

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 2nd

General Meeting at Liederkranz Outdoors

May 5th

Cinco de Mayo Ride for PA Center for Adapted Sports. See Paul Scwartz for details.

May 11th

Wheels for Victory

May 24th

Fightin' Phils

SAVE THE DATES:

June 6th

Trip Night

June 15th-21st

Schuylkill River Sojourn. See inside for details.

July 11th

General Meeting at Liederkranz Indoors

July 27th

River Float

September 14th

Annual Membership Appreciation Picnic

September 16th-20th

Western Bike Trip

SEE INSIDE FOR...

details on above events, happy hours, hiking, biking, kayaking, and more!

For more information be sure to check our website (www.fdsc.org) and Facebook.

CHECK FOR UPDATES AT WWW.FDSC.ORG



For skiers and boarders, it's that in-between time of year. Most of us won't get to ski in May and it's not quite summer yet. Lucky for us, the FDSC is a 4-season club. Being active throughout the year is not new for the Dutchmen. Groups have been hiking, biking, floating, sailing, attending sports events, and yes, even in-line skating for quite a few years. Back in the day, some members participated in downhill mountain biking at Killington in the summer. There were both local sailing groups on Blue Marsh and Caribbean adventures as well. We took a fall wine tour, went zip lining and white-water rafting. More recently, members have been playing pickleball, camping at Pine Creek and exploring

the east coast on a variety of bike rides.

All of these things happen because we have many members who plan, organize and promote activities. Some people work behind the scenes while others serve on committees and the board. Our success is a direct result of those who devote their time and energy to plan events that are open to all members. This month, I'm going to take a moment to thank two of our outgoing board members. They have worked hard on an impressive number of projects. Here are highlights of a few of them.

Cindy Manning has been Social Director since 2022. Her drive, determination and vision for the club has definitely had a positive impact on all of us. The picnics have reached a new level thanks to her enthusiasm and incredible work ethic. Cindy also has tremendous leadership skills and recruits dynamic team members to help make things run smoothly. Her talents are not limited to social events as she has run successful trips for the club as well. She leaves a legacy that is inspirational.

Jen Walters has been Programs Director since 2022. Jen is a creative spirit who has brought youthful joy to our meetings. She always has ideas to share and a willingness to try new things Her insightful perspective has influenced other areas of the club including the family trip. Jen has organized a variety of programs from informational sessions to active competitions. She put a new twist on the holiday party with ugly sweaters and gift exchange. Members have enjoyed learning new things, dancing, playing games and winning prizes. Jen reminds us that we can all lighten up and have some fun.

I know that both of these strong women will remain active in the club so please take a moment to thank them when you see them.

On a personal level, I would like to thank all of the members who have supported me during my first year as president. I appreciate your feedback, input, ideas and participation. Please continue to do your best for the club so we can continue to grow and thrive.



Jen Walters, outgoing program director.



Wyatt Haupt, our newly elected social director with Cindy Manning, outgoing social director.



Becky Shade, our new program director.

JUNE SKI TRAILS DEADLINE: SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST

Contact Karen if there are any late additions.

FDSC Meetings at Reading Liederkranz

May through September meetings will be held outdoors with the exception of July 11th which will be indoors. Please remember to be courteous to the staff during the busy summer months. Open 5-10pm for dining | Meeting at 7:30pm 143 Spook Lane, Reading, PA 19606

FRIDAY, MAY 24TH

Game at 6:45pm and fireworks after!

Come to enjoy pre-game music when doors open at First Base Plaza.

Any tickets not received from Cherylene at one of our May events will be at "will call" window at the stadium that evening.

Let's Play Ball!

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WELCOME NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS!

Voichita Bar Ad John Dethoff Kathleen Thompson John Siciliano Lisa Siciliano Judith Forry Robert Forry Michael Levan Robin Levan Lisa Williams

Welcome to our club! Please come out to a meeting and join us, or see us at a happy hour, social event, or ski trip!

FDSC APPAREL

The first phase of the new FDSC Apparel program is finally here! Come out to the May meeting to check out the new short sleeve and long sleeve tri-blend T-Shirts. We've brought in a small order in different sizes so that you can check them out, try them on and get ready to order your very own.

