

MARCH 2014

POWDER EXPRESS

Snowbird 2014

Or

Dashing through the Snow

(Last names have been omitted to protect the guilty)

By Ann Marsteller

It started off innocently enough with just a light mist falling on the way to the airport at 5:00 AM. Several Fall Liners were already in line for our 7:15 flight. Most of the 20 of us had already printed out our boarding passes at home, something in past years that was not possible for groups, so I thought this check-in would be a breeze. Bob M., an old Fall Liner who recently moved to Indiana, was going to meet us in Salt Lake. When the line did not move for over half an hour, I grew concerned. There were only four agents issuing tickets, checking bags and arranging services for priority members. Then an announcement: "all for the 6:25 to Atlanta, get in this line;" a little later, "all for the 7:00 to JFK, get in this line". By now it is 6:30-we were supposed to be boarding in 5 minutes, and my bags are still in line with me. Some had checked their bags curbside. Good for those who did that early. By now, the curbside computer was down.



Newbies Jay and Janet with old-timers Bob, Al, Lowe and Sandy at Hotel Wine and Cheese Reception

Then, the call, "all those for Salt Lake City, get in this line". When half the line crowded up to her, she said, "My scale is broken! Follow me!" We then went to the adjacent area which was twice as big as the space

we shared with two other airlines. She checked our bags in record time, and thanks to TSA Precheck, which allows you to go through a super speedy line: no taking off shoes, belts or sweatshirts, no taking out laptops or liquid bags, we hurried to the gate. Our flight was already delayed due to the check-in mess, so we boarded the plane in hopes of an almost on time departure.

Well, it was not to be. We had to go to the opposite end of the airport to get de-iced. By now it was daylight, and I had never actually seen the de-icing stuff- wow it is one ugly color of green! By 8:30 we got in line for take-off and 15 minutes later were airborne! Luckily we got out of Philly when we did, because the ice that ensued played havoc with most Northeastern airports later in the day.

We landed in SLC, got our bags in record time, and boarded our huge bus for Snowbird. Unfortunately, Bob's flights were canceled and he was not going to get there until Tuesday morning. We stopped at Dan's market at the mouth of the canyon, and with eyes bigger than many stomachs, purchased food for a couple of armies. I bought beer and appetizers for our Fall Line Party, and thanks to that store with the bull's eye, al-

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Michele LeConey

As I write this article, the Winter Olympics are just underway. What an exciting time to be a winter sports enthusiast! Did anyone else take notice to how many international athletes train right here in the United States? It was staggering and a testament to our great mountains, terrain and programs. The Olympics this year are truly inspirational and fun to watch. Is anyone interested in starting a Fall Line curling team????

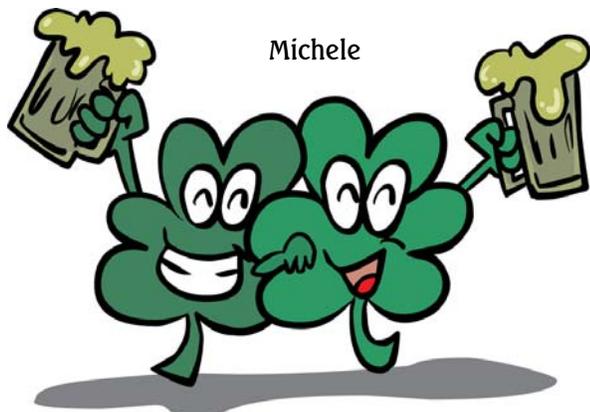
I hope that everyone's ski season has been safe and enjoyable so far (if you see Joe Laux at a mixer meeting, buy him a drink!!!!). We've received a lot of positive feedback regarding our trips and trip leaders this year. Unfortunately, we had to cancel one of our weekend trips due poor initial sign-ups. Weekend trips are a great time and it was really disappointing to have to cancel, and even harder to hear that several of you had planned to sign up, but had not gotten around to signing up. However, we are given deadlines for reservations and have to comply. Let's not let this happen next year.

The Social Activities Committee is getting back together to plan our non-skiing activities on March 4, 2014. Feel free to join and get involved. Details are available in the newsletter or see Nona Luce.

The Spring Fling is confirmed for April 25, 2014 at Carlucci's in Mt. Laurel, NJ. I hope to see everyone there for a night of food, drink, dancing and raffles. 2015 winter trips and your new Fall Line Board will also be announced. Do not miss it!

