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WORDS FROM THE PREZ

Snoball '98 went by like a snowball... a blur! From the moment I arrived at about 7:30pm up until the drawing of the grand prizes at midnight, I never had so much fun working that hard. Well, all right, it was a bit stressful, but it was fun now that I look back at it. And it is gratifying to know that everything went off rather well, considering the size and scope of this event, and the fourteen previous Snoballs that this one can be compared to. How did we do this year? Well, as of this writing, we haven't collected all the ticket sales, haven't counted all the tickets sold, haven't counted all the new members, haven't gotten the bill from the Sheraton, but we can solicit your feedback to help determine if the Snoball's primary goals, a fundraiser for the club and a fun time for all in attendance, continue to be met.

First of all, there were some significant changes that were made this year. First, more beverage ticket sales stations and more bartenders. Did everyone not have to wait too long to get drink tickets or beverages? Second, hot sandwiches. Goodbye pretzels and nachos, let's try roast beef, meatballs and grilled chicken. Most

people eat before the Snoball, but were you in need of a snack as the evening wore on? Third, don't stop the music. Instead of announcing every prize being drawn, the board agreed to keep the party going and simply announce that a group of prizes were being drawn, and to post the winning names and numbers immediately after being drawn. We added having our DeeJay read off the winners' names as well. We only stopped the music briefly to formally announce the grand prizewinners at midnight, adding a bit of drama, don't you think?

Ted, Colleen and I were flooded with prizes this year... a total of ninety-three to be exact. And our booth spaces sold out in July, whereas late comers who wish to exhibit had to be turned away (the ballroom is only so big!). A fabulous array of prizes and exhibitors, don't you think? I'd sure like to know how many people attended. Anybody want to stamp hands and count next year?

It's easy to mark your calendar for the Snoball and just show up, but please remember that the Snoball happens because of our exhibitors, our prize donors, and the dedicated efforts of Fall Line volunteers. First off, I'd like to thank a very special volunteer, the "man behind the curtain" at the Snoball, the event's Exhibit Coordinator, Russ Consentino. Words cannot express the gratitude for Russ's expertise, salesmanship, and professionalism. Second, Ted Sommers, our President-Elect and Snoball Chairperson, for coordinating a thousand and one details. Third, everyone on the board who helped coordinate ticket sales, entertainment, publicity, prize coordination, and the remaining 997 details. Fourth, all of the volunteers from the membership who helped that evening. And lastly, to all of our exhibitors and prize donors, thanks for your generous contributions.

Thanks to all for attending and making the Snoball the Delaware Valley's biggest and best pre-ski season event!

Your Prez,

Bob Suravage

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CATSKILL HIKE

By Jim Morris

The Catskill weekend camping and hiking trip was very enjoyable even though six of the 13 people who signed up had to cancel. The North-South Lake Campground was exceptionally nice. We had sites on the North Lake close to the public beach.

John Steel, his friend Stan Sherman and Sally Hiller arrived early and set up "base camp." John, a well-organized and experienced camper, had a screen tent and kitchen facilities almost better than what I have at home so we spent most of our time, while off the mountain, at his site.

Five of us set out to circle the lakes on part of the Escarpment Trail, which is a ridge line overlooking the Hudson Valley. Bob Suravage expressed all our feelings when he said the trail and scenery were much better than what he would have imagined and almost impossible to describe.

None of us had hiked this area before. Most of the trail was relatively moderate with a few steep sections. We hiked about 10 miles of continuously changing views. For a good part of the hike we could see the Hudson River off in the distance, with a few towns and farmland below. There was a good view of Hunter Mountain Ski Area looking down the valley and two lookouts where we could see both lakes. There were also lots of varieties of wild flowers and interesting rock formations. Near the top of one of the summits we saw two deer a short distance from the trail.

