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By Pat Maguire and Beverly Neal

Italy – Part I, The Sightseers

Friday, January 25th at 3 p.m., a bus carrying 42 Fall Liners arrived at Newark airport. This must have been the luxury express because porters arrived with carts to take our skis to Group Check-in (our group only)! This was how our fantastic Sestriere, Italy trip started. The sightseers/skiers arrived at Milan airport around 7:30 am, Saturday. There, a city guide who narrated the sights and attractions of Milan throughout the 35-minute ride to the Mediterraneo Hotel, greeted us. Our guide even took a group to the refectory adjoining the Dominica church of Santa Maria delle Grazie. This is where the original painting of Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper is located. From there we went to the Duomo (cathedral), which is at the heart of the city. It is the world's largest Gothic cathedral begun in 1386 and added to each century thereafter. We took a lift to the roof which nests amid a majestic web of flying buttresses, spires and pinnacles. Above the forest of statues (there are over 2000) a gilded copper statue of the Virgin Mary stands above the city. It was just breathtaking. Dinner and a small group of die-hard Fall Liners who went to the Atlantique disco that night followed the day. Sunday after a leisurely breakfast we boarded our bus to Sestriere to join the other Fall Liners who departed Saturday evening from Newark airport.

Italy – Part II, Cruising on the good ship Valtur

Seventy-four Fall Liners boarded the cruise liner, Valtur that was docked in Sestriere, Italy. Throughout the week we would have many adventures and see numerous sights without leaving port. This was Fall Line's first experience at an

all-inclusive resort, which is typical of a cruise atmosphere. Everyday we skied beneath blue skies and sunshine. At noon Fall Liners could be seen dining al fresco at quaint, slope side ristorantes for which Europe is well known. At the end of each ski day the beat of the music coming from our hotel led us back to "the beach". Happy Hour started with jugs of vino and lounge chairs for catching a few rays. Nona Luce and Sally Ramirez and a few other early sun-worshippers would greet us upon our return.

Our own après-ski was held at the club's discothèque, "Nautilus". On one particular occasion we were visited by Brother Reggie who delivered a sermon on the sins of skiers and the ways to salvation. He reminded us that we are "God's frozen chosen" and that "many are cold, but few are frozen". He had us crying with laughter.

We followed the European custom of dining at eight followed by nightly entertainment in the club's theater. One evening a Variety review was put on which featured many show stopping Fall Liners. Sally "Marilyn" Ramirez, John "Travolta" Fanelly, Sofia Dobkin, Janet Godfrey, Carol Goodhue aka "The Spice Girls", "The Full Monty" Gene Zalewski, Tony Ricco, "Marilyn's boys" Jeff Stein, Barry Schofield, and our back up dancers Lucy Shekhtman and Ylenia Mazzei brought the house down. We didn't know there was so much hidden talent, bravo!

In a dance contest made up of 13 couples, 5 of which were Fall Line couples, was eventually won by none other than our own Tony "Fred Astaire" Ricco and Lucy "Ginger Rogers" Shekhtman.

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SPEED BUMP

Dave Coverly



Ted's Topics

April is here which signals not only the end of winter but the end of my term as president. I was honored to head up the Fall Line Board again. It has been a fast year. I've been fortunate to work with a great group of folks not only on the Board but on the winter trip committee as well. I'd like to thank everyone for another successful year.

Our club is made up of volunteers. It's run by less than 5% of the membership. These Fall Liners work tirelessly to bring you the best they can. Elections are coming up this month so please remember to vote either with the mail-in ballot in this newsletter, at the general meeting on April 16, or vote on-line at www.fallline.org.

Consider becoming one of our volunteers by participating on one of our many committees, such as the winter or summer trip committee, the Snoball committee or become a greeter on the welcoming

committee.

I've found that the experience can be rewarding, frustrating, easy, challenging but never dull. It's given me the opportunity to get to know quite a few people who I am proud to call friends. I plan on returning to the Board for another year as President ex-officio. (Is that a real title?)

If you're interested in expanding your horizons by participating please feel free to contact any Board member or committee chairperson or myself. We would love to have some new, fresh faces.

And last, but not least, don't forget tickets go on sale for the club's grand finale, the Spring Fling. I have not missed one Spring Fling yet. It's one of my favorite Fall Line events. I hope to see everyone there. For all the details, please see article in this newsletter.

