

FALL LINE SKI CLUB AUGUST 2022
POWDER EXPRESS

Fall Line Ski Club's
LOBSTERFEST



When: Saturday, September 10, 2022, starting at 4:00 pm

Where: Michael Houlihan's House, 2 Bernwood Road, Hainesport, NJ 08036

Menu: Whole lobster, steamers, plus chicken, cornbread, potato salad, cole slaw, beer, wine, water and a selection of deserts

Cost: \$50 per person

Contact: Michael Houlihan at michael@houlihanskier.com
or
John Kennedy at johnkennedy0880@comcast.net

THE PREZ SEZ

So far so good! Except for a few hot humid spells, this summer has actually been bearable. Our summertime activity schedule has been humming along, with more to come. As a member, you should be getting notifications of what's going on in the weekly Blast, which comes out every Sunday via email. If you have not been receiving them, contact me at my email address at the end of this missive.

The Newsletter's release timing is sometimes in the month before its issue date, which in this case is August. In any case, all 2022 – 23 Winter Trips officially opened at the July 19th Mixer Meeting at The Tap House in Haddonfield and I hope everyone planning on skiing next season was able to get on the trip or trips of their choice. You can still sign up as long as a trip has not sold out. If it has, Wait List!

In the order of their happening, they are:

- ◆ Copper Mountain CO (Trip Leader needed)
- ◆ Hakuba Ski Valley, Japan
- ◆ Schweitzer Mountain ID
- ◆ Mammoth Mountain CA
- ◆ The Big Three, Alberta Canada

I do want to emphasize that we need a Trip Leader for the Copper ski trip. These trips don't run themselves and at this time, all of the preparatory work is already done. All that's left is to collect the deposits and show up for the trip. It's pretty basic.

The long anticipated ski trip to the Hakuba Ski Valley in Japan is also going forward. Japan opened to group tourism only last June with a phased approach, starting with strict rules on how groups could move around the country. These rules will be relaxed over the coming months and should be pretty much gone by the end of the year.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and start to Think Snow.

Ken Koch, President
kennethkochster@gmail.com



FLSC is now accepting credit cards for payments - 2.83% will be added as a service charge

MEETING INFORMATION

Mixer Meetings.....are held the third Tuesday each month, at The Tap Room, 427 West Crystal Lake Avenue, Haddonfield, NJ 08033. Meetings are from 7:30 pm until 9:30 pm for trip sign-ups, announcements, information and socializing. Please bring a friend, for newcomers are always welcome.

Board Meetings... are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month and start at 7:00 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 Michael Houlihan, board member and Winter Trip Chair, and occur monthly. Please call Michael (609-923-2434) if you are interested in attending or participating.

Events Committee Meetings . . . are conducted by John Kennedy, board member and Events Committee Chair. Please call John (856-761-2863) if you would like to participate in planning or leading an event for the club.

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 individual membership fee is \$25 and the family membership fee is \$55. The newsletter will be e-mailed to you. Add \$5 if you wish a paper newsletter mailed to you. 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 Mixer Meeting, at our web site at www.FallLineSkiClub.org or through the mail by contacting:

FLSC

112 Stephenson Way, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006-2229

Phone: 215/357.2305 [eMail: Membership@FallLine.org](mailto: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 Mixer Meeting.

Changes in address, e-mail address or phone numbers should be reported as soon as possible so that you may remain informed of all Fall Line events and activities.

FLSC ANNUAL “MR. CHRIS NAST 3-HOUR KAYAK TRIP”, HELD SUNDAY, 7/11/2022

By Steve Beach

Wow, there is a lot to report on this trip that I just ran!

First off, because of the weather forecast on the Friday before saying that the next day (Saturday, when the trip was scheduled) would be rain for sure, and possibly a washout, especially in the morning till app. noon.

After contacting Mick’s Canoes & Kayaks and ensuring that I could still get my “15 boats” on Sunday if I moved the trip, I did just that, and attempted to contact my “small” party of 12-13 people, and also notify a few others that I hoped might now be able to come. This is the trip I have led now for app. 25 years, that I always advertise as “no rain date”!

