

# Powder Express

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By Terri Corbo

Eighty-four Fall Liners headed to Breckenridge, Colorado for the final ski trip of the season. This was one of the largest Fall Line trips ever! Considering the size of the trip everything went surprisingly smooth.

Equipped with floppy survivor-style hats, Fall Liners were ready for this spring adventure! We arrived at the Los Pinos condos Thursday evening to find beautifully appointed condos waiting for us. Friday we awoke to a beautiful, sunny day. Everyone skied Breckenridge Mountain. The Los Pinos Condos are right across the street from a short trail that takes you directly to the Snowflake lift. With trails named Devil's Crotch, Frosty's Freeway and Mach 1 there was something for everybody!

Friday's après ski included a wine and cheese party at the Los Pinos meeting room. The wine & cheese party included hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine and yes, entertainment - a joke contest. Janice Griswold walked away with first prize bottle of wine. Bob Nuss was a close runner up. Thanks for the laughs!

Snow showers Friday night provided between 2-5 inches of new snow!

Most Fall Liners skied Breckenridge on Saturday and some ventured over to A-Basin.

Fall Liners headed to the Breckenridge Microbrewery for Happy Hour Saturday. The King of Prussia Ski Club (KoPSC) was also in Breckenridge at the same time. So we wanted to show them how a real ski club parties! We sampled all of the varieties of beer, lager, ale, stout, etc., played pool and mingled. Someone even bought one of the floppy hats right from our head!

To welcome a few new Fall Liners to the club, Mike Gilbert challenged first time Fall Liners Tim Kernan & Dawn Skuzinsky, Stephanie & Allen Eastlack, Christopher Eastlack and Bob Davis to an innocent game of pool. (Really guys, Mike told me he wasn't that good a player.) Eventually Mike's luck ran out when they went up against the father & son team, Mike & Patrick Finley. Nonetheless, we are proud to say, that Mike & Patrick beat their challengers from the KoPSC. Way to go Fall Liners!!

Sunday we bussed over to Vail for the day. Vail Mountain is famous for its vast ski areas. Vail village offers wonderful shopping and dining. Some stopped at the Red Lion for a beer and to see the conclusion of the Masters. I wonder if Tiger can do moguls?!

Monday we bussed to Keystone and some continued on to A-Basin. The day was *the* perfect day to close out the season. It was a gorgeous, sunny day, not too cold, not too hot - just right! While skiing in style, as only Ginny Schoultz can do, she approached the lift, only to be greeted by a young man who after one look at Ginny's sparkly silver ski suit, advised her gently, "Excuse me Miss, this lift is only going to the top of the mountain. Not to the moon!"

Ginny and Amy Marks treated themselves to a gourmet luncheon at the Alpen Stuben. Lunch is served while you relax, take your boots off and enjoy your lunch in big fluffy slippers!

It seems the Fall Liners kept the Ski Patrol pretty busy this trip. After being

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Dave Coverly



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# Ted's Topics

Hello, hello. Spring is in the air and although I've hung up my skis, I'm still ready for some great outdoor activity. This month we have a great line up. Every weekend is filled with a different sport. June 2nd is the Medford to Margate bike run. This usually ends at Maloney's in Margate where you'll have an opportunity to rest, enjoy a few well-deserved cold beers and socialize.

For the adventurous Fall Liner who is seeking a new experience, the club is offering Rock-Climbing. Keith Howell will be organizing a group to Go Vertical. Now I realize a lot of you are more interested in going horizontal, however I suggest you challenge yourself and try something different. No special footwear required, just bring your sneakers and the famous Fall Line spirit of adventure.

On Friday, June 15th, Mike Gramsamer is hosting Happy Hour-Volleyball/Band at the Flying W Airport. There is an outside deck and they're offering drink specials. June 22nd is the annual spring Halterman Golf weekend. The Halterman estate is located on scenic Lake Wallenpaupack in the Poconos.

