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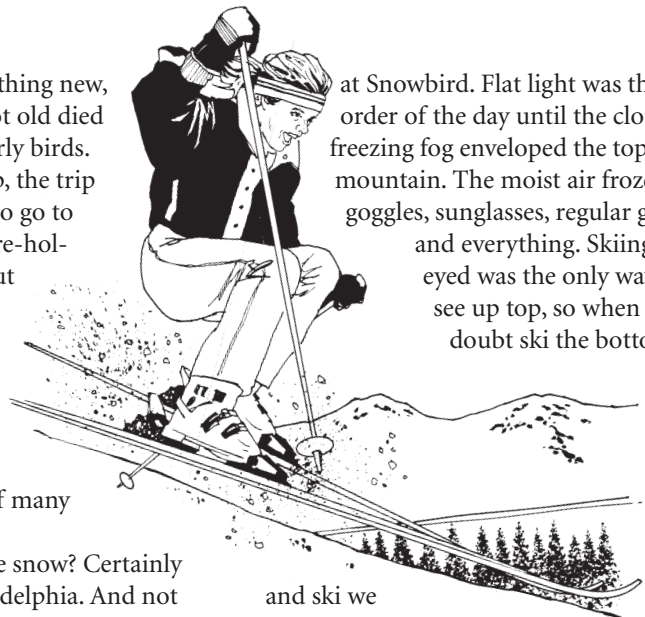
Everyone likes something new, right? Apparently not old died in the wool FLSC early birds. Just to mix things up, the trip committee decided to go to Steamboat for the pre-holiday trip this year, but NOOOO. After raucous chants of Snowbird..., Alta..., Snowbird..., Alta... were heard the trip switched to Utah to the cheers of many repeat participants.

But where was the snow? Certainly not here in 70° Philadelphia. And not in Little Cottonwood Canyon either until Thanksgiving. But what a Thanksgiving, 100 inches of snow in 100 hours, and that wasn't all. It just kept on coming, a foot at a time. By the time twenty-six intrepid Fall Liners boarded the plane to Salt Lake City, twenty feet of snow had fallen for the season already, with a **packed** base of over seventy inches at Alta mid-mountain.

In spite of the heightened security and the two and one-half hour early arrival time, airport check-in went smoothly. After a minor delay getting airborne, the group settled into their spacious half full plane for the non-stop trip. Once on the ground, the bags were gathered, loaded onto the bus and away we went to the Lodge at Snowbird. Check-in and ticket distribution went smoothly, the only problem was missing last call at the bar.

Thursday morning was gray but a few new inches of snow graced our awakening

at Snowbird. Flat light was the order of the day until the cloud of freezing fog enveloped the top of the mountain. The moist air froze on goggles, sunglasses, regular glasses, and everything. Skiing bare-eyed was the only way to see up top, so when in doubt ski the bottom,



and ski we did. No matter what the itinerary says, some people just have to buck the system. Kudos to newcomers Mike and Nancy for getting away from the clouds by going to Alta on day one. Beginners luck. Why didn't you tell the rest of us?

That night, The Lodge provided a wine and cheese party and even threw in the entertainment, with holiday tunes on the keyboard by a ninety-one year old elfin relative of Santa himself.

Day two saw most of us going to Alta once we figured out the UTA bus schedule. Again it was a gray cloudy day, and windy too, but the clouds this time had snow in them. Many people stayed over in the Supreme Chair area, and skied bountiful powder, with not too much wind; particularly when you compared it to getting blown all over on the Sugarloaf Chair.

SPEED BUMP

Dave Coverly



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Ted's Topics

Happy New Year, 2002, can you believe it? Every year I hear folks making their New Year's resolutions. They plan to do this or accomplish that. Looking back over my list of resolutions, I believe that I accomplished over half of what I set out to do. That may be pretty good, I don't know. Webster's defines resolution as "the character of being resolute". Resolute is having fixedness of purpose, determined, steadfast.

