

MARCH 2015

POWDER EXPRESS



Les Arcs: Powder, Powder Everywhere!

By Ann Marsteller

Departing JFK airport on Swiss Airlines is usually a piece of cake. We took two cars, with Zion C. driving myself and Tom L., while Dick S. had Peggy K. and Nancy L. as his cargo. We met Richard M. who joined us from Chicago, checked in in 10 minutes with our skis really flying for free, and had plenty of time to enjoy the bar by our gate. After boarding, the captain announced -we seem to be unable to detach the jet way from the plane, so it will be a few minutes before pushback. Maybe they needed to pay extra for that privilege? An hour later, we finally took off. Free drinks and several meals later, we landed only 30 minutes behind schedule. Now we had to find our driver and Ken K., who had gone to Geneva a day early to shake off the jet lag. After clearing Customs, neither was anywhere to be found. I speed dialed the transfer company from my phone, and was told: your driver will be there! I will call him and call you right back. A few minutes later, the call back came, and we found our driver carrying a Fall Line "Sky" Club sign! Guess things get lost in translation. Little did we know that we had to get on an elevator to go down 4 levels into the parking garage!

When we got to the van, the driver obviously was not familiar with American travelers' packing styles. He had to unpack the van three times before everything fit. Only

problem was, Zion had to sit in the middle front seat, on the console! Very cozy! Almost three hours later, we arrived in Les Arcs, and set out for lunch. We found a lovely Savoyard restaurant that accommodated the eight of us. We returned to the hotel to check in and I scouted out all



Les Arcs Black Run-Comborciere

the important spots we would need to know in the next 24 hours. The London group arrived and a little later, we went to our private welcome reception with local wine and charcuterie of the Savoie region.

Boots and skis were kept in a boot room and ski room, so in the morning, you just had to show your claim check and they gave you your warmed boots, then picked up your skis on the way out the door where voila, were the ski slopes! Several people rented skis,

as the prices in Europe can't be beat. They could swap them as they liked. Sunday was a very snowy, cold, windy day, so it was tough trying to get the feel of the mountain, since you couldn't see it. Lift lines were virtually nonexistent all week, and the high speed gondolas, chairs, and trams made getting from one area to another a piece of cake.

Les Arcs is a huge area unto itself, with over 100 miles of skiing, and then there is La Plagne which is even bigger with over 150 miles of skiing is only for marked trails. Then there is the off piste, which is more than anything I

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MARCH PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all enjoying your winter season. Wait, have we had winter here yet? Lots of predictions, but, as you all know, nothing of significance has panned out yet. Of course, I am writing this to you on the 6th of February and a lot can happen by the time you receive this.

As of this writing we are in full gear with our trips for the season. France is away right now and Tahoe is leaving this coming weekend. We really have fantastic trips that the Winter Trip Committee has put together. By the time you receive this Park City will be leaving March 1st, which I am going on, and then we have Telluride leaving March 14th through the 21st. I would also like to commend again the WTC for the excellent job they have done of filling in spaces on the trips by auctions, which will reimburse people which, unfortunately, for some reason or another had to cancel out.

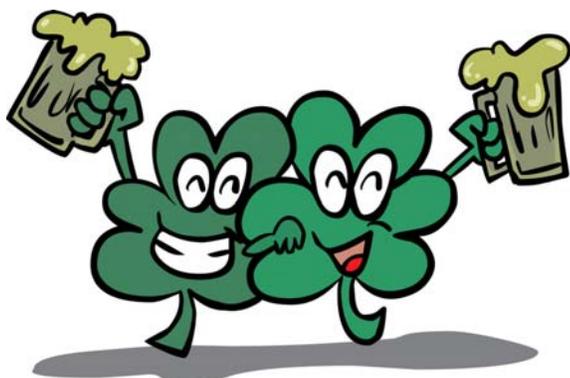
I have met some new members that will be joining our trips so please make an effort to introduce yourselves to them and make them feel comfortable. Remember when you first joined and maybe did not know anyone? Yes, we have all been there. I remember going on my first trip with the Club about five years ago to St. Anton, Austria and I knew no one, but by the end of the trip I forged friendships with people that are still some of my best friends in the Club today.

We will soon be putting in the blast information about our Spring Fling event that we are planning. I would love to see all of you come out to celebrate our Club and our winter season. It is nice to see everyone and actually recognize them without their helmets and ski gear!

