



Ski Trails

The Flying Dutchmen ski club

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



Having Fun Since 1959!

August 2009 Calendar of Events

August 6 - General Meeting
Members Appreciation Picnic

August 9 - Jim Thorpe Bike Ride
and Picnic

August 14 - FDSC at the
Reading Phillies

August 30 - Golf Outing
Green Acres, Bernville

September 3 - Trip Night
General Meeting

September 12 - Fall Race Picnic
The Mosser's

September 17 - General Meeting
Back to 2 meetings in September!

Membership Meetings
begin at 8PM
at the
READING LIEDERKRANZ
143 Spook Lane
Reading, PA 19606

THE Deadline for the
September issue of *Ski Trails*
is August 6th.



President

Rick Auchenbach

Hello Skiers &
Snowboarders,

Can you believe we're only about 3 months away from the 50th Anniversary Gala? It's being held Saturday, November 14th, at the Wyndham Hotel Reading at 100 N. Fifth Street. Sue Gottschall will be handling reservations, so make your commitment to attend and start thinking about who you want to sit with. Reservations are limited to room seating capacity, so don't be left out in the cold. Make your decision now!

Between now and the Gala there are more events and activities to keep you active. The Members Appreciation Picnic will be held at the August 6th meeting. Contact Debbie Pasquale (610-375-3384) for more information. The Jim Thorpe Bike Ride & Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 9th. Contact Diane Nolf (610-683-8872) or Tim Schell (610-987-2867) for more details. The FDSC Night at the Reading Phillies is Friday, August 14th, at First Energy Stadium, and the Annual FDSC Golf Outing will be held Sunday, August 30th, at Green Acres Golf Course in Bernville. Please contact Ed Soja (610-914-2843) for more information about both of these events. Wildwood 2009 will close out the summer season. Please join Stan & Erick (610-944-3617) and 100 of your closest Dutchmen friends October 2-4 at the American Inn in North Wildwood, NJ.

Please take a moment to review the 2009-2010 Trip Log in the July issue of *Ski Trails*. Nine outstanding trips await you for next ski season. All current members in good standing or new members as of June 1st are welcome to use the new early sign-up procedure. Mail your signed Trip Application and deposit check to the respective trip leader, postmarked no earlier than August 7th, 2009 (the day

after the Membership Appreciation Picnic). We will still have Trip Night on Thursday, September 3rd, at the general meeting. New members and EPSC members are eligible to sign up for trips that night.

We've got it going on! We hope you do too! FDSC--Fabulous at 50!

Rick

BREAKING NEWS

Buckman's Ski and Snowboard Shops and Pinnacle Sports have entered into an agreement to have Buckman's assume the snowsports business at Pinnacle's main store on Bellevue Avenue. Buckman's will consolidate their business in Berks County into this location, operating under the Buckman's brand and ownership, while the Pinnacle softgoods and accessories store at Bear Creek is expected to continue on a seasonal basis under Pinnacle ownership.

Paul, Jes, and Margie Prutzman of Pinnacle Sports are pleased that the business they have worked so hard to build into a premier snowsports retailer will continue under the strong, high quality ownership of Jeff Buckman. They wish to thank all of their employees and customers--all of their extended family--for their loyalty and support. They look forward to growing that family with the Buckman's organization as they work together to bring the latest and greatest in snowsports apparel and gear to you.

Coming in September: An interview with Paul Prutzman, owner of Pinnacle Sports.

Following in October: An interview with John Lotz, Marketing Director of Buckman's Ski and Snowboard Shops.

2009-2010
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Membership

Lori Hudson

Hello, (family) members!

Ahhh, it's time for those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer--and membership renewals! Thanks to all of you who have already returned your renewal forms and checks--you get a gold star for being so prompt! If you haven't yet returned yours, now's a good time. I'll gladly accept renewals at the club meetings or at any club activity--anytime. I'd be happy to have you hand it to me and introduce yourself. That way, you save yourself a stamp, and I get to know you, too!

