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And away we go...forty-six Fall Liners including Jerry, our bus driver, left from the Barclay Farms Shopping Center around 5:50 p.m. for the fastest eight-hour bus ride ever! Since this was my first time as "trip leader" I thought it would be appropriate to introduce myself to the "rookies" who didn't know me, and go over the "Fall Line Duties" while I was still sober. After all of the introductions I started up and down the aisles with the destination "arrival pool" form. The tunes were playing, the alcohol was flowing and everyone was getting acquainted. Chris Stolinski were definitely getting acquainted, if you know what I mean. From what I heard, they were getting acquainted all weekend long. You go guys!!!

Before we knew it, we were at the rest stop. I announced to everyone to please make it quick because we still had a little ride ahead of us. Getting back on the bus, I started taking a head count and realized that some people were still inside. As I entered the building I found Kathy Walgate and Kathy Helduser waiting in line for their food. One wanted a "Shamrock" shake and the other a "fish" sandwich. The help at the McDonald's spoke broken English and worked at a turtles pace which didn't help us any. Finally, they got their food and we all were back on the bus heading on our way. Since the trip is a little longer than our normal weekend trips I put a movie in to help pass the time. Relaxing to the movie we were all suddenly surprised that the bus was slowing down and stopped. Jerry was pulled over by Vermont's finest, the state

police. Just what we needed to make the bus ride a little bit longer. After about almost twenty minutes Jerry returned to the bus and told us that he had to slow down and was only given a warning, no ticket. Thank Goodness!

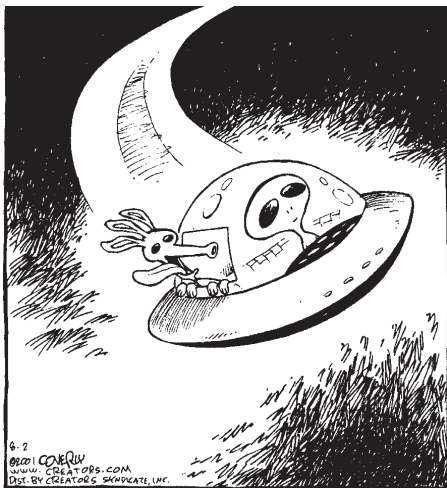
The air brakes sounded and the official time was 2:14 a.m.. Eight hours, fourteen minutes later and sixty dollars richer, our winner of the arrival pool was Paul Guardino. (We could have been there at least an hour earlier if it wasn't for the fish file, shamrock shake, and the Vermont State Police). Congrats Paul for winning the arrival pool.

Upon arrival Pat Maguire and I went into the lodge to get the room information, lift tickets and ski lesson info for the next couple of days. Breakfast would be served from 7 til 10 and lessons would start at 9:15. After everyone was informed of the information they got their stuff and headed to their rooms to get a quick four to five hours of shut-eye to be in tip top shape for skiing the next morning. Many people were up at 7 a.m. for breakfast and to sign up for their free ski lesson. A slight change in the plans, the lessons were pushed back to 1:15 p.m..

After the confusion was settled everyone headed out to the mountain. A bunch of us headed up to the top of the mountain to start skiing. Unfortunately, Bob Baron dropped his pole while going up the lift. Not a good way to start your day off skiing. With a little help from newcomer Dave Prince, they spotted the pole retrieved it and rejoined the gang. The

SPEED BUMP

Dave Coverly



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Jim's Message

Member Information

For my first message, I would have liked to congratulate all the new board members who will be joining this year's board but due to the difficulty of finding candidates, the election was scheduled to be held after the deadline for the May newsletter. Yet, I can still say that I'm looking forward to working with all of you in a cooperative effort to serve the best interests of the club.

We all know that the club cannot function effectively unless we have committed volunteers like all the dedicated trip leaders as well as the contributions from many non-board members on the Winter and Summer trip committees, where the planning takes place for most of our activities during the year.

As we begin to get organized, our president-elect, Lou Cullen will have to immediately start planning for this year's SnoBall. As I found out last year, it takes a considerable effort to organize a successful SnoBall. He will have help from other board members but assistance from many of you is also critical to the success of our major fund raising event, so I'm urging

you say yes if Lou asks you to participate.