Fall Line Ski Club is looking for people with these qualities. We are looking for a few good men/women, so to speak, for both the board and the winter trip committee. The winter trip committee is now in the process of planning our weeklong trips for 2003. The weekend trips will be planned starting April or May for next year. I'd like to see a mentorship program developed so those new committee members can learn from some of our veterans. We have a great set of planners whose knowledge can be passed on. This is what will keep our club not only active but fresh. Do you have a destination that you'd love to go to? Well, consider attending the next winter trip committee and bring it up. You'll not only have the opportunity to go to your personal destination but participate and learn the process. If you are interested speak with Nona Luce, the winter trip chair chick.

Fall Line is also looking for members to run for the board this April. Potential

board members will have the opportunity to see how the club is run. You'll learn why decisions are made a certain way and be able to participate in the process. There are many different levels to being a board member. We oversee everything from the summer and winter trip committees to all events. These include the Spring Fling, Snoball and Christmas party. If your interested, please come and see me, my door is always open.

I would like to thank Kim Trojak and the rest of the board members who made our Christmas party the success it was this year. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Two last reminders, one is that the bus leaves from Barclay Farms parking lot on Route 70E now. The second is that our meetings in January will be the 8th and 22nd this month due to fact that New Year's Day is the first Tuesday of the month. In February we will go back to our meeting on the first and third Tuesday of the month.

I seriously would like all members to consider either the board position or winter trip committee position as part of their New Year's resolution this year. The last four years that I have given the club has provided me the opportunity to develop many skills that I may not have had the chance to develop. It has been rewarding and I'm glad to have had the chance to contribute to such a great group.

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Member Information

Fall Line Ski Club membership begins May 1 and ends April 30. Membership applications for renewals and new membership are accepted any time in the year. The membership fee is \$20 until September 7 and \$25 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 the web site at www.FallLine.org or through the mail by contacting:

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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.

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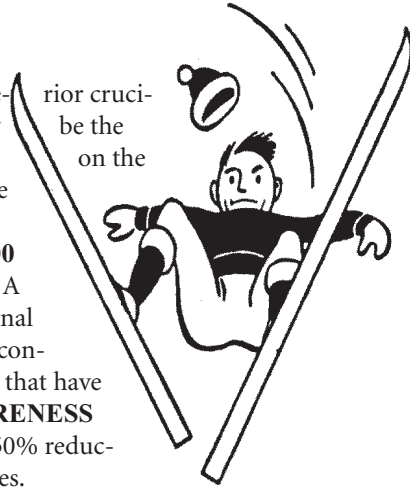
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ACL (Anterior Cruciate Ligament) Injuries

By Wayne Schofield

“I’ve torn my ACL (anterior cruciate ligament)!” This may be the worst thing you can hear on the ski slopes. ACL injuries are increasing at an alarming rate with more than **20,000** being reported every year. A study funded by the National Ski Areas Association has confirmed that member areas that have implemented **ACL AWARENESS TRAINING** have seen a 50% reduction in serious knee injuries.



ACL awareness training involves educating the skier in the “do’s and don’ts” of body positions. Some skiers in Fall Line that have ACL injuries have torn them in Nastar races, standing in lift lines or, frankly, they just don’t know *how* the injury occurred. Following these rules can take a lot of risk out of skiing:

1. Don’t attempt to recover from an inevitable fall. Keep your arms forward and your hands over your skis, if possible. Don’t lean back on your skis nor attempt to sit down after losing control.
2. After a fall, don’t try to get up until you’ve stopped sliding. Don’t fight it! Follow the maxim: “when you’re down, you’re *down!*”
3. Don’t let your hips get *below* your knees.
4. Most importantly, avoid a frenzied rotation of your upper body away from the direction your skis are pointing during attempts to recover balance or control.
5. If you are going to bail out, don’t sit on the back of your skis.
6. Don’t let your skis get too far apart (either “side to side” or “front to back”) particularly while stopping or falling.
7. Don’t *panic!*
8. Don’t fully straighten your legs when you fall; try to keep them bent.
9. Researchers believe that perhaps three quarters of the lower-leg injuries they see could have been prevented if the release systems were functioning properly.

Following these rules will help you avoid ACL injuries and let you enjoy as many of our varied Fall Line ski trips as possible!