A short time ago some of us were sitting around sharing some beverages and the observation was made about one of our "group" that he had recently completed his first year of being a club member. We all know how intimidating it feels to be the "newbie," walking into a crowded place where you know one or two people, or maybe no one at all, with your heart pounding, and your hands sweating, hoping someone will talk to you before you lose all your courage and slip away into the darkness, never to be seen again! I was so pleased with the response of our first-year member who said he wasn't nervous (I don't believe him) and that he was made to feel welcome right away (that, I believe). He's become an active part of the Dutchmen "family."

One of the best parts of being a member of FDSC is that feeling of family. By participating in activities and events and going on trips, etc., many of our members have gotten to know each other and have become like family to each other (literally, for some!). Just like a regular family, we welcome our new members, celebrate our joys and successes, help each other through our trials and tribulations, and sadly share our losses. Sometimes, however, we get so caught up in those with whom we have close ties that we forget to reach out to our newer members.

If you are a new member who hasn't been active, please come to

several activities and introduce yourself before you "slip away into the darkness"! I know there are some of you who have come to one meeting or one Happy Hour, never to be seen again. You are missing out on the fun! If nothing else, at least introduce yourself to me, and I can help get you on your way to meeting other members of the club.

If you've been a member of the club for a while, please keep an eye out for the newbies and help make them feel welcome. If you see someone you don't know, please introduce yourself and welcome them into our family. I know that many of you are outgoing and already do that, and that's what makes this such a great group! I'm going to make a concerted effort to get to know as many of you as I can!

Which brings me back to the beginning of this article and membership renewals. We want you to continue to be a member of our FDSC family. **Please** send in your membership renewal--**today!**

See you around!

Lori



Program Director

Ed Soja

Greetings all, I hope you're having a great summer. If you weren't at the July meeting you missed a wonderful program. I'd like to thank Bob Smith for an excellent job explaining and demonstrating the high tech game of Geocaching. I'm sure those who participated found it as fun and informative as I did.

The August meeting will be the member's appreciation picnic. We will not have a program in order for everyone to enjoy an evening of socializing.

Just a quick reminder that there is a deadline for the annual golf outing. Please get your sign-up sheets to me very soon. Time is running out.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we hope to see you at the next meeting. Get with the program!

Ed



Trippin' Kevin Claypoole

Hey Skiers & Boarders,

I hope you read July's issue of *Ski Trails*, which had a great selection of trips for the coming year. In this issue we have the trip calendar. Trip leaders will be giving a talk about each trip at the August 6th meeting. This year we are allowing early sign-ups by mail starting with an August 7th postmark. Remember, early sign-ups are for current members as of June 1st. So get out the checkbook and lick your stamps and select one or more of them. Trip Night will still be Thursday, September 3rd, when new members can sign up for trips. Our trip leaders have been working hard to set up these trips for the club. So let's support them. Thanks to all the

trip leaders for all their hard work. You must understand that without our volunteers we wouldn't be having trips.

Like last year, we have to be more patient with our fly trips and expect the possibility of additional costs (Luggage & Fuel Surcharges). Remember to read the cancellation policies for each trip. Also have your Passport up to date for the Japan Trip. Japan requires that your Passport have at least 4 months of validity left on it. We also had a copy of the Trip Rules in the July issue. Talk to me or your trip leader if you have any questions about them.

At Trip Night on Thursday, September 3rd, numbers will be handed out at 6:30pm. Sign up starts at 7:00pm. Club policy allows one person to only sign up two people. Come out early and enjoy the night.

See you at the meeting!

