

POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS

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P.O. Box 402, Arlington, Virginia 22210

APRIL MEETING...

The annual business meeting will be at 8:00 on April 15 at the Windsor Park Hotel at 2300 Connecticut Ave., N.W. Parking is available. There is also a good restaurant in the hotel. During the meeting, there will be a rather expensive cash bar available.

The main business of the meeting is to vote on next year's officers. Biographic sketches of the nominees can be found on the back pages of this issue.

MARCH MEETING...

The Pease's, still badly shaken by their accident, were hosts. The two highlights of the evening were the enthusiastic acceptance of Oleg Jerschowsky into PVS and the movies and slides of members' trips to Colorado and Europe. They were shown to the sounds of groans and "ah"s of envy by the unlucky people who stayed in the East this year.

There was a legal nomination from the floor for the presidency; the nominee was consulted and expressed his desire not to run. At this point nominations were closed.

Guests were Beverly and Dan Simons, Ginny Larsen, George Elliott, Geoff Wadey, Jane and Murray Lyon, and Pat Allen.

WELCOME, OLEG!

KILLINGTON SUBDUED...

by Rosemary Soler

The Killington weekend proved to be highly successful, not only from the standpoint of skiing conditions, but also from the standpoint of logistics. The ease of takeoff and delivery were due in great part to the smooth performance of our driver, Arnold Galyen, who seemed to effortlessly deposit us at the Deerbrook Lodge at the astounding hour of 4:40 am. on Saturday morning, and the thoughtful planning of Larry Pease who squared us away in our appointed rooms at the Lodge in time to grab a cat-nap before breakfast.

For those of you who haven't stayed at the Deerbrook Lodge: from the dining room, housed in a typical New England red barn at the rear of the property, there is a charming view of the brook, flanked by white birches--very picturesque.

Getting back to skiing conditions- Saturday morning "first runs" were marred by gray skies, fog and "good ole New England boiler-plate", which stayed pretty much that way until early afternoon when conditions improved to the point where you felt that you were getting some small degree of control over the bloody slats! This unhappy condition changed radically on Sunday though, when the sun came out and the snow corned up to a delightful stage where you felt like "king of the mountain" and you seemed to be able to take the most challenging slope like a pro, (said tongue very much in cheek)

Saturday afternoon's skiing of the East and West Glade poma lift area was probably the least icy spot on the mountain and Pat Calef, Don Cope, Carol Parmenter, Brooke Armat, Tony and Rosemary Soler, daughter Carolyn and her friend Peter Bowes (Who 'wedles' like a dream) concentrated here for a few hours and managed to get in quite a few runs due to light lift lines. Peggy Lacey and Ginny Larson got separated from this group early in the morning at the Rams Head area and never connected with them again the rest of the day.

Several PVSers were giving their new equipment a whirl during the weekend and there were mixed emotions about it. Pat Calef said of her new Voekl Zebras bought in Munich, "They won't forgive you the least little thing." Tony Soler's new Koflach boots (also bought in Europe) proved to be quite a sore point in more ways than one as the weekend wore on. His main complaint was they would not allow him

to lean forward enough, unless he left the top buckles undone. Charlie Gordon has new Koflachs too and we hope he fared better on his trip to Utah. Richmond's hot-shot Tom Gulette spent about 5 hours in his "Red-Hots" and went in and rented a pair of nice comfy rental leather boots.

On Sunday morning Dick King and Bob Rogg (Richmond) methodically conducted the Basic Test for the following:

Ginny Larsen

Tony Soler (PVS)

Mary Joyce

Rosemary Soler (PVS)

Mary Lands (Richmond)

Geoff Wadey

Sarah Moss (Richmond)

Needless to say they all passed, and I might add that the beginners in the group executed the best snow-plows and stem-turns, with Mary Lands being the star stem-turner.

Although this reporter did not tackle the "Escapade", Pete Lang was heard to say it was "highly interesting". I wonder if he encountered anything that challenging on his trip to Europe-with ice yet! The North Star and Sky Lark slopes were enjoyed by many of the group and the Header under Rams Head Chair was particularly nice on Sunday.

The trip home was even more relaxed than the trip up, perhaps because the card players were tuckered out! The box lunches, passed out by Dick King's hand-picked steward, was another brilliant idea of the trip leaders and saved valuable time for us all, including Arnold, who ate as he drove.

For many of us who've passed long nights on private car jaunts to New England, the fact that you don't have to fight the wheel, or chew your nails while someone else is fighting the wheel, the bus-type trip is a very pleasant, relaxed way to go.

