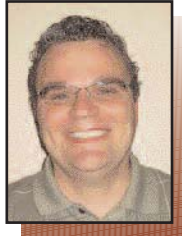




Ski Trails

The Flying Dutchmen ski club



President
Ed Soja

Hello, skiers and snowboarders! The holidays are upon us and the ski/snowboard season is about to come into full swing. The resorts out west are now open and even some resorts on the East Coast had a chance to open. It's going to be a great season.

Last month we had our annual Winter Sports Night at the Riveredge. We had a great turnout, and I hope you had the chance to join us and check out the latest from the ski vendors and resorts. A very big thank you goes out to Sue McMullen for organizing this great event.

This month I hope you will join us for the annual Christmas party following the December 15th general meeting at the Liederkrantz. As always, there will be food, drink, music, and of course, lots of fun. So make sure you come on out! This is also a great time to bring a non-member to see what our club has to offer. There will be a nominal fee for non-members, but you know it's well worth the price.

Next month will be the start of the Flying Dutchmen's world famous Ski and Snowboard lesson program at Bear Creek. Great lessons, great instructors, great time, so if you haven't registered for the lesson program, you better get a move on. You don't want to miss out. This is a great way improve your skiing and snowboarding skills.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the general meetings on December 1st and 15th at the Reading Liederkrantz. Have a happy and safe holiday season.

Ed



December 2011 Calendar of Events

December 1 - General Meeting
Program by Middle Creek
Wildlife Management
*Last night to sign up for
discounted lessons!*

December 15 - General Meeting
Christmas Party

January 3 - Lesson Program Begins!
Bear Creek

January 5 - General Meeting
Happy Feet with Rich Reber

January 14 - Family Clinic
Roundtop

January 19 - General Meeting
Ski and Snowboard Fashions
with Buckman's

Membership Meetings
are held at 7:30 PM at the
READING LIEDERKRANTZ,
143 Spook Lane
Reading, PA 19606

THE Deadline for the
January issue of *Ski Trails*
is Thursday, December 8th.

TRIPS 2012

Tremblant & Montreal

Dec 27 - Jan 1

Suzanne Claypoole 610-334-4410

Diane Nolfe 610-763-7535

Instructional Trip - Sno Mountain

Jan 6 - 8

Ellen & Paul Schwartz

610-779-8043

Steamboat - EPSC Winter Carnival

Jan 21 - 28

Holly & Trevor Hess

610-207-0381

Stratton Mountain

Feb 3 - 5

Kate Auchenbach 610-213-9189

Dennis Baldwin 484-269-4309

Jackson Hole

Feb 12-19

April Sabia 717-866-5969

Marcia Fehl 610-926-0475

Elk Mountain

Feb 26

Dave Stottlemeyer 717-786-3209

Mt Snow Family Trip

Mar 2 - 4

Linda & John Mauger

610-370-2828

Sunday River, ME and Wildcat, NH

Mar 15 - 19

Patti Spittler 610-568-0732

Sherry Vazquez

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Mar 17-24

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TENTATIVE HAPPY HOUR SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

12/2 Klingers, Carsonia Ave. Mt. Penn

12/9 Plaza Azteca
955 Woodland Rd, Wyomissing

12/16 Douglassville Hotel
8 Old Swede Rd, Douglassville

12/23 Kutztown Tavern
125 W Main St, Kutztown
Come early and stop in at Sorelli's Jewelry Shop

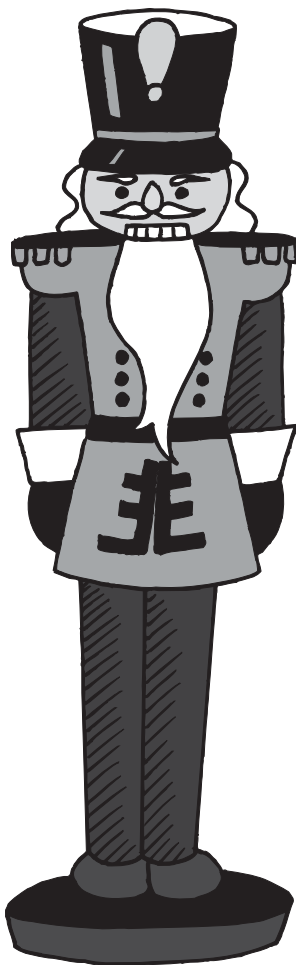
12/30 Tremblant Ski Trip OR VIVA
Park Rd, Wyomissing