I learned a few more things trying to contact all the people on Friday and early Saturday (I thought that I knew everything running this trip as long as I have!). I never postponed it though!

Wow, the weather on Sunday, 7/11 could not have been better.

I got to Mick’s at about 8:20 AM, assuming for sure that I would be the first one there, as I didn’t ask folks to arrive till 8:45 AM earliest (window of 8:45 – 9:30am). Wrong again! Mrs. Chris Nast was already there at that early hour!

I spoke to the staff there at Mick’s, and they threw me a few ringers.... First, my choice of “put-in” at Hawkins Bridge and running 3 hours to Evans Bridge – they said that the water levels were “a bit low” up there at Hawkins Bridge, and said that we would do better putting in at next south bridge, Godfrey Bridge, and then going to “last” pick-up spot they service on the Wading River (keep that word “last” in mind – I will be returning to that later!), “Beaver Branch”. That is also a 3-hour run. I decided to do that. The second ringer they wanted my party to do was, rather than just go and register and pay for their

boat (or transport your personal boat) soon after they arrived, and keep a receipt, to speed things up when I wanted to get the van and get shuttled to the put in spot, was that apparently “isn’t how they do things with groups”. They would rather us complete the waiver at my truck, and then, when we are ready to transport, then all 13 of us pile into the store and pay (each person or party), which is not very efficient, but hey, new place, new rules. We all piled in the store around 9 AM, and I was surprised that they weren’t even giving receipts after people paid, which is fine, but hey.

After my fortunately small (only 11 people registered, as 2 people showed up with a trailer and 2 cars and drivers to shuttle themselves in/out – Frank and Judy Angelo) party paid for their boats, it was only a 7–10-minute wait for our shuttle, which took us to the close (5-7 min. drive) to the put-in spot of Godfrey’s Bridge. We took a few pictures (thanks a lot for taking them, Danielle Caton!), got in our boats, and were off, right at 10 AM.

The river (Wading River) is a bit narrow, but the water level was fine, and current a bit strong (stop paddling 30 seconds to get water, and you for sure will be against one side of the river or another!). In the first hour, we ran into a whole bunch of other parties, and some of us were passing them quickly. There were 2 men we saw that had fat cigars, that smelled good to me, but poor Mike and Yvette Houlihan were right behind them for a bit, getting smoked out!

After about 2 hours, or maybe 2:10, Mrs. Chris Nast and I were the first to get to Beaver Branch, marked pretty well by a sign saying Beaver Branch, a “STOP” sign nailed high in a tree right on bank where you pull out, and an orange and white buoy in the river. As we beached, there was a van there from Mick’s, ready to transport a few kayakers and boats back to Mick’s, but they had plenty of room, so that got us. A few minutes later, with us and our boats loaded, he was pulling out again, when Mrs. Chris noticed another of our group paddling down the river, approaching the pull-out point. We waited and got Mike and Yvette Houlihan and Deb Serba, and then we did start the very bumpy trip out of the forest on a dirt road to Rt. 563.

After getting back and changing clothes, Mrs. Chris finally got a call from Joe Durkin, who was riding sweep for our group. Mrs. Chris asked him if Lori Antico was with them, as Mrs. Chris said that she was worried that Lori could maybe miss the pull-out point... Joe advised a now-worried Mrs. Chris that Lori was NOT with them and stated that he was the last of our party, Lori was ahead of him.

I then checked my list of participants, knowing who by then had returned after Joe and his small group returned, and then noticed that another person was not accounted for – Steven Umansky! Not good!

