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NEXT MEETING--MAY 18

It's a surprise program for our meeting at River House. Our new program chairman, Pete Lang has been in Canada and will be in Tokyo next week.

The meeting will be in the Party Room in the basement of River House #1 at 1100 Army-Navy Drive, Arlington, Virginia. 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 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.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

To enlist your support of our current expansion program and in order to increase the scope of our activities and our influence on the skiing community, please invite your skiing friends to our meetings and functions. It is important that the club maintain its high standards by continually inviting qualified skiers to join with us.

With our by law change an applicant can pay his dues immediately and enjoy all membership privileges except voting until all requirements for membership are completed.

OUR MAN IN SAIGON

Dick King is in Saigon again and will be there for 18 months. His address:

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HQS, MACV, Box 2500
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He's looking forward to seeing everyone at the 1972 Winter Olympics in Sapporo, Japan.

Bring Your Skiing Friends To The Next Meeting.

ANSWERING SERVICE?

Our telephone tree works very well on paper but not so well in practice. Since we need a way, other than "TOOT", to communicate with our members, it has been suggested that we have an answering service. If you have any thoughts pro or con on this, please let ExCom know.

RACING NEWS

At the National Veterans Championships held in Sun Valley, Idaho on April 1-3, Bruce Harstaid had 105.22 in Slalom and 142.18 in Giant Slalom. George Preissler had 111.17 in Slalom and 146.67 in Giant Slalom. They were racing in different categories and not competing against each other.

NEW OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Vice President - Bill Pearson
Secretary - Sylvia Kniel
Treasurer - Bob Marx
Program Chairman - Pete Lang
Membership - Sue & Keith Lyon
Racing - Don Meek
Tennis - Hank Thomas
Hikes - Jim Key and Murray Lyon
Water Skiing - Brooke Armat & Charles Gordon
Moonlight Sail - Dean Worchester
Car Rally - Bill Stecher
Canoe Trips - Jim Key & Murray Lyon
Beach Parties - Jack Lilley & Bill Johnson
Tuckerman Trip - Murray Lyon
Cape Hatteras Trip - Murray Lyon
Lobster Feast - Murray Lyon
International Night - Pat & Don Cope

TRY VYSOKE TATRY

Skied all the mountains on the regular tourist circuit? Need a change? Want to be the first in your commune to ski Kasprowy Wierch and Chopok? If so contact the Grasleys at 460-3167 or Vern Ramsing at 296-8160 or write:

Robert J. Grasley
1608 Woodwell Road
Silver Spring, Maryland 20906

Skiing will be in the high and low Tatra mountains of Czechoslovakia; Zakopane (Poland); and a side trip to Austria can be arranged. One of our hotels (for skiers) is 50' from the Gondola terminal. The other one (for swingers) has hot pool, two bars and numerous other conveniences and is 100' from an illuminated ski lift. The trip is approved by SCWDC, BRSC and Bob Grasley has been over there twice working out the details. Major stop-off city will be Prague with its many cultural attractions.

PSF NEWS

Simon Carmel and Hank Thomas drove up to State College on Saturday for the Pennsylvania Ski Federation's Silver Anniversary and returned after the Spring meeting on Sunday 25th. Simon was busy as a representative of the U.S. Deaf Ski Team. A team that placed within the first five of the 13 nations competing at Adelboden, Switzerland on January 24-29, 1971 for their 7th World Winter Games.

PSF's outgoing President Leo West reported that his second year had been most rewarding and though much had been accomplished he was passing on to the incoming president a number of problems yet to be resolved. One such, is the "Communication Gap" that is so apparent with USEASA, between Federation of Councils, member clubs, and then with members.

Officer and Committee Reports went very rapidly and the better half of the Agenda was completed by noon break. Earl Deets President of Blue Ridge Ski Council announced that we are now eleven clubs and 5200 strong. Bob Kilgore's report on Sanctioned Junior Races was prefaced by the sad news that the 14 yr old junior racer Turner had died two months after the serious injury that he met with navigating one of the gates. Bob Monroe's report on Finance indicated that PSF was on a "Deficit Budget" with expenditures roughly 3 times greater than income. The financial backlog would be expended by 1972. Larry Barrett - "Ski Touring" will be expended after the past success with 25 skiers on each of the Tours. Neil Randall stated that Ski Roundtop had won 8 of the trophies offered by PSF this winter. Bob Turner in reporting on USEASA said that the foolishly voted for Bill Rabow as Membership Chairman. Bill had all Directors reporting at termination of weekly club contacts. It obviously has paid off for membership has increased greatly.

Prexy Leo West thinking that attenders were starved to the point where any controversy would get little play, mentioned that club delegates should take the few remaining minutes before the "Buffet" to clear up USEASA gripes with the 3 directors present Bill Rabow, Joe Cossetti and Bob Turner. Discussion had to be abruptly curtailed, but each lunchtime table was vibrant with discussion--what's wrong with USEASA!

Kudos to Charnita - Dick Brown announced that in addition to "Ski Patrol Day," one Sunday Evening funds of each month would be donated to the Ski Patrol! The PSF Cocktail Party as well as the Hospitality Afternoon for registered members was hosted by Charnita Ski Area.

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT DINNER

The International night dinner at the Copes was a gourmet's delight. A tremendous variety of delicious food was accompanied by quantities of wine. After cocktail hour on the patio we all went inside to a sit down feast. The only complaint heard was that there was so much good food it was impossible to eat some of everything.

VOLUNTEERS ANYONE?

We could use more volunteers to be trip leaders. If you'd like to work on any club activities but don't necessarily want to run it, the Chairman would welcome your help. Just offer, you'll see! We need two refreshment committees. One to handle refreshments at the meetings in Virginia and one for the meetings in Maryland.