1/6 Instructional Trip OR West Reading Tavern. Penn Ave, West Reading



**Visit the FDSC website at www.fdsc.org
weekly in case of change.**

**Meet around 6:30 for food, spirits,
and conversation.**



NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

- Anne Allen
- Barbara Bodden
- Stacy Claussen
- Tim Claussen
- Vincent DeAngelo
- Eli Downing
- Sindy Fogg
- Jessica Grove
- Amy Hafer
- T. Brad Hough
- Andre LesPierre
- Gary McGraw
- Mitchell Millard
- James Milnes
- David Rasmussen
- Ping Rasmussen
- Scott Strobel
- Nelson Stubbs



Lodge

Paul Schwartz

Worker's Weekend is over, and the Lodge is clean top to bottom. Thanks to

all who helped: Bob and Carol Lizewski, Patti Spitler, Jim Dolan, Dave Ford, Susan Merkel, and of course, Ellen Schwartz.

The new fireplace insert is great! It heats the living room and uses a fraction of the firewood. Come on up for a nice warm winter night!

Winter rates apply starting December 16th. Weekend rates are \$550 for the entire Lodge. All of January and February are booked except for one weekend. December and March are wide open, and weekdays are available for the whole winter. Why not ski during the week, and skip the long lift lines? The Lodge is only 20 minutes from Camelback and Jack Frost. With seven bedrooms, you can split costs and have a very inexpensive weekend of skiing.

Paul



Competition

Mark David

Greetings Racers,
The ski season is now really here and there are already

several major races in the next few weeks.

- Killington - Dec 9 - GS
- Killington - Dec 10 - GS
- Killington - Dec 11 - Slalom
- Hunter - Dec 18 - GS
- Elk - Jan 7 - GS
- Elk - Jan 8 - Slalom

If you plan to race in at least five ASRA races this season it will pay you to join. So plan your season out soon to get the best rate. Full details are available on the ASRA website.

The race team is selling 50/50 raffle tickets to help pay for the club race and other expenses. Please buy some or volunteer to help sell some. The drawing will be at the Christmas Party, and you don't have to be present to win.

See You On the Hill!

Mark



Past President

Rick Auchenbach

Happy Holidays,
Skiers & Boarders!

The pre-Halloween snowstorm kicked off the snow season with a bang! Or should I say with a snap (as in tree limbs)? What a quick change in the weather. One local almanac forecaster is predicting a white Thanksgiving. By the time you read this we'll know if he was correct. Either way, we're off to a quick start in snowfall accumulation this year.

Vouchers will be similar to last year. Please look for finalized information and prices in this issue. Our voucher program, coupled with the Eastern PA Ski Council's voucher program, is one of the best ways to save money on skiing. The EPSC voucher program is a mail-in process that accesses numerous eastern ski areas. The FDSC voucher program covers Bear Creek, Blue Mountain, and Eagle Rock. Please purchase only the number of vouchers you are going to use. Last season's voucher returns were well above average, so buy accordingly.

The Philly Winter Expo, sponsored by the EPSC and PRW Travel, had a successful evening on Sunday, November 6th, at the Crown Plaza in Valley Forge. Numerous exhibitors from the ski industry descended on King of



Trippin'

Kevin Claypoole

Hey, Skiers and Boarders,

Happy Holidays to Everyone. Snow has

been dumping in the West since October! We even had 12-15 inches of Snow here in Pennsylvania! 'Tis the season to get out Skiing and be jolly! Time to get your Skiing Christmas Wish Lists together.

Don't forget your trip payments. There are still some TRIP openings if you haven't signed up already. Join the Instructional Trip if you need some brushing up on your technique. Don't forget about the Lesson Program, either.


See you at the Christmas Party and on the Slopes!

Kevin

Prussia for the Travel Show and Annual Silent/Live Auction. The event was billed as, "New Venue - New Day - New Time - New Location" so everyone was curious about what would happen. The Dutchmen were well represented and everyone came away with more information about trips, equipment, and auction bargains. If you missed it, put this event on your calendar for next year.

Have a great holiday and ski season,

Rick



Due to issues that we were unable to resolve with Elk Mountain, we are moving the lesson part of the Instructional Trip to Sno Mountain (formerly Montage) in Scranton. Sno has over 1,000 feet vertical, 100% snowmaking, and a nice variety of terrain for all levels. The hotel and other itinerary remain the same. And of course, we'll have our great instructors ready to help you improve your skiing and riding!



Membership

Bob Fehl

Thanksgiving has just passed, but I would still like to thank all the 700-plus members who have joined and/or renewed. Your participation is what keeps this club strong and one of the most active clubs in the country. As of November, we no longer include those who didn't renew, so our numbers are down, but we hope to still receive many late renewals and usually see a large bump when the snow flies. Lessons are also a big draw for new members with young families. Encourage your friends and relatives to join and share in the fun!