The Spring Fling is a celebration of the end of one Fall Line ski year and the start of the next including the change of officers. Of course, we can not have a change of officers with out an election and people running for positions. Why don't you give serious thought of joining the great group of fun people who help run Fall Line Ski club?

See you all soon,

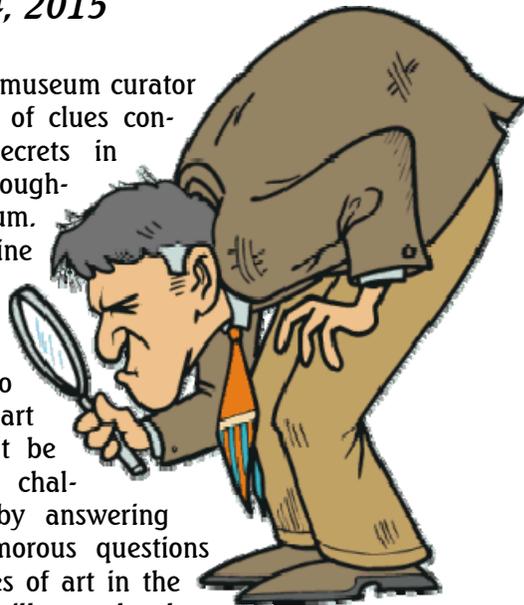
Chris Vitale, President-Elect



WATSON ADVENTURES' MURDER AT THE ART MUSEUM SCAVENGER HUNT

Join your Fall Line friends for a fun day at the Philadelphia Art Museum on Saturday, April 4, 2015

A murdered museum curator has left a trail of clues connected with secrets in works of art throughout the museum. Join the Fall Line team of sleuths crack the code and find out who dunnit. No knowledge of art is required, but be prepared for a challenging hunt by answering tricky and humorous questions about the pieces of art in the museum that will reveal the murderer and a sordid tale of greed, lust, pride, revenge and treachery.



You just need to bring a sharp mind and a comfortable pair of shoes. We will work as a team, utilizing everyone's keen observation and puzzle solving skills. We will be competing against other teams that day. The event starts at 2:00 pm and will take about two and a half hours. The cost of the event is \$37.50, which includes admission to the museum. Advance registration is required. Payment can be made online when you register.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Dave Lummis, phone: 609-440-1441, email: dlummis@ignarrillumis.com.

To register, visit Watson Adventures' website: <http://www.watsonadventures.com/public/event/the-murder-at-the-philadelphia-museum-scamenger-hunt/>

**Meetings in March at
Pennsauken Country Club
7:30 pm**

**March 3 and
March 17**



LONDON PRE-EXTENSION

By Kathie Read with a little help from Paul Gaudini

Thirteen Fall Liners left Newark airport on the evening of January 28th for a fun filled two-day London pre-extension to Les Arcs France ski trip. Arriving safely at Heathrow airport the next morning, we were met and driven to the Luna and Simone Hotel on Belgrave Street just south of Victoria Station.

We were greeted by Peter a/k/a Sherlock Holmes. Fortunately all of our rooms were ready, and everyone scattered quickly to get settled in their rooms. Armed with their London Passes and travel cards, people boarded the bright red number 24 double decker bus at the stop in front of our hotel and were off to see the sights of London.



Big Ben, with the London Eye in the background

Paul Gaudini, Terry Dougherty, and myself on the first afternoon stopped at Westminster Abbey, where we met up with Judy Glover and Dennis Furman and continued on to the Houses of Parliament and, of course, Big Ben and walking the Thames. It's London, so a little rain for authenticity; but, no problem, taking shelter in The Prince of Wales pub with a few mid-afternoon clients for a late-lunch and beer... or was it early-dinner for us? Finished up with a packed-house for happy hour with a boisterous crowd with some falling-off their high stools for our entertainment! Off to Trafalgar Square for evening colors and closing of the National Gallery. Judy, Dennis and Paul finished off the evening with top-deck-front-row seats, often with only the bus driver below, winding through London absorbing the night life with all its lights and sounds. Realizing that they passed Cambridge and were "off-the-map", adjustments were made and they headed home.

Ginny Greif, Carol Losack and Lauren Rimmer (referred to as "the girls" by the end of week) rode the London Eye.

Nancy Aquadro and Janice Heinold had high tea at The Wolseley hotel. Tom Burchill and Al Durney did a pub tour, on their own, while Jon Hill was touring the National Gallery.