And the Games Began.....

for everyone except two “**MIA**” people who were unable to make it on time (Dennis Halterman & Annie Marsteller). However, we had two spectators waiting to take their spots (Maureen Barkowski and newcomer Ron Block) and they did quite well making it into the Finals for the Runners-Up Winner’s Circle.

I am proud to say that on November 16, Dave & Busters (D&Bs) was awed by the presence of FLSC. Food was in abundance, spirits were high and a good time was had by all, less one poor sport, who shall be nameless.

D&Bs was very accommodating this year with an extra pool table (actually, I am told it was a “*snooker*” table?) along with a shuffleboard for those to indulge in between their games of pool.

My congratulations to the following:

Winner’s Circle

Larry Franchetti & Nona Luce

Runners-Up Winner’s Circle

John Kennedy & Brandon Swartley

Honorable Mention Circle

Brian Carter & Jane Cabnet

Along with the many “consolation” prizewinners.

I want to thank everyone who participated in helping make this year’s tournament truly a night of “*Fun & Games*”.

Did Somebody Say Meetings?

General Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Garden Room of The Day’s Inn, Route 73 and Fellowship Road, Mt. Laurel, NJ. Meetings are from 8:00 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 second and fourth Tuesday each month. Members are welcome to attend. Meeting locations rotate amongst board members’ houses, so ask any board member for the next meeting location.

Winter Trip Committee Meetings are conducted by Nona Luce, board member and Winter Trip Chairman, and occur monthly. Please call Nona (856-778-1942) if you are interested in attending or participating.

Summer Trip Committee Meetings are conducted by Patty Shearer, board member and Summer Trip Chairman, and occur monthly. Please call Patty (856-778-4657) if you are interested in attending or participating.

Snow at Stowe - The Great Getaway Weekend

By Tammy McCoy

Ahh the Stoweflake, five-star accommodations and food, the town of Stowe, the Von Trapp Family Lodge, the mountains, the green grass, the Pinnacle hike, picnics, great weather, great movies, and **“one run”**.

Thirty Fall Liners departed New Jersey on Friday, December 7th at 6:12 p.m. (please ask Ron Black about his meeting the bus at 6 a.m.!!) in search of skiing on the east coast. The bus ride was a Friday night party with lemon drops the choice shot of the evening. Dawn McCoy provided everyone with their very own shot glass, Debbie Stellato provided the pre-cut and sugared lemons. We were organized and focused! Jerry has us at the Stoweflake at 1:04 a.m. Record time and Billy McCoy won the pool. Much mingling was going on while new members Steve Lange slept, and Gloria Henderson relaxed with her magazines, and Bob Bruno played. We beat South Jersey Ski Club by two hours and fifteen minutes.

Saturday we rushed out of bed anxious to ski and eat that great off-the-menu breakfast. It was a beautiful bright day with highs in the mid-forties. The club was psyched to ski. After all we are the die-hards. The early bus left for the mountain at 8:15 a.m. with twenty skiers aboard. The parking lot was empty. We would have the whole mountain to ourselves. Snow?? Yes, Stowe did a good job of covering the mountain. The run was long and challenging. The terrain varied from smooth powder to icy bumps to powder bumps to some more bumps with snow blowers. The guns were on. Fran and Kevin Hoekzema, Billy, Dawn, Ava, Cindy, Paul, John Fanelly and Fred “where are my boots” Belcher were skiing. The mountain was ours!

In the meantime the rest of our active club were climbing Pinnacle Mountain. Sophia Dopkin, Keith Howell, and Brian Carter led a group of twelve hikers to the top for a great picture. Only a few went shopping and Debbie Stellato found the bargains purchasing twenty-four pairs of socks. JT Smith, Lisa, John Greenstreet

and Debbie Serba took advantage of our great accommodations.

Saturday night and it’s “party time”. Stowe Mountain invited FLSC and South Jersey Ski Club to their Season Ticket Holders Party. Tons of food, beer, wine, a great band, the demo skis and vendors, and the biggest bon fire you ever saw. Just ask Eileen II and John Greenstreet (talk to the hand). After the party we had to go back to the Stoweflake for our five-star dinner. Outstanding!! Then onto the Rusty Nail. Jim Teesdale, John Bruccoliere, Steve Beach (love that ski name) Eileen II, Bob Bruno, Ava Boyce, Lynn Pencek and Steve Wright were out dancing and sampling the beer. A new real good beer was discovered, Magic Hat’s I.P.A.. It’s brewed up in Burlington, Vermont and is a “hop heads” delight.

