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The Official Newsletter of the Fall Line Ski Club

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Jug Handle Inn
Happy Hour
December 7th

Keystone, Colorado
December 12-17th

Prospectors Saloon
Happy Hour
December 14th

Heart of Camden
December 22nd

PJ Whelihan's Pub
Happy Hour
December 28th

2007 Holiday Party



**Tuesday,
December 18th
7:00 pm – 11:30 pm**

**Erlton Ballroom
807 West Route 70, Cherry Hill, NJ**

**Food – Wine / Beer
Chinese Auction – Friends – DJ
Lots of Dancing & Fun!**

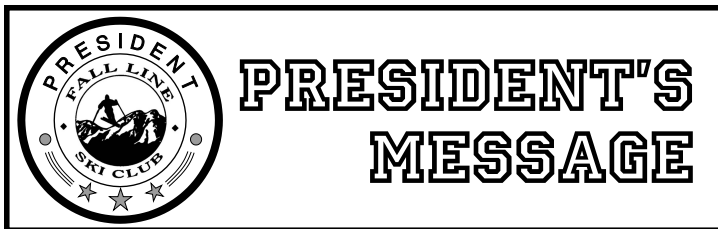
**Price: \$25 – FLSC Members
\$30 – Guests**

Advance sign-ups only

No Tickets sold at the door!

**Purchase tickets at the Club Meetings
beginning on Tuesday, Nov. 6th
through Tuesday, Dec. 4th –or–
contact Patty Shearer @**

PShearer4@comcast.net or 856.778.4657.



Happy Holidays!! Can you believe it's December already? As you know, December always flies by because of all the festivities scheduled throughout the month. One event you're not going to want to miss is the annual Fall Line Holiday Party. This year's party will be held on Tuesday, December 18th, at the Erlton Fire Hall on Route 70, Cherry Hill. Tickets will not be sold at the door so be sure to pick yours up at the general meetings prior to the party. Also, there will not be a general meeting on the 18th.

Also in December, our first ski outing of the season takes off for Keystone, Colorado on December 12th. Don't worry though, they come home on the 17th in plenty of time for the Holiday Party the next day. All of our fabulous ski trips are now open and many still have spaces available. Check out the schedule and sign up for some Fall Line fun! The winter will be over before we know what happened, so don't put off signing up any longer.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Since New Year's Day falls on the first Tuesday of the month, we will be playing a round of meeting switch-a-roo in January. The general meetings (for January only) will be held on 1/8 and 1/22. We will return to our regular meeting schedule of the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in February.

Happy Holidays! I wish each of you, and your families, a happy, healthy, safe and prosperous New Year!

Siobhan

FLEECE CORNER

Tuesday, December 4th
Fall Line Ski Club
General Meeting

Come out to our general meeting on Tuesday December 4th to find out about the latest in high-tech winter outerwear, get some good deals, and maybe win a prize!!

Frank from Fleece Corner will be at our December 4th meeting with his fine selection of Fleece products for sale. He will also be raffling off a selected item that night.



So, come out to the meeting and get yourself ready for ski season. Remember, it's COLD in Vermont!!

The Eight Days of Hanukkah

Fall Line Happy Hour at PJ Whelihan's Pub
1854 E. Marlton Pike (Rt.70 East), Cherry Hill, NJ
Friday December 28, 2007 • 6PM - ???

LAST OFFICIAL FALL LINE HAPPY HOUR FOR 2007 !!!!

Come out on Friday 12/28th and get in practice for the big night (New Year's Eve).

PJ Whelihan's Cherry Hill location offers a lively atmosphere and great ALL DAY specials. On Friday there is a special on Miller Lite and Miller High Life, bottles and drafts - \$2.00

PJ's also offers an extensive menu, which offers something for everyone at reasonable prices.