Our summer activities have already started and Patty Shearer has been doing a great job organizing and planning the schedule so we can keep active while we are waiting for the snow to return.

Our club should be especially proud that, in addition to all the great trips and activities we organize for our personal enjoyment, our members volunteer to work in Camden with the "Heart of Camden". Several times each year Harry Gould and Janice Lynch, who is a Heart of Camden Board Member, gather a group of Fall Liners together to help rehabilitate housing in Camden. If you haven't participated in this activity please give it a try. You will spend 4 or 5 hours getting dirty and working hard but you will feel like you have done something very worthwhile, both for Camden and for the prestige of our club.

Finally, I'm looking forward to working with all the experienced and new volunteers and hope we have another great year.

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 6 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:

Robyn Taddei
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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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In Search of Beer, An Odyssey!! Killington I

By Steve Archibald

Eagles game is at 4:00 p.m., people coming over, got to have more beer. I'll go get it, how far can it possibly be to the store? This road looks like it goes toward the highway, yea.....that's what I'll do, I will take this road. Oops.....water treatment plant, what's up with this. One thing is for sure, I am not walking all the way back up the hill, must be 3/4 mile and then out to the road, no way, must be a total of over a mile in the wrong direction. Naw.....I'll just take this little short cut through the trees....yea, I can hear the traffic, can't be more than a couple hundred yards. A little walk in the snow through the trees never hurt anybody!!!! Oops, what's this, a creek....doesn't look too deep, sure hope this white spot is.....solid.... nuts, okay I'm not going to be out here much longer, and besides my shoes can dry by the fire while I watch the game. Yea that's it, besides, not much farther, I can hear the car noises getting louder....oops....oh sh.....t, a 5 foot bank down to another bigger deeper creek. I thought I had heard a little too much running water sound to be coming from that other little creek. Oh boy....this could be tricky, but not to worry, my feet are already wet, so what do I have to lose. Sure hope this ice holds....man look at those rocks....they sure look slippery....oops splash....I knew they looked slippery. Almost there, another 10 feet....oops...now what. How am I going to get up the other bank? 6 feet almost straight up...aw there is root, I'll just pu....ll on that, nuts, guess I need a bigger root. Naw....I'll just clear a little spot and climb up the bank, snow? mud? what's the difference at this point. Whew.... that was tough...now just up this 60 foot bank and home free. How about that....there is a bar up there and all those people are looking down at me....What's that they are saying? Look at that a..h..e trying to climb up the bank on his hands and knees in the snow. What an idiot!! Hey if you folks only knew how much distance I saved, you might rethink your opinion....or not!! Finally the access road. Saved at last. Now just another 1/2 mile walk, shuttle bus ride, 1/4 mile walk, shuttle bus ride, 1/2 mile walk dragging a case of beer and home sweet home!!! I sure hope the Eagles win! Whew.....They did and we had plenty of beer!

Hangover Classic

By Steve Archibald

Are you ready to play some golf? How about Pennsauken Country Club, Saturday May 4 at 1:00pm. We will have just 20 spots, and since we have started the signup process late, I need to know ASAP who is playing. I will put together some type of fun format and we will have a great time, guaranteed!!

Call your friends and give me a call, let's fill all 20 spots. Cost is \$53.00 and includes greens fees and cart. Please meet at the club by 12.30 for tee time assignments and such. Hope to see you there!

Steve Archibald 856-795-4565 and leave a message!
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Year End Membership Report

By Robyn Taddei & Brad Zacharia

Fall Line ended the fiscal year (4/30/02) with 627 members. This is a 1.3% increase and another record breaker for Fall Line.

Here are some numbers:

Sex:	Male	46%
	Female	54%

Median Age:	44.6 years
With members from 21 to ...	

Skiing Ability:	
None	4%
Beginner	11%
Intermediate	52%
Advanced	33%

State of Residence:	
NJ:	73%
PA:	22%
DE:	1%
Other	4% (from 10 other states)

Marital Status:	
Married:	33%
Not Married:	67%

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.

