



Ski Trails

The Flying Dutchmen Ski Club



Having Fun Since 1959!

April 2008 Calendar of Events

April 3 - General Meeting
Election of Officers

April 6 - Relay for Life Bingo

April 26 - New York Trip

May 1 - General Meeting

May 3 - Spring Fling
"Hats Off To You"

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 1.



President
Holly Trout

Hello Dutchmen!
April... that means after this I only have one more article to write! I looked back at my first article as President which I wrote last June and said how much I disliked this front page thing... and I haven't changed my mind at all about that!! I never know what to say but then think, how many people actually read it anyways? I hope very many of you! Ski Trails keeps you up to date on everything going on in the club. So does our website -- check it out too!!

The saying goes... April showers bring May flowers? I think we've had enough showers to produce plenty of flowers. We needed more SNOW! But what can ya do? Can't change mother nature. Hopefully everyone had a great winter and had some good snow riding times. I know I did!!

April is a little bit of a 'tweener' month for the club. Winter is ending and so is the snow riding, but warmer weather activities have not really kicked in yet. As a club, we do have activities going on in April. The New York City bus trip, basket bingo to benefit the American Cancer Society, happy hours... to name a few. Come out and join the fun!

As the activities transition, so does the ski club board. We have a few people leaving the board and a few new board members coming on. I'll mention them all next month in my article. Plan to come out to the May meeting to thank the outgoing board members for their hard work. Then at the June General Meeting we'll transition to the new board.

Come out to welcome those coming on into their new roles!! It's always exciting to see new people on the board. They come with new ideas and insight to help the club continue to be a success. We cannot accomplish all of the tasks necessary without the help of everyone who volunteers.

Think about joining us at an activity, or volunteering to help out with an event, or just come out to a happy hour or general meeting. It's always fun to meet new people. We have a lot of wonderful people in the club.

Hope to see YOU soon!

Life is good ~ Have fun!

Holly

REMINDER!

April we go back to one General Meeting a month which is the first Thursday of each month.

Tentative Happy Hour Schedule for April

4/4 All American
Sports Bar
Berks Lanes

4/11 3rd Rail
Blandon

4/18 Unos

4/25 Snuzzles

5/2 West Reading
Tavern

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

Visit FDSC website
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in case of change.



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Skimeister
*Marianne
van der Velde*

My first year as skimeister is winding down and I want to thank everyone who helped make it a great season for the Dutchmen. Special thanks to Dave McFarland for stepping up as ski school director this season. He has done a wonderful job and I think all of our instructors, especially the apprentices, found this past season to be a great experience.

Those that braved the elements on our final night had a great night as the rain stopped, the snow was great, and the food in the grill afterwards delicious!

Congratulations again to everyone who passed the basic and standard tests this year, as well as those instructors who put in great time and effort to pass certification exams!

Please let me know what went right for you this season as well as what didn't go so well. Dave & I will take all suggestions under advisement for the next season.

Happy Summer!

Marianne



Program
Director
Jeff Rapp

Hello to all,

This past weekend the club traveled to Okemo for the family trip. Even though it rained on Saturday, fun was had by all. Before the rain came the snow was OK like spring skiing, and then on Sunday it got colder and all was much better. Brian and Gary did a great job hosting this trip and keeping the 100 plus people happy.

Mountain biking at the marsh is just around the corner. If this interests u and more info is needed just give me a jingle.

In the next Ski Trails I will have a date when the Ranger from the Blue Marsh Lake will do a program for us. Enjoy the spring time.

Ski u later

Jeff

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Lodge
Neal Kline

Hello from the lodge! Spring time is a great time to rent the lodge. Everything is coming back to life with the coming of summer. And after March 16 th, summer rates go into effect. Which makes the lodge very affordable to rent. And don't forget the worker's weekends are coming up May 9-11 and May 16-18. We will be remodeling the downstairs bathroom this time. If you would like to help out, get in contact with me.

Be Safe

Neal



Dave volunteers at the Iditarod



Iditarod volunteers



Start sign and beginning of Iditarod

THE FABULOUS ALASKA SKI ADVENTURE!