For further information, or directions, please contact PJ's at (856) 424-8844, or check out their website: <http://www.pjspub.com/cherryhill>



Happy Holidays

Fall Line Ski Club

2007-2008 Winter Trip Schedule as of December 2007

All FLSC trips include Lift Tickets.

FLSC provides Beer, Wine & Soda on weekend bus trips.

Extended trips include air and ground transportation.

Lodging is two per room.

Prices Are Subject To Change.

Date	Location	Trip Leader	Lodging	Some Features	Opens	Price
Canceled	Stratton, VT	Abigail Oscoe 215-233-9385	Evergreen Lodge	Great early season trip, walk to the lifts, non-stop parties	E	D
December 12 th – 17 th	Keystone, Colorado	Mike Wirtshafter 856-243-0209	Inn at Keystone	5 nights lodging, 4 day ski pass valid at Keystone, Breckenridge, Arapahoe Basin and Vail, party	Open	\$849
January 11 th – 13 th	Killington, Vermont	Tammy McCoy 856-840-1025	Chalet Killington Lodge	New lodging this year. Hot buffet breakfast included, outdoor heated pool	Open	\$369
January 19 th – 26 th	Breckenridge, Colorado	Sara Walls 609-747-8582	Great Divide Lodge Deluxe Rooms	Eastern PA Ski Council Carnival 2008 - Week-long party – Lots of extras included See trip leader for details	Get on Waitlist	\$1,339
January 25 th - February 3 rd	Val Di Fassa/ Verona, Italy	Pat Maguire 856-772-1120	4* Gran Baita Villa Mitzi Hotel 4* Accademia Hotel in Verona	Non-stop airfare JFK to Italy, 7 nights in Val Di Fassa with daily buffet breakfast & dinner, 6 day Dolomiti Superski, pass 1 night in Verona including buffet breakfast	Open	\$1,839
February 1 st – 4 th	Stowe	Laura Wirtshafter 856-243-0209	Northern Lights Lodge	3 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners, indoor pool & hot tub Plus Super Bowl Party	Open	\$449
February 9 th – 16 th	Fernie/Big Mountain	Bob Suravage 609-654-5521	Wolf's Den at Fernie & Kandahar Lodge at Big Mountain	1 week 2 resorts. 3 days at Fernie and 2 days at Big Mountain, motor coach transfers between airport, Fernie, Big Mountain, party	Get on Waitlist	\$1,439
February 22 nd – 24 th	Sugarbush, Vermont	Deb Taraska 609-747-8582	Inn at Sugarbush	Another Fall Line favorite 2 days of great skiing	Open	339
February 23 rd – March 1 st	Sun Valley, Idaho	Carol Goodhue 856-866-9097	Sun Valley Inn	Roundtrip airfare Philadelphia/Boise, 7 nights lodging, 5 of 7 day ski pass, party	Open	\$1,664
February 28 th – March 2 nd	Jay Peak, VT	Sofia Dobkin 856-495-7559	Hotel Jay	Ski in/Ski out, 2-hour group lesson or mountain guide for 2 days. 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners and a wine & cheese party	Open	\$489
February 29 th - March 9 th	Zell am See Austria/ Munich Germany	Ann Marsteller 856-772-9414	4* Hotel Stadt Wien and 4* Platzl Hotel in Munich	Round trip non-stop airfare JFK to Munich, 7 nights in Zee am See including buffet breakfast and dinner daily, 6 day lift ticket, one night in Munich including buffet breakfast	Open	\$1,979
April 3 rd – 8 th	Vail, Colorado	Jeff Stein 856-728-1254	Evergreen Lodge	Round trip airfare Philadelphia/Denver, 5 nights lodging, 4 of 6 day lift pass, party	Get on Waitlist	\$939

Prices in **bold** reflect early sign-up discount. This discount is available only at trip opening for weekend trips; for weeklong trips it's available for the first two meetings the trip is open. You must be a member to sign up!