We immediately notified the staff at Micks that our

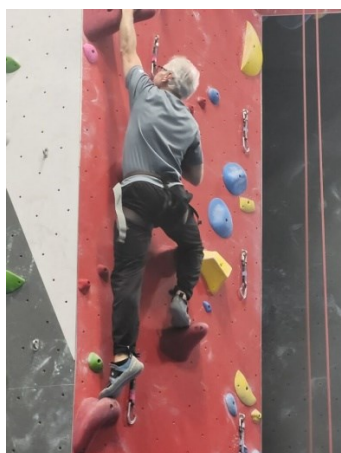
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**THURSDAY, AUGUST 25
INDOOR ROCK WALL CLIMBING AT
GRAVITY VAULT, 333 PRESTON
AVE., VOORHEES, NJ, 7:00 PM**



We've been doing this since April. Might become a regular thing. The Gravity Vault in Voorhees has 17,000 square feet of vertical "turf" with heights ranging from 25 to 40 feet. The walls have ratings (just like ski slopes) that range from easy to gravity-defying. Cost is \$33 for 90 minutes of climbing. Instruction and all equipment (shoes, harnesses) are included. They have professional staff who will hook you into the harness and keep a tight line on your rope as you ascend, then lower you safely to the floor. They also have "auto-belay" walls where you work without a staff member using a line that automatically tightens as you ascend. Groups of 5 or more get 90 minutes on the wall (60 minutes if less than 5). I need a head count and everyone who goes must complete an online waiver. Please text me at 856-761-2863 or email me at johnkennedy0880@comcast.net



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sweep was in, but 2 more boaters were still out there! They explained to us that if they did pass the pull-out at Beaver Branch, the next pull-out place was another 1-1/2 hours down river, at Chips Folly Campground... Next, somehow one of the managers got a call on their cell phone that the 2 were located, I THINK at or near Beaver Branch – good, but that the male “was having chest pains” trying to kayak upriver against the current to get back to Beaver Branch – not good at all! The two managers, one with his son, sped off to Beaver Branch to put in one kayak and go down river a bit to attempt to get to either as they overshot the pull-out.

After a frantic 20–30-minute wait, the small transport bus came back with both Lori Antico and Steven Umansky, who, thank goodness, was fine, and said that he never did have chest pains, but “hit a wall” of exhaustion paddling upstream! All well!

Waiting there at Micks for their safe return was Joe Durkin, Linda Sacchette, and Danielle Caton and myself. Also, Mrs. Chris waited an hour longer than she wanted, having an hour drive home and then her son's 35th birthday dinner to prepare for! She left maybe 15-20 minutes before the bus returned.

A few of us did go to a mobbed Sweetwater Casino after that. Mike Houlihan and his wife Yvette had been there for an hour holding a table waiting for us to come, but had to leave before we could get there, as we were tied up an extra 1 ½ hours! What a day!

Thanks a lot for everyone who came out, and now I learned another lesson – be sure everyone knows what to look for at the pull out! There was no one waiting for Lori and Steve, and they were expecting to see a few of us waiting for them. Wow, everyone is ok!

2021-22 OFFICERS BOARD MEMBERS

Officers:

- President - Ken Koch.....856-470-0114
- President- Elect - Nona Ostrove.....856-751-0294
- Secretary - Siobhan Michaud.....609-923-0194
- Treasurer - Steve Umansky.....609-217-9357
- Treasurer - Kathy Smith.....

Board Members:

- Claire Adair.....856-296-7259
- Linda Falconi.....
- Michael Houlihan - Winter Trip Chair.....609-923-2434
- John Kennedy - Social Director.....856-761-2863
- Janice Lynch - Newsletter Editor.....856-816-2865
- Jeff Stein.....856-728-1254



Friday, August 5 - River Winds

1075 Riverwinds Drive
West Deptford, NJ 08086
HH is 4 - 6pm Indoors and outdoors
<https://theriverwindsrestaurant.com>

Appetizers -\$11, Stoli Mixed drinks and wines -\$9, \$1 off all beers and mixed drinks. Zagat Review: "The phenomenal view of the Delaware River is the draw at this comfortable West Deptford American parked on the edge of the RiverWinds Golf Course, where the seafood-focused menu is quite good..." 2 bars, and huge outdoor patio area are waterfronts offering you top-notch views of the city. You truly can't get this experience anywhere else.