We started with a hurdle but we overcame. USAir showed up minus 27 pairs of skis, but they did show up 4 hours later. We had a Happy Hour with Alaskan Smoked Salmon and Halibut.

Everyone was able to ski in great conditions the first day. It was an awesome day for pictures; sun shining and 30-degrees. Kris Johnson, Tom Murdough and I raced in the Alaskan Master's Ski Race at Alyeska. Kris got an honorary 3rd place in the 50+ age group. Tom and I just had fun with the Alaskans. The fastest male on the mountain was a 62 year old ex-Canadian Olympic skier. That night we had dinner, dancing and music at The Spitzmark (Great Time!).

Monday some of us went Cat Skiing (totally great powder), but some flat light and white outs that day. Happy Hour and dinner was at Chair 5 that night. They had very good Pizza, Fish & Beer!

Tuesday more great sunshine and skiing! Some took adventures on Helicopters, Snowmobiles, Dogsleds and even Snowshoes. Lots of great photos from these groups! That night we had Happy Hour and dinner at The Double Musky. They had some of the best food of the trip. Some people ate steaks that looked about 2 inches thick!

Wednesday was the Glacier Cruise with about 30 people going. The weather was iffy but we saw Whales, Eagles, Sea Lions and more on Resurrection Bay. On the ride to and from we saw lots of Moose. We stopped at a Nature preserve on the way back. The Grizzlies came out of hibernation 2 days before. We got to see them rolling around and playing. They had Musk Ox, Reindeer, Moose, Eagles and Porcupines among others. We ended the evening with dinner and live music at Maxines. We originally had them scheduled for Sunday night but had to keep switching the date. It was worth the wait. They had very good food and live music.

Thursday we had more great skiing and sunshine! Approximately 10 Dutchmen/ women skied the Northface (double black). Three of us went down the Christmas chute which was very scary! We had our best dinner that night at 7 Glaciers (5 star). Kris Kauffman even returned from an appendectomy in Anchorage to eat with us. He was a trooper.

The Alyeska Hotel was excellent place with people enjoying the hot tub & pool from 6:30am til 10pm. The staff was great and very helpful. We left our mark on Girdwood. Everyone heard of the Flying Dutchmen from Pennsylvania before we left!

Friday we returned to Anchorage leaving 4 diehards behind to ski another day. Everyone ventured in different directions from The Glacier Brewhouse to Moosestooth Pizza. Great Food was found everywhere.

Saturday was the start of The Iditarod Dogsled Race. The Coldest day of our week started at 7am at -1 degrees. By 10 am it was 5 degrees (brrrrrrrrrrrr!). We had at least 4 Dutchmen volunteer to help shovel snow for The Iditarod (Jon & Mary Grossman, Dave Stottlemeyer & Dennis Baldwin). Let's give them a big hand. We had dinner that night at The Snowgoose Restaurant with some very good meals! Small Happy Hour afterwards (Too Happy for Some!) Then we loaded the bus for the Airport at 10:30pm. We had a red-eye flight home returning with all our Luggage! It was an exciting adventure with a great group of people!

Kevin & Suzanne Claypoole



David - Bunny Rabbit Kevin - Peter - Bip



Alaska Group



**Social
Director**
Patti Spittler

B-I-N-G-O... B-I-N-G-O... B-I-N-G-O... and that's what we'll be playing - O. On Sunday, April 6th, along with the Baskets of Hope Cancer Relay team, we are having a basket bingo day. To be held at the Oley Fire Company Fairgrounds, the doors open at noon, games begin at 1pm. This is a great way to have fun and help us to raise money for The American Cancer Society. The Dutchmen have been in full force... with this fight against the big "C". In just the most recent months, some of our Dutchmen family has been diagnosed with some form of cancer. I'm sure it has hit someone that you know and love. Won't you come out and help us raise awareness and funds for this worthy cause. It's just \$20.00 a ticket in advance and \$25.00 at the door. For tickets you can call or see Sherry Vazquez or myself...or drop by Pinnacle Sports and ask for Bonnie Fontana. WE NEED YOU... to come out and play... Please call.