MEETING INFORMATION

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. **January of 2008 ONLY, the General Meeting will be the 2nd & 4th Tuesday.**

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 Kathie Read, board member and Winter Trip Chair, and occur monthly. Please call Kathie (215/587.2779) if you are interested in attending or participating.

Summer Trip Committee Meetings... are conducted by Marie Eagan, board member and Summer Trip Chair, and occur monthly. Please call Marie (856/784-8524) 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 9/7/07 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 or through the mail by contacting:

Robyn Taddei
9109 Verree Road
Philadelphia, PA 19115-2801
Phone: 215/969.4736
eMail: Membership@FallLine.org

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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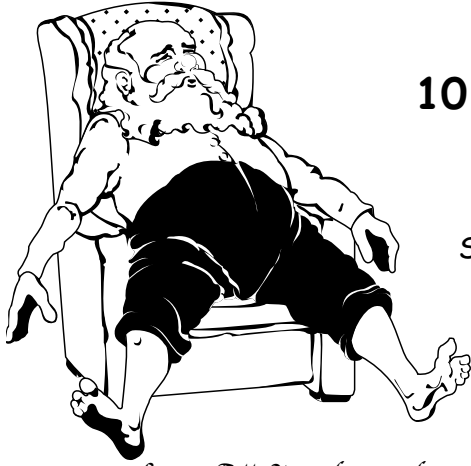
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Newsletters can be found on-line at FallLineSkiClub.org. If you do not wish your name to appear in the newsletter or on-line, please request it in writing to the trip leader **PRIOR** to the trip!

Santa...



after a Fall Line Happy Hour

**Combined Fall Line/South Jersey Ski Club
Happy Hour at the Jug Handle Inn
1012 South Fork Landing Road • Cinnaminson, NJ
Friday December 7, 2007**

Sure, we might have our differences, but there is one way that both groups are the same, we both love a good Happy Hour!!! And this is what we have planned for Friday, December 7th at the Jug Handle Inn.

Come out for this before-ski-season-get-together and enjoy great happy hour specials, such as: 1/2 price Buffalo Chicken Wings and Pitchers of Domestic Beer for only \$5.00!
At 9 PM they will also have a live band to entertain us.

These specials run from 6-7PM. But the party will last all night!! No RSVP needed. Just show up ready to party with your Fall Line and SJSC friends.

For further information, call the bar at (856) 665-8696

For directions, consult the link below:

http://philadelphia.citysearch.com/profile/6811103/cinnaminson_nj/jug_handle_inn.html

Prospectors Saloon Happy Hour

**Friday December 14th, 2007 • 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Rt. 38 & Ark Road, Mt. Laurel, NJ**

It's another Fall Line Happy Hour!!!

On Friday, December 14th we will be meeting at Prospectors, in the Saloon Bar for some great happy hour specials, including:

\$2.00 off Appetizers

\$1.00 off all beer and drinks

We will have tables reserved for Fall Line at the end of the bar, so just look for the happy looking Fall Liners.

Later, if you wish, and you like country music and line dancing, you can head into their adjacent nightclub.

For more information, or for directions, please contact the restaurant at (856) 235-1121, or check out their website: <http://www.prospectorsrestaurant.com>



PASSING IT FORWARD, *by Janice Lynch*

Like it or not, the holidays are upon us. With the hustle and bustle of last minute shopping it is sometimes nice to take the time out and do something for those less fortunate than you. Although it is not an "official" Fall Line event, several people have asked me about a food give-a-way program that I am involved with.

On Saturday, December 22 at 9 am volunteers are needed to assist Sacred Heart Church and Heart of Camden Housing Corporation in distributing over 1,000 food baskets to the poor. After a prayer of Thanksgiving and a song or two, the volunteers are given a map, load up their cars and set off on what can only be described as a bizarre scavenger hunt to deliver all the makings of a holiday feast in some of the most poorly marked blocks and houses in Camden.