Kevin

Tentative Happy Hour Schedule for August

**8/7 Union Jack's on
the Manatawny**
546 Manatawny Road, Boyertown

8/14 Reading Phillies

8/21 Reading Comedy Outlet
Crowne Plaza, Wyomissing

8/28 Captain's Cove

9/4 RR House

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

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



New Member

Lynda Prescott

Trip	Date	Contact	Rate Per Person	Mountain Website
Greek Peak, NY Instructional Trip	Jan 8-10	Beth Long 610-796-4875 or Mary Grossman 610-914-4606	\$345 Double	www.greekpeak.net
Hakuba, Japan	Jan 16-24	Kevin & Suzanne Claypoole 610-285-6945	\$2500 Double	www.hakubajapan.com
Heavenly Lake Tahoe / EPSC Winter Carnival	Jan 23-30	Karen & Russ Youngwirth 610-775-8708	\$1710 Double \$1615 Triple \$1555 Quad	www.skiheavenly.com www.kirkwood.com
Lake Placid - Ski Whiteface & Gore	Jan 31- Feb 3	Marianne van der Velde 610-621-1171 or Marcia Fehl 610-926-0475	\$407 Quad \$432 Triple \$485 Double \$642 Single	www.whiteface.com www.goremountain.com
Aspen~Snowmass	Feb 6-13	Dave Coffey 610-678-2912 or Sue McMullen 717-898-3068	\$1575	www.aspensnowmass.com
Elk Mountain	Feb 21	Ellen Schwartz 610-779-8043	To be announced	www.elkskier.com
Stowe, VT Trapp Family Lodge	Mar 4-7	Lori & Stacey Kramer 610-933-8161	\$569 Double \$520 for Seniors	www.stowe.com
Okemo, VT Family Trip	Mar 12-14	Michelle Feathers & Craig Leister 610-775-7519	Adult: \$265 Quad, \$280 Triple, \$320 Dbl Child: \$230 Quad, \$250 Triple, \$290 Dbl	www.okemo.com
Bolton Valley and Sugarbush, VT	Mar 18-21	Patti Spitler 610-568-0732 or Sherry Vazquez 610-370-1262	\$500 Double	www.sugarbush.com www.boltonvalley.com

STEINS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

These are handmade earthenware, each with individual character. Yes, there is a left-hand version and a right-hand version, so you've always got the right face forward. These will sell for \$20 each, payable by check only. Initially some will be available at meetings; after that they'll be pre-ordered. See Bill Roland for more information and to get your stein today!



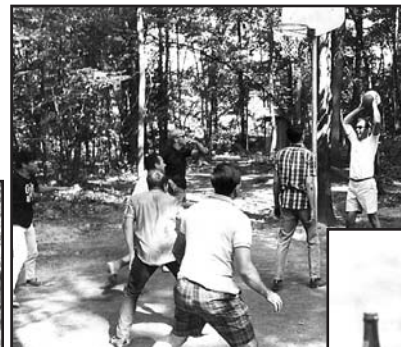
ROAD RALLY REPORT - THE STATS

- Total Rally-ers: 70 people in 27 cars
- Total number of directions: 96
- Best part of the directions: Left @ Walnut "Do Not Enter" (TRUST US)
- Total miles: 85.2 (per Audi odometer)
- Historic Sights and Stops: Levan's Mill (pictured at right), Bear Creek, Hahn, (Big Valley), and Blue Marsh, (Heidelberg)
- Number of covered bridges crossed: 2
- Number of Rod and Gun clubs passed: 3
- Favorite road sign: Fresh Oil and Chips
- Items for Sale along the way: Tractor, Boat, '32 Ford, a motorcycle, and firewood
- Animals seen along the way: goats, cows, horses, swans, geese, and deer
- How about that red roof?



REMEMBER WHEN...

... FDSC picnicked in the Helper's Grove in 1966.



*The FLYING DUTCHMEN SKI CLUB
of Reading, Pennsylvania
cordially invites you to its
50th Anniversary Gala Celebration
on Saturday, November 14th, 2009
at The Abraham Lincoln, a Wyndham Historic Hotel.*

The Cocktail reception with a cash bar will be held from 6pm to 7pm amidst 50 years of memorabilia on display in the Mezzanine.

Dinner will be served at 7pm in the Presidential Ballroom, your choice of New York Strip Steak, Fresh Atlantic Salmon, or Pasta Primavera.