After we gauge initial response, we'll roll out more fun stuff – quarter zip turtle necks, vests and possibly hats. They'll be ready for fall.

See you at the Meeting on May 2nd!







Dave McFarland

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2025 TRIP SCHEDULE

TRIP	DATE	CONTACTS		IKON OR EPIC	RATE PER PERSON Based on double occupancy unless specified otherwise.
First Tracks Killington, VT	January 10th–12th Friday–Sunday	Jack McGarry 610-781-1199 jack.mcgarry@alumni.psu.edu	Bob Fox 610-392-9353 foxsfarm@msn.com	IKON	Double: \$535 Per Person 2-Day Lift Ticket: \$200 Estimated
Elk Day Trip (Youth Included) Sking or Snowshoeing!	January 25th Saturday	Myron & Karen Kabakoff 484-529-6688 mkabakoff@aol.com			Adult: \$140 Senior & Junior: \$130 Non-Skier: \$70
European Zermatt Switzerland	January 25th–February 2nd Saturday–Saturday	Paul Prutzman 610-334-4378 FDSCZermatt2025@gmail.com	Dave McFarland 610-207-4505	IKON	Double: \$3,050 Per Person Lift Ticket: \$80/Day Estimated Must purchase Ikon Pass Separately
Senior Skip Day Elk Day Trip	February 4th Tuesday	Diane Nolfe 610-207-4352 dnolfe27@gmail.com			Senior (60+): \$90 Underclassmen: \$105 Lift Tickets Included
Western Sun Valley, Idaho	February 8th–February 15th Saturday–Saturday	Kurt Fehl 610-202-8751 sunvalley.fdsc@gmail.com	Nate Weaber 717-224-0930	IKON	Double: \$2,060 Per Person Air Estimated 5-Day Lift Ticket: \$500
Family Trip Greek Peak, NY	February 28th–March 2nd Friday–Sunday	Matt Seasock & Jarad Da 610-207-4378 c20thmaine@aol.com	avis		TBD
Western Park City, Utah	March 8th–March 15th Saturday–Saturday	Jen Walter 610-451-9937 536lynn@gmail.com	Michelle Zielinski 484-529-1046 greenwish80@gmail.com	EPIC	Double: \$2,475 Per Person Air Estimated 5-Day Epic Local: \$492+ (Required)
Midweek Trip Sugarloaf	March 16th–March 21st Sunday-Friday	Ann Fox 610-451-5303 sugarloaf2025@gmail.com	Rebecca Shade 610-858-0090	IKON	Double: \$1,200 Per Person 4-Day Lift Ticket: \$200

SKIMEISTER

Well, locally the last of the snow at Bear Creek is melting fast but New England still has plenty of opportunities to get in some end of the season runs. But it's time to start thinking about next season.

First, remember that skiing is an athletic activity. The better shape you're in, the more likely you'll be able to ski safely and well, and longer each day. Try to take advantage of our many activities – biking, kayaking, hiking – whatever gets you outside and moving.

Our June meeting is Trip Night. Our first trip of the season is "First Tracks." We'll be taking a bus to Killington and taking along a full complement of our best instructors. We'll give you an opportunity to ski or ride with an instructor for the entire weekend on some of the best terrain the East has to offer. This is a great time to make improvements to your skiing that you can benefit from all season.

Paul Schwartz Skimeister

TRIPS

Our group-dedicated trip leaders are still working tirelessly preparing all the details for the line-up of great Flying Dutchmen Trips scheduled for 2025. We are excited to have both new members and existing members joining the ranks of trip leaders becoming more active in the FDSC; Jack McGarry, Nate Weaber, Matt Seasock, Jarad Davis and Rebecca Shade!

There's a new start date to get your "Real ID" in Pennsylvania...again. After March 7, 2025, travelers will need a "Real ID" or passport to travel on domestic flights. So if you are considering joining the Park City trip leaving March 8, 2025, take the steps now to acquire the proper documentation.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for trip night on June 6th at 6pm!! Visit <u>www.fdsc.org</u> for more information.