At one point our trail crossed a horseback riding trail and we stopped to talk with two groups of riders. Delmar Burrige couldn't resist telling his favorite horse joke since he was able to use their guide's horse to demonstrate his story (don't ask). The horse trails

crisscrossed the hiking trails and riders got all the good scenery we had. (I mention this for the benefit of Fall Liners who might be interested in future trips to the same area -- on horseback).

Tony Garistina set the pace for most of the hike. If he is able to go on the Lake Placid hike I predict he will give experienced hikers such as Juan Carro and Sofia Dobkin a run for their money to be the first to the top. Back at the campsite we all enjoyed Stan's never ending stories, Delmar's music and the chipmunks and birds looking for handouts. Sally was the only woman on the trip and she kept asking where all the other women were, but she seemed happy to be with us and didn't complain too much. For those who like to feel at home there was even an ice cream truck, fortunately without the music. To round things out, our campsite neighbor, Adrienne, who had to endure listening to us talk about her all weekend, joined us for pictures of her, and to show us her green iguana tattoo.

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THE UPPER YOUGH RIVER (UYR) CHALLENGE

By JT Smith and Lisa Hulick

Like most other weekend excursions with the FLSC ... this trip started-out no different!

On Friday, (7/31/98) thirty members embarked on a weekend of camping in the mountains of Maryland, and white water rafting on the UYR in West Virginia.

The drive took about 5-6 hours for most, regardless of what route you opted to take. Everyone carpoled as this could be an exhausting journey, especially if you worked any part and/or most of that day. Departure times varied and depending on your actual start

you could have been driving in rain, sunshine, or both ... as we did!

As you are pulling into the Pine Hill Campground you're thinking, "finally here, it's time to setup camp, get some grub, and break open some suds around the fire". After the camp-dining hour concluded, everyone circled around the blazing campfire started by trip leader JT. Such a blaze it was that Mr. Steel (must pay the poor guy some respect) threaten to turn it into a contest for the following evening. Around the campfire we were treated to stories from those members who have taken this trip previously, and endless jokes from Stan ... who could whip them out one after another. Tony, could you finally have some competition? Sometime before dawn the missing three members arrived, as their tents were up in place the next morning ... you noisy guys/gal know who you are!

Saturday morning we awoke to the smell of something wonderful. It was freshly brewed coffee ... compliments of the Steel's Gourmet Café. You may want to pinch yourself, and ask what is a café doing out here in the wilderness. If you know Mr. Steel it's not hard to believe. If not, go figure ... why are you in a campground anyway?

Adding to the aroma of the brewed coffee was Steel's country style breakfast. Although, John and friends enjoyed their own cooked breakfast, most decided to partake at the locals favorite known as the 'Little Sandy's Truck Stop'. Boy! That breakfast was dirt-cheap.

Let's not forget! Our weekend mission that Saturday afternoon was to raft the UYR white waters, after releasing of the lake's dam. When released the river level rises quickly, reclassifying the river to 4-5 class rapids. Most rapids are measured from a 1-5 scale with a 1-rating being the simplest. Our rafting guides knew exactly when to launch the rafts in order to ride the crest, as it moved swiftly down the river.

My raft guide was the owner Gary (also known as Buford). The guides provided an almost effortless trip down the river for all the rafters that day. You could hear "RIGHT FRONT – LEFT BACK, LEFT FRONT – RIGHT BACK, and STOP - PADDLE," those were the commands of the day. Although several members went overboard, some managed to remain in the raft for the entire trip. Otherwise, the day was picture perfect with blue skies and puffy white clouds.

The day's temperature was in the 80's and the water about 62° F, who could ask for anything more!

The trip ended with snacking on hoagies and drinking beer/soda provided by the rafting company. Then an exhausted bunch of Fall Liners headed back to the campground for showers and relaxation. Once again, camp-dinning hour at the campground provided home cooked meals for all and many tales of our rafting experiences that day. After dinner the whole group circled the campfire for an evening of entertainment provided by whom else but Stan. Although, Tony did contribute some ... most of his time was spent roasting marshmallows to perfection for everyone's enjoyment.

