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## POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The following letter was mailed on January 5th to Bill Stenger, Director of Membership Benefits, Eastern Ski Association in response to an invitation from Mr. Stenger for club participation in a "special weekend package made available to ESA members only" at the Jack Frost ski area in Pennsylvania (EDITOR'S NOTE: See separate notice).

Dear Bill,

I received your Jan 2 letter regarding the Jack Frost activities January 18-19, and I agree that it could be a very good weekend. However, about 75% of our membership has not received current membership cards and thus cannot take part in this ESA sponsored event - because ESA has failed in its obligations.

Our membership chairlady, Penny Wiederhold, has written to ESA, and talked to ESA people in the months since we submitted our dues - one check in early October and one in early November. She has not, and the Club has not, had the courtesy of a reply from your operations. We have the cancelled checks; and your admission of having received them. An ESA Director and member of PVS, Mr. Hamilton M. Morton, Jr, has talked to ESA headquarters on this, and they recognized that a problem existed; but we have received nothing in the way of cooperation.

We have several members going on ski trips which require ESA membership. I hope they won't be disappointed. Our Vice President, Mr. Walter Wadey, has gone to the USSA Ski week at Vail on ESA charter flight #12. BUT, he personally called ESA, talked to the Executive Director, Mr. Harry Brown, and received assurance of a hand delivered membership card at the airport. What a statement as to the efficiency and benefit of ESA, - a hand delivered card by the Executive Director of ESA.

We are a Club of experienced skiers, many are active in the affairs of ESA. We have been able to remain 100% ESA. Our Executive Committee is very unhappy with the current state of affairs, and should our members have problems on their trips due to the inefficiency of ESA, you will be hearing from us again. But I hope this won't be necessary. Your prompt attention to this serious problem and its correction is required.

Sincerely,

Max E. Bunnell, President - PVS

Bill Stenger's January 2 letter.

Dear Club President:

As you know by now, the Schaefer Citizen Racing Series is off and flying. There are several races in your region and I'd like to bring your attention to a special opportunity your members will benefit from. At Jack Frost ski area there will be a special weekend package made available to ESA members only. It goes as follows (for \$20.00): 2 days of skiing January 18-19; Schaefer Citizen Race January 18; Roast Beef dinner 4-6 P.M. (all you can eat); and a Schaefer Beer party with band, 4-9 P.M. (Editor's note; the rest of Mr. Stenger's letter reflects that a special breakfast rate is available to clubs and that no minimum number or pre-registration is required - just show up.)

JANUARY MEETING

When: January 21, 1975 at 8:00 P.M.

Where: At Dick and Marilyn Clark's home,  
8953 Falling Creek Court  
Annandale, Virginia (Tel. 978-9435)

Directions: Take the Beltway (Rte. 495) to  
Exit # 5 (Braddock Road). Follow  
Braddock Road west (outside the Beltway)  
approximately 2 miles to the entrance  
signs for Red Fox Forest. Turn right  
into Red Fox Forest; follow the road  
three short blocks to the third left  
which is Falling Creek Court; the last  
house on the left of this Cul De Sac is  
8953 - and you are THERE! It's EASY!

Time: 8:00 P.M. 'til it's over!

COMING EVENTS

- 21 January - PVS meeting (see meeting notice)
- 25-26 Jan - Blue Knob trip (See Ski Trips)
- 28 January - EXCOM meeting, 8:00 P.M. at  
President Max Bunnell's residence.
- 5-22 February - Charter flight to Europe; call  
Bob Wyckoff or Elaine Sullivan for  
details.
- 13-27 February - Charter flight to Poland.  
Although TOOT has no late word on  
this trip, we assume it is still on  
schedule. Call Bob Grasley for  
details.
- 18 February - PVS meeting. Dinner meeting.  
Locale to be announced.
- 22-23 Feb - WISP trip (See Ski Trips).
- 25 February - EXCOM meeting.
- 1-2 March - Ski-O-Ree. (See Ski Trips).
- 16-23 March - Mt. Sutton, Canada (See Ski Trips)
- 18 March - PVS Meeting date.
- 15 April - PVS Annual Meeting date.