Did I mention the Board? It's not too late to get involved and run for an open position. You cannot make a difference if you don't get involved. As my good friend Bono of the band U2 says: "The world is more malleable than you think and it's waiting for you to hammer it into shape." This applies to ski clubs as well.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



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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 until September 7, 2013 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 Mixer 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](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 or phone numbers should be reported as soon as possible so that you may remain informed of all Fall Line events and activities.

Fall Line Ski Club's Annual Spring Fling

Celebrate the end of another successful ski season and welcome in our warm weather
Social Activities at

Carlucci's Waterfront

876 Centerton Road
Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

Friday, April 25, 2014

7:00pm—11:00pm

\$40 Members, \$45 Non-Members, No tickets sold at door

Cash Bar and Silent Auction

Dance Music provided by DJs Available

1/2 Priced Bottles of Wine available only when Pre-Purchased with Tickets by April 16th

Please make your check out to Fall Line Ski Club and mail before April 16th to:

Nona Luce, 524A Willow Turn, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

If you have any questions, contact Nona Luce at 856-778-1942 or
NonaLuce@FallLine.org

Dinner Menu Includes:

First Course

Homemade Chicken Tortellini Soup

Second Choice

Tossed Garden Salad

Rolls & Butter with Bruschetta

Entrée: (Circle choice and indicate who gets what)

Borsellini alla Cognac

Bosellini pasta pockets stuffed with a 4 cheese blend of imported cheeses, sautéed in a creamy cognac sauce with finely chopped onion, fresh spinach, chopped tomatoes and mushrooms

Maryland Crab Cake

Our famous recipe with crab meat, pan seared and served with a light lemon wine sauce on the side served with roasted red bliss potatoes and green beans

Chicken Marsala

Sautéed in a marsala wine sauce with mushrooms served with roasted red bliss potatoes and green beans

Veal ala Creama

Veal medallions sautéed in a pink cream sauce, topped with prosciutto, spinach and mozzarella served with roasted red bliss potatoes and green beans

Dessert: Tiramisu

Beverages: Unlimited Coffee, Hot Tea, Iced Tea & Soda

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most didn't get to purchase the stuff. My first two credit cards which were compromised were declined, but the third one, rarely used, worked. Phew! Another crisis averted!

We proceeded up the canyon when a beeping sound came out of the driver area. The transmission was overheated. GREAAAT. We had to stop for several minutes to cool it down, then proceeded again, only to have it happen two more times, this time with longer stops. The bus finally pulled into the driveway of the Lodge at Snowbird, and died again. Well, at least we were here!

We awoke to blue skies on Monday, and many headed across the way to Snowbird. The new high speed quad, Gad 2 and Little Cloud, made getting up the mountain a modern experience. I took several newcomers to the Peruvian Chair, and then the tunnel, a marvel which is cut into the mountain, and drops you into Mineral Basin (the huge bowl) without having to take the Tram. We had the entire mountain to ourselves, (locals only come to ski/board on powder days) and were able to ski most trails, even Mineral Basin, although it was a little scratchy in some points and the death cookies were waiting to tumble the unaware skier. For those of you who do not know what the term death cookies mean: they are little balls of ice on the snow just waiting to get under your skis to create instability and plop, you are down before you know what hit you. As the morning wears on, the snow warms up, and they get softer and luckily, disappear.

Most met at the Mid Gad restaurant for lunch, and we skied down later to the 105 degree hot tub, pool, or sauna, to rest our weary muscles, since this was the first trip of the year for many. The Lodge then treated us to one of two wine and cheese receptions, with excellent wines, cheeses, and hot appetizers which I never even saw, thanks to some Fall Liners who stood at the entrance waiting to pounce on the server as he walked in!

Tuesday, we had a few inches of fluffy snow, and we headed over to Alta. We had several who had never skied here before: Doug F., Suzanne D., Janet M., Jay B., Maria P., Joe A., and Katie Mc.; now they knew why so many of us make this sacred journey every year. It was the seventeenth time for me, and a lot more for Bob N., Bob P., and Lowe P. to name a few. We had beautiful snow, light and fluffy, excellent grooming, and few skiers. The off piste had a bit too many rocks and trees to venture into, but there was plenty to ski on piste. This is real skiing! Suzanne took my advice and went to Christy Sports and got fitted with custom boot liners. Wow, she could ski again!

