

# FALL LINE SKI CLUB POWDER EXPRESS

## John Steel 1931-2024 Crazy Old Man

*By Janice Lynch*

I was asked to write a few words about the recent passing of John "Crazy Old Man" Steel. We don't normally print items on members that have passed away, since one does not know where to draw the line, but John wasn't a normal person.

My story with John was the same as many Fall Liners. I met him on a D&Q bus trip to one of the Poconos Mountains, actually I went on 3 trips that year. Each trip was the same, with him announcing when the bus would leave and when you would find him at the bar. It also had him telling me that I had to join Fall Line Ski Club. I was going through a divorce at the time and I didn't plan on joining anything. On the third trip, on the way home someone had brought homemade wine, someone brought cheese and crackers and someone else brought home made marinated peppers. John again asked me to join and when I didn't say yes, he sat on me. He kept asking and jumping up and down until I said I would go to a meeting although I didn't have much breath to say it with.



The thing about John was his zest for life. I don't know if it was him or someone else that gave him the nickname of Crazy Old Man, but it was appropriate.

John was willing to do anything. He taught many people how to Rollerblade (which he could do faster backward than most of us could blade forward). He would camp, hike, kayak, dirt bike, ski, and who knows what else? I am told he even had a black belt in Judo. For Gosh Sakes he jumped out of an airplane with 19 others for his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. Who does that?

More importantly he looked out for everyone. When skiing, he liked to be the trailer who picked people up when they fell. When rollerblading in the Fall, he would often show up and put the tailgate down in the back of the truck to reveal hot soup for everyone. For the Atco to Margate bike ride he would be the trailer car. For the camping crew he was known for his campfires (among other things).

Looking at the comments on Facebook there were many repeated phrases of him being a kind gentleman, he had a forever smile, he had a passion for life and we were lucky to have known him and a good friend.

Thank you to his family, Jane, David and Jack for letting him be away from you all those times so he could be with us. He did speak lovingly of all of you. His final years in Assisted Living must have been torture for all of you who was so used to him living his 92 years of life to the fullest.

May we all raise a toast to the Crazy Old Man who made the world a better place with him being in it. May we all have his zest for life.

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## NONA'S NOTES (AND MUSINGS)

Ski season is in full swing! By the time you are reading this several trips will have taken place with several still to come including Jackson Hole, and Tignes, France. Hopefully, the weather also allowed for some local day trips for those who cannot join us on the weeklong trips. I hope everyone has been having a great time!

Despite the fact that we are in the midst of the current ski season, the winter trip committee has started planning for next season, choosing the resorts and putting together the packages. Stay tuned for the announcement of some exciting trips for 2025! Also, consider joining the winter trip committee and working towards putting together the packages or better yet volunteering to be a trip leader. If you are interested in serving the club in that capacity (and guaranteeing your own spot on the trip) contact Mike Houlihan. Mike can explain what is involved in being a trip leader and provide you with a copy of the trip leader manual (yes there is a manual).

Don't forget, however, to check out the social activities. Join us for a Friday (or Thursday on occasion) happy hour. A bowling night has also been scheduled (thanks Susan). If you have an idea for an activity or just want to hang out with your Fall Line friends, let us know, we can post it on the web site and add it to the blast.

Finally, as we approach election season for the club, please consider submitting your nomination for an open position. I can tell you that it has been extremely rewarding participating on the board these past several years but new voices with new ideas are always needed. By being a board member you have a direct say in the decisions that are made for what is your club. Come and join our group.

Nona Ostrove, President

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## 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 individual membership fee is \$25 and the family membership fee is \$55. The newsletter will be e-mailed to you. Add \$5 if you wish a paper newsletter mailed to you. 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 Mixer Meeting, at our web site at [www.FallLineSkiClub.org](http://www.FallLineSkiClub.org) or through the mail by contacting:

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112 Stephenson Way, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006-2229

Phone: 215/357.2305 [eMail: Membership@FallLine.org](mailto: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 Mixer Meeting.

