



## May 2008 Calendar of Events

May 1 - General Meeting

May 3 - Spring Fling  
"Hats Off To You"

May 9-11 & May 16-18  
Worker's Weekends at the Lodge

June 5 - General Meeting

June 7-8 - Relay for Life

July 3 - General Meeting

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.**



# Ski Trails

The Flying Dutchmen Ski Club

Having Fun Since 1959!

THE FLYING DUTCHMEN  
Ski Club Of Reading, Pennsylvania, Inc.



President  
*Holly Trout*

OUT with the old...  
IN with the new! In  
June we have three  
board members leaving the board  
and three new ones coming on.  
Michele Hassing and Kim Wittich  
have been outstanding in their posi-  
tions. Thanks for all the time and  
hard work you gave to the club. You  
have done a wonderful job. I also  
will be leaving the board. I have  
really enjoyed my year as President  
and the two prior years as  
Membership. Thank you all for  
being so supportive of me!

Coming on to the board will be  
Diane Nolfe as Secretary, Beth Long  
as Publicity and Rick Auchenbach as  
President. They all have been quite  
active in the club and as a club we  
are fortunate they are willing to  
serve on the board.

Continuing on the board will be  
Sue Gottschall, Jeff Rapp, Paul  
Schwartz, Karen Youngwirth,  
Marianne van der Velde, Kevin  
Claypoole, Neal Kline, Jim Dolan and  
Patti Spitler in the following posi-  
tions: 1st VP/Membership, 2nd  
VP/Programs, Treasurer, Past  
President, Skimeister, Trips, Lodge,  
Competition and Social. Whew! The  
club is in good hands!! We have a  
great group of people giving their  
time and serving the club.

A special thanks to Stan Miller  
for being Parliamentarian, Bob  
Smith for being Historian, Dave  
McFarland for serving as Ski School  
Director, Bob Fehl for taking care of  
vouchers, Diane Ferro for doing the  
web site, Deb Pasquale for labeling

and mailing *Ski Trails* each month, all  
our instructors, everyone who ran  
trips, everyone who helped with an  
event... and the list could go on and  
on. There are so many people who  
have touched this club in some way...  
thank you... you all had a hand in  
making the club what it is.

As I write my last article, I just  
want to say how appreciative I am of  
the club as a whole. It's awesome!! I  
hope that you all see what a good  
thing we have here. Tell your  
friends. Thanks to Suzanne Claypoole  
for telling me about the club 5 years  
ago :)

So, I'm disappearing from the  
front-page. Yay! But I won't be dis-  
appearing from the club. You may  
even see me writing an article in the  
future. See you around in the  
crowd!!

Life is good... Have fun!

*Holly*

## "Carving Out Cancer"

Thanks to everyone who par-  
ticipated and/or donated to  
"Carving Out Cancer". We raised  
over \$1400 for the American  
Cancer Society. I would also like  
to thank Bear Creek for their  
donation of the NASTAR race  
proceeds. Bear Creek also donat-  
ed a 2008/09 off-peak season  
pass which we raffled off at the  
April 3rd general meeting.  
Congratulations to Mark Mosser  
who was the big winner of the  
Bear Creek pass. Thanks again  
everyone and we look forward  
to your support next year.

2007-2008  
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**Membership**  
*Sue Gottschall*

Hey fellow  
Dutchmen!

April showers bring May flowers! May is one of my favorite months. With all the beautiful trees and flowers in bloom, it certainly is one of the prettiest months of the year.

Our membership numbers are pretty, too. Our \$10 spring membership special has brought us more new members in the last month. We have 186 new members so far this year, and our total is now at 891.

I can't believe it's almost a year since I became Membership Director. Time sure does fly when you're busy. Before I know it, it'll be time to send the renewal forms again. In preparation for that, I'd like to remind everyone to please send any address, phone number, or email changes to [membership@fdsc.org](mailto:membership@fdsc.org).

See you at the next meeting!

*Sue*

**SPRING FLING!**

The Spring Fling will be on Saturday, May 3rd at the Kenhorst Fire Company. Music will be by DJ Kris Johnson. We are serving a hot and cold buffet, beer, wine, soda and water are included. There will be a "cash" bar. The cost is \$25.00 per ticket. The theme this year is "Hats off to YOU". Wear your favorite hat, one you made or bought and come have fun. Purchase your tickets from anyone on the committee... or give us a call. See you there... doors open at 6pm, music 7pm- 1pm.

**Spring Fling Committee:**

Rick Auchenbach, Carol Weller, Sherry Vazquez, Jeff Rapp, Julie Buchter, Debbie Pasquale, Neal Kline, Holly Lu<sup>tt</sup>, Sue Gottschall ar Patti Spitler.



**Skimeister**  
*Marianne van der Velde*

Happy Spring  
Everyone!

