



Ski Trails

The Flying Dutchmen ski club



May 2011 Calendar of Events

May 5 - General Meeting
Basic, Standard, and Advanced
pins will be presented!
Dutchmen Do Karaoke

June 2 - General Meeting

June 4-5 - Relay for Life
Exeter St. Lawrence field

June 17-19 - Workers Weekend
at the Lodge

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

THE Deadline for the
June issue of *Ski Trails*
is Sunday, May 8th



President

Ed Soja

Hello, skiers and snowboarders. It's hard to believe that it's already May and that another year has passed. It sure doesn't feel like I've been doing this President thing for a year. But time flies when you're having fun.

All our ski trips have come and gone, and from what I hear, everyone had a blast. I'm already looking forward to next year. What trips will we run? Who will run them? How will I pick the one I will go on? I guess I have a little time before I have to worry about all this, but I can't help but think about next season. Before we know it, it will be Trip Night and we will all be signing up for another year of great trips.

I'd like to thank everyone for making this year so great. Many people put a lot of time and effort into making the Flying Dutchmen Ski Club the best ski club in Pennsylvania. Who am I kidding--we have the best ski club in the world! Thank you to the trip leaders, ski instructors, and everyone helping with our ski school, from our awesome ski school director to the people signing in the students. Thank you to the voucher salespeople and everyone who has done anything to make our club what it is. There are so many people to thank that I'm sure I am missing so many more. But a big thank you all the same.

Even though the ski season is over and we now only have one general meeting a month, I hope to see you at the Reading Liederkrantz for our next general meeting on May 5th. Have fun and be safe.

Ed

*Congratulations
to all of our racers!*

This year's
Nastar results
place the
Flying Dutchmen
9th out of 4,384
Family / Friends teams
and 31st out of 1,955 Clubs!



Go Dutchmen!

MEMBERS APPRECIATION PICNIC

We'll be headed out to
the Grove for the
Members Appreciation Picnic
sooner than you think, so
Trip Leaders, Board Members,
and Event Planners, please
provide the names of everyone
who volunteered or donated
in any way to an event, trip,
or fundraiser to
Debbie Pasquale or the
appropriate Board member.



2010 - 2011
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Tentative Happy Hour Schedule for May

5/6 Speckled Hen

**5/13 Bowling Tourney
Bowl-O-Rama**

**5/20 Mangia, 322 E. Wyomissing Ave.,
Mohnton Formerly the Mohnton Navy Yard
Post Happy Hour at Darlyne Maul and
Paul Black's house - 147 Castleton Drive, Shillington.
Call 610-775-2088 for directions.**



5/27 Beverly Hills Tavern

6/3 Railroad House

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

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

**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.





Competition *Nancy Brandi*

Can't believe tomorrow is April already... What a great, snowy winter season the entire US has had. If you didn't enjoy great skiing here in PA, or any resort this winter, I'm sorry to tell you that you missed out on some of the greatest conditions we have experienced in years...

Some FDSC racers made the ASRA races at Belleayre mid - March. At the GS race on Friday, Kathy Hart won a silver medal, Bob Juskus won a Gold medal, and Mike Meerschaert won a Bronze medal. Sunday SL results: Kathy Hart - Silver, Bob Juskus - Silver, and Mark David - Bronze. Congratulations to all of you! Great Job!! Also, congratulations to Kathy for earning a spot in the top 10 of the women's ASRA Overall Season Standings! Kathy and her husband Mike competed in a lot of the ASRA races this winter and are hoping that next season will bring out more of the FDSC racers so we can once again be competitive in the point standings.

I understand that I missed a great day at Bear Creek for the annual Pond Skimming event... I was skiing in Maine, but the FDSC crew were having much more fun,

according to Patti Spittler--
"Hi Nancy... We had a GREAT turn out for this yrs pond skim... 6 Dutchmen + my son Shaun... tried to skim across the pond, 2 made it safely... Those trying were Jim Dolan, Kyle Moyer, Mark Mosser, Drew Hudson and Shaun. That left Brian Muller and Bernie Resch to make it across. The outfits were creative... Jim - Gorilla, Mark - "Guido," Kyle - "Charlie Sheen w/ his 2 hoes," Drew - Fred Flintstone, Brian - bad teeth redneck, and Bernie was a cheerleader w/ pom poms. The tailgate party was huge with at least 50 people. Great time... and Jim is looking forward to next yr."