Changes in address, e-mail 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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## FEBRUARY HAPPY HOURS



The  
Farm & Fisherman  
Tavern

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2**  
**FARM & FISHERMAN**  
**1442 MARLTON PIKE (RT. 70)**  
**CHERRY HILL, NJ**  
**MEET UP AT 5 PM**  
<https://www.fandftavern.com>

Farm and Fisherman works with local farmers, brewers, and food artisans to create fresh and healthy options. They have an incredible selection of beers (from \$6-\$15) and wines (from \$8-\$18) plus cocktails like Flor de Jamaica, Pine Barrens, or Bee's Knees in addition to their most interesting menu selections. Try their Turkey Cubano (\$17), Cauliflower Panini (\$16), or Industrial Burger (\$18). Check out their full menu on their website (NOTE: groundhog will NOT be on the menu!)

# FIREBIRDS<sup>®</sup>

WOOD FIRED GRILL

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9**  
**FIREBIRDS WOOD-FIRED GRILL**  
**400 ROUTE 38**  
**MOORESTOWN, NJ (IN THE MALL)**  
**4-7 PM**  
[HTTPS://MOORESTOWN.FIREBIRDSRESTAURANTS.COM/MENU/FIREBAR](https://moorestown.firebirdsrestaurant.com/menu/firebar)

Wonderful Cocktails and Mocktails (\$7), handcrafted in harmony with the season. \$2 off all craft beers and \$5 for wine. Great list of appetizers, all about \$3 off the regular price such as: Tuna Street Tacos, Crispy Cauliflower (tossed in Thai chili sauce), or Prime Rib Sliders (shaved

prime rib with horseradish sauce and crispy onions on toasted Brioche (\$11.25). How could you go wrong?



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16**  
**BAHAMA BREEZE**  
**2000 ROUTE 38**  
**CHERRY HILL, NJ (IN THE MALL NEXT TO SEASONS 52)**  
**4-6 PM**  
[WWW.BAHAMEBREEZE.COM/HAPPY-HOUR/NJ/CHERRY-HILL-RESTAURANT/3036](http://WWW.BAHAMEBREEZE.COM/HAPPY-HOUR/NJ/CHERRY-HILL-RESTAURANT/3036)

Okay, mark your calendars. If you're experiencing some winter doldrums pull out your tropical attire (but maybe wear a warm base layer) and head to Bahama Breeze. Feel the tropical air (or as best you can imagine it) and enjoy a Bahama Mama, an Ultimate Pina Colada, or a Mojito Cubano. Try their Beef Empanadas, Chicken Tostones, and Jerk Shrimp. If you're not feeling adventurous, there are plenty of beers and wines to choose from.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23**  
**KEG & KITCHEN**  
**90 HADDON AVENUE**  
**HADDON TWP., NJ**  
**2-5:30 PM**  
[WWW.KEGNKITCHEN.COM](http://WWW.KEGNKITCHEN.COM)

Since 2010, Keg & Kitchen has enjoyed being Haddon Township's locally-owned craft bar and scratch kitchen. Cooking up some of the best flavors from the current season, The Chef and his team aim to keep things exciting in the kitchen. They select offerings from the region's finest breweries and distilleries and have an excellent Happy Hour menu (all for \$5): Pretzel Bites, Chicken Skewers, and Hummus to name just a few.



**FALL LINE SKI CLUB BOOK CLUB**  
**FEBRUARY 5, 2024**  
**THE TAP ROOM AND GRILL**  
**427 WEST CRYSTAL LAKE AVENUE**  
**HADDON TOWNSHIP, NJ**  
**856-854-2585**  
**6:30 PM**

The book for the month of Feb. 2024 will be: *In The Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson

Erik Larson, New York Times bestselling author of *Devil in the White City*, delivers a remarkable story set during Hitler's rise to power. The time is 1933, the place, Berlin, when William E. Dodd becomes America's first ambassador to Hitler's Nazi Germany in a year that proved to be a turning point in history.

A mild-mannered professor from Chicago, Dodd brings along his wife, son, and flamboyant daughter, Martha. At first Martha is entranced by the parties and pomp, and the handsome young men of the Third Reich with their infectious enthusiasm for restoring Germany to a position of world prominence. Enamored of the "New Germany," she has one affair after another, including with the surprisingly honorable first chief of the Gestapo, Rudolf Diels. But as evidence of Jewish persecution mounts, confirmed by chilling first-person testimony, her father telegraphs his concerns to a largely indifferent State Department back home. Dodd watches with alarm as Jews are attacked, the press is censored, and drafts of frightening new laws begin to circulate. As that first year unfolds and the shadows deepen, the Dodds experience days full of excitement, intrigue, romance—and ultimately, horror, when a climactic spasm of violence and murder reveals Hitler's true character and ruthless ambition.