Jay Peak

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conditions were great. A solid base with some powder on top from the night before and a few ice spots to look out for. A ride up in the gondola was a spectacular site for a little while until we were overcome by fog and snow at the top. Choosing the best way down a group of about eight of us skied our way down the mountain. Dave Prince and Bob Baron were holding their own, when all of a sudden we lost Dave. We waited, and waited, and waited. All of a sudden he appeared! Slowly and very carefully “wedging” his way down the mountain covered in snow. That’s all Brian Carter needed to see. He joked around with Dave and nicknamed him “wedgy boy” and suggested that Dave take the free lessons that were being offered. Way to hang in there Dave, after all, it was a black diamond we all skied down!

After lunch many of us went to take our lessons. They broke us up into different skiing levels and took us on our way. Needless to say, Brian and Dave (wedgy boy) were not in the same class. Brian was in the class with Mike Wirtshafter, Deb Taraska, and Lou Cullen. They all learned how to ski the “glades” and were given corrective tips on their style of skiing. After a long day of skiing and lessons we were all given a wine and cheese reception at the lodge. After the reception some went to the hot tub (some kept on drinking wine) while others relaxed and got ready for dinner. And what a dinner it was. The meals were fabulous!

After dinner some people went to the bar for a nightcap while others called it an early night. Oh, I almost forgot some people (Mike Gramsammer, Sharyl D’Agostino, and Lou Cullen) stayed up and played strip pool. I don’t know who won but when I went to bed they all still had their clothes on. I guess you’ll have to ask them about who won or lost the game.

Saturday morning, bright, sunny, snowy, and WARM!!! Spring skiing it was. Many people were so happy that we had slope side accommodations because they had the ability to go back to their rooms and peel off a couple of layers. After lunch I saw John Remington and Chris Stolinski weaving in and out of the trees. They

loved the glades and said that the conditions were the best. They weren’t the only ones skiing in the trees. I heard that Fran Harrelson was the Queen of tree skiing. I think that Nancy Ballisteri would have to be a close second. Once she found those glades she was nowhere to be found.

After skiing people gathered around the bar and went to the upstairs bar for a little live entertainment to listen to Barry and the Penetrators, while others went to the hot tub or back to their room to relax before dinner. Sharyl D’Agostino and Dave (wedgy boy) had the right idea, they went to get a massage for a small nominal fee.

Saturday night was a night to celebrate Craig Dombrowski and Deb Taraska’s birthdays. Rumor has it they are 29 again! (yeah right). Not everyone had a birthday to celebrate at their table, if you were sitting with Barry Shane and his gang you would be laughing the whole time. I don’t know how it happened but the decorative frying pan fell off the wall and almost hit Paul Guardini in the head. Newcomers Robin Puccino and Susan Bagozy blamed it all on Barry. If you ask me I think Jim Fallon had something to do with it. Only kidding guys, glad you had a good time. After dinner, some of us sat by the fire in the lodge while others went to the bar for a nightcap. A mild day of spring skiing would be changed overnight.

Sunday morning we all awoke to a snowy sky and very challenging conditions. Because of the high winds the gondola and certain lifts were closed. Some people waited out the weather and started a little later. The real troopers headed up the T bar to the other side of the mountain and skied the challenging black diamonds. The conditions were so bad that you could have stopped better if you were wearing a pair of ice skates. Fran Harrelson took her gang off to more challenging runs, and a group of about eight of us skied the blue and green cruisers. No need for any injuries this late in the weekend. Oops! We did have one injury. Mike Gramsammer led me, Sharyl D’agostino, Mike Wirtshafter, and Lou Cullen through “milk run”. He was whipping in and out of trees and yelling “yippee” and all of a sudden he was hugging a tree yelling “Ooh sh.t!!!”. While helping him up he noticed that his pole was no longer strait. The tree really had its way with Mike and

his pole. I guess Mike should have taken the lessons, because he would have known to take your hands out of the loops on your poles. No need for the sled to take him out, he was able to slowly ski back to the lodge.

After the tree-hugging incident we decided to pack things up and head to the bar and end the day early with some cold frosties and a hot lunch. Many people had the same idea. The conditions and wind were so bad that they actually closed the lifts for awhile. Sharyl D’Agostino and Lou Cullen were the diehards they skied to the very end.