Sunday morning two inches of snow turned our lives into a winter wonderland. It was so beautiful. This time the bus left with two times the amount of skiers. We were ready! Well, Brain Carter was seen skiing at high speed into the trees, John B. spread out into a nice face plant and even Billy McCoy caught a tip and went down. The snow was blowing and we were skiing I guess you could say that beggars can’t be choosy. Stowe Mountain refunded our lift ticket money if we didn’t ski more than one or two runs and also gave us a voucher worth \$58.

Four p.m. and we are loaded and ready to return home. “Happy Hour” was lively. Steve Wright brought out his guitar and Lynn Pencek and Ava Boyce dedicated the song “I’m Too Tired to Ski Blues” to John Greenstreet and Debbie Serba. Then dinner, two more great movies and home by 11:10 p.m. Great people, plenty of activity, great time, who needs snow?? Thanks to Kathy Walgate and Jerry our limo driver for helping make it a great trip.

Steambird Continued

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After the obligatory après ski at Goldminer’s fireplace, beer thirsty discussions turned to thoughts of how much fluffy white we would find in the morning.

However, what we found was that we were locked in the lodge until about 8:00 a.m., when we were allowed out for breakfast. The boom, boom, boom of avalanche control started at dawn and continued most of the day, but that meant POWDER.

The slopes greeted us with twelve to fifteen inches of new snow, which continued throughout the day. Today the gray clouds were less at the top so we skied high, taking in all that Mineral Basin and Little Cloud lifts would give us.

Unfortunately, the last day does come, but what a day. Sunshine (finally), blue skies, and left over stashes of untracked powder. Most of us were back at Alta for this perfect ski day, and we did it all, from Wildcat and Germaina to Sunnyside, Supreme, and even a hike to Catherine’s Area. It was OUTSTANDING.

But as 4:30 came, we realized it was over. We had to pack and get ready for our 6:30 **a.m.** pickup and departure for the airport. Again, the bus was timely, and there were no hassles except for a semi-long, Monday morning airport check-in line. We had time for breakfast at the airport, and again boarded a half full airplane. Having room to spread out on a plane makes the hours of flight time so much easier to take. And we even got into Philadelphia a little early.

Great memories will fill our heads for a long time, from new boots to hysterical chair lift laughter, from soup at Alf’s to the correct grip for a proper pole plant, and renewed friendships with people from the past. From auspicious beginnings, to great snow conditions, to flawless travel out and back, and superb accommodations, this trip had FANTASTIC written all over it. There are twenty-six Fall Liners, who, down to every person, can’t wait to do this trip again.

