



WINTER, SPRING, SUMMER AND FALL, FALL LINE THAT IS...

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Upcoming Events

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May 6, 2005

Shad Festival
May 21, 2005

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Bike Ride/Winery Tour
June 4, 2005

Tubing Down the Delaware
July 23, 2005

Whitewater Rafting
August 18-21, 2005

Grindelwald, Switzerland

The Land of Oz, Fairytale, Bond, and Gingerbread Houses (Alias Grindelwald)

By Ann Marsteller

This fairytale resort did not disappoint! We departed from Cherry Hill to JFK amidst three flavors of Jell-o shots courtesy of yours truly.

We had several new Fall liners on the trip as well as some who had never skied (or been to) Europe before. We all welcomed newcomers of one type or another: Charles Miller, Marisa Yeslow, Mike and Katrina Pruett, (friends of Jim Thomas) who came from Las Vegas, Marie Eagan, Kate McCullough, Mark Cliver and Janet McLucas. They were treated with extra Jell-o shots to break the ice. Many of us were wearing our great Grindelwald fleeces which were purchased through two of our trip members who just started their fledgling business, Justin Wighton and Melissa Armstrong. Nice job, guys!

We landed on time in Zurich, and boarded our double decker bus with BIG trailer on our 2 1/2 hour ride through the picturesque mountains to Grindelwald. We all checked into the beautiful 4 ★ Sunstar Hotel and proceeded to look for lunch spots. Many of us found a cute pizzeria right across the street. Some also found the Ski Cross World Championships awards and were treated to pictures and prizes. Gene Zalewski managed to have a flaming shot with the winner, but

unfortunately was not too good at extinguishing his drink. In fact, he wound up lighting his thumb, his mustache, his nostrils and his eyebrows with the imbibement. Our first non-skiing accident of the week! Was this a portent of things to come??? Not! We were later treated to our personal welcome reception in the lobby in front of the blazing fireplace and comfy chairs. No casualties here! Then to the bar, which did not disappoint, as it was cozy and friendly. We had a lovely dinner and went to bed with the snowflakes falling!

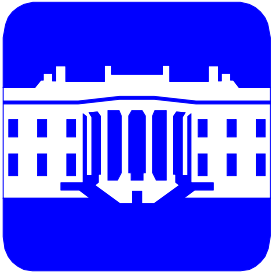
We awoke Sunday morning to beautiful snow, and went to breakfast where we were treated to the best buffet I had ever experienced. Besides the usual croissants, baguettes, salt rolls, yogurts, fresh fruits, hams, cheeses, cereals, and various juices and spreads, there was a chef on hand to make made-to-order omelets. You could put just about anything in them, he had every filling imaginable. If you wanted a quick bite, there were scrambled and soft cooked eggs, as well as bacon and sausage. What a fantastic way to start the day!

Many of us decided to ski First (pronounced FEERST) the first day, since the three stage gondola was just across the street from our hotel. Many of us had never heard of it, but it was just featured in the March/April issue (pg 62) of SKI magazine! Awesome picture!

Since Europeans are not big bad weather skiers, we had the mountain to ourselves. The sun peeked out at times, and we got our ski legs doing some beautiful cruisers

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President's Message



After having been asked so many times, "Are you President yet?" I finally can say yes! I am looking forward to having a wonderful year as President and working with my new board. I would like to thank all the people who have helped this year as non-board members and board members with Fall Line. Specifically, I would like to thank Patty, Nona, Janice, Russ and everyone who helped during our Snoball event this past year. Once again we made it a very successful event and it would not have happened if it were not for all the people who helped. I am looking forward to another great one on September 9th so mark your calendars now.

From what I have heard Fall Line has had an awesome ski season. I have heard from many people who have gone on some of our trips like Aleyeska, Alaska and had a great time and would like to return there again. We also, as usual, had great turnouts on our European trips and look forward to returning to Europe on new terrain like Bormia, Italy and Engel berg, Switzerland. Look out for this coming season because we have some great new trips on the list. (Yee-Ha)

This year as President I would like to focus on making this coming year fun and exciting. In order to make this happen we need to have new ideas from our experienced as well as new members who are just joining us. With that said, I would like to implement my open door policy for anyone who might have an idea to help make this ski club enjoyable for everyone. I am always available to discuss any idea that will help improve the club.