Finally it was time to load the bus and head on down the road to good old New Jersey. I took my usual head count and was short one person. Finally we all realized it was Sue, a newcomer to the group. Jerry had pulled away from the lodge and was half way down the parking lot by the time she realized she almost missed the bus. We all kidded Sue when she got on the bus and headed on our way. While everyone was chilling out and sharing stories of the great weekend, I passed out the official Fall Line evaluation forms. The responses were very positive and everyone loved the accommodations of ski in ski out, the fabulous meals, the great glade skiing and the ROCKIN trip leader. Thanks everyone for making my first experience as a trip leader and enjoyable one. I’m glad everyone had a great weekend and hope to see everyone on next years ski trips!

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Snow + Sun + Fun = Verbier

By Ann Marsteller

Our trip began in Cherry Hill with 38 excited Fall Liners boarding our 55-passenger bus to JFK. Thanks to the 6 Fall Liners who met us in New York, because we did not have room for your luggage on the bus. I had hurriedly made some Jell-O shots, which were imbibed quickly by all. After all, even though it's only 1:00 here, it is 7:00 p.m. in Switzerland; happy hour's almost over there! Jerry Walgate, our bus driver, took us through scenic Brooklyn, where we were mesmerized by his GPS. We arrived at JFK's new International Terminal, and were the only people checking in! What a difference from a couple of years ago! We had several hours to kill and found a very nice restaurant right next to the security checkpoint where we spent the remainder of the afternoon with shifts of Fall Liners watching each other's stuff.

Our flight to Geneva landed without a hitch, and we were on our way on our bus with a BIG trailer. Oops, where is Joe Alah-verde? After 15 minutes of searching myself, I finally allowed Maria, his wife to get off to locate him. She found him, he had misunderstood her, and their miscommunication did not get repeated for the rest of the week. Thanks folks. We're off! Our ride took us around lovely Lake Geneva, and we arrived in Verbier at 12:30 PM after a short 2-¼ hour ride. Since we arrived so early, only 8 rooms were ready, so many of us decided to have lunch in the Italian Trattoria located in our Hotel. Others decided to go see the town, and what a great town it was!

After we were all checked in, Dennis found a knock at our door. Kim Gerstadt and Craig Badura's luggage had somehow gotten mixed up with a departing group and it was on its way back to Geneva! Not to worry, the Swiss are great at finding things. Sure enough, their bags mysteriously showed up at 11:00 PM.

Anyway, we had a great lounge in our hotel, where we had an informative orientation by the Tourist Office, greetings from Oliver, the congenial hotel manager, and endless glasses of wine, courtesy of the hotel. We wearily went to dinner, with snowflakes falling and somehow had the feeling that

good things were going to happen.

And happen it did. We awoke Sunday morning to about 18 inches of fresh powder! Everything (about 100 lifts) was open, and several of us made our way over to La Tzoumaz, where there are trees, while others decided that they would brave the white out and head up to 11,500 feet Mt. Fort. No one was disappointed that day. Fresh tracks everywhere. On piste, off piste, it didn't matter.

We had several first time European skiers, Melanie Sawicki, Maria Pappas, Joe Alah-verde, Don Kajoika, to name a few as well as several first time Fall Liners. They were all in awe of what they experienced. I am sure we will see you again!

I led a group of Dennis, Dick Mitchell, Jeff Gardner, Terri Corbo, and new member Renata Konecny over to La Tzoumaz. Who said the visibility was better? Dick fell more times than we could count, since he was so tall, he couldn't see the ground. But after a couple of runs, it cleared up and the most beautiful sights were everywhere. Our only problem was trying to get back to Verbier in the afternoon. The whiteout reappeared, and the trail to Verbier was closed. We had to hike about 100 feet back up to a T-Bar, yes a T-bar, where Terri and I sang my usual Jingle Bells to get us back up. We waited for the other four people to no avail. Where were they? I kept asking (in my broken French) people coming off the lift if they had seen a beautiful blonde with 4 older men, and they all looked at me kind of funny.

