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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE WASHINGTON MARYLAND VIRGINIA

## The Eastern Ski Association

We should stay in the Eastern Ski Association. After several hours of discussion, that was the unanimous decision (3 to 0 with one abstention) of your Executive Committee. We have therefore drafted an amendment to our By-Laws to increase our dues next year to cover the additional expense caused by the ESA dues increase. This amounts to \$2.50 per member. We believe that the potential benefits will be worth the additional expense.

We all agree that ESA is far from perfect. However, as was pointed out at our EXCOM meeting, ESA is like the Police and Fire Departments. It is difficult to justify the expense until you need the service. Eastern is the ONLY existing forum which can and does reflect our viewpoint at the national level. We need their help, and they need ours. Now, with the current law suit problems which threaten to cause a doubling of ski lift rates, we may all soon be in need of help.

We will be voting on this issue at our March meeting. While I and EXCOM urge you to vote in favor of this amendment, we would still like to hear from you, both pro and con regarding P V S remaining as a 100% Club in Eastern. Thus, we invite and encourage letters to the Editors of TOOT on this subject.

January is our annual On-The-Slope meeting. This has always been a fun meeting. Be sure to attend.

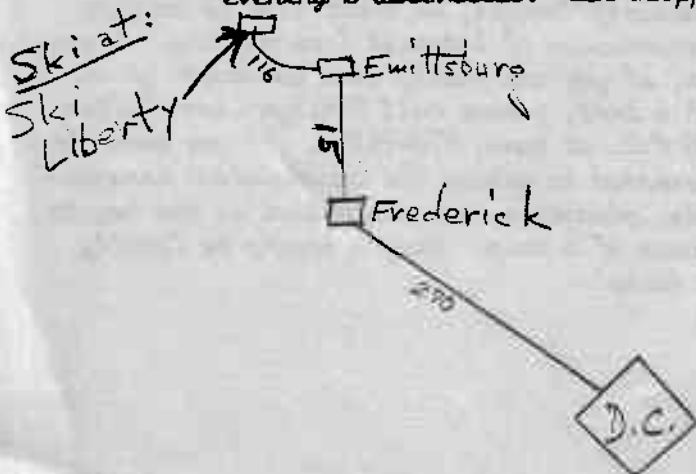
*Roy McKinley*  
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President

## JANUARY MEETING - Our Annual On-The-Hill Meeting.

When: January 17th (third Tuesday of the month). Lifts open 6 P.M. to 10 P.M.

Where: Ski Liberty, Pennsylvania (Take Route 270 to Frederick, Route 15 to Emmitsburg, then follow signs and Route 116 to Ski Liberty area - about one hour's drive from D.C.)

Coordinator: Geoff Wadey (Tel. H: 320-5459). Geoff will help arrange car pooling and the evening's activities. Let Geoff know your plans for joining the group.



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EXCOM REPORT

The December EXCOM meeting was held on the 27th with Gail Gell acting as our hostess. Attending were President Ray McKinley, Vice President Marilyn Clark, EXCOM members Gail Gell, Bill Hager and Bob Marx; Treasurer Margaret Wyckoff, Trip Leader Bob Wyckoff, and acting TOOT Editor Larry Pease. EXCOM members Pat Cope, Julie King and Gerry Deighton were unable to attend due to conflicting schedules. The following business matters were discussed:

1. Time again for a Nominating Committee. Geoff Wadey was named Chairman and four additional committee members have been appointed by the President. The Committee will prepare a roster of nominees to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting in April.

2. The Club would like to continue its Answering Service, and the Armat's have elected to discontinue their service in that capacity. Will you volunteer? Please contact the President or any EXCOM member.

3. The Club has need for a historian. Will you volunteer? Please contact the President or any EXCOM member.

4. An amendment to the By-Laws was discussed (necessary due to the Eastern Ski Association increase in their dues). Two alternatives exist:

A. Increase individual dues to match the ESA dues increase; or

B. Abandon the P V S 100% Eastern status and allow dues to remain the same or be decreased.

As the President's Message reflects, EXCOM supports alternative A. Members views are sought: brief letters to the Editors of TOOT will be published and are encouraged.

