



WINTER, SPRING, SUMMER AND FALL, FALL LINE THAT IS...

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## Upcoming Events

- HH - Chickie & Petes  
*June 3, 2005*
- Bike Ride/Winery Tour  
*June 4, 2005*
- Flying W Happy Hour  
*June 24, 2005*
- Brewery Bike Ride  
*July 2, 2005*
- Phillies Baseball  
*July 20, 2005*

## Alaska Pioneers

### A Fran's Eye-View

*By Fran Harrelson*

With excerpts from Marilyn Malin, John Kennedy, Mike Baumgartner, Nona Luce and Liz Layton

**H**oly snow! Where to start!?!?! I took down page after page of notes. I wrote notes until the pen that I "stole" from the hotel ran out of ink; people gave me more notes. So many great experiences to reflect upon... I have Internet notes- I think I could write a book! How do I condense all of this into a small newsletter article? Where in the world do I start and how do I choose the best stories when everything was so amazing?

Okay, I guess I'll start before the beginning. Not only was this my first trip to Alaska, it was many other people's first trip to Alaska. It was the first time in history that Fall Line Ski Club has had a trip to Alaska. Many people signed up for the trip not only to ski but also to get a full Alaskan experience- and that they got indeed. Nona Luce and Betty Demers did not even pack their skis. Cele Deemer signed up for the trip at the last minute and she is not even a skier!

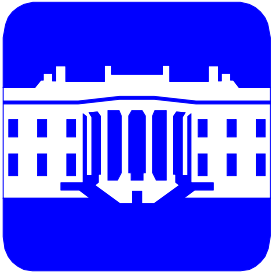
As the Delta plane was about to land in Anchorage, most people were craning their necks to view the jaw-dropping scenery. Once we got inside

the tiny airport, we were welcomed by plexiglass enclosed taxidermy animals native to the area. People gathered around in awe of the 31-year-old, world record halibut weighing 459 pounds! Once we collected our baggage, the bus was not very hard to identify, as it was the ONLY bus there. Our bus driver, Rodney, was very knowledgeable and told us all about the things we were seeing along our 45-minute scenic ride along the Turnagain Arm. He answered every question we had without missing a beat!

Once we arrived at our hotel and got situated in our rooms, it was time for happy hour and/or dinner. If you were ambitious enough, this was the last day of night skiing. Several Fall Liners including myself ended up at Jack Spratt restaurant for an awesome dinner with generous (American sized) portions. This was just a taste of what was yet to come. We ate at every restaurant in Girdwood over the week and every meal was fantastic. This is coming from the queen of all foodies. They may be still serving up the world record halibut as it was abundant everywhere. Just as shrimp was popular in "Forrest Gump", halibut was popular here. You could get halibut burritos, halibut fingers, halibut burgers, crab stuffed halibut, etc. You could throw in some salmon for good measure. Double Musky was

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# President's Message

## Get It With G

First order of business is to welcome our new board members into the fold. We have a great lineup of people who have joined our board for this year. Most of the people who attended our Spring Fling event probably know whom the board members and elected officers are but in case some of you don't know here are all the talented people who will be making a positive impact to the greatest ski club in South Jersey. Mike Gilbert will be my right hand guy as President-Elect; Patty Shearer, President Ex-Officio; Dennis Halterman, Treasurer; Nicole Daisey, Treasurer-Elect; Nona Luce, Secretary, and of course me the leader of the pack as President.

Board members are Bill Caden, Joe Durkin, Beth Eilers, Bob Kossay, Steve Lange, Janice Lynch, Tony Robideau, Carrie Silk, and Wayne Schofield. I would like to thank the departing board members for their hard work and effort, Don Kajioka, Jim Morris, Kathie Read, Deb Taraska and Sara Walls.

One of my goals as President is to help grow this club with an influx of younger ski club members. I think that it is important for a club to be well balanced with experienced members as well as some younger members who can breathe a breath of fresh air into this club. There also is nothing wrong with our experienced older members teaching some new members how this club came up with some of the great events that we have in place today like Snoball & Spring Fling.

With that said, we now have a committee to attract younger members as well as snowboarders which will be headed up by Bob Kossay. So, if you would like to help out or have any great ideas please contact Bob. Many clubs have dwindled their membership because of these issues and I do not want us to be in the same boat years to come.