Sacred Heart Church is located at Broadway and Ferry Avenues (in the basement). Come early and park as close as you can since a peach basket full of food and a frozen turkey can get surprisingly heavy. We recommend that each car or truck should have 2 or 3 people in it since someone should stay with the car while others navigate and deliver the baskets. Coming by yourself is not a problem, just come a little early and see me so I can find you someone to pair you up with. I can usually be found near the door distributing the maps.

No need to RSVP, just show up. If you get lost, call my cell phone 856-816-2865, but leave a return number. The Verizon guy hasn't gotten around to testing 100-year-old stone church basements and the reception is spotty at best.

It usually takes until about noon to deliver the baskets. Just be forewarned... You might have fun and feel good about yourself afterwards. The exact address is the Church of the Sacred Heart, 1739 Ferry Ave, Camden, NJ 08104. If you have further questions, please just call me at 856-858-6411.



ADVICE ON CHOOSING SKIS

The article below was taken from the 10/24/07 edition of Skinessentialsnews

Ski design has changed dramatically over the last several years, resulting in a lot of confusion about proper ski sizing. Skis are categorized by gender: unisex (men's) vs. women's and age (junior) skis. Two of the main considerations in choosing the right length is your height and weight. Skis should also match your ability (beginner, intermediate, advanced and expert), and be designed for the type of terrain you plan to ski.

Today's shape skis have more side cut, wider waists and are skied in shorter lengths than even earlier shaped ski models. Women-specific models often differ in more ways from the unisex skis than pure cosmetics alone. In addition to having softer flexes and forward mounting points to adjust for a woman's center of gravity, they may have different side cuts than equivalent men's models that women testers prefer. Junior skis come in shorter lengths and are designed to flex for very light skiers usually under 140 lbs. and not yet physically mature. When buying skis for children it is important to get them the right size, rather than expecting them to grow into larger sizes.

The chart is a basic starting point in determining ski length, but there's more to it. Keep reading to find out how to choose YOUR perfect length.

Weight	Height	Juniors	Women's	Men's
22- 29 lbs	30"- 34"	70 cm		
30- 38 lbs.	35"- 39"	80 cm		
39- 47 lbs	40"- 44"	90 cm		
48- 56 lbs	45"-47"	100 cm		
57- 66 lbs	4' 0"- 4' 1"	110 cm		
67- 78 lbs	4' 2"- 4' 4"	120 cm		
79- 91 lbs	4' 5"- 4' 7"	130 cm		
92-107 lbs	4' 8"- 4' 10"	140 cm	140 cm	
108-125 lbs	4'11" - 5'3"	150 cm	150 cm	
126-147 lbs	5' 4" - 5'7"		160 cm	160 cm
148-174 lbs	5' 8" - 5'11"		170 cm	170 cm
175-209 lbs	6' - 6' 4"			180 cm
> 210 lbs	> 6' 5"			190 cm

Shorter skis make it easier to change direction and carve more easily at slower speeds. It is for this reason that beginning skiers should choose a length that is shorter than what the chart shows for your height or weight - size DOWN about 10 cm for men and 5 cm for women, and no adjustment for Juniors.

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For advanced or expert skiers you might consider possibly a longer ski adjusting up 5 cm from what the chart would suggest for your height or weight. A longer ski will give you more stability and edge hold in various conditions at higher speeds.

The most common way to differentiate skis is by ability. Recreational skis will have softer longitudinal flex and less torsional stiffness, and are most suitable for progressing skiers. The softer flex makes it easier to get the ski to turn and the decreased torsion stiffness allows a less accomplished skier to pivot and slide the ski to make a turn.

For more advanced skiers a ski that is stiffer longitudinally will offer more rebound and acceleration out of the turn, greater torsional stiffness will hold better on hard snow and ice.

Another way to differentiate skis is by the terrain that the ski is most suited for. To understand what type of terrain a ski is designed for it is important to first understand a little something about side cuts and waist widths of skis. The side cut refers to the inward curve between the front and tail end of the ski. A ski with a deep side cut allows for quick turning. A ski with a shallow side cut makes for longer turns.