Saturday, April 26th is the bus trip to New York with Dave and Carol Slider... give them a call and sign up. The day is yours to do what you'd like. \$30.00 per person gets you a seat.

Spring is here and so is our "Fling". It will be Saturday, May 3rd at the Kenhorst Fire Company. We will have music, food, soda, beer, wine and loads of FUN. The theme this year "Hats off to YOU". Wear your most favorite hat... and lets boogie down. Tickets for this event are \$25.00. Call or see me for tickets.

Always check the Happy Hour schedule in your Ski Trails or on the bulletin board, for where we are meeting on a Friday night... come out and enjoy...

Hope you all had a wonderful Easter Holiday with family and friends.

Keep on Talking,

Patti

Elk/Greek Peak Trip

Ellen Schwartz broke her string of bad luck, and finally organized a trip with superb weather and skiing conditions. The trip wasn't cancelled because of too much snow, and except for the time we were loading the bus on Saturday morning, it didn't rain.

Saturday's Elk event had terrific slope conditions. There was a small contingent of Dutchmen cheering Bernie Resch on his ASRA race (he won, of course) - they weren't part of the trip, but were there with us for the day. Greek Peak was 100% open (a rare event), with groomed and ungroomed, bumps, NASTAR racing (Lori Henne - Bronze!), short lift lines, and blue skies.

Inside jokes: Jeff, what time is it? What's a "fuzzy alligator?" Fran - where's your helmet/goggles/cell phone/the hotel? Diane - did Picasso draw those boobs? Ellen - up for another run down Hercules? Sue Pyles, time for new boots!

As always, great bus driving by John from Elite. We missed Sue McMullen, whose planning helped make for a successful trip, and we hope her arm is on the mend.

Ellen & Paul Schwartz



Trippin'
Kevin Claypoole

Hey Boarders and Skiers,

By now all our trips are done. I've had great reports on so many great trips. I want to thank all the great trip leaders and all the great participants for making this trip year a success! We look forward to some great trips for next ski season. We always need new trip leaders. So give it some thought. It is best to start with running a day or weekend trip. We can also look forward to the NYC Trip and Wildwood! Try some biking or blading with some of our members also!

Later

Kevin



Competition
Jim Dolan

Hello Dutchmen,
Well, it looks like the ski season is finished locally, but don't put those skis away.

There is still plenty of spring skiing in the northeast and out west. Several of us will be off to Tuckermans Ravine and a few other places for a long weekend the beginning of April. Yea, it's the place where you don't need a lift ticket.

I want to thank everyone that participated in the EPSC Council Cup race at Blue Mt. We had five teams this year. Two masters, two regular and 1 snowboard team. Our masters, Sarah Leach, Dave Demko, Steve "the ice man" Rheault, Clyde Novelli, and Kevin Rist took first place. Sarah was the fastest female master. Dave was the fastest male master. The second masters team took fourth place. The two regular teams were split evenly to try to capture the sixth place "B" cup trophy. That did not work this year. The teams came in third and seventh place. Our snowboard team was DQ"ed this year only because of a little lack of knowledge of the race rules. Otherwise they would have taken first place. Kelly Kondisko was the fastest female boarder. Congratulations to all the winners. Hope to see you all there next year. Big thank you to the Loepers for hosting the after race party.

If you have not heard, I will be going on another tour of duty in Japan for only one month this time. I will be leaving April 7th and be home May 9th. Anyone need any Japanese snacks?

Sayonara,

Jimmy-san

NEW MEMBERS

Kelly Close
Annelise Vidal
Juan Vidal
Gary Reinert
John Adams



Membership *Sue Gottschall*

Hey fellow
Dutchmen!

It's spring! The sun is higher and the temperatures warmer. For most of us, ski season is over - unless you're one of those hardy souls who do the Tuckerman's Trek each year. Personally, I'd rather wear my skis than carry them on my back. Maybe one year someone will run a trip to Chile so we can all do some summer skiing.

Our membership numbers have been phenomenal so far. As I write this, we're at 886 total members, with 181 new members. I would like to thank all of you who recruited new members this year. And I'd especially like to thank Buckman's and Pinnacle Sports for the many new members they referred. Those wonderful discounts are a powerful incentive for people to join our club.