I hope that many of you had a great time at the Spring Fling; Carrie Silk did a wonderful job. I understand that all the golfers also had a great time hacking the ball around playing golf at the scenic Pine Hill Country Club thanks to Jen & Tony Robideau. As usual, Sue Van Cola did a fantastic job running our IMAX event again this year.

The warm weather is here so get out and about by getting some exercise like riding in one or both bike outings. On June 4th 2005, we have the Medford to Margate Bike Ride and the Winery Bike Ride. Okay, I have to run now to enjoy some nice weather myself by golfing. Until next time.



# The Great Beer Meister Challenge

By Beth Eilers

Friday April 27th, was the night of our Manayunk Happy Hour at The Bayou Bar & Grill. Besides great drink specials, the challenge was to see how many Fall Liners (or Fall Liner friends) we could have show up. If we succeeded in surpassing the numbers of the other groups taking part that month, we would win our very own, engraved Beer Meister.

Even though we had short notice of the event, a very impressive showing of about 27 people did come. Unfortunately, it was not enough to win the Beer Meister. A group on a previous day had 70 people show up!! Next time we'll get them!!

Those who did show up had a great time. After enjoying the happy hour specials and atmosphere of the Bayou, most of us headed to Le Bus for dinner and a few more drinks. All in all, it was another happy, happy hour night.

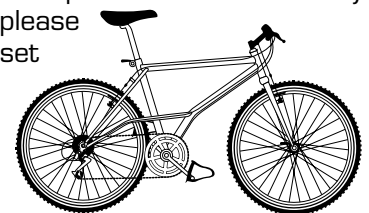
Stay tuned for more great Fall Line Happy Hours coming up this summer.

# Bike Rides

The Brewery Bike Ride along the Delaware River, that was rained out earlier this season, has been rescheduled for Saturday, July 2nd, 2005.

Here are the details: Meet at 10:00 am at the Bull's Island Recreation Area Park Office in Stockton, NJ. Call 609-397-2949 for directions. If the park bridge is still under construction, then park in the first lot, or along the shoulder of Rt. 29. We will be riding along the NJ Delaware Canal path down to the River Horse Brewery in Lambertville, NJ for a sampling of their beers. We will then cross the river and head over to the Triumph Brew Pub in New Hope, PA where we will meet at 2 pm on their outside patio for lunch, beer sampling, and a tour of the brewery. Anyone who drives up to New Hope is welcome to join the group for lunch at the Triumph Brew Pub. The ride will be approx. 25 miles long, round trip. Mountain bikes or Hybrid bikes are required. Also, please bring your 2-way radios, set to 13:13 and a bike lock.

Contact:  
Mike Gramsammer  
856-810-1196.



# MEETINGS, MEETINGS AND MORE ...

**General Meetings...** are held the first and third Tuesday each month (*except for December*) at The Elephant & Castle on Route 70 in Cherry Hill. Meetings are from 8:00 pm 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 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month and start at 7:30 p.m. In order for the board to discuss all agenda topics in a timely fashion, members who wish to attend a meeting must contact the Fall Line President prior to the meeting. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

**Winter Trip Committee Meetings...** are conducted by Bill Caden, board member and Winter Trip Chair, and occur monthly. Please call Bill (856/461.4157) if you are interested in attending or participating.

**ABS Committee Meetings...** are conducted by Carrie Silk, board member and Summer Trip Chair, and occur monthly. Please call Carrie (609/410.1232) if you are interested in attending or participating.

# MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Fall Line Ski Club membership begins May 1 and ends April 30. Membership applications for renewals and new membership are accepted anytime during the year. The membership fee is \$25.00 through 9/9/05 and \$30.00 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 our web site at [www.FallLineSkiClub.org](http://www.FallLineSkiClub.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.

# It's Snow Problem!

## ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

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# Alyeska, Alaska

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a restaurant where they combined fresh ingredients with a Cajun cuisine. Chair Five had an excellent selection of beer. You could also kick back and play pool if you wanted some laid back nightlife.