Also in June, the club will open four totally different events, the Killington hike, ECO Challenge, Delaware River Sunset Sail and the Egg Harbor Kayak. Just in case you think we've run the gamut of springtime activities, I'll remind you

that we have softball and rollerblading weekly.

But before you totally forget what Fall Line is really about SKIING, you should be aware that next month on July 17th, some of our major winter trips will open. These include, Sestriere-Italy, Steamboat-Colorado, Mont Tremblant-Canada and Jackson Hole-Wyoming. Many of you have mentioned your desire to go on more/bigger ski trips. I'm giving you a heads up notice, so you can plan your finances accordingly. The winter trip committee has worked hard planning the upcoming ski calendar. The trips are fantastic. My goal is to provide you with every opportunity to take advantage of what we offer. This club is nothing short of great. You'll never know that unless you experience it. Come on out, introduce yourself, interact and enjoy. Life is short and all we really take with us are the memories.

I would like to thank Patty Shearer for the great job she did on the Spring Fling. Patty, the energy and enthusiasm you put into this event is greatly appreciated. Everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you.

Ted

# Member Information

Fall Line Ski Club membership begins May 1 and ends April 30. Membership applications for renewals and new membership are accepted any time in the year. The membership fee is \$20 until September 7 and \$25 afterwards.

Members have the privilege of attending all Fall Line Ski Club activities during the summer season as well as next ski season. Membership applications may be obtained at any General Meeting, on the penultimate page of most newsletters, at the web site at [www.FallLine.org](http://www.FallLine.org) or through the mail by contacting:

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The membership application should be completed in a legible manner to ensure the proper forwarding of all club correspondence. Any member not receiving the newsletter should stop at the membership table during a General Meeting.

Changes in address or phone numbers should be reported as soon as possible so that you may remain informed of all Fall Line events and activities.

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# Fall Line Kayaking Happy Hour

By John Fanelly

Join Fall Liners on Saturday, August 18, 2001, for a day filled with fun, friends, food and sport as we meander down the cool waters of the Great Egg River in Weymouth, New Jersey (9 miles west of the Hamilton Mall). The best day in nature awaits you. It's clean, relaxing and refreshing waters are surrounded by some of the most beautiful scenery in South Jersey. See deer, ducks, turtles, fish and more. The Great Egg Harbor River begins in a suburban town and meanders for 59 miles, draining 304 square miles of pristine wetlands in the heart of New Jersey's Pinelands Reserve on the way to the Atlantic Ocean.

Our group will meet at Palace Pizza & Outfitters, where we will be shuttled upriver to our point of departure. You can choose to kayak (single and double kayaks available) or canoe. We will float down a narrow, tree-lined river with water depths ranging from 1 to 6 feet. This is a beginner to intermediate, non-whitewater trip, and a great opportunity for first-time kayakers to get their feet wet (no pun intended). Our journey down river should take about 3 hours (a three hour tour, a three hour tour). We will rendezvous after our adventure back at Palace Outfitters for food, fun and refreshments (and, of course, beer, in true Fall Line tradition).

The cost is \$35 per person and includes kayak or canoe, shuttle, food, nonalcoholic beverages, beer, and volleyball. Space is limited. Don't miss this one-time opportunity to attend the First Non-whitewater Kayak Adventure/Happy Hour. Sign-ups begin June 19, 2001. Please contact Captain John Fanelly (610-668-9024) or Captain Steve Friedrich (609-391-1032) for additional information.

## Social Moonlight Kayak Trip

Join us on Friday, July 6 at 6:30 pm for a Moonlight Kayak. Paddle the Mullica River with a dinner stop at a local restaurant (on your own). Paddling experience required. Meet at Bel Haven Canoe Rentals on Route 543, 12 miles east of Hammon- ton, Atlantic County. Limited space, call Paul Serdiuk, trip leader, at 856-697-3870 (evenings) to reserve space.

## Social Kayak Trip

Join us on Sunday, June 24 at 9:30 am for a Kayak Trip. River level determines what river we do. Bring picnic type food to share after trip. No pets, children. Meet at Bel Haven Canoe Rentals on Route 542, Green Bank, Atlantic County. Call Paul Serdiuk, trip leader, at 856-697-3870 (evenings) to reserve space.