Music and dancing will follow to the versatile sounds of the Uptown Band featuring Erich Carwalla and Jenifer Kinder.

*Club members \$49 Non members \$55
Payable by check only, made out to FDSC.*

*Black Tie Optional
Send reservations to Sue Gottschall at
2 Sagebrook Drive, Reading, PA 19606
610-370-1883 sdgottschall@gmail.com
Rooms at the hotel may be reserved separately
at a special FDSC rate.*



*The Flying Dutchmen Ski Club of Reading, Pennsylvania
50th Anniversary Gala Celebration
The favor of a reply is requested by October 28th, 2009.*

Name: _____

Number of Members attending: _____ Number of Non-members attending: _____

Total Cost: _____ Make checks payable to FDSC.

Dinner selections: Please identify the total number of those requesting
NY Strip Steak (medium): _____; Atlantic Salmon: _____; Pasta Primavera: _____.

Seating preferences: Please identify all members in your party. Tables will accommodate 8 or 9 people.



**Social
Director**
Debbie Pasquale

Who's Got The Fun? So much to do, so little time. Let's get started.

My first Beer Hunt was a great success. We had seven hunters, who found every can of the beer. Stacey Kramer collected 32 cans and was the winner, while Bobbi Boltz was second with 26 cans. Thank you to all who "hunted" and to Carol Weller, Lori Hudson, Patti Spitler, and Kevin Claypoole who expertly hid the beer. A big thank you and shout out to Steve Kunkle of Sunshine Beverage for helping us with the beer.

Sunday, August 9, will find us biking in Jim Thorpe. Reservation deadline has passed but contact Diane Nolf or Tim Schell to check for cancellations.

Friday, August 14, you'll find me in the beer line, oops, I mean, buffet line at the Reading Phillies. Along with great food and baseball there are always the spectacular fireworks. Who doesn't like fireworks?

Friday, August 21, we will have Happy Hour at the Reading Comedy Outlet at the Reading Crowne Plaza, formerly the Sheraton. Club member Todd Hiester is providing us with a great deal! So, let's make a deal!! The fun begins at 5:30 in the Goodnites Lounge for Happy Hour. You will receive 3 drink coupons, choices of 3 appetizers, admission to the 8:30 Comedy Show, and no cover charge to go back to Goodnites Lounge for music and dancing after the show. Whew!! I'll take that deal. There is no need to commit. You can pay that day at the front desk of the hotel or pay the bartender. If you can't make Happy Hour but want to see the show, tickets are \$12 and payable at the door prior to the show.

Sunday, August 30, I'll be out hacking it up at Green Acres for our annual golf tournament. We'll be doing a shotgun start this year so we need everyone to contact Ed Soja by August 6 to reserve your team.

Our September 3 general meeting will be trip night. Come out and grab your spot on one or more of the fantastic trips our club offers.

I heard there are still a few openings on the Wildwood trip. Contact Stan Miller or Erick Confer for information.

And save the date: Saturday, November 14, FDSC's 50th Anniversary Gala Event!! Check back for more details.

We've Got The Fun!!

Debbie

CORN ROAST

Lancaster Ski Club's
Annual Corn Roast

Saturday, August 15, at the "Dell"

4pm until the corn is gone!!

\$15 p/p including hot dogs,
corn on the cob, beer, wine,
soda, water

Bring a chair and
your favorite cup

www.lancasterskiclub.net

WILDWOOD

As you are getting this we are well into the summer. Well, that means it's time to make sure that your fall is well planned. What better way than to spend a nice fall weekend in Wildwood at the American Inn with the Dutchmen. This year's event will be from October 2nd to October 4th. (Arrangements can be made if you want to arrive earlier or stay later.)

In case you are a new member, or missed the earlier articles, here are a few things you can count on for the weekend. (FYI--since this is a social event--it is open to nonmembers.)