Well, the snow is done for this season and there's not much news on the skimeister front... but there's tons of great stuff going on to keep you busy... Spring Fling, Basket Bingo, Relay for Life, Summer Programs, Mountain Biking, Hiking, New York trip, Happy Hours... the list just keeps going. So keep any eye out on everyone's articles, advertisements, and bulletin board postings to stay up to date on all the fun happenings to keep you busy til the snow flies again! Listed below are the club members who passed either their Basic or Standard tests this year. Congratulations to you all!

**BASIC**

Paul Galanti  
Trevor Hess  
Ian Burke  
Ben Downing  
Greg Poticher  
Joshua Kehs  
Justin Williamson  
Joy Clymer  
Kay Creyer  
Bill Pierce  
John Ovelman  
Elaine Deitch  
Tracey Sattazahn  
Clark Sattazahn  
Jen Frie  
Ken Frie  
Deanna Strunk  
Elizabeth Stricker  
Michael Thoma  
Tracey Barrell

**STANDARD**

Bob Fehl  
Bonnie Heath  
Diane Nolfe

*Marianne*

Please notify  
[membership@fdsc.org](mailto:membership@fdsc.org)  
of any address, email, or  
phone number changes



## Competition

*Jim Dolan*

Hello fellow  
"round eyes",

Ski season is just about finished. Although there was not much snow that fell this year, we still had a great season at the mountain. As I write this article, a few of us will be off to Tuckermans tomorrow morning. So skiing is still out there if you're hard core and willing to travel.

Pond skimming went great this year. We had about thirty five FDSC spectators at Bear Creek. Jeff and I had an awesome tailgate party for everyone after we didn't make it across the pond. This will definitely be an annual event.

Congratulations to Bernie Resch for being ASRA's overall champion for the second year in a row. Well done my little Austrian buddy. Nastar has ended for the season. The club team came in 11th out of 1828. The friends and family club team came in 20th out of 3900 nationwide. That's not too shabby for small mountain racers.

Keep your eyes and ears open for summer activities. There is hiking, mountain biking, and my favorite, HAPPY RRRR's. This club does a lot more than just skiing.

Get involved,

*Jimmy-san*

## Wildwood 2008

Summer is fast approaching. That means that the end of summer bash in Wildwood is close behind. 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. As I'm writing this, space is filling fast. 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 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 \_ the fun.) We'll vote 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.

## RACE FOR THE CURE

We recently accepted the challenge to raise funds to support the Komen Philadelphia Race for the Cure® in the fight against breast cancer. One in seven women will be stricken with breast cancer in her lifetime. The more funds we raise, the more the Philadelphia Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure can give back to fund vital breast cancer education, screening and treatment programs in our own community and to support the national search for a cure. Learn more about mission of the Komen Philadelphia Affiliate at <http://www.komenphiladelphia.org/>. Members of the FDSC can support us in several ways. One way is to join us on Sunday, May 11, 2008, for the 5K event in Philadelphia. You may join our team, *Flying Dutchmen Ski Club*, (password fdsc) by logging on to the website listed above and registering for the race. Or, if you prefer, you may register on the day of the race in person. Additional ways for you to participate include making a pledge online or giving your donation to one of our team members. Of course, you could always come to Philadelphia to cheer us on, too. Please support our team in this worthwhile endeavor. Contact Diane Nolfé if you have further questions. Thank you.



**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*



**Social Director**  
*Patti Spittler*

**Spring Fling...** music by DJ Kris Johnson...

\$25.00... **Relay for Life Cancer Walk...** food, games and walking for a cause... \$10.00... **Annual Beer Hunt...** hunters search for beer... could be PRICELESS... what's on YOUR calendar...??? We need you to support these social functions...mark your calendars and come out and have some fun with your FDSC "family". Along with these events we will be having the Bowling Happy Hour at Bowl-O-Rama on May 23rd. The competition has been good in the past and I look forward to even better this year. Give me a call if you are coming so I can set up for enough lanes. Please read on in your Ski Trails to find more info on the above social events.

Keep on Talking

*Patti*



**Past President**  
*Karen Youngwirth*

Hey Dutchmen!

This is all about turning 50... Fifty... Five-O... Half a Century! No, not ME! The Flying Dutchmen Ski Club! Isn't it amazing that in a time when people in general are not joining clubs we are going strong and about to celebrate a major milestone. Now is it '08 or '09? It's both! The club became incorporated in 1959 but a lot of the planning and fun started in 1958. Does it really matter? We'll just have to start celebrating in 2008!

We've got to get started! On Thursday, May 15, we will have a meeting at the Reading Liederkrantz to get everyone together who would like to participate. We've had some ideas like a weekend golf trip, a cruise and of course the year-long events will end with a very special party. Everyone is invited!

The meeting will start at 8:00 but plan to arrive early to "socialize." Can't make it? We still need your ideas. See Fran Parsaneze, Darlyn Maul, Michelle LeGrande, Beth Long, Bill Roland, Karen Sandloop, Ed & Alice Schappelle, Ginny Devaney, Rick Auchenbach, Bob Smith or myself.