We had about eight inches of snow on Wednesday, another 14 on Thursday, and four more on Friday. On

Wednesday, Jay, Janet, and I caught up with Jack W. and Jim T., and skied on and off together at Alta, with Jim venturing into the unknown of the blizzard, and the rest of us sticking to the tamer stuff. The wind picked up Thursday, and that was the one limiting factor for skiing and seeing. We were able to ski in places that we could not on Monday and Tuesday, as the snow covered the rocks and twigs that were so visible the first two days. The powder was knee high and higher in some spots!



Surprise!

We had the infamous pizza party Wednesday night, and thank you to my roommate Katie, for helping to be the hostess with the mostest. Yes the pizza S _ _ _ _ _ , but there were plenty of appetizers, wine and beer to wash it down. Mindy, M., Tom B., Katie and I decided to surprise Al D. with a retirement cake, which was delicious! The Lodge had put two chocolate skis on top of the delicious butter cream, chocolate ganache and chocolate cake.

Joe A. and Maria P. decided to rent a car to go snowmobiling in Park City, and also caught the FIS Moguls and Aerials Championships in Deer Valley. Luckily, they made it back in the blizzard Thursday night!

On Friday, many of us started out at Snowbird, but with several lifts closed due to high winds and with avalanche warnings blasting, we scurried over to Alta, where we had some of the best powder, bumps, steeps, and groomers you could find. Aurora and Dan S. managed to ski apart while still skiing together, with Dan going into the steep and deep, and Aurora staying on the groomers.

One of the responsibilities of a trip leader is to write this article, and solicit info from members. As usual, the responses were few. I am sharing these tidbits almost ver-

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batim, so that you can glean the perspective from those who were there:

From Jay B: Where else but Snowbird do you get awoken exactly at 7 every morning to the shock and awe of mortars and howitzers blasting the mountain and shaking the hotel? And where else in ski-land do you get quarantined in your hotel until 8:15 (known as Interlodge)



Relaxing after the pizza party

most every morning because of imminent avalanche threat? Snow (blizzard conditions really) were the norm for our week at Snowbird/Alta. Winds generally in the 25 mph range gusting to over 45 mph at the top. Ugh! Good company, good skiers though. Lots of late arrivals and local friends dropping in to our "trip parties" as only Ann can arrange them. But, yeh, the pizza does s _ _ _ in Snowbird. Great to share the adventure with you all.

Mindy M wrote: I agree about the Snowbird pizza, but the rest of the trip was terrific. The surprise retirement cake at the pizza party was delicious and made up for the s _ _ _ _ pizza. I also agree that the booms everyday were unique. No need for a wake up call or setting an alarm in the morning. The manager at Wildflowers bar felt the need to show me, Maria P. and Joe A. expended howitzer shells with the lingering smell of gunpowder used for the avalanche control at the resort.

From Carol M: At the end of the trip while waiting for the parking shuttle Lowe P _ _ _ _ _ (whom I haven't seen for 25 years or so) came out of the terminal, saw Doug and I (and remember Doug is a fairly new Fall Line member and my boyfriend of only 3 years) and said "Good to see you again Carol. Doug, nice meeting you and thanks for finally getting her off the streets!" What a great line! We enjoyed it. What a way to end the trip. Even though I couldn't ski, it was still a nice week. (Ed. note: Carol had broken her thumb a few weeks before in Breckenridge, and The Lodge was gracious to trade her lift ticket for a \$350 package at the Cliff Spa, a day she

thoroughly enjoyed!)

From Sandy G: Wonderful trip! Lots of fun and interesting people. The winds were great for quickly getting down the mountain without a kite. Thanks Ann for being a great Trip Leader, Mountain Guide, and Hostess of two parties. Call me crazy, but I liked the Tomato Pie!

Our week ended how it began, with sunny skies on Saturday, but with the howling winds as another front threatened to bring up to two feet of snow to the canyon. Janet had wanted to ski back from Alta to Snowbird, so Jay and I reluctantly agreed. We had a crazy trek back, with the winds picking up and skiing as fast as possible down Chip's Run to get to the refuge of the hot tub. After many calls to the bus company, I arranged for us to get picked up 1.5 hours early in order to make it to the airport for our flight. Mt. Baldy at Alta recorded 90mph winds that evening, and we woke up again to Interlodge, but the canyon road opened in plenty of time for us to make our getaway. Bob M. was able to return with us and made it home only a few hours late, instead of days. We were checked in in minutes, a stark opposite to our out-bound experience, and boarded our flight on time and even our luggage came out right away in Philly!