As for the campfire contest, Mr. Steel eventually accepted defeat. The fact is that Mr. Steel had little or nothing to do with the fire that Saturday night. But he did try in vain to take credit for a group effort spearhead by Ted ... sad but true!

Sunday everyone broke camp before noon, saying our good-byes and headed home.

Some tidbits to share with everyone:

Bev - known as 'Serious Lady' because she would only smile for her picture.

Bob - known as 'Big Foot' because he could get into places nobody could see him.

Bill - known as 'The Flying Machine' because he chased an airplane into the countryside.

Cara - known as 'Sweet Talker' because she persuaded Josh into another ride of her life.

Gayle - known as 'Driving Miss Daisy' because of her relaxed stroll down the river.

JT - known as 'The Rambler' because his Jeep traveled in search of Big Foot.

Lisa - known as 'Miss Rafter Dynamo' because she mastered the river on her first trip.

Rita - known as 'The Dessert Queen' for providing the basic of camp eatery ... somores.

Steel - known as 'The Gourmet King' because he comes so well prepared for cooking.

Ted - known as 'The Fire Keeper' because he saved his firewood for the last camp night.

Tony - known as 'The Bobber' because he was overboard (3) different times.

Siobhan - known as 'The Domino Princess' because she started chain reactions overboard.

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CHECK OUT THE UPCOMING FALL EVENTS

HALLOWEEN HAYRIDE

On Friday, October 30 there will be a HAY RIDE at Springdale Farms in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. We will have our own wagon - which fits 25 people. It will be a two hour ride. Snacks and beverages will be provided on the ride. All pertinent information will be available at the October 6 general meeting or you may call Colleen Farrell at 215-241-9377 for further details.

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CASINO NIGHT AT TROPWORLD

On Friday, October 23 Wayne Schofield will be leading another excursion into Atlantic City to the Tropworld Casino. The luxury bus seats 24 and will leave from the Day's Inn parking lot on Route 73 (FLSC general meeting place) at 6:00 PM. Included in the price of \$49.00 is beer, wine, soda and snacks on the bus, \$15.00 credit from the casino and entrance to a show at the Comedy Stop. For further information call Wayne at 609-931-2173.

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ATTENTION: POOL SHARKS!

On Friday, November 13, 1998 - there will be a "Pool (Billiards) Tournament" at Dave &

Buster's on Delaware Avenue, Philadelphia, PA
- The Tournament will be approximately three
(3) hours. WHO SAID FRIDAY THE 13th WAS
NOT LUCKY! Details will be at the October 6
general meeting. THIS WILL BE OUR LAST
SUMMER-FALL BASH before SKI SEASON! For
more information call Colleen Farrell at
215-241-9377

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HAPPY HOUR AT POOR HENRY'S BREWERY

Friday, October 16 – 5:30 – 9:30 PM

Happy Hour with a beer tour, cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, music, darts,
& a pool table

Approx. \$10 per person

For Info call:

Mike Gramsammer 609-810-1196

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FALL FOLIAGE HIKE '98

To the Cliffs & Bear Rocks
West of Allentown, PA

Saturday October 24
Raindate Oct. 25

After the hike join us for a beer and dinner at
a local
restaurant

For Info call:

Mike Gramsammer 609-810-1196

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Come spend New
Year's skiing in
Waterville Valley,
NH
December 31 to
January 3

This fabulous trip includes 3 night lodging (3
bedroom condos) 3 days skiing at Waterville

and Loon Mountains; ice skating, snow shoe/cross country ski pass, access to athletic club, free shuttle, wine/beer/soda on the bus and a fantastic

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY!!

The trip opens October 6, 1998 at an early sign up price of \$319 per person. Call Sharon King for more details at 610-394-9908.

It's gonna be a wild ride!!

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FALL LINE FASHION SHOW

Once again Gretchen Quigley from Danzizen & Quigley will be hosting our annual Fall Line Fashion Show at our November 3 meeting. She will be featuring the latest in ski fashions and materials to help us understand many of the new products on the market.