We asked a guide to help and she asked the lift operators to help. Their phone was broken so that they couldn't call down to the bottom. So much for the efficient Swiss. Then one of the lift operators volunteered to ski down to find them. Not an easy task in the pea soup. Of course, five minutes after she left, who is coming up the bar but Dick and Renata! This was her first T-bar and while she had done magnificently getting to the top, she fell trying to get off, and was there for quite some time. Jeff had fallen off earlier, so everyone had gotten off and skied down only to get on the contraption

again! That's what took so long. Of course, when Dennis and Jeff were 50 feet from the top, it stopped for 10 minutes. They finally decided to get off and walk up the steep hill. Of course, thirty seconds after they got off, it started again. I promptly went into the restaurant to fetch a beer for Dennis. Boy he really needed it!

Monday was a sunny day, and we all enjoyed the great skiing. Fred Belcher christened one of the double lifts, the Halterman triple chair. This is really a double chair lift, which Dennis believes has a third seat. Dennis had to be helped up by the lift operator and several skiers. In the afternoon, 24 of us ventured on the 6-mile luge run. Think of it like bumper cars on a plastic sled. What a blast! Marie Capone, one of our two non-skiers, went about 50 feet, almost fell off a cliff, and promptly took the Gondola back to Verbier. Most Fall Liners made it down in less than an hour. No way to hold on, no way to steer. Your feet are your brakes, as well as your turning ability. However, I had to beg the lift operator at the bottom of La Tzoumaz to keep it open for the last 8 people, who took over 2 hours: Dennis, Elaine, Melanie, and Patty Sawicki, Fred Belcher, Mario Leone, Steve Umansky, and Steve Lange. Steve and Melanie were sledding hooked together, since Melanie had crashed so many times. Steve U walked the last 100 yards down; he was so disheveled by the experience. After getting the lift operator to reopen the Gondola at 5:00, we happily arrived two gondola rides and a bus later back at our hotel. What a blast!

Tuesday was more of the same, some ventured over to Nendaz, where the T-bar devil got Karen Nelson and me again. We locked bindings on the way up, and as I tried to get off, my bindings were still locked to hers! A lovely spread eagle was the result. And she has been blaming her husband, Ken for her T-bar phobia. Don't think so Karen. Tuesday evening we were treated to a pasta dinner, complete with 6 different sauces, Bolognese, seafood, tomato, béchamel, carbonara, and pesto. Absolutely magnificent.

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Verbier

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On **Wednesday**, 30 of us took the day off from skiing and went on a guided bus tour to the Castle of Chillon, made famous by Lord Byron. One interesting point was that after a prisoner was hanged, his body went down a chute, which went straight into the Lake! We had stupendous lunches in Montreux, on Lake Geneva, and had our pictures taken in Vevey with Charlie Chaplin's statue, which commemorated 100 years of his birth. He had made Vevey his home since 1952. Wednesday evening, the Chef did a little exhibition cooking making Grand Marnier crepes. Yummy!

Thursday evening, Oliver treated us to Raclette, a traditional hot Swiss cheese dish, complete with potatoes, pickles and onions. I had four helpings!

A daily attraction was the cross at the top of Mt. Fort, which commemorates deaths of several skiers who tried to ski over the backside. Several skiers hiked up to the cross, and descended in various means, on their butts, climbing backwards, climbing forward. The view of the Matterhorn, Mt. Blanc, and other peaks was worth the trip.

Mario and Marie enjoyed the snow cat rides for non-skiers. We had our own private door from our hotel to **The Farm Club** that was the famous disco frequented by Fergie and the rest of the jet set. You could just listen to the music from some of the first floor rooms! Verbier has some of the best bars in the world, Nelsons, Murphy's, with its panoramic outside deck, the Farinet, with its live music, The New Club, with its sophisticated piano lounge, King's Bar, next to our hotel, cozy and warm, and of course the Pub Mt. Fort, where we gathered often and to celebrate the end of the trip.

Several skiers skied "**The Wall**" a pitch of about 80 degrees, I being one of them. It was not an experience I cared to repeat. Then there was the Tortin ski route, a long ungroomed bump run. Who says there are no bumps in Europe? I don't think anyone repeated that one either. We had some off piste junkies, Ken Imhauser, who went wherever he felt; of course a previous trip to Verbier taking extreme skiing lessons helped him out. And five of our newcomers, Donna, Craig, Kim, Sam Botros, and Beth Sholes, hired a guide to take them off piste. Unfortunately, Beth did receive an ankle

injury in the deep snow and had to ski for a couple of hours to safety. Hope you are better, Beth.