Kurt Fehl
Trips Director

COMPETITION

Greetings all. Wow, another race season gone! So, without further BS, down to business. We have a Club Race Awards date change: The "updated" date for the 2024 FDSC Championship Race awards ceremony will be October 3rd, immediately following the general meeting.

Not much else to report on this month. Enjoy the "off-season".



Stay Frosty!

Chnis Berns

Competition

Director

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Renewal Emails will be sent at the end of May to the Primary member in each membership account.

All renewals will be done online using the club's secure website. The new membership year begins June 1.

Only the "primary" member is responsible for membership renewal.

That is an Individual member and just one of the adults in a Couple or Family membership. If you log in after June 1 and do not see the renewal link, you might be the secondary member. Ask the other adult in your membership to do the renewal or contact the Membership Director if you wish to change the primary member.

If you have forgotten your username or password, click Member Login in the upper right corner of the website. Choose "Forgot Username/Password" and the system will email a new temporary password to use to log in. You will be required to select a new password but it can be one you have used before.

At renewal you should check your contact information to confirm it is correct.

You may edit your own information at any time, if necessary, in your member profile. Please be sure to keep your contact information up to date.

- Enter both a phone and cellphone number. If it is the same number, then just enter it in both places. Please use the format with dashes, for example: 610-779-8043
- · Confirm that your email address is correct.

At renewal, you will be required to check off on the club's liability release waiver for yourself and everyone included in your membership.

When you renew, you will select your membership type: Individual, Couple, or Family.

Normally you would select your current membership type but you may have the option to change your membership type if it will add a member to your account.

If you need to convert from a Couple to two individuals or drop one of the adults in a Couple membership that can be done by the Membership Director.

In a Family Membership, any child who reaches age 18 before June 1 will be promoted by the Membership Director to an Individual Membership.

Paying for Your Membership Renewal

There are two options for payment:

- 1. Pay immediately online by credit or debit card in a secure transaction. This is, by far, the easiest method of payment.
- 2. Print the invoice from the payment page and bring to a club meeting with your check. The invoice and check can be mailed if necessary.

Paying dues for another member

If you want to pay dues for another member (either a new member or a renewal), ask that person to join or renew online for themselves. If they pay by credit card, just reimburse them privately. If you want to send a check for them, then tell them to check off "pay later" on the payment page and you can submit a check indicating that the payment is for their dues. Please do not submit a check payment for their dues until they have joined or renewed online.

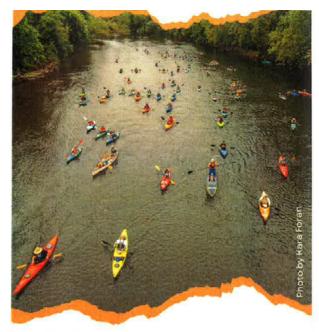


Ellen Schwartz Membership Director



SRG VOLUNTEER PORTAL

Help maintain the trail that many of us use. Sign up at SchuylkillRiver.galaxydigital.com



SCHUYLKILL RIVER SOJOURN

THIRD WEEK OF JUNE

Paddle the Schuylkill River this summer for one day, multiple days, or the whole week. All experience levels welcome!

- Օ Schuylkill Haven to Philadelphia
- www.SchuylkillRiver.org/Sojourn
- o events@schuylkillriver.org





- The Schuylkill River Sojourn begins in Schuylkill Haven and ends at the iconic Boathouse Row in Philadelphia, a journey of over 113 miles on the river!
- You can join us for the whole trip, the weekend or just one day.
- Event Includes 3 meals per day along with expert guides, camping arrangements and shuttle for you and your gear.
- Don't have a kayak? You can rent one from our outfitter, Take It Outdoors!
- Sojourners paddle 14-18 miles per day, stopping for lunch & water breaks & camping overnight along the river.
- Beginners and families are welcome, please reach out to us for more information.



www.SchuylkillRiver.org/Sojourn

140 College Dr., Pottstown, PA 19464

484-945-0200



HIKING & BIKING & KAYAKING ACTIVITIES

Here are some activities coming up over the next few months. The best place to get the most accurate details on each activity is to check the fdsc.org website Events Calendar. Many activities have the option to go for suds and grub afterward. You do not have to belong to the Flying Dutchman Ski Club to participate, but you may decide to join after hanging out with this group of friendly and active people! Watch for impromptu activities that will be posted/emailed as they arise.

