

POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS

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P.O.Box 402, Arlington, Virginia 22210

MARCH MEETING...

We'll meet at Billie and Larry Pease's house at 711 Carter Road, Rockville, Md. on Tuesday, March 11.

Directions: From Virginia and Bethesda Area, leave 495 for 70S. Take Montrose exit from 70S. Follow Montrose to Rockville Pike (Md. 355). Turn left toward Rockville. After passing Congressional Shopping Center, watch for beige office building on left (Tenley Bldg.). Turn left at the light onto Edmonston. Follow it past "School" sign, then look for Carter Road on your right. If you are coming from Silver Spring, etc., you can turn off 495 at the Rockville Pike exit.

FEBRUARY MEETING...

BRING A GUEST

The February turn-out was smaller than usual because so many members were away in Europe, the West and New England skiing on real snow. Those who were there saw a S.A.S. film on skiing in Norway which star guest Bob Grasley brought and heard Bob's very interesting account of his ski-trip to Norway. It's hard to say which he seemed to enjoy most--the skiing or the eating. He convinced most of us that next year it's Norway!

In addition to Bob, we were joined by Dick and Marylyn Clark, Beverly and Dan Simons, Pat Allen, Oleg Jerschowsky and Othmar Meier. We hope that they all come again!

KILLINGTON TRIP...

PVSers, 8 Richmond Ski Club members, and 5 friends will leave Friday evening (21 March) for 2 days of skiing and after-skiing at Killington. The bus will return Sunday after dinner.

VERMONT IN APRIL ...

The Richmond Ski Club has invited PVS to join their proposed trip to Vermont April 2 through April 6. The trip is still in the planning stage, but Ron Fett will know the details. Get in touch with him if you are interested in going.

NOTES from OUR EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENTS...

by: Brooke Armat, Pat Calef, Don Copé, Aina Hertelis, Pete Lang, Jean Old, Dan McBride, Rosemary and Tony Soler, Sue and Mort Stimler, Edna and Hank Thomas, and PVS friend Dean Worcester.

.....We arrived in Munich with enough time to attend a Fasching Ball--we had the best tables in the house from which we could see the fabulous costumes and the really wild dancing. Jean Old had to throw her paper dress away at the end of the meeting. (ed. note: is or isn't this a non-sequitur?)

.....The chalet in Davos sat on top of the world and was reached by a multitude of switch-backs that went up and up and up. We could ski to and from the slopes. It was soon known as the Krankenhaus of Davos since first, Aina got sick; then everyone else but Pat, Tony, and Don joined her.

.....The skiing was very good but the visibility was lousy, what with snow and fog. Actually, there were sunny days too, but they were to be expected.

.....Brooke, Tony, Rosemary and Dean tried Savogrin at their landlord's suggestion. The roads were unbelievable--single lane along the side of the mountain--a thrilling experience.

.....Don and Pat tried Lenzeheide, Valbella at Bill Stecher's suggestion.

After two weeks at Davos, people spread out all over Europe (and Africa)

.....Edna and Hank went to Norway. They didn't ski, but they saw all the sights of Oslo including the Holmenkollen Jump Site.

.....Sue and Mort left for St. Anton and Kitzbuehel. Very good skiing!

.....Pete joined his cousin in La Villa, Italy. It is close to Cortina and the skiing was terrific.

.....Brooke and Dean while looking for a place to stay, stopped at Warth (about 6 kilometers from Lechs); the next day the road was closed by an avalanche, so they stayed longer. Then they went to St. Moritz where it was so foggy that they couldn't see the other skiers.

.....Tony and Rosemary returned to Munich to visit relatives.

.....Pat and Don went to Salzburg and Vienna. They went 'heurigering' in Grinzing and also saw the Spanish Riding School.

.....The most exciting time was experienced by Jean Old...She and some friends traveled to Spain, Casa Blanca, Marakesh, and Lisbon. In Lisbon she was awakened by the worst earthquake ever recorded in Lisbon. (8.5 on the Richter scale). Her friends had already left and she was all alone.

.....Dan McBride had taken the SCWDC land package, so didn't see the others. He had a blast at Kitzbuehel, Zurs, and Davos. One of the highlights of the trip was the serendipitous viewing of Tony Proxmire's "Folk Show" in Kitzbuehel. "If you are anywhere near Kitzbuehel, it is worth going out of your way to see," reports Dan. Welcome home all!

EXCELLENT at VAIL...

as reported by Nancy Monacelli and Jack Lilley.

