Spring Fling



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.

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Bowling Happy Hour Results

On Friday, May 4th, 40 members of the FDSC invaded Bowl-O-Rama. With 34 of them bowling, and a few there to cheer, the Dutchmen had a great time. We had some returnees from last years bowling happy hour, and many new bowlers. It was a lot of fun watching and mingling and even BOWLING!!! And the results, you ask?

High Score... single game... female Dot Dragan 254
Patti Spitler 223
Ellen Schwartz 180

male... Eric Dragan 232
John Mauger 199
Brian 193

High 3 Game Total... female Dot Dragan 656
Patti Spitler 587
Ellen Schwartz 414

male... Eric Dragan 603
John Mauger 525
Brian 491

We also "teamed up" for some light competition, with every bowler picking a number. Only I knew who the partners were during the evening. Here are the final results:

High Team Score... (using 2 games only) Patti Spitler 429 and Neal Kline 287 = 716
Ed Recker 263 and John Mauger 348 = 611
Marianne van der Velde 194 and Dot Dragan 402 = 596

The reason the team scores used only the first two games is because some of the bowlers were unable to bowl three. So for fairness, we used the first two games bowled. I really do appreciate all those who came out for the Happy Hour and I'm sure we will be doing a repeat next year.

Thanks for Bowling... *Patti*

PS. Ask Karen Y. about her "form" at the foul line... Judy H. about going over the line... Paul, Ellen and Jeff R. having their own bowling shirts... and Candy S. for having her best game ever.

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 too 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:

- ◆ Lodging Friday night and Saturday night
- ◆ Breakfast Saturday
- ◆ Dinner on Saturday
- ◆ Brunch on Sunday
- ◆ Endless munchies
- ◆ Beer, Wine, Soda and Water all weekend

A deposit of \$50 per person holds your space, and rooms go quick. If you have not made a deposit then you do not have a reservation. Final payments will be due by September 1, 2007. Payments (made payable to FDSC) can be mailed to Stan Miller or Erick Confer at 66 Glenview Drive, Fleetwood, PA 19522. Give us a call at 610-944-3617 for more information. There will be no refunds for cancellations after September 6th, 2007.

WEBSITE HELP WANTED

We are looking for volunteers to help with our website in the following areas:

- ◆ Picture updates ◆
- ◆ Site design and maintenance ◆

Please email webspinner@fdsc.org if you are interested



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* You must rent at least two bedrooms.

** You must rent at least two bedrooms and are subject to being bumped by a whole lodge rental.

WINTER RATES DEC. 16 - MAR. 15

Whole Lodge - Midweek (Sunday to Friday)	\$250.00	\$500.00
Whole Lodge - One night midweek	\$60.00	\$125.00
Per bedroom - One night midweek	\$15.00*	\$30.00**
Whole Lodge - Friday and Saturday nights	\$275.00	\$500.00
Per bedroom - Friday and Saturday nights	\$50.00**	N/A
Whole Lodge - 7 days	\$450.00	\$800

Summer

Winter

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