Friday, Ann and Terri kicked Gene Zalewski's butt. He thought he was going to take it easy after the 4 AM disco close the night before. Did we fool him! He did have his death defying experience climbing up to the cross, when the snow disappeared beneath him and he was clinging on to the rope at 12,000 feet. I thought I was watching Sylvester Stallone in Cliffhanger for a moment. Luckily he was able to swing around and find some snow to put his feet on.

I could go on and on, but would like you to hear some **Fall Liner's comments** first hand:

At the top of Mt. Fort, **Steve Austin**, was going to take the Gondola down, until he saw a girl tear down it. He was thus shamed into making the trek down.

New Fall Liner **Donna Hogue**: The best parts of the vacation are the unexpected events, the fresh snow, and the giggles on the sled ride, the people, and the new skis!

Joe Alahverde: What a great time! This was a first class resort with incredible skiing.

Maria Pappas: The sledding trip was wild. Pascale our waiter, and Oliver were really checking out the girls!

Diane Hardies: Verbier was absolutely AWESOME. We enjoyed it thoroughly. It beats anything we've skied in the past.

Ted Hardies: Great trip, great snow, great town, a wonderful ski experience. The mogul fields, the specialty dinners, the 220-franc (\$150) bottles of booze in The Farm Club. The pubs throughout town, great transportation system. We met a lot of great folks and hopefully can join them again on future trips.

Steve Austin: This trip was panoramic. The sights and scenery of the Alps is awesome. **Brian Eidman's** baldhead got us down the hill during some of the foggy runs. Thanks Brian. We met a lot of nice people, the Russian girl at the bar, pictures with the Swedish bikini team.

Terri Corbo: Going to the top of Mt. Fort with the spectacular view of the Alps. I got to dance with a man in a kilt at the Farm Club (What is under that kilt, Terri?) And I got to ski with the Fat Boys! (Fred, Rob Karch, and Walt Jorrett)

Patti Sawicki: Skiing with the six of us: Stopping at all of the pubs and sampling the hot wines. I really enjoyed the sled ride.

I flew off the sled, traveled 50 feet in the air and luckily did not get hurt.

Mario and Marie: We had a great time. We caught Marie just before she went over the cliff. I went down on the sled at Mach 5, and I did stop, but lost my feet and legs, but survived. What an exhilarating ride!

Marv Resnick: The hot dog sandwich imbedded in the roll. The skiing. Learning how to negotiate lifts, with no lift operator to help was an experience. For the last two years, I have been trying to ski the bumps in the US. Here in Verbier the bumps were soft and great, not icy. It was a great place to ski bumps. I learned one word in French "Fromage", cuz we ate cheese till it was coming out of our ears!

Don Kajoika: this was my first Fall Line ski trip. If this is any indication of what the trips are like, I will go on as many as I can. Great people, super time skiing, great time eating, drinking laughing. Verbier is a beautiful place. Hard to describe, it's so beautiful. The sledding was an adventure. Each day was better than the day before.

Yoshie Conover: Great time, food was great; Dave twisted his knee on Tuesday but was able to ski by Friday.

Tracy Famous and Bill Giordano: Our sled ride was the use of the rear end most of the way. Enjoyed the Pub Crawl on Monday night. Drank everybody's Sambuca.

Dennis Halterman: We completed the ultimate ski experience by being in Verbier, the most outstanding experience, skiing with the three Sawicki sisters, the only time we were able to sleep was when Steve Lange was telling stories at the outside cafes on the mountain.

We left Verbier early **Saturday morning** to find an absolute zoo at the Geneva airport, and had little down time after making our way through three security checks. At JFK, there was only one missing bag, my ski boots! Anyone who knows me knows what that means. Several Fall Liners comforted me on the way home. My faith in Swiss Air was destroyed. Hark; upon arriving home from Detroit late Wednesday evening, there at my door was the familiar blue and yellow boot bag. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus!

My thanks go to everyone on the trip for making it the stupendous experience it was. What a fantastic group! Hope to see you all soon! Au revoir!