Ted

Notice About Club E-Mails

For those of you who used to be on the @Home network:

About 3 weeks before the demise of @Home an E-mail went out to the @Home members warning you to update your new E-mail address with us so that you can continue to receive club E-mails. Some of you have updated with us but

there are still many of you that have not. Those that have not updated their E-mail address can no longer receive club E-mails. If you wish to get back on the list send your new address to Mail@FallLine.org

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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 or through the mail by contacting:

Robyn Taddei
9109 Verree Road
Philadelphia, PA 19115-2801
Phone: 215-969-4736
E-mail: Membership@FallLine.org

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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Paul's Activities

By Paul Serdiuk

Seashore Hike – Sunday April 14, 2002

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to walk down the boardwalk with out the crowds, screaming kids, and lost tourists? Then you are invited to come and hike the deserted board walks of Bradley Beach, Avon, and Belmar with their spectacular views of open beaches, sand dunes, and ocean. View the many restored Victorian homes along the way. And have lunch at one of the many eateries in town. We ask that no pets or children attend. We will meet at 8:30 am in the rear parking lot of the Hilton Hotel, Rt. 70 , Cherry Hill to car pool and caravan to the meeting site. Or you can meet us at 10:00 am at the Gazebo at the Great Auditorium, Main Street, Ocean Grove, NJ

Flatwater Kayak Training – Saturday, April 27, 2002 8:30 am

Have you ever wanted to navigate a kayak down a river or on a lake? To be the master of your own destiny? To enjoy the ever growing popular sport of kayaking we are offering a flatwater kayak training that will teach you how to handle a kayak in calm flatwater. This is not whitewater kayak training. You do not have to have previous experience to come out and learn nor do you need to know how to swim. Water levels in the Pine Barrens rivers are only 4-5 feet deep, and you have a floatation device to keep you buoyant. We will train in the still lake and then be transported to an easy river. We will have a tailgate social after the trip so bring some type of picnic food to share at the social. You will have to pre-register by April 26, 2002 to reserve a kayak. Cost of rentals will be \$22.00.

Whitewater Rafting Lehigh River White Haven, PA – Saturday, April 20, 2002

Experience the thrill of rafting down class III whitewater rapids as you paddle your six-person raft down the Lehigh River. We will be rafting during a dam release so we are guaranteed whitewater. Cost includes raft /paddle/life vest. We will meet Saturday morning at 7:00 am at the rear parking lot of the Hilton Hotel, Rt. 70, Cherry Hill to carpool/caravan to outfitters (2 hour) in White Haven, PA. Camping will be available both Friday and Saturday nights for those interested, or stay in a local hotel (call leader for information). Optional activity for Sunday will be a mountain bike ride on old railroad beds along the Lehigh River. Cost of rafting is \$49.95, additional cost for wet suits, and those camping. Reservation with a 50% payment due by April 15th.

For more information or to reserve a spot on any of the above activities please call the leader, Paul Serdiuk at 856-697-3870 or pis1@cccnj.net

Spring Fling 2002

By Patty Shearer

Come Celebrate an early CINCO DE MAYO with Fall Line Ski Club at this year's Spring Fling! We will be returning to the Venice Plaza located in Berlin, New Jersey on Friday, May 3, 2002 from 7:30 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.! The price will be \$55.00 for Members and \$65.00 for Non-Members and it will include a



5-hour premium open bar, hors d'oeuvres and mouth-watering entrees! DJ Fred Hart will be spinning everyone's favorites so that you can dance the night away! Tickets will go on sale

at the Club meetings in April. Purchase your tickets early so that you don't miss out on this fun-filled event! For event information please contact Patty Shearer @ (856) 667-8981.

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 (856-778-4657) if you are interested in attending or participating.

Italy Continued

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During the week many Fall Liners took excursions to Briancon, France and Turin, Italy, host city to the 2006 Olympics. With all the wonderful ristoranti, pizzerias and trattorias at our disposal, one Mac-question needs to be answered, "Where do you think some of our brightest gravitated towards?"

"Allora" the Italian word of the week which translates to "now then" the skiing.