- Don Pawlowski

HIKING

10AM START

May 5th

Blue Marsh Lake - Justa Road Parking Lot

May 12th

Middle Creek Wildlife Area - Visitors Center Parking Lot

May 19th

Blue Marsh Lake - Water Road Parking Lot

May 26th TBD

See www.fdsc.org for details!

KAYAKING

Check www.fdsc.org Events Calendar for more specific info. Impromptu paddles will be posted and emailed as they develop.

June 2nd • 10am

Marsh Creek State Park - Marsh Creek Boat Launch Western Side

June 21st • 7:30pm

Blue Marsh Old Church Road Parking Lot

July 6th • 10am

Nockamixon State Park - Haycock Boat Launch

August 4th • 9:30am

Leaser Lake

BIKING

TUESDAY NIGHTS

May 7th

Highlands in Wyomissing

May 14th

Bartram Trail in Hamburg

May 16th

Thun Trail - Brentwood Trailhead.

May 21st

Blue Marsh - State Hill Boat Launch (new mtb trails) or ride from Stilling Basin - upper lot by the road.

May 28th

Lake Ontelaunee

Meet at the east side of Schuylkill Valley HS.

Choice of road or trail.

Be ready to ride at 6pm sharp!

THURSDAY MORNINGS

We will start at each trailhead by 9:30am and last 1.5-2 hours. All rides are flat terrain and either paved or crushed stone. Those attending can choose length of trail they wish to ride or go at a slower pace if desired. Group lunch afterwards is optional.

May 2nd

Bowmanstown to Glenn Onoko | 22 Miles Gravel

May 9th

Northwest Lancaster River | 28 Miles Paved

May 16th

Perkiomen Trail | 22 Miles Gravel

May 23rd

Ironton Trail | 18 Miles Paved

May 30th

York Heritage Trail | 20 Miles Gravel

Register at: www.fdsc.org Events

Contact Bob Fehl for directions or to caravan at: 484-995-4946 or rdfehl@gmail.com

For specific start locations check the FDSC.ORG website Events Calendar.



At Turtle Pond on Nolde Forest Hike.



Easter hikers at Blue Marsh Dam.



The Mansion at Nolde Forest on hike April 7th.

Dutchmen - it has been a great ride!

Everyone, I have had a great time being the Social Director, but it is time to turn it over to Wyatt Haupt. Wyatt will do a wonderful job; bringing fresh ideas and energy to the Club. If you haven't introduced yourself to Wyatt, please do so – and VOLUNTEER to help him. Thanks to everyone for helping me with all the great events and activities over the last 2 years. I could not have done it without you!!

We have **2 Happy Hours** in May. Check them out at www.fdsc.org or Facebook as well. Please note that there is not a FDSC group reservation at HH as I never know who is going to show, so please get with a group of Dutchmen and make your own reservation.

The Biking schedules are posted! We hope to see you on the trails. Tuesday evening rides start at 6pm at different trails around the area, and Thursday morning rails-to-trails rides explore a wider range. Check them out at www.fdsc.org. If you haven't ridden with us before, it is a lot of fun and very inclusive. Don't hesitate to reach out to Bob Fehl for details on the Thursday morning rides, or Russ Youngwirth on the Tuesday night rides.

The Kayaking schedule is also posted. Go online to see the details. Hope to see you out on the water!

Our annual River Float is also posted. The theme this year is a Hawaiian luau. It is on Saturday, 27 July. See the flyer in this ST. Register Nowl

The details for our Annual Bike Trip have been arranged and posted! It is scheduled for 16-20 September 2024. It will run from Monday to Friday, and we will be traveling to Western PA. The itinerary has been posted, and the Indigo Hotel is open to book your reservation. Key tours should also be reserved soon. Please checkout the Event online, and Register Now!

Save the Date!! Our annual Members' Appreciation Picnic date has been set. It will be on Saturday, 14 September 2024. We are returning to Cacoosing Meadows Park. The Event is open for registration now on our webpage. More details will be provided later in the summer.



Cindy Manning Social Director (901)-412-7420 cinziainitaly@yahoo.com

Please contact Cindy if you have a request for a future venue! All HHs will be posted in the events tab on Facebook Page.

