



Ski Trails

The Flying Dutchmen ski club

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June 2008 Calendar of Events

June 5 - General Meeting
Introduction of New Officers

June 7-8 - Relay for Life

July 3 - General Meeting
Beer Hunt
50th Anniversary Kick-Off

August 7 - General Meeting
Members 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 8th.



President Rick Auchenbach

Hello and welcome to the June edition of *Ski Trails*. June is a transition month for the club. You will see a few different faces in this issue as several board positions are assumed by new board members.

I would like to personally thank outgoing board members Holly Trout, Michele Hassing, and Kim Wittich for their dedication and service to the club. At the same time I would like to welcome new board members Diane Nolfie as Secretary and Beth Long as Publicity. Together with the returning board members--many thanks to them, too--we are planning another outstanding year of activities and events.

Other *Ski Trails* articles are sure to promote these activities and events, leaving me free to talk about the club in general. The FDSC has been like family to me. Actually, I should say the members have been like family to me. Skiing has allowed me to travel to beautiful, unique, and adventurous places with old friends as well as friends I hadn't met yet. The family keeps growing and the fun continues. I hope you've had similar experiences, feelings, and rewards as a result of ski club membership. If you have, you may want to share this well kept secret with family, friends, and coworkers outside the club. Can you tell that Membership has been in my past? It's also part of our future. We need a strong, vibrant membership to continue the fun and the family. As we approach our 50th year, we're poised to meet new challenges, new

members, and new rewards. Please take a moment to reflect on what your ski club means to you and how you can help it continue to grow and prosper. Participate, the rewards are great.

See you at the events,

Rick

Members Appreciation Picnic

CALLING ALL
VOLUNTEERS AND FRIENDS...

On Thursday, August 7th, we are holding the Members Appreciation Picnic in the Liederkrantz Grove before the general meeting. The grove will "open" for food and drinks at 6:30pm. The menu will be a choice of chicken or steak, salads, corn on the cob, and desserts. For your thirst, you have a choice of beer, wine, soda, or water. Please make sure I have your reservations by Sunday, July 27th, so I can order the food...

For those Volunteers who have received an invitation, your cost will be \$5.00. All Members who wish to come and enjoy a night of good food, the cost to you is \$12.00. This does entitle you to all of the "goodies" mentioned above... and there's more... the Board will be doing the cooking! So come and see your favorite board member... serving you, with a SMILE...

Thanks,

Patti



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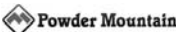
Hey Skiers & Boarders,

Hope everyone's summer is starting great! We have some *awesome* trips planned for this coming season! I hope you're staying in *awesome* ski shape! Hopefully the Happy Hours aren't adding too many extra pounds! If so, join some of the summer bike hikes, golfing, 5Ks, etc. Visit the bulletin board to find out more.

Just to give you a taste of the upcoming season, we start with a trip  to entice the teachers of the club to Quebec  City Dec. 30th - Jan. 4th. We follow with the Instructional Trip to Belleayre Mountain January 9th - 11th. This trip is  always fun and good for brushing up on techniques with our *awesome* instructors.

Also in January, New Hampshire will be a fantastic destination. You'll be skiing a few different mountains Jan. 18th - 21st. Following NH will be an incredible trip to Meribel, France, Jan. 24th - 31st. Also leaving this week will be the Killington Trip with the EPSC Winter Carnival, featuring racing and lots of celebrations. That's Jan. 28th - Feb. 1st.

Beginning in February is the Mystery Trip Feb. 5th - 9th... You don't know where you'll be going, and neither do we!!! Next is Big Sky, Montana, Feb. 15th - 22nd, a fabulous trip with a few destinations to ski! This month we will also bring back a short bus trip to Elk Mountain and Greek Peak Feb. 21st - 22nd. Two great mountains not too far away with lots of good skiing!

In March, get ready for some powder at Powder Mountain and Snow Basin, Utah,  Feb. 28th - Mar. 7th. And since our families are so very important to us, back by popular demand is the Okemo Family Trip Mar. 6th - 8th!

We didn't want to keep you in suspense, (except for the Mystery Trip), so we are announcing the trips early. Start your planning now and we'll see you Thursday, September 4th, for Trip Night!