We will have three gentlemen from Fall Line modeling the men's clothes as well as three beautiful and charming Fall Line ladies who will model the women's clothes.

Please join us at the November 3 meeting to enjoy the

show and to listen to Gretchen describe their new lines of ski fashions.

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Langhorne Ski Shop's
4th Annual
"Ski Club Appreciation Night"
November 14, 1998
6:30-10:30 PM

The Langhorne Ski Shop with the cooperation of the top officers of local clubs and Langhorne's top management have put together an exciting night of private discount shopping, a special tune-up price, fashion show, ski tuning clinic refreshments and a chance to swap ski stories with members of other local club.

All you will need to attend is your current membership card, to show that you are a member in good standing (the club will provide a current club rooster at the door). You are then eligible for the following:

An extra 10% off all items in the store (including sale items)
Special full tune-up price of \$19.95 (regular in season price of \$41.00)

Full technical staff to answer all of your questions - from clothing and equipment to service.

Refreshments and a chance to meet and talk to members from over twenty local clubs.

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SNO*BALL '98

By Ted Sommer

Fall Line Ski Club would like to give a special thanks to all the companies who donated prizes. We had over 93 great prizes this year.

Also new to the 98 Snoball was the addition of a sandwich menu. We received many positive comments on the sandwiches and the placement of the bars and cashiers. I noticed some Fall Liners danced all night because we kept the music going while the prizes were drawn.

Thanks to one and all of the great Fall Line members who worked tirelessly before and during the affair. It would not be possible without you and the companies who support us..

Thanks to all the exhibitors. You helped the club get into the spirit of the ski season with great displays, trail maps and most of all your enthusiasm. A special thank to D&Q for your support and generosity throughout the year. And finally, to JTM Tours, who once again donated some of our top prizes.

Please check the list below to see who donated all of the great prizes and also to see if you may have won.

Prize Donated By	Prize	Prize Winner	Prize #
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FALL LINE SKI CLUB	FALL LINE SHIRT	Bob Petrilli	1596
FALL LINE SKI CLUB	FALL LINE SHIRT	Carol Hruby	0849
FALL LINE SKI CLUB	FALL LINE SHIRT	Kathy Toenjes	2007
EASTERN SPORTS	\$25.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE	Gerry Halterman	2012
EASTERN SPORTS	Tune-up Skis	Leah Gaffney	1370
LANGHORNE SKI & SPORTS	\$25.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE	Bob Petrilli	1700
WESTWOOD GOLF COURSE	(1) Free Round Golf	Randall Jones	0186
CHIRSTY SPORTS	2-(3) DAY SKI RENTALS	Brian Lipko	1495
MONTAGE, Mt., PA	2-(1) DAY LIFT TICKETS -Midweek	Steve Archibald	0158
ASCUTNEY, VT	2-(1) DAY LIFT TICKETS	Mike Szymanski	0355

BIG SKY, Montana	2-(1) DAY LIFT TICKETS	Peggy Kane	1525
BURKE MOUNTAIN, VT	2-(1) DAY LIFT TICKETS	Holly Levi	2093
BELLEAYRE MOUNTAIN	2-(1) DAY LIFT TICKETS	Barbara Jackson	1327
WHITEFACE/ GORE MOUNTAIN	2-(1) DAY LIFT TICKETS	Brad Zacharia	0989
TELLURIDE, CO.	2-(2) DAY LIFT TICKETS	Gerry Halterman	2016
LAKELAND VILLAGE, TAHOE, CA	(3) NIGHTS (2) PEOPLE - SUITE	Keith Walton	1153
MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN	(1) HAT & SWEATSHIRT	Ed Walton	2474
Ski Wyndham, NY	Lift Tickets	John Tuma	1233
Elk Mt., PA	Lift Tickets	Steve Rhoads	0717
Danzeizen & Quigley	\$50.00 Gift Certificate	Kathy Read	0442
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