EXCOM REPORT

The regular EXCOM meeting was held last month at its regular time, one week following the general Club meeting. Our hostess was Peggy Burns (Kirk joined us later on after an evening class) and Peggy served some excellent snacks and some wine and hot coffee. These plus a roaring fire (in the fireplace, naturally) made for a congenial, non-business like atmosphere! But, we got some business done, anyway. Attending were President Max Bunnell, VP and EXCOM member Geoff Wadey, EXCOM members Dick Clark, Bob Gell, Art Topping, our hostess (of course), the new Club secretary Joyce Sundry, and TOOT editors Dick and Julie King. Absent due to a conflict in schedule was EXCOM member "Andy" Anderson. Business discussed at the meeting was as follows:

1. A nominating committee has been appointed and agreed to serve. Members are: Chairman - Don Cope, Aina Hertilis, Dick King, Ginny Larson, Ray McKinley and Billie Pease.
2. Secretary Joyce Sundry agreed to make up a new telephone tree.
3. The By-Laws Committee Chairman, Geoff Wadey, had no report yet on recommendations for changes.
4. The missing ESA 1975 dues cards were discussed. PVS has paid ESA dues for ALL PVS members. If members get a bill from ESA, please IGNORE it. See other reports in this TOOT on this subject.
5. It was agreed that complimentary TOOTS, which are customarily sent to visitors to PVS who attend as guests of a member, will be sent for three successive months following such a visit. Also, those issues will include a courtesy invitation from the Club itself to attend future meetings so that one time visits by guests can be extended into two or more time visits, hopefully leading such guests to request membership.
6. Enthusiasm was high for running some skiing ability tests on the snow for all members of the Club (remembrances of former organized Basic tests were surfaced with some humor). This may be done in conjunction with one or more of the Club's organized trips.
7. A film will be available and shown at the January 21st meeting.

The meeting was concluded by 10 P.M.

## DECEMBER MEETING REPORT

An OUTSTANDING success - by all standards of measurement! More people than in the whole past year (38 members and 4 guests); an early start and a late finish with lots of food and glen wine in between - in fact, the true measure of the success of the party was that hostess Penny ran out of wine before husband Mike got home from class and Mike had to drink Coke! - ; and great, great holiday conviviality including two old friends from distant cities - Bob Marx <sup>from Colorado</sup> in from Louisville, Kentucky on a week's visit and Dick Harsh also in town temporarily on some business. Good to see these old friends at such a happy time. Despite the smoke from the fireplace (just a little released for that homey atmosphere??), the movie room was filled to near capacity and enjoyed a film of Park City skiing presented by a very pretty American Airlines representative, who wasn't really a skier - but surely was a very pretty American Airlines representative! Hostess Penny was resplendent in her long black skirt sporting a lovely seasonal corsage (gift from the ever-thoughtful Dr. Aina Hertilis). And the glen wine was, as always with our hostess, just perfect (Julie King was seen not so discreetly writing down the recipe in the kitchen). Many thanks to Penny for hosting this very successful holiday season meeting.

## SKI TRIPS

- 25-26 January - Blue Knob car pooling trip. The trip is filled up at present and there is a waiting list. If you want to go, there may be cancellations, although trip leader Don Cope (tel. 836-5436) reports that the trip is fully paid for by current applicants. In spite of this, there are always late cancellations; so call Don to get the latest word.
- 5-22 February - ESA charter flight to Munich with return from Zurich. Call Bob Wyckoff or Elaine Sullivan for details on this one. (Tel. Bob 589-5532 or Elaine 762-8769).
- 13-27 February - Package flight to Poland. Assuming this one is still in the works, call PVS member Bob Grasley for further details. (Tel. 460-3167).
- 22-23 February - Wisp car pool trip. Joyce Sundry is the trip leader (new home phone: 265-2310). Currently 5 people signed up; looking for 10 more to fill the lodge. Call Joyce right away while you can still beat the stand-by waiting list!
- 1-2 March - Ski-O-Ree weekend at Black Water Lodge, with skiing at Canaan Valley. This will be a real fun weekend even if there is no snow - and the Almanac INSURES SNOW THIS YEAR. Gerry Deighton is the trip leader and Ski-O-Ree PVS Chairman. Call Gerry (tel. 424-5707) and reserve early on this one. There will be lots of activities (racing, Amateur ski instructing, possible Basic and Standard ESA tests, etc - to say nothing of the after-ski activities).
- 16-23 March - Mt. Sutton, Canada car pool trip. Trip leader - Bob Gell (tel. 301-942-2979). Bob writes to TOOT: "Just a blurb for TOOT regarding the ski week in Sutton. We want to emphasize the "Family" aspect of skiing and are encouraging PVSers with children. Ski Mt. Sutton. PVS Family ski week. Cost - less than \$100.00 including lodging at the Burns' chalet; lifts, food and transportation via car pool. Deadline - February 1." Call Bob or Gail Gell for details and reservations.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE # 1