Italy Part III, the skiing

Each morning as we ascended the pomalift, the "Grappa Hosts", offering up shots of that potent courage to begin the day, greeted us. Many Fall Liners took advantage of either ski instructors or guides that Club Valtur provides for their guests. Dennis and Ann's group liked their guide, Sara, so much that they have invited her to visit them here in the USA. The ski week concluded with a giant slalom race. Again, Fall Line led the pack by winning several medals. Congrats to John Greenstreet, Sofia Dobkin, Deb Serba, Kathie Read, Carol Goodhue, Mark Williams, Nona Luce, Terry Dougherty, Lucy Shekhtman and Elaine Sawicki. Kristan Briel did the US proud by competing against the Italian women's local ski team and winning a silver medal.

Ted Sommers, after years of sore feet, decided to get new boots fitted for him. He can now be seen skiing with a broad smile all day. Several Fall Liners also took advantage of the great exchange rate and treated themselves to new ski equipment.

Italy, Part IV, Arrivederci

First-timer's Bill Cella and Sally R, decided to make this a really big trip by extending their stay an extra 5 days. They traveled by train to the Italian Riviera and the Cinque Terre. For the rest of us, our European holiday had to come to a close. On our last night the hotel staff closed the show with a flaming "ARRIVEDERCI" sign outside on the lawn. Our buses departed the resort in the wee hours of the morning to the site of the staff outside waving goodbye to us. As we pulled away from Club Valtur reflections of the week came flooding in. European trips are distinctly different from other trips. The day typically begins with picking your ski buddies at breakfast followed by choosing lunch destinations on the mountain and après ski plans. Since breakfast and dinners are included, there are opportunities to really get to know each other and friends are made fast.

Our special thanks to all FLers on the trip, you each; in your own way leave a part of yourselves with us. The memories are wonderful, let's do it again!

Bike Ride Along the Delaware Canal

WHERE: Washington's Crossing Park to the Shad Festival in Lambertville, New Jersey

WHEN: Sunday, April 28, 2002

DETAILS: 10:00 am

Meet at the Park Visitor Center. Call 609-737-9303 for directions. The ride to Lambertville and back is 14 miles. You can ride farther if desired.

CONTACT: Mike Gramsammer (856) 810-1196

Another Bike Ride Along the Delaware Canal

WHERE: Bull's Island Recreation Area in Stockton, New Jersey to a Wine Festival at the Sand Castle Winery, Erwinna, PA.

WHEN: Saturday, May 18, 2002

DETAILS: 10:00 am

Meet at the Bull's Island Park Office. Call 609-397-2949 for directions. The ride to Sand Castle Winery and back is approximately 25 miles. The winery phone number is 800-722-9463.

CONTACT: Mike Gramsammer (856) 810-1196

Softball Season Begins

Every Thursday from May 9th through August 29th

Every second and fourth Thursday: Softball and party afterwards at the home of Steve Archibald. Cost is \$6.00 for hot dogs, beer, wine, soft drinks and insurance for the field.

Every first and third Thursday: Softball and a visit afterward to some local pub for beer and fantastic bar food. Cost is \$1.00 to cover insurance for the field.

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 EVERY Thursday night this summer. We need fans and social life participants.

We play at the Old Barclay Intermediate School just off of Covered Bridge Road in Cherry Hill – next to Barclay Farms. For more information call: Dennis Halterman at 856 429-9780

Heart of Camden: Hammers, Humanitarianism and Beer

By Harry Gould

April 20 is almost upon us and you already know it's time to go dig out your toolbox, your work boots and your paint-splattered sweatshirt.

Heart of Camden wants you!

For anyone who derives satisfaction from the notion of rehabbing old row houses in South Camden, we invite you to join our seventh semi-annual Heart of Camden volunteer day. For a few hours on the morning of April 20 (a Saturday), we'll get our fingers dirty as we do our part to revitalize a once-thriving neighborhood and provide decent housing for working poor people.

Heart of Camden is a nonprofit housing corporation that purchases and rehabs homes in South Camden and turns them over to low-income families. It relies on a mixture of hired professional contractors and volunteers to get the work done. This will be the fourth year in which Fall Line volunteers have participated.

So you're asking: what am I expected to do? As usual, we don't know exactly what jobs need to be done on April 20, but they may include a few hours worth of tearing down walls, hammering nails, cleaning out a yard, spackling and painting -- or whatever else has to be done to prepare a house for eventual occupancy.

And when the day is done, we'll regroup at P.J. Whelihan's in Westmont for an afternoon of revelry over wings and beer. If you get yourself really filthy during the day, you could be eligible for a very special prize.

