



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

Ski Trails

The Flying Dutchmen ski club

April 2011 Calendar of Events

April 7 - General Meeting
Election of Officers
Wii Ski Tournament

April 16 - Picture Party
Rockland Rod & Gun Club

April 30 - NYC Bus Trip

May 5 - General Meeting
Dutchmen Do Karaoke

Membership Meetings
are held at 7:30 PM at the
READING LIEDERKRANZ
143 Spook Lane
Reading, PA 19606

THE Deadline for the
May issue of *Ski Trails*
is Monday, April 4th



President
Ed Soja

Hello, my fellow Dutchmen, and welcome to April. Well, spring has sprung and it's time to start

thinking about warmer weather. My skis are put away for the season and I'm ready to clean off the golf clubs, put air in the tires of the bike, and pull the camper out of storage. Let the sun fun begin.

There are a couple of important things to remember about April. The first is the annual election of club officers. The nominations have been made, and at the April 7th general meeting we will hold the elections for next year's club officers and Board of Directors. The second thing to remember is that if you come out to an April 21st general meeting, you will be the only one. That's right--April is when we go back to one meeting a month. So come on out to the April 7th meeting and find something else to do April 21st.

If you're wondering what else you can do in April, it's simple. If you were on one of the awesome trips this season, don't forget about the picture party on April 16th. Share your moments and enjoy what others experienced. Another great way to spend an April day is a day in the Big Apple. Join Dave and Carol Slider on the annual bus trip to New York City on April 30th.

So after you put your skis or snowboard away for the season, what will you be doing to have fun in the sun? But make sure you remember to join us at the April 7th general meeting at the Reading Liederkranz. Have fun and be safe.

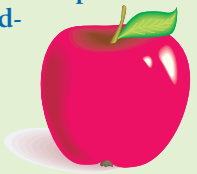
Ed

NYC Bus Trip

New York, New York!

The annual FDSC bus trip to New York is scheduled for Saturday, April 30th, 2011.

Go see a show, shop, eat, drink, or play in the park!



- Depart at 7am from the back of the K-Mart parking lot on the 5th Street Highway.
- Arrive in Times Square at approximately 9:30am or take the second drop-off at Central Park.
- Depart New York at 8pm to return home.
- Trip, breakfast cakes, and juice are all included for the low price of \$34.00.
- Contact Dave or Carol Slider at 610-367-5413 or email: slidca@aol.com for reservations.

Tentative Happy Hour Schedule for April

- 4/1 Panda Heaven
- 4/8 Zia Maria's
- 4/15 Bixler's
- 4/22 TGIFriday's
- 4/29 3rd & Spruce
- 5/6 Speckled Hen
- 5/13 Bowling Tourney Bowl-O-Rama

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

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



2010 - 2011
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Membership

Lori Hudson

Hi, Dutchmen!

Ski season is over and Spring is here! Hello, Spring! Time to pull out the bicycles, in-line skates, tennis rackets, and golf clubs! Bring on the warm weather!!

Along with the warmer weather comes our off-season membership special. New members can join for only \$10, the initiation fee, and then will be able to renew at the current member rate. Our membership total is growing! Now's a great time to encourage your friends and family to join our ranks. We have fun all year 'round!

Enjoy the Spring sunshine!

Lori



Lodge

Neal Kline

Hello from the lodge. The next Worker's Weekend will be June 17th - 19th. This is when we head up to the lodge to clean up for the next season. If you would like to help out, contact me to sign up. This is a great way to check out the lodge if you have never been there before. And don't forget that the lodge is for rent all year long. Be Safe!

Neal

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

**Wildwood
WANTED:**

Now accepting applications for newly created positions for the Annual Wildwood Weekend on the weekend of Sep 29th to Oct 1st.

**CRUISE DIRECTOR
ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR**

Also, we are now accepting reservations for the weekend.

**\$170/person for Double
\$155/person for Triple
\$140/person for Quad**

*Please contact
Erick Confer and Stan Miller @ 610-944-3617.
To reserve your room, we will need a
down payment of \$90.*

*Send checks to
66 Glenview Dr, Fleetwood PA 19522.*

Stay tuned for more details.



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Competition
Nancy Brandi

Last month our annual Club Championship race was held at Bear Creek. The course was tough, but we had thirty-seven racers go through the start gate. Medals and Nastar pins were awarded to most of the participants, and congratulations go to Jim Dolan and Lauralynn White who won the fastest male and fastest female club trophies. To find the complete list of results look on the FDSC website on the Race Team page.



Many thanks are owed to Todd Loper and his crew for setting up the race course, to Ed Soja for organizing the finished results into the FDSC format, and not to forget, to the familiar voice of Fred Patton, the announcer.