Stay tuned for future summer trips and events that might pique the interest of most of us like tubing, biking, IMAX, sailing, canoeing, softball, and golf just to name a few. Many of you might have also heard about the Dragon Boat Race event and Fall Line still needs a team so we can be fully represented. I think that the Dragon Boat Race event will be a great time to attract new members into the club.

Bike Rides

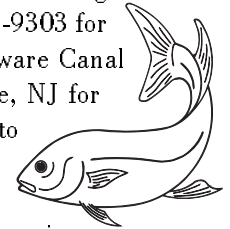
SHAD FEST BIKE RIDE

What: A bike ride to the Shad Fest in Lambertville, NJ.

When: Saturday, May 21, 2005

Raindate Sunday, May 22, 2005.

Details: 10:00 am meet at the Washington's Crossing State Park Visitor Center in NJ. Call 609-737-9303 for directions. We will be riding along the Delaware Canal path up to the Shad Festival in Lambertville, NJ for lunch. For more info on the Shad Fest go to <http://www.lambertville.org/>. The ride to Lambertville and back is 14 miles. You can ride an additional 15 miles if desired. Mountain bikes or Hybrid bikes are required. Also, bring your 2-way radios set to 13:13.



Cost: \$1.- For members & \$2.- for nonmembers.

Contact: Mike Gramsammer @ 856-810-1196.

WINERY BIKE RIDE



What: A bike ride to the Sand Castle Winery in Erwinna, Pa.

When: Saturday, June 4, 2005.

Details: Meet at 10:00 am at the Bull's Island Recreation Area Park Office in Stockton, NJ. Call 609-397-2949 for directions. We will be riding downstream along the NJ Delaware Canal path, cross the river, and stop off to buy a bag lunch. We will then continue upstream along the PA Canal path to the Sand Castle Winery in Erwinna, PA. Where we will have lunch, tour the winery and sample some wine. The winery phone # is 800-722-9463 or go to <http://www.sandcastlewinery.com/>. The ride will be 25 miles long, round trip. Mountain bikes or Hybrid bikes are required. Also, bring your 2-way radios set to 13:13.

Cost: \$1.- for members &

\$2.- for nonmembers.

Contact: Mike Gramsammer @ 856-810-1196.



MEETINGS, MEETINGS AND MORE ...

General Meetings... are held the first and third Tuesday each month (*except for December*) at The Elephant & Castle on Route 70 in Cherry Hill. Meetings are from 8:00 pm 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 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month and start at 7:30 p.m. In order for the board to discuss all agenda topics in a timely fashion, members who wish to attend a meeting must contact the Fall Line President prior to the meeting. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Winter Trip Committee Meetings... are conducted by Bill Caden, board member and Winter Trip Chair, and occur monthly. Please call Bill (856/461.4157) if you are interested in attending or participating.

ABS Committee Meetings... are conducted by Carrie Silk, board member and Summer Trip Chair, and occur monthly. Please call Carrie (609/410.1232) if you are interested in attending or participating.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Fall Line Ski Club membership begins May 1 and ends April 30. Membership applications for renewals and new membership are accepted anytime during the year. The membership fee is \$25.00 through 9/9/05 and \$30.00 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 our web site at www.FallLineSkiClub.org or through the mail by contacting:

Robyn Taddei
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Philadelphia, PA 19115-2801
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eMail: 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.

It's Snow Problem!

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FLSC Softball 2005

Come out to enjoy a fun game of coed softball Thursday evenings beginning May 5th. The games are informal and a great way to remain social during the off-ski season. Games are every Thursday from May 5th through Aug 25th and begin at 6:00 pm. Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month there will be a barbeque after the game at Steve Archibald's home. Admission is \$7.00 for Hot Dogs, Beer, Wine and Insurance. (For those attending the game only, the fee is \$2.00). The other Thursdays we will visit a local bar for beer, food and socializing. (Game fee is \$2.00 to help pay for the field rental.) The dates and location are to be determined for the games with the South Jersey Ski Club to defend our championship bragging rights title. See the website for current information.