Friday, August 12 - Brio Italian Grille

500 Route 73 South
Marlton, New Jersey 08053
HH is 3-7pm - Available at the Bar & Outdoor Terraces
<https://locations.brioitalian.com/us/nj/marlton/500-route-73-south>

Featuring Drink Specials & 6 Menu Items for \$6. Appetizers such as Calamari, Flatbreads, and Burgers are HH Specials. Many cocktails, wine and beer for \$5-6, good prices! Brio Marlton is a premier Tuscan-inspired restaurant destination serving authentic, northern Italian cuisine, luxury wines & cocktails. Be there or be square!

HARVEST

SEASONAL GRILL & WINE BAR

Friday, August 19 - Harvest Seasonal Grill

400 NJ-38 – Moorestown Mall
Moorestown, NJ 08057
4:00pm - 6:00pm - Available at our Bar Area & Patio
<https://harvestseasonal.com/moorestown-restaurant/>

25% off premium wines, local draft bottled beer- \$5, Seasonal cocktails \$11-14. Appetizers \$5 -\$13, such as; flatbreads, hummus, rock shrimp tacos. Harvest Seasonal Grill & Wine Bar features a local, farm to table menu with many items that are below 500 calories in an upscale casual atmosphere. It's good for the bathing suit season!



Friday, August 26 - LaScala's Birra

5300 North Park Drive
Pennsauken, NJ 08109
HH 4-6pm
<https://lascalasbirra.com/happy-hour-pennsauken/>

Birra margarita, Seasonal sangria, and house red or white Wine \$6, select draft Beer specials \$5 Truffle fries, Arancini, Caprese, Cheese pizza and other appetizers are \$7-8. Situated on the scenic Cooper River in Pennsauken, NJ Birra's large selection of Italian American favorites, creative pizzas & beers from around the world is delightful old world fun. No matter what you order, it will be generously portioned & great for sharing, *let's eat!* To us, it's all about you, your friends, and family having a great time, eating great food, and lots of it whether it's...at our home or yours!

**Hiking and Camping, PROMISED
LAND STATE PARK
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH THRU SUNDAY
OCTOBER 2ND, 2022
EVENT LEADER: JOHN MOFFATT**



To Members of both Fall Line Ski Club and South Jersey Ski Club - Come join us for a weekend of outdoor activities including camping, hiking, fishing and bike riding. Promised Land State Park is a Pennsylvania state park in Blooming Grove, Greene and Palmyra Townships, Pike County, Pennsylvania. The approximately 3,000-acre park is mostly surrounded by Delaware State Forest. It is in the Poconos and sits at an elevation of 1,800 feet. The park is 145 miles from my home in Blackwood, NJ. Currently (as of March 23rd) there are a number of campsites available, but I recommend booking the walk-to tent sites #171, #169, and #170, in that order. I already booked #172 for myself. Each site holds up to 5 people and 2 tents. The sites are a very short walk from your car and sit about 15-20 feet above the lake, with a great view of the lake and sunrise. Each site has a picnic table and a fire ring. Firewood is available for purchase before entering the park. This section of the park has drinking water and modern toilets. Speaking of drinking, since this is a State Park alcohol is prohibited. Drink discreetly and at your own risk.

I recommend that anyone or group interested in going should make reservations very soon at: <https://pennsylvaniastateparks.reserveamerica.com>.

Since COVID, camping has become extremely popular. Drive up on Friday, via mostly highways, and set up your campsites, eat and enjoy a camp fire. Then early Saturday morning, we hike a short, steep route up Mt. Minsi for a view of New Jersey's Mt. Tammany and the Delaware River. The trail head parking is extremely

limited so that's the reason I'm recommending we get an early start hiking. There are two ways to the top, one is via the Appalachian Trail. You will need to be in decent shape for this route up and down. The second option is via a fire trail. This trail does not have the boulders and other obstacles found on the Appalachian Trail. I've done this hike before and I chose to go up the AT and down the fire trail.