May 3rd

No Happy Hour Scheduled **FDSC Meeting Week**

May 10th at 6pm

The New Bertie's Inn

160 Old Friedensburg Rd, Reading | 610-779-5797 Call for reservations. Jeremy returns to Bertie's! Entertainment starts at 7pm

May 17th

No Happy Hour Scheduled **FDSC Meeting Week**

May 24th at 6pm

Building 24 Kitchen and Bar

111 S. Bern Rd, Wyomissing | 610-375-2700 x221 Call for reservations.



Happy Hour at the Kutztown Tavern



Cathy and Dave Schwab at Ugly Oyster Happy Hour



Luau River Float

Practice your Hula dancing and join us for the FDSC Annual River Float!!

PLACE: Jim Dietrich's Park, Pavilion #1

(Drop-off at Park/Cross Keys and float ends at Park)

DATE: Saturday, July 27, 2024

(Drop-off at park no later than 11am for a 12-noon float starting time. Drop-in point will be Cross Keys.)

COST: \$25 pp - includes shuttle, food, beverages

REGISTER: Register and pay on FDSC.org today!

Volunteers are also needed.

Enjoy the cool Hawaiian breeze as it gently blows from the "river" as you float in your grass skirts, Hawaiian shirts, leis, floral crowns, and Muumuus.

Don't miss out on the fun and games on the river (Prizes too!)

Contact Cindy Manning at 901-412-7420 with any questions.



A hu hou! (Until we meet again!)

WESTERN PA BIKING TRIP

16 - 20 SEPTEMBER 2024

Checkout full itinerary on fdsc.org, members only, documents folder, Social

Join the Dutchmen for some fun bike rides with beautiful scenery, fascinating tours, and great food and drinks!!

Register now at www.fdsc.org, add/replace "Members Only" pulldown, select "Documents", expand Social, select "Biking".

Below are some key items and tours that require you to register yourselves if you choose to participate. It is recommended that you make these key reservations now before they potentially sellout!

HOTEL:

Indigo Hotel Pittsburgh University, 329 Technology Dr. **Window is OPEN for reservations.** Rate is \$139/night and \$10 parking fee per day. Go to link below to book your room:

www.hotelindigo.com

Once you put in the dates, enter how many rooms and guests, and click "book now". It will come up referencing Flying Dutchmen Ski and has our rates. Or call 412-621-0880 and reference FDSC block of rooms.

TOURS:

Bike The Burgs Biking Tour. Tuesday, 17 September. This private, guided, bike tour has been set up just for us. The tour will start from Hotel Indigo at 9:00 AM. It is \$45/person + tax. It will be about 3hrs and will ride 9 miles. Go to link below to signup:

https://book.peek.com

Fallingwater Tour. Thursday, 19 September. Recommend taking tour between 12:00 and 1:00pm. Located at 1491 Mill Run Road, Mill Run. Call for your own reservation at 724-329-8501. Book now before they sell out!

Gateway Clipper. Thursday, 19 September. Dinner cruise located at 350 W Station Square Dr. It is only 10 minutes from the Hotel. Cost: \$60/person (Includes meal, DJ, passage through a lock and a short narration of the city sights.) Boards: 6:15 p.m. and Sails: 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. Go to link below to signup:

www.gatewayclipper.com

More details on places to eat and other tours will be provided soon!!

Wheels for Victory



Antique, Custom, Street Rod, Motorcycle, Tractor, Truck Show - Crafters - Vendors - to benefit the kids at Victory Junction Camp

* Community Event *

Saturday, May 11, 2024 10 AM - 3 PM Kempton Community Center Kempton, PA

"Victory Junction enriches the lives of children with serious illnesses by providing life-changing camping experiences that are exciting, fun, and empowering, at no cost to children and their families."