5. The Treasurer presented her report and the Club continues in a solvent position.

6. A report was given on the results of the Annual Dinner Dance. This year, a slight financial deficit occurred but it was kept to a minimum thru the excellent efforts of Bill and Donna Hager.

7. TOOT will publish names of members who are interested in joining other Club members in one day or more ski trips. See list elsewhere in this TOOT. Anyone wishing to add their name to this list should call Marilyn Clark (after 4:00 P.M. at home, tel. 978-9435).

December Christmas Party Report

While the abundant Gluewine and excellent display of cookies and other h'on d'ouvres fulfilled the hunger needs of the 34 members and five guests who attended this always successful December meeting, the weather was warm - indicating again that we live in the banana belt of skiing! Despite that condition, hostess Penny Wiederhold had her home beautifully prepared for the delightful evening that took place and the social discourse and pleasant song fest that filled the evening. Again, Hank and Aina Thomas presented the hostess with a pretty corsage that symbolized the delightfulness of the evening. Only one nagging question remains from this lovely evening occasion: How can such Harsh manage to arrive, all the way from Colorado, just in time to attend the P V S Christmas party? Only Dick can answer that question. In any event, it is the best compliment a hostess can receive: a guest who repeatedly comes some 2000 miles to attend her party. A fitting compliment to a fine hostess! And a Good Time and a Happy Holiday Season Event was experienced by all.

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

IMPORTANT NOTICE #1

We're having poor luck arranging our local ski trips this year. Not enough persons expressed interest in attending the Ski-O-Ree trip on 11-12 February so that trip has been scrubbed. At the same time, we didn't meet the minimum number for our bus trip to Killington, so that 24-26 February weekend bus trip has also come to naught. Being determined skiers, we are going to try one more time to arrange a local trip. If enough people are interested, we will attempt to arrange a weekend trip to possibly Canaan Valley or Seven Springs for the 24-26 February weekend. Before setting the wheels in motion, however, we would like to receive an expression of interest from members. Therefore, if you are pretty sure you would go on such a trip, please call Marilyn Clark (after 4:30 P.M. at home, 978-9435). If you would be interested in making the accomodation arrangements, please say so, since that is the key to success of a trip. Here's hoping we finally get lucky!

IMPORTANT NOTICE #2

The following members and guest have indicated their desire to be contacted by other PVSers to participate in one day or longer trips to local ski areas - short notice is acceptable:

- Kirk Burns
- Marilyn Clark
- Bill Hager
- Norm Engleman
- Vicki Latham (H: 365-1496, O: 279-1211)
- Ray McKinley
- Geoff Wadey
- Jim Wingrove
- Bob Wyckoff

Emphasis here is weekday one-day trips. Anyone wishing their name added to this list should notify Marilyn Clark (see separate notice under EXCOM Report).

IMPORTANT NOTICE #3

P V S is currently a 100% Club in the Eastern Ski Association of USSA. This means that all P V S members are automatically enrolled in Eastern-USSA upon joining P V S, and that P V S members pay only 1/2 the Eastern-USSA membership fee. Effective in 1977-1978, Eastern-USSA raised its dues for 100% clubs in the amount of \$2.50. P V S absorbed this increase last year, but now the cost must be carried by the members. The question of P V S continued role as a 100% Club has been discussed by EXCOM and by the members over the last several months. The issue is one of changing the Club By-Laws in order to raise the annual dues to include this Eastern-USSA dues increase. Following extended discussion at the December 27th EXCOM meeting, and based on conversations of EXCOM members with other Club members, and based on conversations with our Eastern-USSA Directors, EXCOM voted to recommend that P V S remain a 100% Eastern-USSA Club. To accomplish this, our By-Laws must be amended authorizing higher Club dues. Thus, the following proposed official amendment is offered:

PROPOSED

To amend the By-Laws of Potomac Valley Skiers, Inc. Section 11 (Finance), B (Annual Dues), to read as follows:

- B. Annual Dues: The annual dues shall be:
- Active Member \$17.50
  - Additional Active member in the same household 12.50
  - Absentee Member 10.00
  - Junior Member 5.00
  - Non-skiing spouse of an Active Member 12.50

From Section VI of the By-Laws: Proposed amendments require the signature of five active members. The Club will mail the proposed amendment to all active members 15 days before the meeting at which it is proposed. Adoption of a proposed amendment shall require a favorable vote of 2/3rds of the active members of the Club present and voting.