We had a great time and the skiing was excellent!

Nancy Monacelli, Ron Fett, and Jack Lilley were joined in their Vail condominiums by a host of PVSers and friends. Some stayed at the Crossroads in Vail and some at Sandstone 70 in Vail Village West. The fortunate few included PVSers Meg and Packard Anderson, Bill Johnson, and Buff Harris; the friends were Ellen Hughes Burgess, John Burgess, Doug and Jean Toon, Cort Wilson, Dick Fleming, Claire St. Jacques, and Nancy's sister, Ginny Monacelli.

After skiing time was split between the two condominiums. Cockatils were at Sandstone 70, while dinner was alternated between the two with an occasional night on the town. Heavy, heavy lunches were eaten at various Vail glamor spots. It was hard to ski afterwards though.

They didn't just eat and drink. The snow was excellent, the weather was sunny, and everyone got a terrific tan. The first week they got 6 or 7 inches of new snow. Ron took advantage of it by making some of the first tracks in the unpacked snow in the back bowls.

Three weeks of serious skiing are pretty exhausting, so most of them goofed-off the last few days (Mar. 6-8) and watched all the big-name skiers compete in the American International Team Races.

Packard and Meg, who were week-enders only, brought seven-year-old Eric along. The reports are that we have a future Olympic racer in our midst. The boy is good!

Also in Colorado is Jack Iams. He's skiing at Dick Harsh's alma mater, Winter Park. He reports that the skiing is very good to excellent and the after-skiing is very quiet.

SOUTH to SKI?...

by Dick King

For the Washington's Birthday holiday, Prexy Larry Pease along with Billie and Dick King headed south to ski. Four hundred and twenty miles south, the cotton belt was found capped by a first class ski development; Beech Mountain. Although Larry was on official Ski Patrol business, the group enjoyed some free skiing in this star of the southern ski conglomerate. The second day was spent at an area nicely named Seven Devils where a senior Ski Patrol test was given and where anyone who stayed

Later than 3:30 P.M. was stranded in the ski lodge for about two hours until all the sliding cars were moved from the highway (shades of the early days at Pine Knob, when those unwitting drivers with bald tires thought snow treads were something only Commander Byrd used in the Antarctic). The host for this threesome of "northern banana belt" skiers was the Deep South Region Regional Chairman Keith Argow (a bachelor who is now engaged to Mary Lou - and Keith says this is the real thing!) Keith's duodecagonal house was the residence for the long weekend and it (aptly named Keith's Kabin) was a true open hearth warming site for weary skiers.

A third area was visited on the third day. It is called Appalachin Ski Mountain (formerly Blowing Rock) and had nice new snow just waiting to be packed (no mechanical assistance at this striving area!). Beech's 900 vertical, Seven Devil's 700 vertical, and Appalachin's 400 vertical constituted a fine variety of good skiing. Seven Devil's self loading double chair was the first experience for our travellers in that regard (it's easy for PVSers who are ALL skiers!). A trip to the Deep South where the real snow is (and some real mountains) is highly recommended by our tired but happy travellers.

#### BRSC MEETING...

PVS will be the host club at the annual spring meeting of the Blue Ridge Ski Council at Braddock Heights on March 30 at 11:00 a.m. Larry is looking for volunteers for the welcoming committee. Let him know if you'd be willing to serve.

#### SKIING in JUNE?...

Dick Harsh and Larry Pease are thinking about going to Tuckerman's right after the crowds have left, around the first of June. This would be a family affair if you wish. Tents and sleeping bags at the base. The hardy and expert can climb to the top, while the lazy and intermediate can ski the lower parts.

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#### NOTES from the EDITOR...

If you wondered who the authors of the "Revised Schedule" in the February "TOOT" were, it's because your editor accidentally omitted a paragraph - Sorry! The secret is now out. The guilty persons were: Pat Calef, Aina Hertelis, Peggy Lacey, Janet Harx, Carol Parmenter, Sue and Mort Stimler, and Edna and Hank Thomas. Besides writing the schedule, they also skied at Seven Springs after receiving instruction in the "Art of Skiing Eastern Powder" by the masters Sue and Mort.

Barbara Iams passed her local Ski Patrol Test at Bryce on March 2.

A note was slipped under my door the other night. It said, "There are three kinds of people in a ski-club: Those who make things happen; those who watch things happen; those who don't know what's happening."

#### BRING A SKIING GUEST TO THE MEETING.

The space below is for you to write 10 times: *I WILL MAKE THINGS HAPPEN.*