On Sunday, our hotel hosted a group breakfast. There were representatives from different tour companies to talk about what they have to offer as options in case we decided not to ski. Lift tickets/ activity passes were distributed. As it turned out, this was a fantastic idea. You could use your activity pass for other things such as snowshoe rentals and a lunch or tubing for two, etc. in case you did not really ski or the weather was lousy. When the lifts opened at 10:30 (do you think Vermont would go for this?), we could choose to go on the mountain guided tour. We were astounded that we had skied the whole mountain, including the North Face with its great snow, by lunchtime. There was much more to ski but due to the crusty surfaces, only the groomed runs and North Face were doable. There was a snow change at the bottom of the mountain that left us skiing only at the top part from Chair 6. Chair 6 quickly got its name changed to "The Chair". Skiing from "The Chair" made it easy to spot other Fall Liners. It was nice to see Juan on the slopes again trying out his brand-new, three-year-old Volants. By the end of the day, I was skiing with Dan Shekhtman (whose 21<sup>st</sup> birthday it was), Sofia Dobkin (his mother), Craig Dombrosky and Eric Feng. Since it was Dan's day, he got to choose all the trails. After picking a few bad ones, Sofia said he could not choose anymore. Craig (and Dan) decided to do the whole North Face instead of taking the usual early cutout. Eric Feng warned us that it is icy and bad but the ski patrol told us that we will be fine if we follow the obvious arrow. We never saw the obvious arrow and before we knew it, we were picking our way like rookies through bare cliffs and small patches of ice all the while with the ski patrol on our tails anxious to close the mountain for the day at 5:30. Dan later picked Chair 5 for dinner where we brought him what we thought was his first legal drink and shot. We later find out that he was out past midnight the night before and these were not his first b-day drinks. After we all become tired and headed back to the hotel, Dan turns around and goes back out with the about to be off duty shuttle driver. Ah, to be 21 again!

Monday was Nona Luce's and Lisa Hulick's birthday. Nona did not do much during the day as Betty was not feeling well but went to Maxine's for an eclectic dinner. Lisa had dinner at Jack Spratt but celebrated the day by taking a dogsled ride with Dario.

Oh, how the women swooned over Dario. He was, after all, the most eligible bachelor in Alaska. He competed in the famed Iditarod and had a kennel of 50 dogs at the edge of the woods. Women tried to spot his house from the mountaintops. On one of our daily walks to breakfast,

we could hear the dogs barking in anticipation of their breakfast.

Mother Nature is so unpredictable sometimes. After not being so sure about the conditions of the mountain and the ability to ski on it for five days, it did nothing but snow Monday night and all day Tuesday (it had rained for ten days prior to our arrival). Alyeska was like a whole new mountain. We could ski here for the rest of the week after all! The ol' adage "there are no friends on a powder day" rang true this day but not to worry as you could find Fall Liners all day from "The Chair". Jim Gargel and I had left our powder cords safely in our rooms but they sure did come in handy for Eric Feng. Eileen did not put hers on soon enough. What a perfect day for our group happy hour in the hotel lounge. We could reminisce about our great powder day and stay pumped for the whole week. Sadly, we found out at this time that Cele, who spent the week driving a rental car for the purpose of birdwatching, rolled the car into a ditch that day. However, the good news is that she needed to spot 50 birds to earn her "Wings Over Alaska" certificate and found 51 by the end of the week!

Wednesday was another great day of skiing. However, the majority of our group went on a cruise with Renown Charters and Tours. Renown picked us up in a bus from our hotel and drove us two hours south to Seward. Larry, our Arlo Guthrie sounding driver, talked the whole time about what we were viewing from our windows. He made a pit stop in the Alaskan Wildlife Conservation Center where we got to walk around and view moose, bears in a tree, muskox, reindeer, etc. What a great place! What we did not see during our entire bus ride was any traffic lights, billboards, pharmacies on every corner or convenience stores. There was nothing but spectacular scenery everywhere you looked (except for a few SMALL towns and the world's largest knife). When we arrived in Seward, we boarded our 50-passenger boat with "Captain Double Hook" to navigate Resurrection Bay, which he knew like the back of his "hand". We saw more great scenery (including glaciers), WWII remains and wildlife. Although no Orca whales or puffins were spotted, we did see Dall porpoises, sea otters, a harbor seal, birds, Bald Eagles everywhere, Stellar sea lions and a Finback whale ("straight out" from the boat). After the two people who spent almost the whole cruise in the bow of the boat moved, JT Smith did the famous Leonardo DiCaprio imitation. What an amazing day! Larry then drove us to downtown Seward which consisted of one real street. Most people bought an ice cream or went powershopping.