Don't forget that we have a spring membership special. New members can join now for just \$10, then renew in the fall for \$25. It's a great opportunity for anyone who wants to see what we're all about. So tell all your friends to give us a try. We have lots of summer fun lined up. One of the best things about this club is the variety of people and activities available. No matter what your interest, you can usually find someone to share it with.

Now that our bodies are in shape from skiing, let's keep the momentum going. So get out there and bike, skate, hike, play tennis, or walk the golf course.

Whatever you do, make it fun. See you at the next meeting!

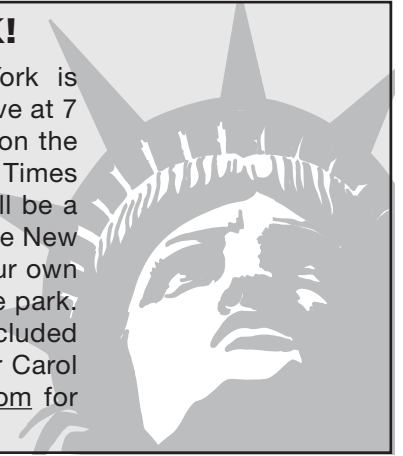
Sue

CORRECTIONS TO LAST MONTHS NEWSLETTER.

Apologies go to several members of the Torch Parade at Winter Carnival whose names were incorrect or missed from last months Skitrails. Thanks go to **Diane Nolfé, Fred Jopp and Paul Schwartz** for participating in this event.

NEW YORK! NEW YORK!

The annual FDSC bus trip to New York is scheduled for Saturday, April 26. We will leave at 7 AM from the back of the K-Mart parking lot on the 5th Street Highway and arrive in New York Times Square at approximately 9:30 AM. There will be a second drop off at Central Park. We will leave New York at 8 PM 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 included for the low price of \$30.00. Contact Dave or Carol Slider, 610-367-5413, or email slidca@aol.com for reservations.



Wildwood 2008

Some of you may be thinking about putting away your skis and getting out the summer stuff. We're not putting away our skis, but we are thinking about the end of summer already. Of course, that means planning for the FDSC's monumental annual trip to 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 26th to September 28th. (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 is ideally located on the beach just off the north end of the boardwalk.

On Saturday morning, we will be continuing the tradition with the Fourth Annual Flying Dutchmen Volleyball Tournament. Saturday afternoon will be the Second Annual Shot Key West shot party and contest. You've got the summer to perfect your shot creation. We'll supply the serving tables and shot cups. 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. We've heard a lot of rumors about what you are scheming up to make this contest even more interesting (and we encourage it.) Saturday night we have a great dinner on the beach and entertainment by the pool. On Sunday, there will be our "soon to be world famous" brunch followed by the Sand Sculpture contest. If this sounds like way to much energy for the beach, then just hang out on the boardwalk, beach or by the pool.

We have kept the price the same for 3 years. However, due to the New Jersey special FDSC "Fun" Surcharge, we have had to adjust the prices. The cost per person is \$170 per person for a double, \$155 per person for a triple, and \$145 per person for a quad. (If you have a house in the area and just want to stop by for a while, let me know and we can work a price based on what you attend.) The incredibly cheap price includes:

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

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, 2008. 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 4th, 2008.

Going West? .
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**Congratulations to Paul Prutzman
 who has been chosen Chairman
 Elect of the National Ski &
 Snowboard Retailers Association.**



*We'll be Closed
 May June July
 See You in*

August



It's hard "work" testing
 and selecting all the new
 gear, but next season is
 looking really sharp.

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SPRING HOURS

April Hours:
 M, T, TH, F 11-8
 Wednesday Closed
 Saturday 10-5
 Sunday Closed

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FDSC members are welcomed to a discount of 25% off MSRP on merchandise.

We will also match price on items from any other Pa. stocking retailer.

10% FDSC Special Discount deal valid April 1-30, 2008. Discount taken off lowest ticketed price.

The Lodge Rates:

Rentals are normally from 5 P.M.
 until 5 P.M. the next day.

* 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

	Summer	Winter
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

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