Lake Placid Hike

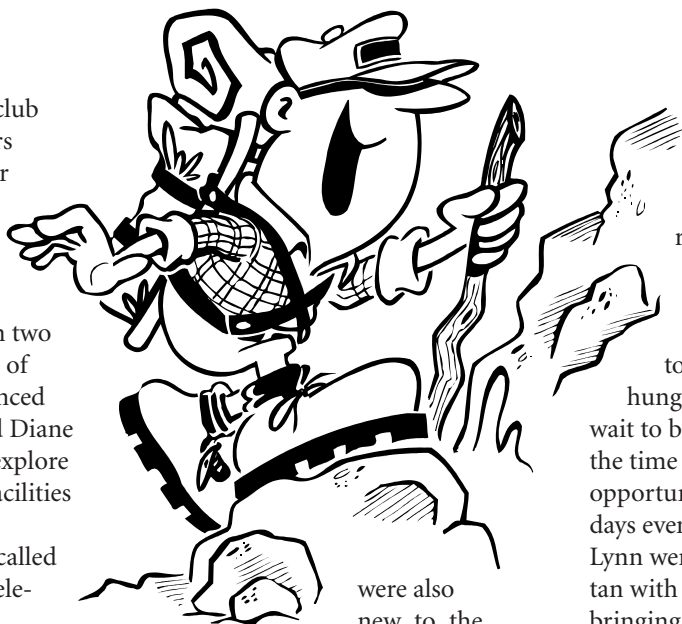
By Juan Caro

On Friday October 5, 2001, fifteen club members car pooled to the outdoors of Lake Placid, New York, the winter Olympic capital of the East, to hike and enjoy the mountains and the beautiful fall foliage. On Saturday morning, after a hearty breakfast, the hikers were divided in two groups to experience the challenges of the planned intermediate and advanced hikes. Two members, Carl Hein and Diane Sieben elected to stay in town and explore and enjoy the many and different facilities and activities in Lake Placid.

The weather forecast for the day called for scattered rain showers at lower elevation and possible snow at higher levels and temperatures in the mid-forties with gusty winds from the North West. At the time of departure from the hotel, rain showers made everyone put on their rain gear.

The intermediate hike ascended and descended, by different routes, the mostly bare ridges of Pitchoff Mountain (3,600 ft. elevation) a hike of 4.9 miles with an elevation gain of 1,440 ft. Under normal weather conditions, this hike offers exceptional views of the Cascade Lakes as well as of Mount Marcy and other high peaks. The group, lead by John Buccolieri, was composed of the experienced hikers Ava Boyce, Carla Ferrara, Lynn Smith and Steve Umanski. Also in the group were hikers new to the Adirondack trails, Bruce Cunningham and Paul Serdiuk. Although the hike was classified as intermediate, it required the careful and delicate maneuver of steep pitches and narrow trails through rocky ledges with cliffs on both sides. The hikers started at 9:30 a.m. and returned by 3:30 p.m.. Everyone enjoyed the challenging hike and, although tired, they were very happy when they returned to the parking lot without a scratch and all their belongings. John did a great job leading the group.

The advanced hike group was lead by Juan Carro and included Jim Morris, John Kennedy and Mike Stavola. Also in the group were two new club members, who



were also new to the Adirondack Moun-

tain, Don Kajioka and Tricia McCloskey. The hike plan consisted of a steep ascent of 3,050 ft., via the Ridge Trail to the summit of the massive Giant Mountain (4,627 ft elevation, the 12 highest peak in the Adirondack region). After lunch, a descent of 900 ft along the South West side of Giant via the East Trail to a Col, then an ascent of 600 ft to the bare summit of Rocky Peak (elevation 4,420 ft, the 20th highest peak). We then returned, via the same trails, to the junction with the Roaring Brook Trail at 3,900 ft. and descended to 2,000 ft elevation via this trail to the junction with the Giant Washbowl Trail and then ascended 500 ft. to the calm shores of the Washbowl alpine lake and finally descended the last .7 mile to the parking lot. This hike is one of the hardest in the region but it offers spectacular views as far as Lake Champlain, Schroon Lake, the Vermont Green Mountains and 39 other major peaks. The group hiked a total of 12.2 miles with an elevation gain of 4,150 feet. The hike started at about 9:30 a.m. and was completed by 4 p.m.. Everyone enjoyed the challenges. The hike from the Roaring Brook Trail to the Washbowl took a toll on everyone except for Tricia, who was pushing on Juan's tail all day. She is a marathon runner and the power of her strength was demonstrated clearly.

Although the weather impaired the visibility most of the time, there were opportunities when the views of the surrounding valleys and peaks were spectacular.

Saturday evening everyone headed to the restaurants in town to satisfy the body's thirst and hunger after a long day workout. The wait to be seated at the restaurants and the time during dinner offered a great opportunity for everyone to talk about the days events. Rumors were that Ava and Lynn were talking about climbing El Capitan with John leading the way and Steve bringing the rear.

On Sunday morning the weather in town was sunny, cool and clear. After another hearty breakfast, different groups went sightseeing to enjoy the better weather and then return home in the afternoon. The peak baggers Jim, Juan and Mike hiked another 6.2 miles and ascended 2,000 feet to the summits of Porter and Cascade Mountains, with elevations of 4,059 ft and the 4,098 feet respectively. The hike was moderate but under hail conditions at the lower heights and snow at higher elevation. The visibility at both summits was zero and the wind was blowing so hard that it was impossible to stand still. Jim Morris turned back at the base of Cascade after reasoning that he had already bagged this peak. During the descent the clouds were moving very fast and at times the blue sky could be seen. Juan and Mike thought of going back to the Cascade summit and waiting for one of those periods of clear visibility but time was running out to return home at a reasonable hour. The trip home was started at about 2:20 p.m..