Kevin



Social Director

Patti Spitler

Wow, warm weather... I'm happy... hope you are, too! I'm sad to see some of the board members go... Holly, Michele, and Kim... Good Luck in your time off and come and see us often. Remember where you SHOULD be every first Thursday of the month! Along with the sad Good byes come the anticipated HELLOS to the new... Rick, Beth, and Diane, we look forward to your service to the club... Congratulations... and Welcome.

June 7 & 8 - Cancer Relay for Life at St Lawrence, contact Sherry or myself.

July 3 - Annual Beer Hunt in the Liederkrantz grove, registration begins at 6:45 and the hunt at 7:00. Just \$8.00 to hunt per person.

August 7 - Members Appreciation Picnic in the Liederkrantz grove, \$5.00 for invited volunteers and \$12.00 for those who wish to come and enjoy. Please make your reservations with any board member by July 26th.

Please read on in your *Trails* to find more info on these social events.

Keep on Talking,

Patti

NEW MEMBER
Kerry Solsky

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Membership *Sue Gottschall*

Hey fellow Dutchmen!

I can't believe a year has gone by since I wrote my first article. Last year I mentioned how our membership numbers had been increasing over the last few years, and I'm happy to announce that the trend continues. We ended last year with 850 members, and this year we're at 892. A great big thank you to all of you who recruited new members and to Pinnacle and Buckman's for all their referrals!

Don't forget to join us for our summer meetings outside at the Liederkrantz grove. They're always a great time. And bring your friends along. When they see how much fun we have, maybe they'll want to join us, too. Winter, spring, summer, or fall--the Dutchmen are all about having fun!

See you at the next meeting!

Sue



Publicity Director *Beth Long*

It's May as I write my first Ski Trails article, with June and Summer just around the corner. How sad to have the skis tucked away in the corner for another year, but in exchange there are daffodils and day lilies, baseball and biking, races and relays, picnics in the grove and sandcastles on the beach. As another year of skiing, socializing, and service with the Flying Dutchmen unfolds, I'm excited to be a part of this fantastic club and thrilled to be one of its newest Board members. Thanks to all for the warm welcome and the many words of support and encouragement as I take up the responsibility for this superb publication. I'm looking forward to a year of skiing new mountains, to meeting new friends, and to playing and working with you, my fellow Dutchmen, as we take this great club into its 50th year. So let's get to it!

Beth



Past President *Karen Youngwirth*

Another Flying Dutchmen year begins!!! How exciting to have our new board members Rick, Beth, and Diane. This year is going to be a lot of fun as we kick off our 50th Anniversary celebrations! Our official Kick-Off will be at the July 3rd general meeting. Not only do we have the Beer Hunt before the meeting... we will also have music by Erick Cawalla and Jennifer Kinder after. The Reading Liederkrantz will be cooking at the outside grill for anyone interested in buying food. Since most of us have off the next day, we could party all night long!!! It should be a lot of fun! Bring your friends!

I'll also continue to keep you up to date on everything that is going on with the Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council.

Don't miss the summer meetings! Being outside with your FDSC buds is the best!!!

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 10am on Saturday till 10am on Sunday. Can you walk with us? Sign up for the time and day which are best 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 or three for \$25. Are you a SURVIVOR? Then come and walk the first lap with other SURVIVORS. It's a really thrilling moment... to watch as a sea of Purple Walks the track. There will be a lot of things going on throughout 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 on route 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



Skimeister *Marianne van der Velde*

Is Summer here yet? Close enough! There may not be any snow left, (at least not around here), but the Dutchmen still have tons for you to do! Get out on the hikes, the bikes, the blades... sneak in a happy hour or two... the list is endless. Have loads of fun and keep your ski legs in shape at the same time.

Not to change the subject, but I can't end my first year on the FDSC board without a BIG THANKS to both our outgoing board members and those continuing to serve. You've all been very welcoming and all of your hard work is greatly appreciated!

Marianne

Tentative Happy Hour Schedule for June

6/6 Blue Marsh Canteen

6/13 Stan & Erick's
(Call for Directions 610-944-3617)
Bring 6-pk and/or munchies

6/20 Trooper Thorns

6/27 Ganly's

7/4 Patti's Deck
(Call for Directions 610-568-0732)
Bring 6-pk and/or munchies

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

*Visit FDSC website
www.fdsc.org weekly
in case of change.*





Competition

Jim Dolan

Greetings everyone! As I write my *Ski Trails* article, I am listening to a Japanese talk show. Their shows are very strange. Try that for 30 days. There is still lots of snow in northern Japan, and I am sure they are still skiing. The weather where I am is close to the weather in Pennsylvania.