Check out Brian Muller's video on our FB page ... It is hilarious.

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to Dick Mosser for winning a Silver medal at the NASTAR Nationals just last week... Yep, that is a Silver medal for the 80-84 age group! How many of us will be walking, let alone racing for the hardware, at that young age?? You're amazing and an inspiration to all of us.

It's been a fun two years serving on the FDSC Board. Thank you for your support and help, and please extend the same effort to Mark David in his new position.

Have a great spring and summer,

Nancy



Past President *Rick Auchenbach*

Hello Dutchmen,
 As we look ahead to our warm weather schedule, I would like to tell you about two Eastern PA Ski Council events.

For the 3rd year, EPSC is participating in the Philadelphia Phillies "Red Goes Green" program. This is a volunteer event scheduled for Sunday, July 24th, when the Phil's play the Padres. Game time is TBA, but Sunday games usually start at 1:00 PM. In exchange for collecting trash during the game, you will receive free admission, free parking, and a free food voucher. This event requires between 30 and 100 volunteer from EPSC, so sign up early and have a great day. Jane Elliott (janetelliott09@gmail.com) with EPSC will have updated information as the date gates closer.

The EPSC Golf Outing will once again be held at the Fox Chase Golf Course in Stevens, PA. The date is set for Saturday, August 27th, with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. A beautiful course, great dinner, and easy access from the PA Turnpike make this a fun event. Jon Doman (jkdoman@aol.com) with EPSC is the event chairman again this year and can provide more detailed information.

Bob Smith, EPSC President, and I can also answer questions and point you in the right direction for these events. Check the website <http://www.easternpaskicouncil.org> for these and other EPSC events.

Rick



Trippin' *Kevin Claypoole*

Hey Skiers, Boarders, Bikers, and Hikers,
 Winter is over unless you're out West, like me! You're probably

tending your flowerbeds and starting your gardens as I type. We had a wonderful ski season with trips to Greek Peak, New Hampshire, Taos, Park City, Okemo, and Vail. I want to thank all the Trip Leaders for a great job well done!

There are lots of great trips for next year in the works. Airlines and lodg-

ing are starting to put earlier deadlines on penalties and non-refundable deposits. We will need more commitments by Trip Night this year on Fly Trips and extended Weekend Trips or else some of these Trips will be canceled. Remember to start your savings plan now! There will be something for Everyone: East, West, North, and South. OOPS, No South.

Try to stay in shape for ski season over the summer by joining other Dutchmen for Tuesday Evening Bike Rides. Check the Billboard for postings.

See you on the trails and at the Picture Party!

Kevin



Okemo Trip Report

This year's Okemo trip started for almost everyone on March 11th. (We won't mention any more about the family that showed up for the bus one week earlier!) That being said, everybody was at the bus early this year and we actually left about 10 minutes ahead of schedule – Great job, Dutchies! We had a lot of kids this year (20) and all enjoyed the games and movies on the way up and back. The trip to The Comfort Inn at Trolley Stop in Rutland took about 6 ½ hours and most got to bed at a reasonable time. 7:30 am on Saturday started with temperatures in Rutland around 40. The ride is about half an hour, but when we got to Okemo, there were snow showers, temps in the upper 30's, and pretty good conditions. Earlier in the week, the area was hit with 10-12 inches of snow that held up well for our trip. A number of skiers took advantage of Okemo's Ambassador Program and toured the mountain with an experienced guide--always a treat! The Après Ski Party was held on the bus on the way back to Rutland, complete with wine, cheese and crackers.

The buffet dinner at South Station was delicious as usual and fortified us

for Sunday's slopes. It was drizzling when we left the motel, but as we headed up toward the mountain it turned to flurries. We were treated to snow for most of the day and it stayed cool, but somewhat breezy at the top. All in all, it was great skiing for this time of year.

Thanks again to all for making this a great time for the attendees and the leaders, and all your kids were a joy to be around!

Here are the highlights of the "Family Trip Dirt" reported throughout the weekend:

- John Mauger showed up the young'uns on the rails (before the yard sale, that is!).
- Kirk Campfield kept his wallet in his pants – deep inside the lining.
- The Prices continued their ski confusion woes from last year skis.
- The better half of the two trip leaders tried to ride the lift back down (not by choice).
- Thanks, Dave Ford, for pointing the way.

Craig and Michelle



RELAY FOR LIFE CORNER

Come walk with us

June 4th - 5th

at the Exeter St. Lawrence field!