## Breckenridge

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taken out at the top of the Keystone by an unknown skier, attempted to make her way down to the nearest gondola. Unfortunately a second fall left her in too much pain to continue. The Keystone Ski Patrol was quick on the scene to assist her down the mountain. Thanks go to Trisha Beshak for her EMT expertise. Special thanks goes to Paul Jones who stayed with from the very beginning to the bitter end (I want those negatives Paul!) and can't forget John Steel & Rich Trantham, who helped ease the pain while accompanying her to the bar.

Meanwhile at Copper Mountain Dave Friedman, Bruce Cunningham and John Moffatt decided to be a little adventuresome. While doing a little tree skiing, John took a wrong turn and apparently skied out of bounds. Waddling around in waist high snow, it took the Ski Patrol over 2 1/2 hours to locate him.

Another hour and we would have had John on a Milk Carton!

Greg D'Acosta wins the award for best raccoon-eyes tan lines! "Just say No" Wayne Langdon had quite an interesting offer from Denver's very own Drug and Prostitution Lord. Sadly enough, KoPSC members thought they were actually Fall Line Call Girls, not on this trip thank you.

When the departure was delayed, some went in search of Margarita's (Donna Saligan, Bruce C & John M) while others participated in an UNO tournament (Rob Karch, Wade Bell, Dave Friedman). Hats off to "UNO Champ" Dave, who won hands down, so to speak.

This trip welcomed over twenty new members to the club!

If this sounds like fun, Breckenridge is on the schedule next year for a week-long trip!

Thanks to Wayne Schofield, our trip coordinator!

## Did Somebody Say Meetings?

**General Meetings** are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Garden Room of The Day's Inn, Route 73 and Fellowship Road, Mt. Laurel, NJ. Meetings are from 8:00 until 10:30 PM for trip sign-ups, announcements, information and socializing. Please bring a friend, for newcomers are always welcome.

**Board Meetings** are held the second and fourth Tuesday each month. Members are welcome to attend. Meeting locations rotate amongst board members' houses, so ask any board member for the next meeting location.

**Winter Trip Committee** Meetings are conducted by Nona Luce, board member and Winter Trip Chairman, and occur monthly. Please call Nona (856-778-1942) if you are interested in attending or participating.

**Summer Trip Committee** Meetings are conducted by Patty Shearer, board member and Summer Trip Chairman, and occur monthly. Please call Patty (856-667-8981) if you are interested in attending or participating.

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# We Lost John Moffat Out of Bounds/ Another Adventure From Breckenridge

By *Dave Friedman*

They said go left ... I went left. "Road Closed" should not mean "Out of Bounds!" Why Radios are more important than Helmets - Some safety tips to follow: Don't follow Dave Friedman into the woods if you don't know where you are on the trail map.

Four Fall Liners set out during the Spring Trip this season to ski Copper Mountain. It did not matter that the group lift tickets did not include Copper. Bruce Cunningham led three amigos, Dave Friedman, John Hill and John Moffat down the mile long walk from our condos to swap lift passes with some King of Prussia skiers. Apparently, their trip paralleled the Fall Line trip and we were able to swap lift passes on the fourth day to afford a day at Copper, which was not included in the Fall Line ski pass.

Day Four had a lot of potential. It was a sunny and uncrowded Monday, and the altitude at the top exceeded 12,000 ft. above sea level. The snow was dry and fast! Jump-in-the-woods Dave had his wrist altimeter. The four amigos had clocked 14 runs and 18,000 vertical feet by 1:30 p.m. They had potential to ski over 30,000 feet by the time the lifts would close.