The final two days consisted of more skiing or some other type of activity. The Christmas chute was steep and the best fun on the mountain. John M and Tom Kerr found it and convinced Marilyn Malin, Dinesh Desai, Jim G and a few others that it was fun. Marilyn announced to Craig and I that she had done it. We were so jealous; we went out the next day to try it out. From the top of the

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# Alyeska, Alaska

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chute, it was 2500 vertical feet of fresh powder from the top to the bottom. Do that a few times and you can be done for the day.

On Sunday morning many Fall Liners had gone flightseeing including groups with John Moffatt, Betty Demers, Nona Luce, Jon Hill, Allan Jacobson, Karen Parnes, Michael Baumgartner and Liz Layton. Allan and Karen remarked at how thin and tiny the chopper was but they enjoyed their glacier landing. Mike and Liz said there were no words to describe the beauty of it all.

Six people in the group tried to get a flight to Denali and view Mt. McKinley. I called them the "Denali Six" and spent the week piecing together who they were. I believe it was Jim Morris, Juan Carro, Barry Schofield, Jim Gargel, Sue VanCola and Sue Fairman (the Sues). Due to winter weather advisories, low viz and sometimes wind, the trip was put off and put off to the point where it never happened. Cele tried to drive as far as she could in her car to see Mt. McKinley, but due to low vizability had to turn around. It was not in the cards for anyone to see Mt. McKinley on this trip. All were awestruck by the panorama vistas of mountains, icebergs, glaciers and were surrounded by the surreal landscape that is uniquely Alaska.

Nona and Betty spent a day in Anchorage checking out an Imax movie and having a fabulous dinner at the brewpub. Sue VanCola and Jim Morris spent a good amount of time snowshoeing. Craig and I even tried some hiking. I heard that some people were "on call" for snowcat skiing. Eric Feng went heliskiing with the Chugach Powder Guides. He said he got in some fast runs with powder galore!

**See the July Issue of Powder Express for the exciting conclusion of Alyeska, Alaska**

## SAVE THE DATE, SKI SEASON IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Week long trips will begin opening in July, but here are the dates so you can begin planning your next year's ski season.

December 14-19, 2005	Snowbird, Utah
January 7-14, 2006	Steamboat Springs, Colorado
January 28-February 5, 2006	Bormio, Italy
January 28-February 4, 2006	Jackson Hole, Wyoming
February 25-March 4, 2006	Taos, New Mexico
March 3-11, 2006	Engelberg, Switzerland
March 30-April 4, 2006	Winter Park, Colorado

# Dragon Boat

Dragon Boat Festival- update  
by Janice Lynch

By now you probably have heard that Fall Line is going to have a team and participate in the Dragon Boat Festival on Saturday Oct 1st. Dragon Boat races have also been know to have teams of Breast Cancer survivors as well as individuals currently battling the disease. The teams compete, form bonds and celebrate their lives, not their cancers.

I think the anonymous quote on the Dragon Boat Festival website expresses the spirit of these woman (and men) the best. "Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well-preserved body. But rather, to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming..."Wow, what a ride!"

For the last several years the money raised at the Festival has gone to the Fox Chase Cancer Research Center. Last year alone raised \$412,960.

Any Fall Liners that would like to assist in this cause (even if they are not participating in the festival), please make a check directly out to Fox Chase Cancer Center. I have agreed to take all the checks and forward them on to Fox Chase on behalf of the Fall Line members. Your contribution is tax deductible. If you don't know me, just ask at the Dragon Boat table at the general membership meeting or just ask for Janice.

## Congratulations to all

### FLSC 2005

### "Best of" Awards Winners

CATEGORY	MALE	FEMALE
Best Skier	Bruce Cunningham	Tammy McCoy
Most Improved Skier	Mike Wirtshafter	Sally Velez
Best Apres Skier (Bar Fly)	Dennis Halterman	Patty Shearer
Best Buns	John Fanelly	Jane Gonzales
Noticeable Newcomer	Dan Shekhtman	Beth Eilers
Best Dressed	Alex Mikishko	Janet Godfrey
Best Trip Leader – Male or Female	<b>Week Trip</b> Pat McGuire for Madonna, Italy	
	<b>Weekend Trip</b> Sara Walls for Stratton, Vermont	
Best Humorous Fall	Male or Female Two winners: Ted Sommer & Bob Kossay	
Good Samaritan	Male or Female Dave Zelnick	



# Membership Report

Year End Membership Report  
By: Robyn Taddei & Brad Zacharia

Fall Line ended fiscal year 2005 (year ending 4/30/05) with 573 members. This is a 3.4% increase from the year before.