Suffused with the tense atmosphere of the period, and with unforgettable portraits of the bizarre Göring and the expectedly charming--yet wholly sinister--Goebbels, *In the Garden of Beasts* lends a stunning, eye-witness perspective on events as they unfold in real time, revealing an era of surprising nuance and com-



plexity. The result is a dazzling, addictively readable work that speaks volumes about why the world did not recognize the grave threat posed by Hitler until Berlin, and Europe, were awash in blood and terror.

There are many places to get your books. Your local Library (free) you can get the book, audio or on you're e-reader (Nook, Kindle, Smart Phone & etc.) For the Library you can go (must have a Library card) Overdriver, Libby, Hoopla, you can also get free movies. There are also many sites that offer books anywhere from free to \$2.99 each.

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For more information call Jeannie Nelson 856-889-5100.

If you want to get a jump on February's book it is *Dutch Girl: Audrey Hepburn and World War II* by Robert Matzen.

**DANZEISEN & QUIGLEY WILL BE HOSTING ON FEBRUARY 10 FROM 1-4 PM**

A "Fall Line Day" at their new shop in Cherry Hill located at 1409 Route 70 East, Cherry Hill, NJ in the Barclay Farms Shopping Center

Your representatives for the event are Rocky Jones and Brandon Donegan.

D&Q is offering a 10% discount on anything in the store. Bring the family and make it a family affair.

- ◆ Free binding adjustment with a full tune-up.
- ◆ Beer, wine, and light snacks will be available.

Let the cashier know you are with Fall Line Ski Club or show them your current membership card for the discount at check out.

**ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER**  
**Questions? Comments?**  
**Ideas?**

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Newsletters can be found on-line at:  
[www.FallLineSkiClub.org](http://www.FallLineSkiClub.org)

If you do not wish your name and/or photo to appear in the newsletter or on-line, please request it in writing to the trip leader PRIOR to the trip.



# February 2024 Fall Line Ski Club Social Activities (or excuses for forgetting Valentine's Day)

(If you have ideas for activities and would like to help this great club,  
send your ideas to [johnkennedy0880@comcast.net](mailto:johnkennedy0880@comcast.net))

Date	Event	Leader	Details	Price
<b>Weekly Events</b>				
February 6, 13, 27	Movie Nights at AMC Marlton 8 or AMC Voorhees 16 or AMC Cherry Hill 24	Text Nona Luce at 856-522-9867	Movies change weekly and the group heads out afterwards. Check the blast and Facebook for details. Tickets must be purchased in advance.	OYO
February 2, 9, 16, 23	Happy Hours, starting times vary.	Text Deb Cary at 609-471-3723 or email at <a href="mailto:fedgirl92@gmail.com">fedgirl92@gmail.com</a> for questions or suggestions	2/2: Farm & Fisherman (Cherry Hill) 2/9: Firebirds Wood-Fired Grill (Moorestown) 2/16: Bahama Breeze (Cherry Hill) 2/23: Keg & Kitchen (Haddon Twp.)	OYO
<b>Not Weekly Events</b>				
February 5	Book Club, 6:30 PM at The Taproom, 427 W. Crystal Lake Ave., Haddon Twp., NJ	Contact Jeannie Nelson at <a href="mailto:jeannien@msn.com">jeannien@msn.com</a>	"In The Garden of Beasts" by Erik Larson	OYO
February 10	Bowling at Laurel Lanes, 2825 Rt. 73 South, Maple Shade, NJ 7:00 PM	Sue McChesney ( <a href="mailto:smcchesney@comcast.net">smcchesney@comcast.net</a> )  Please respond to Sue by 1/27	2 hours of bowling (shoe rental is \$4.29). Video arcade, Splitz Bar & Grill	\$20
February 20	Mixer Meeting 7:30 PM TGI Friday's, 2125 Rt. 38, Cherry Hill, NJ	Contact Nona Ostrove at <a href="mailto:nona@ostrovelaw.com">nona@ostrovelaw.com</a> or Mike Houlihan at <a href="mailto:michael@houlihanskier.com">michael@houlihanskier.com</a>	<b>SKI TRIPS MAY BE CLOSED FOR SIGNUPS. CONTACT THE TRIP LEADERS!!</b>	See info sheets for trip details

All activities are subject to change or cancellation at the discretion of the activity leader.