Back at camp we can fish or ride bikes, eat, enjoy another camp fire or whatever else we want. Sunday morning, I'll be packing up for the drive home. For those of you who have not had enough outdoor activity, stop by Hickory Run State Park and take a walk in the boulder field. Then for lunch enjoy Nick's Lake House Restaurant on Lake Harmony or go into Jim Thorpe and have lunch at Molly Maguire's Irish Pub. If you don't want to deal with the traffic in Jim Thorpe, you can get lunch at P.J. Whelihan's Pub + Restaurant (sit upstairs) in Lehighton (exit 74 on 476).

Please contact me when you book your site so I can keep track of who will be joining us or if you have any questions - John Moffatt, 856-357-2442.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 1
BOOK CLUB MEETS TO DISCUSS "THE
BLACK ECHO" BY MICHAEL CONNELLY, THE
TAPROOM, 427 W. CRYSTAL LAKE AVE.,
HADDON TWP., NJ, 6:30 PM**

For maverick LAPD homicide detective Harry Bosch, the body in the drainpipe at Mulholland Dam is more than another anonymous statistic. This one is personal...because the murdered man was a fellow Vietnam "tunnel rat" who had fought side by side with him in a hellish underground war. Now Bosch is about to relive the horror of Nam. From a dangerous maze of blind alleys to a daring criminal heist beneath the city, his survival instincts will once again be tested to their limit. Pitted against enemies inside his own department and forced to make the agonizing choice between justice and vengeance, Bosch goes on the hunt for a killer whose true face will shock him.



August 2022 Fall Line Ski Club Social Activities

Or Things To Do While You're Stuck In The House

(If you have ideas for activities and would like to help this great club, send them to johnkennedy0880@comcast.net)

Date	Event	Leader	Details	Price
Weekly Events				
August 2, 9, 23, 30	Movie Nights at AMC Marlton 8 or AMC Voorhees 16 or AMC Cherry Hill 24	Text Nona Luce at 856-522-9867	Movies change weekly and the group heads out afterwards. Check the blast and Facebook for details.	OYO Tickets must be purchased in advance.
August 5, 12, 19, 26	Happy Hours, starting times vary	Contact Claire Adair at ce-rollin@gmail.net	Aug. 5: Riverwinds, West Deptford Aug. 12: Brio Italian Grill, Marlton Aug. 19: Harvest Seasonal Grill, Moorestown Aug. 26: LaScala's Birra, Pennsauken	OYO
August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and every Wednesday thru summer	Golf at Frog Rock CC, 420 Boyer Ave., Hammonton, NJ	Contact Beverly Neal at beverlyaneal@yahoo.com	9 holes. Tee time at 5:00. Cart and box dinner included.	\$25 (\$27 if you pay with a CC)
Not Weekly Events				
August 1	Book Club, 6:30 PM at The Taproom, 427 W. Crystal Lake Ave., Haddon Twp, NJ	Contact Jeannie Nelson at jeannien@msn.com	"The Black Echo" by Michael Connelly	OYO
August 16	Mixer Meeting at The Taproom, 7:30 PM		All trips open for signups. Last chance for an early signup discount	
August 25	Indoor Rock Climbing, 7:00 PM	Contact John Kennedy at johnkennedy0880@comcast.net	The Gravity Vault, 333 Preston, Ave., Voorhees, NJ.	\$33 for 90 minutes

All activities are subject to change or cancellation at the discretion of the activity leader.

Fall Line Ski Club – 2023 Winter Trip Schedule

All FLSC trips include Lift Tickets.