### MEMBERSHIP

Currently, a fully active and growing membership is the Club's biggest problem. We have something like 80 members, and consistently turn out 30 or less members at meetings. This is hardly a vibrant organization. We wish to increase the club membership in terms of numbers and in terms of active members. One way to accomplish this is for present members to become more active sponsors of guests who are potential future members. We have continually had a sprinkling of guests but we wish to increase this; and we wish to emphasize to sponsors the need to follow up with guests who do attend. Maintain contact, and invite them again to establish continuity and firmer friendship within the Club. As members know, the Club monthly newsletter TOOT is sent to guests who register and express an interest in the Club for a period of three months. This is done to encourage interest and to maintain communication with these people and to keep them informed on meeting times and places. YOU, the sponsor, can complement this by personally contacting those guests and encouraging their follow up visit to future meetings. Don't forget, the Club is YOU; and without your support, the Club will wither.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE # 2

Changes. PVS Secretary Joyce Sundry has a new address. She now lives at:  
2737 Devonshire Place  
Apartment # 330  
Washington, D. C. 20008  
H: 202-265-2310  
O: 202-223-3800

New PVS member Bing Poon is located at:  
1434 Kennedy Street Northwest  
Washington, D. C. 20011  
H: 829-8971  
O: 576-3095

PVS member (old timer!) Ron Fett reports his Zip code is 22209 vice 22201.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE # 3

Late Item From ESA. Our Membership Chairlady, Penny Weidenhold, and her husband Mike were vacationing in Vermont last week (skiing you say? Of course - at Killington (icy), Ascutney (nice altho small) and Sutton (lovely area but crowded). While in that state, they passed thru Brattleboro so Penny took a moment to visit ESA headquarters in that city. After climbing the four floors up (the elevator was broken, but that's how good skiers keep in shape), Penny met with the Executive Director, Mr. Harry Brown. Our main problem with ESA is our missing ESA membership cards (as noted in the President's message). Mr. Brown explained to Penny where the problem is: the ESA computer gurgled once too often, and the Post Office may have lost one bag of mail. In any event, PVS and at least one other Club were affected. Mr. Brown promised Penny on that day (Jan 3rd) that our membership cards would be re-mailed again to us within two weeks. Mr. Brown pulled the PVS file and there were all the letters Penny had sent. Presumably, President Max's letter will be added to that collection. Either way, we will look for our ESA cards soon. Let's see how good ESA is to its word.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE # 4

News From Kieth and Sue Lyon On a recent Christmas card: "We've enjoyed reading about PVS in TOOT, and from what we read, it sounds like the Club is moving along quite well. The idea of the Club having its own chalet at Blue Knob or nearby seems to be a good one. We'll be looking forward to hearing how things progress. Meanwhile, we Londoners haven't seen any snow yet - but for this town that's probably good. We've booked a skiing holiday over New Years in Flaines, France and are looking forward to skiing the Alps again. We'll drop a line and tell

you all about it. Remember, if any of you come to London while we are here, we hope you will give us a call. Our home phone is 907-3398 and Kieth's office phone at the Embassy is 499-9000, Ext 193. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all! " Thanks, Kieth and Sue. We all look forward to seeing you all again, either there in Europe or back here in the good old US of A. (Note to new members: Kieth is our most recent past-President. Art Topping finished out Kieth's term when Kieth was obligated to leave the D.C. area on an earlier-than-expected assignment to good old London town.)

### TOOT TIDBITS

Our Editor for this column, Ginny Larson, came up with an unexpected illness just at deadline time, so we are lacking our usual notes of interest to present to you here. We do know that VEEP Geoff Wadey is in Vail enjoying the USSA sponsored ski week with all of the pleasant skiing and social times that are a part of that attractive package week. We hope to hear of his adventures at the upcoming meeting. Larry and Billie Pease are in the western states for an extended holiday visit to family and friends there (and, of course, that always includes skiing yet another new area whenever the Peases travel!). Editor's Note: We would welcome the assistance of co-editor help to assist Ginny in the continuation of this always important column. Please see your TOOT editors, if interested in helping out.

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Call 362-4724 for latest events and car pooling

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