Other Notes from Killington:

Penny Sayre drove down from Boston to join us-it was wonderful to see her. She hasn't changed a bit.

Jim Key did such a noble job with his beer and coke dispensary at the back of the bus that he was nominated for president of PVS, Richmond Ski Club and the United States.

Who left his red-lined Weiss mittens on the bus? Larry has them.

Sarah Moss was seen zooming down the lift line after Dick King and Reb McCowan... did that Richmond crew ever stop to rest or eat?

Geoff Wadey's daughter joined him on Saturday.

BLUE RIDGE SKI COUNCIL MEETING ---

PVS was the host club for the annual spring BRSC meeting at Braddock Heights on March 30.

Of most interest to PVS was the awarding of the BRSC Safety Award to PVS president, Larry Pease. This award, won by Bob Grasley last year, and earlier sponsored by Shawneeland was previously won by PVSers Dick Harsh and Jack Fox. Well deserved, Larry!

BRSC will sponsor two European trips next season- one a regular three week trip and the other a Christmas holiday trip - Dec. 26 - Jan. 3.

PVS guest Pat Allen attended and was most helpful as secretary, receptionist, registrar.

EASTERN MEETING -----

The Eastern (USEASA) Meeting at Atlantic City, New Jersey on the 2nd and 3rd of May will have visitors Larry Pease, Dick King, Aina Hertelis and Hank Thomas. This is an opportunity to see the organized ski world in action. Let's make it a party!

Contact above members for necessary details.

DON'T SKI ALONE...

Blowing snow, icy road, a truck on the left, a large ditch on the right, a car sliding sideways toward us in our lane. Crash! Splat!..... Silence. "Are you alright?" comes a familiar voice through the window.

Dick King and Peggy Lacey were following Larry and Billie Pease and Mary Iams on their way to Wisp and saw the accident. Within seconds, Dick and Peggy were at our side, checking injuries and binding wounds. They gave first-aid to the badly injured passenger from the other car, and gave much needed moral support as well as first-aid to the slightly hurt but badly shaken other victims. In fact, they spent four hours waiting and encouraging until everyone had been checked out of the emergency rooms. Then they convoyed us home--a shot week-end for them.

Four lessons were driven home that night: Wear your seat belt. Don't carry skies inside your car- we would have been beheaded if we had. Every skier should be a first-aider. And you don't know who your friends are until you are in trouble.

Larry and Mary had embroidered legs and would be delighted to show you their scars. Billie in the front passenger seat spurted no blood, but took it in her neck and back and still has not fully recovered. The high back and headrest probably saved her from a more severe necklash than she had. The Pease's car was totaled.

LOCAL SKIING RUNS OUT...

Shorts, skirts, Easter bonnets, picnics, an in-the-snow egg hunt, marked the Easter Sunday farewell to local skiing.

12 PVSers and PVS friend Ginny Larsen donned their Easter finery and braved the terrors of sun, warmth, grass, and mud to pay their last respects to winter at Bryce's. Pat Calef in a skirt (mini), Carol Parmenter, Peggy Lacey, Bob Marx, Mary and Barbara Iams and Billy Pease (not skiing) were suitably raunchy in their slacks, cut-off jeans, and beautiful Easter bonnets. Jan Marx was fetching in red tights and cut-offs. Experts Sue and Mort Stimler wore shorts, knee braces, and lovely hats. Our hot-shot prexy Larry was conservatively dressed in green knickers, brown parka, red socks, and a pink and blue flowered floppy hat. Charlie Gordon was dashing in Lederhosen, but hatless. Ginny looked like people.

Three members were clever enough to find 4 of the 9 found eggs and 12 had been hidden in the snow of the main slope: Pat found two eggs and got a Bryce patch and pin; Jan won a pin and so did Bob. Whee!

As our tired but happy crew sank slowly into the mud?- the ex-snow ran rapidly down the slope.

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Winter is almost over. The flowers bloom. Mini-skirts are minier. Can summer be far off? PVS summer activities are being planned. Get your bid in for your favorite activity. The following items have been suggested;

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| Trip to Cape Hatteras, N.C. | Trip to Tuckerman's Ravine |
| Beach party at Lewes, Del. | Swimming Party |
| Sailing, Canoeing | Surfing, water-skiing |
| Rock climbing, hiking | Camping, tennis |

CAPE HATTERAS ON MEMORIAL DAY

May 30, 31, June 1: Larry Pease will lead an early season beachcombing, sunbathing, and sightseeing trip on the three-day holiday.