- ◆ Fifth Annual Flying Dutchmen Volleyball Tournament
- ◆ Third Annual Key West shot party and contest
- ◆ Saturday night dinner on the beach and entertainment by the pool
- ◆ Sunday is our "becoming more world famous" brunch
- ◆ Sand Sculpture contest

Or course, since this is a Dutchmen event there are a lot of other fun things that just seem to happen...

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, please let us know in advance so we can work a price based on what you would like to 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 do not make a deposit then you do not have a reservation. Final payments will be due by August 22, 2009. 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 3rd, 2009.



Competition *Nancy Brandi*

Hello Dutchmen,
Summer is in full swing and hopefully the rain has left and we'll continue to have plenty of sunshine to keep on mountain biking, kayaking, playing golf and tennis, and of course water skiing; whatever your favorite summer sport. The important part is to have maximum fun by staying active!!

Speaking of fun, the annual Fall Race Picnic is back and scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 12th at the home of Susan and Mark Mosser. This is a picnic for all skiers and snow riders interested in participating in racing with your fellow club members this season. Come learn all about the fun to be had with ASRA, Nastar or EPSC races... Homemade BBQ plus beverages will be provided. Bring your bathing suit and there will be plenty of games and competition to keep you laughing. More details concerning the menu will be on a flyer available at the August general meeting.

So save the date: Sept. 12th, 3:00pm at the Mosser's.

Don't forget to sign up for a couple of your favorite ski trips. There is a great selection and variety of mountains and you just can't beat the "big mountain" experience when you ski out west or internationally.

Nancy

DON'T MISS ANYTHING!
Please notify your membership director at membership@fdsc.org of any address, email, or phone number changes



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ANNUAL FDSC GOLF OUTING

Sunday, August 30, 2009

GREEN HILLS GOLF COURSE 461 S. Northkill Rd • Bernville, PA 19506 • (610) 488-6698

\$53 for FDSC members • \$58 for non-members

Includes: Golf w/ cart
Munchies and beverages at the first tee during the outing
Food, beverages, and prizes in the pavilion after golf

Make Checks Payable to "FDSC"

Mail to: Ed Soja
105 Primrose Lane
Wyomissing, PA 19610

Deadline to signup: Thursday, August 6th

REGISTRATION: 11:15 AM SHOTGUN START: 12:00 Noon Please Be Prompt!!!

You can sign up as a single and we will find a group for you.

Name: _____ (Member or Non-member) Amount \$ _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Format: Scramble

Others in foursome:

2. _____ (Member or Non-member) \$ _____

3. _____ (Member or Non-member) \$ _____

4. _____ (Member or Non-member) \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

FDSC Night at the



Deck Picnic & Buffet with
Post-game **FIREWORKS**

Friday, August 14th, 2009

vs. Binghamton Mets

Buffet served: 6:00-8:30 PM

Gametime: 7:05 PM

Price: \$21.00

For Tickets Contact:
Ed Soja 610-914-2843

Tickets Limited.
Get Your Tickets Now!

STAY IN THE LOOP

Check out the new and improved FDSC bulletin board. It's a great way to find out what's going on in the club. There are biking and hiking events listed along with Happy Hours, 50th anniversary activities, and updates on club happenings such as the Relay for Life. Just log in to our website at www.fdsc.org and click on Bulletin Board.

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

Whole Lodge - Midweek (Sunday to Friday)
Whole Lodge - One night midweek
Per bedroom - One night midweek
Whole Lodge - Friday and Saturday nights
Per bedroom - Friday and Saturday nights
Whole Lodge - 7 days

Summer

\$250.00
\$60.00
\$15.00*
\$275.00
\$50.00**
\$450.00

Winter

\$500.00
\$125.00
\$30.00**
\$500.00
N/A
\$800

ADVERTISING RATES — Whole Page - \$135.00 • Two Thirds Page - \$100.00 • Half Page - \$75.00 • Third Page - \$50.00
Quarter Page - \$35.00 • Business Card - \$15.00

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