Skis are typically measured in three areas: the width at the tip, at the waist, and at the tail (for example, 118/78/105). These measurements give you an accurate idea of the uses for a ski. These measurements define a ski's side cut and will determine the ski's turn radius. Skis with the same tip, waist and tail measurements define a model of ski but as the ski gets shorter in length the turn radius decreases. The difference between the width of the tip and the waist is referred to as the ski's taper angle, and the greater the difference the stronger the ski will pull into the turn.

How wide a ski is will have a lot to determine how much float a ski will have in softer or mixed snow conditions. Typically a ski with a 100mm waist or wider is considered a powder ski and a ski with a waist width less than 75mm is considered best for hard snow and groomers. Everything else in between falls into the all-mountain category, and how wide is determined by how much piste (groomed) and off piste (ungroomed) skiing you do. Skiers skiing out west in resorts with longer wider trails and above tree line or in open bowls tend to ski slightly longer wider skis, while Eastern Skiers with resorts that have narrower steeper trails and firmer snow conditions tend towards shorter narrower skis.

Downhill skis for beginners: Beginners should choose downhill skis with a wide waist of 70 mm and a narrow tail measuring 80 mm.

Downhill skis for quick turns: If you want responsive downhill skis for quick turns, choose a ski with a narrow 60 mm waist.

Downhill skis for powder skiing: Downhill skis with a wider waist, around 80 mm, are ideal for powder skiing.

Evaluate ski construction: Ski construction has an effect on overall quality. Various types of construction include:

Cap downhill skis: Cap downhill skis have a wood or foam core, completely covered in fiberglass

Laminate downhill skis: Laminate downhill skis, made of strips of fiberglass sandwiching a core of another material, give you a smooth ride, but do not offer the same durability as cap downhill skis.

Monocoque downhill skis: All-fiberglass Monocoque downhill skis offer the most durability of the three traditional ski materials.

We hope we've helped de-mystify the process of choosing the right ski. It certainly can be a complicated choice but with a little knowledge and accurate information, you can make an informed choice and find your perfect ski. Email us at info@skiessentials.com or give us a call at (877) 812-6710.

Skiessentials.com is part of the Pinnacle Ski and Sports Shop. Think about patronizing them the next time you are in beautiful Stowe, Vermont



VOLUNTEERISM

When the holidays arrive we always talk of Community Service and Volunteerism. Please remember, any and all "Non-Profit" Organizations need volunteers to run the show. This includes Fall Line Ski Club! Please consider **VOLUNTEERING** to help the club continue with even greater success and even more fun times on and off the slopes!

Fall Line Ski Club

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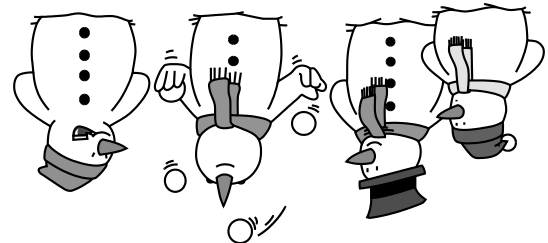
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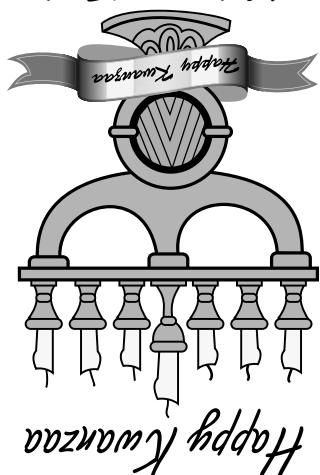


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OF THE 1ST AND 3RD TUESDAYS
IN FEBRUARY.

Festivities:
The Holiday for
the Rest of Us



*A Celebration of Family,
Community and Culture*

Happy Kwanzaa

and a happy new year