Games are played at the Old Barclay Intermediate School just off Covered Bridge Rd in Cherry Hill, NJ. Directions: Take Route 70 West from Route 295. At the first light make a left onto Covered Bridge Rd by taking a right jug-handle in front of the Clarion Hotel. Cross back over Route 70 and make your 4th right onto Dorado Drive. Continue to stop sign and make left onto Winston Way. The School is on your right and parking is on the right side of the building. Call Ed Keating at (856) 429-0708 for more information!!



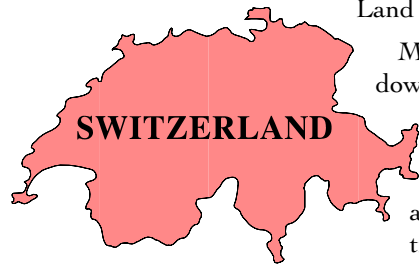
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with fresh powder. Katrina Pruett was our one casualty of the week, falling and somehow her ski hit her head, and cut her face, but she was back on the slopes and sled run after just one day off. The snow kept on through the night, much to our delight. We were treated that evening to the hotel's welcoming reception, with some kind of firewater that was pretty potent, as well as wonderful hot and cold appetizers, even some flambéed ones on the outside terrace!

Our second day, many decided to ski Kleine Scheidegg, some opted for Interlaken, the beautiful city between the two lakes. No one was disappointed. While the light started out a little flat, it cleared up and we were treated to almost a foot of fresh powder anywhere you wanted to go. The train system in the area is unique; there are cog rails taking you from town to town. Non-skiers or the faint of heart could just ride trains and not have to get on a lift or gondola if they did not want to.

The week was just full of great things, fresh powder almost every morning, then sunshine and blue skies for most of the day. Almost no wind, temps just below freezing, with 360 degree scenery all around you. The vistas from every mountaintop were more breathtaking than the previous ones. This was truly the Land of Fairytales.



Many got to ski the longest downhill run on the World Cup circuit, the Lauberhorn, near Wengen, another fairytale village, that was accessible by train, gondola, tram, bus and any other mode of transportation known to man.

We also skied the steep slalom run, while others not so ambitious stopped for a pop at the lovely outdoor café at the start of the run.

There was so much to do and see, that there wasn't enough time to ski and do it all! There was the excursion through a tunnel to the Jungfrauoch. At the top there were ice sculptures, as well as gorgeous 360-degree views of Switzerland. There were also 100 mile an hour winds on the unsheltered spot. My camera snapped a picture pretty quickly.

The trip would not have been complete without the excursion to the land of 007, Bond, James Bond. The trip to the Piz Gloria took about 3 hours, but what a sight when you arrived at the revolving restaurant! This locale made famous by the movie "On Her Majesty's Secret Service" did not disappoint. The steep 007 run down the mountain, and into Murren, a pedestrian village, was made by quite a few. Some of us decided to take the T bar up to the tram station at Birg, but alas, my T bar skills are as bad as ever! Thanks to Dick Strang for his patience when I fell off, and we went laughing through the thigh high powder to get back to the trail, and on the bar again. This time I went by myself. For some reason, it was easier. I will take a lesson from Cindy Ryan, who actually went on her first successful T bar with Janet then had more with hubby JP, and they made it up in one piece. I'm following you next time, Cindy!

Every evening we came back to a delectable 4-course dinner, complete with appetizer or salad bar, soup and a choice of three entrees. Even vegetarian Russ Consenstino was able to pick one from the menu, as there was a choice of meat, fish or meatless entree every night. On Wednesday evening, we were treated to a farmers' buffet, where you could sample all of the local delicacies. From pork to wursts, to kraut, and raclette, there was something for everyone. Desserts were to die for, with a stupendous dessert buffet the last night.