After an exhilarating bump run, Bruce led the way towards the ski boundary, which was far to the right side of the map (left if looking down hill). Due to Bruce's vast prior number of ski days and his keen sense of Copper Mountain, all four carried maps, but never gave thought to viewing them. Bruce led the way to an

unmarked trail later discovered to be "the road" according to Ski Patrol. Dave went "right," and into the woods to follow some snow boarder's tracks. John Moffat and John Hill followed. With knowledge of the area, Bruce's words were, "you're making a big mistake." John Hill immediately turned 180 degrees and followed Bruce down "the road." Although Dave is known to be a good skier, some would argue he can stretch the term "common sense." Within minutes, Dave was out of the woods and back on the road. Bruce, Dave and John Hill met where the road met the trail (marked trail found on map). All were carrying two-way radios, and John Moffat exclaimed, "hey, I'm lost." Dave directed, "just go left John, and follow the snow board tracks." John replied, "there are no tracks." "Then just go left", the three directed John. Little did the three know that John was already to the left of the road. Little did John know that "Road Closed" marked along the trees should have been interpreted as "Ski Boundary." As time went by and John Moffat's radio signal became weak, it crossed their minds to get out a map. Little help a map gives when you're no longer on it! John Moffat was seriously lost ... that this was a job for the Ski Patrol!

Search and rescue efforts began as John's signal grew weak and his breathing grew heavy. Bruce and John Hill went for help. Dave stayed put and tried to maintain radio contact. John's signal was weak, but Dave knew to use the Monitor Button on his radio to boost receiving ability.

The last clear reply from John was, "I'm down! I've found the Colorado trail. Bruce and John Hill attempted to communicate John's location to the Ski Patrol. They got out John's map. "That's Vail", pointed out our ski patrolman. John Hill got out another map, this time "that's Breckenridge" was pointed out. The fact remained that John Moffat was very, very lost. Luckily he had spare rechargeable batteries, and Dave's radio had fresh alkalines. When told that John M. had found the Colorado trail, Ski Patrol advised there is no Colorado trail. Apparently there was, but it was miles away and along a creek bed which John M. was following. John was told by the Ski Patrol to "Stay put, we know where you are." Bruce, Dave and John H. were told, "we'll have your friend home by dinner time." Needless to say, rescuing John was not a priority to the ski patrol. They were busy investigating a fatality that occurred the night before. Someone had fallen to their death after climbing a lift tower after hours and was only discovered that morning. When asked, "did you cross the road?" John M. insisted that he had not crossed any road!" Only 2 1/2 hours after following Dave into the woods, John was rescued by the ski patrol. The four amigos were given a safety lecture, but no fees were charged for the rescue effort(s) of at least three ski patrolmen. The friends lost out on some vertical feet, but had lots to talk about while drinking away their stress and discouragements.

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## Softball Season Begins - Every Thursday From May 3rd Through August 30th

By *Dennis Halterman*

Every second and fourth Thursday of the month after softball we will gather afterwards at the home of Steve Archibald for a barbecue. Admission is \$6.00 for Hot Dogs, Beer, Wine and insurance.

Every first and third Thursday of the

month is Softball and then a visit afterward to some local pub for beer and fantastic bar food.

Fifth Thursdays will be set aside for special games with South Jersey Ski Club or other teams that we may find.

You don't have to be a Softball player to attend. We need fans and social life participants. We play at the Old Barclay Intermediate School just off of Covered Bridge Road in Cherry Hill. Call **Dennis Halterman** at (856) 429-9780 for info.

# Fall Line People

*Not Written by Harry Gould*

If you are like the rest of us, you enjoy reading this column about the latest babies, weddings, etc. but the reality is Harry's not around to write Fall Line People. He recently married his sweetheart, the lovely Sandy Brockington and is a little too busy to make the newsletter deadline. On his behalf, a few of his Fall Line "friends" decided to step in and tell you all about it.

It was a beautiful ceremony at St. Martin-in-the-Fields in Pennsylvania. During the vows, Harry hesitated - - just a bit too long when getting out the words "I DO". When asked about this hesitation, he later claims that he didn't know whose turn it was (yeah, right, sure!!!). As for the lovely Sandy, she came through loud and clear that she was indeed marrying him for RICHER or poorer. There wasn't a person in that church who missed the RICHER part.