# Fall Line Ski Club – 2024 Winter Trip Schedule

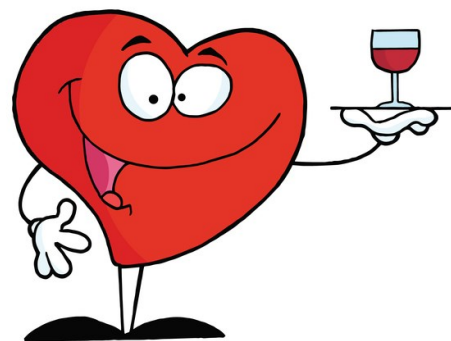
*All FLSC trips include Lift Tickets.*

*Airline and Prices Are Subject To Change!*

*Sign-up forms are available at [www.FallLine.org](http://www.FallLine.org)*

DATE	LOCATION	TRIP LEADER	LODGING	SOME FEATURES	OPEN-ING DATE	PRICE
January 6 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup>	Big Sky, Montana	Jeff Stein 856-728-1254 <a href="mailto:Stein_jr@hotmail.com">Stein_jr@hotmail.com</a>	The Huntley Lodge	Round trip between Philly & Bozeman; private charter transfer; 7 nights lodging; Daily hot breakfast; ski valet; hot tubs & fitness center; 5-day lift ticket; Welcome pizza party; FLSC luggage tags.	Over	With Ikon Pass: \$1,950 Without Ikon Pass \$2,750
January 27 <sup>th</sup> – February 3 <sup>th</sup>	EPSC Trip to Heavenly Lake Tahoe	Kathy Smith 609-670-4515 <a href="mailto:Kabob2x@verizon.net">Kabob2x@verizon.net</a>	Margari-taville Re-sort Lake Tahoe	Round trip between Philly & Reno; 7 nights lodging; indoor hot tub & pool; Welcome Party; Many included events + the mid-week gala & many optional excursions; FLSC luggage tags.	Away	Best EPSC Hotel \$2,850
February 24 <sup>th</sup> – March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jackson Hole, Wyoming	Robert Nocito 856-952-1968 <a href="mailto:Rnocito2002@yahoo.com">Rnocito2002@yahoo.com</a>	49er Inn & Suites	Round trip between Philly & Jackson Hole; 5-day lift tickets; 7 nights lodging; 35-person indoor hot tub & 12-person outdoor hot tub; Daily hot breakfast; On site shuttle; welcome party; FLSC luggage tags	Open!	With Ikon Pass: \$1,660 Without Ikon Pass: \$2,650
March 16 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup>	Club Med Tignes & Val d'Isere, France incl 4-night post -extension to Paris	Steve Umansky 609-217-9357 <a href="mailto:Ste-ven.umansky@yahoo.com">Ste-ven.umansky@yahoo.com</a>	Club Med 4-star Hotel Paris 4-star Hotel	Round trip between Newark & Geneva; Private Charter transfer; 7 nights lodging at the new Tignes hotel; All meals included; open bar; expert lessons &/or ski guiding; 6-day lift tickets; nightly entertainment. Extension to Paris for 5-nights/4-days! FLSC luggage tags.	Open!	Hotel Rooms \$4,975

Happy Valentine's Day



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# Fall Line Ski Club

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**Please Visit Fall Line Ski Club's New Website @  
[www.FallLine.org](http://www.FallLine.org)**

*"As featured in the Philadelphia Inquirer"*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10  
BOWLING NIGHT AT LAUREL LANES,  
2825 RT. 73 SOUTH, MAPLE SHADE,  
NJ. WE ROLL AT 7 PM.**

Sue McChesney is organizing a bowling night at Laurel Lanes in Mt. Laurel. Laurel is a full-service bowling center, one of the best in S. Jersey. They have a bar- Splitz Bar & Grill- and lots of TVs, plus a video arcade and billiard tables. Price: \$20 per bowler for 2 hours (shoe rental is \$4.29). Lanes need to be reserved in advance so contact Sue by January 27 either by email [smcchesney@comcast.net](mailto:smcchesney@comcast.net) or text at 609-410-8378.