Another highlight was the infamous sled ride that I love to organize. Well, not really, but it is always worth it in the end. This year's was complicated by the fact that we had to get to the train station, take a train, then sled down and get a cab for the way home to make dinner! They advertised a lighted sled run. HAH! They lied. It was lit for about 10 per cent of the run. The rest was the steepest, darkest, scariest sled ride I had ever been on! The "experts", Sue Freeburn, Terri Corbo, Mike and Katrina, Jack Wolynies and Rich Hunt started from Kleine Scheidegg, which was about 2 miles more than the rest of us, who wussed out and started at the trail one train stop lower. Of course, we had to start the trip with the obligatory drink at the local hut, which had a cute fireplace. Besides Dennis' 3-inch gash in his shin, there were no casualties, which I found miraculous! New member Marisa Yeslow has decided to start a sled division of Fall Line!

Nightlife was fun, we found a bar a few blocks away that had an English band, who were so much fun, that they were held over for a third night. Many of us saw them all three nights! Of course, I was coerced into doing my Janis Joplin "Piece of My Heart" routine. The place went wild with my imitation, and the flashes popped. I am sure there will be pictures to follow. Fall Line made up the group that line danced to "Time Warp" from the Rocky Horror Picture Show.

Of course, we had Siobhan Michaud and Melissa, who while afraid to ski, were not afraid to parasail over Grindelwald and jump off a mountain! They traveled all above the town on the back of one handsome dude!

We had so much fun skiing, that it was tough to say goodbye to the beautiful mountains, but we left for Zurich Saturday morning to explore the largest city in Switzerland. We checked into our hotel at the airport, when it was learned that Cory Glenn and Bob Kaewell had left their passports and plane tickets in the safe in Grindelwald. AAGGHH! What to do? Well, the helpful hotel had a courier take their lifeblood to Zurich for a mere 340 Swiss francs. Not bad when you consider the alternative. Stuck in Switzerland! Hmm, maybe that would not be so bad!

The rest of us explored Zurich, toured churches, museums, climbed hundreds of stairs to the top of a church to get a breathtaking view of the city, shopped and just had an overall really good time. It was an adventure getting to the city from the hotel. The hotel shuttle dropped you off at the airport, then you walked across the roadway to the train station, figured out how to use the ticket machine, and hopped on one of the many sleek trains that was there to take you in 10 minutes. It was such an adventure that Laurel Halterman (yes, Dennis' daughter) and I called back to the hotel to tell Dennis to take a cab! He was supposed to meet us for happy hour at a bierhalle that no longer existed, and a dozen of us waited in the falling snow for his cab to

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arrive. We all greeted him with Hi, Pa-pa! to the laughter of the cabbie. We searched relentlessly until we found a cozy bar for happy hour and then went to dinner at the Zeughauskeller, an authentic Swiss restaurant that was an old armory with great food and atmosphere.

We had so many good times, that it is tough to recall all of them: Some edited comments were as follows:

JP Ryan: Monday was one of the best ski days I have had, despite falling into a crevasse when skiing off piste!

Gene Zalewski (one run Gene) liked the Mannlichen area so much he skied EVERY run there (at least 10) a record, I think. Laurel and Marisa liked it so much they spent the entire last day sunning themselves in the beach chairs at the top!

Janet, Mark and Kate decided to take advantage of the ENTIRE Mountain at First and hiked 3 hours to the top to do the 15 mile sled run. Oops, Kate, was that you who fell, and was seen hanging from a cliff for two hours?

Diane Hardies forgave husband Ted for tripping her coming off of a chair lift, unfortunately, it slowed her skiing down and we did not get a chance to ski off or on piste together. We managed to run into them on the mountain, as well as in Zurich, where it seemed like Fall Liners were the only tourists in town! We kept bumping into ourselves everywhere!

Someone who will remain nameless was about to miss the train after the Piz Gloria, but one resourceful Fall Liner pulled the emergency brake to stop the train! (Hint: he missed the plane in Reno on the Squaw Valley trip).

Marie Eagan was able to get over her agoraphobia and take trains to places she would never have dreamed of!