The next day, the quintet of Paul, Terry, Dennis, Judy and myself, were off to Victoria Station for a day riding "The Tube". First stop, The London Tower, for a tour of the fortress with its multiple towers including gristle tales of intrigue, torture and beheadings. The tour of the Tower Bridge with its pedestrian bridges with "glass floor" at the upper level provided the opportunity for Dennis to be photographed recreating a scene from "Vertigo" seemingly falling through space from the top of the bridge. A great idea; therefore, leaving behind tourists from all over the world recreating "free-fall" photos with the security guards in a frenzy!!



Next onto the Globe Theater, the guide asked a question about London in Shakespearean days. When I blurted out the answer, the guide asked how I knew and Dennis yelled, "because she was there,". This stopped the guide in tracks and he did not know what to say. Remember Dennis, "paybacks are a". On to St. Paul's Cathedral and a late-afternoon stop at Buckingham Palace.



Changing of the Guards, Buckingham Palace

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have experienced in my 25+ ski trips to Europe. They are connected by a two level tram each car holding a little more than 100 people, which simultaneously cross the valley. This area is the third largest in France, behind Les Portes du Soleil and Les Trois Vallees.

I started off with Zion and Dick, did a fantastic powder run where we pretty much had first tracks, and quickly lost them on the next run when they went over a rise and wound up at a different lift than expected. I met up with Jon H. and Ken, who were content to ski a lazy blue to the village, which wasn't so lazy with the snow pelting you



*Top of Les Arcs Aiguille Rouge Glacier –
Avalanche Flag Level “4” –High*

and the howling wind!

The next five days were not as brutal, and the sun peeked out between the snowflakes at times. There were awesome powder runs, long winding groomers, black bump runs, and also some runs to Villaroger and Peisy Vallandry through the trees, which made visibility easier.

I floundered in some long deep powder runs, and even got helped up by a snowboarder in the thigh high powder when one of my skis came off. When Zion and Dick decided to go off the back side of one area, I said no thanks! I later found out that they had to ski through gullies, side step down narrow trails and rocks, and cross country to get out of the area. I was very happy I did not join them!

On Tuesday evening, I had an après ski party in my room, and my thanks to Nancy L. for being such a great helper in making the room somehow fit 21 people! We found lots of nooks and crannies to stuff things into! We enjoyed the local wines, beers, cheeses and saucisses, and shared our adventures from the last three days.

The hotel was not your typical small European hotel. With 346 rooms, we had key cards and choice of 3 restaurants to pick from. The main restaurant served a huge buffet breakfast daily, with eggs cooked to order, breakfast meats, croissants to die for, yogurts, cereals, egg entrees,

cheeses, meats, breads rolls, fresh fruit and anything else you could imagine. Dinner there was also buffet style, with a somewhat different theme each night. An unexpected bonus was complimentary bottle water avec and sans gas, and red or white wine with your meal. That certainly saved us a few Euros! There were always tons of salads, cheeses and desserts to choose from, so in the event that one of the four entrees did not suit your fancy, there was more than enough to sample. At The Mont Blanc restaurant, they had a choice of cheese fondue or raclette daily. Monday evening, Dan F., Judy G., Nancy, Peggy, Dick, Kathie R., Nancy A., Janice H., Paul G. and I savored the wonderful kirsch flavored fondue. On Thursday evening they had a special meal, with meats cooked on a stone, and several enjoyed this delicacy also. The Italian Restaurant, Le Petit Zinc, was frequented by several folks as well. Kathie, Terry, Nancy and others found it to be a great lunch spot on days when the weather was iffy, and they did not want to stray too far from the hotel.

On Wednesday, Jan, Nancy, and Tom decided to join us for a tour of the powder of La Plagne. After getting off the Salla Chair, Zion and Dick decided to pole across the snow to an area over the backside to parts unknown. Jan and Tom blindly followed them. Nancy and I looked at each other and said-“I don't ski where I can't see,” so we bade them “au revoir” and explored La Plagne on our own. We found powder, bumps, groomers, fog, snow, and sun, and had a nice time cruising at our leisure. We stopped for lunch, and after locking my demos, I slipped going up the ramp to the restaurant, banged my wrist and surgically repaired shoulder, and promptly lost my mitten down a snow hole under the deck! Okay, shoulder was still intact, so we had a nice lunch. We then quickly descended to Belle Plagne, where I purchased a warm pair of kiddy proof down mittens (the kind with the loops around your wrists). Take that, snow hole! Tom and Jan had a great day, although Tom was seen crawling later that evening, and took Thursday off, while Jan kept saying, I thought we were going to ski off piste, then go on piste, then off piste. Little prepared was she for the several tree holes that beckoned her into them, the extensive poling, sidestepping, and somersaulting into the powder that she experienced! Zion had helped a skier who had lost his ski (and was with a guide), and the skier reciprocated by clandestinely showing them the way out of the wilderness! Guides are not happy when you ski by yourselves. It takes away their livelihood.