Killington II - Guaranteed Snow

By Mike Wirtshafter

Two Fall Line meetings before Killington II, I guaranteed Rich Trantham and some other Fall Liners snow for our trip leaving on March 22nd, even though the weather's been in the 60's and 70's for most of March. Was I worried a week before the trip and it was raining in Vermont? Heck No! I had made a guarantee to my fellow Fall Liners that a snowstorm would hit Killington before we arrived. And, snow it did! A foot and a half of powder that week and 2 more inches while we were skiing on Saturday.

The bus driven by our own Jerry Walgate left Barclay Farms Parking lot and the party started. Laura Ebenreiter kicked off the party by providing her "Bus ready CD player" and her kick butt tunes. If that wasn't enough she brought three different types of Jell-O shots (with whip cream). It must have been a good party because we had to re-fill the beer buckets after we stopped at the rest stop. Congratulations to new member Carole Arnett for winning the arrival pool. Saturday was a great day skiing. I heard Nona Luce liked Cascade so much she created a new ski move called the "Nona Luge" and renamed the run "Oh Crap!" Maria Sama lost her hat and goggles on the way back to the bus at the end of the day. When she checked for them at Killington's lost and found they told her someone had found them blowing around like tumbleweed in the upper parking lot. Lucky for Maria the guy turned them in. Skiing through the glades at Rams Head, Deb Taraska came to a cross road to go over a bridge or follow a path that downed a couple snow boarders at the creek. She followed the boarders and went down in the creek. I guess Deb wanted a head start on the pool party. After a great day of skiing it was time for the pool party at the North Star Lodge. What a pool party it was with the temperature in the mild 30's. Laura always thinking not only brought her boom box, she even brought an extension cord to reach the electric outlet. What would a pool party be without beach balls; and Mike Gramsammer provided two of

them. There was beer, snacks, and shots of all types to keep the party going. We even had entertainment watching Laura and Loretta Meier rolling around in the snow in their bathing suits. This year's outdoor pool party was "Rockin" and everyone had a great time. After freshening up, the party moved to the Grist Mill for dinner and more drinks. Others went to the Summit Lodge to hear the one-man band, or other restaurants along the access road. On Sunday, twelve of us led by Dennis Halterman and Ann Marsteller skied the Needles Eye and Bear Mountain sections of Killington till we broke off into smaller groups at Dennis's 11:00 refreshment break. Conditions were the best of the whole month some locals had told us. Based on every slope I skied on, I have to agree. Outer Limits and Super Star were many Fall Liner's favorites and the Glades were kicking too. Nice going to Colleen Family for making it through Super Star with the big bumps and human obstacles. All good times had to come to an end so we ended it Sunday, where else, but the upper bar at Snow Shed. Some people like to leave something to the mountain and Maria Sama left her gloves (tough weekend). After cleaning up, it was time for one more at the Grist Mill and with 10 minutes before departure someone noticed Mike Finley taking a final dip in the hot pool. With almost everyone in the bus and luggage loaded a North Star employee yelled out that someone left a bag in one of the changing rooms. Since no one claimed it I went in to get it and to my surprise "Oops" it was my boot bag. You know I heard that all the way home. This was a great trip with 49 awesome Fall Liners. What a way to finish the season.

Membership Renewal

By Robyn Taddei & Brad Zacharia

All memberships expire on April 30th so it's time to renew again. That means you will need an application. On the inside cover is not only an application but it is already filled in for you. Could we make it any easier for you? Just look it over, fill in any missing information and update any information that is incorrect. Then either mail it in (address is on the bottom of the application), or bring it to the next meeting. Cost is \$20. During late sign-up period they go up to \$25. Note: A few people have already renewed into next year so you can check your mailing label (on every newsletter – every month) to know when your membership expires. If you need a blank application you can get one on the web site at www.FallLine.org

Roller- blading

By John Steele

Please come and join me for rollerblading two times a week beginning April 22 – on Monday and Thursday starting at 6:00 p.m. Monday night skates will take place at Haddon Lake, which lies between Audubon and Mt. Ephraim just off the Black Horse Pike. I will have maps available at the next club meeting. Haddon Lake has just been paved and is a one-mile loop with new lighting. The lake is lovely and has many beautiful ducks and geese. As usual, we will go for refreshments after the skate.

Thursday night skate will remain the same as last year and will stay an intermediate skate with several steep hills. We will meet at Barclay Farms.