I want to thank everyone for being a super group, those who helped me with the party, for all being ready for our early departure, and to all those who helped the bus driver unload the bus. We experienced everything: sun, snow, winds, powder, and death cookies, but most of all, we experienced this adventure with old friends and made several new friends. This is what skiing is all about. We have several new converts to the Alta experience, and now they know why I proudly wear my "Altaholics Anonymous" tee shirt! Hope to see you all again!

About this Newsletter

Questions? Comments? Ideas?

Please Contact:

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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.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2014 (1ST FRIDAY)
TRENO PIZZA BAR
HAPPY HOUR PRICES FROM 4-7PM—BUT ONLY
ON THE PATIO**

PARTY ON THE PATIO

Hey Everyone this is a favorite, TRENO's Pizza Bar. A lot of Fall Liners have asked to go back again and again as they have had so much fun.

It was Kitchen 233 in Haddon Township. It is a local happy hour, and they now have a 1st Friday.

Besides music Treno's also offer (only on the patio) :

- \$4.00 well drinks and martinis
- \$4 wine, \$2.50 beer's for all you beer drinkers,
- \$5.00 for little bits

Just can't beat this.

There is also music on the Patio.

The prices are good, let's see everyone there to say hello to the 1st Friday in March. We will be meeting at the back bar on the patio.

Hope to see everyone at HH. For more info call Jeannie Nelson at [856-889-5100](tel:856-889-5100)

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Westmont, NJ 08108
856-833-9233
www.trenopizzabar.com



**MARCH 21, 2014
IRON HILL BREWERY & RESTAURANT
FROM 5-7PM ARE THE HAPPY HOUR PRICES**

Many people have been asking to go back to this one, so here it is.

Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant takes its name from an historic Revolutionary War landmark in Delaware, where Generals Washington and Lafayette battled against General Cornwallis to ensure American liberty.

It was, in fact, the pursuit of happiness as described by the Declaration of Independence, that led to the formation of Iron Hill in 1994, when two award-winning home brewers, Kevin Finn and Mark Edelson teamed up with Kevin Davies, an experienced professional in restaurant operations. And the rest, so to speak, is history.

Iron Hill has seen significant growth in the years it has been doing business. Since the opening of their flagship store in Newark, Delaware in November 1996, they have added seven more locations in Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey, with more to come.

Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant is a privately owned company that produces distinctive, full-flavored hand-crafted beers, accompanied by inspired yet informal New American cuisine in a comfortable, casual atmosphere. The goal has always been to produce food and beer that is fresh and inspired, consistently crafted and presented by a knowledgeable and courteous service staff.

They our offering:

- \$3 House Beers
- \$4 Seasonal Beers
- \$4 House Wine
- \$4 Seasonal Drinks in the Bar and Cocktail Areas Only
- Cask Conditioned Not Included

For more info call Jeannie Nelson 856-889-5100

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Voorhees, NJ 08043
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ELECTION TIME FOR THE FALL LINE BOARD

It's that time of year! Yes I know everyone is desperately attempting to stuff that last turtle neck into to their suitcase and keep it less than 50 pounds, but it's also time to think about next year already. Fall Line is a volunteer organization and as such, will only be as great as we make it. How many times have you thought, why doesn't the club do Well the reason is simple, it's because your voice hasn't been heard yet.



Fall Line is comprised of several hundred people with various skill sets that range from CEOs to jugglers. I think the variety is what makes this club so much fun.

The Fall Line Board is comprised of the following standard offices:

- President
- President- Elect
- President –Ex
- Treasurer
- Treasurer-Elect
- Secretary

These seem fairly explanatory! The President drinks all the beer, the President-Elect gets to drink all the beer next year and the President-Ex has no beer left, but allows everyone to buy them beer discussing what a great year they had. The money is always handled with extreme care, so there is a Treasurer who keeps track of the money going-outs and a Treasurer-Elect that keeps track of the money going-ins. The Secretary keeps minutes for the meetings and is responsible for the collection and filing of all documentation.

Then we move onto the Elected Directors! We have 6 Elected Directors that serve 2 Year Terms (typically 3 new elected each year) and up to three additional Appointed Directors that each serve a 1 Year Term.

So right now, we are looking to fill the President Elect, And Treasurer Elect positions in addition to the 3 new elected Board position.

If you are interested, talk to any board member. If you are ready to commit to running for a position, send a short bio on yourself and why you want to run to Janice Lynch at jml@sicnj.net by March 10th to make sure it gets in the April newsletter.