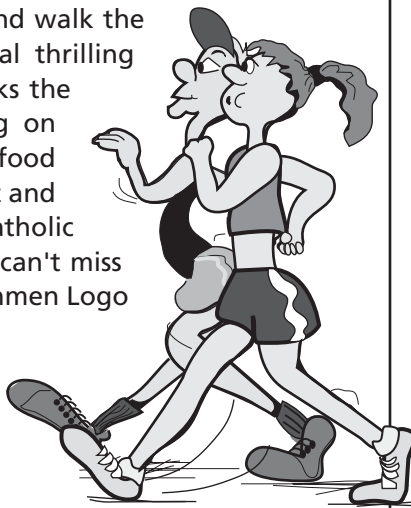
Happy Anniversary to us!!

*Karen*

**Relay for Life... Cancer Walk...**

From Saturday, June 7th through Sunday, June 8th we will be on a mission... to walk away Cancer. Please come and help us walk for 24 hours. The idea is to have at least one person on the track at all times... from 8am on Saturday till 8am on Sunday. Can you walk with us? Sign up for the time and day that is good for your schedule. The cost is \$10.00 to walk and that includes a t-shirt. You can also sponsor a luminary; dedicated in support of or in memory of someone for \$10.00 each. Are you a SURVIVOR? Then come and walk the first lap with other SURVIVORS... its a real thrilling moment... to watch as a sea of Purple walks the track. There will be a lot of things going on through out the day... music, stands selling food and beverages, games and raffles. Come out and enjoy time there. It is at the Central Catholic Stadium, in St Lawrence, right on 562, you can't miss it. Look for the pop-up tents with the Dutchmen Logo or signs. Donations will also be accepted. Make checks payable to the American Cancer Society. Thanks for your time...

*Patti*



In preparation for the **Member Appreciation Picnic**, please provide names of all persons who have volunteered or donated in any way to an event, trip, fundraiser, etc. In memory of our dear friend, Rick Yoder, the board has decided to recognize one of our volunteers with a special award as we thank all our volunteers. It would be most helpful if you could provide your lists as soon as possible to the appropriate board member.



**Program  
Director**  
*Jeff Rapp*

Hello to all,

This morning as I write this, we are leaving for Tuckermans to hike and ski in the great white. This time of year we must travel to ski and pond skim. Are we different? No we just love to ski.

When Jim gets home from Japan there is a chance we could travel to VT to skim there. If u would like to join us tell the piper.

Biking starts soon, join us.

Enjoy the Spring.

As far as programs none at this time but some are in the works.

Ski u later

*J*

### NEW MEMBERS

Joseph Rutolo  
Mauro Uhle  
Joan Shields  
Joseph Shields  
Gary Rizzo



**Lodge**  
*Neal Kline*

Hello from the lodge.

Don't forget the two workers week-ends coming up May 9-11 and May 16-18. If you would like to help out with remodeling the downstairs bathroom, get in contact with me to do so. And don't forget that the lodge is there for your use.

Be safe!

*Neal*

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### Ode to My Poles

Poles, poles, I miss you so now  
Not like the days when I thought I  
knew how  
To glide off the chairlift and turn left  
or right  
Now there's always some boarder  
directly in sight

And I on my snowboard as well have  
to fall  
Since with one foot unstrapped I  
cannot turn at all  
Poles you once helped me to steer off  
the chair  
Or to halt without falling if someone  
was there

Getting on the chair also on you  
I'd depend  
Your support pulled me forward,  
just like a good friend  
Now on the flats I just waddle or hop  
Sometimes take the board off and walk  
to the top

Of a place with incline where again  
I may slide  
And have fun making turns to the end  
of my ride  
Where at the bottom again I will miss  
you, my poles  
As I push toward the chairlift with only  
my soles

And once more at the top I'll be sad  
you're not near  
To steer me from an obstacle and into  
the clear  
Another new boarder can't get out of  
my way  
He fell off the chair, and at the chairlift  
he stays

I'll choose to fall down before hitting  
that lump  
Skiers exiting behind us encounter a  
clump  
But with both feet strapped in and a  
pole in each hand  
*They* steer aside easily, glad on their  
feet to still stand

And I and the other new boarder  
just sigh  
And remember the good times that  
give  
us that high  
Making it all worth the falling and  
failure we face  
Boarding and exiting the chair with

# FLYING DUTCHMEN SKI CLUB

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP       RENEWAL

Name (Mr., Mrs., Ms.) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Referred By \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in:    Ski Lessons    Trips    Racing    Special Olympics    Social Events    Golf    Tennis

Dues: \$25.00    Initiation Fee (new members) \$10.00    Checks payable to: FDSC, P.O. Box 14233, Reading, PA 19612-4233

## RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT (Please Read Carefully)

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.

I understand and acknowledge that the Club is acting in reliance upon the agreements made by me in the Release and Indemnification Agreement in order to extend to me the benefits of membership in the Club and were I not willing to abide by the terms of this document, such membership and opportunity to participate in Club related activities would not be extended to me.

How did you hear of our club? \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

Members must be 18 years of age or older.

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

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