Jim and Nicole Daisey got their cuckoo clock and were ecstatic, since they could ship it home from Interlaken. Nicole took her first T-bar with hubby Jim, (you are brave, girl!) got thrown into the shower (we won't ask why) and Jim says that all sled rides should be at night! Hmmm!

Brian Eidman had a near concussion when he hit his head getting into a Gondola. Nice going, Brian. We had more non-skiing accidents than skiing ones. Justin fell on the sidewalk, and needed a massage to feel better; I hit my head three times (you think I would have learned to duck) on the top level of the bus.

Steve Austin: Good skiing, good people, good food. **That says IT ALL!**

The neat thing about Europe is that the skiing is fantastic, but that is not the only reason to go. As you can see from this article, it is the gemultikeit, the camaraderie that develops from a group who gets to explore the many wonders of the country while skiing at your own pace (hopefully). People who had never met before became great friends with many different people over the week. The one downside of being the trip leader is that one does not always get to be with everyone as much as one would like. There is so much to see and do, and so little time that the ending is definitely bittersweet.

But there is always next year, and after this trip, many can't wait for next year's sign up!

So if you haven't experienced the flavor of European skiing, try one of the two great trips being offered next year. It will be hard to be disappointed.

Thanks to those for helping load and unload the buses, help out in the airports and just generally being the great Fall Liners you all are!

Auf Wiedersehen!

Dragon Boat Races

By Mike Gramsammer

Well, it's official, FLSC is in the 2005 Philadelphia Dragon Boat Race for charity. We got the last team spot on the roster, #128, thanks to all of the people who believed in this event, and worked hard to get it on the ABS schedule. This festival is going to be an incredible event with 128 teams racing, and over 3000 people attending.

The ABS committee and the FLSC Board have done their jobs so far - now it is up to you - the FLSC membership to do your part. Come on down to a general meeting, and signup for this wonderful event. It is a great way to support your ski club, and give something back to the community. Join me for a day of picnicking, racing, socializing and helping to raise money for cancer research. The festival is all day, Saturday, October 1, 2005, with the rain date being Oct. 8, 2005. I need 20 paddlers total, male and female, to join the team and actually race! Training starts in July for team members. The cost is \$70 - for

team members, which includes registration, 3 training sessions, team T-shirt, breakfast and lunch at the festival. We also need people to come on down and cheer for us! The cost is \$20 - for team supporters, which includes a team T-shirt, breakfast and lunch. The money is due when you sign up and all monies are nonrefundable unless you are replaced on the team.

The Philadelphia Dragon Boat Festival benefits various cancer research charities. For more info see their web site www.philadragonboatfestival.com. Or stop by the D-Boat table at the general meetings.

Trip Leader: Mike Gramsammer @ 856-810-1196.



Sugarbush

NO PUN INTENDED

By John Kennedy

Blue skies, "beautiful" weather, and pine trees heaped with 20 inches of new snow greeted 40 Fall Downers the last weekend in February. Unfortunately, most of the snow was IN the trees instead of ON the trails, but the entire mountain was still open. And besides, that snow did reach most of the trails on Sunday, courtesy of a "refreshing" Siberian Express wind. As the poet once said during the Revolutionary War, "Two things I despise about New England territory: the sight of British troops and the month of February."

Our trip departed 5 minutes ahead of schedule (is that a first?). Miss Alyeska, Fran Harrelson, made the proper adjustment to her arrival estimate and won the pool. Along the way, we serenaded 2 Full Diners who celebrated their birthdays that Friday, the lovely and talented and the (insert adjectives here) Dennis Halterman.

After blowing out the ceremonial birthday flashlight (no lit candles on the bus!), it was Absolut and Chambord Jell-O shots all around.