At the reception we were introduced to a traditional African custom called "Jumping the Broom." (That's BROOM, not groom) African ancestors during slavery created the ritual. Because slaves could not legally marry, they created their own rituals to honor their unions. The broom represents the sticks used to build the couple's new home. The jumping of the broom is a symbol of sweeping away of the old and welcoming the new, or a symbol of a new beginning.

Dinner was served (sans Coors Lite) and just about this time Dennis Halterman was going nuts without the familiar flash of silver in his hands. After dinner we moved into another room to listen to Harry on the Base Guitar and his Pen and Pencil Club Jazz band. While listening to some excellent Jazz music, we enjoyed pastries and the much-needed beverages. The new Mrs. Gould entertained her guests by singing "Misty". Following the musical entertainment we endured the longest toast in history and the traditional cutting of the cake.

We all went back to the dining hall, which was now transformed into a dancing area. As soon as the dancing started

Bob Herrman was out on the dance floor two-stepping it with various guests. That smile never left his face. Speaking of faces, a collective look of terror suddenly was visible on the ladies from Fall Line - - oh no! It's time for the dreaded "tossing of the bridal bouquet." Harry caught the eye of Janice Lynch and MaryJo Gerace and coaxed them both to come forward. Nona Luce and Sophia Dobkin remained riveted to their seats claiming to already have a collection of these bouquets. The bouquet was tossed, the Fall Line ladies parted the way, and Sandy's cousin made a diving-in-the-air catch onto a table. A move that the Eagles offence would have been proud of.

Now it's the men's turn! Much to the chagrin of all the Fall Line men present, they seemed to be the only single men in the room. Glenn Mace, Bob Hermann, Dennis Halterman, Keith Howell and Jim Morris all tried to hide behind each other. One had his hands in his pockets; another had his hands tightly clasped behind his back. Now, we're not saying that Fall Line men have a fear of commitment, but out of that group, which Fall Liner would you have guessed caught the garter? Trick question? Right! None of them caught it. The garter fell directly at their feet. Bob shuffled toward the thing, Dennis turned his back on it, Glenn turned to stone and Keith and Jim never saw it hit the floor. Do they think they're at a softball game or what? Another male onlooker finally walked casually up to this scene and picked up the "thing". Whew, that was a close call.

The evening was enjoyable and entertaining. Harry and Sandy were last seen looking dreamily at each other and thinking about relaxing on their honeymoon in St. Thomas. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Gould.

# Roller-blading

*By Mary Jo Gerace*

Please come and join John Steele and me for a slower intermediate skate on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month from May through August. (We may change to every Thursday, if enough are interested.) It will coincide with



the Softball and Barbecue night. We will gather at 6 PM. If you are running late, you can call a cell phone number, 609-744-2607 up until 6:10 to let us know.

The location is Barclay Schoolyard off Covered Bridge Road in Cherry Hill. Take Route 70 West from Route 295. At the first light make a left onto Covered Bridge Road by taking a right jughandle through the Sheraton Hotel. Cross Route 70 and go to 3rd street which is Wyndmoor Road. Make a right onto Wyndmoor Road. Make a left at first street onto Teaberry Road. Just go one block to dead end and park. The dead end leads into the field. There is a school parking lot connected to the ball field where we will gather.

There will also be a **fast skate** (intermediate to advanced) on Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. The group will meet behind the First Union Bank on Cuthbert Road in Haddon Township.

Please contact Mary Jo Gerace at 856-802-1759 or Wayne Schofield at 856-931-2173 with questions.

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# FLSC ECO Challenge II

*By Mike Stavola*

Yes! There is an ECO II (that's pronounced AE@ as in the letter AE@ - CO). You said you loved it last year and wanted more. So ECO Challenge II will offer more variety and more challenges than the millennia inaugural.

Last year 18 adventure seekers competed in a three and a half hour event featuring bicycling, orienteering/hiking, and canoeing. The location of that event was the Jersey Pine Barrens. This year I considered many locations - the jungles of Borneo, the Australian Outback, and numerous venues throughout the metropolitan area and South Jersey - only to realize that I had a gem of a location right here in the Medford / Medford Lakes area.