Food * Music * Silent Auction * 50/50 Drawing Registration 10AM - 12:00 PM *** Judging at 12:00 PM *** Awards (gift cards) at 2:30 PM

Pre-registration through May 7th - \$10 After May 7th - \$15

For additional information call: 610-223-5750

Mail form and check payable to Victory Junction Camp to: Julie Johnson 6755 Ivy Lane Allentown, PA 18106

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GREEK PEAK 2024

By: Michelle and Chad Zielinski, Greek Peak Family Trip Leaders

Another fantastic family trip for the Dutchman in the books! Greek Peak is a great destination for the weekend—and this year, we were lucky to see as many junior members join with the adults. On the bus ride, we enjoyed ourselves by watching several movies and gorging on snacks. We indulged in a few drinks on the way up (and then indulged in a little fast food on the way home) and entertained ourselves for the entire road trip, uplifted by positive vibes and the anticipation of a fun weekend with our friends and family.

As we arrived at Greek Peak, pulling up to the mountain, many of us noticed the lack of snow covering the slopes. Uh-oh! We also needed to contend with the frigid temperatures forecasted for Saturday! However, much to our shock and delight, the slopes provided very pleasant rides despite the lack of snowfall that weekend.

At the hotel, check-in went smoothly...for most of us. Matt and Jared discovered guests still inside their room! However, the situation was resolved quickly and without issue, and provided a bit of entertainment for the rest of us. The same evening, a group of us hit the slopes while others enjoyed the adjoining water park, lured by the steam of the hot tub. On Saturday morning, a few junior members joined the scheduled ski school

before rendezvousing with the rest of us on the slopes, where we spent the entire day carving the scenic trails of the mountain. Unfortunately, on one of her rides, Jen took a goofy tumble. However, she recently received shoulder surgery for the injury she sustained. Thankfully, she is on the mend and prepared to tackle the next season!

Greek Peak's quad lift proved quite a challenge for many weekend guests due to the maintenance needed to keep the machine running. Several times, the lift left us stalled and swinging on the cables during the ascent. On the upside, any Dutchman that approached the ticket window was comped with a free lift ticket for any day—for up to a year! Well worth the minor inconvenience.

Due to the close proximity of the hotel and ski resort, many of us bumped into each other all weekend long and we could easily link up with other members of the group to grab a bite at the restaurant or challenge the mountain with someone new. Overall, Greek Peak proved to be another wonderful trip with our families, where we gathered with our children to make more memories with the sport we all love so much!

Is it next winter yet? See you all on the slopes next season!















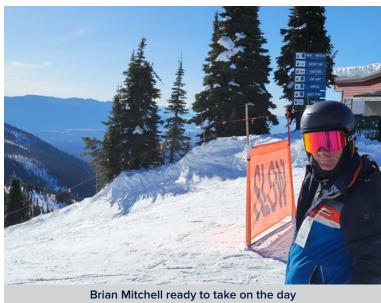


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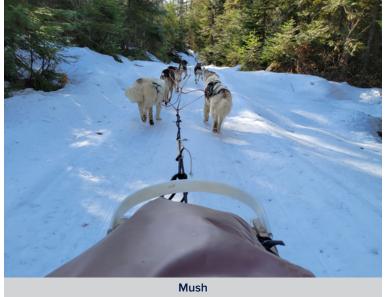


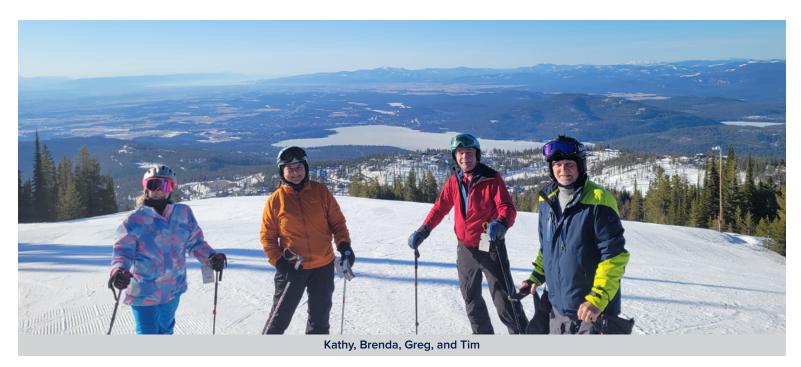
FDSC leaves its mark





















Kelly and Joe Spica at the Apres



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MaryAnn Billy at Glacier National Park



Glacier National Park



Just gorgeous