

T O O T

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Potomac Valley Skiers

January 1973

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 12-14 Wisp Ski Trip. Leaders: Gerry and Sandie Deighton.
Jan 16 PVS Meeting, New Mark Commons Clubhouse.
Feb 3-10 Sutton, Quebec Ski Trip. Leaders: The Deightons.
Feb 16-17 Seven Springs Trip. Leaders: The Deightons.
Feb 16- Avoriaz and Tignes, France Ski Trip. Leaders:
Mar 4 Bob and Margaret Wyckoff.
Feb 20 PVS Meeting, site to be determined.
Mar 3-4 Ski-C-Ree, Canaan Valley. Leaders: The Deightons.
Mar 20 PVS Meeting, site to be determined.
Mar 24-25 Seven Springs Ski Trip. Leader: Kirk Burns.
Apr 17 PVS Meeting, site to be determined.

JANUARY PVS MEETING - POT LUCK DINNER

On January 16th at 7:00 P.M. (note earlier time) come to a pot luck dinner and see a film on French ski racing and training. Thelma Belloli, 524-7183, Peggy Lacey, 539-5248, and Keith Lyon, 455-2853, are accepting volunteers for food preparation, especially hot dishes. Cost for the dinner is estimated at \$4.00 per person, which will be reduced by whatever your expenses are for the dish you prepare. Don't come empty-handed; if you can't cook, you can supply the wine, bread, butter, coffee, etc. Bring your own plates and silverware. Please call Peggy, Keith or Thelma to let them know what you'll contribute.

Directions:

Take 70S north to Montrose Road Exit. Bear left across 70S to Seven Locks Road. Turn right at the traffic light, then right again at the first stop sign (Falls Road). Cross 70S again and take the first right (Maryland Ave.). Then take the first right again (Potomac Valley Road) to the end, New Mark Esplanade, and the Clubhouse.

EDITOR'S APOLOGIA

Our apologies to all of you for failing to produce the December TOOT. The Christmas Party date had been moved from the third to the second Tuesday in December, and we spent the shortened lead time having pneumonia instead of composing the newsletter. We understand, however, that better than 90% of the members were reached by phone, and those who found the Wiederhold's house enjoyed a fine evening and some Christmas cheer.

CARPOOL INFORMATION SERVICE

Those who have tried to call Jan Marx about ski trip car pools are aware that we gave you the wrong number. The correct number is 449-6492. If you're heading for a ski area and have room for riders, or if your looking for a ride, call and leave your name with Jan.

DISCOUNT SKIING

Blue Knob is charging \$9.00 a day this winter for lift tickets. However, if you are quick, you can ski for just \$5.65 per day. Bill Stecher, 762-9508, can get you lift tickets good any day for the next three years.at this reduced price. Call Bill for details.

The same sort of deal is available for lift tickets at the Big Boulder and Jack Frost areas. The tickets, which are normally \$8.00, may be purchased for \$5.05 each, and they're good for three years. Call Eloise Newdorp, 532-5702, for details.

NEW MEMBERSHIP LIST

A new membership list is being prepared which may be included with this issue of TOOT. If it is not, then it will be available at the next meeting, January 16 at New Mark Commons Clubhouse. Better get out that favorite recipe right now.

COLORING CONTEST

Sugarbush Ski Area in Vermont is again sponsoring a "Paint the Gondola" contest. Remember the prize-winning "Sugarbus" a few years ago? The entry blank includes an 8"x 8" outline of a gondola which is to be colored by the entrant. Prizes include a season pass, ski week and ski equipment, and the winning designs will be painted on a Sugarbush gondola. Better hurry, though, for the contest closes January 31, 1973. For your entry blank write to:

Paint-a-Gondola Contest No. 2
Sugarbush
Warren, Vermont 05674

If you like contests, you'll find details of another later in this issue. For that one, encourage your friends to join PVS; then you can kill two birds with one stone.

SNOW REPORTS

Here are some numbers you'll find handy for checking ski conditions:

Ski Chalet Recording: 521-7777
Potomac Ski Shop Recording: 949-7575
Hacht Co. Recording: PEP-8888 (Local) PEP-8898 (New England)
Earl Allen Ski Shop: 338-4888
Snow Report - personalized service: 628-7840
Ellis Ski Information : 800-243-3520 (toll free)

If you can, check the report against the conditions when you arrive. It will be helpful to all of us to know which reports are the most accurate.

USEASA SWEEPSTAKES ENTRY

Please enter my name in the USEASA SWEEPSTAKES by enclosing the following on a new member of USEASA:

DUSS ENCLOSED: \$7 single _____ \$9 husband & wife _____
\$4 (under 16) _____ \$11 family _____

MY NAME is _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ USEASA No. _____

City, State _____ Zip _____

NEW MEMBER is _____ Male _____ Female _____

Address _____

City, State _____ Zip _____

Mail to: USEASA Membership Sweepstakes
23 Main Street
Union, New Hampshire 03161

MEMBERSHIP, A NEW LOOK

by William O. Rakow

This year, USEASA is running a Membership Sweepstakes to encourage our members to get other skiers to join USEASA. Each time an USEASA member gets someone to join, the member has a chance to win one of dozens of fabulous prizes. Get ten people to join and you could win ten prizes; the probability of winning increases with every member you sign up. Details of the program are in the Sweepstakes application.

The Sweepstakes is open only to USEASA members and applies only when you enroll a member at the individual dues rate - shown in the application. In addition to personal friends, sources of membership include non-USEASA clubs, your local ski show or ski shop and your favorite ski areas throughout the East.

There are certainly many reasons to belong to USEASA; the charter flights, discounts, competition, Skier, etc. But the editorial in the first issue of Ski America sums it up very nicely by saying, in part, "Somebody has to be concerned about the 500,000 new skiers who join us on the slopes annually, and what impact they're going to have on the 5,000,000 existing skiers. Somebody has to deal with the problems of a sport that is running out of room and dangerously close to pricing itself into exclusivity . . . That somebody is the USSA" and of course, each of its divisions.

We now have about 5% of the serious Eastern skiers in USEASA. What powers and influence would we have if 30, 40, or 50% of the skiers belonged to USEASA? Please help to promote membership; it's in your best interest . . . and you may win something great.