No special skills? Not to worry. If you can swing a hammer or hold a paintbrush, you're hired. Bring general tools, old clothing, good hard-soled work shoes, a sandwich, something to drink for lunch, and plenty of enthusiasm.

Interested? Look for Janice Lynch (856-858-6411) or Harry Gould (215-922-0244) at the next regular Fall Line meeting.

If you go: We'll meet at the Bishop Eustace Prep School parking lot in Pennsauken at 9 a.m. (or an alternate location if Eustace has some other activity that day). From there, we'll carpool caravan-style into South Camden, arriving at a predetermined housing site around 9:30 a.m. There, volunteers will be assigned to one of two housing sites, the number depending on how many Fall Liners sign up.

We'll break for lunch around 12 Noon. Somewhere between 1 and 2 p.m. we'll knock off and head back to the Eustace parking lot and continue on to P.J. Whelihan's for serious liquid refreshments and bragging rights.

Expert Hike!

By Sofia Dobkin

FAQ: When?

Saturday **April 26th** and Sunday the **27th** (leaving Friday afternoon)

FAQ: Where?

We'll be staying at the **Royalty Inn**, located in **Gorham New Hampshire**.

FAQ: What?

On one day we will **Hike Cannon Mountain** and its **three 4,000 foot peaks**. The hike will be about **13 miles** and is **not intended for beginners** (sorry guys). This should be one of those hikes that make you wonder if you'll ever torture yourself this way again. But don't worry, when its over you'll be planning for the next trip! The next day, weather permitting, we will hike then ski **Tuckerman's Ravine**. This is an **EXPERT ONLY** adventure (don't miss it!).

FAQ: How?

To sign up and for information, contact **Sofia Dobkin**:

1-800 Crazy Hikesorry...

Home: 856 424 7715

Cell: 856 495 7559

Work: 856 486 5209 or

E-mail: Sofia.Dobkin@Imco.com

FAQ: Why do it?

Why not! It's a great opportunity and a challenging hike! Beats sitting at home all weekend, that's for sure.

Elections Bios Continued

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Would like to work on the board to assist with social activities and planning events to keep the club interesting. Have run many trips in the past and held the position of Social Chairperson for 2 years for another ski organization. I have the experience of running trips and would like to work with the board members in any way to benefit the club. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Kathie Read – Board Member

I have been a member of Fall Line for eleven years, of which nine have been

spent on the Board. I am presently the newsletter editor. I have held every position on the Board except treasurer. I have been a member of the trip committee for eleven years and winter trip chairman two years ago. The two years I was not a Board member I ran a major ski trip each year. As far as club activities, skiing is my first love, but I enjoy many of the other activities as well. I am very organized and feel that I can still contribute to the running of club. Please vote for me.

Patty Shearer - Board Member

I have been a Board member for two years; Secretary for one year; Summer Trip ChairChick for two years, and Best Après Skier (Bar Fly) last year. I organized the Spring Fling last year and this year. Please give me your support by voting for me on election day.

Official 2002 FLSC Election Ballot

Member Name: Required for Mail-In Ballots Only

(Print) _____

(Sign) _____

Please Circle Your Choice:

President-Elect: Lou Cullen
Write-In for President-Elect _____

Treasurer-Elect: Sara Walls
Write-In for Treasurer-Elect _____

Board of Directors:

Vote for 3: 1. Mike Gilbert 2. Janice Lynch 3. Lisa Park 4. Cathie Rappoport 5. Kathie Read 6. Patty Shearer
Write-In for Board Members _____

If you cannot attend the April 16th meeting: vote on line (see back cover for details) or fill out this ballot and mail it to: Fall Line Ski Club, PO Box 1535, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08034 - Attention: Election Committee

All ballots (on-line and mail-in) must be received by April 15th!!!

Board Candidates Election Bios

Lou Cullen – President Elect

Hello Fall Liners! This time I was asked to run for President of the best activity and social club on the East Coast. My two-year term in the treasurer capacity has been fun and very interesting. I would be honored if Fall Liners would consider my nomination and vote for my run for President.

My background as a single father of three and a toy store manager makes me experienced at administrating groups of individuals for a good time and spirit of sport. After my family, my first love is skiing, and through the club I have been involved with sailing, white water rafting, big screen events, baseball, softball... just to name a few. I've experienced the inner workings of the club through being the treasurer and I feel confident that I can guide the club on a very sound and fun path.