Lodging at General Billy Mitchell Motel. Auto caravan to and from Hatteras.

Feed the seagulls from the Ocracoke Ferry. Swim in warm water. Surf. Fish. Loaf. Drink?

TUCKERMAN'S RAVINE.....

There is still snow in New Hampshire. The skiing and partying are great with

only a short walk from the car. PVS is getting a trip organized for some time in May or June. Contact Larry Pease or Dick Harsh for details.

TENNIS ANYONE?.....

We will again have tennis each Sunday morning at 10:00 at Haines Point. Each player will be assessed a fee of \$1.00 to cover the cost of renting the court or courts. The prior reserving of the courts insures that they are there for us every Sunday.

If anyone wants to play tennis but can't accept the above schedule, please advise Max Bunnell of the problem or of your suggestions, so we may benefit as many as possible at this sport. Courts will be used on a "first come, first served" basis as long as the players are nearly equals in ability so they may enjoy the game fully. Max will try to make this judgement to everyones benefit.

At this time, no dates have been set as the courts are not ready. Only the hard courts are open.

NOTE-----

Aina Hertelis' new HOME phone number is 638-1550

Biographic data and philosophy and objectives for PVS of the nominees for the Executive Committee.

Don Cope - Born and attended schools in Doylestown, Pa. Attended Drexel Institute of Technology and afterwards was employed in Baltimore and Winston Salem. After three years in the Army he returned to Washington and is now a senior mechanical engineer for Value Engineering, in Alexandria. His skiing experience spans five years, with sailing a prime summer sport, having taken classroom instruction in the sport. Tennis also fits into his routine.

As an ExCom member, his areas of interest will be in organized ski trips, group sailing on weekends. By personal contact he hopes to find out each member's interests so needed programs may be promoted.

James Key - Jim was raised and educated in Columbia, South Carolina and claims (with justification since he speaks well) a degree from Clemson University. Following his education, he went to work for Singer Corp, in State College, Pa. It was here in Pennsylvania that he first started skiing at a T-bar area, named Ski Mont, before graduating to the chair lift slopes. He now is totally taken with the ailment known as the ski bug and wants to contribute fully to the sport. A new member of PVS, he expresses strong interest in inspiring enthusiastic interest in the pre-season outdoor hikes which he led for PVS last fall as well as in developing a core of interested sailors who want to participate in that sport during the summer months. He participated (Editor's note: MOST FULLY!) in the recent PVS bus trip to Killington and says he wants to see PVS sponsor many more of the same type of trips. Although he admits to being a new member of PVS, he is willing and desirous of seeing PVS develop and grow and, if elected to the Executive Committee, will extend his best efforts in the direction of that growth.

Glade Flake - Former Patrol leader of Metropolitan San Francisco Patrol, Former European Division Chairman, National Ski Patrol System, Eastern Division. Testing and Training Advisor NSPS. Retired Lt. Col. (Office of the Judge Advocate General) U.S. Army. Now associated with the law firm Wachtel, Wiener and Ross. "To me, PVS should be a gathering place for skiers in the Washington area so that they can come together monthly and talk about their past skiing weekends and make plans for their future weekends together. To accomplish this, PVS should have scheduled events so that the members can ski together and have other activities during the off-skiing season so that the comradeship lasts through-out the year. The members should be such that they have a real interest in skiing but yet be comfortable with each other.

JACK Lilley has been active in skiing in the Washington area for the past ten years. His activities include both skiing and promotion of ski clubs. Jack has filled several leadership posts with SCWDC (Vice President, one year; board member three years; Social Chairman). Jack was a charter member of PVS. He has skied most of the Eastern areas, made two trips to Europe and now is an avid Colorado skier. Jack feels that PVS should remain a club for skiers, not just a social club and the membership should be expanded to the limit of the By-Laws. The club should maintain summer activities by special interest groups, and remain in contact over the non-skiing season.

Barbara Iams, the second youngest member of PVS did some cross-country skiing as a child, but didn't take up Alpine skiing until 1964. She has been a member of PVS for one season, is a Patrolman at Bryce's and is the new recording secretary of the Washington Ski Patrol. She would like to see PVS support inter-club competition, more organized ski-trips, more participation by members in the scheduled week-end trips to local areas. She would also like to see the club sponsor Ski Safety programs, etc. to interest more people in skiing.

BRING A GUEST TO MEETING