

DECEMBER 2020

FALL LINE SKI CLUB POWDER EXPRESS

OUR ELVES HAVE BEEN QUARANTINED

By Janice Lynch

The holidays are quickly coming upon us but of course 2020 is not a normal year. For the last several years I have requested for Santa's helpers (i.e. elves) to help deliver over 1,000 food baskets for those in need through Sacred Heart Church and Heart of Camden.

I have always been proud of the over 30 Fall Liners' who give up their time to feed the poor as well as sing a few songs whether they like it or not. Due to Covid-19, many elves have been put on the shelf. Special Covid-19 precautions for this year will have Sacred Heart leaders giving a ham and a food store gift card when the person comes and shows their welfare card registering December 1st-4th.

You can still help them financially either this year or have them get a start on next year. Make a check out to Sacred Heart Church with a memo Christmas Basket Project and mail it to 1739 Ferry Ave, Camden, NJ 08104.

Another alternative is donate to The Heart of Camden at 1840 S. Broadway, Camden, NJ 08104 or online at www.HeartofCamden.org. Heart of Camden has helped build over 300 homes for those less fortunate in Camden, but they have expanded their mission and regularly have food giveaway days along with other needed items such as diapers or masks. The singing is encouraged but optional. Thank you in advance for thinking of those in need, even if you can't give of your time or money.



COVID-19 PROTOCOL INFORMATION

- At a recent EPSC meeting, there was a discussion about safety precautions being taken by ski resorts. Here is a summary of the presentation:
- Ski resorts are taking the virus seriously; they will enforce their precautions
- Only go if you are comfortable with the precautions the resorts have taken and you are willing to accept risk
- Masks will be required at all times- in lines, on the slopes, indoors, and on lifts and gondolas
- Social distancing will be required at all times
- Capacities in enclosed areas- lodges, gondolas, rental shops- will be limited, possibly to 50%
- Capacities on chair lifts will be limited (a 4 or 6 person chair may be limited to 2 people)
- Lift tickets may not be available at ticket windows; you'll need to purchase on-line (this applies to individually-planned trips, not to groups with advance reservations)
- Some resorts will require reservations before arrival
- Rentals and lessons will require advance reservations.
- If you are planning a trip to Vermont, you may have to quarantine first (go to www.accd.vermont.gov/covid-19)
- If you are an Epic or Ikon passholder, go to www.ski.com/blog/ikon-vs-epic-covid-19-guidelines-and-reservations)
- For Blue Mountain, go to www.skibluemt.com/safety-precautions/
- Cafeterias/restaurants will have limited capacity if they are open at all; it might be "grab-and-go"; plan on brown-bagging it.
- Have patience, expect this ski season to be like no other (and hope for a "one-and-done")

THE PREZ SEZ

Hello fellow shut-ins and recluses. The days are really starting to look Ground Hog Days-like, and we are all in for more of the same for the foreseeable future. I don't have to tell you how bad things have gotten with the pandemic, and until a reliable vaccine can be rolled out, we can look forward to a repeat (or close to it) of last Spring's restrictions.

Fall is in full swing and the weather has been one of the few bright spots of the last couple of months except for a few "minor" storms and enough rain to rival a Florida downpour the other night. But its leaf raking time for yourselves (or favorite landscaper). At least that gets us outside in the fresh cool air and sunshine, two things that always raises my spirits.

Until I look out the window the next morning and see even more leaves on the ground than we raked up the day before. That's when I call my favorite landscaper (smiley face).

As is typical in the Fall, there is not much going on activity wise with Fall Line. Meeting in person is not happening, so we rely on Zoom Mixer Meetings and Board meetings. I know many are getting burned out with Zoom, but do encourage you to join us the 3rd Tuesday of each month for the Monthly Mixer. It's a poor substitute to meeting and mixing with your fellow Fall Liners in person, but it's all we got right now, folks.

Nona Ostrove continues to organize Happy Hours every Friday often at her home (backyard, weather permitting, and it is getting colder) and/or via Zoom. Find details in this Newsletter.

Our main focus going forward is the upcoming ski season and there are still spots on most of the trips if you are interested. As noted in last month's Newsletter, the Whistler/Blackcomb trip was rescheduled and is now a trip to Snowmass CO during the same week since Canada isn't letting us in from the USA right now. There is plenty of room to join this trip. The price is tentatively set at \$2,075/person. Contact David Lummis at: dlummis@ignarrillumis.com for more info or to sign-up.

Details on Fall Line's 2021 other Ski Trips can be found in this Newsletter.

In closing, I'm going to repeat most of my comments from last month. There will be a ski season this year, but it will be a bit different. Like other organizations, the Ski Industry has taken the COVID situation very seriously and will implement safety and protective measures at all resorts to safeguard skiers and riders while visiting and having fun. As winter sports enthusiasts, we are used to challenges to pursuing our favorite pastime, be it weather, fog, crappy conditions, travel glitches, or injuries. And we rise above them because it is worth it.

Let's rise above these current challenges and have a great Winter!

Wish for the white stuff.

Ken Koch

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Newsletters can be found on-line at:

www.FallLineSkiClub.org

If you do not wish your name and/or photo to appear in the newsletter or on-line, please request it in writing to the trip leader PRIOR to the trip.