I wish you and yours a blessed holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Bob



Social Director

Patti Spittler

It was mid November when I was writing this article. That means Ski season is around the corner and so are the Christmas Holidays. Hope you have gotten your skis tuned up and ready for the slopes. The Club has lots of good trips going this year, and you don't want to miss any chance to be out on the slopes.

I tried a new "promotion" with the Happy Hour schedule last month, by picking places where you could use a Clipper Magazine Coupon. What a great way to try a new place and SAVE some money. I hope you will continue to try and go to some of the Happy Hour restaurants and let them know you are from the Flying Dutchmen Ski Club. I have been trying to "smooze" with some of the area managers and let them know of the Flying Dutchmen Ski Club. I also leave them some of our *Ski Trails*. This allows us to get our foot in the door and possibly be able to receive some gifts for future Dutchmen events.

The December HH schedule has us going to the Kutztown Tavern. It also mentions going early to stop in at Sorelli Jewelry Store. Any last minute shopping for HER can be found there, like something small for her stocking or even a bit bigger for under the tree. Yes, MEN, that was a hint!!

The Relay team has been on a small break from the action. We are trying to decide, whether to stay at the Exeter Relay site OR change to another Berks County Relay site. If you have been to other sites, gives us your feedback, we'd greatly appreciate it. We work really hard raising money and even harder in June at the 24 hour event... We want to make sure all of our Dutchmen members are behind us and the community surrounding the event is as well.

Winter Carnival... Geez... I am trying to set up a Winter Carnival that Dutchmen can be proud of--something that brings back yester years. Family-friendly and wallet-kind. Some of the details I'm shooting for are that we can hold it on a Saturday, with driving time within 1 hour. Keep your fingers crossed and PLEASE have your checkbooks ready, so when I can announce the place, date, times, and costs... We can fly. Thanks for your patience.

Keep on Talking! Merry Christmas!

Patti



Program Director

Lori Hudson

December already??? Can it be???

I hope you'll take some time off from your holiday shopping to attend our December meetings. We've got some great programs planned for you!

The December 1st program is about Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area. Part of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, this is a beautiful area where you can watch birds, go on guided hunts, fish, hike, and learn about many kinds of wildlife. Join us to learn more about this great natural area located only about 40 minutes from Reading.

Put on your dancing shoes! Our annual Holiday Party will take place on December 15th following a brief meeting. As we've done the last few years, there's no cost for members, and it's only \$5 for non-members. Each person will receive two drink tickets. We'll have a nice variety of snacks and munchies to nourish you as you dance the night away to the tunes of the DJ. Bring some cookies to share, (I like chocolate chip), and come share some holiday spirit with your fellow Dutchmen.

Coming in January...

January 5th - Happy Feet! Rich Reber from Pro Snow Sports shares his secrets for custom boot fitting.

January 19th - It's all about the layers! Buckman's shows us how to dress in the latest fashions for a warm, dry, and comfortable day on the slopes.

Best wishes for a warm and wonderful holiday season! See you at the meetings!

Lori



Skimeister

Julie Mihm

The 2012 Lesson Program is only days away, have you registered?

We have 7 Tuesday night lessons and 2 Saturday clinics this year for only 35\$. If you haven't registered yet bring it to a meeting, send it in the mail, or join us on the first night of lessons. Don't be shy, we'd love to have you join us. If you have any questions, please e-mail Skimeister@fdsc.org.

We, the Skimeister Team, wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Cheers,

Julie



Holiday Greetings

The Board would like to wish you and yours a joyous holiday season. As we turn the page on a new year and head for the slopes, we hope you're safe, healthy, and happy, with friends, family, and fellow Dutchmen at your side.

Be well,
be happy,
be Dutchmen!

Ed, Bob, Lori, Dave, Rick,
Diane, Julie, Kevin, Beth,
Paul, Mark, and Patti

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Night Vouchers: **Bear Creek \$21** (Regular 34, Save \$13) **Blue Mountain \$28** (Regular, \$37, Save \$9)

\$17 Discount Nights at Bear Creek

Every Tuesday Evening from January 3 through March 6, 2012
 Saturday Evenings: January 14, 22 • February 11, 25 • March 10, 2012

\$21 Discount Nights at Blue Mountain

Saturday Evenings: January 7, 21 • February 4, 18 • March 3, 2012

You may purchase regular vouchers or the special date vouchers at any FDSC meeting or by calling any of the salespeople listed below. A salesperson will also be available at Bear Creek *only* on lesson nights starting at 6PM.