Calling all sole proprietors and members with special skill sets:

Are you a bathroom remodeler; soap maker; handy-man; financial adviser? Would you like to get your name/skill set out there to your fellow club members? We will be highlighting members or people of interest to our membership at some of our general mixer meetings. Nothing too formal, it just gives you a chance to possibly make a business connection or just to get to



know what others do.

If you are interested in focusing your business, please contact Deborah Cary or Sara Walls to reserve a table at one of the Mixer Meetings where you can promote your skills. We can be reached at Deborah Cary, fedgirl92@gmail.com, 609-471-3723 or Sara Walls, saradeb@comcast.net, 609-747-8582

Fall Line Ski Club

2013-14 Winter Trip Schedule as of March 1, 2014

All FLSC trips include Lift Tickets, except where noted.

FLSC provides Beer, Wine & Soda on bus trips.

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

PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

DATE	LOCATION	TRIP LEADER	LODGING	SOME FEATURES	OPENS	PRICE
1/5-1/12	Snowbird/Alta, Utah	Ann Marsteller 856-772-9414 AMarstelle@aol.com	The Lodge at Snowbird	Non-Stop Flights: Phila. – Salt Lake City; Roundtrip transfers; 7 nights lodging; 6-day Snowbird/Alta lift pass (w/Tram); Fall Line Group Party; Wine & Cheese Party	Over	
1/22-2/1	Vienna & Saalbach, Austria	Pat Maguire 856-772-1120 pkm1111@hotmail.com	4* Hotel Regina in Vienna & 4* Hotel Saalbacherhof in Saalbach	Round-trip international airfare from Newark to Vienna & return from Munich; 2 nights' in Vienna w/daily breakfast; 7 nights' in Saalbach, including buffet breakfast and dinner; all ground transportation between resorts and airport – Lift Tickets Extra and Not Included in the Price	Over	
1/24-1/26	Killington, Vermont	Tamika McKoy 610-656-8515 apresskiers@hotmail.com	Inn of the Six Mountains	Variety is the spice of skiing and riding and it's the reason skiers and riders of all abilities make the pilgrimage to The Beast. Six mountains. 140 trails. Over 70 miles of terrain. An extensive lift network featuring two high-speed gondolas that service everything from groomed cruisers to classic New England tree runs to parks, pipes, bumps and steeps	Over	
2/1-2/8	Jackson Hole, Wyoming	John Kennedy 856-761-2863 johnkennedy0880@comcast.net	Hotel Lexington	Round Trip airfare Phila/Jackson; all transfers to and from resort; 7 nights' at the Lexington Hotel with daily deluxe continental breakfast; welcome reception including beer, wine finger food; FLSC party; 5 of 7 day lift tickets; hot chocolate and cookies daily après ski.	Over	
2/23-3/2	Red Mountain, BC, Canada	Dave Lummis 609-440-1441 dlummis@ignarrilummis.com	Ski in/Ski out condos at the Red Mountain base	Round trip air transportation; round trip transfer from airport to resort; 7 nights' accommodation; 5 day lift pass valid at Red Mountain; complimentary daily guided mountain tours; 1hr Ski Improvement clinic; Apres Ski reception; FLSC party	Over	
3/9-3/16	Vail, Colorado	Jody Sandberg 856-816-0855 njsnobuni@comcast.net	Evergreen Hotel	Roundtrip airfare and ground transportation; 7 nights' lodging with daily hot breakfast; on mountain tour, welcome wine/cheese reception, hotel/manager's reception on Thursday après ski, pasta dinner; 5 day ski pass valid at Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone and Arapahoe Basin	Wait listed	\$1,729
3/20-3/23	Sugarbush, Vermont	Nancy Perrino 856-521-0206 lucky lady582@comcast.net	Sugarbush Inn	3 Days this year!! Great skiing on two interconnected mountains; 3 nights' lodging, 3 day Lift, 3 buffet breakfasts, 1 group dinner; welcome party, located on free shuttle route. Bus leaves Mt. Laurel at 4 PM	Canceled	

Must be a member to go on a ski trip.

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



March 2014 Social Activities Fall Line Ski Club

January through March 2014 the Social Activities will be taking a break to concentrate on our Ski Trips.

We will continue with Happy Hours and Movies during ski season.

Our next Social Events Committee Meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 4th at 6pm** (prior to our Mixer Meeting) in the bar at Pennsauken Country Club to firm up and continue with the plans scheduled for our 2014 activities. If you have an event you would like to plan or would like to be a member of this committee, please contact Nona Luce at Nonaluce@FallLine.org for more information.

Have a wonderful New Year and let it snow, snow, snow!