Here are some other numbers:

Sex: Female: 43.8%  
Male: 56.2%

Median Age: 48.6 years  
With members from 21 to ...well, way up there.

Skiing Ability:  
None 3.3%  
Beginner 8.9%  
Intermediate 51%  
Advanced 36%

State of Residence:  
NJ: 77.7%  
PA: 19.2%  
DE: 1.6%  
Other 3.5%  
(from 8 other states around the US)

Marital Status:  
Not Married: 66.2%  
Married: 33.8%

If you'd like more stats or a copy of the full report see either of us at a meeting or e-mail us at [Membership@FallLine.org](mailto:Membership@FallLine.org)

## Fall Line Happy Hour

Ott's Grill - Edgewater Park, NJ  
Friday - June 17th, 2005 - 6:30 PM - ?

Come on out on Friday, June 17th to Ott's Grill on 4303 South Route 130-Edgewater Park, NJ. Join your fellow Fall Liners for yet another fun Happy Hour event.

We will even have live entertainment from a local popular band- "Don't Call Me Francis". The music starts at 9:30 PM (No cover charge before 8 PM, after that \$5). In addition to great music, Ott's is offering \$2.00 Coors Light bottles, and a large menu with great prices. No RSVP needed - Just show up HAPPY and ready to PARTY.

For more info, contact Beth Eilers (215) 656-0516/X3415

For directions - visit Ott's web site - <http://www.ottrestaurants.com/edgepark/index.htm>, or call the bar at (609) 877-5610

## HAPPY HOUR

### Chickie and Pete's in South Philly Friday June 3rd, 2005

Come join your fellow Fall Liners for a fun filled happy hour at Chickie & Pete's at 1525 Packer Ave (& Broad St) in South Philly from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (of course we can stay until closing if we want) - **FRIDAY 6/3/2005.**

For those of us who have attended previous Chickie & Pete's events, you know that this is a great place to go with lots of people and a great atmosphere. It was voted one of the top 3 sports bars in America by ESPN. For directions, please give them a call at (215) 218-0500, or visit their website at [www.chickiesandpetes.com](http://www.chickiesandpetes.com)

When you get there, go to the front desk and tell the hosts you are with the Beth Eilers-Fall Line Ski Club Happy Hour. They will give you a wrist band (which you need to participate during happy hour 6:30pm to 7:30pm) that entitles you to:

**\$1.00 Domestic Beer**

**\$2.00 Mixed House Drinks**

**AND all the Crabbie Fries you can eat!**  
*(these are really good!!!)*

There is also a menu that additional food items can be ordered from at normal costs

RSVP by calling Beth Eilers at (609) 346-4244, let her know by Wednesday, June 1st, that you will be attending. They need to know how many wrist bands to have available for our group.

## Happy Hour - Flying W

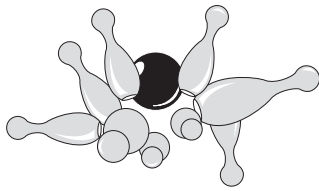
Friday, June 24th, 2005. From 5:30pm till ????

Details: Come join FLSC for an activity filled happy hour. There will be drink specials on the deck at the Tiki Bar, horseshoes and volleyball games, and a pool to swim in so bring your bathing suit. A changing room is available. The band "Wicked Cricket" will be playing outside by the pool later in the evening. There will be a cover charge to see the band.

Flying W Airport & Resort, 60 Fostertown Rd., Medford, NJ. Call 609-267-8787 for directions, or go to their web page <http://www.flyingwairport.com/>.

Contact: Mike Gramsammer @ 856-810-1196





# Fall Line Ski Club



## 2005 ABS Schedule as of June

This schedule is a work in progress, prices are subject to change.  
Come to an ABS meeting and help us plan

