

Powder Express

The Official Newsletter of the Fall Line Ski Club

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New Jersey Wine Tasting Tour February 19, 2011



Have you ever wanted to go on a wine tour but didn't have the money to go to California? Well, you don't have to travel that far! On February 19th Fall Line will lead you to a few of the best wineries in the state of New Jersey. No, this is not a misprint. Yes, New Jersey has wineries. Actually there are over 30 in the state but 30 is way too many to get to in a day so let's just start with five that are close to home.

We will meet at 11:00 am on Saturday, Feb 19th in the Burger King parking lot on Route 38 & Ark Road (across from Prospector's). We can carpool or you can drive on your own – your choice.

Winery #1 - We will head to Atco for our first stop at Amalthea Cellars. At Amalthea you have the opportunity for a complimentary sample of twelve different wines. There are also six "Legend Editions" that are incredible. While they never offer all six Legend's for tasting you can bet on at least one being available. Amalthea wines are truly award winning. The winery has won gold medals in competition with French and California wines. This place is a must stop!

Winery #2 – Next we will head down the road a bit to Hammonton and stop in at Plagido's. While Plagido does charge \$5.00 for a tasting, they will refund that charge if you purchase a bottle and with their award winning selection that should not be hard to accomplish. Plagido's has twenty two wines to sample.

Winery #3 – We then will travel about nine minutes away to DiMatteo's. DiMatteo offers thirteen varieties with some of the best fruit wines in the area, winning many awards.

Winery #4 – About eight minutes away is Sharrott Winery. Sharrott also charges \$5.00 for a tasting but you get a souvenir glass to keep. Even though Sharrott is fairly new, just opening to the public in 2008, they have eleven different wines to choose from. And just because they are new does not mean that they are not proven. They have won medals every year with a "best of class" award in 2010.

Winery #5 – From Sharrott we will drive about 25 minutes to Shamong for our last stop at Valenzano Winery. Valenzano offers a wide variety of wines with nineteen to choose from.

The day does not have to end at Valenzano. We will find a local BYOB restaurant where we can end the day enjoying dinner and talk about and taste some of the yummy wines we just purchased. OR if we feel that there is a better selection of BYOB restaurants near the Atco winery we can always reverse the above and start from Valenzano and end at Amalthea. Whatever works for the group!

So mark your calendar, save the date and please join us. If you have any specific questions, all of the wineries have web sites or feel free to contact Sara Walls or Deb Taraska at 609-747-8582 or saradeb@comcast.net. See you on February 19th and join us in raising your glass to 2011.

Wednesday
February 16, 2011

Fall Line Ski Club Movie Nite

Rave Motion Pictures Ritz Center
900 Haddonfield - Berlin Road
Voorhees, NJ - (856) 783-2726

Relax - Join us for an evening at the movies.

Bring a friend - you do not have to be a member to come to this event.

Eat/drink - We can meet prior to or after the movie for a bite to eat or a cocktail.

Before the show – Around 5:15 meet at Passariello's Pizza (111 Laurel Oak Road, Voorhees). Passariello's has great food served cafeteria style and they are not expensive. They are also located just around the corner from the movies.

After the show – Meet at Applebee's for an after show cocktail and appetizers to discuss the movie.

Cost: \$7.25 per movie

Movie and Time: To Be Determined, watch for the Fall Line Ski Club Blast the week before the 16th for movie title and time. (Time is usually around 7pm)

Contact: Nona Luce at
nonajean321@comcast.net
or 856-522-9867

MEETING INFORMATION

Mixer Meetings... are held the first and third Tuesday each month (except for December) at Champp's at Route 70 & 73 in Marlton. 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 Patty Shearer, board member and Winter Trip Chair, and occur monthly. Please call Patty (856/220-5419) if you are interested in attending or participating.

Events Committee Meetings... are conducted by Nona Luce, board member and Events Committee Chair. Please call Nona (856-522-9867) 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 membership fee is \$25.00 through 9/11/10 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:

FLSC
112 Stephenson Way
Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006-2229
Phone: 215/357.2305
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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It's Snow Problem!

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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

2010-2011 Winter Trip Schedule as of February 2011

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 |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---------|
| Dec. 15-20 | Vail, Colorado | Wayne Schofield 856-931-2173 | Evergreen Lodge | 5,100 acres of skiing ... ALL OPEN! Gracias of El Ninà! | Should have been there! | \$1,099 |
| Jan. 8-15 | Big Sky, Montana | Jane Gonzales 609-707-0445 | The Lodge at Big Sky | Tons of Fresh Powder!! | GREAT TIME! | \$1,493 |
| Jan. 21-29 | Morzine, France | Pat Maguire 856-772-1120 | Hotel Champs Fleuris | Fabulous time skiing the Alps! | Should have been there! | \$2,379 |
| Jan. 27-30 | Waterville Valley, New Hampshire | Marianne Sladzinski 856-874-1747 | Town Square Condos | Just got back!! | Should have been there! | \$449 |
| Feb. 19-26 | Park City, Utah | Jeff Stein 856-728-1254 | Park City Peaks Hotel | Non-stop RT – Philly / Salt Lake. Full hot breakfast, 5-day lifts (Park City, Canyons, Deer Valley); "Blues Cruise" private guided tour | GET ON WAIT LIST | \$1,349 |
| March 3-6 | Jay Peak, Vermont | Kathie Read 856-344-2459 | Tram Haus Lodge | 5* Luxury – The Tram House Lodge for 1-time only! Ski in-ski out, 2-hr. group lessons Fri & Sat., Wine & Cheese Party, 3 breakfasts/2dinner. | GET ON WAIT LIST | \$609 |
| March 4-13 | St. Anton, Austria, 1 night Munich | Ann Marsteller 856-772-9414 | 4* Hotel Kertess / 4*Hotel Torbrau | Non-stop Newark-Munich, ground transportation, 7 nights lodging, Buffet Breakfast and 4-course Dinner daily, 5-day Arlberg region ski pass. 1 night Munich w/buffet breakfast. | GET ON WAIT LIST | \$2,499 |
| March 18-20 | Sugarbush, Vermont | Judy Ward 856-220-3623 | Sugarbush Inn | Great skiing on two interconnected mountains! Two nights lodging, 2 day lift, 2 buffet breakfasts, located on free shuttle route. Triple rooms available. | 4 SPOTS LEFT! | \$379 |
| March 30 – April 4 | Keystone, Colorado | Bob Suravage 609-654-5521 | River Run Condos | River Run condos in slopeside village, 4 day lifts (Keystone, A-Basin, Breckenridge and Vail), direct flight to Denver. | ONLY 2 SPACES REMAIN! | \$959 |