The staff of every store I have managed, always thought that I did a good and caring job, so on election day vote once, vote twice... vote for Lou Cullen President Elect.

Sara Walls – Treasurer Elect

Although I am a new member to Fall Line, joined in July of 2001, I am not new to skiing or accounting. I have been skiing for sixteen years. My first Fall Line ski trip (and by far the best ski trip I have ever been on) was to Jackson Hole, Wyoming. During that trip I talked to Jim, the president elect, about Fall Line's need for a treasurer elect. I graduated college with a BA in economics and finance. I have been in the mortgage business for thirteen years and doing bookkeeping functions for small businesses. Due to my work background I feel that I am qualified to handle the duties of the treasurer elect. I have the time, energy, and willingness to help Fall Line in any way I can. I would be

honored to serve as your treasurer elect.

Janice Lynch – Board Member

I am a two-time winner of "Best Female Après Skier" and I am finishing my third year of a three-year commitment as President of Fall Line Ski Club. I am running for another two-year term because I feel I still have a lot to contribute to the club and want to stay involved in the decision making process of the Club. Please give me your support on election day.

Lisa Park – Board Member

I love to travel. I have been to Thailand, Australia, etc. and most recently Iceland. I love to ride horses, snorkel, hike, read, play volleyball and most recently ski. I like to plan events, and with my job as a pharmaceutical sales rep I plan a lot of programs for my physicians. I love to go out to dinner, movies, and concerts and to meet new people. I believe I could add a fresh perspective as a member of the board. Thank you for your consideration.

Cathie Rappoport – Board Member

I became a member of Fall Line in 1995 and after a few years in Miami, renewed my membership. I was scheduled to run the Greek Peak/Elk trip but the trip was canceled due to lack of interest. I live in Haddonfield and I am a Pharmaceutical Sales Specialist for AstraZeneca. I volunteer with the Friends of the American Red Cross and Leukemia Society. Other activities and interests include: biking, running, blading, softball, camping/hiking, boating/sailing, traveling and summers at the shore.

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FLSC 2002

Best of Awards

Category	Male	Female
Best Skier		
Most Improved Skier		
Best Après Skier (Bar Fly)		
Best Buns		
Noticeable Newcomer		
Best Dressed		
Best Trip Leader - Male or Female (Circle Choice)	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Week Trip</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Snowbird I, Utah Mt. Tremblant, Canada Milan - Sestriere, Italy Sestriere, Italy Jackson Hole, Wyoming Whistler, British Columbia Verbier, Switzerland Summit County, Colorado Snowbird II, Utah</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Weekend Trip</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stowe, Vermont Lake Placid, New York Killington I, Vermont Sugarbush, Vermont Jay Peak, Vermont Killington II, Vermont</p>
Best Humorous Fall - Male or Female		
Good Samaritan - Male or Female (Please submit story on reverse.)		

Do not vote for the same member for more than one award. Awards will be presented at the Spring Fling. PLEASE RETURN TO PATTY SHEARER BY APRIL 16TH; either at a general meeting or by mailing to: FLSC, PO Box 1535, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034, Attn: Patty Shearer.

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www.FallLine.org**

On-Line Voting

By Brad Zacharia



Can't make the meeting on election night (April 16th)? Are you one of those members that gets to take off for a year and travel around the world? Don't lose your vote. All you need is a computer and the Internet. Go to Fall Line's web page at www.FallLine.org and click on the ballot. You will be able to vote on-line. There

is no longer any excuse not to vote. We would like everyone to be able to participate in the election process so you can vote at the meeting, mail in your ballot or you can vote from home – or any place else on the planet.

While we're talking about the web page, it is designed to give you all the information you need at your fingertips.

If it's 2 AM and you need to find something out, check the

web page at www.FallLine.org.

Need information in a hurry and you don't know who to call? Can't remember where that bus pick-up point is and the bus pulls out in two hours? There are maps on the web page of the bus and meeting locations.

Need some legal information? Check out the by-laws.

What's the status of a trip and who do you call? Check it out.

Some of the other things you can do at www.FallLine.org

- Advertise on the Classified Page with business or personal ads
- E-mail board members
- List your Home Page so other members can contact you
- Read the newsletter before you get it in the mail
- Membership Application
- Membership Handbook
- Winter and Summer Trip Schedules
- Links to ski resorts

Plus a lot of general information about Fall Line. Just remember. It's www.FallLine.org