EVENT DATE	EVENT NAME	EVENT LEADER	SOME FEATURES	OPENS	PRICE
Every Monday in Summer	Rollerblading in Philly	Mike Wirtshafter 215-745-3819	All levels; Meet in the parking lot behind the Art Museum (fountain circle) at 6pm	Now, just show up on Mondays	OYO
Every Thurs in Summer	Co-ed Softball	Ed Keating 856-429-0708	Behind Barclay Middle School twice a month followed by Bar-b-que otherwise local bar (all skill levels welcome)	Just show up	\$7w/ bar-b-que \$2 w/o
Fri 6/3	Happy Hour	Beth Eilers 609-518-0182 or 609-346-4244	Chickie & Petes, Packer Ave, South Philly-6:30-7:30PM for specials.	RSVP by Thurs 6/2	OYO
Sat 6/4	Winery Bike Ride	Mike Gramsammer 856-810-1196	Start in Stockton NJ and bike to Castle Winery in Bucks County PA (25 miles round trip), wine tour. Meet at 10:00 am	5/3	OYO
Sat 6/4	Medford to Margate Bike Ride	Juan Carro 856-667-4614	Annual ride from Medford to Margate. Meet afterwards at Maloney's Bar & Grill	Open	OYO
Fri 6/17	Ott's Happy Hour	Beth Eilers 609-518-0182	Ott's Grill – Edgewater Park, NJ See article	Just show up	OYO
Fri 6/24	Flying W Happy Hour	Mike Gramsammer 856-810-1196	Happy Hour on outdoor deck. See article	Just show up	OYO
Wed 6/29	ABS Committee Meeting	Carrie Silk 609-410-1232	Come out and help to plan FLSC's off-season; 4:30-6:30 free buffet at the E&C; meeting at 7PM	RSVP Carrie	OYO
Sat 7/2	Brewery Bike Ride	Mike Gramsammer 856-810-1196	Ride along NJ Delaware Canal to River Horse Brewery in Lambertville, NJ. See article	6/7	OYO
Fri 7/15/05	Top Dog Happy Hour	Beth Eilers 609-518-0182 or 609-346-4244	5pm-7pm free buffet w/1 free drink and other specials	Get your name on the list	OYO
Wed 7/20	Phillies Baseball	Patty Shearer 856-778-4657	200 section seats to watch the 7PM game against LA Dodgers	6/7	\$25
Sat 7/23 rain date 7/24	Tubing down the Delaware	Richard Seltzer 856-983-4667	Tubing and optional meet at bar afterwards	6/7	Tubing \$21
Sat 7/30	New England Clam Bake	Mike Gilbert 856-983-8157	Figuring out the delicious details	TBA	TBD
Mon 8/15	Camden River-sharks Baseball	Patty Shearer 856-778-4657	All you can eat buffet while you watch Somerset Patriots lose to the River-sharks	6/21	\$25
8/19-8/21	Whitewater Rafting	Donna Villecca 856-869-4545	Car pool to the Inn at Jim Thorpe cost includes 2 breakfast, dinner, the Inn & rafting	5/17	\$199
9/9	Snoball	Mike Gilbert 856-983-8157	Great party and even better door prizes	7/19	TBD
9/16-17	Camp Jam in Pines	Jennifer Robideau 609-704-0325	Come out to camp and enjoy great music. <a href="http://www.campjam.org">www.campjam.org</a>	8/2	\$70
9/23-9/25	Sailing the Chesapeake	Brad Land 856-784-8524	Sailing on the Chesapeake	8/2	\$250
9/24-9/25	MS 150 Bike Ride	Steve Lange 215-333-9838	Team Fall Line Ski Club Details to come	Call Steve now	Working on it
Sat 10/1/05 & practices July, Aug & Sept	Dragon Boat Festival	Mike Gramsammer 856-810-1196	Come row a Dragon Boat and raise some money for cancer research Money includes T-shirt, breakfast & lunch	Open limited rowing spots	\$70 rowers \$20 non-rowers



# IMAX

## *Mystery of the Nile* By Sue VanCola

More than 100 Fall Line members and guests enjoyed the IMAX event this past May. The group was a little smaller than the last few IMAX events due to some changes that were implemented such as no last minute walk-ins which made running the event far easier for us and check-in much smoother for you! Sorry if you were one of the ones that missed out, but hopefully you will remember to plan ahead next time.

The restaurant agreed to be closed except for our private party. Since about half of the attendees were not members, it was, as usual a good opportunity to meet new friends while enjoying great food and drinks. We added chocolate and mints after everyone had eaten which were a big hit!

Part of the proceeds was used to support the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. We each received Target Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Bracelets which were used as ID for the evening.