We attacked the slopes on Saturday, mostly at Lincoln Peak. Sofia Dobkin and I waited out the sloooooow double chair at Castlerock to explore Middle Earth. We found no Orcs, but discovered that Orcs is really an anagram for roc(k)s, which the trail had in abundance. After descending through some nasty terrain, we hooked up with Ann ("Don't Call Me Sheila") Marsteller, Kristin Briel, Alex Mikishko, et. al. to see how sharp our edges were on Jester. This is an intermediate run with a quick series of hairpin turns (7 in all) in which you attempt to hit each turn as fast as you can without sliding into oblivion. That's the nickname for the trees you hit if you take the turns too wide. We all survived to tell the tale afterwards in the Wunderbar where we discovered that Evelyn Hallman had suffered a nasty knee injury on, what was it, Evelyn: Egan's Woods or Organgrinder? Oh, that's right, the dreaded Dining Room Table trail. (Having wrecked my own knee on many pieces of furniture, I feel your pain.)

Several Tall Shriners were seated at the bar while being serenaded by a 3-piece band whose music was a cross between Scott Joplin ragtime and the banjo player from "Deliverance", interesting stuff, but hard to dance to.

After dinner in the Grill (did anyone make it to the Blue Tooth?), we made it an early night so we could get first slices in the crust on Sunday. High winds closed the intermountain lift, so most of us headed to Mount Ellen (and

Ellen was not very happy about that). The terrain was softer there, so some headed for the new Exterminator glade areas (may they R.I.P.) while others tried their luck on F.I.S. which stands for "F!%\$&# Icy S@\$%*". At the end of the day, we discovered that another injury was sustained by Marion Rosener. This happened on the triple-diamond Liftline trail. Oops, my mistake!! She fell IN the lift line. And the only injury was to her pride. Well, the winds were extremely high that day.

For the most part, we left unscathed after having skied a formidable mountain. Thanks to all who signed on for making this an easy trip to run and to Jerry Walgate for a smooth journey up and back. Special thanks to those who commented so favorably on my wardrobe and usage of the microphone. As for my below-average rating on Suaveness and Charm, I'll be taking the remedial course at the Dennis Halterman School for the Sensitivity-Challenged. Have a great off-season.

HAPPY HOUR

Chickie and Pete's in South Philly Friday June 3rd, 2005

Come join your fellow Fall Liners for a fun filled happy hour at Chickie & Pete's at 1525 Packer Ave (& Broad St) in South Philly from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (of course we can stay until closing if we want) - **FRIDAY 6/3/2005.**

For those of us who have attended previous Chickie & Pete's events, you know that this is a great place to go with lots of people and a great atmosphere. It was voted one of the top 3 sports bars in America by ESPN. For directions, please give them a call at (215) 218-0500, or visit their website at www.chickiesandpetes.com

When you get there, go to the front desk and tell the hosts you are with the Beth Eilers-Fall Line Ski Club Happy Hour. They will give you a wrist band (which you need to participate during happy hour 6:30pm to 7:30pm) that entitles you to:

\$1.00 Domestic Beer

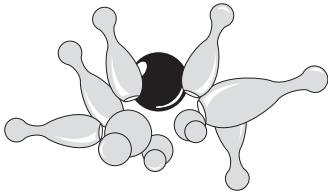
\$2.00 Mixed House Drinks

AND all the Crabbie Fries you can eat!
(these are really good!!)

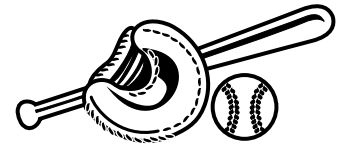
There is also a menu that additional food items can be ordered from at normal costs

RSVP by calling Beth Eilers at (609) 346-4244, let her know by Wednesday, June 1st, that you will be attending. They need to know how many wrist bands to have available for our group.





Fall Line Ski Club



2005 ABS Schedule as of May

This schedule is a work in progress, prices are subject to change.
Come to an ABS meeting and help us plan