What could be so challenging you say? Well here's a peek at what to expect. Thirty-two miles of bicycling through lakeside communities, small towns, primitive forests, million dollar homes and unique natural areas. Along the way your team will be challenged to use your athletic and mental abilities to defeat other four-person teams in events such as A Diving for Sunken Treasure@, A Swimming

with Sharks@, and AAnimal Flotilla@. Exploring 200 year old villages in search of hidden clues will test your strategy. You'll also experience such oddities as AAnimal Tossing@ and ASandball@. You'll stop to do air battle in APTerodactyl Wars@ and test your teamwork and stamina in AFeat of the Feet@.

Cycling will involve a variety of medium and short stretches which will require you to be able to read maps, decipher directional clues, and reach checkpoints in a timely fashion to earn points. Speed will be rewarded - but so will keen observance. No stage will be longer than five miles and shortcuts will abound.

Survival techniques will be tested along the way with challenges that will test your nerves as well as your sense of touch. Since water is so abundant along our adventure trail, you should naturally expect that there will be a test of your nautical skills. Fear not - we have big water challenges that will test your sailing talents. And since survival skills require brains as well as brawn, physical challenges will be balanced all along the way

by equally challenging mental games.

At day's end, gathered clues will be evaluated and points awarded - and added to points earned during individual events as well as biking stages. A barbeque will be awaiting all contestants and officials at the finish line. Great prizes will be awarded in various categories and we'll eat, drink (this is Fall Line mister), and be merry while resting our minds and muscles. The cost is \$20.00 per person.

So start forming your teams today. Teams with less than four members will be able to join forces with others. Outwit, outplay, outlast your friends and be a winning ECO survivor!

ECO Challenge II opens Tuesday, June 19th. The challenge takes place Saturday, July 21st. More details will naturally follow and be made available during June and July meetings. So come and sign up or give me a call at 609-654-1825.

Of course, if you'd rather compete in the next Survivor in Africa or next ECO Challenge in the Congo, you'll have to call Mark Burnett.

## IMAX "Dolphins" Movie and Dock Street Brewery Tour

*By Susan VanCola*

On Friday, April 6, 72 people attended the movie and tour. More than 1/3 of the attendees were taking part in their first Fall Line event. Everyone had a great time and wanted to know when we would do the next IMAX movie. In case you're wondering, one is scheduled for the Fall.

The movie was wonderful. I was especially interested to see the dolphin "JoJo" featured. Several years ago, JoJo swam with me while I was SCUBA diving in Turks and Caicos. A number of women wanted to know whether I had also met Dean, his friend (for the guys who missed him, he was the man in the Speedo who swam with JoJo). I told them that if I

had met Dean, I might have stayed there! Yes, ladies, you should definitely see that movie if you weren't with us!

The new owners of Dock Street were very pleasant and exceedingly generous in providing our huge crowd with all the beer they could drink (which as you know if you've been to any Fall Line events, is a prodigious quantity). There were 3 separate tours because of the huge crowd; the rest of us were served beer samples as each group was touring. Three different beers were served and we each received a souvenir glass.

Most of our Board attended and it was nice to see some old friends as well as

new faces. We missed seeing Dennis Halterman, who planned on attending; you know his busy season must have really been tough for him to miss an opportunity to sample some new beers! Many of us stayed until well after midnight. Thanks to Patty Shearer for her help, and to Joy Faber for overseeing the dinner/drinks bill for those who went to Cuvee Notredame.

Next time, Dock Street will have a dance floor for us. The date for our next IMAX outing will be in the Newsletter. Look for further details in upcoming issues.

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# Killington III! - This Summer!

*By Sofia Dobkin*

No, they didn't figure out how to make snow at 80° F, but who said all you can do in the mountains is ski? For our annual July Vermont hike we decided to go to Killington. It will be the last of the 4,000 footers in Vermont for the club and we're going to make the best of it.