AIRLINES & PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

DATE	LOCATION	TRIP LEADER	LODGING	SOME FEATURES	OPENING DATE	PRICE
January 14 th to 21 st	Copper Mountain, Colorado	Trip Leader Needed	Element 29 Hotel	Round trip between Philly & Denver; private charter transfer; 7 nights lodging; 2-year-old hotel at the base of Copper! 4 th floor exterior hot tubs!! 5-day lift ticket; Welcome pizza party; FLSC luggage tags.	Open	Hotel Rooms \$2,200/ \$2,275
January 26 th – February 9 th	Hakuba, Japan with extension to Tokyo	Russell Whitman 732-267-3089 rwhitmanlaw@aol.com	Hakuba Lodge/ Tokyo Hotel	Round trip between Philly & Tokyo; 5-day lift tickets; 7 nights lodging in Hakuba & 5 nights in Tokyo; Hakuba breakfast & 3 dinners included; Many optional tours available; FLSC luggage tags.	Open	Hotel Rooms \$4,100/ \$4,175
February 19 th to 26 th	Schweitzer, Idaho	Dave Lummis 609-440-1441 dlummis@ignarrilummis.com	The Selkirk Lodge	Round trip between Philly to Seattle to Spokane; private charter transfer; 7 nights lodging; 5-day lift ticket; Welcome reception – baked potato buffet & drinks with Mountain Ambassador. FLSC luggage tags.	Open	Hotel Rooms \$2,400/ \$2,475
February 8-12	Sunday River, Maine	Peter Dolan 914-391-0784 Peterdolan1@hotmail.com	The Jordan Hotel	Drive-Yourself trip. The Jordan Hotel features ski-in/ski-out, heated outdoor pool & hot tub, on-site restaurants & bars and the Jordan Spa. Cost is for 4 nights lodging and 3 days skiing	Open	Hotel Rooms \$750
March 4 th to 11 th	Mammoth, California	Michael Houlihan 609-923-2434 Michael@houlihanskier.com	Juniper Springs Resort	Round trip Philly & Reno; private charter transfer; 1 hr grocery stop; 7 nights lodging based on 4 guests in a 2bd/2bath condo with King/Twin/Twin; Welcome breakfast burritos & coffee. \$100 resort voucher per guest; Group Mountain Tour; FLSC luggage tags.	Open	Condos \$2,000/ \$2,075
March 18 th to 25 th	SkiBig3, Banff, Alberta, Canada	John Kennedy 856-761-2863 Johnkennedy0880@comcast.net	The Moose Hotel	Round trip between Philly & Calgary; Private Charter transfer; 1 hr grocery stop; 7 nights lodging with 2 queen beds & daily hot breakfast; 5-day lift ticket to Sunshine Village, Mt. Norquay & Lake Louise; ROAM bus passes; FLSC luggage tags.	Open	Hotel Rooms \$2,150/ \$2,225

Early Sign-Up Price in Red. (Ends after 8/17 mixer meeting.)

Note: If you are not an FLSC member, non-members will be bumped if trip fills up with a waiting list. (Become a member to avoid being bumped.) If you have any questions or problems, please feel free to contact Winter Trip Chair, Michael Houlihan at michael@houlihanskier.com. Sign-up forms are available at our website: www.FallLine.org

Fall Line Ski Club

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Address Service Requested

Please Visit Fall Line Ski Club's New Website @ www.FallLineSkiClub.org *"As featured in the Philadelphia Inquirer"*

Who Would Like to Golf More in 2022?

By Beverly Neal

Improve your game with consistent play time. We had a lot of fun doing this last year, so we are golfing again on Wednesday evenings. It's an inexpensive nine-and-dine scramble. The Frog Rock Golf and Country Club is an 18-hole public golf course located on 300 acres in the heart of our Pinelands.

It's informal and fun. The \$22 fee includes greens fees, a cart and dinner. The golf continues, weather and daylight permitting, through September.

Tee Time is 5.30pm, but get there around 5pm as there are a limited number of carts. We golf 9 holes and dinner is a take-out.

Fall Liners will be tailgating so bring a chair along with your golf equipment. It's BYOB, pay as you go. Each group stays together, up to 8 folks per group. I'll be the weekly coordinator and put the groups together so make sure I know in advance if you are coming.

There are quite a few You Tube videos for tips and

techniques to improve your swing.; so brush off your clubs, email or call me if interested. Let's plan to add golfing to our summer.

Where : Frog Rock Golf, 420 Boyer Ave, Hammonton, NJ. Just off the White Horse Pike When: May 11, 5.00pm, tee time 5.30pm, Cost: is \$25 cash, pay as you go, BYOB Coordinator: Beverly Neal, beverlyaneal@yahoo.com or 609-868-9549.