Several rode the funicular into Bourg Sainte Maurice to sample some of the shops and cuisine. The free bus took you from one part of Les Arcs to another, so there was no need to ski, if you did not want to do so. This was Peggy's first funicular ride, and she enjoyed it immensely! Skiing to the funicular was interesting; there are “Natur” trails, throughout the resort; i.e. ungroomed and unmaintained; translation: bumpy, rocky, narrow, full of people flying

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New Happy Hour Locations Needed: If you have any suggestions for Happy Hour locations, please email me at jeannien@msn.com and put "Fall Line Happy Hour" in the subject line.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH

IRON HILL BREWERY & RESTAURANT

Voorhees Town Center

13107 Town Center Blvd., Voorhees, NJ 08043

856-545-9009

Happy Hour Prices From 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

They are offering \$2 off House and Seasonal Beers, Wines from \$4 to \$6 per glass and cocktails from \$4 to \$6. There is also an extensive appetizer menu with items from \$4 to \$6 each.

For more information, call Jeannie Nelson at 856-889-5100.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH

HAPPY HOUR AT FIREBIRDS WOOD FIRED GRILL

400 Route 38, Moorestown, NJ 08057, 856-380-0604

Happy Hour Prices From 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM

After work, get down to business with Happy Hour-priced bar bites and specially priced cocktails, beer and wine.

\$5 Firebar Signature Martinis, Margaritas & Cocktails; \$5 Select Glasses of Wine; \$4 Well Drinks; \$2 off All Draft Beers; Bar Bites priced from \$5 to \$7.

Another new place for Happy Hour, I hope you enjoy.

For more information, call Jeannie Nelson at 856-889-5100.



FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH

HAPPY HOUR AT DOMINIC'S TAVERN

100 East Browning Road, Bellmawr, NJ 08031, 856-931-4742

Happy Hour Prices From 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

This location is a Fall Line request and I'm happy to deliver.

They are offering: \$2.00 Draft domestic pints and bottles; \$2.00 house drinks; \$3.00 Heineken and Heineken Light Bottles; Unspecified drink special of the week.

They also have weekly food specials and great food prices such as \$6.99 for 10 bone-in or boneless wings with a choice of 11 different sauces.

Play Trivia with Jammin' Jeff from 7:00 to 9:00 PM and live music from 10 PM for anyone up for an evening out. For more information, call Jeannie Nelson at 856-889-5100.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH

HAPPY HOUR AT ADELPHIA'S

1750 Clements Bridge Rd., Deptford, NJ 08096

856-845-8200

Happy Hour Prices From 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM

(most people arrive between 5:30 – 6:00 PM)

After a long work week meet up with Fall Line friends at Adelphia's happy hour. Wind down with a drink and enjoy the new happy menu.

They are offering:

\$5 Happy Hour Menu, \$3 Drink Specials, \$3 Miller Lite and Budweiser, \$4 Sam Adams, Blue Moon, Yuengling, \$5 IP Beers, Cosmo Martinis and Dirty Martinis.

Friday is Girls Night Out starting at 9:00 PM with drink specials and a \$5 Martini Menu, \$4 Three Olive Bombs, \$3 Coors Lite and Miller Lite.

For more information, call Jeannie Nelson at 856-889-5100.