In summary, this was another great and successful fall hike in the Adirondack region and Jim Morris, a 46 Hiking Club member, deserves all the credit for his continued encouragement to return to this beautiful place every year. Congratulations to all the participants. See you next year.

Skier's Dictionary

Submitted By Gene Zalewski

Alp: One of a number of ski mountains in Europe. Also a shouted request for assistance made by a European, after skiing off the side of a trail.

Avalanche: One of the few actual perils skiers face that needlessly frighten timid individuals away from the sport. See also: Blizzard, Fracture, Frostbite, Hypothermia, Lift Collapse.

Bindings: Automatic mechanisms that protect skiers from serious injury during a fall by releasing skis from boots, sending the skis skidding down the slope where they trip other skiers.

Cross-Country Skiing: Touring on skis along trails in scenic wilderness, gliding through snow-hushed woods far from the hubbub of the ski slopes, hearing nothing but the whispery hiss of the skis slipping through snow and the muffled screams of other skiers dropping into the puffy powder of a deep, wind-sculpted drift.

Exercises: A few simple warm-ups to make sure you're prepared for the slopes:

1. Tie a cinder block to each foot and climb a flight of stairs.
2. Sit on the outside of a fourth-story window ledge with your skis on and your poles in your lap for at least 30 minutes.
3. Bind your legs together at the ankles, lie flat on the floor; then, holding a banana in each hand, get to your feet.

Gloves: Designed to be tight around the wrist to restrict circulation, but not so close fitting as to allow any manual dexterity; they should also admit moisture from the outside without permitting any dampness within to escape.

Inertia: Tendency of a skier's body to resist changes in direction or speed due to the action of Newton's First Law of Motion. Goes along with these other physical laws.

1. Two objects of different mass falling side by side will have the same rate of descent, but the lighter one will have larger hospital and home care bills.
2. Matter can neither be created nor destroyed, but if it drops out of a parka pocket, don't expect to encounter it again in our universe.
3. When an irresistible force meets an immovable object (See "tree").

Pre-jump: Maneuver in which an expert skier makes a controlled jump just ahead of a bump. Beginners can execute a controlled pre-fall just before losing their balance and, if they wish, may precede it with either a pre-scream and a few pre-groans or a simple profanity.

Shin: The bruised area on the front of the leg that runs from the point where the ache from the wrenched knee ends to where the soreness from the strained ankle begins.

Ski! A shout to alert people ahead that a loose ski is coming down the hill. Another warning skiers should be familiar with is "Avalanche!" (which tells everyone that a hill is coming down the hill).

Skier: One who pays an arm and a leg for the opportunity to break them.

Stance: Your knees should be flexed, but shaking slightly; your arms straight and covered with a good layer of goose flesh; your hands forward, palms clammy, knuckles white and fingers icy, your eyes a little crossed and darting in all directions. Your lips should be quivering, and you should be mumbling, "Am I nuts or what?"

Thor: The Scandinavian god of aeth and paineth.

Traverse: To ski across a slope at an angle; one of two quick and simple methods of reducing speed.

Tree: The other method.

Diving Trip Anyone??



A four-day scuba trip to Key West is being planned for May of this year. Certification lessons will be conducted here in New Jersey before the trip. Anyone interested or seeking more information please call: John Moffatt at 856-427-0994

Camelback Townhouse for Rent

Camelback luxury townhouse, sleeps 8. Fireplace, indoor tennis & pool/jazzuci. Weekend \$1,100, Weekly \$1,500, Monthly \$4,000. Call Helena at 800-920-8625

Italy Reminder!!!

Airline tickets and packets must be picked up at the January 22, 2002 General Meeting at the Days' Inn. If you cannot pick up your packet at that time, it is your responsibility to contact your trip leader to make other arrangements before that meeting. No tickets will be given out at the bus.