Just before I left for Japan, a few of us went to hike Tuckerman's. They had record amounts of snow this year. It happened to rain before we got there. Everything froze solid above Ho Jo's. We got to about the picnic rocks and decided it was unsafe. We were not equipped to hike on the ice. So we did the smart Dutchmen thing: we turned around, skied down, and went to the bar. Imagine that! Wild Cat was having pond skimming Saturday, but I took one look at the pond and decided to stay dry. The pond was too long for the length of the approach. Everyone was going to swim. So we decided to go back and hike Tuckerman's a second time. The skiing on the trail out was great. There is still plenty of snow there. I have been watching the conditions on Mt. Washington's website. It's still very cold at night. Maybe another trip there when I get home.

I would like to welcome all the new board members and thank them for volunteering their time. If it wasn't for them volunteering their time, there would be no club. We will also miss the board members who will be leaving. Remember you are always welcome back.

Sayonara,

Jimmy-san

Keep your tips up...

Please notify
membership@fdsc.org
 of any address, email, or
 phone number changes

Wildwood 2008



Summer is nearly here... and so is the great annual end of summer bash in Wildwood from September 26th to September 28th! As of this writing, we've fully booked the American Inn in North Wildwood, our incredible hotel on the beach just off the north end of the boardwalk. However, we're making arrangements for additional rooms at the hotel right next door, so please call us at the number listed below for availability and pricing if you'd like to join the fun.

From the Fourth Annual Flying Dutchmen Volleyball Tournament and the Second Annual Key West Shot Party and contest on Saturday to our "soon to be world famous" brunch and the Sand Sculpture contest on Sunday, we've got a fantastic weekend planned! Are you working on your shot creation? Remember, we'll supply the serving tables and shot cups, you bring the ingredients and a presentation that will knock the socks off the voters. Have you come up with an idea for your window? You know, it really isn't too soon to start the building designs and wiring diagrams.

And don't forget to write those checks! The cost per person this year if you're staying at the American Inn is \$170 per person for a double, \$155 per person for a triple, and \$145 per person for a quad. This includes Lodging Friday night and Saturday night, Breakfast on Saturday, Dinner on Saturday, Brunch on Sunday, and endless munchies, beer, wine, soda, and water. The deposit is \$50 to hold your space. If you have not made a deposit, then you do not have a reservation. Final payments will be due by September 1st, 2008. Payments (made payable to FDSC) can be mailed to Stan Miller or Erick Confer at 66 Glenview Drive, Fleetwood, PA 19522. There will be no refunds for cancellations after September 4th, 2008. As always, if you have a house in the area and just want to stop by for a while, let us know and we can work out a price based on what you attend. Give us a call at 610-944-3617 for more information.



To Do this month for Wildwood

- ◆ *September 26th to 28th — Stay late or leave early? Talk to Stan.*
- ◆ *Dig out my volleyball shorts and beach shoes.* 
- ◆ *Try out my latest concoction for the shot contest this Friday night after Happy Hour.*
- ◆ *Do I need a new swimsuit?* 
- ◆ *Need an extension cord for the window display.*
- ◆ *Put more money down on the room. Get a check (made out to FDSC) to Erick. PAY TOTAL BY SEP 1ST.*
- ◆ *Call Stan and Erick at 610-944-3617 with questions.* 



Program Director
Jeff Rapp

Hi Good Lookers,

Now that summer activities are in full swing from woods biken to outside happy rrr's. Busy weekdays and spending free time with great people, looken at the calendar only to see that this club has something hap-pen almost every weekend.

Looken forward to the meetin in June. Wanda and Joe Davis from the Wings of Hope Bird Rescue will be the program. We all have lotts to learn to how we should be treaten our feathered friends. This is a rain or shine. Inside and/or just outside. This will be good for kids if u have them. This program u may not want to miss.

Ski U Later,

Jeff

Jen Leshner, Holly Trout and Suzanne Claypoole participated in the Commerce Bank 5 Boro Bike Tour in New York City on May 4th.