You must be a member to sign-up! If you are interested in becoming a Trip Leader or joining the Winter Trip Committee and assisting in the coordination of our winter trips, please contact

February Happy Hours

February 4, 2011

From 5-7pm

It's a new place for the New Year!

Happy Hour in Rittenhouse Square

ALFA

1709 Walnut Street

Philadelphia, PA 19103

215-751-0201

\$3 Miller Lite/Miller High Life/Yeungling

\$4 Red and White Wine

\$5 Cocktails

\$3 HH Snacks

Edamame, Tater Tots, Cajun Wings,

Hummus & Pita, Chips & salsa

Take the High Speed Line to 16th Locust,

walk up to 17th street,

then Walnut (on the left side)

February 11, 2011

5-8pm

Dublin Square Restaurant and Bar

(formerly Swanky Bubbles)

482 East Evesham road

Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

856-536-7198

Dublin is located on the

grounds of the historic

Short Hills Farms, they are offering:

\$3 domestic beer

\$4 import beers

\$4 house wines

20% discount on all food items.

For more info call Jeannie Nelson

856-889-5100



VAIL – December 15-20, 2010

If our first trip of the season, Vail, is any indication of what 2011 has to offer, we are looking at a great ski season.

Usually someone earns the first fall of the year, but you expect it on the slopes; however, not for John Kennedy. He did not even make it into the Philadelphia Terminal. He was laying in the street, on his back with a backpack, his skis in his hand and his suitcase on his chest... He looked like a beached turtle.

The plane was on time and we arrived in Denver on schedule. All luggage and skis arrived with us and the bus left soon after arrival. The only hitch was "it was snowing" so our trip to Vail took about 3-1/2 hours, but what we had to look forward to was worth it.

Have you ever thought what would constitute a perfect ski day?... temperature, sunshine, wind, clouds, lift lines and new snowfall. Our first two days were perfect... clear Colorado blue skies, beautiful sunshine, no wind, temperatures between 20 and 25 degrees, no lift lines, 9 inches of fresh powder on the first night and 5 more on the second night, 5110 acres of skiable terrain with 188 out of 193 runs open and all lifts operating. The next two days added another 10 inches giving Vail better than 160 inches for the year. It does not get any better than that.

Even though we had a small group of 12, it was a GREAT group. Unfortunately, the first fall of the new ski season (on the slopes) was Margarita Baranova who twisted her knee on our first day. We all hope that she has a speedy recovery. Cindy, Paul and Deborah spent their first day at Vail accumulating 30,000 feet plus of vertical. Sometimes in the years of FLSC you meet some skiers that make you think of Frick and Frack or Abbott and Costello. But when it comes to Bob Nuss and Lowe Parrish, it's hard to tell who is the straight man and who is the comedian. Maybe it would be easier if we referred to them as George Burns and Gracie Allen. When they are around, they sure put some fun into the trip.

Some of the comments of our group were "loved the trip, had a fantastic time", "the Evergreen is in the perfect location and the room was nice", Diane M. "Vail is beautiful, the snow perfect", "had a great time, conditions were great, lots of good runs, can't wait until next trip". John S.

Over the years we have lost some members only because they moved to ski country, but once a Fall Liner, always a Fall Liner. It was great to have Donna MacCary join us from Denver and ski with us one day and Mike and Roberta McGowan joined us another day from Aspen. Rumor had it that Barbara Vergani was going to join us also, but weather prevented her from coming. Hopefully some if not all will be able join us in Keystone in March.

I would like to thank everyone for helping to make this not a good trip, but a GREAT one. Looking forward to seeing you again on the slopes.

THAT'S ALL FOLKS.

Wayne



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The winter has arrived and as you read this article trips to Vail, Big Sky, Morzine and Waterville Valley are over. I'm sure that there was plenty of snow and great times and new friends made by all. The winter trip committee did an outstanding job picking some great places this year. I would like to thank Kathy Read, Pat Mcguire and Ann Marstellar for their dedication to planning winter events for many years for Fall Line. These three have decided to take a well deserved break, which brings me to a new topic. HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CLUB? We need some new blood for both our Winter Trip Committee and our Social Events Committee. The meetings and

events are fun, you can meet and interact with new people and you may even learn something in the process. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please call me at 610-368-8935 or contact one of the board members.

And remember "Think Snow"

Ken Heath

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