Here's the deal:

Friday July 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup>

We will stay at the Beattie's Trailside Lodge located on the Green Mountain Golf Course. A classic ski lodge including an 8 person Jacuzzi, pool, game room, and a full service pub to keep everyone entertained. We have reserved 10 double rooms, each with private bathrooms.

Friday July 13<sup>th</sup>: Carpool with your friends and arrive at the lodge any time you like. Be creative, half the fun is what you go through getting there.

Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup>: Starting 7 AM we will enjoy a "Bountiful Breakfast Buffet" and then spend the rest of our day hiking through the trails of Vermont! There will be 2 or 3 different levels of hike (depending on demand), from beginner (safe for even the most clumsy of hiker) to advance (death wish and trail guide permission required, sanity optional). After the hike there will be a poolside barbeque dinner (weather permitting) and our traditional campfire passing into the late hours.

Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup>: Enjoy a breakfast buffet in the morning and from there you're on your own. Bring your clubs and play a few holes or take the opportunity to see the area in the summer. Do another short hike wherever you may choose or bike a few trails. It's all up to you. When

all is done, hop in the car and have a safe ride home.

Alright, I know I've glamoured it up more than enough... but here's the one dose of reality, facts and cost. The trip will run \$90 per person and include 2 nights double occupancy, Saturday and Sunday breakfast and a Saturday dinner in-between. A really good price for what should be a really good time. All we're missing is you. Don't spend too much time thinking of whether or not you can go. Check your schedules now and don't delay. Sign-ups start June 5<sup>th</sup> and there are a mere 20 spots to fill.

Questions? E-mail me at [SofikD@aol.com](mailto:SofikD@aol.com) or call (856) 596-8352.

See you on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Battleship New Jersey (BB62) Firepower for Freedom

*By Wayne Schofield*

On September 16, 1940 the keel was laid on the Battleship USS New Jersey. She was launched on December 7, 1942 and commissioned May 23, 1943 at the Philadelphia shipyard.

When commissioned the USS New Jersey reached a length of 887 feet and weighted 45,000 tons She carried 2,100,000 gallons of fuel and her engines developed 212,000 horsepower allowing her a cruising speed of 33 knots. Her infamous 9, sixteen inch guns could fire a 2,500 pound, armor piecing shell better than 26 miles making her a force to be reckoned with.

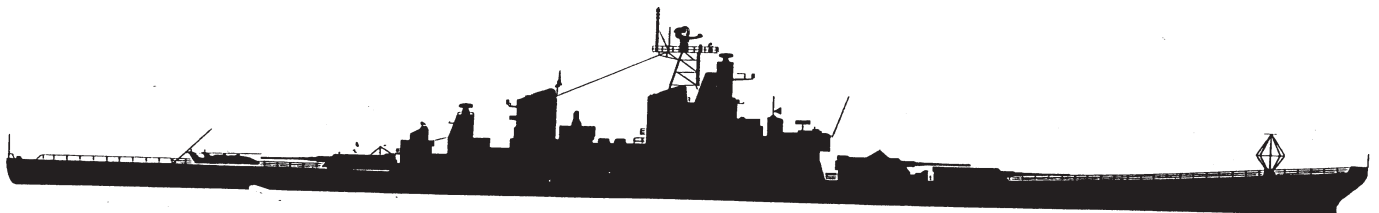
While commissioned the USS New Jersey earned 16 battle stars making her a naval ship's legend.

Decommissioned on February 8, 1991 and stricken from the Navy rolls on January 12, 1995, her massive 16 inch guns were silenced for good.

On September 12, 1999 the USS New Jersey was towed to Philadelphia and arrived on November 11. On January 20, 2000 She was donated to the Home Port Alliance of Camden to be turned into a floating museum and to continue moving ahead in conjunction with the regional development of the Camden/Philadelphia

waterfront.