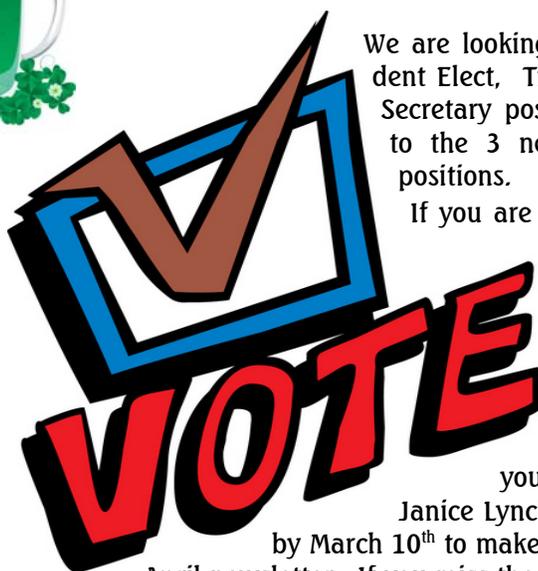
ELECTION TIME FOR THE FALL LINE BOARD

It's getting to be that time of year. How many times have you thought, why doesn't the club do this or that..... 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. The variety of members is what makes this club so much fun.

The Fall Line Board is comprised of following standard offices

President; President- Elect; President –Ex-Officio; Treasurer; Treasurer-Elect; Secretary



We are looking to fill the President Elect, Treasurer Elect and Secretary positions in addition to the 3 new elected Board positions.

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. If you miss the deadline, still talk to someone and we will see what we can do. I do want to forewarn you, you could have a lot of fun.

Fall Line Ski Club – 2015 Winter Trip Schedule
All FLSC trips include Lift Tickets, except where noted.
FLSC provides Beer, Wine & Soda on weekend 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 | STATUS | PRICE |
|------------------|--|---|------------------------------|--|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Jan. 10 – 17 | Breckenridge Colorado | Jody Sandberg 856-816-0855 njsnobuni@comcast.net | Beaver Run | UPDATE! Roundtrip airfare Phila/Denver on SOUTHWEST AIRLINES ; 7 nights lodging at Beaver Run including Hotel rooms -OR- 2 bed/bath Condos; 5 out of 7 day lift pass; welcome reception; FLSC group party. Option: \$50 for 6th ski day – must be prepaid! | GREAT SKI-ING! | Hotel: \$1,399 Condo: \$1,474 |
| Jan. 23 – 25 | Killington, Vermont | Chris Vitale 609-410-6156 saabno-more@live.com | Inn of the Six Mountains | Variety is the spice of skiing / 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 2 high-speed gondolas (groomed cruisers to classic new England tree runs to parks, pipes, bumps and steepes). Includes 2 nights' lodging and 2 day lift. | GREAT SKI-ING! | \$399 |
| Jan. 28 – 31 | Optional Pre-Extension of France trip to London, England | Kathie Read 856-356-2239 kathieread@comcast.net | Luna Simone Hotel | Optional Pre-Extension to Les Arcs trip including roundtrip transatlantic airfare on British Airways from Newark, 2 nights' accommodations at Hotel Luna Simone w/buffet breakfast daily; 2 day London Pass w/Travel card; Not included – Ground transportation to/from Newark airport. | Missed it! | \$425 |
| Jan. 30 – Feb. 7 | Les Arcs, France | Ann Marsteller 856-772-9414 AMarstelle@aol.com | 3* Hotel du Golf in Arc 1800 | Roundtrip non-stop airfare from JFK to Geneva via Swiss Air; roundtrip private transfers from Geneva Airport to Les Arcs; 7 night's accommodations at 3* Hotel du Golf with daily buffet breakfast and dinner. Not included – Lift tickets & ground transfers to/from JFK. | POWDER! | \$2,624 |
| Feb. 7 – 14 | Lake Tahoe, California | Jeff Stein 856-728-1254 stein_jr@hotmail.com | Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel | FABULOUS DEAL – MANY INCLUSIONS!!! UPDATE! Roundtrip airfare SOUTHWEST AIRLINES , 7 nights lodging in Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel (a comfortable 2-room suite) w/full buffet breakfast daily w/ eggs cooked to order; cocktails daily 4:30-6:30pm ; welcome reception on arrival day w/appetizers; 5 day lift ticket for Heavenly / Northstar / Kirkwood; FLSC group party. | Missed it! | \$1,609 |
| March 1-8 | Park City, Utah | Sara Walls 609-747-8582 saradeb@comcast.net | Park Station Condos | Roundtrip airfare on Delta Airlines; 7 nights lodging at Park Station (2 bed/bath condos); lift passes: 3 days Park City, 1 day Canyons, 1 day Deer Valley; FLSC group party. Vail purchased Park City so you can now use the Epic Pass! | Get on Wait List | \$1,749 |
| March 14 – 21 | Telluride, Colorado | Patty Shearer 856-220-5419 pshearer4@comcast.net | Victorian Inn | Ranked "Most Scenic Ski Area" with 2,000+ acres of skiable terrain for all skier levels! Gondola open 7am-Midnight! Roundtrip air from Phila. to Montrose; 7 nights lodging at Victorian Inn w/daily continental breakfast; 5 out of 7 day ski pass (Option: \$80 for 6th ski day – must be prepaid); FLSC group party. | Get on Wait List | \$1,924 |