Secretary
Diane Nolfe

Hi. I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself

to those of you who don't know me. I'm a fairly new member of FDSC who has been enjoying all of the activities the club has to offer for the past two years. My good friend Suzanne encouraged me to join, and I have been having a wonderful time ever since. I've experienced five different ski trips, a weekend in Wildwood, the lessons program at Bear Creek, biking, hiking, tubing, miniature golfing, attending interesting programs at meetings, and of course, the happy hours. I've also participated in Relay for Life, Basket Bingo, and blood drives. Most importantly, I've made some good friends and can actually drive to Reading without a map. (Although I still use a cheat-sheet to locate the Liederkrantz.)

Does this sound like a commercial? Well, it is. I hope to motivate other members to become more active. If you are reading this and have not attended any events, then now is the perfect time to join us and find out what the club offers. I'm sure you will encounter lots of fun people, have a few laughs, and find some activities that you will enjoy. I look forward to meeting you soon!

Diane



Lodge
Neal Kline

Hello from the lodge! I would like

to thank everyone who helped out at the two workers weekends. The downstairs bathroom now has a new four-foot shower stall. We also got the new window installed in bedroom number four. Check out the web site for pictures of the new bathroom. And don't forget that the lodge is for rent all year long.

Be Safe,

Neal



SOCIAL BEES CORNER

Hey everyone... This is a new column for me called the Social Bees Corner. In this article I will be announcing all of the extracurricular activities the Ski Club has to offer... that were created when I took over the Ski Club social position. These social and service events are not "sponsored" by the club, but are activities that we have had fun with in the past.

Here we go: Sunday, June 1st... Tremblant Picture Party at Sherry's house, 1pm - 4pm, please bring a covered dish or dessert. Call Sherry or myself for directions. Saturday, June 14th... Millmont Pub Crawl. Meet at my house at 5pm, and wear your most comfy shoes... Call for directions. And last but not least, Saturday, June 21st... Bike ride to Douglassville Hotel. Meet at Thun Trail (Route 10) entrance at 10am. This ride is about 25 miles round trip. We do stop at the Douglassville Hotel for burgers and beers and then return to Route 10, where we can stop for another beer at Trooper Thorn's. Come out and enjoy the FUN...

Keeping you busy,

Patti



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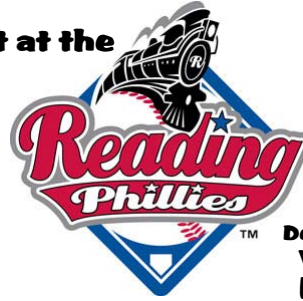


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On Sunday, May 11th, three of our members participated in the Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure in Philadelphia. They were among the 45,000 people registered for this year's race with an estimated 100,000 people gathered in support of breast cancer awareness, early detection, and education. The FDSC team members, Suzanne Claypoole, Jen Leshar, and Diane Nolfe, completed the 5K event and raised about \$275 for the cause. Emotions surfaced as 6,000 survivors gathered on the steps of the art museum for a beautiful group photo. There was also plenty of music and other entertainment, food, vendors, and even some dogs dressed in pink. It will not surprise anyone to learn that Suzanne and Diane got lost on the way to the starting line and had to crawl through a fence with one minute to spare! Overall, the day was a huge success. The team hopes other FDSC members will join them next year.

FDSC Night at the



**Deck Picnic & Buffet
With Post-game
Fireworks**

Friday, August 8, 2008 vs. Erie SeaWolves
Buffet Served: 6:00 - 8:30 PM **Gametime:** 7:05 PM **Price:** \$20.00

For Tickets Contact: Ed Soja 610-914-2843
Tickets Limited. Get Your Tickets Now.



Menu: BBQ Chicken, burgers, hot dogs, baked beans, pasta salad, potato salad, lemonade, iced tea and Pepsi products. *Beer, wine, and spirits are not included in the price, but are available on a cash basis.*

The Coors Light Deck Picnic offers a 2 1/2 hour **all-you-can-eat buffet**, drinks and a ballgame in a festive tailgate-like atmosphere and a great view of the game from picnic table seating right behind the left field home run wall. Dingers Bar and the Boardwalk are also located here.

Fireworks - Carpenter Technology Corp.

It's a Crazy Eight's Friday night fireworks show for 8/08/08.



Pagoda 100th Anniversary Celebration - WEEU 830 AM / 69 News Berks Edition. Come on out as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of this Reading historic landmark.

Special Happy Hour (5:00 - 6:00 PM) Live music and \$1.00 off Coors Light and all, All-Star Distributing products in the Classic Café



Post-Game Concert Classic Café stays open following the fireworks show for live music thanks to Classic Harley-Davidson

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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