Please contact me at (856) 547-3018 or My e-mail address is: czyolman@webtv.net

Fall Line Ski Club

2002 Summer Trip Schedule as May, 2002

PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DATE	LOCATION	TRIP LEADER	LODGING	SOME FEATURES	OPENS	PRICE
5/3/02	Spring Fling	Patty Shearer (856) 778-4657	N/A	Celebrate "Cinco De Mayo" this year at Venice Plaza (Berlin, NJ)!	3/19/02	\$55 – Members; \$65 – non-members
5/4/02	Hangover Classic	Steve Archibald (856) 795-4565	N/A	Golf Outing the day after Spring Fling!	4/16/02	\$53.00
5/18/02	Bike Ride	Mike Gramsammer (856) 810-1196	N/A	25-Mile Bike Ride visiting Sand Castle Winery.	3/19/02	N/A
5/19/02	Singles Mingle	Paul Serdiuk (856) 697-3870, eve.	N/A	Singles Mingle in Washington Township	4/23/02	N/A
5/25/02	Moonlight Hike	Paul Serdiuk (856) 697-3870, eve.	N/A	7:30– 10:00 pm Hike w/ Campfire at Lebanon State Forrest	4/23/02	N/A
6/1/02	Water Gap Hike	Paul Serdiuk (856) 697-3870, eve.	N/A	Hike along the Delaware Water Gap	5/7/02	N/A
6/8/02	ECO Challenge	Mike Stavola (609) 654-1925	N/A	Survival Adventure	TBA	TBA
6/21-23/02	Halterman Golf Weekend	OPEN	Halterman Cabins	Golf Outing Weekend in the Poconos	TBA	TBA
6/22/02	Moonlight Hike	Paul Serdiuk (856) 697-3870, eve.	N/A	Beginner to Intermediate Hike	5/21/02	N/A
6/30/02	Pine Barren Kayak	Paul Serdiuk (856) 697-3870, eve.	N/A	Beginner to Intermediate Hike	5/21/02	N/A
7/25-28/02	Carter Wildcat Hike	Craig Dombrowsky (856) 728-5324	Huts & Joe Dodge Lodge	High Peaks Hike (Advanced to Intermediate)	TBA	TBA
8/10/02	Deep Sea Fishing Charter	OPEN	N/A	6-hour fishing charter	TBA	TBA
8/14/02	Baseball Game	Patty Shearer (856) 778-4657	N/A	Camden Riversharks Game (vs. PA Road Warriors) @ 6:35 pm	7/2/02	\$25.00
8/17/02	Egg Harbor Kayak	John Fanelly (610) 668-9024	N/A	Kayak Trip in Egg Harbor	7/2/02	TBA
9/6/02	SNOBALL	Lou Cullen	N/A	Held at the Clarion Hotel, Cherry Hill, NJ	TBA	Tix: \$5 / 5 for \$20
9/7/02	Maloney's Bike Ride	Mike Gramsammer (856) 810-1196	N/A	Maloney's Bike Ride	TBA	TBA
9/11-15/02	Carrigan Hike	Craig Dombrowsky (856) 728-5324	TBA	High Peaks Hike (Advanced to Intermediate)	TBA	TBA
10/4-6/02	Lake Placid Hike	Juan Carro	Northwoods Lake Placid, NY	High Peaks Hike (Advanced to Intermediate)	TBA	TBA
10/12-14/01	Pocono Weekend	OPEN	Halterman Cabins	Fun Weekend in the Poconos	TBA	TBA
10/19/02	Fall Foliage Hike	Mike Gramsammer (856) 810-1196	N/A	Day Hike in PA	TBA	N/A
10/26/02	Haunted Hayride	Patty Shearer (856) 667-8981	N/A	Haunted Happenings Evening	TBA	TBA
11/2002	Pool Tournament	N/A	Fun Pool Tournament @	Dave & Buster's	TBA	TBA

Rollerblading every Monday at Haddon Lake & Thursday at Barclay Farms at 6 PM - For Information Call John Steele: 856-547-3018
Softball every Thursday, Starting May 9 – 6 PM – Barclay Farms - For Information Call Dennis Halterman: 856-429-9780