EVENT DATE	EVENT NAME	EVENT LEADER	SOME FEATURES	OPENS	PRICE
Every Monday thru Summer	Rollerblading in Philly	Mike Wirtshafter, 215-745-3819	All levels; Meet in the parking lot behind the Art Museum (fountain circle) at 6pm	Now, just show up on Monday	OYO
Every Thursday thru Summer	Co-ed Softball	Ed Keating 856-429-0708	Behind Barclay Middle School twice a month followed by Bar-b-que otherwise local bar (all skill levels welcome)	Starts 5/5 Just show up	\$7w/ bar-b-que \$2 w/o
Wed 5/4	Anything But Skiing Committee Meeting	Carrie Silk 609-410-1232	Come out and help plan FLSC's off season events meeting @ 7pm but come 4:30-6:30 to the Elephant & Castle's free buffet	Call Carrie to RSVP	OYO
Fri 5/6	IMAX / Pub Crawl	Sue Van Cola 215-564-6007	"Mysteries of the Nile", meet at the Franklin Inst. at 6:45; must be pre-paid by 5/3, 130 people max.	Open	\$23
Sat 5/21	Shad Festival Bike Ride Lambertville, NJ	Mike Gramsamer 856-810-1196	Come bike and have a great time	5/3	\$1 member / \$2 non-member
Fri 6/3	Happy Hour	Beth Eilers 609-518-0182 or 609-346-4244	Chickie & Petes, Packer Ave, South Philly-6:30-7:30PM for specials.RSVP by Thurs. 6/2.	RSVP by 6/2	OYO
Sat 6/4	Winery Bike Ride	Mike Gamsamer 856-810-1196	Start in Stockton NJ and bike to Castle Winery in Bucks County PA (25 miles round trip), wine tour. Meet at 10:00 am	5/3	\$1 member \$2 non-member
Sat 7/23 rain date 7/24	Tubing down the Delaware	Rich Seltzer 856-983-4667	Tubing and optional meet at bar afterwards	6/7	Tubing \$21
8/19-8/21	Whitewater Rafting	Donna Villecca	Car pool to the Inn at Jim Thorpe cost includes 2 breakfast, dinner, the Inn & rafting	5/17	\$225
Sat 10/1/05 plus practices TBA	Dragon Boat Festival	Mike Gramsamer 856-810-1196	Come row a Dragon Boat and raise some money for cancer research Money includes T-shirt, breakfast & lunch	Open limited rowing spots	\$70 rowers \$20 non-rowers

Other Local Happenings

As a service to our members, listed below are events that are not solely Fall Line events, but we feel are of interest to our members

EVENT DATE	EVENT	CONTACT PERSON	SOME FEATURES	OPENS	PRICE (that we were told)
Mon 5/23	Steve Elliot Memorial Golf Tournament	Eloise King at D&Q 856-424-5969	Many of us knew this former D&Q employee who passed away. Held at Medford Lakes Country Club. Shotgun start at noon	Sign up now	\$200 per golfer. \$50 for just dinner.



Jay Peak, VT

By Janet Mansfield

On Thursday, March 3rd, 44 excited Fall Liners boarded the Jay Peak Express for a 3-day fun-filled weekend. We were off to a good start with everyone arriving on time (pretty much) and we pulled out of Barclay Shopping Center within 10 minutes of our scheduled departure time. On the ride up, we were treated to tunes (courtesy of John Kennedy), Warren Miller videos (courtesy of Pat Maguire), standup comedy (courtesy of John "Crazy Ol' Man" Steele) and refreshments (courtesy of Kathie Read, a/k/a The Wine Wench). As usual, Jerry got us to our destination in record time (2:00 am - 8 hrs.), making Bill Cella, the winner of the arrival pool with a time of 1:59 am. After quickly unloading our luggage, we all managed to find our rooms and settle in to grab a few hours of sleep.

Friday dawned clear and sunny – a nice day for carving some turns. And with practically NO LIFT LINES, getting in a good number of runs looked promising. That morning, most Fall Liners were able to take advantage of the complimentary Mountain Guides and familiarize themselves with the terrain. Cruising around the mountain, I spied Janet Godfrey, Sally Velez and Sharon Mayne, who had signed up for free lessons. Lookin' good, ladies!! Now what was it your instructor told you, "Stick out your... and not your tush"???

There was an ugly rumor circulating that it had been very windy at Jay in the preceding days and that while they had had a lot of snow, it had been blown off the trails. No problem. Just ask Jim Morris and Dave Lummis who found plenty of the fluffy white stuff in the trees!