The EPSC Council Cup race that was held at the beginning of March brought some racers out of the woodwork and onto the race course. The day was a total rain soaker but about 70 racers in the Council handled the elements and competed for the big trophies. The FDSC Masters Team of Bob Juskus, Paul Prutzman, Dave McFarland, Richard Mosser, and Sue McMullen had a winning score of 289.16. The "B" team of John Samanns, Mark David, Doug Schwab, Nicole Vavreck, and Kate Auchenbach had the "perfect" score of 269.89. Kelly Reid Mack earned the fastest female snowboarder and Jimmy Kondisko won the fastest male snowboarder. Congratulations to those Dutchmen who brought home the trophies and plaques and to all competitors who supported the FDSC when the weather was just awful! Thanks for being there!

Nancy



Trippin'
Kevin Claypoole

Hey Skiers And Boarders, The 2011 Trip Season is over. I hope everyone had fun, because there was snow much fun for everyone! I got many good reports on our Great Trips to Taos, New Hampshire, Elk Mountain, and all the rest! Make sure you thank your Trip Leaders for doing a great job. There would be no trips without our Trip Leaders. And remember to bring your great pictures to the Picture Party on April 16th at the Rockland Rod & Gun Club.

We had our first 2012 Trip Meeting, and everyone brought some great new ideas for ski destinations for next season. As we get plans finalized we'll let you know. There will be no early sign-ups this year.

Make sure to stay in shape for next ski season. You can join some fellow Dutchmen on Tuesdays biking. Check the Bulletin Board for postings. When you read this, I'm skiing POWDER in Vail!

See you next meeting,

Kevin



Past President
Rick Auchenbach

Hello Skiers & Boarders,

The ski season is again coming to an end. I told you it would go fast. Hopefully you had a great season. Now it's time to stay in shape by getting outside and biking, hiking, or whatever with your fellow Dutchmen. The warm weather activities are often more impromptu and less structured than the winter activities, so you may want to think about organizing something on your own. Since we change to one meeting a month (1st Thursday) in April, it's not as easy to connect with friends at meetings. Check the FDSC Bulletin Board for activities and events, or post one of your own. We have some annual events like the Golf Outing, but events on a smaller scale are always welcome. Share some of your favorite activities with the club. They might even grow into an annual event.

Enjoy the off season,

Rick

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Taos Trip Report

It all began on Saturday, February 5th at o'dark-thirty. Light rain plus freezing temps resulted in one car spinning off the road, the tour bus in a snow bank, the tour bus in an accident with a dump truck, and 40 of 54 people missing their flight. Somehow, thanks to the help of Diane, Stan, JoAnn @ JP Tours, Southwest (our new favorite airline!), Roger @ Snakedance condos, and everyone else who helped out, by about midnight that same Saturday everyone had arrived in Taos safely and with all our luggage. (Ask Mary G. about her new nickname after surviving this trip leader crisis!) While the Delta crew arrived on time, Roger (the wonderful manager of Snakedance), met the Southwest group separately at the airport with a surprise tailgating meal ready and waiting in the airport parking lot before the 3 hour ride to Taos.

There were so many trip highlights:

- Super Bowl Party at the Martini Tree Restaurant
- Ski Week lessons so good that many cancelled side trips to do the all the lessons
- Terrific snow conditions (including the 12-inch+ dump on Tuesday)
- Incredible staff at the condo complex
- Dinner at the Snakedance Manager's home with a stop at Rio Grande Gorge

- Ask Dave McFarland about FWD's--he's mastered them
- Plentiful food and drink at the Southwest Cook-off
- 5 members x-country skied in the Enchanted Forest for 2/3's of the week
- Side trip to Angel Fire for more terrific conditions
- Colorado hotshot who couldn't believe he was "out-skied by a woman from PA"
- And how about those Martini Trees located all around the mountain!
- Next time we'll schedule a happy hour at the Taos medical clinic--Got Oxygen?!

Are you heading to Taos? Make sure to visit the Martini Tree Bar and look for the Flying Dutchman hex sign donated to the ski school by our very own Eric Claypoole. Also, don't forget to come to the Picture Party and see Todd's ("Get over her, you little chicken!") ski videos and talk to the rest of our double diamond ridge skiers about their experiences. Definitely be sure to view the "Where should I stick that?" video!

TAOS is one of the best kept secrets in the West! Thank you, all, for making this such a memorable trip! "Ski Sweetly!"

Marianne & Mary



RELAY FOR LIFE CORNER

Carving Out Cancer results were GREAT!! The Nastar Race Course brought in \$440.00 and the Bake Sale (from the meeting in Feb and Tuesday, Feb 22) raised \$441.25. Thank you to all the bakers, buyers, and racers... Without all of you, Carving Out Cancer would not continue. We appreciate all the members' support in our strive for a cure. Thank you from the Relay for Life Team!