Since December many volunteers have been working on the ship getting it ready for the September opening to the public. September is fast approaching and many more volunteers are going to be needed. **On Saturday June 9th** we are trying to get together a group of Fall Liners to volunteer a few hours of their time. No special skills are required, except for a lot of enthusiasm and some elbow grease, and all are welcome. Let's make it a fun and memorable day. For information please call Wayne Schofield at 856-931-2173.



# French Creek Another Great Success!

By Kathy Gramick

Twenty-one optimistic Fall Liners, their friends and two dogs (no, they weren't Mark's dates) shared a beautiful day hike at French Creek State Park in Elverson, Pennsylvania on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Picturesque French Creek State Park (FCSP) is one of the largest parks in southeastern Pennsylvania and is heavily forested with scenic hills. It offers recreational facilities such as lakes, dams, roads, picnic areas, group camps, tent camping, mountain biking and two frisbee golf courses.

This year, we hiked 8 miles, touching the Boone Trail and the Horseshoe Trail. The weather turned out great for the hike, the rain didn't come until we were at St. Peter's Village. The event was greater than anticipated and the company was the greatest! There were no accidents to report, but there was the threat by a couple of Fall Liners to skinny dip Hopewell Lake. I talked them out of it – stressing the wildlife at FCSP wouldn't survive such a scene ( ha ha ha ).

After our energetic hike over rocky terrain, fourteen of us continued to St. Peter's Village Inn to satisfy our thirst and hunger. Once again, St. Peter's Village Inn was very accommodating to us. Their back deck overlooks a beautiful natural spring, rolling over larger than life boulders. You can have a picnic on those boulders, but we chose to eat on the back deck. That is, until the rain forced us inside. Fall Line in the bar area, yet another "natural site".

To end a perfect occasion, we went to our traditional ice cream shoppe for our favorite desserts.

This was a wonderful day enjoyed by all – thank you all for coming out! Special thanks to the two dogs who had to put up with us.

# Camden Riversharks

Join us on Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Campbell's Field in Camden, NJ. The Camden Riversharks will be playing the Somerset team. You can check out their website at: [www.riversharks.com](http://www.riversharks.com).

Located down the third base line and overlooking the playing field, the group picnic area provides a relaxed atmosphere with picnic tables and tasty ballpark fare. Each person receives a ticket to the game and an "all-you-can-eat" buffet that includes boneless BBQ chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, pasta salad, baked cookies, and hot and cold beverages (beer and wine extra). The picnic area offers a perfect social atmosphere to enjoy a ballgame.

Please contact Patty Shearer for further information, or to reserve your ticket, at work (215-409-7967) or at home (856-667-8981). Please reserve your ticket prior to June 15<sup>th</sup> to ensure your seat at the game. After June 15<sup>th</sup> seating is based upon availability.

# Help "The Crazy Old Man" Celebrate His 70th Birthday

Fall Line Ski Club's favorite Crazy Old Man (John Steel) is turning seventy in June. For this occasion John has decided to put on a parachute and jump out of a plane, commonly known as sky diving. John is looking for a few or many more nuts who would like to join him on his big day. The more the merrier (and it's cheaper per jumper also). John already had 3 or 4 crazies going along and should they all survive there will be a celebration at John's home in Oaklyn afterwards.

If you have lost your mind or are interested please call John at 856-547-3018 or see him at the next meeting.



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## **Happy Hour - Volleyball - Bands**

**Place:** FLYING W AIRPORT  
60 Fostertown Road  
Medford, NJ

**Dates:** Friday, June 15, 2001  
Friday, July 6, 2001  
Friday, August 17, 2001

**Time:** 6:00 pm to 12:00 midnight

**Contact:** FLYING W (609) 261-7880

**Details:**

Two Level, Outside Deck With A Bar  
Bands By The Pool  
2 Sand Volleyball Courts  
1 Free House Drink & 10% Off  
Remaining Food and Drink with a Ski  
Club Membership Card

**Fee:** \$5.00 Cover Charge Payable At the Gate

**This Is a Fall Line Ski Club Event Open to All  
Members of Both FLSC and South Jersey Ski Club!!**

*Mike Gramsammer*