Friday's Happy Hour found a crowd of Fall Liners splitting their time between the complimentary wine and cheese reception at the Hotel Jay and the Frick & Frack show at the Golden Eagle Lounge. Those guys really know how to spin the tunes! Thanks to Janice Lynch, Fall Line was able to get in on the door prizes, and Charlie Vella ended up winning a ski jacket which he generously awarded to a guy who was doing some VERY CREATIVE DANCING????!!

That evening, we dined on the fabulous Hotel Jay cuisine. There's nothing like a good meal and a bottle of wine (or 2 or 3) shared with friends, old and new, to top off a day of skiing - unless of course you saunter into the hotel bar for a nightcap (or 2 or 3).

The adage "The early bird catches the worm" really rang true Saturday morning. Fall Liners were treated to "First Tracks" compliments of Bill Stenger, General Manager of Jay Peak. Who could pass up a chance to ride up the Tram (VT's only) with the Ski Patrol and be the first one to ski a trail?? The rest of the day was spent taking advantage of the great snow conditions. Some of us wandered over to watch the racers participating in the George Syrovotka Downhill. Pretty scary watching those guys blur by at 80 MPH!!

A dozen or so Fall Liners decided to quit the slopes early

Saturday afternoon and catch the van to the Bogner Outlet. Probably the best sight of the whole weekend was watching Janet Godfrey's face light up when she heard the magic phrase – an extra 50% off. Laden with bargains, we headed back to the mountain via the Jay General Store where people stocked up on VT goodies and maple syrup.

Saturday evening, after another delicious meal, those in the know retired to the hotel bar where Bill Cella graciously parted with some of his arrival pool winnings by treating everyone to after-dinner drinks.

Sunday brought overcast skies, but still a group of Fall Liners awoke early to take advantage of "First Tracks." The overcast skies quickly turned to snow filled ones, and everyone was anxious to get an early start home but where were John Fanelly and John Kennedy?? Turns out "Fearless" Fanelly snagged a free "bump" lesson and John Kennedy – well, seems he couldn't get enough of those snow-gasms and stayed on the mountain!!

Still we all boarded the bus in plenty of time and even managed to celebrate a few birthdays on the way home – Jackie Kinsey, Don Murphy and Patty Stern. Jerry did his usual efficient job and we returned to Barclay at a decent hour – back to the grind, ugh!

This year's trip to Jay was a three-peat. While there are many reasons that Fall Line has returned to this mountain – the quality of the terrain, the average amount of snowfall and the value – probably the biggest factor is the courteousness and hospitality of the Jay Peak staff. There are big plans in the offing for the Peak – expanding its operations to an "all-season" resort, but perhaps the most intriguing and exciting is the proposed expansion of its ski area – another reason to keep Jay on the Fall Line list of ski destinations!

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Editor's note... Rumor has it that there might also be a skater or two found on Thursday nights at the Barclay (softball) parking lot followed around town by a Crazy Old Man on a bike.

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reflective wear and or lights.

Helmets are a must for your own personal safety. Other protective gear is also recommended (ie; wrist, knee/elbow pads,

right!!
So dust off your skates, oil those wheels and start your week off

Come and join your fellow Fall Liners every Monday night until Day Light Savings ends (weather permitting).

After the skate there are several nice places in Fairmont and Manayunk to get an after skate drink, food, and socialize about the evening's skate or whatever.



Special skates will be announced throughout the summer so email me your name and phone number to include you to my skate list wirtmike@hotmail.com

Beginners can skate off street on the bike path and go as far as they want without worrying about cars (mile markers are easily seen), Intermediates can skate around the 8.6 mile path, and all higher level skaters can skate around the path and into the city. Skate routes will vary every week so come out and enjoy a nice cool evening skate along the river in Philly.

Bikers are also welcome! Why should the skaters have all the fun!
Fall Liners and friends, come out and enjoy an "All-level" skate led by Mike Wirtshafter in our *new* Monday night location in Philly. Skaters will meet at the parking lot behind the Art Museum at 6:00 PM at the fountain circle. Skaters will roll around the Art Museum's river drives and through the city.

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