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POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS

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NEXT MEETING--MARCH 16

The March meeting will be held at 8:00 P.M. and will feature slides and movies of the past years' PVS events.

Meeting place this month will be the River House Party Room in the basement of River House #1 at 1100 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, Va.
Directions: From the North on George Washington Parkway go through the Pentagon parking lot and under Shirley Highway to Army Navy Drive and then turn right on Joyce Street to River House. Coming from the South on Shirley Highway take the ramp to Army Navy Drive and River House. From the South (Alexandria) on George Washington Parkway go under Shirley Highway and up the ramp to Interstate 95 and then first right down to Pentagon parking lot and under Shirley Highway to Army Navy Drive and River House.

Don't give up, it's really not as difficult to get there as it sounds!

ELECTION IN APRIL

Don't forget to save the third Tuesday in April for PVS annual business meeting and election of officers. Also planned is a movie on Aspen.

COMING EVENTS

- April 24-25 - Pennsylvania Ski Federation meeting, State College, Pa.
- May 1 - International Night Dinner, Cope residence - details will appear in April TOOT
- May 7-9 - USEASA Convention, The Concord, Kiamesha Lake, N.Y.
- May 22-23 - Tuckerman's Trip
- May 29-31 - Annual PVS Thaw-Out, Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, Murray Lyon, Trip Leader

Tennis will begin in May when the courts are opened. 10-12 each Sunday morning at Haines Point.

OLYMPIC TEAM RAFFLE

PVS won a pair of Collins Ski poles with the book of raffle tickets they bought. PVSer Doug Taone won a ladies sweater (how about that, Jean) and a pair of goggles.

PROPOSED BY—LAW CHANGE

Bill Stecher has proposed the following change in the by-laws to be voted on at the April business meeting.

Potomac Valley Skiers, INC. By-Laws

OLD:

SECTION I - Membership

- B. An intended member who is not a charter member is termed an applicant. An applicant must:
1. Be invited and sponsored by an active member of the club in good standing.
 2. Attend at least two meetings of the club by invitation of an active member.
 3. Submit a written application of membership.
 4. Take no less than three ski trips in the company of members.
 5. Pass the USSA Uniform Basic Ski Test or equivalent.

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SECTION I - Membership

- B. An intended member who is not a charter member is termed an applicant. An applicant must:
1. Be invited and sponsored by an active member of the club in good standing.
 2. Submit a written application of membership together with dues.
 3. No application may be acted upon by the membership committee for active membership until the following provisions have been met.
 - a. have attended at least two meetings of the club.
 - b. have taken at least three ski trips in the company of member(s).
 - c. have passed the USSA Uniform Basic Ski Test or an equivalent.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Mary Lee and Bob Grasley whose membership application has been approved by ExCom.

DID YOU MISS WISP?

A great time was had by 14 FVSers and 3 of their children at Wisp Feb. 27 and 28. The house was beautiful and large enough for the group. Jim Key and Murray Lyon cooked hearty breakfasts for all both Saturday and Sunday. Saturday night featured a gourmet dinner including boeuf bourgignon and wine. The skiing was only fair as it was warm and the snow mushy but the general opinion was that it was a fun weekend. There's already talk of repeating it next year.

SKI AREA RATING

The are rating sheet on the next page was worked up by Jack Iams, Murray Lyon, Dick Harsh, Hank Thomas, Larry Pease and Don Meek. Please fill it out on any area or areas that you have skied this winter and return it to Murray Lyon. If you need extra rating sheets, call Murray and he will send them to you. We hope to accumulate information on many areas which can be made available to our members.

FVS AREA RATING

Underscore or circle the words that describe the feature you are evaluating; the words are only meant to jog your memory; by all means comment--write on the back, in the margin, anywhere, but please write legibly. Fill this evaluation out while you are having lunch and are still at the area. If there is some information you don't have, try to get it before you leave. Get your completed form back to the FVS Rating Committee as soon as you can.

NAME: _____ Male _____ Female _____
 You are: Beginner, Novice, Intermediate, Expert

NAME OF SKI AREA: _____
 Describe location (name of town, distance, highway number, etc.) _____

ARRIVED ON: Sat, Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, (holiday)
Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, date:
Morning, Afternoon, Evening

WEATHER: Clear, Cloudy, Melting, Freezing rain, Snowing, Windy
 Temperature: _____ Snow on ground: _____ (inches)

PARKING LOT: _____
 Condition: Ok, Long walk, No signs, Icy, Deep snow, Muddy
 Attendant: Helpful, Ok, Hopeless, Rude, None
 Traffic Jam? In, Out

TICKET: _____
 Queue: How many?
 Posted Prices: Yes, No
 What did you pay? \$ _____
 For how many hours? _____
 Half day? Yes, No
 Night? Yes, No
 Single ride: \$ _____
 People: Courteous, Rude

RENTALS: _____
 Queue: $\frac{1}{4}$ hr., $\frac{1}{2}$ hr., None
 Gear: Good, Ok, Ratty
 Have your size: Yes, No
 People: Helpful, Ok, Hopeless, Rude
 Cost: \$ _____ Boots, Poles, Skis

ACCOMMODATIONS: _____
 Name of lodging: _____
 Location: At slope, 30 min., 1 hour
 Name of place: _____
 Liked? Good, Ok, Poor
 Cost: \$ _____ (night): Single, Double
 Would you stay again? Yes, No

SLOPES: _____
 Condition: Excellent, Ok, Well-groomed, Packed, Rough
Icy, Hardpack, Rocks, Grass, Mud, Some: Lots
 Crowded: No, Yes, Average
 Any slopes closed? Yes, No
 Why? Ice, Bare, Don't see any reason, Other
 Did you see ski patrol? Yes, No, NSPS, Other
 Where? Top of hill, On lift, Skiing, Lodge

LIFTS:

Queues: Long, Short, None
 Sometimes, Always, Disorderly, Crashers
Uphill, Downhill, Icy, Wet
 Did lift fail? Never, Sometimes, Often
 Why? Sick machinery, Skier fall, Don't know
 Exit ramps: Good, Ok, Steep, Flat, Icy, Rutted, Little snow
 Chair: Clean seats, Insulated, Lift coat, Safety bar, Broken chairs
 Poma: Slow, Fast, Icy, Rutted, Broken bars
 T-bar: Slow, Fast, Icy, Rutted, Broken tees
 Rope: Slow, Fast, Icy, Rutted, Rough rope, Twists
 Gondola: Slow, Fast, Cold, Cramped
 Exit warning signs: Yes, No
 Lift wheels squeak? Yes, No
 Did you see a safety gate fail to work? Yes, No
 People: Helpful, Ok, Tired, Hopeless, Rude

LODGE:

Place to sit: Only at tables in food service area, Separate lounge, Outdoor porch, Other
 Food service: Hamburger joint, Cafeteria, Quality at ski area prices (high), If you found otherwise, please comment

Describe service: Good, Clean, Crowded, People stand to eat, Noisy, Cold, Littered
 Picnic area: Noisy, Cold, Littered, None
 Bar: None, Name of nearest oasis
 Beer only, Closed Sunday, Private club
 Ski shop: _____
 Stock: Large, Limited
 Clerk: Helpful, Ok, Impossible
 Did you buy? Yes, No
 Are you pleased? Yes, No
 Nursery: _____
 Sitter: Teenager, Mature
 Cost: \$ _____ (hour)
 Toilets: (women) (men) Clean, Ok, Filthy, Reeking,
 Queue