Please see Sherry, Carol, Candy, or Patti to sign up.





Social Director

Debbie Pasquale

Who's Got the Fun?

We've got the fun for one more month and then, sheeee's baaack!! Join me in welcoming Patti back to the helm. I'm sure she has many new and exciting events up her sleeves. As I said in my first article two years ago, I had some big shoes to fill, and hopefully I filled them well. Also this is the time of year to say good bye to some Board members and hello to some new and recycled Board members. It looks like another great year ahead.

Don't forget our bowling tourney on Friday, May 13th at Bowl-O-Rama. Signups are at 6:00 and we begin playing around 6:30.

Kate Auchenbach and Dennis Baldwin are organizing a day of rock climbing. See details below.

The trip to Riviera Maya, October 8th-15th, has been cancelled.

Once again, thanks for the past two years and for the final time...

Who's Got the Fun?

Debbie



Membership

Lori Hudson

The April showers have passed--bring on the May flowers!

And Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there! I hope you all make plans to spend a wonderful day with your families! Show some love to your mom on her special day!

Membership renewals will begin in the month of June--look for the form in the June *Ski Trails*. Membership renewal dues will again be \$30, and \$35 for new members. Right now, new members can join for only \$5. That covers the initiation fee, and then they renew by September 30th for \$30 to continue their membership. Great deal, right? Spread the word!

This is my last article as Membership Director, and I want to thank everyone for their cooperation with me in that capacity for the past two years. This is a great organization that just keeps getting better, and I look forward to continuing my service to the club as its Program Director.

I can't wait to hit the bike trails--time to start pedaling!

Lori



Lodge

Neal Kline

Hello from the lodge. Workers weekend is coming up, June 17th - 19th.

We'll be cleaning up the lodge for the summer season and getting the new lodge director broken in. Contract me if you're interested in helping out. And don't forget that the lodge is for rent all year round. Be Safe!

Neal



Skimeister

Julie Mihm

Congratulations to Yoshi Kawano and Jeff Landis for passing the PSIA Level I Certification Exam! Yoshi and Jeff are two great examples of the success of our apprentice program. If you, too, would like to be an instructor, send an email to me or Bruce Noga and we'd be glad to explain the program to you.

During the general meeting on Thursday, May 5th, we will present individuals who passed the Basic, Standard, and Advanced Tests this year with pins for their accomplishment. If you believe you are one of those individuals, please send me an email so that I can ensure that you are on the list and verify with your instructor that you took the exam.

Cheers,

Julie

Dutchmen Climb

Rock Climbing at Reading Rocks

Sunday, May 22nd

at 1pm



Fun for all ages, no experience required.

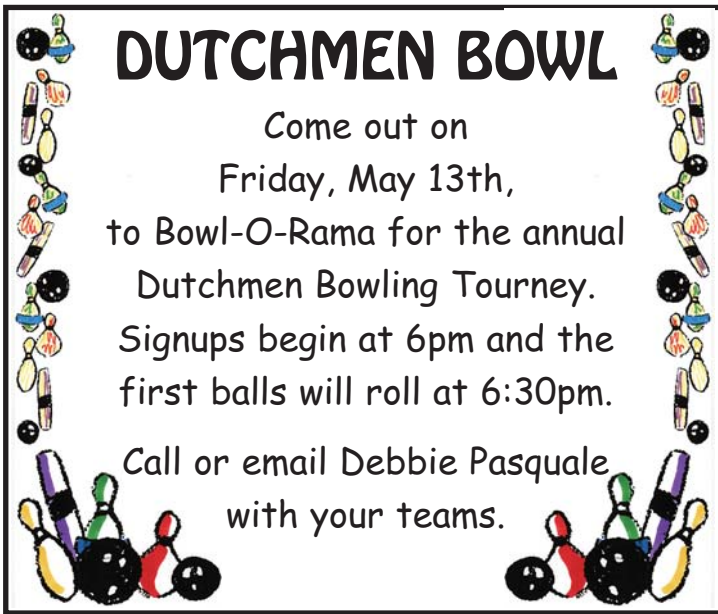
We're just looking to have some fun!

\$12 per person including harness.

No cost if you just want to belay.

Cutoff for signing up is May 18th.

Contact Kate Auchenbach at 610-213-9189 or kate.auchenbach@gmail.com or Dennis Baldwin at 484-269-4309 or fcsp3@yahoo.com 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.



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Helen Finkbone

<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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