You must be a member to sign up! If you have any questions or problems, please feel free to contact the Winter Trip Chair, Patty Shearer, at 856.220.5419 or pshearer4@comcast.net. Fall Line Ski Club is based out of Cherry Hill, NJ.

For additional information, please go to: www.FallLine.org



March 2015 Fall Line Ski Club Social Activities Or Reasons to Get Out of the House. . .

*If you would like to join the Social Activities Planning Committee
or have an idea for an activity, contact NonaLuce@FallLine.org*

| Date | Event | Leader | Details | Price |
|--------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Mar. 11, 18, 25 | Movie Night at Ritz 16 A Carmike Theater in the Ritz Center in Voorhees | Nona Luce NonaLuce@FallLine.org 856-522-9867 | Movie announced in weekly Club Blasts. Trivia at Apple- bee's after the movie. | \$5 Movie \$8.50 3D OYO |
| Mar. 6 | Happy Hour at Iron Hill Brewery Voorhees Town Center 13107 Town Center Blvd. Voorhees, NJ 08043 | Jeannie Nelson 856-889-5100 jeannien@msn.com | \$2 off house and seasonal beer Wines from \$4 to \$6 Cocktails from \$4 to \$6 Apps from \$4 to \$6 | OYO HH prices from 4:00 to 6:00 PM |
| Mar. 13 | Happy Hour at Firebirds Wood Fired Grill 400 Route 38 Moorestown, NJ 08057 | Jeannie Nelson 856-889-5100 jeannien@msn.com | \$5 martini's, cocktails, wine \$4 well drinks, \$2 off draft beer \$5 - \$7 Bar Bites | OYO HH prices from 4:00 to 6:30pm |
| Mar. 20 | Happy Hour at Dominic's Tav- ern 100 East Browning Road Bellmawr, NJ 08031 | Jeannie Nelson 856-889-5100 jeannien@msn.com | \$2 domestic draft \$2 house wine \$3 Heineken / Lite Bottles Food specials. Trivia from 7 – 9 PM Live music from 10 PM | OYO HH prices from 4:00 to 7:00 PM |
| Mar. 27 | Happy Hour at Adelpia's 1750 Clements Bridge Road Deptford, NJ 08096 | Jeannie Nelson 856-889-5100 jeannien@msn.com | \$5 HH Menu, \$3 drink specials, \$3 Miller Lit and Bud, \$4 Sam Adams, Blue Moon, Yuengling, \$5 IP Beers, Cosmos & Dirty Martinis | OYO HH Prices from 3:00 to 7:00 PM |
| April 4 | Watson's Murder at the Art Mu- seum | Dave Lummis 609-440-1441 dum- mis@ignarrillumis.com must sign up at Watson Adventures see article | Solve the who-done-it mystery | \$37.50 includes museum fee |

Details for the above events is found on our website at www.FallLineSkiClub.org, under the Social Events tab.
Dates, Events, and Details are subject to change.

January through March 2015 the Social Activities will be taking a break to concentrate on our Ski Trips.
We will continue with Happy Hours and Movies with an event here and there during ski season.

If you have an event you would like to plan or would like to be a member of the Social Planning Committee, please contact Nona Luce at NonaLuce@FallLine.org for more information.

Have a wonderful Holiday and let it snow, snow, snow!

*Fall*Line*Ski*Club*

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Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

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



Fall Line Ski Club
presents the
1st Annual
Steve Archibald
Memorial Golf Outing
(Scramble Format
Saturday, May 9, 2015



To honor the memory of Steve, an avid golfer, Fall Line will be hosting what promises to be an annual event. All proceeds will be contributed to the Philadelphia Animal Welfare Society ("PAWS"), Steve's favorite charity.
Sponsors: We will be seeking sponsors (both business and individual).
Stay tuned for more details.

For additional information contact Patty Shearer at 856.220.5419
or pshearer4@comcast.net.