Further discussion on this proposal is welcome prior to our vote on the matter at our March 1978 meeting.

IMPORTANT NOTICE #4

An updated membership list is included with this issue of TOOT for the member's benefit.

IMPORTANT NOTICE #5

P V S is in receipt of a letter from United States Senator - Utah, Orrin G. Hatch. Senator Hatch is sponsoring and seeking support for legislation (S. 1571) which would grant a federal charter to the National Ski Patrol System. Senator Hatch is a member of the Judiciary Committee which has jurisdiction over this legislation. He will do his best to move the bill through Committee, but because of apprehension for this type of bill, it would be of tremendous benefit if other Senators on the Committee could be made aware that there is outside support for the measure. P V S members' support of Senator Hatch will be most welcome; especially with other members of the Judiciary Committee. Senator Hatch's full letter is available from President Ray McKinley and TOOT editors Dick and Julie King.

COMING EVENTS

- Jan 17 - January Meeting. See page 1.
- Jan 24 - EXCOM meeting. At Dick and Marilyn Clark's home. 7:30 P.M.
- Feb 21 - February PVS Meeting. At Ray & Malle McKinley's home in McLean, Va. 8 P.M.
- Feb 28 - EXCOM Meeting, at the Wychoff home. 7:30 P.M.
- Mar 21 - March PVS Meeting. At Kirk and Peggy Burns home.
- Mar 28 - EXCOM Meeting. Site to be selected.
- Apr 18 - Annual PVS Meeting. At Aase Berling's apartment Rec Hall.
- Apr 25 - EXCOM Meeting. Site to be selected.
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SKI TRIPS

- Jan 19 - Feb 5 - "Ski The Riviera". Trip Leader, Bob Wychoff (589-5532).
  - Feb 24-26 - Weekend car pool trip, either Canaan Valley or Seven Springs.
  - Mar 2-17 - Ski in Spain. Trip Leader Bob Grasley (460-5707) is negotiating to see if lift tickets can be included in the \$825.00 price. Some new literature on Spain is available.
  - Mar 5-11 - Carpool trip to Mt. Sutton, Canada. Trip leader Gerry Deighton (424-5707).
- BRSC sanctioned flights for which P V S members are eligible:
- Feb 3-18 - European charter flight, ski Zurs and St. Moritz. Trip Leader Jane Scott (379-1762).
  - Mar 25 - Apr 1 - To Banff, Canada. Trip Leader Rosemary Gwynn (363-4476).
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TOOT TIDBITS From Bob Grasley. Bob attended the Qualified Amateur Instructor Rally at Belleayre, New York recently. The QASI program is in great shape. If any P V S members are interested in becoming instructors, see Bob. For that program, Bob wore a new pair of OLIN MARK IV COMP skis, a new design. No groove on the bottom, shovel has a new shape as do the tails. These skis hold their edges and carve a much better turn than any ski Bob has ever skied on. Bob recommends them to P V S skiers.

Seen recently in Lenzerheide, Switzerland: The Stecher family, Bill, Elke, Barbi and Heide and Oma; TOOT Editors Dick and Julie King, Roy and Malda Elrod and, for one day, John, Sonja, John Jr. and Doug Van Nortwick. The skiing was G R E A T!

OFFICERS

- President Ray McKinley
  - Vice President Marilyn Clark
  - Secretary Geoff' Wadley
  - Treasurer Margaret Wychoff
- EXCOM Members
- Second term
    - Pat Cope
    - Gerry Deighton
    - Gail Gell
  - First term
    - Bill Hager
    - Julie King
    - Bob Marx
- Program Chairones Sandie Deighton and Penny Wiederhold
- TOOT Editors Dick and Julie King

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