FALL LINE SKI CLUB BOOK CLUB

December 7, 2020 – Call Jeannie for time as well as whether the meeting is in person or Zoom

The Taproom

427 Crystal Lake Ave

Haddonfield, NJ (Haddon Township)

(Meet in the smaller Fireplace Room)

The Book Club discusses "The Paris Wife" by Paula McLain, 7:30 PM

The story (somewhat fictionalized) about Ernest Hemingway and his first wife, Hadley Richardson after they moved to Paris so Hemingway could join with his writing compatriots. After she has a baby and cannot devote more attention to her husband and support his writing, Hemingway has an affair with one of his wife's good friends.

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Everyone is welcome; bring your family and friends. For more info call Jeannie Nelson 856-889-5100

If you want to get a jump on January's book it is The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot



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:

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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.

MEETING INFORMATION

Mixer Meetings.....are held the third Tuesday each month, at The Tap Room, 427 West Crystal Lake Avenue, Haddon Township, NJ 08108. 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.

December 2020 Fall Line Ski Club Social Activities

Or Reasons to Get Out of the House. . .

If you have ideas and you would like to help run this great club, send it to JohnKennedy0880@Comcast.net

Date	Event	Leader	Details	Price
Non-meeting Tuesdays	Movie Night at AMC Voorhees 16 900 Haddonfield-Berlin Rd Voorhees, NJ ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE	Nona Luce nonaluce@Fallline.org 856-522-9867	Movie announced in weekly Club email Blasts. Meet at Ott's afterwards for beverages, eats and to discuss the movie.	Join AMC Stubs for discounts https://www.amctheatres.com/amcstubs
Dec. 4, 11, 18	Virtual Happy Hours	Contact Nona Ostrove at nona@ostrovelaw.com for Zoom link	5:00 PM	BYO,
Dec. 7	Book Club, 7:30 PM Contact Jeannie to see if the Book Club meets at The Taproom or via Zoom	Jeannie Nelson (jeannien@msn.com)	"The Paris Wife" by Paula McLain	OYO
Dec. 15	Mixer Meeting, 7:30 PM	Contact Nona Ostrove at nona@ostrovelaw.com for Zoom link	Talk to Board Members or Trip Leaders with any questions you may have.	BYO
Jan. 4	Book Club, 7:30 PM Contact Jeannie to see if the Book Club meets at The Taproom or via Zoom	Jeannie Nelson (jeannien@msn.com)	"The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot	OYO

All Events Are Subject To Cancellation Due To COVID-19



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

Fall Line Ski Club – 2021 Winter Trip Schedule

All FLSC trips include Lift Tickets, except where noted.

Extended trips include air and ground transportation, except where noted. Lodging is two per room.

AIRLINES & PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

DATE	LOCATION	TRIP LEADER	LODGING	SOME FEATURES	OPEN-ING DATE	PRICE
Jan. 30 - Feb. 6	Whitefish, Montana	Michael Houlihan 609-923-2434 Michael@houlihanskier.com	The Lodge at Whitefish	Round trip between Philly, Salt Lake & Glacier Park Airport; charter bus transfer; 5 day lift ticket; 7 nights lodging; Daily Breakfast Included. FLSC luggage tags.	Open	Hotel Rooms \$1,575
Feb. 20 - 27	Snowmass, Colorado	David Lummis 609-440-1441 DLummis@ignarrilummis.com	Stonebridge Inn	Round trip between Philly and Eagle on American Airlines., 7 nights lodging at Stonebridge Inn, 5-day lift ticket, Daily breakfast, FLSC luggage tags, FLSC Apres Ski Party	Open	Hotel Rooms \$2,,325
March 5 - 17	Val Gardena with post-extension to Malta	Patty Shearer 856-220-5419 pshearer4@comcast.net	Hotel Antares, Selva Val Gardena, Italy. Waterfront Hotel, Sliema, Malta	Round trip between Newark & Munich (& Malta). Charter bus transportation between airports and resorts; 7 nights at Hotel Antares, includes buffet breakfast & dinner. 4 nights Malta Hotel includes buffet breakfast. ½ day guided tours. 1 day cruise of neighboring islands. <u>Not Included</u> : Lift tickets and ground transportation to/from Newark airport. FLSC luggage tags (included!)	Open	Hotel Rooms \$2,849

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 609-923-2434 or michael@houlihanskier.com or go to our website: www.FallLine.org

EPIC PASS NEWS: If you have an Epic Pass or wish to purchase one, PLEASE READ THIS!

Vail Resorts has announced opening dates and a COVID-19-related reservations system for their mountains this coming season. If you need further clarification on their announcement, this blog post on [ski.com](https://www.ski.com/blog/vail-announces-epic-pass-covid-policy-reservations-required/)'s website might help: <https://www.ski.com/blog/vail-announces-epic-pass-covid-policy-reservations-required/>

(You may have to scroll down a few posts.)

To put things simply, you are able to log into your profile on www.epicpass.com and reserve up to 7 “Priority Days” beginning on November 6 and ending on December 7, 2020. Then you are allowed up to an additional 7 week-of-reservation days (or as many days as your pass allows), also by logging into your profile. It’s important to know that your account on the Epic Pass website may not be available yet. While these are different times, they’re exciting nonetheless and the countdown to ski season is on. The peaks in Ski Country have already started to turn white!

Think Snow!

Fall Line Ski Club

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www.FallLineSkiClub.org
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