Eagle Rock vouchers are non refundable and will be limited availability.

Discount Voucher for Flying Dutchmen Members

Evening
Weekday
Weekend/Holiday

BEAR CREEK	BLUE MT.	EAGLE ROCK
\$21	\$28	\$25 Friday Only
\$29	\$37	CLOSED
	\$50	\$25

\$15 All Day every Wednesday at Bear Creek. No Voucher Needed. Show membership card at window.

Voucher Sales Representatives

The people listed below will be selling vouchers between meetings. Please be courteous and give 24 hours notice to the voucher salesperson before purchasing. Remember, you can return unused vouchers for a full refund. No phone calls after 9:00 PM please! Bill Stockler will be available at meetings for voucher sales.

Kim & Brian Van Buskirk
 112 Carriage Court
 Kutztown, PA 19530
 484-646-9604 / cell: 484-332-3408

Dave Coffey
 2957 Ellen Avenue
 West Lawn, PA 19609
 610-678-2912

Bob Fehl (Fehl's Home & Garden)
 14 Lakeview Drive (Maidencreek Area)
 Reading, PA. 19605
 610-926-0475 / work: 610-929-5794

Bill Stockler
 409 Mifflin Blvd.
 Shillington, PA 19607
 610-796-8702

Ken & MaryAnn Billy
 113 Endlich Ave.
 Mt. Penn, PA 19606
 610-779-8711

REFUND POLICY

Return to same salesperson.
 Include self addressed stamped envelope
 No later than Thursday, March 15, 2012.

As always, all vouchers are for the use of Flying Dutchmen members only!

TUESDAY NIGHTS AT BEAR CREEK

Adult Lesson Program

7:00pm Adults Sign-in
 7:30pm-9pm Ski/Snowboard Lessons
There is a "once per season" registration fee of \$35 for lessons ONLY.

Schedule

January 3 Lessons
 January 10 Lessons & KICK OFF PARTY
 January 17 Lessons
 January 24 Lessons & Standard Clinic (tentative)
 January 31 Lessons & Standard Test (tentative)
 February 7 Lessons & Advanced Clinic (tentative)
 February 14 Lessons & Advanced Test (tentative)

Junior Lesson Program

6:30pm-8pm
 January 3rd through February 14th
 Ages 6-17
 Taught by Bear Creek Ski and Snowboard Instructors

- 7 Lessons \$84
- 7 Lessons with Lift Pass \$207
- 7 Lessons with Lift Pass & Ski Rental \$283
- 7 Lessons with Lift Pass & Board Rental \$283
- 7 Lift Pass & Rental \$199

For more information contact Julie Mihm at skimeister@fdsc.org.

Biking Weekend...

The second annual Biking at the Lodge Weekend was a huge success! We had gorgeous fall weather and a fabulous group of 12 Dutchmen to bring on the fun. About half of the group participated in The Black Bear Century (road) ride on Saturday. Congratulations to Dominique and Brent who completed all 108 miles--mostly uphill. The rest of us opted for some beautiful trails near the Delaware Water Gap instead. Then it was back to the Lodge for a delicious dinner, desserts, and drinks. On Sunday, the entire group biked the Lehigh Gorge Rail Trail before heading home.



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 - Master motivator

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 Birthplace: Stratton
 Occupation: Teacher
 Hair/Eyes: Yes/Yes
 Races: Sometimes
 Remarks:
 - Highly organized
 - Carries a microphone

Alias: Trippin'

Description
 Birthplace: Hakuba
 Occupation: Farmer
 Hair/Eyes: Hat/Yes
 Races: Of course!
 Remarks:
 - Master Negotiator
 - No known address

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Description
 Birthplace: Tremblant
 Occupation: Teacher
 Hair/Eyes: Yes/Yes
 Races: Always
 Remarks:
 - Highly efficient
 - Lethal with a Laptop

Alias: Publicity

Description
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 Occupation: Analyst
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 Races: 1 (Don't ask!)
 Remarks:
 - Superior wordsmith
 - Carries a red pen

APPROACH WITH CAUTION

Winter Sports Night...

IT WAS GREAT
TO SEE
YOU THERE!



EPSC Voucher Program

Prices for this season's discounted lift tickets available through the EPSC were not available when this issue went to print. We do expect to have them in time for your January issue of *Ski Trails*.

Please check
www.easternpascouncil.org in the meantime.

RACING NEWS

Killington - Dec 9 - GS
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Whole Lodge - One night midweek

Per bedroom - One night midweek

Whole Lodge - Friday and Saturday nights

Per bedroom - Friday and Saturday nights

Whole Lodge - 7 days

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