In March we will start signing people up for the June Relay... Please think about the first weekend in June (4th & 5th)... and sign up early... That way we can have ALL paperwork done in advance as well as tent design. Our theme this year is Hershey, PA... If you have any thoughts or "ins" with Hershey... CALL US...

Thanks!
Sherry, Carol, Candy, and Patti



EPSC Winter Carnival Waterville Valley and Mt. Sunapee Experience

Friday was very cold, but sunny, and Waterville Valley was set up perfectly for cruising. A number of the Dutchmen took advantage of the day to practice their racing form in anticipation of the EPSC Carnival Race. Saturday we awoke to 4" of fresh snow to play in, and all the powder hounds were out in force. A great day to take on some of the steeper terrain. SUNDAY the SUN and cold returned, but we found our way to Mt SUNapee and enjoyed our last day on the slopes.

The Carnival Race was a challenge, as the conditions changed radically with the fresh snow. Unfortunately the other half of the FlyCaster's proved to be too much, but the Dutchmen did the club proud with a second place team finish. Nanci Brandi was the fastest woman in the Carnival, and several of the racers medaled, with the final NASTAR medal count being 2 gold, 4 silver, and 3 bronze medals.

Food was great at both Bucket and Brews and at the Dinner / Dance on Saturday night. Several of the participants took the Witches and

Warlocks theme to heart, including our Wicked Witch Gabriella Pendergast. Who there will ever forget the Cereal Killer?

Other memories: the beautiful Percheron Draft horses and the gorgeous countryside. The bus getting stuck on the way to dinner. What did it take--3 hours to get off that rock? And was that really Jesse James that helped the bus driver? The McDonald's grill being shut down for technology reasons. (How long has man had fire?) Who can forget Richard Freed accidentally walking into Marge Ehst and Laurie Riley's hotel room, toasting their bagels, and sitting down to enjoy them? Sue Merkel--What is 603 anyhow? Did the guys in the back of the bus (Jay, Dave, Nelson) ever find that Double Hung Window on an Angle that they were looking for? There was also a story about someone getting out of the hot tub, making a Snow Angel and in the process locking themselves out of the hotel...



All in all, a wonderful trip!

Fred Jacobsen



Who's Got The Fun?

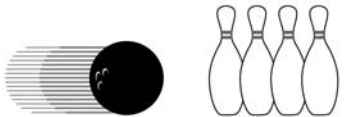
Sherry and I have the fun!
Join us October 8-15 in
Riviera Maya for 7 fun nights
at the Now Sapphire Riviera Cancun,
All-Inclusive Resort & Spa.
For just \$1650 per person
double you will have transfers
from Reading to Newark, round trip air to Cancun,
7 nights at the All-Inclusive Now Sapphire Resort,
hotel taxes and service fees, and insurance.
What more could you want?
Contact Sherry Vasquez or
Debbie Pasquale for more information.

Dutchmen Bowl

Come out on
 Friday, May 13th,
 to Bowl-O-Rama
 for the annual Dutchmen
 Bowling Tourney.
 Signups begin at
 6pm and the first balls
 will roll at 6:30pm.


Call or email
 Debbie Pasquale
 with your teams.



Board Nominations 2011-2012

The election of officers will be held at the April 7th meeting. Including the nominations from the floor at the February 17th meeting, the following slate of officers is nominated to serve on the FDSC Board of Directors for the 2011-2012 term:

President: Ed Soja
1st. Vice President & Membership: open
2nd Vice President & Programs: Lori Hudson
Secretary: Diane Nolfé
Treasurer: Dave Ford
Past President: Rick Auchenbach
Skimeister: Julie Mihm
Trip Director: Kevin Claypoole
Publicity Director: Beth Long
Lodge Director: Paul Schwartz
Competition Director: Mark David
Social Director: Patti Spitler



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Jeff Huesman

Eric Martin

Thomas Mihm

Todd West

<i>The Lodge Rates:</i>		Summer	Winter
Rentals are normally from 5 P.M. until 5 P.M. the next day.	<i>Whole Lodge - Midweek (Sunday to Friday)</i>	\$275.00	\$550.00
* You must rent at least two bedrooms.	<i>Whole Lodge - One night midweek</i>	\$70.00	\$130.00
** You must rent at least two bedrooms and are subject to being bumped by a whole lodge rental.	<i>Per bedroom - One night midweek</i>	\$25.00*	\$40.00**
WINTER RATES DEC. 16 - MAR. 15	<i>Whole Lodge - Friday and Saturday nights</i>	\$300.00	\$550.00
	<i>Per bedroom - Friday and Saturday nights</i>	\$70.00**	\$130.00**
	<i>Whole Lodge - 7 days</i>	\$500.00	\$850.00

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