The movie, *Mystery of the Nile*, got rave reviews from our group. Most thought it was the best IMAX film they'd seen. The photography was great, with lots of swooping panoramic aerial views. It felt like we were actually flying in a helicopter! The movie took us through Egypt, Ethiopia and the Sudan. This 2003 expedition started at the source of the Blue Nile, to where it meets the White Nile; together, they form the Nile River. It was the first complete descent of the River from its source at the Springs of Sakala in the Ethiopian Highlands to the Mediterranean Sea at Alexandria, a total of 3,250 miles. While much of the river was flat, there were also some class V and VI rapids. The group was in rafts except for the expedition guide. One of the most impressive shots was when the guide rappelled down a huge cliff next to a waterfall in his kayak!! I especially enjoyed it as I'm a kayaker and am always interested in watching others negotiate tricky white water; I certainly don't plan to ever rappel anywhere in my boat!

Rain was forecast, but it turned out to be a beautiful evening. After the movie, we walked to the B&W Sports Bar, about 1/2 mile north of the Franklin Institute. As always, B & W did a great job of hosting us. Our group took over both pool tables and had a good as well as challenging time. After we ate, a lot of us ended up at Jack's Firehouse to hear some jazz; others went to the London, Bishop's Collar and the Rose Tattoo. All are just a short walk from B&W.

We had about 50 sign-ups at our May 3rd meeting and closed the event that night. We had to decline last-minute reservations; we could have easily had 150 attendees or more if people thought ahead! Please note for your future planning that prepayments will be required and the restaurant will be closed

except for our private party. We expect the event to remain at the same low cost. This is one of the best bargains in Philadelphia (food, 2 drinks, parking, a movie as well as a donation to a good cause!!) not to mention it is always a lot of fun!

Many thanks to Mike Gramsammer, Glenn Moorer, Jim Morris, Janice Lynch, Marge Gilbert and new member Sue Fairman. They helped check everyone in, handed out wristbands, drink tickets and parking vouchers, and passed out candy while we waited for the show to start.

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• Don't forget about the discount U-Card.  
• It gets you money of at many area stores  
• and restaurants.  
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# Thanks Sue!!

Special Thanks go out to Sue Van Cola

By Mike Gilbert

Fall Line Ski Club is a volunteer organization. In such, the success of the club is solely dependent on its members stepping up to the plate and donating their time and ingenuity. We all appreciate the efforts these people make and understand the value they bring to the club. Occasionally Fall Line is lucky enough to find an extra special person who has extreme talents and is willing to volunteer them. Sue Van Cola is one of those outstanding people.

The Anything But Skiing Committee (ABS) is chartered with creating events throughout the entire year to promote current membership activity and entice new people to become members. Some of the challenges of such a large task are: finding enough volunteers, scheduling the events, promoting the events, and of course doing the entire task while on a breakeven budget.

Sue has consistently excelled in all of these areas. She has taken: "Going to the movies" to the next level. Every trip Sue runs is extremely organized, exciting, entertaining, profitable, and exposes new people to the Fall Line experience.

As usual, Sue does this fabulous work absolutely on a volunteer basis not expecting any rewards. I would just like everyone who has had the chance to enjoy some of Sue's great trips to lift the skis to Sue and thank her for her great work.

Thanks Sue.



# Membership Application

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## Whitewater Rafting

### Pocono Whitewater Rafting and Stay Weekend

*By Donna Villecca*  
August 19-21, 2005

Come join your fellow Fall Liners for a Pocono Whitewater Rafting and Stay weekend in historic Jim Thorpe, PA. We will be staying at the elegant Inn at Jim Thorpe – a restored, Victorian Hotel.

The weekend includes two night's accommodations; two full hot breakfast buffets; dinner on Saturday evening; and an eight hour scenic Lehigh whitewater rafting trip. There will also be an optional Sunday bike ride.

We will be carpooling to Jim Thorpe from Cherry Hill area. The ride is about 2 hours.

There is limited number of spaces, so please sign up soon.

***YES! This is a dam release weekend!***

Bring: Suntan lotion, towel, bathing suit, raft shoes, sunglasses, bicycle, bug spray (in addition to your normal overnight packing)

Cost: \$199.00 per person, double occupancy  
\$75.00 deposit payable immediately to reserve your spot, balance by August 2, 2005.

Contact: Donna Villecca 856 859-4545  
Sign up at general meetings starting on 5/17/05

\*\* For directions and other information, go to [www.innjt.com](http://www.innjt.com)