Sestriere: Pat Maguire - 856-772-1120
Milan: Beverly Neal - 609-561-5623

Summit County March 16-23, 2002

By J.J. Smith

Come join your FLSC friends to ski the Colorado Rocky Mountains in Summit County.

This trip offers you the opportunity to ski five of the best world-class resorts consisting of 10,500 skiable acres within a 40-mile radius.

Here are a few facts about each mountain to wet your appetite:

Vail – offers extreme terrain, (4,100 acres) in the Legendary Back Bowls, and wide-open slopes for six miles-all serviced by state-of-the-art lift network which includes a gondola and 10 high-speed quads.

Keystone – consisting of Keystone Mountain, North Peak, and The Outback that are linked by 2 high-speed gondolas with state-of-the-art snowmaking and grooming.

Breckenridge – whatever your level of skiing or snowboarding skills, Breckenridge offers diverse terrain consisting of 2,043 skiable acres served by a total of 23 lifts.

Beaver Creek – a long favorite of FLSC skiers for many years featuring the Birds of Prey Downhill Course, and let's not forget it's the country's most exquisite alpine resort.

Arapahoe Basin – better known as A-Basin offering perhaps the most difficult and steepest runs in the Summit County area. If weather permits this mountain is a must to ski while tackling the Rocky Mountains in Colorado.

So now that I have your attention let's tell you what's included in this trip:

- Round trip nonstop airfare from Philly to Denver on United Airlines
- Seven nights in Pine Ridge Condos in Breckenridge (ski-in, shuttle out)
- Two bedroom and two bathroom condo with outside hot tubs and pool
- A five day ski pass to ski one and/or all five mountains (ski Vail max twice)
- On mountain tours at each mountain resort (sign-up required)
- Reserved shuttle service to and from condos to Vail and Beaver Creek
- Wine and cheese party at Pine Ridge Condo
- Souvenir shirt for all trip members

A possible opportunity at an additional cost to ski Copper including transportation.

The cost of this trip is \$1,209. So if you are still looking for a trip this season, come out to sign-up at the next meeting on January 8, 2002.

For additional information you may contact the Trip Leader at: JT Smith, 4 Alfred Drive, Bordentown, NJ 08505, Tele. 609-291-1829

Destination: Utah Once is Not Enough

By Nina Hodoruk



What about twice? Yes, Grasshopper, there is a reason Fall Line returns to Snowbird and Alta EVERY YEAR. Actually, there are quite a few reasons...

.....Both Snowbird and Alta report an annual average snowfall of over 500 inches of the "Greatest Snow on Earth".

Your morning commute on the Snowbird tram is only 8 minutes from the Snowbird Center to the tippy-top of Hidden Peak, the highest elevation at Snowbird at 11,000. The

secluded glade skiing in the Catherine Bowl Area at Alta has been known to cause snowgasms in many a skier. Or for that matter, *any* of the outstanding skiing available at either resort on terrain as diverse and varied as any skier could dream about.

"WHAT ELSE," YOU ASK? OK. How about our deluxe accommodations at the Lodge at Snowbird which include spacious two-person rooms, an outdoor hot tub, heated pool, steam room, laundry facilities, and a restaurant and lounge (which doubles as the FLSC meet-up location). In addition, they know us here! As FLSC proves to be such a great return customer year after year after year, Lodge personnel are happy to satisfy us. Van rides down to The Shallow Shaft, loaner board games, extra room cookies--you name it.

This year, Fall Line travels via a direct flight and descends on Utah late season, April 4-9th, 2002. Even then, there should be plenty of leftover Winter Olympic Games memorabilia available, if that's your thing. If not, JUST COME FOR THE SKIING!!! You won't be disappointed.

The twenty-six people who went on the early December trip boasted that it was the best snow early season, bar none. The direct flight on Delta is outstanding. See Steambird, 2001 article on page 1 for all the details.

Join the group of *Snowbird Regulars* and come to the meeting on January 8, and sign up for the price of \$875. Questions? Call Nina Hodoruk at (856) 858-5968.



Meetings in January

January 8, 2002

January 22, 2002

Meetings in February

February 5, 2002

February 19, 2002